

The Warrant

Hancock, SS State of Maine

To: Dwyane Clement,

Resident in the Town of Sorrento, in the County of Hancock

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sorrento, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center on Monday, the 27 of September, AD 2021 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the follow articles:

- ✓ 1. To elect a moderator. *Peter Drinkwater nominated and voted as moderator with 3 written ballots. No one else was nominated*
- ✓ 2. To set, raise and appropriate compensation for the following officers:

Selectpersons Salary	Recommend: 3600, 3,200, 3,200 currently 3,600, 3,200, 3,200
Year-end Fiscal Responsibilities <i>(Review and adjust accounts, adjust the Annual Warrant before edits by the Board, provide appropriations report for the Assessor's agent, work with the auditor, provide the assessors' report, account balances and disbursement reports and pull together the Annual Report for the printers.)</i>	1,500 <i>So moved, 2nd. So voted. PASSED</i>
Fire Chief	3,000 currently 3,000
Road Commissioner	\$20/ hr as needed from Town Road Accou
- ✓ 3. To elect three assessors and three general assistance officers and set compensation. Recommend the Selectmen with no additional compensation. *So moved. have Selectmen serve these positions with no pay, 2nd. SO VOTE PASSED*
- ✓ 4. To elect Directors for the Sorrento Community Building to serve for one year. *motion for the same 4 directors as last year! Dwyane Clement, Averill West, Judith High, Constance Ded 2nd. So voted. PASSED*

✓6. To see what date the Town will set when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see what rate of interest the Town will set to be charged on said taxes unpaid after said date. *Motion to approve as recommended, 2nd, discuss vote, passed.*

Recommend: 60 days after taxes are committed and **6.0%** interest.

7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the following categories for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

	Recommend:	Last Year:
Administration	95,000	90,000
Payroll Taxes	4,400	4,200
Auditor	7,000	7,000
Legal/Professional Fees	1,000	2,000
Tax Map Update	500	1,000
Fire Department	40,000	40,000
Insurance	21,000	19,000
Town Roads	48,000	98,000
(raise and appropriate 35,000 and appropriate 13,000 from Block Grant)		
Harbor & Town Pier (from sinking fund)	24,000	22,000
Street Lights	4,800	4,500
Stockpile and Repairs	7,000	13,000
Trash Disposal/Recycling/Bulky Trash	30,000	20,000
General Assistance	5,000	5,000
Code Enforcement	0	2,000
Plumbing Inspection	0	0
Repairs to Town Property	15,000	15,000
Snowplowing and Sanding	68,229.57	66,566
67,000 from auto excise, 1,229.57 from surplus		
Snowplowing and Sanding Fuel Surcharge		
(Reimbursement of fuel costs above \$5.50/ gal diesel - from Surplus)		
Long Pond Water District	43,355	43,355
Ambulance Service (Northern Lights)	2,696.18	2696.18
Village Green Maintenance	3,000	4,000
Doane's Pt Cemetery Corp.	2,000	2,000
Animal Control Enforcement	0	0
Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center	7,500	7,500
Frenchman's Bay Shellfish Ordinance	3,000	3,000
Public Safety	2,000	1,500
Law Enforcement	3,000	0

*Motion to approve as recommended
voted in its entirety, passed*

8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following community supporting groups:

	2021 request	Last year:	Recommend:
Joanne Cowan Scholarship Fund	250	250	250
Sorrento Scholarship Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500
Sullivan Daze Fireworks	250	250	250
Sullivan- Sorrento Historical Society	750	750	750
Sullivan-Sorrento Playground	500	500	500
Frenchman's Bay Library	2,000	2,000	2,000

motion as recommended, 2nd, voted, passed

P.A.W / Protecting Animals Welfare	500	500	500
Community Health & Counseling	137	137	137
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)	583	583	583
Downeast Horizons	900	900	900
Eastern Agency on Aging	175	175	175
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,500	750	1000
Northern Lights Homecare and Hospice	527	527	527
Northern Lights Maine Coast Hospital	750	750	750
Loaves and Fishes Pantry	800	450	800
The Lifelight Foundation	274	274	274
W.I.C.	315	315	315

motion as recommended, 2nd, voted, passed

American Red Cross	350	350	350
Down East Aids Network	145	100	100
Down East Family YMCA	775	775	775
Ellsworth Public Library	1,375	1,375	1,375
Emmaus Homeless Shelter	300	300	300
Friends in Action	150	150	150
Maine Public	200	200	200
* Open Door Recovery	1,500	1,000	0
** Eagle Nest Clubhouse (New)	No specified amount	0	300
Yesterday's Children	300	300	300
Families First	500	500	500

*motion to withdraw
open door recovery
and recommend
\$300 for Eagle Nest, 2nd
voted on this group
as a unitas amended
passed*

** request deferred to next year*

9. To see if the Town will vote to replace the Sorrento Harbor Pier and settee with:

- Amended to add (a) with pressure treated decking.*
- a. Marine grade aluminum pier ^{*with pressure treated decking*} with wooden benches for \$68,400 and appropriate \$10,000 from the Village Rental Building account, \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement account and raise and appropriate \$8,400. Unexpected costs to be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account or Surplus.
- OR**
- b. Pressure treated lumber pier and benches for \$44,000 and appropriate \$10,000 from the Village Rental Building account and \$34,000 from the Capital Improvement account. Unexpected costs to be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account.

*motion made to approve option A as amended
voted, passed.
Jon Michel abstained from vote.*

*amended to add "and to petition the state for an Environmental Impact Study"

10. To see if the Town will vote to oppose the American Aquafarms Salmon project in Frenchman Bay and support the Sorrento Board of Selectmen to seek intervenor status. *
motion to approve, 2nd, discussion. motion to approve as amended,
2nd, voted, passed.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,227 for the Town share of a grant to replace the Harbor's wing floats.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,500 to replace one finger float.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the American Rescue Plan Act fund due to Sorrento \$28,303.33 for capital improvements of the Long Pond Water District.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000 and appropriate from Surplus 10,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund which is dedicated to the purpose of paying for high cost capital improvement expenditures incurred by the Town without abruptly raising taxes or obtaining loan.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Shoreline Improvement Account, "SHIP", along with any donations, to maintain, improve and repair the Town's public shoreline property.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Sorrento Community Building to cover running expenses, with any remainder to be transferred into the Community Building Committee's checkbook
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,000 and appropriate \$10,000 from surplus for the Fire Truck Fund. Money from this fund can only be withdrawn by voter appropriation for Fire Truck replacement.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept for the Town gifts or grants of money from Federal, State or private sources.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed
19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of all property held by tax liens on such terms as they deem advisable, and execute quit claim deeds for such property providing any such sale is advertised in the Ellsworth American for 30 days and the Sorrento Newsletter for at least one time prior to such sale so that all may have an opportunity to bid on same.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.
20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2021-2022 fiscal year during the period July 1, 2022 until the annual town meeting for the year 2022.
motion, 2nd, voted, passed.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Fire Department, with the Selectmen's approval, to dispose of surplus capital equipment in a manner that best benefits the Fire Department providing any such sale is announced in the Sorrento Newsletter. *for at least one time prior to disposal so that all may have the opportunity to bid on same*
22. The property tax levy limit adjusted this year for Sorrento according to State law is \$447,439.06. In the event that the preceding articles are approved as presented the municipal property tax levy will be less than the property tax levy limit by \$29,799.88. *for informational purposes only, not vote.*
23. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the meeting. *motion, and, voted, passed.*
- The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center at 7 o'clock in the evening on Monday, September 27, 2021.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

** this wording change was voted / approved last year at 2020 Town Meeting but not included in the Article 21 on the warrant. motion to approve with the correct wording, and, voted, passed.*

Respectfully Submitted
Kathi H. Moore
Town Clerk