

**WARRANT FOR MARCH 7, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

*Opening of 2020 Annual Town Meeting by the Municipal Clerk, Leslie A. Giroux at 7:55 a.m.*

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 2020 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 officials, 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, 2020. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

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

*Motion to elect Peter Mills as Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at town meeting.*

<i>Moderator:</i>	<i>Peter Mills</i>	<i>6</i>
	<i>Other</i>	<i>0</i>
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*Meeting called to order by Moderator at 8:02 am.*

*Spirit of America Award*

- *the 2020 Solon Spirit of America Award goes to Richard Roberts*
- *issued in recognition of volunteerism and contributions to the community*
- *a list of previous recipients can be found in town report*

Article 2: To elect all municipal officials and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Sarah Davis
Selectman, 1-year term:	Wayne Johnson
Road Commissioner, 1-year term:	Gary Bishop
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3-year term:	Laura Layman

*Results of secret ballot election:*

<i>Ballots issued:</i>	<i>Absentee</i>	<i>6</i>	
	<i>Regular</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>Total: 109</i>
<i>Selectman (3-year term):</i>		<i>Sarah Davis</i>	<i>84</i>
	<i>Write-ins:</i>	<i>William Caldwell</i>	<i>9</i>
		<i>Tammy Goodrich</i>	<i>3</i>
		<i>Laura Layman</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>Robert Lindblom</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>Blanks</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Selectman (1-year term):</i>		<i>Wayne 'Chip' Johnson</i>	<i>91</i>
	<i>Write-ins:</i>	<i>Tammy Goodrich</i>	<i>12</i>
		<i>Dan Ames</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>Amy Goodrich</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>William Caldwell</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>Wendy Goguen</i>	<i>1</i>
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<i>Road Commissioner (3-year term):</i>	<i>Gary Bishop</i>	<i>101</i>
	<i>Blank</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>RSU 74 Board of Directors (3-year term):</i>	<i>Laura Layman</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>Write-ins:</i>	<i>Cody Ames</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Lois Miller</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Robert Peabody</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Robert Lindblom</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Tracy Goodrich</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Blank</i>	<i>8</i>

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2019 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Code Enforcement Officer \$.04, Town Office Utilities \$81.31, Street Lights \$54.54, and Transfer Station \$642.51.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$569,721, 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 accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: George Williams.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

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 \$20,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$450

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$35,561 as follows:

Chair of Selectmen \$14,144

Vice Chair of Selectmen \$12,376

Selectman (10 months' salary) \$ 8,041

Chair & Vice Chair Bonus\* \$ 1,000

\*(Dec thru Feb coverage of vacant Selectman position)

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$41,600

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,312

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,472

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000 plus fees.

12. 911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200 plus ½ of fees

13. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

14. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

15. TRIO PROGRAM FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,400

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

17. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

18. GIS MAPPING & TAX MAPS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

19. TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

20. MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

21. MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUE COSTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: Sheri Rogers.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

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

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,864

3. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,000

4. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,057

5. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,300

6. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$24,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Wayne Johnson.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,200

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$31,000 plus reimbursements

3. GEAR EXTRACTION WASHER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 8: 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 \$78,000 plus fees & income

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 9: 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 \$115,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$115,000 plus reimbursements

3. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

4. ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$215,000

5. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

*Motion to ADDRESS INDIVIDUALLY: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Tammy Goodrich.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

3. HEADSTART (requested \$1,500)

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,200

*Motion to accept AS REQUESTED: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion FAILS by majority vote..*

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

4. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$600

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Michael Golden.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

5. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$980)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Sheri Rogers.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

6. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Wayne Johnson.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

7. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$368.55)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$300

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

8. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

9. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$527)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

10. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$150)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$150

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Ann Padham.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 11: 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 \$4,000 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,420

3. FIRE TRUCK LOAN

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,610

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500 plus fees.

2. RECREATION FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

3. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500 plus fees.

4. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$1,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

5. 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

6. MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

7. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

8. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000 plus fees and investment income

9. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Lois Miller. Second: Kim Johnson.  
Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 13: 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 \$1,664

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,650)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,650

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 \$1,500

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Ann Padham. Second: Michael Golden.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 14. Shall the town vote to create a Gravel Roads Reserve for capital repairs of our gravel roads and raise funds for this reserve account. The funds to be expended for capital repairs at the discretion of the Selectmen and the Road Commissioner.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$10,000 by taxation and \$10,000 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) reserve funds.

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Wayne Johnson.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise funds for a land survey for the Coolidge Library property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$2,600 from the Library Capital Reserve Account.

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Lois Miller. Second: Jane Ouderkirk.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 16. Shall the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-21 to pay for the right of way survey costs and to pay the costs to record the survey of the Road right-of-way at the Registry of Deeds. And to also use the funds to relocate and rebuild the section of the McQuilken Road where it meets the Drury Road if needed and/or to purchase land from the abutters, if needed, and to prepare and execute any deeds and related documents necessary therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way, and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept AS RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis. Second: Wayne Johnson.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 17. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana retail stores, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*Motion to ALLOW adult use marijuana retail stores within the municipality: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis. (see final determination below)*

*Speaker: non-resident Duayne Gushey, owner of Limited Edition Farm*

*Motion to AMEND as follows: Richard Roberts. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Motion PASSES by show of hands: 28-Yes, 25-No*

“Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana retail store, *by an existing marijuana business*, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?”

*Motion to accept AS AMENDED: Richard Roberts. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Motion PASSES by show of hands: 31-Y, 24-N*

Article 18. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana cultivation facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*Motion to ALLOW adult use marijuana cultivation facilities within the municipality: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Bill Redmond.*

*Motion to AMEND as follows: Zane Brown. Second:*

“Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana cultivation facilities, *at existing marijuana businesses*, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?”

*Both above motions fail by default due to vote to PASS OVER Articles 18 – 24.*

*Procedural motion to PASS OVER Articles 18 through 24 and take Article 25 out of order: Trent Cates. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Motions PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 19. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana manufacturing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*

Article 20. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana testing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*

Article 21. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana caregiver retail stores, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*

Article 22. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana registered dispensaries, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*

Article 23. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana manufacturing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*



Article 24. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana testing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

*PASSED OVER.*

Article 25. If any of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town place a 180-day moratorium on any marijuana related businesses during which time a committee will be formed to draft an ordinance for adult use marijuana and an ordinance for medical marijuana.

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

*Procedural Motion to PASS OVER Articles 18 through 24 and take Article 25 out of order was approved as stated above.*

*Motion to approve Article 25 as written: Olivia Atherton. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Discussion.*

*Move to APPROVE: Lois Miller.*

*Motion Passes by majority vote.*

Article 26. If none of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town form a committee to draft an ordinance for adult use marijuana and an ordinance for medical marijuana.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

*Procedural Motion to PASS OVER: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 27. If any of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town authorize the Selectmen to set annual licensing fees for each of the permitted categories of operation.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

*Procedural Motion to PASS OVER: Tammy Goodrich. Second: Andy Davis.*

*Motion PASSES by majority vote.*

Article 28: Shall the town 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.

Article 29: Shall the town vote to 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 and/or reserve funds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 30: Shall the town vote to 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.

Article 31: Shall the town vote to accept the following tax related articles:

1. Shall the town vote to 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. Shall the town 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. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2020.

4. Shall the town vote to use any surplus funds in excess of \$85,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. Shall the town vote to 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.

Article 32: If the Town accepts Article 31-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 8%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

Article 33: Shall the town vote to set September 21, 2020 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 8%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 34: Shall the town 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%.

*Articles 28 through 34 taken together by Moderator.*

*Motion to ACCEPT Articles 28 through 34 AS RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden. Second: Tammy Goodrich.  
Motion passes by majority vote.*

Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D., 2020,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of 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 2020 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 7th day of February AD 2020, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

*Motion to ADJOURN: Michael Golden. Second: Wayne Johnson.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.*