

THE WARRANT

HANCOCK S.S.

STATE OF MAINE

To Ruth Franzius, a resident of the Town of Hancock, in the County of Hancock.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Hancock on Monday, the 9th day of May 2022 at 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, the polling hours thereof to be from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Hancock Grammar School gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, the 10th day of May 2022 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act upon **Articles 3 through 74** as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE:

1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To elect by secret ballot the following officers for the ensuing year: Two Selectmen/Assessor (3 year); Two Planning Board Members (3 year); 1 Associate Planning Board Member (3year); and Two School Board Members (3 year).

Selectman/Assessor

George Colwell – 70

Samuel Dibella – 137

Daniel Hodgkins – 83

Sean Jones – 109

Planning Board Member

Douglas Kimmel – 189

Robert Emerson (write-in) – 78

School Board Member

Crystal Burke - 111

Savanna Havey - 131

Lisa Jones - 99

Amanda Tupper – 94

Planning Board Associate Member

Antonio Blasi (write-in) - 48

Motion to adopt the Maine Rules of Procedure, seconded, passed.

Motion to allow non-residents to speak, seconded, passed.

3. To choose a Budget Committee. *Motion to nominate the current Budget Committee Members, seconded, passed.*

Motion to allow a recorded hand count vote to be used for articles requiring a written ballot per the residents in attendance, the Board and the Moderator, seconded, passed.

EDUCATION ARTICLES
(Articles 4 through Article 16)

4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **Recommend \$2,517,653.52**

- K to 8 Elementary Instructional Services
- 9 to 12 Regular Secondary Program
- English as a Second Language
- Gifted and Talented Program

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **Recommend \$1,111,649.82**

- K-12 Special Education Services

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **Recommend \$40,970.56**

- Elementary Co-Curricular
- Elementary Athletics

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **Recommend \$365,966.30**

- Guidance
- Health Services

- Curriculum
- Instructional Staff Training
- Library
- Instructional Technology
- Student Assessment

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **Recommend \$207,604.04**

- School Board
- Office of the Superintendent
- Business Services

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **Recommend \$196,146.82**

- Office of the Principal

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **Recommend \$284,402.45**

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **Recommend \$378,881.98**

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

12. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **Recommend \$68,942.76**

- School Nutrition Program
- Article 9 authorizes the expenditure of school nutrition service funds. Article 12 authorizes these same funds to be raised and appropriated.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

13. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$3,575,056.29) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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. **Recommend \$2,704,153.34**

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, vote taken: 54 yes; 0 no, passed.

14. Shall the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate \$969,571.24 additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$969,571.24 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends** \$969,571.24 additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$969,571.24

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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 (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, vote taken; 54 yes; 0 no, passed.

15. Shall the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate **\$68,942.76** for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program) for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 fiscal year?

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

16. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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. **Recommend: \$5,172,218.25**

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, vote taken: 52 yes; 0 no, passed.

Articles #17 through #25 are funding requests from non-municipal organizations totaling \$30,597.00 in taxation or approximately less than 1% of your tax bill. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee make no recommendation on these articles.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,028.00 from Taxation for the support of Downeast Community Partners (Formerly Washington Hancock Community Agency, WHCA).

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from Taxation for the support of the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from Taxation for the support of Women Infants and Children (W.I.C.) program.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from Taxation for the support of Eastern Agency on Aging.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 from Taxation for the support of Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 from Surplus for the support of the Hancock Historical Society.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,970.00 from Taxation for the support of the Ellsworth Library.

A lengthy discussion was held with various input from a few residents. *Motion to move the question, seconded, passed. Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.*

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from Taxation for the support of the Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$599.00 from Taxation for the support of the Life Flight Foundation.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

*******End of Funding Requests*******

26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of tax-acquired property and other town owned property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and in the best interests of the public, to authorize the Municipal Officers to execute a quitclaim deed and any other documents necessary for the disposal of such property and to authorize the Municipal Officers, in their discretion, to retain any tax-acquired property or any portion thereof for municipal purposes. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for

qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers 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.

Motion to approve articles 27 – 35 collectively, seconded, passed.

Motion to approve articles 27 – 35 as presented, seconded, passed.

28. To see if the Town will vote that orders of the Municipal Officers for the closing of roads in winter under 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953 shall be final determinations of said closings.
29. To see if the Town will vote to fix the 1st of November and the 1st of February when all 2022 taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge 4% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s).
30. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes and to vote to pay 0% interest on said prepayments. Prepayments will only be accepted on the current year and 1 additional year. (Example: 2022 tax year and 2023 tax year.)
31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to set the rate of interest at 4% for overpayment of taxes.
32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay those sums which it is obligated to pay for approved tax abatements including any interest due thereon.
33. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend any miscellaneous departmental revenues received during 2022/2023 and any funds carried forward from 2021/2022 within the same department.
34. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Officers to enter into multiyear contracts and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to extend such contracts for such additional periods as they deem appropriate provided that there is no increase in cost.
35. To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances and overdrafts in all accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Municipal Officers, transferred to Unappropriated Surplus.

36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to seek intervenor status in the matter of permits sought by American Aquafarms to locate a salmon aquaculture operation in Frenchman Bay.

Discussion was held. *Motion to amend article to read "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to seek intervenor status **in opposition** to the matter of permits sought by American Aquafarms to locate a salmon aquaculture operation in Frenchman Bay, seconded, passed. Motion to approve as amended, seconded, passed.*

37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5000.00 from legal reserve for the application process of intervenor status for the Town (subject to approval of article #36) (this amount is included in Article #39)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, no second, failed.

38. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Hancock Historical Society to be a continuing warrant article for \$3,000.00 from Taxation.

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$291,050.00 for Administration in the following manner: \$36,000.00 from Taxation, \$149,175.00 from Excise, \$85,375.00 from Surplus and \$20,500.00 from other.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve articles 39 – 44 collectively, seconded, passed.

Motion to approve articles 39 – 44 as presented, seconded, passed.

40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 from Surplus for each of the five Selectmen/Assessors. (Total Compensation: \$10,000.00 this amount is included in Article #39).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$19,200.00 from Surplus for Planning Board expenses.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,300.00 from Surplus for operating expenses for the Town Hall.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$23,000.00 from Surplus for assessing expenses (\$20,000.00 for the appraisal service of an Assessor's Agent and \$3,000.00 for annual updates to the town's digital tax maps).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from Surplus for future revaluation of the Town and to make expenditures from this fund not to exceed the balance. This fund will continue to roll over annually until spent.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$89,355.00 from Taxation for the operating expenses for the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 from Taxation for the Fire Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #45.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 from Taxation for the Assistant Fire Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #45.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000.00 from Taxation for the Future Fire Department Building Fund. This fund may be used for the pre-planning, design, and engineering phase at the discretion of the Board.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve articles 47 – 72 collectively, excepting articles 58 & 61, seconded, passed.

Motion to approve articles 47- 72 as presented, excepting articles 58 & 61, seconded, passed.

49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$28,500.00 from Surplus for the Future Fire Truck Fund.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,300.00 from Taxation for the First Responders Program.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 from Taxation for the EMS Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #50.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from Taxation for the Assistant EMS Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #50.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 from Excise for Street Lights.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

54. To see if the Town to will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from Surplus for Northern Lights Ambulance Service.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,100.00 from Surplus for Health Officer Stipend/Training.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

56. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 from Surplus for animal control.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,500.00 from Surplus for 911 dispatching services.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 for paving in the following manner: \$75,000.00 from Excise and 100% of State Road Assistance (approximately \$25,000.00).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$116,500.00 from Excise for Snow Removal. (This is year three of a three year contract.)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from Excise for operation of the Salt/Sand Shed.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000.00 from Excise for Town Road Maintenance.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

62. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$600.00 from Surplus for the utilities associated with the Transfer Station.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$102,500.00 for Municipal Solid Waste in the following manner: \$54,500.00 from Excise, and \$48,000.00 from anticipated revenue.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

64. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,000.00 from the Hancock Recreation Reserve for the Hancock Recreation Program Committee.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

65. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$975.00 from Surplus for the Monument Lot.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

66. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1000.00 from Surplus for Memorial Day.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

67. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$11,500.00 from Surplus for the care and maintenance of Veterans graves in the Town of Hancock. (This amount is paid out to the three (3) cemeteries in town.)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

68. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 from Surplus for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

69. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$6,000.00 from Surplus for General Assistance and to allow the Municipal Officers to spend the State reimbursement of approximately \$4,200.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$197,343.00 from Taxation for County Taxes.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

71. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 from Surplus for the Hancock Point Village Improvement Society to assist with the annual operation and maintenance of the wharf and floats at Hancock Point, which are owned by said Society for the beneficial use of its membership and all citizens of the Town of Hancock in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine and regulations of said Society as may be appurtenant thereto.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

72. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 from Surplus for the mowing of the landfill lot.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 from Taxation for legal expenses relating to the costs associated with the surveying, deed description preparation and any other legal matters that may be required to prepare the Tannery property for sale.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve as presented, seconded, passed.

74. To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

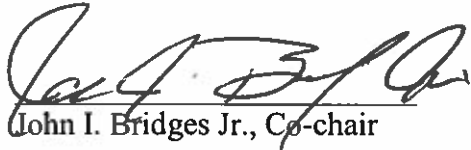
Motion to approve as presented, seconded, 54 yes; 0 no, passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded, passed.

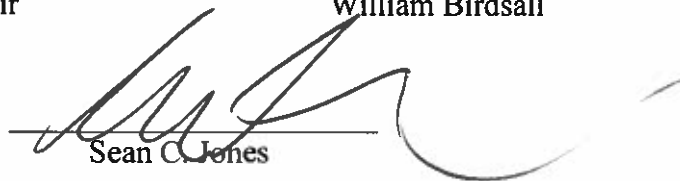
Given under our hands this 1st day of June, 2022.


George W. Colwell, Chair


Adam C. Foster


John I. Bridges Jr., Co-chair


William Birdsall


Sean C. Jones

Town Of Hancock Proposed Budget 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

2022 / 2023	Proposed Budget	Taxation	Excise	Surplus	Other
Administration	\$ 291,050	\$ 36,000	\$ 149,175	\$ 85,375	\$ 20,500
Planning Board	\$ 19,200			\$ 19,200	
Town Hall Operating Expenses	\$ 17,300			\$ 17,300	
Assessor's Agent	\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000	
Mapping	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
Revaluation	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000	
Fire Department	\$ 89,355	\$ 89,355			
Fire Department Building Fund	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000			
Fire Truck fund	\$ 28,500			\$ 28,500	
FD First Responders	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,300			
Street Lights	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500		
Northern Lights Ambulance	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000	
Health Officer	\$ 1,100			\$ 1,100	
Animal Control	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
Landfill - Mowing	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	
911 Dispatching Services	\$ 8,500			\$ 8,500	
Paving	\$ 100,000		\$ 75,000		\$ 25,000
Snow Removal	\$ 116,500		\$ 116,500		
Salt/Sand Shed	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500		
Town Roads	\$ 65,000		\$ 65,000		
Transfer Station	\$ 600			\$ 600	
Solid Waste	\$ 102,500		\$ 54,500		\$ 48,000
Recreation Program	\$ 4,000				\$ 4,000
Monument Lot	\$ 975			\$ 975	
Memorial Day	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	
Riverside Cemetery	\$ 7,500			\$ 7,500	
Hillcrest Cemetery	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	
Pinetree Cemetery	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
Shellfish Committee	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
General Assistance	\$ 6,000			\$ 6,000	
Hancock County Taxes	\$ 197,343	\$ 197,343			
Hancock Point Village - HPVI	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
Tannery Clean Up Grant	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			
Downeast Comm. Partners	\$ 11,028	\$ 11,028			
Eastern Area Agency On Aging	\$ 700	\$ 700			
Ellsworth Library	\$ 11,970	\$ 11,970			
Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic	\$ 700	\$ 700			
Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 599	\$ 599			
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 700	\$ 700			
Hancock Historical Society	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	
W.I.C.	\$ 700	\$ 700			
Hospice Volunteers	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200			
Education	\$ 3,742,667	\$ 3,742,667			
Totals	\$ 5,004,987	\$ 4,176,262	\$ 465,175	\$ 266,050	\$ 97,500
Grand Total		\$5,004,987			