

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2009/2010

State of Maine

County of York, ss.

TO: Sidney Stevens, a Resident of South Berwick in the County of York, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of South Berwick, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the R. P. Gagnon Assembly Hall at the Town Hall on Main Street in said Town on Monday, the 1st day of June 2009, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. Election to take place at 6:30 p.m. Business session will be held immediately following.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner in which the Town Council deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of nine (9) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2009 and one-half due on March 31, 2010.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid at zero (0) percent interest.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the "Tax Club", with interest waived for all members of the Club making regular payments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Club.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes due to abatement at five (5) percent per annum as per MRSA36/506A.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund the payment of property tax abatements (and applicable interest) granted during this fiscal year.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Police Department.

pages	Police Department	\$ 705,464
W-	Animal Control	9,648
through	Dispatch Center	286,613
W-	Total	\$1,001,725

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$1,001,725

This article represents approximately \$.97 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fire Department.

pages	Fire Department	\$ 168,937
W-	Emergency Management Services	5,213
through	Emergency/Rescue Services	80,000
W-	Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
	Total	\$ 553,885

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$ 553,885

This article represents approximately \$.54 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Public Works Department.

pages	Town Hall	\$ 73,500
W-	Community Center	69,217
and	Highway	638,073
W-	Public Facilities	37,550
through	Town Garage	12,450
W-	Transfer Station	273,554
and	Solid Waste Transportation	76,638
W-	Total	\$1,180,982

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$1,180,982

This article represents approximately \$1.15 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvements – Roads.

page	Roads	\$ 200,000
W-	Total	\$ 200,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant \$ 74,600

and

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant Residual 1,585

and

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$ 123,815

This article represents approximately \$.12 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Government.

pages	Town Council	\$ 3,000
W-	Town Manager	149,675
to	Control/Collection	187,943
W-	Computer	34,845
and	Administration	156,619
W-	Tax Assessment	96,197
	Employee Benefits	668,320
	Street Lights	43,000
	1991 CIP Debt	56,000
	Community Center Debt	98,247
	Young Street Debt	59,106
	Compensated Absence Reserve	20,000
	Total	\$1,572,952

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$1,572,952

This article represents approximately \$1.53 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Records Department.

page	Town Clerk	\$ 62,697
W-	Total	\$ 62,697

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$ 62,697

This article represents approximately \$.06 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Code Enforcement and Health Departments.

	Code Enforcement	\$ 62,483
page	Planning	87,776
W-	Economic Development	2,000
	Historic District Commission	250
	Zoning Board of Appeals	160
	Total	\$ 152,669

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$ 152,669

This article represents approximately \$.15 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Public Welfare Department.

page	Social Services	\$ 69,471
W-	Social/Civic Contributions	4,685
	Total	\$ 74,156

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation \$ 74,156

This article represents approximately \$.07 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Recreation/Parks and Conservation Departments.

page	Recreation	\$ 64,013
W-	Conservation Commission	4,850
	Total	\$ 68,863

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	\$ 68,863
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This article represents approximately \$.07 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Library.

page	Library	\$ 109,708
W-	Total	\$ 109,708

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	\$ 109,708
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This article represents approximately \$.11 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvements Reserves.

page	Highway Equipment	\$ 55,000
W-	Office Equipment	10,250
	Police Equipment	5,000
	Transfer Station Equipment	5,000
	Town Buildings	15,000
	Total	\$ 90,250

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	\$ 90,250
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This article represents approximately \$.09 of the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvements – Roads.

Roads	\$ 250,000
Total	\$ 250,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	\$ 250,000
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This article would represent an additional \$.40 on the total estimated tax rate.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Taxes, Non-Tax General Fund Revenues, Revenue Sharing, and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2009/2010 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS:

pages	Excise Taxes	\$ 999,700
W-	Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	619,267
to	State Revenue Sharing	475,000
W-	State Revenue Sharing Residual	66,265
	Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	115,000
	Total	\$2,275,232

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,790,948 established for the Town of South Berwick 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.


TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption


ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.


Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 27th day of April 2009 A.D.


Jean Demetracopoulos


Michelle Kareckas


David Burke


Gerald W. MacPherson Sr.


David E. Webster