

**OFFICIAL WARRANT FOR THE TOWN OF NORTHPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To be held on June 5, 2021 and June 7, 2021

To: Amy Eldridge, Town Clerk of the Town of Northport in the County of Waldo, 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 Northport in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to appear at the Northport Town Hall on Saturday, June 05, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., there and then to act upon Articles 1 and 2

AND

To notify and warn said voters to meet at the Edna Drinkwater School on Monday, June 07, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. there and then to act upon Articles 3 through 51 inclusive.

Article 1. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

On Saturday June 05, 2021 Town Clerk Amy Eldridge opened the meeting by greeting those present at Town Hall for the purpose of action on Articles 1 and 2. Motion was made by Jeff Littlefield and second by Amy Eldridge to nominate Robin Coombs as Moderator of the election portion of the Town Meeting. Three votes were cast in favor of Coombs. Coombs was sworn in as Moderator by Town Clerk Amy Eldridge.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot:

One (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year term.

Breanna Pinkham Bebb 71 votes, No write in votes, blank votes 2

One (1) School Committee Member for a three (3) year term.

Sandy (Ann) Wallace 71 votes, No write in votes, blank votes 2

One (1) Road Commissioner for a two (2) year term.

Amon Morse III 70 votes, Ralph Flanders 1 vote, blank votes 2

Eldridge closed the Election portion of the Annual Town Meeting at 8:47pm on June 05, 2021 and would reconvene on Monday June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Edna Drinkwater School.

Eldridge opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. by greeting the 47 residents present at the Edna Drinkwater School for the purpose of acting on Articles 3 through 51. Eldridge introduced herself and thanked everyone for attending. Eldridge congratulated Breanna Pinkham Bebb for Selectmen, Sandy (Ann) Wallace for School Committee and Amon Morse III for Road Commissioner. All were re-elected to their current positions as a result of the Town Election on June 5, 2021 at the Town Office. Eldridge proceeded to call for nominations for Moderator to preside over Town Meeting.

Eldridge read Article 1 and asked for any nominations. Nomination was made by Karl Beiser, seconded by Robin Coombs, to have Lee Woodward, Jr serve as Moderator over The Annual Town Meeting. Three ballots were cast in favor of Woodward. Woodward recited the oath to Eldridge, swearing him in as Moderator over Town Meeting. Woodward proceeded to introduce our State Senate District 11 Representative Glenn “Chip” Curry. He provided the residents with an update on what the Legislature has been working on. He spoke about funding school lunches and full funding of municipal revenue sharing. Woodward then introduced Paul Robie whom reported on behalf of Janice Dodge. He apologized for her not being able to attend the meeting. He reported on the bills that the House of Representatives have been working on, and expressed to everyone to please keep in touch with Janice Dodge about any concerns. Woodward then introduced Town Administrator Barbara Ashley. Ashley gave a special thank you to Robin Coombs, Deputy Town Clerk for her 25 years of service to the Town of Northport. She explained how Robin is always there and does so much for the Town. Ashley presented Robin with a tear drop crystal to show thanks and appreciation from the Town.

Woodward introduced Town Finance Director, Vicki Eugley, whom reported that Town Administrator Barbara Ashley would be retiring after 17 years of service to the Town of Northport. Ashley was recognized for her leadership, dedication, open door policy and many years of service. Eugley wished her well and presented Ashley with flowers and a token of the Towns appreciation.

Woodward proceeded to explain the process of the Town Meeting and both the Select Board and the School Board have determined multiple articles that could be combined. Combining the articles in bundles will help decrease the time of the gathering.

*Article 3. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate to pay the Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. (Current salary–Selectmen \$3,500.00–Selectman Chair \$4,000.00) *Selectmen recommend no change. Motion was made and second to approve the Board recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

*Article 4. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay the Road Commissioner, Road Workers, Trucks and Equipment for the ensuing year. (Selectmen recommend State Rates plus 10% for routine road maintenance. Major road reconstruction to follow the competitive bid process.) *Motion was made and second to approve the Board recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 5. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay members of the Planning Board. (Current pay \$27.50 for each member per meeting or workshop attended; and \$32.50 for the Chairman for each meeting or workshop attended.) *Selectmen recommend no change. Motion was made and second to approve the Board recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$5,000.00 for the Northport Scholarship Fund for second semester Northport college freshmen. *Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend funds for the Northport Village Corporation an amount of \$10,000.00. *Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Beverly Crofoot asked each Selectman to explain their reasoning as to why they decreased the amount requested by Northport Village Corporation of \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Michelle Patten, Chairman stood and explained there are things that are in the Towns control and not in our control. After reviewing the Budget for the Town of Northport, Patten wanted funds to be designated to NVC, but determines there were many areas in Town where funds were needed and the full requested amount could not be granted.*

Jeanine Tucker stood and stated she opted to have zero amount budgeted to NVC due to the overwhelming need for Broadband for the Town and Northport Village Corporation. She expressed that NVC should be able to fully fund their budget without the \$25,000.00 from the Town.

Breanna Pinkham Bebb stood and reported when she first ran for the Selectman position, feedback she received from residents was that they wanted taxes lowered and better internet. With Broadband being needed throughout the Town of Northport, she decided to allocate \$15,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 toward Broadband which left \$10,000.00 that could be provided to NVC to assist toward the NVC budget.

Karl Beiser asked if anyone in the Town could provide more history on the appropriation request from Northport Village Corporation. Jane Novotny a resident, and an Overseer for Northport Village Corporation, provided her knowledge of the history. She expressed her concern with future appropriation for Northport Village Corporation. Majority in favor – 1 opposed. Article passed.

The moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 8 -12 together and discussed individually.

Woodward made a request for a motion to combine Articles 8-12 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was made, second and approved to combine Articles 8-12.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds from the Northport Volunteer Fire Dept. 2021 Operating Budget as of 6/30/2021 to the Fire Truck Replacement Special Reserve Account. *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds from the Northport First Responders 2021 Operating and Equipment Budget as of 6/30/2021 to the First Responders Equipment Special Reserve Fund. *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of Mooring Fees collected as of 6/30/2021 to the Marine Special Reserve Fund. *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of Vital Records Fees collected as of 6/30/2021 to the Records Preservation Special Reserve Fund. *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of cemetery lots with 50% of the revenue to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Account and 50% to be placed in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Account. *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

The moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 13 -18 together and discussed individually.

Woodward made a request for a motion to combine Articles 13-18 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was made, second, Majority in favor, 1 opposed, motion passed to combine Articles 13-18.

Article 13. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 14. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 15. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 16. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 17. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on Sundays? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 18. Shall the Town of Northport authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

The moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 19 -20 together and discussed individually.

Woodward made a request for a motion to combine Articles 19-20 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was made, second and approved to combine Articles 19-20.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend such monies deemed necessary from the following Reserve Account, or to take any action relative to same.

- Cemetery Capital Reserve Account
- Children’s Christmas Special Reserve
- Digital Mapping Special Reserve
- Education RSU#20 Audit Fund Balance Account
- Fire Truck Replacement Special Reserve
- First Responders Equipment Special Reserve
- Marine Special Reserve
- Records Preservation Special Reserve
- Sand/Salt Shed Special Reserve
- Wyman Park Special Reserve

Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the balances of the following accounts as of 6/30/2021 and allow expenditures of same:

- Education Account
- Education PERS Special Reserve Account
- Northport Needy Families
- Northport Warm Neighbors Fund
- Snowmobile Reimbursement Fund

Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to use \$200,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the 2021/2022 tax commitment. *Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. A question was presented about if it wiped out the rainy day fund. Vicki Eugley, Finance Director, stated that the Fund Balance is currently about \$964,000.00, and the Select Board decided to increase the amount used to reduce the commitment this year to offset increases in the budget. It is recommended that the town*

maintain a Fund Balance that would at minimum equal three months of expenditures, and this is within that amount.. All in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

The moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 22 - 28 together and discussed individually.

Woodward made a request for a motion to combine Articles 22-28 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was made, second and approved to combine Articles 22-28.

Article 22. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, carry forward and expend for the following accounts. Selectmen recommend the following:

Department	Raise From Taxes	Estimated Carry Forward*	Estimated Revenue*	Total Appropriation*
A)Administration	\$188,538.24	\$0	\$0	\$188,538.24
B)Ambulance	\$17,330.00	\$0	\$0	\$17,330.00
C)Animal Control	\$8,750.00	\$9,000.00	(Dog Licenses) \$750.00	\$19,000.00
D)Assessing Contract	\$24,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$24,000.00
E)Broadband.**	\$13,500.00	\$0	\$0	\$13,500.00
F)Cemetery Maintenance.	\$5,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$0	\$16,500.00
G)Code Enforcement Office	\$23,000.00	\$0	(Permits) \$5,000.00	\$28,000.00
H)Contingency Fund	\$15,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$15,000.00
I)Emergency Management	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$3,000.00
J)Employee Benefits	\$31,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$31,000.00
K)First Responders - Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$5,000.00
L)First Responders - Operating	\$7,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$7,000.00
M)General Assistance	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00 (from 70% State Reimbursement)	\$6,500.00
N)Harbor Fund	\$7,500.00	\$18,000.00	(Boat Excise) \$3,500.00	\$29,000.00
O)Insurance	\$25,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$25,000.00
P)Legal	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$20,000.00
Q)Northport Vol. Fire Dept. Operations	\$65,250.00	\$0	\$0	\$65,250.00
R)NVFD Chief Stipend	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$8,000.00
S)NVFD Truck Replacement	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$20,000.00
T)Office Operations	\$50,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00 (Tax Interest & Charges)	\$68,000.00
U)Payroll Taxes	\$26,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$26,000.00
V)Personal Time Payable	\$8,000.00	\$12,122.91	\$0	\$20,122.91
W)Planning Board	\$0	\$5,000.00	(Board fees) \$500.00	\$5,500.00
X)Roads & Bridges	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	(Auto Excise) \$300,000.00 (State LRAP) \$33,128.00	\$983,128.00
Y)Septage Contract	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$8,000.00
Z)Snow Removal & Sanding	\$200,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$200,000.00
AA)Social Services	\$7,500.00	\$0	\$0	\$7,500.00
BB)Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,500.00

CC)Town Hall Building Fund	\$0.00	\$41,266.51	\$0	\$41,266.51
DD)Town Hall Operations	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$20,000.00
EE)Transfer Station	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00 (Sticker/Metals/Brush/Debris)	\$200,000.00
FF)Wyman Park	\$800.00	\$0	\$0	\$800.00
Totals	\$1,081,168.24	\$624,889.42	\$416,878.00	\$2,122,935.66

*based on estimated amounts. ** funds may be expended prior to 06-30-21

Woodward called for questions & comments. David Crofoot asked for more information on the Harbor Fund. Finance Director, Vicki Eugley, stated that the Harbor Fund is used for the normal expenses of the Harbor, such as paying the Harbor Master and putting in and taking out the floats. The Marine Reserve Fund is Special Reserve Fund that is used for larger Harbor projects, such as when we needed to reconstruct Saturday Cove, replace floats or other unforeseen emergencies that might take place. We also gave funds to the Northport Village Corporation when they were doing repairs to the pier. All in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by Title 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). **Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent October 1, 2021; and March 2, 2022. (Selectmen recommend State authorized rate of 6%) **Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 25. To see if the Town will set a rate of interest for refunded taxes due to over assessments. (Selectmen recommend State authorized rate of 6%) **Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend Overlay or Undesignated Fund Balance monies, to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year. **Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506. **Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to enter into an Alewife Harvesting Program, with or without the Town of Lincolnville, for the 2021-2022 season, and close the Ducktrap River and all its tributaries to any taking of alewives or blueback herring. **Woodward called for questions & comments. Ashey reported that there's no Alewives at this time but if there ever is the Town of Northport and the Town of Lincolnville will work with the Department of Marine Services. all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.**

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following grants and revenue from the State of Maine and allow the Selectmen to use them as they deem necessary. *All dollar amounts are estimates.*

State Revenue Sharing	\$Unknown
Veterans	\$1,164.00
Snowmobile Registrations	\$152.26
Local Road Assistance	\$33,128.00
General Assistance	\$Unknown
Civil Emergency Funds	\$Unknown
Online Burn Permit	\$164.00
Education Funds/Grants	\$Unknown
Tree Growth	\$1,266.54
All Other Funds Available	\$Unknown

Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to give the Northport Ridge Riders (a snowmobile club) funds that the State of Maine returned to the Town in the amount of \$152.26 from snowmobile registrations, to be used to maintain snowmobile trails in Northport. ***Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to accept and expend educational and other grants and donations, or gifts, for the reason specified in the grant, donation or gift. ***Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town owned assets with a value of \$3,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. ***Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 1,205,821.89 established for the Town of Northport 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 that property tax levy limit. (Written ballot required by statute.) ***Motion was made and second to approve the article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. The Board stated that no action needs to be taken on this article, at this time, as the levy limit has not been exceeded. Motion was made and second to table the article. All in favor – none opposed.***

School Budget Articles to Appropriate Monies for The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 **Articles Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. §1485 and §15690**

While Articles 34-43 must be written as separate articles, the moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 34-43 together.

Woodward made a request for a motion to combine Articles 34-43 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was made, second and approved to combine Articles 34-43.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. School Committee Recommends \$ 1,750,217 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education. School Committee Recommends \$ 547,017 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. School Committee Recommends \$41,715 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. School Committee Recommends \$163,298 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration. School Committee Recommends \$153,851 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration. School Committee Recommends \$202,108 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. School Committee Recommends \$159,888 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. School Committee Recommends \$225,429 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. School Committee Recommends \$305,859 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Northport School Department will be authorized to expend for Food Service Transfers. School Committee Recommends \$73,008 ***Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.***

PLEASE NOTE: Actions taken pursuant to the following articles (44-47) must be taken by a recorded vote. Only Article 46 requires a Written Vote)

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town of Northport will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act

(School Committee Recommends \$2,000,365.21) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality'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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **School Committee Recommends \$1,801,782.64.**

“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.”

Yes 42 No 0

Motion was made and second to approve the School Committee recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, 42 in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town of Northport will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. **School Committee Recommends \$254,244**

“Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality’s long-term debt for major capital school construction projects at the Edna Drinkwater School and Northport’s share of long-term debt for major capital school construction projects in RSU 71 (previously MSAD 34) that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters.”

Yes 40 No 0

Motion was made and second to approve the School Committee recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, 40 in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

PLEASE NOTE: Article 46 requires a written vote

ARTICLE 46. Shall the Town of Northport raise and appropriate **\$1,067,757** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,067,757** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee recommends **\$1,067,757** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,067,757**.

“Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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 Northport School Department budget for educational programs.”

Yes 41 No 1

Motion was made and second to approve the School Committee recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Toupie Rooney asked how many students were enrolled at Edna Drinkwater School. The School Board reported 112 students are enrolled. After written ballots were cast 41 in favor – 1 opposed. Article passed.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town of Northport will authorize the Northport School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town of Northport’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, 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 \$3,622,390.**

Yes 39 No 0

Motion was made and second to approve the School Committee recommended amount. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, 39 in favor – none opposed. Article passed.

Existing School Reserve Accounts: Transfer and Expend

Reserve Account	Current Balance	Transfer Amount	Expend Not to Exceed
Regular Instruction	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
Special Education	\$100,000		\$100,000
Fuel Cost Stabilization	\$13,000		\$13,000
Food Service	\$20,000		\$20,000
Capital Maintenance	\$50,000		\$50,000

The moderator can accept a motion to consider multiple articles at the same time. If so desired, a single motion can be made to vote on Articles 48 – 49 together.

Woodward made a motion to combine Articles 48-49 to be voted as one article and discussed individually. Motion was second and approved to combine Articles 48-49.

ARTICLE 48. Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to **\$20,000** from unexpended balances to the **Regular Instruction Reserve Account** and to expend said Reserve for the purpose that such Reserve was created, in an amount not to exceed **\$50,000** for the 2021-2022 school year? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 49. Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend in an amount not to exceed the current balance as stated above for **Special Education, Fuel Cost Stabilization, Food Service and Capital Maintenance Reserve Accounts** for the purpose that such Reserves were created, for the 2021-2022 school year? *Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, Majority in favor – 1 opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 50. Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend other sums as may be received from federal and 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. *Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 51. Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers, not to exceed the total spending allocation for the 2021-2022 school year, to balance accounts. *Motion was made and second to approve the Article as written. Woodward called for questions & comments. Hearing none, all in favor – none opposed. Article passed.*

With no other articles to vote, Woodward introduced Ann Frenning Kossuth, Broadband Committee Chair, who provided an overview of Broadband in Northport. She introduced the members of the Broadband Committee (Avery Kreamer, Julian Sheffield, Brady Brim-DeForest, Karl Beiser, and Bill Frysinger) as well as thanked everyone for completing the Broadband surveys. Brady Brim-DeForest, Broadband Committee Member, explained the phases of the GWI project as well as answered questions. Karl Beiser, Broadband Committee Member, explained some of the grants that are available from the State and Federal Government. Mark Lynch, School Board Chairman, thanked the Committee for all that they have done for the Town of Northport and asked about the Broadband survey. <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/speed-test-info>

Woodward called for additional questions & comments, hearing none a Motion was made, and second to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All in favor- none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Eldridge
Town Clerk