

**TOWN OF DAMARISCOTTA
WARRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015**

LINCOLN, SS

STATE OF MAINE

TO: Ronald Young, a Constable for the Town of Damariscotta in the County of Lincoln.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Damariscotta, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Damariscotta Municipal Building on School Street in said Town, on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, A.D. 2014 at 8:00 A.M., then and there to act on Articles 1 and 2.

The polls for voting on Article 1 and 2 will be opened at 8:00 A.M., and will close at 8:00 P.M.

The adjourned meeting to act on the remaining articles in the Warrant will be resumed at the Lincoln Theater, 2 Theater Street in said Town on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, A.D. 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by Secret Ballot in accordance with the vote of the Town, the following officers:

Two Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor (Three-year term)
One School Board Member (Three-year term)
One Sanitary District Trustee (Three-year term)

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to enact changes to the existing Subdivision Ordinance of May 27, 1989 as follows:

Section VII. Under Definitions, by adding definitions for “Resubdivision” and “Subdivision Owner”, and

Section IX. Under Subdivision Approval Procedures and Requirements, by adding a Sub-section entitled “Plan Revisions after Approval?”

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk and posted with this warrant.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to enact changes to the existing to the existing Shoreland Zoning Ordinance of June 9, 2010 as follows:

Section 12.C.1. Under Non-conforming Structures, by deleting the maximum 30% volume expansion from the 30% rule and substituting a fixed maximum square footage or maximum 30% footprint expansion, whichever is larger, and a maximum extension of height , and

Section 15.B.1.b. Under Principal and Accessory Structures, by extending to non-subdivision lots along Great Salt Bay the same requirements for shore frontage and set-back of structures from the water?

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk and posted with this warrant.

ARTICLE 5. To choose one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a three-year term. **Selectmen nominate: Mary Patricia McLean**

ARTICLE 6. To choose three (3) Budget Committee members and one (1) Alternate Committee member for three year terms. **Selectmen nominate: Justin Hagar (regular member), _____, _____ and Ronald Ranes (alternate member)**

ARTICLE 7. To act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and other officials.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town vote to adopt the 2014-2024 Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the proposed plan is on file with the Town Clerk and posted with this warrant.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

ADMINISTRATION:	Board of Selectmen recommends:	\$338,474
	Budget Committee recommends:	\$340,323
ASSESSING:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 43,998
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 46,850
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$126,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 58,540
CONTINGENCY:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 20,000
LEGAL SERVICES:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 15,000
INSURANCE:	Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:	\$ 21,458

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 5,000

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Board of Selectmen recommends: \$675,320

Budget Committee recommends: \$677,169

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$488,413

ANIMAL CONTROL: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 6,518

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 85,342

EMERGENCY MGMT: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 1,714

FIRE HYDRANTS: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$143,868

STREET LIGHTS: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 15,500

TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 1,000

CLC AMBULANCE SERVICE: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 2,400

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$744,755

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$237,745

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$106,487

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 29,541

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$373,773

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Trust funds for the Worthy Poor:

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 4,000

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE:

General Obligation Refunding Loan (Castner Building, 2002 Pierce Pumper - ladder truck; matures on 10/16): \$116,019

General Obligation Loan: (2014 Rosenbauer Tanker-Pumper; matures 10/19) \$ 21,768

**TOTAL DEBT SERVICE: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:
\$137,787**

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:

Reserve Account	Projected	FY15 TM		Total Avail
		Balance 6/30/2014	Rec.	FY 2015
Municipal Building	3,711	0		3,711
Fire Station	48,725	5,000		53,725
Salt/Sand Shed	16,195	0		16,195
Restroom	0	0		0
Subtotal Land and Buildings	68,631	5,000	73,631	
				0
Fire Truck	37,181	65,000		102,181
Fire Equipment	0	10,000		10,000
Subtotal Fire	37,181	75,000		112,181
Police Vehicles	0	10,000		10,000

Highway Truck		22,326	9,600	31,926	
Highway Equipment	448	5,000	5,448		
Subtotal Highway		22,774	14,600	37,374	
Technology		2,322	2,000	4,322	
Transportation Improvements					
Sidewalk Program		0	0	0	
Paving and Maintenance	0	65,000	65,000		
Municipal Parking Lot	34,705	10,000	44,705		
Subtotal			34,705	75,000	109,705
Comprehensive Plan	0	0	0		

Cemete ry	6,373	15,000	21,373	
Landfill		4,682	0	4,682
Town Clock	23,511	1,500	25,011	
Total		200,179	198,100	398,279

TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$198,100

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT:

COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT: Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: \$403,974.84

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for COMMUNITY SERVICES:

RECREATION & HOLIDAY FUNDS: Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 2,700

TOWN CLOCK: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 1,250

TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 3,950

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Lincoln County Television:

LINCOLN COUNTY TELEVISION: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 5,672

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the annual operation of Skidompha Public Library as the public library for the citizens of Damariscotta.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$ 21,000

ARTICLE 19.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the provider agency Coastal Kids Preschool.	
	Article submitted by Petition:	\$ 1,500
ARTICLE 20.	To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the provider agency Central Lincoln County YMCA.	
	Article submitted by Petition:	\$ 3,500
ARTICLE 21.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,320 for the provider agency Midcoast Maine Community Action.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$ 1,320
ARTICLE 22.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,990 for the provider agency Central Maine Area on Aging.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$ 2,990
ARTICLE 23.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the provider agency Pemaquid Watershed Association.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$ 500
ARTICLE 24.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the provider agency Lincoln County Dental, Inc.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$1,500
ARTICLE 25.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the provider agency Ecumenical Food Pantry.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$ 1,500
ARTICLE 26.	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,155 for the provider agency New Hope for Women.	
	Article submitted by petition:	\$ 1,155
ARTICLE 27.	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Estimated Revenues Account, \$656,983 to be applied to reduce the 2015 tax commitment.	
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	\$442,800
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$115,333
	STATE REIMBURSEMENTS – TAX EXEMPTIONS	\$ 77,750
	STATE REIMBURSEMENT- GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 2,500
	POLICE REVENUES:	\$ 14,600
	TRUST FUND REVENUE:	\$ 4,000

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program the sum of \$21,000 and transfer it to the General Fund as a revenue to be applied toward the Highway Department.

Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend: **\$21,000**

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$24,117 from previous years' unexpended State Revenue Sharing funds to be applied to reduce the FY 2015 tax rate.

Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend: **\$24,117**

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be applied to reduce the FY 2015 tax rate:

Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend: **\$75,000**

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$1,401,334 established for Damariscotta 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 the property tax levy limit. (This article must be a written ballot by state law.)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to set the first day of October 2014 and the first day of April 2015 when all 2015 taxes shall be due and payable in semi-annual installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 7.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said dates.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2015 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2014, who pay the total amount of 2015 taxes by monthly payments from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015; who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest. To be eligible for tax club 2014 taxes must be paid in full.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds thereon, provided the Selectmen give three consecutive weeks' notice of their intentions to make such a sale through public advertisement in a local newspaper. The property may be sold back to the original owner for all taxes due, plus interest and all costs, without the advertisement requirement.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend funds from various reserve funds as they deem necessary in accordance with the capital improvement program.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money, bequests, apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract, accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, gifts of money and bequests and to appropriate and expend grant funds, gifts of money and bequests for the authorized purposes.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2015.
(Estimated Balance on June 30, 2014 -\$ 818,708)

Board of Selectmen recommend: **\$20,000**

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the date, hour and place for the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to expend money for General Assistance as needed.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Massasoit Engine Company gifts of money and certain items of equipment to be used for the benefit of the Town and the Massasoit Engine Co.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate money from the sale of Town owned vehicles to the respective departmental vehicle reserve accounts.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts of money to use in the remodel of the Police Department Offices.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate at 3.00% to be paid by the Town on prepaid abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. (4.00% less than the interest rate established by the Municipality).

Given under our hands at said Damariscotta, Maine this 7TH day of May A.D., 2014.

Joshua Pinkham , Chairman

Vicki Pinkham

Robin Mayer

David Atwater

Ronn Orenstein

Attest:

Jurate J. Barnes

Board of Selectmen
Damariscotta, Maine