

WARRANT

To Connie Warren, a resident of the Town of Baldwin, in the County of Cumberland:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Baldwin qualified by law to vote in said town affairs, to assemble at the **Baldwin Community Center, Baldwin in said town on the 14th day of March 2020** at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1: To choose or elect a moderator to preside at the said meeting.

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town officers:

- One Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3-year term)
- One School Board Director (3-year term)

Polls will close at 12:30 pm. Annual meeting will reconvene at 1:00 pm or shortly thereafter to act on the remaining articles.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept, or act upon the report of its Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Clerk and Treasurer, and other town officers of the last year.

OFFICE AND TAXES WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article 4: ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CONTINGENT)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for administrative expenses consisting of legal fees, interest, supplies, office equipment, insurances, workman's compensation, audits, and operational items not specifically covered by other appropriations.

2019 Appropriation: \$75,000.00
Special Town Meeting: \$60,000.00
2019 Expenditure: \$129,030.83

Selectmen recommend that **\$110,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Article 5: BUILDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building maintenance consisting of building insurance, phone, internet, electricity, alarm system, janitorial wages, and minor operational items and repairs pertaining to the building.

2019 Appropriation: \$60,000.00
2019 Expenditure: \$53,522.85

Selectmen recommend that **\$60,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Article 6: ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY & WAGES

To see what hourly rate the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers for the ensuing year. The 2019 approved rates are as follows:

- Selectmen annual stipend
 - Chairman: \$10,000.00
 - Other Select Board members: \$8,000.00 each
- Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector \$20.00 per hour (combined)
- Road Commissioner \$22.00 per hour

Article 7: TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COMPENSATION
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office Compensation for the Town Clerk's office for the ensuing year. This article includes Town Clerk Wages, Assistant Clerk Wages, Ballot Clerks and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

2019 Appropriation: \$73,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$73,868.24

Selectmen recommend that \$80,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 8: BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE COMPENSATION
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office Compensation including the three Selectmen, Town Admin. Assistant, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

2019 Appropriation: \$80,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$73,399.60

Selectmen recommend that \$82,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 9: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 80% of the cost of health insurance for full time Town employees.

2019 Appropriation: \$38,500.00 (cost for four eligible employees in 2020)

2019 Expenditure: \$40,742.55

Selectmen recommend that \$40,892.55 (\$10,223.14 per employee) to be raised and appropriated

Article 10: REVENUES
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an estimated \$722,771.00 from the following non-property tax revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	\$85,000.00
Estimated Homestead Reimbursement	\$70,500.00
Estimated BETE Reimbursement	\$15,271.00
Municipal Revenues	\$452,000.00
Fund Balance	\$100,000.00

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct or authorize the Selectmen to hire sums of money as necessary to pay the current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, these loans made in anticipation of 2020 taxes.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 12: TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 13: INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of 7% per year on all unpaid taxes or part there of beginning 60 days after commitment to tax collector.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 14: INTEREST PAID ON OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes at 3% per annum, (4% below the per annum rate charged on unpaid taxes.) in accordance with 36 MRSA § Section 506A.

Article 15: 3/12 BUDGET LIMIT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budget amount in each budget category of the Baldwin annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021 to the March Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 16: DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town - owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. (Bid process to be used when deemed advisable.)

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 17: TAX PRE-PAYMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payments of taxes not yet committed and pay no (0%) interest in accordance with 36 MRSA § Section 506.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 18: BACK TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply any tax payment received for any property tax to outstanding or delinquent taxes owed and in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill in accordance with 36 MSRA § Section 906.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 19: TAX ABATEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the calendar year of 2020 from Overlay. The Selectmen, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under 36 MRSA § Section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.

Article 20: OVERDRAFTS
 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,712.15 to cover overdrafts in the 2019 budget. The overdrafts are as follows:

Town Office Compensation	\$868.24
Health Insurance	\$2,242.55
Winter Roads	\$10,561.93
Town Garage Maintenance	\$799.87
Firefighter Training	\$3,239.56
Total Overdraft expenditures	\$17,712.15

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 21: REVALUATION RESERVE ACCOUNT
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards the Revaluation Reserve Account.

2019 Appropriation: \$5,000.00
 Selectmen recommend that \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Radio Repeater Reserve Account.

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

Article 23: TRI-TOWN WASTE OPERATIONS
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 towards Tri-town waste operations. Reports on pages 56-58.

2019 Appropriation: \$90,000.00
 2019 Expenditure: \$90,000.00
 Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Article 24: TRI-TOWN RESERVE ACCOUNT
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Tri-town Waste Reserve account and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

2019 Appropriation: \$15,000.00
 2019 Expenditure: \$15,000.00
 Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Article 25: TRI-TOWN TRUCK PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,371.00** for the last payment on the Tri-Town Waste Truck.

2019 Appropriation: \$11,371.00

2019 Expenditure: \$11,371.00

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

RECREATION & CEMETERY ARTICLES:

Article 26: CEMETERIES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the mowing, restoration, and care of existing cemeteries in Town.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$6,357.99

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Article 27: SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,515.00** for the cost of patrolling, maintenance and porta-potty rental for Sand Pond Beach during summer months.

2019 Appropriation: \$2,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$1,150.21

Sand Pond Beach Committee recommends passage of article.

Article 28: FEE FOR SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to charge \$10/year per vehicle for access to Sand Pond Beach. The fees generated will be used for capital improvements, such as picnic tables. Sand Pond Beach Committee recommends passage of article.

Article 29: SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council. Sacopee Valley Recreation Council is requesting **\$4,000.00**. Report on page 59 – 61.

2019 Appropriation: \$3,500.00

2019 Expenditure: \$3,500.00

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Article 30: BALDWIN BELT BURNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all the snowmobile registration fees and transfer to the Baldwin Belt Burners Snowmobile Club.

The request is 100% of the fees be transferred to the Snowmobile Club.

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

Article 31: STANDISH RESCUE UNIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Standish Rescue Unit for services. Standish Public Safety proposes an amount of **\$49,077.44** annual cost for a full-time staffed ambulance at the Steep Falls station. See Standish Rescue Report on page 65.

2019 Appropriation: \$48,362.00

2019 Expenditure: \$47,648.00

Article 32: FIRE COMPANIES

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the three fire companies for expenses and any unexpended balances to be transferred to respective departments capital reserve accounts.

2019 Appropriation: \$20,000.00 per station (\$60,000 total)

East Baldwin Station	\$14,030.69
North Baldwin Station	\$10,716.75
West Baldwin Station	\$11,046.73
Total 2019 Expenditure	\$35,794.17

Fire Department recommends passage of this article.

\$20,000.00 to each of the three departments. (Total **\$60,000.00**)

Article 33: FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT

To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of **\$56,329.13** for the 2ND payment of the new E-One fire truck from the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Fire Department recommends passage of this article

Article 34: FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for maintenance and repairs for the fire department vehicles.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,000.00

Special Town Meeting: \$10,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$15,006.85

Fire Department recommends passage of this article

Article 35: FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Chief compensation (including Town Fire Chief, and a Town Assistant Chief) for the ensuing year. Report on page 64.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,765.00

2019 Expenditures

Fire Chief & Assistant = \$9,995.00
FICA/ Medicare = \$764.78
Total = \$10,759.78

Fire Department recommends to raise and appropriate **\$10,765.00**

Article 36: FIRE STATION ROOF REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the repairs to the West Baldwin Fire Station roof.

Fire Department recommends passage of this article

Article 37: FIRE STATION CAPTAINS
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for three Fire Station Captains.

2019 Appropriation: \$1,615.00

2019 Expenditures

Assistant Chiefs =	\$1,500.00
FICA/ Medicare =	\$114.75
Total =	\$1,614.75

Fire Department recommends to raise and appropriate **\$1,615.00**

Article 38: FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the Town firefighters for their training hours and calls. The training is required by the Department of Labor.

2019 Appropriation: \$15,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$18,239.56

Fire Department recommends to raise and appropriate **\$22,000.00**

Article 39: CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCH
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,209.00** to continue our contract for 2020 with Cumberland County Dispatch for dispatching emergency fire and rescue calls.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,888.00

2019 Expenditure: \$ 10,888.00

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 40: NEW RADIO PURCHASE AND REPAIR
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** for the maintenance, repair and purchase of new radios as needed.

2019 Appropriation: \$6,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$5,721.00

Fire Department recommends passage of this article.

Article 41: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management.

2019 Appropriation: \$1,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$22.04 (mileage for EMA meetings)

Selectmen recommend **\$500.00** to be raised and appropriated.

Article 42: FUEL

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a fuel account used only for the Municipal Road Crew and Fire Trucks.

2019 Appropriation: \$20,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$18,689.12

Selectmen recommend that \$20,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 43: STREET LIGHTS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for the ensuing year.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$8,286.04

Selectmen recommend that \$10,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 44: LIFE FLIGHT

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Life Flight services for the ensuing year. Life Flight has requested \$763.00 this coming fiscal year (a rate of \$0.50 per capita). Report on pages 66 - 67.

2019 Appropriation: \$1,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommend that \$800.00 be raised and appropriated.

ROAD ARTICLES:

Article 45: SUMMER ROADS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of roads and bridges. Any balance left over after December 31, 2020 will roll over into a reserve account for summer road maintenance.

2019 Appropriation: \$100,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$97,858.89

Road Commissioner recommends that \$100,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 46: TOWN TRUCK PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,618.00 for the fifth out of 5 payments to Saco Biddeford Savings for two town trucks for road work and snow plowing.

Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 47: WINTER ROADS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal for the ensuing year. Any balance left over after December 31, 2020, will roll over into a reserve account for winter road maintenance.

2019 Appropriation: \$175,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$185,561.93

Road Commissioner recommends that \$175,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 48: PLOW TRUCK LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a 5- year lease-to-purchase agreement for a new, fully equipped plow truck. This agreement allows for the option to buy the truck or to renew the lease at the end of five years. This agreement includes a 5-year warranty. All maintenance expenses including oil changes, and towing are included under the 5-year warranty. Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 49: PLOW TRUCK PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of \$28,847.26 for the first lease payment of the new plow truck from the Town Vehicle Reserve account. Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 50: LOCAL ROADS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend monies received from Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance (LRAP) for capital improvements of Town ways. The amount received last year 2019 was \$43,464.00.

Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 51: PAVING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to add to the monies received from the Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance for the hot top maintenance resurfacing of Town ways.

2019 Expenditures

2019 LRAP Funds received	\$43,464.00
2019 Town Appropriation	\$100,000.00
Total 2019 Budget	\$143,464.00
Total 2019 Expenditure	\$139,146.05

Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 52: TOWN GARAGE

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Town Garage Maintenance.

2019 Appropriation: \$10,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$10,799.87

Road Commissioner recommends that **\$10,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Article 53: ROAD CLOSURES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant 23 M.R.S.A. 2953.

Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 54: RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Fund Balance the sum of **\$26,300.00** to the River Road Reserve Account and to raise and appropriate an additional **\$5,000.00** for River Road repair to be added to the River Road reserve account. The \$26,300.00 was previously raised in the past but lapsed into the fund balance at the end of the year.

EDUCATION & PRESERVATION ARTICLES:

Article 55: BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Brown Memorial Library. Brown Memorial Library is requesting **\$15,000.00**. Report on page 70.

2019 Appropriation: \$12,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$12,000.00

Article 56: BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the Baldwin Historical Society. Historical Society is requesting **\$7,500.00**. Report on pages 71.

2019 Appropriation: \$7,500.00

2019 Expenditure: \$7,500.00

Article 57: SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Saco River Corridor Commission for its continued water quality monitoring program. Saco River Corridor Commission is requesting **\$300.00**. Report on pages 72-75.

2019 Appropriation: \$300.00

2019 Expenditure: \$300.00

Article 58: SACO RIVER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Saco River Festival Association. Saco River Festival is requesting **\$400.00**. Report on page 68.

2019 Appropriation: \$300.00

2019 Expenditure: \$300.00

Article 59: SMOOTH FEATHER YOUTH

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Smooth Feather Youth. Smooth Feather Youth is requesting **\$600.00**. Report on page 69.

2019 Appropriation: \$600.00

2019 Expenditure: \$600.00

Article 60: SACOPEE TV (TV2)

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all of the franchise fees received from Spectrum and any grants received through franchise negotiations to Sacopee TV for the maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs, as deemed necessary to support the Sacopee TV (formally TV2). Report on pages 76 - 78.

The request is 100 % of the fees be transferred to Sacopee TV (TV2).

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES:

Article 61: SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Southern Maine Agency on Aging is requesting \$3,750.00. Report on pages 79 - 82.

2019 Appropriation: \$3,500.00

2019 Expenditure: \$3,500.00

Article 62: HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSE / MAINE HEALTHCARE AT HOME

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Home Health Visiting Nurse. Home Health Visting Nurse is requesting \$3,200.00. Report on pages 83 – 85.

2019 Appropriation: \$3,200.00

2019 Expenditure: \$3,200.00

Article 63: OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE (formerly known as PROP)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Opportunity Alliance. Opportunity Alliance is requesting \$3,500.00. Report on pages 86 – 88.

2019 Appropriation: \$3,500.00

2019 Expenditure: \$3,500.00

Article 64: GENERAL ASSISTANCE

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2019 Appropriation: \$18,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$13,869.99

Selectmen recommend that \$18,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Article 65: NORTHERN LIGHT HOME CARE & HOSPICE (NLHCH)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. Northern Light is requesting \$500.00. Report on pages 89 – 90.

2019 Appropriation: \$500.00

2019 Expenditure: \$500.00

ORGANIZATION ARTICLES:

Article 66: HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter for the handling of Baldwin stray animals. Harvest Hills is requesting \$1,525.00. Information on page 63.

2019 Appropriation: \$1,525.00

2019 Expenditure: \$1,525.00

Article 67: SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SMPDC)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission for 2020 dues of \$587.00. Southern Maine Planning & Development is requesting \$587.00. Report on pages 91 – 92.

2019 Appropriation: \$570.00

2019 Expenditure: \$570.00

PLANNING AND LAND-USE ARTICLES:

Article 68: PLANNING BOARD

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards Planning Board expenses. Report on page 55.

2019 Appropriation: \$2,000.00

2019 Expenditure: \$414.00

Planning Board recommends raising \$2,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES:

Article 69: To see if the Town will vote to continue with the Tri-town Waste Interlocal Agreement for an additional 30 years. Selectmen recommends passage of this article.

Article 70: To decide whether the voters of the Town will enact the Town of Baldwin Ordinance entitled “**DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS ORDINANCE**” together with amendments to the existing Barking Dogs Ordinance and deleting the Barking Dogs provisions from its Land Use Ordinance.

Article 71: To be voted on by Secret Ballot.

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Baldwin 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 this property tax levy limit.

Article 72: Motion to Adjourn

Town of Baldwin Selectmen -

Dwight Warren, James Dolloff & Gerry Brown



STATE OF MAINE

Municipal Election for the Town of Baldwin Candidates to be voted for March 14, 2020

Make a cross (X) or a check mark (☑) in the square at the left of the nominees for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing it in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or a check mark (☑) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names. Names written in must show the municipality of residence of each written candidate.

Sample Ballot

SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR & OVERSEER OF THE POOR 3 Year Term (vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bubar, Joseph
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warren, Dwight
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DIRECTOR OF SAD #55 3 Year Term (vote for one)	
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