

## WARRANT TOWN OF WEST GARDINER

To: Tina J. Marks  
Resident of West Gardiner in the County of Kennebec

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of West Gardiner in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the West Gardiner Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March AD 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting. **John Clark – 3 votes**

ARTICLE 2. To elect all Town officers required by law and previous vote of the Town to be chosen by secret ballot. Namely: Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, Tax Collector/Treasurer, and RSU #11 School Board Member in accordance with provisions of Title 30, Section 2061 of the Revised Statutes of 1964 and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof. The polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and closed at 12:00 noon.

**Selectman – Randall Macomber – 120, Blank - 4; RSU #11 School Board Member – Carrie Boudway 117, Blank – 12; Tax Collector/Treasurer Sue A. Pierce – 130, Blank - 3**

The Business Meeting will open at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon, March 16, 2019 at the West Gardiner Town Hall then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to spend up to 25% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting or take any other action thereon.

**Explained that this article was to spend 25% of last years approved amount from 2/1 to Town Meeting Date.**

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the payment of interest on tax anticipated loans.

Selectmen Recommend: from Surplus

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Town Officials or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen recommend:	\$171,465.00 (18)	\$ 180,500.00 (19) From Excise Tax
Selectmen	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Administrative Assistant/ Excise Tax Collector/ Town Clerk	\$ 47,733.00	\$ 48,600.00
Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 39,722.00	\$ 40,500.00
Clerical Help	\$ 30,310.00	\$ 30,900.00
Fire Chief	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Fire Department Officers	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Wardens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,500.00
Animal Control Back Up	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
E-911 Coordinator	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00

**Discussion on Selectmen increase – last increase was 2008; Discussion of Office increase figures to be less than what a COLA would figure to be.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Administrative Account and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any receipts to the Administrative Account and carry any money forward into accounts as may be deemed necessary or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 45,000.00 (18) \$ 45,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the town website to be developed and maintained or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,200.00 (18) \$ 2,400.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Discussion made to removed older posts so one does not have to search as long for information**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Insurance Account or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$145,000.00 (18) \$125,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Fuel Account or take any other action thereon.**

**Selectmen Recommend: \$40,000.00 (18) \$ 40,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment on taxes not yet committed or take any other action thereon.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes and set a date after which interest shall be charged or take any other action thereon.**

**Selectmen Recommend: 6% per year starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable.**

**Selectmen Recommend: July 1, 2019**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to pay for tax abatements or take any other action thereon.**

**Selectmen Recommend: From overlay**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 14. 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, with such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property or take any other action thereon.**

**Selectmen Recommend: Sale by bid only after published notice in the local Newspaper and the Town Website.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of cost of the Social Security plan as provided for in Chapter 395 of Public Laws of 1951.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 25,000.00 (18)     \$ 25,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Support of Poor or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 0.00 (18)             \$ 0.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Care Of Cemeteries or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 14,000.00 (18)     \$17,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Decoration of Soldiers Graves or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 1,000.00 (18)     \$ 1,000.00 (19)

**Motion to Amend article to read Selectmen Recommend from Excise Tax – Amendment Approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for permanent markers to be placed on Veteran headstones or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 0.00 (18)             \$ 3,000.00 (19)

**Motion to amend article to remove word “permanent” from wording as it could damage old headstones – amendment approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society of Augusta or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 5,600.00 (18)     \$ 5,600.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**PROTECTION AND SANITATION**

**ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the West Gardiner Fire Department or take any other action thereon.**

Selectmen Recommend:     **\$ 20,000.00 (18)**     **\$ 20,000.00 (19)** From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for communications or take any other action thereon.**

Selectmen Recommend:     **\$ 40,000.00 (18)**     **\$ 45,000.00 (19)** From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) of thirty (30) payments on the new fire station or take any other action thereon.**

Selectmen Recommend:     **\$ 42,000.00 (18)**     **\$ 40,000.00 (19)**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to repair fire trucks or take any other action thereon.**

Selectmen Recommend:     **\$ 0.00 (18)**     **\$ 2,368.00 (19)**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to purchase Personal Protective Equipment or take any other action thereon.**

Selectmen Recommend:     **\$ 4,000.00 (18)**     **\$ 4,000.00 (19)**

**Motion made to amend article to read Selectmen Recommend \$4,000.00 and \$20,000.00 from Excise Tax – Motion approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to take \$600.00 of the income received from the State of Maine Fire Marshal’s Lease for a donation to the Forrest L. Wakefield Memory Scholarship Fund or take any other action thereon.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to participate in the Gardiner Ambulance Service or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 45,000.00 (18)     \$ 22,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the street lights or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 1,400.00 (18)     \$ 1,400.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to maintain the West Gardiner Transfer Station or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 130,000.00 (18)     \$ 105,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax  
\$ 10,000.00 from Transfer Station Cert.

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to change the name and transfer the remaining balance of \$ 5,993.60 from the existing Transfer Station Baler account to Transfer Station Facilities Maintenance Account or take any other action thereon.

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to add a cement pad for placement of Transfer Station Recycling Cans or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 0.00 (18)     \$ 4,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to increase the Fire Department Match Grant Account or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 23,000.00 (18)     \$ 23,000.00 (19) From Surplus

**Carried as written**

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the third (3rd) of sixteen (16) payments on the new town garage or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 28,000.00 (18)     \$ 26,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of roads during the winter months or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 118,000.00 (18)     \$ 135,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of roads during summer months or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 50,000.00 (18)     \$ 42,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for paving town roads or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 120,000.00 (18)     \$ 120,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for mowing roadsides and cutting bushes or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 6,000.00 (18)     \$ 2,000.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Motion made to amend article to allow for 2 mows a year increase to \$4,000.00 from Excise Tax - Motion approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: Funds from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)

**Motion made to allow Peter Coughlan – MDOT to speak and explain the LRAP Program**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the fifth of seven payments for the New Highway Truck or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 24,400.00 (18) \$ 24,400.00 (19) From Excise Tax

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for a town highway equipment account or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 5,000.00 (18) \$ 4,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS**

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to maintain the ACO vehicle or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 500.00 (18) \$ 500.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Friendly Neighbors Senior Citizens Club or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 4,500.00 (18) \$ 4,500.00 (19)  
\$ 750.00 George & Nettie Hall Cert.

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Cobbosseecontee Snowmobile Club or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,807.00 (18) \$ 1,827.00 (19) from Snowmobile Registrations

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to recognize the West Gardiner Veterans to be added on the Veterans Monument at a later date or to take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 500.00 (18) \$ 500.00 (19)

**Carried as written**



**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Gardiner Library or take any other action thereon.

Gardiner Library requests: \$ 35,269.00 (18) \$ 35,137.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Hospice Volunteers of Kennebec Valley or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,451.00 (18) \$ 1,451.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Family Violence Project or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,000.00 (18) \$ 1,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Chrysalis Place or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000.00 (18) \$ 1,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Faith Food Pantry Inc. or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,500.00 (18) \$ 1,500.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Spectrum Generations or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,634.00 (18) \$ 1,634.00 (19)

**Motion made to increase appropriation \$500.00 for a total \$2134.00 – motion approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley or take any other action thereon.

Boys & Girls Club Requests: \$ 15,910.00 (18) \$ 16,390.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the United Valley American Red Cross or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,200.00 (18) \$ 3,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town News Letter or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000.00 (18) \$ 3,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) or take any other action thereon.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Request \$ 750.00 (18) \$ 750.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the operation of the DASH boat (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester) or take any other action thereon.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Request \$ 5,000.00 (18) \$ 5,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for repairs done by the Town of Manchester on the Cobbossee Dam or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 5,000.00 (18) \$ 5,000.00 (19)

**Carried as written**

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to accept a legacy from which interest is to be used for Perpetual Care for the following burial lots:

Sandra Breton	\$ 50.00
Barbara Hickey	50.00

Betty Mason	50.00
Sandra Berglund	50.00
Robert Rossignol	50.00
Randy Macomber	100.00
Lynne Barry	100.00
Sandra Berglund	150.00
William Beaulieu	200.00
Robert Pierce	200.00
William & Susan Flanders	200.00

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Community Events that are held at the West Gardiner Fire Department or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:    \$ 2,400.00 (18)            \$ 1,200.00 (19) From Fire Marshall  
Lease

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Office building in need of upgrades or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:    \$ 5,000.00 (18)            \$ 10,000.00 (19)

**Motion made to amend article to read to Selectmen recommend \$10,000.00 from Excise Tax. – motion approved**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to remove the Old Town Garage and build a salt storage facility or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:    \$ 0.00 (18)                \$40,000.00 (19)

**Motion made to amend article to read to Selectmen recommend \$40,000.00 from Surplus and \$15,000.00 from Excise Tax. Motion approved.**

**Discussion about where to build and what to build and how much was allotted for each project – tearing down the old garage, building a new 1 bay salt storage (if needed), building a structure for the Historical Society, etc.**

**“Straw-pole” discussion was done to rename the Town Garage after Chester Thompson because of all he has done for the Town over the years being as he was the Road Commissioner of West Gardiner and built part of the first Town Garage out his pocket.**

**Carried as amended article**

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to take people to court who are in violation of the State’s Junkyard Ordinance or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend:     \$ 0.00 (18)                     \$ 20,000.00 (19)

**Discussion on what to do, which ordinance (town or state) we follow regarding junkyard and/or automobile graveyard. More research is being done. Discussion was made that if the money was not used/needed, it will just sit in the account and will return to surplus later.**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 62. Shall an ordinance entitled Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance be enacted?**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 63. Shall an ordinance entitled Fire Department Service Restitution Ordinance be enacted?**

**Carried as written**

**ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of West Gardiner by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit or take any other action thereon. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot).**

**Motion made to pass over article – motion approved**

**Motion made to adjourn meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> – all approved  
Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM**

**The Registrar, Angela J. Phillis, hereby gives notice that she will be at the polls for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 8:00 a.m. in the morning until the polls are closed.**

**Given under our hands this 21<sup>th</sup> of February 2019**

Gregory A. Couture

**Gregory A. Couture**

Merton L. Hickey

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Randall W. Macomber

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**Selectmen**

**Town of West Gardiner**

**ATTEST: Tina J. Marks**

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**Resident of West Gardiner**