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# ***Town of Beddington***

**([www.beddingtonmaine.org](http://www.beddingtonmaine.org))**

## ***Annual Report***

***FOR YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2020  
Warrant for 2021 included***

# **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

## **SELECTBOARD**

**Wendy Potter term expires 2021**

**Marie Marini term expires 2022**

**Jean Kaye term expires 2023**

**TAX COLLECTOR, CERTIFIED  
BMV AGENT  
DEPT OF INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE AGENT  
Cindy Gay**

**TREASURER  
TOWN CLERK  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
Appointed  
Cindy Gay**

**OVERSEER OF THE POOR  
Appointed - Cindy Gay**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER  
Selectpersons**

**PLANNING BOARD:  
CHAIR  
Mike Loughlin**

**MEMBERS  
Christen Beal  
Neil R Butler  
Michael Kaye  
Kevin Potter**

**APPEALS BOARD  
Victor Cardarelli  
Wilma Laughlin  
Tina Vaillancourt**

**FIRE CHIEF/EMD**  
**Mike Loughlin**

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
**Appointed – Marie Marini**

**ANIMAL CONTROL**  
**Appointed – Michael Kaye**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**Ronald Ramsay**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Rachel Grivois      Term expires 2023**  
**Crystal Perry      Term expires 2021**  
**Alma Loughlin      Term expires 2022**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**  
**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
**LAND USE REGULATIONS**  
**Stanley Mitchell**

**TAX ASSESSOR**  
**Douglas Guy**

**Town Office will be closed on the following holidays:**

**New Year's Day**

**Martin Luther King, Jr Day**

**Washington's Birthday/President's Day**

**Patriot's Day**

**Memorial Day**

**Independence Day**

**Labor Day**

**Columbus Day**

**Veteran's Day**

**Thanksgiving** – one day prior to and one day after

**Christmas** – one day prior to and one day after

# TOWN WARRANT

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County of Washington

State of Maine,ss.

To Michael Kaye, resident of the Town of Beddington, in the County of Washington.

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Beddington qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Building, May 1, 2021 at 9:00 in the morning for the following purposes to wit:

### ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting, and to be paid \$25.

### ARTICLE 2

To nominate and elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. For the election of such Officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of the Moderator and will close immediately after such Officers have been elected at which time the meeting will be resumed to act on the remaining articles.

**SELECT PERSON THREE YEAR**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YEAR**

### ARTICLE 3

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (Recommend to raise \$40,000.00, which includes 8% for Town's portion of payroll taxes.)

#### FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTPERSON 1 YEAR	(\$1,500.00)
SELECTPERSON 2 YEAR	(1,500.00)
SELECTPERSON 3 YEAR	(1,500.00)

TOWN CLERK		(\$2,600.00)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS		(\$600.00)
TREASURER		(\$4,100.00)
TAX COLLECTOR - CERTIFIED		(\$4,800.00)
Agent - Bureau of Motor Vehicles		(600.00)
Agent - Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife		(600.00)
FIRE CHIEF		(\$1,000.00)
EMD OFFICER (APPOINTED)		(\$200.00)
HEALTH OFFICER (APPOINTED)		(\$200.00)
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: SET RATE		(\$200.00)
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		(\$2175.00)
PLANNING BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$400.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$200.00)
APPEALS BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE:	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	2 <sup>ND</sup> MEMBER	(150.00)
	3 <sup>RD</sup> MEMBER	(150.00)

\* TOWN TO PAY .59 CENTS PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.

#### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to move \$5,000 from Planning Board, \$3,429 from Care of the Poor and \$8,000 from Parks and Playgrounds for a total of \$16,429.00 to be used to offset Article 16, Solid Waste Removal and the School Budget.

#### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated fund balance a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2021. (Recommend \$3,000)

## **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. section 943-c for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

- (A) A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Washington County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
- (B) The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time before the expiration of fourteen days from the date of such publication, plus interest, lien costs, and the cost of publication of the notice plus the cost of the quitclaim deed.
- (C) In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fail to redeem the property, the Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

## **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the town's best interest to accept.

## **ARTICLE 8**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Administration. (Recommend to raise \$26,750 and appropriate \$4,000 from surplus.)

## **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2021 budget in fiscal year 2021 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts. (Recommended)



### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to enter into contracts to accept State, Federal and Private Grants which the Board of Selectmen feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

### **ARTICLE 12**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for maintenance of all Town Buildings. (Recommend to carry the balance forward of (\$42,935)

### **ARTICLE 13**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the maintenance and repairs of Town Roads. (Recommend to carry forward the balance of \$2,277 and raise \$3,500.)

### **ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for power and heat for Town buildings and street lights. (Recommend to raise \$7,000.)

### **ARTICLE 15**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Snow Removal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$17,906; appropriate \$15,000 from surplus, and raise \$30,000)

### **ARTICLE 16**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$7,754, raise \$10,000 and transfer \$2,000 from Article 4)

### **ARTICLE 17**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Care of the Cemetery. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$1,102 and raise \$750)

**ARTICLE 18**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the Care of the Poor. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$2,000)

**ARTICLE 19**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be paid to the following charities:

(Recommend)

Washington County Children's Program	\$ 50.00
Downeast Community Partners	50.00
Red Cross	75.00
Cherryfield Ambulance	500.00
Lamb House	100.00
Cherryfield Library	50.00
Lifelight Foundation	\$200.00
	( \$1,025.00)

**ARTICLE 20**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operating cost of the Beddington Fire Department. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$3,401 and raise \$1,000)

**ARTICLE 21**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for 911 Street Signs, and 911 addressing issues. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 1,480.)

**ARTICLE 22**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the Planning Board. (Recommend carry balance forward \$4,246.)

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the town will vote to fix a date on which assessed taxes for the ensuing year shall become due and payable. (Recommend September 1, 2021)

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the town will vote to fix an annual rate of interest to be collected on taxes remaining unpaid after some specific date, and set said date. (Town recommends after 9/30/21, interest rate be set at 6%).

**ARTICLE 25**

To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate from overlay to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon. (Recommend \$2,000 from overlay)

**ARTICLE 26**

Notice to Taxpayers: Beddington's share of Washington County Tax is: \$86,575.  
(Recommended to raise \$86,575.)

**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law for the Town of Beddington. In the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

**ARTICLE 28**

To see what sum of money shall be raised and or appropriated for the purpose of funding a scholarship to be administered by the Beddington School Committee. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$5,775 and raise \$2,000.)

**BEDDINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**OPERATION BUDGET**  
**FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLES 1 TO 3 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

**School Committee Recommends \$97,824.00**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 4,500.00**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Committee Recommends \$12,000.00**

#### **ARTICLE 4 RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**Total Appropriated: \$59,463.10**

**Total Raised: \$57,214.80**

*Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."*

#### **ARTICLE 5 RAISES LOCAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 5: (Written Ballot Required)** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$54,860.90), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$54,860.90, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends** \$54,860.90 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$54,860.90: transportation and tuition costs.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipal budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 6 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Committee Recommends \$114,324.00.**

(Town recommends for the fiscal year 2021 to raise \$71,829.00, carry the balance forward of \$28,066.00, transfer from Article 4 \$14,429.00)

**ARTICLE 7 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

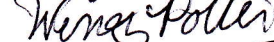
**ARTICLE 29**

To adjourn:

Given under our hands the

SELECTBOARD OF BEDDINGTON

Wendy Potter



Marie Marini



Jean Kaye

