

WARRANT FOR MARCH 7, 2015 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 7th day of March AD 2015 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 7, 2015. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 a.m.

RECESS FOR VOTING UNTIL BUSINESS MEETING AT 1:30 p.m.

CALL BACK IN SESSION: 1:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE

SPIRIT OF AMERICA award given to Michael Golden (Sr.)

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

Nomination(s): Phil Roy
_1st: Mary Farrar
_2nd: Sharon
Results: 3/0 for Phil Roy

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

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Mary Lou Ridley	74
Road Commissioner:	Michael Foster	74
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Leslie Giroux	73
Treasurer:	Sharon Begin	73
MSAD # 74 School Board Director: (3 year term)	Leslie Giroux	71

TOTAL ELECTION BALLOTS CAST: *Absentee:* 81 *Regular:*
~~10077~~

TOTAL TOWN MEETING ATTENDEES: 47

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amounts from the 2014 Surplus for overage in the Transfer Station, \$69.10; Winter Roads \$251.02; Unemployment Insurance \$854.00; Street Lights \$282.62; and Motor Vehicles \$10.50
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Andy Davis

Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$526,196, 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

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Sacket

Results: MOTION CARRIES

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 \$3,400

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 \$21,000

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend ~~\$7,500~~ \$9,100

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

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 \$2,000

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

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Mark Roman

(Discussion)

Motion to AMMEND motion on the floor: change Article 5.8 to \$9,100: Andy Davis

2nd: Mark Roman

Results: AMENDMENT PASSES

Motion to move as AMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Sacket

Results: MOTION CARRIES as AMENDED

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

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,600

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,886

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 \$12,751

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,000

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$16,500

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: James Quimby

Results: MOTION CARRIES

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 \$3,000

3. TRANSFER STATION TUB RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: George Williams

Results: MOTION CARRIES

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

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett
2nd: Lois Miller
Results: MOTION CARRIES*

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 \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$1,000

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. HOSPICE (requested \$600)
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 \$369.25)
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 \$1,773)
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 \$100

13. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$25)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

*Motion to AMEND Article 9 to ACCEPT AS REQUESTED: Lisa Savage
(Adjust totals to the original requested amounts for an added \$3318.75)
2nd: Linda Marquis
(Discussion)
Results: MOTION FAILS*

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: John Dunay
2nd: Olan Burns
Results: MOTION CARRIES*

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.

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Andy Davis
Results: MOTION CARRIES*

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

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

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

7. MOOSE VALLEY RIDERS ATV CLUB (\$1,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis
2nd: Michael Golden
(Discussion)

Motion to AMEND Article 11.6 to reduce from \$500 to \$0: Don Kennerson
2nd: Issac Davis
Results: AMMENDMENT FAILS

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED:
Results: MOTION CARRIES

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 \$1,586)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,586
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
8. UPPER KENNEBEC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (requested \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0
9. MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING NETWORK (requested \$100)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Sherry Rogers
2nd: Joe Albut
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation to slip line several culverts on the South Solon Road.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$35,000 by taxation and that any remaining balance be used to pay on the Road Paving Loan.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis
2nd: Michael Golden
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation to pay on the Road Paving Loan.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$182,000 by taxation. ~~The Selectmen further recommend that should Article 13 fail that \$217,000 be raised by taxation for the Road Paving Loan (Article 13 did not fail)~~

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Don Kennerson
2nd: Sherry Rogers
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 15: To see if the Town will set up a Recreation Facilities Maintenance and Equipment Reserve Account with the funds being expendable with a joint vote of the Selectmen and the Recreation Department Committee.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Sherry Rogers
2nd: Michael Sacket
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation funds for the Recreation Facilities Maintenance and Equipment Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Sherry Rogers
2nd: Michael Sacket
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 17: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a 4 wheel drive 1 ton or larger dump/plow truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend spending up to \$45,000 from the reserve funds.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis
2nd: Elizabeth Giroux
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation to pay the Internal Revenue Service for interest and penalties related to the 2011, 2012 and 2013 payroll taxes and filings and to pay for legal fees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED by the Budget Committee: Andy Davis
2nd: Michael Sackett
Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 19: To see if the Town will accept reimbursement from Judith Robertson for costs associated with the 2011, 2012, and 2013 payroll taxes and filings.

Selectmen make no recommendation. The Budget Committee recommends not accepting any money from Judith Robertson.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED by the Budget Committee: Andy Davis

2nd: Brian Coombs

Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer position from an elected position to a position that is appointed by the Selectmen with the effective date of this change being March 5, 2016.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: John Dunay

2nd: Andy Davis

Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 21: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds in the Transfer Station Truck and Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a truck to haul our trash tubs and, if needed, to also use the funds to adapt the truck into a roll off truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Golden

Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to combine the Transfer Station Tub Reserve and the Transfer Station Truck and Equipment Reserve Account which will be called the Transfer Station Truck and Equipment Reserve Account with the Selectmen having the authority to expend funds from this reserve account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Lisa Savage

2nd: Andy Davis

Results: MOTION CARRIES

Article 23: To see if the Town wishes to protect its valuable water resources by declaring a moratorium on the practice of “Hydraulic Fracturing”, also known as “Fracking”, a process in which fractures in rocks below the earth’s surface are opened and widened by injecting chemicals and liquids at high pressure, used especially to extract natural gas and oil, **not to exceed one year.**** And to also direct the Planning Board to develop an ordinance related to this matter to be voted on **at the next town meeting.** ~~at a future town meeting.~~

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

***The original motioner amends the original Article 23 to include “not to exceed on year” to comply with State law.*

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Frank Ridley
2nd: Lisa Savage (Discussion)*

Motion the AMEND Article to bypass the moratorium and only request the Planning Board research and develop an ordinance:

To protect the Town's valuable water resources, a one year moratorium is placed on the practice of "Hydraulic Fracturing", also known as Fracking, a process in which fractures in the rocks below the earth's surface are opened and widened by injecting chemicals and liquids at high pressure and used to especially extract natural gas and oil. This moratorium does not apply to fracking methods used to rejuvenate failing septic leach fields, to increasing yield from drinking water supply wells, and to help in removal of groundwater contamination. The Planning Board is directed to develop an ordinance related to this matter to be voted on at our next annual town meeting.

*Motion to move as AMENDED: Sikwani Dana
2nd: Barry Dana
Results: PASSES as AMENDED*

Article 24: 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.

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Lisa Savage
Results: PASSES*

Article 25: 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.

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: David Starbird
Results: PASSES*

Article 26: 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.

*Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Ann Padham
Results: PASSES*

Article 27: 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 2015.
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.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Results: PASSES

Article 28: If the Town accepts Article 27-2, 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 and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Golden

Results: PASSES

Article 29: To see if the town shall set September 15, 2015 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.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett

2nd: Jim Quimby

Results: PASSES

Article 30: 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%.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett

2nd: Joe Albuit

Results: PASSES

Given under my hand this 11th day of February A.D., 2015,

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 seventh day of March AD 2015 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 18th day of February AD 2015, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

[Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.](#)