

Town of Beddington
(www.beddingtonmaine.org)

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***WARRANT FOR THE
YEAR 2023***

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

SELECTBOARD

Jean Kaye term expires 2023

Christen Beal term expires 2024

Amy St. Aubin term expires 2025

**TAX COLLECTOR, CERTIFIED
BMV AGENT
DEPT OF INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE AGENT
Cindy Gay**

**TREASURER
TOWN CLERK
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
Appointed
Cindy Gay**

**OVERSEER OF THE POOR
Appointed - Cindy Gay**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER
Selectpersons**

PLANNING BOARD:

CHAIR

Mike Loughlin

MEMBERS

Chris St. Aubin

Michael Kaye

Tom Towns

Jason LaGrange

APPEALS BOARD
Victor Cardarelli
Wilma Laughlin
Tina Vaillancourt

FIRE CHIEF
Mike Loughlin

HEALTH OFFICER
Appointed – Christen Beal

ANIMAL CONTROL
Appointed – Stanley Mclean

Superintendent of Schools
Ronald Ramsay

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Rachel Grivois Term expires 2023
Crystal Perry Term expires 2024
Alma Loughlin Term expires 2025

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING INSPECTOR
LAND USE REGULATIONS
Charlie Peterson

TAX ASSESSOR
Douglas Guy

Town Office will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Washington's Birthday/President's Day

Patriot's Day

Memorial Day

Juneteenth

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving – one day prior to and one day after

Christmas – one day prior to and one day after

Town Hall can also be closed down for State and Federal Government emergencies and inclement weather.

TOWN WARRANT

County of Washington
State of Maine.

To Michael Kaye, resident of the Town of Beddington, in the County of Washington.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Beddington qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Building, April 1, 2023, at 9:00 am in the morning for the following purposes to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting, and to be paid \$25.

ARTICLE 2

To nominate and elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. For the election of such Officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of the Moderator and will close immediately after such Officers have been elected at which time the meeting will be resumed to act on the remaining articles.

SELECT PERSON 3 YEAR TERM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERM

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (Recommend to raise \$46,000.00, which includes 8% for Town's portion of payroll taxes.)

FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTPERSON	(1,500.00)
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TOWN CLERK	(2,800.00)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	(1000.00)
TREASURER	(4,600.00)
TAX COLLECTOR - CERTIFIED	(5,000.00)
Agent - Bureau of Motor Vehicles	(800.00)
Agent - Dept. Of Inland Fish & Wildlife	(600.00)
FIRE CHIEF	(1,000.00)
EMD OFFICER (APPOINTED)	(200.00)
HEALTH OFFICER (APPOINTED)	(200.00)
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	(1,500.00)
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	(2,175.00)
PLANNING BOARD	CHAIR PERSON (600.00)
	EACH MEMBER (400.00)

APPEALS BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(100.00)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	CHAIR PERSON	(200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(150.00)

* TOWN TO PAY .59 CENTS PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to change Headwaters Limited Residential from 10 acres to 5 acres for a building lot size as described in the Land Use Plan and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 4A

To see if the Town will vote to add an Ordinance to the Land Use Plan and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance regarding individual lots being subdivided (see handout).

ARTICLE 4B

To see if the Town will vote for the Planning Board to establish a schedule of fines for violations of the Land Use Plan and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 4C

To see if the Town will vote to approve replacing the overhead garage doors on the Firehouse. The cost will be \$10,000.00 or less. Funding will come from the General Fund Surplus and the money will be replaced from the sale of a Town owned property.

ARTICLE 4D

To see if the Town will vote to approve⁷ the purchase of new town tax

maps. The cost will be \$3,500.00 or less. The funding will come from the General Fund Surplus and be replaced from the sale of a Town owned property.

ARTICLE 4E

To see if the Town will vote to approve putting Cynthia Gay as the signature on the G. Stickney Trust and the Ministerial School account.

ARTICLE 4F

To see if the Town will vote to approve moving the G. Stickney Trust and the Ministerial School account to the regular Town account. Current bank doesn't wish to keep these accounts. These accounts would be monitored for interest that could be used at the Cemetery (Stickney Trust) and put into the School scholarship (Ministerial School Account).

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated fund balance a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2023. (Recommend \$3,000)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. section 943-c for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

- (A) A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Washington County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon. ⁸
- (B) The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-

payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time before the expiration of fourteen days from the date of such publication, plus interest, lien costs, and the cost of publication of the notice plus the cost of the quitclaim deed.

- (C) In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for the unpaid taxes fail to redeem the property, the Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the town's best interest to accept.

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Administration. (Recommend to raise \$31,000 and appropriate \$7,000 from general fund surplus.)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2023 budget in fiscal year 2024 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts. (Recommended)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to enter into contracts to accept State, Federal and Private Grants which the Board of Selectmen feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for maintenance of all Town Buildings. (Recommend to carry the balance forward of \$41,646 and raise \$5,000)

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the maintenance and repairs of Town Roads. (Recommend to carry forward the balance of \$6,669. and raise \$3,500.)

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for power and heat for Town buildings and street lights. (Recommend to carry forward \$2,014. and raise \$10,000,)

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Snow Removal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$35,093. appropriate \$15,000 from general fund surplus, and raise \$30,000)

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$10,317 and raise \$12,000)

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Care of the Cemetery. Recommend to carry balance forward of \$1,452. and raise \$1,000)

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the Care of the Poor. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$2,000)

ARTICLE 19

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be paid to the

following charities:

Red Cross	75.00
Cherryfield Ambulance	500.00
Lamb House	100.00
Life flight Foundation	200.00
	(\$875.00)

ARTICLE 20

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operating cost of the Beddington Fire Department. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$2,151. and raise \$2,500)

ARTICLE 21

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for 911 Street Signs, and 911 addressing issues. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$773. and raise \$500.)

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the Planning Board. (Recommend carry balance forward \$4,246.)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the town will vote to fix a date on which assessed taxes for the ensuing year shall become due and payable. (Recommend September 1, 2023)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the town will vote to fix an annual rate of interest to be collected on taxes remaining unpaid after some specific date, and set said date. (Town recommends after 9/30/23, interest rate be set at 8%).

ARTICLE 25

To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate from overlay

to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon. (Recommend \$2,000 from overlay)

ARTICLE 26

**Notice to Taxpayers: Beddington's share of Washington County Tax is: \$95,520.00
(Recommended to raise \$95,520.00)**

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law for the Town of Beddington. In the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

ARTICLE 28

To see what sum of money shall be raised and or appropriated for the purpose of funding a scholarship to be administered by the Beddington School Committee. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$4,775 and raise \$1,000.)

BEDDINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE **OPERATION BUDGET** **FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLES 1 TO 3 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$103,600.00

ARTICLE 2

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$ 4,500.00

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation..

School Committee Recommends \$20,000.00

ARTICLE 4 RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 4

To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K 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.

Total Appropriated: \$65,258.87

Total Raised: \$59,388.56

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K 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 5 RAISES LOCAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 5

(Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$62,841.13), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$62,841.13, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends** \$62,841.13 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$62,841.13: transportation and tuition costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K 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 municipal budget for educational programs.

**ARTICLE 6 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL
BUDGET**

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K 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 \$128,100.00

(Town recommends for the fiscal year 2023 to raise \$77,364.00, carry the balance forward of \$50,736,00).

**ARTICLE 7 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND
OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 7

Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriate?

ARTICLE 29

To adjourn:

Given under our hands the SELECTBOARD OF BEDDINGTON

Christen Beal

Amy St.Aubin

Jean Kaye