

The Warrant

Hancock, SS State of Maine

To: Dwayne 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 Community Building on Monday, the 21th of September, AD 2020 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the articles numbered 1 and 2.

1. To elect a moderator.

Gary Hunt was elected as moderator.

2. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers: One Selectperson for three years and one School Board Member for three years.

Jon Mickel won the vote for Selectperson: 42 votes;

Greg Ring with 24 votes

Janet Wilpan won the vote for School Board Member: 58 votes

Jonathan Mickel: 2 votes; Beth Clark: 1 vote.

**The polls will open 2:00 pm and close at 6:00 pm at the
Sorrento Community Building**

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec Center on the following Monday, the 28th day of September, AD 2020 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the remaining articles, namely:

****Motion to allow non-voters to speak; seconded; motion passed***

****Motion to adopt rules in Moderators Rule Book; seconded;
motion passed***

3. 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
Fire Chief	3,000 currently 3,000 plus \$1,500 unpaid last year
Road Commisioner	\$18/ hr as needed from Town Road Account

Motion to approve article 3. Seconded, article passed

4. To elect three assessors and three general assistance officers and set compensation. Recommend the Selectmen with no additional compensation.

Motion to approve article 4; seconded; article passed

5. To elect Directors for the Sorrento Community Building to serve for one year.

Motion to nominate same people as last year; seconded; motion 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.

Recommend: **60 days** after taxes are committed and **8.0%** interest.

Motion to approve recommended period and amount; seconded; motion passed.

7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the following categories for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Motion to approve all categories as a block; seconded; motion passed; article 7 passed in recommended amounts.

	Recommend:	Last Year:
Administration	90,000	90,000
Payrol Taxes	4,200	4,200
Auditor	7,000	6,200
Legal/Professional Fees	2,000	2,000
Tax Map Update	1,000	1,000
Fire Department	40,000	40,000
Insurance	19,000	18,000
Town Roads	98,000	98,000
(raise and appropriate 35,000, appropriate 50,000 from Capital Improvement, and appropriate 13,000 from Block Grant)		
Harbor & Town Pier (from sinking fund)	22,000	22,000
Street Lights	4,500	4,500
Stockpile and Repairs	13,000	15,000
Trash Disposal/Recycling/Bulky Trash	20,000	26,000
General Assistance	5,000	5,000
Code Inforcement	2,000	1,500
Plumbing Inspection	0	0
Repairs to Town Property	15,000	15,000
Snowplowing and Sanding	66,566	64,942
55,000 from auto excise, 11,566 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)	2,540	2,540
Village Green Maintenance	4,000	4,000
Doane's Pt Cemetary 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	1,500	1,500
Law Enforcement	0	1,600

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

****Motion to split article 8 up into 3 sections; seconded; motion passed***

****Motion to approve group 1 @ Recommended level; seconded; motion passed***

****Motion to approve group 2 @ Recommended level; seconded; motion passed***

****American Red Cross: motion to approve \$350; seconded; motion passed***

****Down East Aids Network: motion to approve \$100; seconded; motion passed***

****Down East Family YMCA: motion to approve \$775; seconded; motion passed***

****Ellsworth Public Library: motion to approve \$1,375; seconded; motion passed***

****Emmaus Shelter: motion to approve \$300; seconded; motion passed***

- *Friends in Action: motion to approve \$150; seconded; motion passed***
- *Grand Auditorium: motion for no donation; seconded; motion passed***
- *Maine Public: motion to approve \$200; seconded; motion passed***
- *Open Door Recovery: motion to approve \$1,000; seconded; motion passed***
- *United Cerebral Palsy: fails for lack of a motion***
- *Yesterday's Children: motion to approve \$300; seconded; motion passed***
- *Families First: motion to approve \$500; seconded; motion passed***

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
P.A.W / Protecting Animals Welfare	500	250	500
Community Health & Counseling	137	137	137
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)	583	512	583
Downeast Horizons	900	900	900
Eastern Agency on Aging	175	175	175
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,500	750	750
Northern Lights Homecare and Hospice	527	527	527
Northern Lights Maine Coast Hospital	750	400	750
Loaves and Fishes Pantry	450	800	450
The Lifelight Foundation	274	274	274
W.I.C.	315	240	315
American Red Cross	not specific	350	
Down East Aids Network	145	100	
Down East Family YMCA		775	
Ellsworth Public Library	1,375	1,375	
Emmaus Homelss Shelter	300	300	
Friends in Action	150	150	
Grand Auditorium		0	
Maine Public	200	100	
Open Door Recovery	1,000	1,000	
United Cerebral Palsy		250	
Yesterday's Children	300	300	
Families First	500	NEW	

9. To see if the Town will vote to commission art commemorating the 125th celebration of the Town incorporation in 1895 to be paid for by donations.

Motion to approve article 9; seconded; motion passed

10. To see if the Town will vote to choose a location to place a 125 year commemorative work of art. Choices include:
- a. Installed location to be on the side of the town office building facing the parking lot.
 - b. Installed location to be on the front gable of the Sorrento Community Building.

Motion to select item A; seconded; motion passed.

11. 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 to approve article 11; seconded; motion passed

12. 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 to approve article 12; seconded; motion passed

13. 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 to approve article 13; seconded; motion passed

14. 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 to approve article 14; seconded; motion passed

15. 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 to approve article 15; seconded; motion passed

16. 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 to approve article 16; seconded; motion passed

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed ¼ of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2020-2021 fiscal year during the period July 1, 2021 until the annual town meeting for the year 2021.

Motion to approve article 17; seconded; motion passed

18. 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.

Motion made to add last statement in article 16 to article 18 minus the Ellsworth American. Only to advertise in the Sorrento Newsletter for at least one time. Motion seconded; article 18 passed as amended.

19. The property tax levy limit adjusted this year for Sorrento according to State law is \$405,398. 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 \$18,568.

Article 19 is for informational purposes only. No action needed.

20. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn; seconded; article 20 passed; meeting was adjourned

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Sorrento Community Building at 7 o'clock in the evening on Monday, September 28, 2020.