

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
ELECTION JUNE 11, 2019 and  
OPEN TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 2019**

To Maureen Black, a resident of the Town of Winterport, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winterport in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School Gymnasium, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D., 2019 at eight o'clock (8:00 am) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 1, and 2; and to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wagner Middle School Cafeteria in said Town on Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2019 at seven-thirty (7:30 pm) in the evening, then and there to act upon Articles 3 through all at Open Town Meeting, said articles being set out below, to wit:

**ORGANIZATION**

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**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting.  
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**ELECTIONS**

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**Article 2.** To elect by secret ballot, two (2) Councilors for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Regional School Union No. 22 Director for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years.  
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**TOWN MEETING ELECTIONS**

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**Article 3.** To choose four (4) members to serve on the Budget Committee for a term of three years to end at the Annual Town Meeting in 2022 and to fill any unexpired terms if necessary.  
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**TAXATION**

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**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the date according to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 36 Section 505 that the Assessors shall issue and commit the list of taxes due and payable.

Council Recommends	Friday July 26, 2019
Budget Committee Recommends	Friday July 26, 2019

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**Article 5.** To see (a) if the Town will vote to fix dates when taxes shall be due and payable, and (b) to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said dates.

	<b>1st Half</b>	<b>2nd Half</b>
Council Recommends	Sept. 14, 2019(7.00%)	Mar. 14, 2020(7.00%)
Budget Committee Recommends	Sept. 14, 2019(7.00%)	Mar. 14, 2020(7.00%)

(The State allows (9.00%) nine percent)

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**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2020 not yet due or assessed and to pay no interest on such prepayments made prior to the commitment of those taxes.

Council recommends	Yes
Budget Committee recommends	Yes

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**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 7.00% (seven percent) and to appropriate money received from overlay to pay for abatements and interest on abated taxes.

Council recommends	Yes
Budget Committee recommends	Yes

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**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Town of Winterport only after requesting recommendations from the Planning Board concerning said disposition. The municipal officers at their discretion may elect to: (1) dispose of said real estate to the former owner upon payment of tax lien amounts, interest, costs and current taxes outstanding, or; (2) enter into a Land Purchase Installment Contract with the former owner making payments toward repurchase of the real estate, or; (3) sell to the abutting landowner, or; (4) sell to any person by sealed bid, advertised in local newspaper(s). The advertisement shall give the date that the bid shall be accepted and such other information as the Council deems appropriate. In connection with the above mentioned dispositions of real estate, the municipal officers shall be authorized to execute all deeds or documents of conveyance.

Council Recommends	Yes
Budget Committee Recommends	Yes

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

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**Article 9.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Council. (Dept. 10)

Council Recommends	\$ 15,175.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 15,175.00

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**Article 10.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors. (Dept. 12)

Council Recommends	\$ 50,405.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 50,405.00

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**Article 11.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Benefits and Insurance.

(Dept. 15) Benefits	\$ 115,276.00
(Dept. 17) Insurance	<u>\$ 13,938.00</u>
Total	\$129,214.00

Council Recommends	\$ 129,214.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 129,214.00

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**Article 12.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration. (Dept. 20)

Council Recommends	\$ 212,899.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 212,899.00

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**Article 13.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Municipal Building and the Victoria Grant Civic Center.

(Dept. 25) Municipal Building	\$ 11,694.00
(Dept. 70) Victoria Grant Civic Center	<u>\$ 19,345.00</u>
Total	\$ 31,039.00

Council Recommends	\$ 31,039.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 31,039.00

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**Article 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board. (Dept. 30)

Council Recommends	\$ 950.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 950.00

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**Article 15.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department. (Dept. 35)

Council Recommends	\$ 114,369.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 114,369.00

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**Article 16.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement. (Dept. 40)

Council Recommends	\$ 7,750.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 7,750.00

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**Article 17.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads. (Dept. 45)

Council Recommends	\$ 361,489.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 361,489.00

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**Article 18.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. (Dept. 50)

Council Recommends	\$ 155,969.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 155,969.00

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**Article 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Paving and Road Reconstruction. (Dept. 55)

Council Recommends	\$ 395,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 395,000.00

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**Article 20.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste. (Dept. 60)

Council Recommends	\$ 220,306.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 220,306.00

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**Article 21.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation Programs. (Dept. 65)

Council Recommends	\$ 19,708.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 19,708.00

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**Article 22.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Grounds & Equipment. (Dept. 75)

Council Recommends	\$ 16,075.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 16,075.00

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**Article 23.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. (Dept. 85)

Council Recommends	\$ 4,600.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 4,600.00

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**Article 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

(Dept. 90-60-35) Memorial Day	\$ 400.00
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Council Recommends	\$ 400.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 400.00

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**Article 25.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for other Social Services, Union Meeting House, and the Winterport Free Library.

	Council Rec.	Budget Committee Rec.
(Dept. 87) Social Services	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00
(Dept. 90-60-15) Union Meeting House Clock	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
(Dept. 90-60-25) Winterport Free Library	<u>\$ 32,722.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,722.00</u>
Total	\$ 41,422.00	\$ 41,422.00

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**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to the Riverside Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public as snowmobile trails during snowmobile season, 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. (Dept. 90-60-30)

Council Recommends	\$ 1,600.00*
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 1,600.00*

\*The estimated \$1,600.00 from the State is not raised by taxes it is a direct pass through.

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**Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery District to care for all District Cemeteries. (Dept. 90-60-55)

Council Recommends	\$ 43,946.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 43,946.00

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**Article 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control. (Dept. 96)

Council Recommends	\$ 8,050.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 8,050.00

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**Article 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Utilities, Street Lights & Hydrants for Fire Protection.

	Council Rec.	Budget Committee Rec.
(Dept. 90-70-68) Street Lights	\$ 16,289.00	\$ 16,289.00
(Dept. 90-70-70) Hydrants For Fire Protection	<u>\$ 86,942.00</u>	<u>\$ 86,942.00</u>
Total	\$103,231.00	\$103,231.00

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**Article 30.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserves. (Dept. 98)

	Council Rec.	Budget Comm. Rec.
Fire Dept. Reserve 98-70-74	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Transfer Sta. Reserve 98-70-93	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Public Wrks Equip. Reserve 98-70-18	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Muni. Bldg Loan Payt Reserve 98-70-77	<u>\$105,000.00</u>	<u>\$105,000.00</u>
Total	\$158,000.00	\$158,000.00

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**Article 31.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balances to help reduce the amount needed from local taxation.

Council Recommends	\$ 200,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 200,000.00

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**ESTIMATED REVENUE AUTHORIZATIONS**

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**Article 32.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize in addition to Revenue Sharing from the following revenues and sources to reduce the amount needed from taxation.

301 Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$745,000.00
302 Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 4,250.00
306 State Reimbursement Homestead	\$145,000.00
309 Fuel Fund Donations	\$ 450.00
313 Veterans Reimbursement	\$ 2,700.00
314 Rec. Building Rental	\$ 800.00
315 Conservation Blueberry Fields	\$ 1,000.00
316 Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00
319 General Assistance Reimbursements	\$ 1,000.00
321 Interest Earned Checking	\$ 2,000.00

323 Interest Earned All Taxes	\$ 36,000.00
329 Fernald Field Income	\$ 6,500.00
330 Clerk Fees	\$ 4,200.00
331 Plumbing Permit- Town Fees	\$ 700.00
333 License Fees/ Hunting and Fishing	\$ 1,500.00
335 Auto Registration Fees	\$ 13,500.00
339 Planning Board Review Fees	\$ 250.00
340 Photocopy	\$ 50.00
341 Returned Check fees	\$ 125.00
342 Disposal Fees	\$ 20,200.00
349 DM&J Lease	\$ 4,000.00
350 Animal Control	\$ 1,750.00
357 Cable Franchise	\$ 25,000.00
368 Map Sales	\$ 25.00
370 Cheering	\$ 350.00
375 Cash Up	\$ 100.00
380 Misc.	\$ 19,000.00
381 Basketball	\$ 1,250.00
382 Fall Soccer	\$ 1,250.00
383 T-Ball	\$ 1,000.00
384 Other Rec Fees	\$ 1,300.00
397 Sale of Property	\$ 5,000.00

Sub-Total \$1,047,250.00

310 Revenue Sharing \$ 200,000.00

Grand Total \$1,247,250.00

Council Recommends \$1,247,250.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$1,247,250.00

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**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following funds provided by the State of Maine to reduce the amount needed from taxation or to be used for their specific purposes provided by law. Local Road Assistance (Dept. 99-311)

Council Recommends \$62,988.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$62,988.00

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**Article 34.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance to pay account overdrafts, if any.

Council Recommends Yes

Budget Committee Recommends Yes

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**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous or following articles, if the Council determines that the gifts, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

Council Recommends Yes

Budget Committee Recommends Yes

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**Article 36.** Shall the Town of Winterport "increase" the property tax limit of \$763,151.00 to raise funds necessary to pay for the foregoing appropriations and authorized expenditures, the amount is estimated to be \$ 0.00 more or less.

Council Recommends	\$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$0.00

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**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to re-designate some portion of the funds already set aside by 2009 Article 40 to provide river access to the Town of Winterport and its residents from its current requirement, which provides that the funds must "be used to purchase property along the Penobscot River," to a more expansive requirement, which would permit the funds to "be used to obtain grants which require matching funds for the planning and acquisition of rights to access property along the Penobscot River."

Council Recommends	Yes
Budget Committee Recommends	Yes

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#### **APPROPRIATION FOR UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES**

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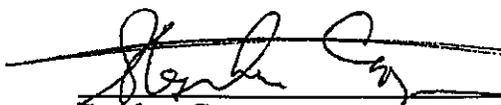
**Article 38.** To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from the General Fund Undesignated as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2020.

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The polls for voting on Articles 1 & 2 will be open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. (Individuals unable to vote during polling hours may obtain an Absentee Ballot from the Town Office)

The Registrar of Voters shall accept new voter registrations, and make any necessary changes to the voting list during regular office hours prior to the Election, and during the Election & Town Meeting.

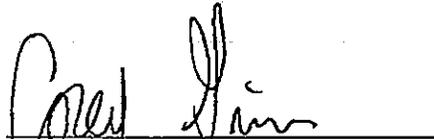
Given under our hands this 14th day of May 2019, at Winterport, Maine.

  
Stephen Cooper

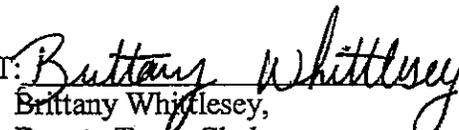
  
Peter Rioux

  
Ann Ronco

  
Steven Clisham

  
Corey Ginn

Winterport Town Council a true copy:

ATTEST:   
Brittany Whittlesey,  
Deputy Town Clerk