

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 Highway Garage in said Town on Saturday the 10th of April AD 2021 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

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 – 3 Years, Road Commissioner – 3 Years, RSU #11 School Board Member – 2 Years, and RSU #11 School Board Member – 3 Years 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:
Gregory A. Couture – 75

Road Commissioner:
Gary Hickey - 76

RSU #11 – 2 Years:
Nicole Madore – 13
Zoey Hickey – 9
Shauna Burke – 2

RSU #11 – 3 Years:
Patrick J. Saucier – 69

The Business Meeting will open at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon, April 10, 2021 at the West Gardiner Highway Garage 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.

Article approved 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

Article approved 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: \$186,800.00 (20) \$195,100.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Selectmen	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Administrative Assistant/ Excise Tax Collector/ Town Clerk	\$ 49,100.00	\$ 49,600.00
Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 40,900.00	\$ 41,300.00
Clerical Help	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 31,500.00
Office Support	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00
Fire Chief	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Fire Department Officers	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Wardens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
E-911 Coordinator	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,850.00

Article approved 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 (20) \$ 45,000.00 (21)

Motion made to amend article to add \$20,000.00 from Surplus to purchase an Electronic Sign for the Town, amendment 2nd.

Amended article approved.

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: \$ 2,400.00 (20) \$ 2,400.00 (21)
From Excise Tax**

Article approved 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: \$125,000.00 (20) \$ 145,000.00 (21)

Article approved 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: \$30,000.00 (20) \$ 20,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax**

Article approved 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.

Article approved 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 1st.

Article approved as written

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

Selectmen Recommend: July 1, 2021

Article approved 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

Article approved 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.

Article approved 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: \$ 30,000.00 (20) \$ 30,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax**

Article approved 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 (20) \$ 0.00 (21)

Article approved 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: \$ 17,000.00 (20) \$ 17,000.00 (21)

Article approved 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 (20) \$ 1,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 19. 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: \$ 4,000.00 (20) \$ 4,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

PROTECTION AND SANITATION

ARTICLE 20. 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: \$ 25,000.00 (20) \$ 25,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax**

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 21. 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: \$ 45,000.00 (20) \$ 50,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the fourteenth (14th) of thirty (30) payments on the new fire station or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 40,000.00 (20) \$ 40,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 23. 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: \$ 8,000.00 (20) \$ 0.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 24. 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: \$ 5,000.00 (20) \$ 5,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the second (2nd) of three (3) payments on the SCBA & Associated Equipment lease or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 27,500.00 (20) \$ 28,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

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.

Article approved 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: \$ 41,000.00 (20) \$ 45,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,400.00 (20) \$ 1,400.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 29. 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: \$ 50,000.00 (20) \$ 50,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 30. 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: \$ 0.00 (20) \$ 1,200.00 (21)
From F.M. Lease

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 31. 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 (20) \$ 150,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax/CD

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to purchase a transfer station closed top trash container or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 0.00 (20) \$ 10,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Transfer Station Facilities Maintenance account or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 4,000.00 (20) \$ 6,200.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the fifth (5th) of sixteen (16) payments on the new town garage or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 27,000.00 (20) \$ 27,000.00 (21)

Article approved 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 the winter months or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 130,000.00 (20) \$ 100,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 36. 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: \$ 55,000.00 (20) \$ 35,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 37. 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 (20) \$ 120,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 38. 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: \$ 1,500.00 (20) \$ 9,500.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 39. 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)

Article approved as written

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 1,833.00 (20) \$ 1,800.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 45. 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 (20) \$ 500.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 46. 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: \$ 35,005.00 (20) \$ 35,004.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the following requests or take any other action thereon:

Discussion was done by a Volunteer of Spectrum Generations seeking an additional \$850.00 to increase their appropriation to \$3,000.00. Motion made to accept amended price, 2nd – vote 9 approved, 12 opposed. Amendment denied.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 10,451.00 (20) \$ 10,451.00 (21)

Hospice Volunteers of K.V. \$ 1,451.00 (20) \$ 1,451.00 (21)

Family Violence Project \$ 1,150.00 (20) \$ 1,150.00 (21)

Chrysalis Place \$ 1,000.00 (20) \$ 1,000.00 (21)

Faith Food Pantry \$ 1,500.00 (20) \$ 1,500.00 (21)

Spectrum Generations \$ 2,150.00 (20) \$ 2,150.00 (21)

United Valley American Red Cross \$ 3,200.00 (20) \$ 3,200.00 (21)

Article passed as originally written.

ARTICLE 48. 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: \$ 16,880.00 (20) \$ 15,900.00 (21)

Article approved as written

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500.00 (20) \$ 2,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

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

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Request

\$ 6,750.00 (20) \$ 6,000.00 (21)

Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) \$ 1,750.00 (20) \$ 1,000.00 (21)

DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester) \$ 5,000.00 (20) \$ 5,000.00 (21)

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 51. 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:

Anthony Morgan	\$ 50.00
Dana Crocker	50.00
Kelly Charette/Peggy O'Ben	100.00
Faye Phillis	100.00
Elwood Butler	200.00
Charlene McFarland	200.00

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 52. 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: \$ 4,000.00 (20) \$ 5,000.00 (21)
From Excise Tax

Article approved as written

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the exterior repairs to the Auxiliary Hall or take any other actions thereon.

Motion made to amend article to take from Surplus instead of Appropriation, 2nd –

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 0.00 (20) \$ 12,000.00 (21)

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to move the balance of the \$80,000.00 approved for the purchase of Chapman’s house and land next to the Auxiliary Hall into a new account to be named the Historical Society Building Account.

Article carried as written

ARTICLE 55. Shall an ordinance entitled Sex Offender Residency Restrictions Ordinance be enacted? **Discussion was done as to the change that was from 500 feet to 750 feet minimum.**

Article carried as written

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of **ACO Van** Town-owned personal property with a value of \$3,000 dollars or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. **Amendment to article to change wording to ACO Van (which is no longer being used), motion to accept and 2nd.**

Article carried as amended

ARTICLE 57. 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).

Yes – 48

No – 3

Article carried as written

Motion made to adjourn meeting, 2nd – meeting adjourned at 2:40 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 11th of March, 2021.

Gregory A. Couture

Randall W. Macomber

Steven A. McGee
Selectmen
Town of West Gardiner

ATTEST: _____
Tina J. Marks
Resident of West Gardiner