

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**State of Maine
February 12, 2015
County of Somerset**

To Stacie Rundlett, Warden, a resident of New Portland, the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of New Portland, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Community Room of the Fire Station, on Saturday, the seventh day of March, 2015 at nine o'clock (9:00 a.m.) in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 01. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 02. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration charges for the calendar year 2015

Selectmen Recommend 138,087.00 Budget Committee Recommends 137,123.00

Officer's Salaries	86,882.00	85,918.00
Town Charges	11,000.00	11,000.00
Town Office	11,205.00	11,205.00
Social Security	10,000.00	10,000.00
Insurance	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>
Total	138,087.00	137,123.00

Art. 03. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments annual membership dues.

Selectmen Recommend 1,130.00 Budget Committee Recommends 1,130.00

Art. 04. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for annual dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Selectmen Recommend 1,666.00 Budget Committee Recommends 1,666.00

Art. 05. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing, tax mapping, and tax billing for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 2,775.00 Budget Committee Recommends 2,775.00

Tax Map Update.....	1,200.00
Consulting Services.....	500.00
Mileage.....	375.00
Equipment.....	300.00
<u>Training.....</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total	2,775.00

There is a carry forward from 2014 in the amount of 1,279.08 which has been earmarked for a bulk mailing project in the 2015 assessing department.

Art. 06. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to subsidize the operation costs of an Ambulance/Rescue service for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 23,145.00 Budget Committee Recommends 23,145.00

Art. 07. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Audit for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 7,500.00 Budget Committee Recommends 7,500.00

Art. 08. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer roads for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 120,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 120,000.00

Taxation48,800.00

Road Grant38,200.00

Excise33,000.00

Total.....120,000.00

The Summer Roads original request was for 132,500.00

Art. 09. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing road Tarring account.

Selectmen Recommend 10,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 10,000.00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual grader payment.

Selectmen Recommend 11,771.00 Budget Committee Recommend 11,771.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 205,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 205,000.00

Taxation.....120,000.00

Excise Tax.....85,000.00

Total.....205,000.00

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 5,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 5,000.00

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for operating expenses of the New Portland Fire Department for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 47,935.00 Budget Committee Recommends 47,935.00

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing Fire Truck Replacement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend 5,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 5,000.00

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing Fire Fighter Training Account.

Selectmen Recommend 6,517.00 Budget Committee Recommends 6,517.00

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the loan payment for the fire station

Selectmen Recommend 5,993.00 Budget Committee Recommends 5,993.00

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for animal control for calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 1,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 1,000.00

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the betterment and upkeep of cemeteries.

Selectmen Recommend 6,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 6,000.00

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair and maintenance of headstones at the cemeteries. (this account to be controlled by and invoices to be paid directly by the town)

Selectmen Recommend 3,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 3,000.00

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the New Portland Community Library.

Selectmen Recommend 5,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends 6,000.00

The Library's request for 2015 was in the amount of \$8,000.00

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses to produce the New Portlander newsletter.

Selectmen Recommend 3,800.00 Budget Committee Recommends 3,800.00

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Town's share of the 2015 operating expenses of the Kingfield Transfer Station.

Selectmen Recommend 42,195.00 Budget Committee Recommends 42,195.00

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing Legal Fees account.

Selectmen Recommend 1,500.00 Budget Committee Recommends 3,000.00

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the TRIO software licensing fees for the calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 6,063.00 Budget Committee Recommends 6,063.00

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the People Who Care Food Cupboard.

Selectmen Recommend 1,500.00 Budget Committee Recommends 1,500.00

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for abatements for the calendar year 2015.

Selectmen Recommend YES Budget Committee Recommend YES

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the interest on a Tax Anticipation Note for the year of 2015.

Selectmen Recommend 2,000.00 Budget Committee Recommend 2,000.00

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase corporate bonds for the treasurer and tax collector for the calendar year 2015. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 to the 2016 annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to use overlay for accounts exceeding appropriated amounts. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to charge the maximum rate of interest allowed by law on all unpaid taxes beginning thirty days after commitment of said taxes or on October 1st, whichever is later.

Selectmen Recommend YES The maximum rate for 2015 is 7.00%

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to appoint a budget committee for calendar year 2016. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of 3% at which interest will be paid on refunds of taxes paid but later rebated. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to use Surplus (undesignated fund balance) to reduce taxes as they deem necessary for the 2015 tax year. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon. If the deed is executed in favor of the delinquent owner or his/her successor in interest. The deed shall be executed and delivered upon payment of outstanding taxes, interest and costs. Otherwise, the deed shall be executed and delivered only after obtaining bids and after advertising sale in two newspapers or periodicals having a circulation that includes New Portland at least 15 days prior to the date that bids are due. The selectmen to reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for New Portland by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of state funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State aid for education
4. Public Library state aid per capita
5. Civil Emergency Funds
6. Snowmobile registration monies and grants
7. Tree Growth reimbursement
8. Veteran's exemption reimbursement
9. Homestead exemption reimbursement
10. General Assistance reimbursement
11. State grant and other funds (this category includes all funds that are not included in items 1 through 11 above)

The registrar of voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS TWELTH (12th) DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN (2015).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen

A true copy of the Warrant:

Andrea Reichert, Chairman

Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager
Warden & Constable

Douglas Archer

Wayne Rundlett