

**Town of Jonesport**  
**Warrant for Special Town Meeting**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Jonesport Elementary School Gym**

Tonia Merchant, Clerk opened the meeting and led in the salute to our Country's flag.  
Irene Rogers served as Ballot Clerk. Diane Smith, Holly Iossa, and Carrie Peabody served as Ballot Tellers.

To: Roland Rogers, a resident of the Town of Jonesport, in the County of Washington, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Jonesport, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Jonesport Elementary School Gymnasium at Snare Creek, in said Town on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety. Motion carried.

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

Nomination was made for William (Billy) Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

4 votes were cast for Billy Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded to allow Superintendent Lewis Collins to speak; none opposed.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$954,237.63

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends \$248,456.05

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends \$0.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$34,892.06

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends \$166,105.89

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$112,292.65

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$167,746.04

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$28,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends \$322,049.30

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends \$ 0.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends \$12,500.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee Recommends \$1,017,964.69) and to see what sum the Town of Jonesport will raise as the Town of Jonesport contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends \$802,820.40

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

*Explanation: The Town of Jonesport contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 8 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 14. (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (School Committee Recommends \$788,309.94), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$788,309.94 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The **school committee recommends \$778,309.94** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$778,309.94:

The new EPS funding formula determines subsidy based on many variables such as State valuation, student enrollment and the overall GPA recommended. Our operation expenditures for instructional staff, special education, library, athletics, operation and maintenance of the plant, transportation and system administration/support exceed that which the State feels is necessary. Due to decreased enrollment, increased State valuation and small school size this method of subsidy calculation requires additional local money be raised above that which the State calculates is needed to operate our elementary school.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$778,309.94.

Motion carried; 8 yes, 2 No

*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 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payments on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.*

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K to grade 8 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 our school.

School Committee Recommends \$2,046,279.63

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if in the event that the Town of Jonesport receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in the budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances for a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in section 15671-A, subsection 1, paragraph B for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article to give the school committee the authorization.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 17. 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 that are not required to be accounted for in the school operating budget, for example Title 1 funding, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article to give the school committee the authorization.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize \$2493.00 (Two thousand four hundred ninety-three dollars) to be taken from surplus for 2022-23 snow plowing.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with \$2,493.00 to be taken from surplus.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$5621.00 (Five thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars) for 2023-24 snow plowing.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize up to \$35,000.00 (Thirty-five thousand dollars) to be taken from surplus to pay additional legal fees.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize up to \$35,000.00 to be taken from surplus for legal fees.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 (Five thousand dollars) for the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the current Town of Jonesport Land Use and Development Ordinance and replace with Town of Jonesport Land Use and Development Ordinance Revised Land Use Ordinance dated 06/21/2023. (Public Hearing held 6/21/2023)

Motion was made to table the article. The moderator ruled the motion out of order as it was a negative motion. Mr. Moderator said that he would entertain a motion to accept the article and a no vote would accomplish the same as tabling.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article.

Motion carried; 9 yes; 7 no.

Mr. Moderator then asked if anyone had a question about the way they voted. All understood.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to enact the Town of Jonesport Commercial Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. (Public Hearing held 6/21/2023)

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article.

Motion carried; 11 yes, 5 no.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

A True Copy Attested: Jonia S. Merchant

Clerk, Town of Jonesport

