

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 17th of September, AD 2018 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the articles numbered 1 and 2.

1. To elect a moderator.

PETER DRINKWATER NOMINATED & ELECTED W/3 WRITTEN BALLOTS

2. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers: One Selectperson for three years.

DANIEL BIERMAN, Sr.-45 ROBERT Y. WILPAN-60

**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 Community Building on the following Monday, the 24th day of September, AD 2018 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the remaining articles, namely:

3. To set, raise and appropriate compensation for the following officers:

	Recommend:
Selectpersons	4,100 3,700 3,700 currently 4,100, 3,700, 3,700
Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk	23,000 plus medical insurance salary currently \$22,000
Fire Chief	3,000 currently 3,000
Road Commisioner	\$15/ hr as needed from Town Road Account

SO MOVED, 2NDED, VOTED, PASSED

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

SO MOVED, 2NDED, VOTED, PASSED

5. To elect Directors for the Sorrento Community Building to serve for one year. **SO MOVED, 2NDED, VOTED & PASSED FOR THE SAME PEOPLE AS LAST YEAR**

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.

SO MOVED, 2NDED, VOTED, PASSED

7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the following categories for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

	Recommend:	Last Year:
Administration	40,000	33,000
Payrol Taxes	4,000	4,000
Auditor	7,000	7,000
Legal/Professional Fees	2,000	2,000
Tax Map Update	1,000	1,500
Fire Department	40,000	40,000
Insurance	19,000	17,000
Town Roads	58,000	58,000
(raise and appropriate 35,000, appropriate 10,000 from Surplus and appropriate 13,000 from Block Grant)		
Harbor & Town Pier (from sinking fund)	21,000	21,000
Street Lights	4,200	4,200
Stockpile and Repairs	15,000	15,000
Trash Disposal/Recycling/Bulky Trash	34,000	30,000
General Assistance	5,000	5,000
Code Inforcement	2,000	2,000
Plumbing Inspection	2,000	2,000
Repairs to Town Property	15,000	15,000
Snowplowing and Sanding from auto excise	63,358	61,813
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	3,000	2,466
Village Green Maintenance	5,000	4,500
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	0

SO MOVED, 2ND, AMEND AMBULANCE TO \$2466 & TO AUTHORIZE SELECTMEN TO SIGN 3YR CONTRACT. AMENDMENT VOTED YES. TOTAL ARTICLE AS AMENDED-PASSED.

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

	2018request	Last year:	Recommend:
American Red Cross	400	350	175
Community Health & Counseling	165	125	110
Down East Aids Network	145	145	100
Down East Family YMCA	775	775	775
Downeast Horizons	900	900	450
Eastern Agency on Aging	350	370	175
Ellsworth Public Library	1,375	1,375	1,375
Emmaus Homelss Shelter	500	500	250
Frenchman's Bay Library	1,800	1,800	1,800
Friends in Action	300	300	150
Grand Auditorium	700	700	350
Hancock County Homecare and Hospice	527	527	400
Head Start/Child and & Family Opportunities	300	500	300
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,500	1,500	750
Joanne Cowan Scholarship Fund	250	250	250
The Lifeflight Foundation	274	274	150
Loaves and Fishes	850	850	450
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	750	750	400
Maine Public	200	200	100
P.A.W / Protecting Animals Welfare	500	500	250
Project Graduation (SMHS)	350	350	350
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
United Cerebral Palsy	500	500	250
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)	512	775	150
W.I.C.	240	160	240
Yesterday's Children	300	300	150
	<u>18,463</u>	<u>18,776</u>	<u>13,900</u>

SO MOVED, 2ND, MOTION TO AMEND-FRIENDS IN ACTION TO \$300, DELETE HEAD START, HANCOCK COUNTY HOMECARE & HOSPICE TO \$527, DOWNEAST COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO \$512. VOTE ON AMENDMENTS-16YES, 11NO. VOTE ON ARTICLE AS AMENDED-18YES, 10NO. PASSED AS AMENDED

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000 and appropriate 10,000 from surplus 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. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$8,000.00 for the Comprehensive Planning Committee. This money is needed to pay for required personnel help which is to be provided by the Hancock County Planning Commission. **MOVED, 2ND, AMEND TO 'RAISE AND APPROPRIATE'. AMENDMENT VOTED,PASSED. VOTE ON ARTICLE AS AMENDED, PASSED.**

11. To see if the Town will vote appropriate 25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund. This money is to be used along with a matching grant from the Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP). This pier will help aide the fisherman with traps and bait and also others while loading and unloading boats at the town landing. **MOVED, 2ND, AMEND TO READ AFTER 'CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND' TO BUILD FLOATS. TAKE OUT THIS PIER TO READ THE FLOATS. PUT \$ ON 25,000. AMENDMENTS VOTED & PASSED. VOTE ON ARTICLE WITH AMENDMENTS, VOTED, PASSED.**

12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sorrento Harbor Ordinance by removing Section 6.2.

6.2 The float at the north end of the town floats shall be designated the fishermen's float for use by resident commercial fishermen only and will be marked as such. Skiffs with outboards shall be allowed to tie to this float with a maximum length of 19ft.

CHANGE TO READ 12A AND 12B. 12A-MOVED, 2ND, VOTE, PASSED

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sorrento Harbor Ordinance by adding Section 6.2.

6.2 The new fishermen's float shall be designated for use only by resident commercial fishermen and will be marked as such. Skiffs with outboards with a maximum skiff length of 19ft. shall be allowed to tie to this float.

12B-MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, DID NOT PASS.

13. To see if the Town will vote to change the office of TaxCollector/Treasurer/Clerk from an elected office having a two year term to an office appointed by the Selectboard having a term of one year, effective as of the 2019 annual town meeting. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to the Shoreline Improvement Account, "SHIP", along with any donations, to maintain, improve and repair the Town's public shoreline property. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the Sorrento Community Building to cover running expenses, with any remainder to be transferred into the Community Building Committee's checkbook. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
16. 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. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
17. 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. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
18. 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. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
19. 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 2018-2019 fiscal year during the period July 1, 2019 until the annual town meeting for the year 2019. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED**
20. 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.

**CHANGE VOTE ON PROPERTY TAX LIMIT TO #21 AND VOTE TO ADJOURN TO #22.
PASSED.**

21. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax limit of \$366,669.99 established for Sorrento 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.

MOVED, 2ND, PAPER VOTE 21YES, 6NO.

22. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the meeting. **MOVED, 2ND, VOTED, PASSED.**
8:03PM

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 24, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther L. Clement,
Town Clerk