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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 16th of September, AD 2019 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 ~~is~~ nominated and voted as moderator with 3 written ballots. No one else was nominated.
2. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers: One Selectperson for three years, one Fire Chief for two years and one Road Commissioner for two years. See next page.

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 23th day of September, AD 2019 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:

Selectpersons Salary

Recommend:
3600, 3,200, 3,200
currently 4,100, 3,700, 3,700

Year-end Fiscal Responsibilities

(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.)

1,500
So moved, 2nd,
discussion.
So voted.

4. To elect three assessors and three general assistance officers and set compensation. Recommend the Selectmen with no additional compensation. So moved to have Selectmen serve these positions with no pay, 2nd, discussion. So voted.
5. To elect Directors for the Sorrento Community Building to serve for one year. So moved to have same people as last year, 2nd. So voted.

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, 2nd, so voted.

7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the following categories for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

*So moved, 2nd, discussion.
So voted.*

Recommend:

Last Year:

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Administration (Previously did not include clerk salary and medical)	90,000	72,000
Payrol Taxes	4,200	4,000
Auditor	6,200	7,000
Legal/Professional Fees	2,000	2,000
Tax Map Update	1,000	1,000
Fire Department	40,000	40,000
Insurance	18,000	19,000
Town Roads (raise and appropriate 35,000, appropriate 40,000 from Capital Improvement, appropriate 10,000 from Surplus and appropriate 13,000 from Block Grant)	98,000	58,000
Harbor & Town Pier (from sinking fund)	22,000	21,000
Street Lights	4,500	4,200
Stockpile and Repairs	15,000	15,000
Trash Disposal/Recycling/Bulky Trash	26,000	34,000
General Assistance	5,000	5,000
Code Inforcement	1,500	2,000
Plumbing Inspection	0	2,000
Repairs to Town Property	15,000	15,000
Snowplowing and Sanding 60,000 from auto excise, 4,942 from surplus	64,942	63,358
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	2,466
Village Green Maintenance	4,000	5,000
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	1,600	0

8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following community supporting groups: *Motion to allow non-residents to speak. 2nd, so voted.*

	2019 request	Last year:	Recommend:
<i>Vote on first.</i> 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	1,800	1,800 2,000
<i>So moved, 2nd. Discussion. Motion to make Library \$2000. So voted on that motion.</i>			
<i>Vote on 2nd.</i> P.A.W / Protecting Animals Welfare	500	250	500
Community Health & Counseling	137	110	137
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)		512	512
Downeast Horizons	900	450	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		400	400
Loaves and Fishes Pantry	800	450	800
The Lifeflight Foundation	274	150	274
W.I.C.	315	240	315
<i>So moved, 2nd. So voted.</i>			
<i>Vote on third.</i> American Red Cross	350	175	350
Down East Aids Network	145	100	145
Down East Family YMCA	775	775	775
Ellsworth Public Library	1,375	1,375	1,375
Emmaus Homelss Shelter	300	250	300
Friends in Action	150	150	150
Grand Auditorium		350	350
Maine Public	200	100	200
Open Door Recovery (New)	1,000		1,000
United Cerebral Palsy		250	250
Yesterday's Children	300	150	300
<i>So moved, 2nd, discussion. Motion \$1,150 to Friends In Action. So voted. Motion to change Open Door Recovery to \$250. 2nd. Voted down. So voted.</i>			

9. 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 *So moved, 2nd, so voted.*

10. 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. *So moved, 2nd, so voted.*

11. 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 *So moved, 2nd. So voted.*
12. 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. *So moved, 2nd, so voted.*
13. 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. *So moved, 2nd. So voted.*
14. 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. *So moved, 2nd. So voted.*
15. 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 2019-2020 fiscal year during the period July 1, 2020 until the annual town meeting for the year 2020.
So moved, 2nd, so voted.
16. 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. *So moved, 2nd. So voted.*
17. The property tax levy limit adjusted for Sorrento according to State law is \$391,726.81. In the event that the preceding articles are approved as presented the municipal property tax levy will exceed the property tax levy limit by \$703.19 and will require a Town vote of approval to exceed that limit. *So moved, 2nd.
written ballot - 27 yes One.*
18. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the meeting.
Adjourn.

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 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther L. Clement
Town Clerk

Rob Wilson
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