

**Town of Shirley**  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
Monday June 20, 2022

County of Piscataquis, s.s.

To: Geneva Beckwith; a resident in the Town of Shirley, in said country.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Shirley, qualified to vote in the town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, at six o'clock pm to act on the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting: **John Contreni 3 Votes**

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect the necessary officers:

- A. One Selectman (3-year term) **Norman Beckwith with 9 yes 1 no**
- B. Town Treasurer: **Linda Hamilton show of hands all Yes**
- C. Tax Collector: **Geneva Beckwith show of hands all Yes**
- D. One School Board Member (3-year term) **Elisabeth Strid with 7 Yes**
- E. Sexton: **Greg Young show of hands all Yes**
- F. Assessors and Overseers of the Poor: **Selectmen show of hands all Yes**
- G. Road Commissioner: **Selectmen show of hands all Yes**

**ARTICLE 3** To see what additional sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend in 2021-2022 to cover increased tuition expenditures for 2021-2022 from the school department's fund balance. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters approve the establishment of a non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency for the Shirley schools pursuant to section 1482-B (3) of Title 20-A. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>Approval</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>Approval</b>

**ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters authorize the Shirley School Board to transfer the District's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to a

newly established non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by District voters? **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval  
Approval**

**2022-2023 BUDGET ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 6** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$525,000.00  
\$525,000.00**

**ARTICLE 7** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$7,200.00  
\$7,200.00**

**ARTICLE 8** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$0.00  
\$0.00**

**ARTICLE 9** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Education. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$0.00  
\$0.00**

**ARTICLE 10** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$0.00  
\$0.00**

**ARTICLE 11** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$24,620.00  
\$24,620.00**

**ARTICLE 12** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$23,540.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$23,540.00</b>

**ARTICLE 14** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 15** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 16** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures – School Lunch. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

The following three articles must be taken by recorded vote:

**ARTICLE 17** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described for the total cost of education in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommended \$233,471.66**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688. **Accepted with 22 votes**

<b>STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$233,471.66</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$233,471.66</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$233,471.66</b>

**Explanation:** The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the

minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

**ARTICLE 18** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$274,882.38**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$274,882.38** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Shirley School Committee.

The Shirley School Committee recommends **\$274,882.38** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$274,882.38**. The EPS funding model is based on teacher/student ratios, this impacts small rural schools because they are required to provide the same level of educational services to a smaller population of students.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **\$274,882.38**

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND** **\$274,882.38**

**Accepted with 23 votes**

**Explanation:** *The additional local funds are those locally raised funds contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 19** **SUMMARY ARTICLE:**

To see what sum the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **\$580,360.00**

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND** **\$580,360.00**

**Accepted with 23 votes**

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 any unanticipated state school general, federal, local, or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

**Approval**

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval**

**Accepted**



**ARTICLE 21** The voters of the Shirley School Department have authorized the School Committee to use all, or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to decrease the local cost share expectations, as defined in Title 20-A Section 15671-A(1)(B) for local taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval  
Approval**

**A TRUE ATTEST COPY**

  
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Town Clerk

  
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Date

**ARTICLE 22** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **General Government.**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	2,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	1,800.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	1,800.00
Road Commissioner Wage Expense	300.00
Town Clerk Wage Expense	17,000.00
Treasurer Wage Expense	8,000.00
Tax Collector Wage Expense	8,000.00
Sexton Wage Expense	300.00
Librarian Wage Expense	300.00
Training Expense	500.00
Planning Board Wage Expense	1,000.00
Other Wage Expense	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>

General Assistance Expense	1,500.00
Shirley Public Library Expense	500.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00
Assessing Agent Expense	4,000.00
Administrative Expense	12,500.00
Insurance Expense	12,000.00
Appeals Board Expense	150.00
Computer Expense	5,000.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00
Honor Roll Expense	100.00

Audit Expense	7,000.00
Flags, Flowers & Memorial Expense	1,200.00
Shirley Historical Expense	750.00
Travel & Mileage Reimbursement	400.00
Electricity Expense Town Buildings	2,250.00
Heating Fuel Expense	4,000.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00
Training & Workshop Dues & Fees	700.00
<b>Subtotal General Government</b>	<b>55,050.00</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>55,050.00</b>
<b>Accepted</b>	

#### ARTICLE 23

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Protection**.

Fire Warden	200.00
Street Lighting Expense	3,000.00
Fire Protection Services (Greenville)	12,200.00
<b>Subtotal Contracted Services</b>	<b>15,400.00</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>15,400.00</b>
<b>Accepted</b>	

#### ARTICLE 24

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works**.

Winter Roads Expense	69,000.00
Trash Pick-up	24,600.00
Recycling Expense	5,000.00
Shirley Cemetery Expense	3,000.00
Future Roads Rebuild Expense	45,000.00
General Town Maintenance Expense	4,000.00
Closing Landfill Expense	2,374.00
Summer Road Expense	45,000.00
Building Permit Expense	300.00
Town Mowing	2,000.00
Maintenance Expense	7,500.00
Animal Control	500.00
<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	<b>208,274.00</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>208,274.00</b>
<b>Accepted</b>	

#### ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to take \$45,000.00 from Excise Taxes to help fund the Summer Roads Expense account and reduce taxes.

<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
<b>Accepted</b>	

## ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and interest Starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Recommended:**

**Interest Rate of 6.00%**  
**Accepted**

## ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept money in anticipation of taxes. **Accepted**

## ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Agent fees collected dog licenses and vital records sold and put those fees back into salaries to offset the secretary's salary. **Accepted**

## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept any State, federal or other government grants, or donations are made. **Accepted**

## ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town of Shirley authorize the Select board to transfer and appropriate \$2,000.00 into the Town of Shirley technology contingency fund for the purchase of business software updates. **Accepted**

## ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to take money from surplus to reduce taxes and, if so, how much.

**Recommended:**

**\$100,000.00**  
**Accepted**

## ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below that are provided by the State Legislature:

Estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing:

**\$29,811.55**

Estimated Homestead Exemption Reimbursement:

**\$24,169.12**

General Assistance funds:

**Recommended accept**

State Grants or other funds:

**Recommended accept**

**Accepted**

## ARTICLE 33

Shall the Town of Shirley move the streetlight from 195 West Rd. to the school bus turnaround. **Accepted**

## ARTICLE 34

To see if the town will vote to approve the cemetery committee using up to \$2,000.00 from the perpetual care fund to use for a sign and care of the cemetery. **Accepted**

### ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town of Shirley will vote to carry forward any unexpended funds raised for the Historical Society to put in a fund for a Historical Society reserve account. **Accepted**


### ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to authorize donations for the following Non-profit Organizations:

Local Food Pantry	127.00
American Red Cross of Maine	150.00
Northern Light Ambulance	1,000.00
Community Health and Counseling Services	168.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	100.00
Penquis	730.00
Pine Tree Hospice	50.00
Shaw Public Library	500.00
The LifeFlight Foundation	<u>233.00</u>
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$3,058.00</b>
<b>Accepted</b>	

### Selectmen of the Town of Shirley

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Norman Beckwith

  
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David Thorp

  
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Kirk Hamilton



### Return of the Warrant

County of Piscataquis s. s.

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Shirley of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy at the within warrant at the house of the Tax Collector Geneva Beckwith and the Shirley Town Office and Shirley Town Post Office a conspicuous public place within the Town of Shirley on **Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, which is seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at the Town of Shirley

June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Carolyn Meye