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## WARRANT FOR MARCH 5, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 5th day of March AD 2016 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 5, 2016. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To open polls for election of Town Officials.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Elaine Aloes
Road Commissioner:	Michael Foster
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Leslie Giroux
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3 year term:	Deron Whittemore

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amounts from the 2015 Surplus for overage in the Summer Roads \$3,124.09; Worker Compensation Insurance \$1,065.00; Street Lights \$415.86; and Gun Permits \$251.00

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$533,122 established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$372

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$29,500 as follows:

Selectmen	\$9,333.00 each
Chair additional	\$1,001.00
Vice-Chair additional	\$ 500.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$22,000

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,600

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,700 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

12. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

13. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

14. COMPUTER FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,800

15. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PROTECTION.

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,000

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen recommend \$21,864 and Budget Committee recommend \$22,000

3. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,400

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$24,000 plus reimbursements

5. FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,000

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,416

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,000

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$17,000

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$67,000 plus fees & income

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$90,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100,000 plus reimbursements

3. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

4. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

5. STREET NAME SIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

7. ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$50,000

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$400)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400
3. HEADSTART (requested \$800)  
Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$800
4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,000)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400
5. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
6. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760
7. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,000)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$932.75)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100
9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000
10. CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTERS (requested \$1,270)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
11. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$526.50)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0
12. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$125)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$125
13. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$175)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. FIRST PARK  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,500 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.
2. ROAD PAVING LOAN  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$167,000 by taxation with any balance left being transferred to the Road Paving Reserve.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM (\$2,200 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,200 plus fees.

2. RECREATION FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

3. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM (\$1,200 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$10,500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500

5. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE (\$3,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

7. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,001

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,800

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,619)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,619

5. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

7. TOWN FLAGS RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,200 to purchase the TRIO Motor Vehicle computer program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,475 to purchase the TRIO Dog Licensing computer program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend No

Article 15: To see if the Town will set up a Town Records Preservation Reserve Account with the Selectmen having the authority to expend funds from this reserve account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation funds for the Town Records Preservation Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

Article 17: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a new dump/plow truck and to trade in the 2006 International Truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend spending up to \$99,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve fund and to borrow up to \$55,000.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Solon

Total Indebtedness:

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$162,311.27	
b. Bonds Authorized and unissued	\$ 0.00	
c. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved with the Selectmen's recommendation	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$217,311.27

Costs:

At an estimate maximum interest rate of 3.5%, the estimated cost of this bond issue over 3 years will be:

Principal	\$55,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 3,178.08</u>	
TOTAL NEW DEBT SERVICE		\$58,178.08

Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' certification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by the reason of the variance. /s/ Sharon Begin, Treasurer, Town of Solon

Article 18: To see if the Town will adopt the "Hydraulic Fracturing Ordinance".

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 19: Shall the Town of Solon vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: Economic Development Program Amount: \$100,000

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 Solon 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 and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 20: To see if the Town will close the Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account (balance \$454.65) and use the funds to reduce taxes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 21: To see if the Town will move the Move More Kids Fund Reserve (balance \$600) to Recreation Reserve.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Julie, Travis and Darren Wing for non-payment of 2013 property taxes. The property taxes for 2013 (\$586.49), 2014 (\$849.59) and 2015 (\$895.65) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 868 South Solon Road, Map R8 Lot 40B.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving one or all of the owners of the property until March 18, 2016 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2013, 2014 and 2015 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 23. To see if the Town will create a Town Garage Well Reserve Account with the funds being expendable with a vote of the Selectmen.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the Town Garage Well Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500.

Article 25. To see if the Town will create a Tree Planting and Maintenance Reserve Account with the funds being expendable with a vote of the Selectmen. The town areas for the tree planting and maintenance program will be Pleasant and School Streets and the urban areas of North and South Main Streets.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the Tree Planting and Maintenance Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000 with the stipulation that no funds be expended in 2016 and the Selectmen do further research on a tree planting and maintenance program and report back to the Budget Committee in 2017.

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 30: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$50 to that person's next year's property taxes.
2. To see the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.



3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2016.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$80,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 31: If the Town accepts Article 30-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)

Selectmen recommend 0%.

Article 32: To see if the town shall set September 17, 2016 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 7%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D., 2016,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

Sarah Davis, Selectman

Attest true copy: Leslie Giroux, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the fifth day of March AD 2016 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 17th day of February AD 2016, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.