

Town of Shirley
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
July 1,2024- June 30,2025

County of Piscataquis, s.s.

To: Julie Fortin; a resident of 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, of June 17th in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, at six o'clock pm to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting: **Floyd Harford (3 Votes) Floyd could not finish as moderator. Laurie Armstrong (3 Votes) took over.**

ARTICLE 2. To elect the necessary officers:

- A. One Selectman (3-year term) **David Thorp (14 Votes) Nick Hanson (37 Votes)**
- B. Tax Collector: **Geneva Beckwith (show of hands yes)**
- C. Treasurer: **Vera Davis (show of hands yes)**
- D. Two School Board Members: (3-year term) **Angie Madore (3 Votes), Samantha Swanson (3 Votes)**
- E. Sexton: **Greg Young (show of hands yes)**
- F. Assessors: **Norman Beckwith, Nick Hanson, Bill Nye (show of hands 23 for and 7 against)**
- G. Overseers of the Poor: **Norman Beckwith, Nick Hanson Bill Nye (show of hands yes)**
- H. Road Commissioner: **Norman Beckwith, Nick Hanson, Bill Nye (show of hands yes)**

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$547,000.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$Accepted

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$7,500.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$Accepted

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 7 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 8 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$30,501.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 9 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 10 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$25,894.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 11 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 12 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **\$0.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Accepted**

ARTICLE 13 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures – School Lunch.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$Accepted

The following three articles must be taken by recorded vote:

ARTICLE 14 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 \$236,223.66**) 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.

STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION	\$236,223.66
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$236,223.66
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$Pass with 27

Votes for and 0 opposed.

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 15 To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$210,259.06**), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$210,259.06** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Shirley School Committee.

The Shirley School Committee recommends **\$210,259.06** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$210,259.06**. 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	\$210,259.06
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$Pass with 25

Votes for and 0 opposed.

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 16 SUMMARY ARTICLE:

To see what sum the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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 **\$610,895.00**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **\$Pass with 21**

Votes and 0 opposed

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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 **Approved**

ARTICLE 18 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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **Approval**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **Approved**

ARTICLE 19 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 the previously 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?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **Approval**
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND **Approved**

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **General Government.**

1 ST Selectman Wage Expense	2,500.00
2 nd Selectman Wage Expense	2,200.00
3 rd Selectman Wage Expense	2,200.00
Road Commissioner Wage Expense	300.00
Town Clerk Wage Expense	17,000.00
Treasurer Wage Expense	9,000.00
Tax Collector Wage Expense	9,000.00
Sexton Wage Expense	300.00
Librarian Wage Expense	200.00
Training Exp/Workshop Travel	0.00
Planning Board Wage Expense	1,000.00
Other Wage Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Salaries	45,200.00

General Assistance Expense	1,500.00
Town Hall Expense	1,000.00
Shirley Library Expense	0.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00
Assessing Agent Expense	5,000.00
Administrative Expense	14,000.00
Insurance Expense	12,500.00
Appeals Board Expense	150.00
Computer Expense	7,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00
Honor Roll Expense	1,000.00
Audit Expense	8,000.00
Flags, Glowers & Mem. Expense	1,200.00
Historical Society	750.00
Travel & Mileage Reimbursement	400.00
Electricity Expense Town Bldgs.	2,500.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Training & Workshop Dues & Fees	700.00
Heating Fuel & Maint. All Town Buildings	4,000.00
American Red Cross	150.00
Northern Light Ambulance	1,000.00
Community Health & Counseling	168.00

Eastern Area Agency on Aging	150.00
Penquis	747.00
Pine Tree Hospice	75.00
Shaw Public Library	500.00
The LifeFlight Foundation	<u>251.00</u>
General Government	71,241.00

Subtotal General Government **116,441.00**
Recommended: **116,441.00**

Article Ammended and voted on with 22 votes to remove \$1,500.00 **1,500.00**
From the subtotal general government **114,941.00**

ARTICLE 21

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

Street Light Expense	2,500.00
Fire Protection Services	14,011.61
Fire Warden	300.00
Security	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Protection Services	17,811.61
Recommended:	17,811.61
	Passed

ARTICLE 22

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

Winter Roads Expense-Plow Contract	85,750.00
Trash Pick-up	32,500.00
Recycling Expense Piscataquis UT tipping Fee	5,000.00
Shirley Cemetery Expense	3,000.00
Future Roads Rebuild Expense	45,000.00
General Town Maintenance Expense	7,000.00
Summer Road Expense	50,000.00
Building Permit Expense	300.00
Mowing-Town/Cemetery/Road	7,550.00
Snow removal/shoveling	800.00
Playground Expense	500.00
Maintenance Expense Bulky Waste	1,000.00
Animal Control	1,000.00
Dog License State of Maine	<u>700.00</u>
Subtotal Public Works	240,100.00
Recommended:	Passed 18 votes

ARTICLE 23

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.

Recommended: **45,000.00**
Passed

ARTICLE 24

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. 30th, 2024, and interest Starts Oct. 1st, 2024.

Recommended: **Interest Rate of 8.5%**
Passed

ARTICLE 25

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

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell the property located at 141 Upper Shirley Corner Rd. This vote will stand until voted on again. **Failed**

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to replace the double Town Hall doors. **Passed**

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will expend from Bangor Savings Wealth Management Greenville Land Fill Closing Fund \$2,375.00. **Passed**

ARTICLE 29

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

Recommended: **\$125,000.00** **\$125,00.00**
Passed

ARTICLE 30

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 to spend them for the purpose for which said grants or donations were made. **Passed**

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to use overlay to pay any abatement that the town may have. This vote shall stand until voted again. **Passed**

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:	\$58,607.00
Estimated Homestead Exemption Reimbursement:	\$32,000.00
General Assistance funds:	Recommended accept.
State Grants or other funds:	Recommended accept.
	Passed

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Shirley Bog Trail Busters for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the public at all times, and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the Municipal Officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. This vote will stand until voted upon again. **Passed**

The published version of this warrant is only a draft. For the posted version check with the Town Clerk.

Selectmen of the Town of Shirley

Norman Beckwith

David Thorp

Bill Nye

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, Shirley Town Post Office a conspicuous public place within the Town of Shirley on **June 10th, 2024**, which is seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at the Town of Shirley _____
