

2019 Annual Warrant

To David Welch, Constable
of the Town of Mercer
in the County of Somerset,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mercer qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the **Mercer Community Center** in said Town of Mercer on **Friday, the 1st day of March, 2019**, at 10 o'clock a.m., to elect all Town Officials. The polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. The business meeting will then be held in the gym of the **Mercer Community Center on Saturday the 2nd day of March, 2019** beginning at 6 o'clock pm.

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town Clerk, a Tax Collector and a Treasurer all for three year terms, three Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor all for one year terms, a Trustee of Shaw Library for a five year term, two persons to serve on the Planning Board for each a three year term and a Director of School Board MSAD # 54 for a three year term.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$263,048 established for Mercer by state law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment greater than that limit.
Budget Committee recommends (5-0)

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

	Requested	Budget Committee Recommends (3-0-2)
1 st Selectman	4,500.00	4,500.00
2 nd Selectman	4,000.00	4,000.00
3 rd Selectman	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Clerk	7,024.00	6,424.00
Treasurer	11,458.00	10,858.00
Tax Collector	12,719.00	12,119.00
Selectmen's Sec	2,040.00	2,040.00
Dep. Clerk/Collector	4,141.00	4,141.00
Registrar	500.00	500.00
Office Assistant/Deputy	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$55,582.00	\$52,082.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the Town's share of F.I.C.A. and Medicare costs of town salaries.

Budget Committee recommends .0765% from Taxes (Est. \$5,700) as required by law based on the total Town Payroll (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for selectpersons' emergency contingencies. Any and all use of the funds will be fully and explicitly reported to the 2019 annual report.

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for annual dues of the Maine Municipal Association.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,751 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Liability and Property Insurance.

Budget Committee recommends \$11,948 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Liability Insurance for Public Officials plus Bonds.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,665 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for worker's comp insurance & unemployment for town employees.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,300 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Insurance coverage.

\$13,969 Requested from Taxes

Budget Committee makes no recommendation (2-2-1)

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office, Shaw Library, Municipal Center, and Town Expense.

Budget Committee recommends \$35,000 from Taxes plus any revenues or donations generated by the center. Any remaining balance will be placed in municipal center capital reserve fund (3-0-2)

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for annual maintenance & upgrades of the TRIO accounting & assessing program.

Budget Committee recommends \$7,200 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,000 from Taxes. Any remaining balance to be placed in the Assessing Re-Evaluation Fund (3-0-2)

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling and Blue Bag purchase.

Budget Committee recommends \$23,000 from Taxes plus all Transfer Station revenue (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Planning Board.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control.

Budget Committee recommends all dog account revenue plus \$5,100 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Cemetery Care.

Budget Committee recommends \$6,000 from Surplus, plus fund interest (3-0-2)

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town of Mercer Office of Emergency Management / CERT.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,500 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the 2018 Town Audit.

Budget Committee recommends \$3,300 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for public safety. This will include fire protection provided by the Town of Norridgewock and traffic & street lights.

Budget Committee recommends \$27,750 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 22: To see what percentage the Town will vote to deduct on all taxes assessed in 2019 that are paid in full on or before the 30th day after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.

Budget Committee recommends 2% (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 23: To see what rate the Town will vote to charge and collect interest on all taxes assessed in 2019 that are unpaid 60 days after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.

Budget Committee recommends the 9% allowed by state law per annum (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,325 for Shaw Library.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,325 from Taxes (3-1-1)

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Road maintenance.

Budget Committee recommends \$80,000 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for paving.

Budget Committee recommends all funds to come from 2019 LRAP, 20,000 from Taxes and \$10,000 from Surplus (3-1-1)

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ditching.

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of West Sandy River Road with shim, gravel and grading.

(\$30,000 Requested from Taxes)

Budget Committee recommends no appropriation (5-0)

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Road maintenance, including plowing, sanding and stockpiling sand and salt.

\$190,000. \$140,000 will come from Excise Tax, \$50,000 from Taxes plus any short fall to come from Surplus

Budget Committee is unable to make a consensus (2-0-3)

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for General Assistance.

Budget Committee recommends \$17,500 from Surplus, plus all State reimbursements (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for charity. A minimum of 50% of this will be spent in the town of Mercer.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mercer Meeting House Association (Mercer Old Home Days) necessary repairs to the Mercer Meeting House and for use of Mercer Old Home Days festivities.

Budget Committee recommends \$500 from Taxes (3-1-1)

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mercer Historical Society, for the support of the activities at MHS.

Budget Committee recommends \$500 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for various Youth Leagues.

Budget Committee recommends \$750 from Taxes (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 35: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to supplement the three town scholarship awards.

Budget Committee recommends \$425 from Surplus -- \$200 for each high school award and \$25 for the elementary award (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor at this meeting, five individuals to serve as a Budget Committee. The committee will meet with the selectmen within 60 days for the purpose of electing a Chairperson.

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for training costs of CEO and LPI.

Budget Committee recommends \$400 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 38: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for CEO compensation.

Budget Committee recommends up to \$2,000 from Surplus, plus all application fees (3-1-1)

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for North Pond Association.

(\$2,000 requested)

Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Taxes (3-1-1)

ARTICLE 40: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town of Mercer Rescue.

Budget Committee recommends \$4,000 from Surplus (4-0-1)

ARTICLE 41: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to continue to fund the Mercer Road Emergency Fund.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes (5-0)

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to use \$17,419.30 of the 2018-2020 Town Forest Income to reimburse the Mercer Community Center Fund for the installation of the new backup furnace recently installed in the MCC.

The Selectmen of Mercer hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be on duty at the Town Office on Friday March 1, 2019, the said day of voting, from 10 o'clock a.m. until the polls are closed and on Saturday March 2, 2019, the said day of business meeting, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of correcting the list of eligible voters.

Given under our hands this 7th day of February, 2019.

Vernon E. Worthen II

Christopher M. Tibbetts

Norman G Redlevske

Citizens Return:

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Mercer of the time and place of the town meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at Mercer Town Office & Community Center, Christy's Country Store, Mercer Shaw Library, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Mercer, on February ____, 2019, which is at least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Mercer, Maine this ____th day of February, 2019.

David Welch, Constable