

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

And

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

To Mark Doe, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Room in the Fire Station building at 86 River Rd on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 2017 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 5 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 8:00 in the evening;

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the town, the following offices:

1. Two (2) Selectmen/Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term
2. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay School Committee for a three-year term

ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the NEWCASTLE SECONDARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Newcastle Special Town Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 4: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the GREAT SALT BAY, CSD ELEMENTARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Great Salt Bay, CSD Annual Budget Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town enact the "The Joint Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of the Towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle Maine" as written?

Explanation: *The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the Newcastle Town Office.*

OPEN TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:00 pm

For Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Lincoln Academy Dining Commons in said town on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 2017 A.D., at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 27 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 6: Shall the town utilize remote electronic keypad voting as the method of voting for all articles at this Town meeting, the June 14, 2017, Annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Administration & Operations as follows:

Administration & Operations		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY 18 Selectmen
1	Board of Selectmen	7,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
2	Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary	821.25	1,450.00	1,500.00
3	Town Administrator & Treasurer	73,493.96	63,000.00	60,255.00
4	Town Administrator Health Insurance	8,731.14	9,360.00	9,501.00
5	Town Administrator Retirement	3,780.00	3,780.00	1,808.00
6	Town Clerk & Registrar & Tax Collector	38,480.01	39,634.52	47,476.00
7	Town Clerk Health Insurance	8,731.14	9,360.00	9,826.00
8	Full-Time Deputy	24,227.00	32,150.00	34,320.00
9	Full-Time Deputy Health Insurance	5,203.39	9,360.00	9,826.00
10	Part-Time Deputy	18,686.13	0.00	0.00
11	Part-Time Deputy Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector	5,520.00	10,000.00	10,400.00
13	Code Enforcement Officer Cell Phone	0.00	120.00	120.00
14	Code Enforcement Officer Mileage	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
15	Election Workers	637.38	600.00	450.00
16	FICA (SS &) Medicare	20,967.70	20,000.00	23,000.00
17	Health Officer	100.00	100.00	100.00
18	Recording Secretary – Various Town Boards	1,527.76	1,450.00	1,000.00
19	EMA Director	850.00	850.00	850.00
20	Janitorial Services – Community Room	550.00	620.00	620.00
21	Janitorial Services – Town Office	2,481.60	2,632.00	3,000.00
22	Property Casualty Liability	20,425.25	22,000.00	22,000.00
23	MMA Unemployment	1,050.46	1,510.00	1,600.00
24	MMA Workers Compensation	17,100.15	9,750.00	9,921.00
25	MMA Annual Dues	3,129.00	3,150.00	3,245.00

26	Legal Fees	24,000.00	22,000.00	23,000.00
27	Payroll Company	2,333.38	2,300.00	2,365.00
28	Copier Lease & Supplies	6,707.25	3,180.00	3,430.00
29	Laser Printers Maintenance Contract	535.75	500.00	500.00
32	Postage & Envelopes	3,874.71	3,500.00	3,675.00
33	Election Supplies	893.62	0.00	600.00
34	Computer Support	997.19	600.00	1,000.00
35	Computer Hardware	939.08	500.00	500.00
36	Trio Software Annual Contract	11,337.41	11,500.00	14,000.00
37	Website	0.00	0.00	850.00
38	Tax Maps	1,600.00	1,200.00	6,300.00
39	Audit Services	7,850.00	5,250.00	6,000.00
40	Town Report	2,366.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
42	Records Restoration	2,650.00	2,342.00	2,350.00
43	Advertising	4,457.50	3,000.00	2,500.00
44	Professional Development & Fees	1,460.00	2,000.00	3,400.00
45	Registry of Deeds Recordings & Printings	3,695.00	3,500.00	3,600.00
46	Office & Other Supplies	4,640.40	8,600.00	7,000.00
47	Planning Board	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
48	Design Review Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
49	NLPC	89,946.21	56,521.00	0.00
50	Hydrants	46,968.00	48,660.00	48,660.00
51	Street Lights	7,020.52	6,000.00	6,000.00
52	Route 1 Flashing Street Light	236.13	300.00	300.00
53	Town Office – Heating Fuel	1,181.68	2,800.00	2,500.00
54	Town Office – Electricity	1,401.22	1,800.00	1,800.00
55	Town Office – Water & Sewer	605.60	685.00	774.00
56	Town Office – Maintenance & Repairs	1,686.04	1,000.00	3,500.00
57	Town Office – Telephone	2,163.99	2,100.00	2,100.00
58	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Heating Fuel	191.75	700.00	700.00
59	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Electricity	412.08	450.00	450.00
60	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Maintenance & Repairs	3,221.23	1,000.00	1,500.00
61	Cemetery Maintenance Contract-Mowing	13,350.00	12,760.00	11,000.00
62	Cemetery Maintenance Appropriation	11,371.50	15,000.00	1,000.00
63	Veteran's Park Maintenance	469.31	600.00	600.00
64	Abatements	16,957.44	5,000.00	5,000.00
65	Assessors Agent	17,160.00	17,550.00	17,940.00
66	Short term disability	0.00	2,040.00	2,100.00
67	Overtime Compensation	0.00	3,380.00	1,000.00
68	Miscellaneous	5.42	0.00	0
69	Mileage	0.00	1000	1500
70	Health Insurance FSA	0.00	0	465.00
Administration and Operations Total		558,678.73	509,694.52	459,277.00

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town raise & appropriate for the Protection - Fire Department as follows:

Protection – Fire Department		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Selectmen
1	Fire Chief	39,709.00	40,914.00	47,476.00
2	Fire Chief Health Insurance	8,025.59	9,360.00	9,826.00
3	Fire Department Officers	3,060.00	3,460.00	3,460.00
4	Firemen	13,932.80	15,100.00	15,100.00
5	Phones	2,396.24	2,300.00	2,300.00
6	S.C.B.A	4,552.40	4,290.00	4,290.00
7	Communications	6,981.75	7,000.00	3,200.00
8	Training	1,861.64	3,000.00	3,000.00
9	Dry Hydrant	0.00	550.00	0.00
10	New Equipment	7,375.67	5,000.00	5,000.00
11	Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	5,506.00	5,500.00	11,356.00
12	Turn Out Gear	2,946.92	3,000.00	4,500.00
13	Administration & Office Supplies	5,161.65	4,560.00	4,560.00
14	Vehicles Gas & Oil	8,926.98	9,000.00	7,000.00
15	Fire Station – Heating Fuel	3,532.73	6,200.00	6,200.00
16	Fire Station – Electricity	2,778.83	2,750.00	2,750.00
17	Fire Station – Water & Sewer	803.33	1,103.00	1,247.00
18	Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	3,734.99	67,000.00	4,000.00
19	Sheepscot Fire Station – Heating Fuel	416.57	920.00	920.00
20	Sheepscot Fire Station – Electricity	321.80	500.00	515.00
21	Sheepscot Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	830.00	17,745.00	1,000.00
Protection – Fire Department TOTAL		122,854.89	209,252.00	137,700.00

ARTICLE 9: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Services as follows:

Public Services		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Selectmen
1	Roadside American Flags	0.00	280.00	280.00
2	Nobleboro/Jefferson Transfer Station Contract	102,834.00	102,000.00	94,517.00
3	Solid Septic Waste Disposal Contract	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4	General Assistance	2,520.73	5,000.00	3,000.00
5	Wild Animal Control Officer	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
6	Animal Control Services	1,289.12	500.00	500.00
7	Lincoln County Animal Shelter	1,752.00	1,752.00	1,752.00
8	Ambulance Services	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,420.00
9	Appropriation Request – American Legion	450.00	450.00	450.00
10	Appropriation Request – CLC YMCA	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
11	Appropriation Request – Coastal Kids	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00

12	Appropriation Request – Midcoast Conservancy	1,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
13	Appropriation Request – Ecumenical Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00
14	Appropriation Request – Healthy Kids	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
15	Appropriation Request – LCTV	4,510.00	4,510.00	4,510.00
16	Appropriation Request – Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
17	Appropriation Request – Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
18	Appropriation Request – New Hope for Women	830.00	830.00	830.00
19	Appropriation Request – Skidompha Library	18,641.00	18,641.00	18,641.00
20	Appropriation Request – Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
Public Services TOTAL		150,082.85	155,219.00	146,656.00

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Works as follows:

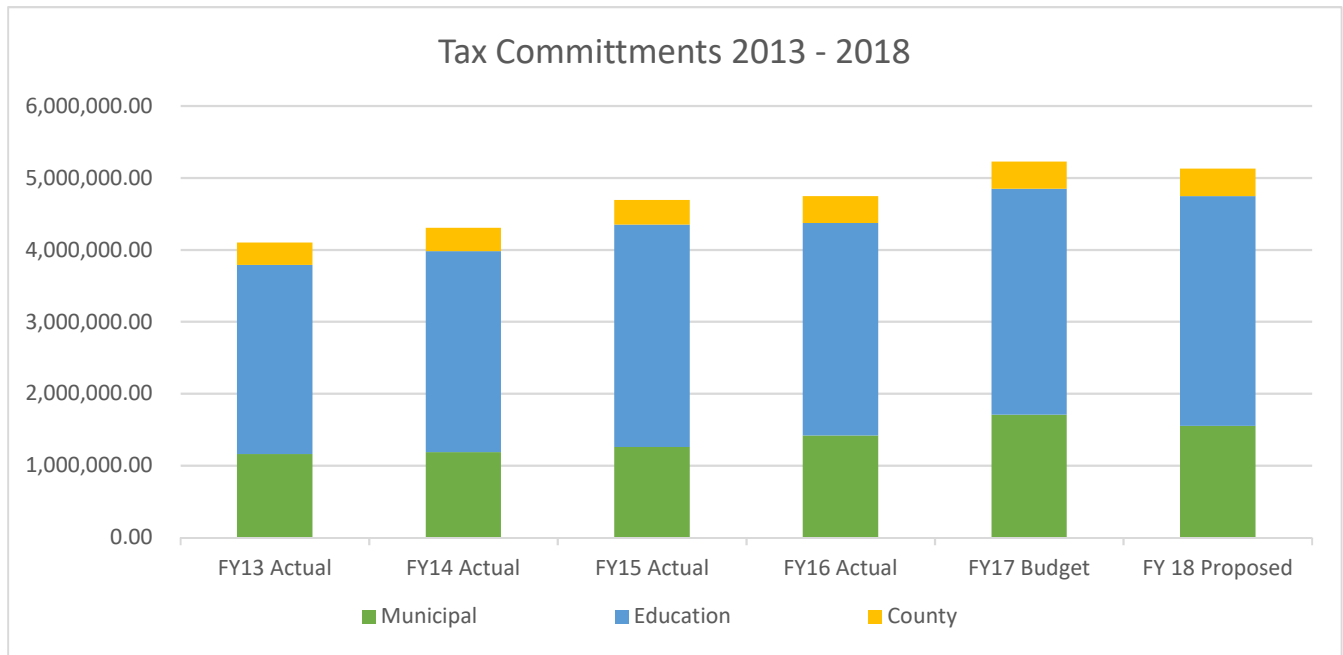
Public Works		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY 18 Selectmen
1	Road Commissioner	0.00	30000.00	33,100.00
2	Cell phone	0.00	300.00	300.00
3	Traffic Signs	0.00	1000.00	1,000.00
4	E911 Street Signs	0.00	250.00	500.00
5	Culverts	0.00	2000.00	2,000.00
6	Winter Salt	0.00	1500.00	31,500.00
7	Cold Patch	0.00	1500.00	1,500.00
8	Road Gravel	0.00	5000.00	5,000.00
9	Training	0.00	500.00	0.00
10	Mills Road Electricity	0.00	550.00	550.00
11	Public Landing	0.00	500.00	500.00
12	General Contractor	0.00	50000.00	50,000.00
13	Grading	0.00	17500.00	17,500.00
14	Roadside Mowing	0.00	2750.00	2,750.00
15	Catch Basin Cleaning	0.00	1550.00	1,550.00
16	Catch Basin Repair	0.00	2500.00	1,500.00
17	Technical Assistance	0.00	1000.00	1,000.00
18	Tree Work	0.00	4000.00	4,000.00
19	Line Striping	0.00	4500.00	4,000.00
20	Street Sweeping	0.00	5250.00	5,250.00
21	Snow Removal Contract – Roads	213,110.00	237,856.00	241,945.95
22	Snow Removal Contract Bond	0.00	8,181.75	0.00
23	Snow Removal Contract – Main Street & Downtown	40,000.00	49,298.00	48,199.00
24	Roads Maintenance	39,514.00	33,241.64	0.00
25	Mill Road Property Development Plan	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
26	Salt Storage Building - Mills Road	0.00	0.00	22,000.00
Public Works TOTAL		292,624.00	463,227.39	475,644.95

ARTICLE 11: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Reserve Accounts as follows:

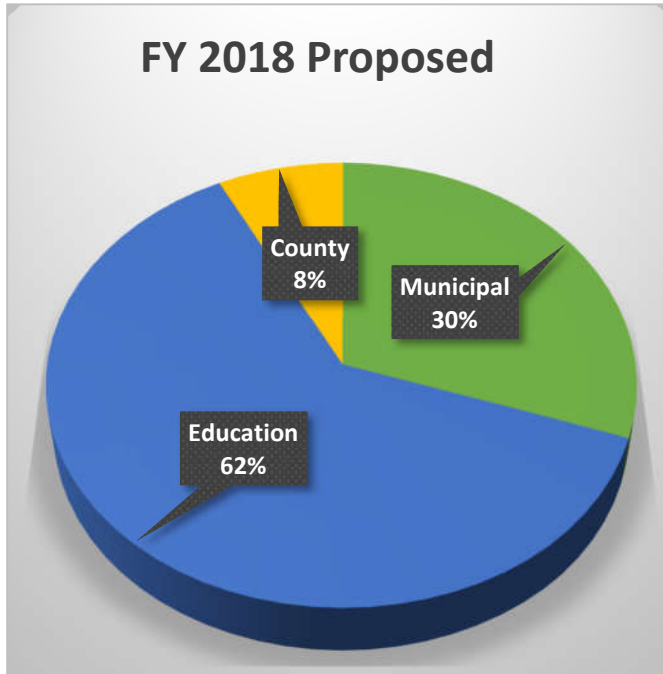
Reserve Accounts		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Selectmen
1	Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2	Veteran's Park	250.00	250.00	250.00
3	Highway Equipment	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
4	Roads Capital Projects	29,670.61	118,091.00	100,000.00
5	Computer Reserve		1,000.00	8,200.00
6	Municipal Building Reserve			30,000.00
Reserve Accounts Total		46,420.61	120,841.00	139,950.00

ARTICLE 12: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Debt Services as follows:

Debt Services		FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Selectmen
1	Loan Payment – Lynch Road Project	197,016.00	197,016.00	112,000.00
2	Loan Payment – Fire Truck	27,084.00	27,084.00	27,084.00
3	Loan Payment – Town Office	25,000.00	25,000.00	54,000.00
Debt Services Total		249,100.00	249,100.00	193,084.00



ARTICLE 13: Shall the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts and donations providing the Board place these funds in appropriately designated reserve accounts and only used for the intended purposes stated or in the best interests of the town?



ARTICLE 14: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 or act on anything relative thereto?

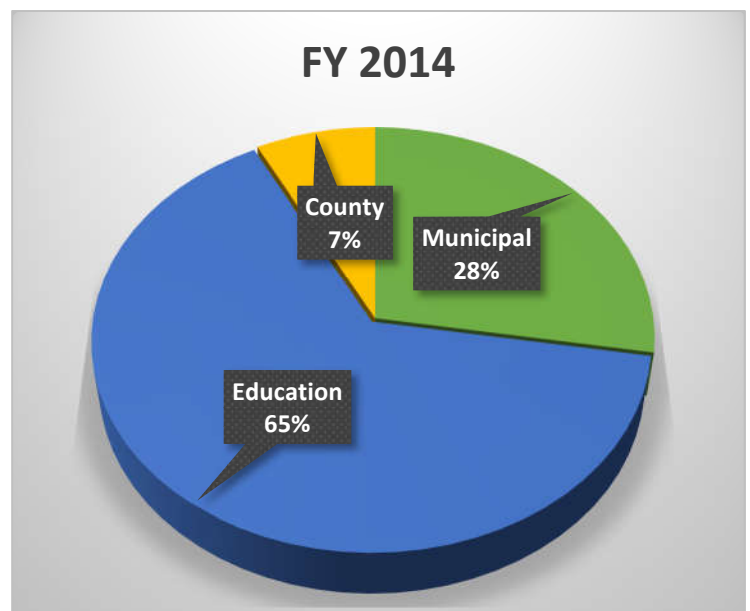
ARTICLE 15: Shall the town authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property, in accordance with appropriate state law and procedures?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any surplus equipment owned by the Town in accordance with appropriate State law and procedures?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the town allow the Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the town instruct the tax collector to charge interest at the rate of 5 % per



annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the selectmen to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2017 and have made all payments on time and to date?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend overlay for the purpose of funding abatements?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the town authorize the selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for an unbudgeted major expense: (Note: "major" is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget)?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town allow the selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to regulate river herring fishing in all streams in which the town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2018 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD).

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 28th day of April 2017.

Brian Foote, Chairman _____

Carolyn Hatch, Vice-Chair _____

Christopher Doherty, Board of Selectmen _____

R. Benjamin Frey, Board of Selectmen _____

Joel Lind, Board of Selectmen _____

A true and attested copy by: _____

Dawn Burns, Town Clerk