

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF VASSALBORO, MAINE  
JUNE 11-12, 2012**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**KENNEBEC COUNTY**

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Vassalboro in said Kennebec County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Vassalboro Community School on Monday, June 11th, 2012, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 61, all of said articles being set out below to wit: and further to warn said voters to meet at the Town Office building in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of June 2012, then and there to act on Articles numbered 62 to 63. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose a **Moderator** to preside at said Meeting, and to pay a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for his/her services.

Article 2: To elect from the floor, under the rules of this meeting, five (5) members of the **Budget Committee** to serve two year terms.

Terms Expire in 2012:

<b>Joe Suga</b>	<b>William Branch</b>
<b>Richard Phippen</b>	<b>Douglas Phillips</b>
	<b>Elizabeth Reuthe</b> (resigned)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the **due dates of taxes** as follows, and to set the rate of interest at the prevailing allowable State rate: 7.00%. Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

**One-fourth of taxes due on 09-24-12**  
**One-fourth of taxes due on 11-26-12**  
**One-fourth of taxes due on 02-25-13**  
**One-fourth of taxes due on 04-22-13**

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

**REVENUES**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to use the following **anticipated revenue** amounts and from the sources named to reduce the 2012-2013 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 585,000
Agent Fees	13,500
Snowmobile agent fees	2,750
Boat Excise Tax	5,500
Interest/Penalties	30,000
State Revenue Sharing	181,000
State Road Assistance	65,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500
State Park Sharing	1,000
Veterans Exemption	1,500
Investment Income	5,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Permit Fees	10,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	80,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	14,000
Clerk Fees	6,000
Surplus	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,162,750

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,162,750  
Budget Committee recommends: \$1,162,750

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,836 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$373,836  
Budget Committee recommends: \$373,836

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,000

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for **Capital Improvements**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$80,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$80,000

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$395,505 for the **Public Works Department.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$395,505  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$395,505

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$237,520 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: Stone Road, Riva Ridge, Dollis and Danielle Avenues; and for **road striping and paved road maintenance** and if any of said sums remain the Selectmen at their discretion could do additional paving.

Selectmen Recommend: \$237,520  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$237,520

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,970 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$338,970  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$338,970

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,800 for the **Police Department and Animal Control.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$36,800  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$36,800

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,672 for the **Fire Department.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$115,672  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$115,672

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$20,000 from SURPLUS to be used as local match dollars for new Fire Department equipment. These funds will be expended only in the event of a **Fire Department grant award.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$20,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,545 for **fire hydrant rental.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$17,545

Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,545

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for **Street Lights**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,500  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,500

**SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and **dispose of any real estate** acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, and to further direct that the sale of such tax-acquired property shall be by public notice which shall be advertised in the local daily newspapers prior to sale, and that this procedure shall apply except in cases where the tax-acquired property is sold back to the former owners or their successors or descendants within the period of sixty (60) days after legal acquisition by the Town, or to take any action thereon. Funds received through the sale of tax-acquired property may be used at the Selectmen's discretion to reduce previously authorized debt service.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit **applications for State and/or Federal funding** and if said program is approved, authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 18: Shall the Town of Vassalboro vote to approve a **Community Development Block Grant** application for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: 2012 Economic Development program    Amount: \$150,000

And to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Vassalboro is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval  
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2012-2013, to **transfer funds** between appropriation accounts so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers under Maine statutes, Chapter 12 Section 6131 and amendments thereto, to promulgate such regulations compatible with the General Laws of the State to govern the time and manner in which **river herring (alewives)** shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2013.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 21: To see if the town will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell surplus **river herring (alewives)** for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 22: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Site Review Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 23: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance of the Town of Vassalboro**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 24: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Town of Vassalboro Subdivision Ordinance**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 25: Shall an ordinance entitled “**Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 26: Shall a Resolution entitled “**RESOLVE supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that Corporations are not entitled to the Rights of Natural Persons with Regard to the Expenditure of Money to Influence Elections**” be enacted? (A copy of the Resolution is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **dispose of town owned property** with a value of \$10,000 or less.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to **waive the 2009 tax lien foreclosure** on the Carl McCaslin property located at Tax Map 23, Lot 28. Such tax lien is recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds at Book 10508 and Page 0311.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from SURPLUS to serve as a **contingency fund** to be spent by the Selectmen in the event of an emergency and to avoid overdrafts.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval  
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

## **LIBRARY**

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,729 for the Town's share of the **Library's** budget.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,729  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,729

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for **General Assistance** and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Vassalboro Food Station**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the **Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,600  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,600

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,925 for the **Family Violence Project**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,250  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,250

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the **Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500**

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,642 for **Spectrum Generations**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the **Healthy Hearts Program**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$500.00  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$500.00

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,898.75 for the **Sexual Assault Crisis & Support**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$750.00  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$750.00

### **RECREATION**

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,505 for the **Recreation Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$19,505  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$19,505

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Kennebec Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of snowmobile trails with the understanding that such trails will be open for the use of snowmobiles during snowmobile season.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

### **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS**

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the **Vassalboro Historical Society** to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the Town's share in the **Maintenance of Cemeteries and Public Grounds and for Memorial Day expenses**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,500



Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,500

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the maintenance of the **Three Mile Pond Recreational Area**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,100 for the estimated assessment from **Kennebec County Government**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$296,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$296,100

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** of \$579,500.00 established for the Town of Vassalboro 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. (Written ballot)

**SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485**

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$3,816,398.69 for **Regular Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,816,398.69

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,816,398.69

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$967,323.28 for **Special Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$967,323.28

Budget Committee Recommends: \$967,323.28

Article 49: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$144,721.44 for **Career and Technical Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$144,721.44

Budget Committee Recommends: \$144,721.44

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$47,631.02 for **Other Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$47,631.02

Budget Committee Recommends: \$47,631.02

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$293,415.69 for **Student and Staff Support**.

School Committee Recommends: \$293,415.69

Budget Committee Recommends: \$293,415.69

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$157,249.65 for **System Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$157,249.65

Budget Committee Recommends: \$157,249.65

Article 53: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$225,238.58 for **School Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$225,238.58

Budget Committee Recommends: \$225,238.58

Article 54: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$397,937.32 for **Transportation and Buses**.

School Committee Recommends: \$397,937.32

Budget Committee Recommends: \$397,937.32

Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$540,995.11 for **Facilities Maintenance**.

School Committee Recommends: \$540,995.11

Budget Committee Recommends: \$540,995.11

Article 56: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$1,748.60 for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,748.60

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,748.60

Article 57: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$.00 for **All Other Expenditures**.

School Committee Recommends: \$.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$.00

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A, M.R.S.A. Section 15690

Article 58: 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 \$6,096,061.58) 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.

Statutory Recommendation \$2,455,417.00

School Committee Recommendation: \$2,793,923.12

Budget Committee Recommendation: \$2,793,923.12

"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."

Note: Per PL2009, Chapter 571, the amount recommended by the school committee as the required local share for the FY 2012-2013 budget may be no less than 82.22% of the Title 20-A, Section 15688 amount, in order to receive the full amount of state subsidy.

Article 59: To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$ .00) in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

School Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

The school budget does not exceed the state EPS funding model.

*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.*

Article 60: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to expend the sum of \$6,592,659.38 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 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.

School Committee Recommends: \$6,592,659.38

Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,592,659.38

Article 61: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

**The following articles will be decided by secret ballot election. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Town Office.**

Article 62: Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Community School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 11, 2012 Annual Town Meeting?

Article 63: To elect all necessary municipal officers/officials by secret ballot. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Vassalboro Town Office.

Given unto our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2012, AD

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Philip W. Haines  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

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Lauchlin Titus  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

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Robert C. Browne, Jr.  
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ of Vassalboro  
Town Clerk

**RETURN**

Kennebec, ss.

State of Maine

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Vassalboro of the time and place of the Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the Country Store, Main Street; Ferris' Store, Main Street; No. Vassalboro Post Office, Main Street; Vassalboro Library, Bog Road; Vassalboro Town Office, 682 Main Street; and Getchell's Corner Post Office, Riverside Drive, being conspicuous public places within the Town of Vassalboro on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 which is at least seven (7) days next prior to the date of the start of the Annual Town Meeting.

And I have this day posted one copy each of the ordinances entitled, "June 2012 Amendments to the Site Review Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro"; "June 2012 Amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance of the Town of Vassalboro"; "June 2012 Amendments to the Town of Vassalboro Subdivision Ordinance"; "Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax"; and a resolution named "RESOLVE supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution to Provide that Corporations are not Entitled to the Rights of Natural Persons with Regard to the Expenditure of Money to Influence Elections" attested by the municipal clerk with the warrants at the same places.

Signed and dated at the Town of Vassalboro this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Richard Phippen, Resident  
Town of Vassalboro