

**WARRANT
TOWN OF BLUE HILL 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
BY SECRET BALLOT**

Article 1. Election of Moderator.

Article 2. Election of Town Officials.

Election of one member to the Select Board, three members to the Planning Board and two members to the School Committee.

Article 3. Site Plan Review Ordinance Amendment for solar facilities.

To see if the Town will amend its Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance to regulate solar facility permit applications, including but not limited to acreage, capacity and setbacks. The proposed amendments to the Ordinance are available on the Town website in the Town Meeting and Planning Board sections, and at the Town Office.

Article 4. Mobile Vending Ordinance Amendment.

To see if the Town will amend its Mobile Vending Ordinance with regard to address the sale of merchandise by mobile vendors at festivals and events, by adding the following provision:

Article IV. Performance Standards

A.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, permitted mobile vendors at festivals, fairs, or community events lasting 3 days or less are exempt from the limitations on the sale of merchandise at those events.

Article 5. Expansion of Select Board.

To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Select Board, who also serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, from three (3) to five (5), this change to become effective at the 2022 annual town meeting, at which time one additional Select Board member shall be elected for a two (2) year term and one additional Select Board member for a three (3) year term, with all elections thereafter for the office of a Select Board member to be for a three (3) year term.

Select Board recommends a "Yes" vote

Budget Committee recommends a "Yes" vote

Article 6. Appointed Road Commissioner.

To see if the Town will vote to change the office of road commissioner from an elected to an appointed office beginning with the annual town meeting in 2022, said position to be appointed by the Select Board, with the term and duties as prescribed by the Select Board.

Select Board recommends a "Yes" vote

Budget Committee recommends a "Yes" vote

Article 7. GSA request.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$106,000 from Property Tax for additional tuition payments to George Stevens Academy in addition to the maximum tuition rate set by the state, and authorize the School Committee to pay George Stevens Academy during the school fiscal year 2021-2022 an additional \$1000 per student, for up to 106 students, the number of Blue Hill students estimated to attend George Stevens Academy during the 2021-2022 school year.

Select Board recommends a “No” vote
Budget Committee recommends a “No” vote

Article 8. Municipal Budget.

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,344,285, raising the sum of \$2,190,217 from Property Taxes and the remainder from excise taxes, undesignated funds and other sources of Municipal revenue, for the Municipal budget, pursuant to the budget categories below, in addition to any amount appropriated and raised pursuant to Article 7.

Category	Amount Appropriated	From Property Tax
General Gov./ Assessing & Mapping /GA/ Unanticipated/Town Hall/ACO/CEO/Rec. Dept/Survey/Memorial Day/ Town Property Maintenance/ Employee Compensation	656,162	634,326
Fire/Emergency/Law Enforcement	130,875	111,923
Highway Dept/Roads	1,190,879	369,455
Waste: WWTP/Transfer Station/Septic Disposal	443,496	204,140
Contributions/Donations	179,175	179,175
Marine Resources *	36,500	0
Fields/Lawns/Gardens/Cemeteries	112,000	96,000
Debt Service	221,683	221,683
County Tax	373,515	373,515
Total	3,344,285	2,190,217

* Any unexpended monies in this category will lapse to Marine Resources Reserve Account per the Blue Hill Harbor Ordinance

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote
Budget Committee recommends a “Yes” vote

Article 9. Select Board compensation.

To see if the Town will change the compensation for the Select Board from an hourly wage plus the cost of health insurance premiums to an annual stipend of \$5,000 each with no health insurance payments.

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote
Budget Committee recommends a “Yes” vote

Article 10. Sale of Tax Acquired Property to former owner

To see if the Town will sell the parcel of real estate identified as Map 20 Lot 15 to its former owner, Matthew Shay, for the amount of unpaid taxes, costs and interest, and authorize the Select Board to take all necessary steps to finalize the sale.

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote

Article 11. Miscellaneous items.

To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the acceptance of prepaid taxes not yet committed; (2) fix the annual interest rate at 6 % on overdue property taxes, tax liens and tax acquired property; (3) set the date of October 15, 2021 for property tax payments after which interest will accrue on unpaid taxes; (4) to increase the municipal property tax levy limit of \$1,504,692, established by the State in the event that such increase is needed; (5) authorize the Select Board to sell and repurchase lots in the Town’s cemeteries and accept payments for said lots; (6) authorize the Select Board to accept or reject any gifts or grants on behalf of the Town or the Blue Hill/Surry Solid Waste Committee and to expend any funds gifted or granted for the purpose for which they were given or granted; (7) authorize the Select Board to change the name of the Fire Truck Reserve Fund to the Fire Truck and Equipment Reserve Fund; (8) authorize the Select Board to fix compensation of labor, trucks and equipment for town services; and (9) authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the budget amount assigned to each budget category of the 2021 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

EDUCATION ARTICLES

Article 12. State/Federal Funding.

Shall the town authorize the School Committee to expend state and federal funds and other receipts to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

Article 13. Carryforward of School Funds.

Shall the town authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2021-2022 budget?

Article 14. School Budget.

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$6,035,633.36** and raise the sum of **\$5,529,227.60** for the 2021-2022 school budget?

School Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ARTICLE 14	
The Town’s school budget submitted in this Article 14 totals \$6,035,633.36. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of \$5,529,227.60. The locally raised amount exceeds the state’s Essential Programs and Services spending model by \$1,441,829.24. This budget includes these expenditure category cost centers:	
Expenditures	Proposed Amounts
System Administration	\$ 193,869.06
Student Transportation	\$ 313,801.31
Regular Instruction	\$ 3,632,401.44
Student & Staff Support	\$ 223,215.76
School Administration	\$ 317,569.33
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 484,100.03
Special Education	\$ 828,122.89
Other Instruction	\$ 42,553.54
All Other Expenditures	\$ 0.00*
Total	\$ 6,035,633.36*
* Food service is considered separately per recommendation of Maine Dept. of Education; see Article 15 below.	

Article 15. Food Service Program.

Shall the town expend **\$182,157.57** for the food service program and raise and appropriate **\$65,700.26** as the local share for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 fiscal year; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the food service program?

School Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Article 16. Capital Improvement Reserve Account.

Shall the town raise the sum of **\$10,000** for the School Capital Improvement Reserve account?

School Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Article 17. School Technology Reserve Account.

Shall the town raise the sum of **\$5,000** for the School Technology Reserve account?

School Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Article 18. Playground Reserve Account.

Shall the town raise the sum of \$45,000 for the new Consolidated School Playground Reserve Account?

School Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Budget Committee Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

Signed and dated at the Town of Blue Hill, March 12, 2021.

Ellen Best

James Dow

Majority of Municipal Officers of the Town of Blue Hill

A true copy of the Notice, attest: _____

Print Name: _____
Town Clerk, Town of Blue Hill
