

WARRANT

for

The Town of North Berwick

County of York

State of Maine

April 9, 2022

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

NORTH BERWICK, MAINE

April 9, 2022

COUNTY OF YORK -- STATE OF MAINE

To, Dwayne G. Morin, Resident of North Berwick, Maine in the County of York and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of North Berwick, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Noble High School in said Town of North Berwick on Saturday April 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and to determine by secret ballot certain amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote that all balances, both debits and credits in all departments of Town Government be lapsed and that the following account balances be carried forward:

Winter Highway	Sidewalks	Parks and Recreation
Patch	Animal Control	HRA Funds
Town Computer Account	Mill Field Festival	Capital Improvement Funds

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to apply the following estimated amounts from Excise Taxes, Miscellaneous Fee Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2022/2023 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

Excise Taxes	\$1,105,000.00
Miscellaneous Fee Revenues	\$331,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$290,000.00
State Road Bond	\$69,500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$220,000.00
BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$1,860,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,875,500.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town **will** vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend State and Federal grants and funds including, when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents or other paperwork, provided that such grants or funds do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to accept taxes in anticipation of tax commitment.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to set a date for payment of taxes and determine a rate of interest on overdue taxes.

Due Date: October 7, 2022 Delinquent: October 8, 2022
Balance Due: May 5, 2023 Delinquent: May 6, 2023
Interest: 4%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the operation of the North Berwick Fire Department.

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Fire Department	\$149,895.00	\$156,425.00	4.36%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$156,425.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Debt Service – Fire Pumper.

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Pumper:	\$36,800.00	\$35,979.00	-2.23%

Note: This is the tenth payment on the 10 year bond to fund the purchase of a new fire pumper approved at Town Meeting on March 31, 2012.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$35,979.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvements – Fire Tanker.

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Tanker:	\$25,091.00	\$24,580.00	-2.04%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$24,580.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

Note: This is the seventh payment on the 10 year bond to fund the purchase of a new fire tanker approved at Town Meeting on April 15, 2015.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvement – New Fire Station Planning.

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Fire Station Planning:	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$50,000.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Capital Improvements – Fire Pumper.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Pumper:	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%

Note: This is a payment to be placed into a reserve account for the purchase of a new fire pumper.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$40,000.00 AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PUMPER PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to move \$200,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance to the Pumper Escrow Account and expend such funds to offset the cost of the new **Fire Pumper.**

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PUMPER PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 14: To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a replacement pumper and accessories for the Fire Department in the amount not to exceed \$625,000.00 ; and to enter into a lease purchase agreement for that purpose with a lease finance company for a term of not more than 10 years.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PUMPER PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of this Town in an amount not to exceed \$625,000.00, which bonds or notes may be made callable with or without premium, and to use the proceeds of this borrowing to complete the purchase of a pumper for the Fire Department of the Town of North Berwick?

Financial Statement
Town of North Berwick, Maine

Total Town Indebtedness	
Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid	\$1,440,487.00
Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0.00
Bonds to be issued if this question is approved	\$ 625,000.00

Costs

It is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to borrow these funds from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. At an estimated interest rate of 3%, the estimated costs of this bond over a 10 year term will be:

Principal	\$ 625,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 107,750.00</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 732,750.00

The interest costs may vary depending on the term, interest rates and other details of these securities.

Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

**/s/ Dwayne G. Morin
Town Treasurer**

Fiscal Note: The Town currently appropriates \$40,000.00 a year towards the Pumper Escrow Account and \$36,800.00 for the Pumper Bond Payment for the pumper purchased in 2012, which is paid off this year. The Board of Selectmen are proposing to offset the amount of borrowing by utilizing the Pumper Escrow Account to lower the amount borrowed for the Pumper. By utilizing the Pumper Escrow Account to offset the borrowing, the average yearly bond payment for this bond is estimated to be \$42,800.00. This bond is estimated to increase the tax rate by \$0.000 per \$1,000.00 of valuation or no tax increase.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PUMPER PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR.. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Police Department and Animal Control.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Police Department	\$1,014,105.00	\$1,147,733.00	13.18%
Animal Control	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	\$1,034,105.00	\$1,167,733.00	12.92%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$1,167,733.00 WITH \$15,000.00 FROM DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AND \$62,500.00 FROM COPS GRANT PLUS FEES. VOTE 7-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Capital Improvement – Police Cruiser.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Police Cruiser:	\$0.00	\$45,460.00	new

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$45,460.00 FROM EQUIPMENT FUND AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CRUISER PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Street Lights, Hydrant Rental, and Dispatch Services.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Street Lights	\$12,500.00	\$13,000.00	4.00%
Hydrant Rental	\$175,000.00	\$196,000.00	12.00%
Dispatch Services	<u>\$127,500.00</u>	<u>\$142,000.00</u>	<u>11.37%</u>
	\$315,000.00	\$351,000.00	11.43%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$351,000.00 WITH \$100,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Rescue Squad.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Rescue Squad	\$291,153.00	\$361,290.00	24.09%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$361,290.00 WITH \$26,500.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS. VOTE 7-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Transfer Station.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Transfer Station	\$264,970.00	\$278,990.00	5.29%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$278,990.00 WITH \$149,275.00 FROM ENTERPRISE FUND. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Capital Improvements - Transfer Station.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Transfer Station	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$42,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Public Works Department.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Winter Public Works	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	0.00%
General Public Works	\$114,145.00	\$117,165.00	2.65%
Patch	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
Salaries	<u>\$319,255.00</u>	<u>\$357,950.00</u>	<u>12.12%</u>
	\$594,420.00	\$631,115.00	6.17%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$631,115.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Debt Service – Road Bond.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Road Bond:	\$103,516.00	\$101,205.00	-2.23%

Note: This is the tenth payment on the 10 year bond to fund the repair of roads approved at Town Meeting on March 31, 2012.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$101,205.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Capital Improvements – Roads.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Roads – Sidewalks CIP	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
Roads - Capital	\$296,484.00	\$298,750.00	0.76%
	\$301,484.00	\$303,750.00	0.75%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$303,750.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Capital Improvements – Vehicle.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
CIP- Plow Truck	\$.00	\$250,000.00	new

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$250,000.00 WITH \$125,000.00 FROM EQUIPMENT FUND AND \$125,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AND ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PLOW TRUCK PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR.. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Government Expenses.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Administration	\$314,185.00	\$326,665.00	3.97%
Town Office Salaries	\$171,660.00	\$180,675.00	4.00%
HRA	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	20.00%
Board of Selectmen	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	0.00%
Code Enforcement Salary	\$71,585.00	\$80,080.00	11.86%
Code Enforcement Administration	\$32,765.00	\$22,735.00	-44.11%
Tax Assessment	\$63,750.00	\$60,500.00	-5.10%
Town Manager Salary	\$114,330.00	\$118,900.00	4.00%
Town Manager Administration	\$45,265.00	\$46,810.00	3.41%
	\$838,740.00	\$853,565.00	1.77%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$853,565.00 WITH \$22,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Town Reports.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Town Reports	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$5,500.00. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Debt Service – Municipal Building Bond.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Municipal Building Bond	\$95,915.00	\$95,915.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$95,915.00. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

Note: This is the fifteenth payment on the 29 year bond to fund the renovations of the Municipal Building approved at Town Meeting on April 1, 2006.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Insurance.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Insurance	\$115,500.00	\$115,500.00	0.00%
FICA For All Employees	\$125,750.00	\$136,500.00	8.55%
	\$241,250.00	\$252,000.00	4.46%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$252,000.00. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Assistance.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
General Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$5,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to cover **unanticipated expenses** for the 2020 fiscal year.

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Unanticipated Expenses:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$5,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Town Boards.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
Planning Board	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
Conservation/Agricultural Commission	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	0.00%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$9,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Parks and Recreation.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Parks and Recreation Commission	\$92,350.00	\$102,550.00	11.05%
Community Center	\$27,515.00	\$26,620.00	-3.36%
Mill Field Operation:	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
Mill Field Festival	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>-100.00%</u>
	\$124,865.00	\$136,670.00	9.45%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$136,670.00 WITH \$20,000.00 FROM DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 7-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the maintenance of **Municipal Cemeteries.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Cemetery Trustees:	\$15,800.00	\$22,600.00	43.04%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$22,600.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Cemeteries & Historical Society.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Maintenance of Old and Veteran Cemeteries	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
Oakwoods Meeting House	<u>\$2,150.00</u>	<u>\$3,240.00</u>	<u>50.70%</u>
	\$12,150.00	\$13,240.00	8.97%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$13,240.00 WITH \$3,240.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **D.A. Hurd Library.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Library	\$262,475.00	\$277,350.00	5.67%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$277,350.00. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Social Services.**

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
Caring Unlimited	\$1,373.00	\$1,493.00	8.74%
Visiting Nurse Service	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	0.00%
York County Community Action	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	0.00%
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	0.00%
Lifeflight	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
MPBN	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
York County Child Abuse	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	66.67%
So. Me. Veterans Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Seacoast AIDS	\$0.00	\$750.00	
York County Shelters	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total	\$15,623.00	\$16,893.00	8.13%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

Caring Unlimited	\$1,493.00
Visiting Nurse Service	\$5,500.00
York County Community Action	\$2,250.00
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$3,300.00
Lifeflight	\$500.00
MPBN	\$100.00
York County Child Abuse	\$1,000.00
So. Me. Veteran's Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Seacoast AIDS	\$750.00
York County Shelters	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$16,893.00

ARTICLE 38: To see what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for funding outside agencies:

	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
American Legion	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
Seacoast Shipyard	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
Eastern Trail	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission	<u>\$2,257.00</u>	<u>\$2,325.00</u>	<u>3.01%</u>
	\$8,757.00	\$8,825.00	0.77%

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS. VOTE. 8-0 IN FAVOR

American Legion	\$2,500.00
Seacoast Shipyard	\$500.00
Eastern Trail	\$3,500.00
Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission	<u>\$2,325.00</u>
Total	\$8,825.00

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to deposit the excess balance of the 2023 fiscal year Excise Tax and all unspent appropriated Excise Tax into the Equipment Fund.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to utilize Undesignated Fund Balance for the unforeseen purchase and/or repair of vehicles and equipment for the current fiscal year not to exceed \$40,000.00 during the fiscal year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional and unconditional contributions of monetary gifts, property and equipment on behalf of the Town.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to certify that the public purpose of the Canal Street Affordable Housing Development District is being met and that the required housing affordability and other conditions of approval, including limitations on uses of tax increment revenues for approved development project costs, set forth in the Certificate of Approval issued by Maine State Housing Authority for the District and the related Affordable Housing Development Program are being maintained.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation into and the expenditure from the Affordable Housing Development Program Fund of the amounts required by the Credit Enhancement Agreement dated as of December 2006 between the Town and North Berwick Affordable Housing Limited Partnership established by the Town pursuant to the **Canal Street Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District** and the Development Program.

Explanatory Note: The Town voted to designate the Canal Street Affordable Tax Increment Financing District and adopt the development program for the District at the Special Town Meeting held on November 28, 2006.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, VOTE 9-0 IN FAVOR.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend grant funds received under the ARPA program as follows:

Premium Pay for Employees	\$86,500.00
Communications Project	\$197,000.00
Sanitary District Projects	\$80,000.00
Water District Projects	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$443,500.00

NOTE: The Town of North Berwick has received \$499,641.52 in ARPA grant funds. The Funds must be utilized in accordance to the guidance document prepared by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Board of Selectmen are electing to take the standard allowance to replace Public Sector Revenue Loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the guidance document, the Town can elect the standard allowance of up to \$10 million and the funds must be spent on governmental services.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: OUGHT TO PASS, \$443,500.00 WITH \$437,500.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS AND \$6,000.00 FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE. VOTE 8-0 IN FAVOR.

The polls will be open to act on Article 1 & Article 2, Saturday April 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m.

The registrar of voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voter registration list; to accept the registration of any eligible voter and to accept new enrollments.

Any person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election. Hereof fail not make due service of the warrant and return of your doings at the time and place of the meeting.

Given under our hands at North Berwick, Maine, this 15th day of March, A.D. Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

Selectmen of North Berwick, Maine

Charles Galemmo, Chair

Michael D. Johnson, Sr.

Michael D. Johnson, Jr.

Jonathan D. Hall

Wendy P. Cowan

A true copy

Attest:

Christine Dudley, Town Clerk

OFFICER'S RETURN

North Berwick
County of York
March _____, 2022

Pursuant to the following warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of North Berwick, Maine qualified are therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose herein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the warrant and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance and the Local Liquor Option Questions. A copy of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Animal Control Ordinance are available in the Town Clerk's office.

at:
Municipal Office
U.S. Post Office
North Berwick Elementary School

The same being public places within North Berwick, Maine.

Dwayne G. Morin
Resident, North Berwick, Maine

Referendum Questions for Annual Town Meeting

Statutory Local Option Election Questions

Question #1: “Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sundays?”

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Town Meeting Referendum Questions

Question #3: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Enact Drinking Establishment Performance Standards” be enacted?

Question #4: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Revise Driveway Definition” be enacted?

Question #5: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Animal Control Ordinance Amendments” be enacted?

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Town Meeting Referendum Questions:

Zoning Question #1: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Enact Drinking Establishment Performance Standards” be enacted?

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Enact Drinking Establishment Performance Standards

The Zoning Ordinance of North Berwick, Maine, is proposed to be amended to add the following new Section 5.2.23:

5.2.23 Drinking Establishment Standards

- A. Ownership:** An operator of a Drinking Establishment who does not own his or her property and who wants to operate a Drinking Establishment shall obtain written permission from the property owner.
- B. Security and oversight requirements:**
 - 1. Alarm Systems - Drinking Establishment shall have door and window intrusion alarms with audible and police notification components.
 - 2. Exterior security lighting – Drinking Establishment shall have spot lights with motion sensors covering the full perimeter of the facility.
 - 3. Video surveillance – Drinking Establishment shall have recorded video surveillance covering the entire exterior. The recorded video surveillance shall operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Records of surveillance shall be kept for a minimum of 30 days.
 - 4. Locks – Deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and locks or bars on any other access points (e.g., windows).
- C. Compliance with health and safety codes:** The structure where a Drinking Establishment is operated shall meet all applicable requirements of the Town's building, electrical, fire, and other health safety and technical codes. The structure where a Drinking Establishment is operated shall be constructed of building materials approved by the Code Enforcement Department and Fire Chief, or their designees.

D. Setbacks from Sensitive Uses: Unless otherwise permitted by 28-A M.R.S. § 701, No Drinking Establishment shall be allowed within 300 feet of any existing public or private school, school dormitory, church, chapel, or parish house (each a “Sensitive Use”), with the distance measured from the main entrance of the premises of the Drinking Establishment to the main entrance of the Sensitive Use by the ordinary course of travel. Applicants for any Sensitive Use proposed within the 300-foot setback of an existing Drinking Establishment shall be required to sign a form, which may be obtained from the Code Enforcement Department, which indicates that they are aware that an existing Drinking Establishment is located within the setback area.

Intent:

Due to a recent review of the Maine Liquor Laws, the Town of North Berwick is now required to either allow for all types of liquor to be served in all establishments and not limit the type of establishment if the town allows any consumption on premises. This Zoning Ordinance change establishes standards for Drinking Establishments that are consistent with other standards contained within the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Question #2: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Revise Driveway Definition” be enacted?

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments
to Revise Driveway Definition**

The Zoning Ordinance of North Berwick, Maine, is proposed to be amended by removing the words shown in strikethrough form and adding the words shown in underline form to the definition of “Driveway” in Article 3, Section 3.2, as follows:

Driveway: a vehicular access-way ~~less than five hundred (500) feet in length~~ serving up to two single-family dwellings or one two-family dwelling, or less, except that in the Shoreland Zoning Districts, a driveway is a vehicular access-way less than five hundred (500) feet in length serving two single-family dwellings or one two-family dwelling, or less.

Intent: To remove the length restriction for a residential driveway except in the Shoreland Zoning districts as required by the State of Maine Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Law.

Animal Control Ordinance Question #1: Shall an ordinance entitled “Proposed Animal Control Ordinance Amendments” be enacted?

Proposed Animal Control Ordinance Amendments

The Town of North Berwick Animal Control Ordinance is proposed to be amended by removing the words shown in strikethrough form and adding the words shown in underline form, as follows:

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1.10 Duty to dispose of waste: It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any owner to fail to immediately remove and dispose of any feces left by the owner’s dog on any sidewalk, street or publicly owned property.

~~1.10~~ 1.11 Violations: Any person found in violation of sections 1.1, 1.2, ~~and~~ 1.3 or 1.10 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$100.00 for each offense. Any fine collected shall inure to the Town of North Berwick.

~~1.11~~ 1.12 If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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Intent: To amend the ordinance to require any person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to properly clean up their dog’s feces on any publicly owned property including streets, sidewalks.