

## WARRANT FOR MARCH 6, 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

*Following read to public: Leslie Giroux*

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 6th day of March AD 2021 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 6, 2021. 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 of said meeting: Sarah Davis. Second: Elaine Aloes.  
Secret ballot vote Peter Mills 3 (of 3 ballots cast)  
Motion passes.*

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

Selectman, 3-year term:	Wayne Johnson	42
	<i>Lois Miller</i>	2
	<i>Blank</i>	3
Road Commissioner, 1 year term:	Gary Bishop	44
	<i>Blank</i>	2
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3-year term:	Robert Lindblom	44
	<i>Blank</i>	2

*47 voters participated in the election of municipal officials and a school committee member. All candidates ran unopposed. All candidates retained their seats.*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to take the following amount from the 2020 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Chair of Selectmen \$.04, Town Office Security System \$30.40, Trio Computer Programs \$283.36, Unemployment Insurance \$.48, Fire Department \$1,193.40, Motor Vehicle Money \$39.25, State Plumbing Fees \$400.00, and State Plumbing Surcharge \$90.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept Article 3 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Raymond Kozupa. Motion passes.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$584,990, 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 Article 4 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Lois Miller. Motion passes.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote pay its Board of Selectmen from the General Government Fund Appropriation in Article 6:

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and \$39,130 as follows:

Chair of Selectmen	\$15,470
Vice Chair of Selectmen	\$12,740
Selectman	\$10,920

*Motion to accept Article 5 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Lois Miller. Motion passes.*

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Charges	\$21,400 plus fees
Town Office Utilities	\$ 4,000
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 2,050
Town Office Security System	\$ 300
Training, Books, & Dues	\$ 2,300
Municipal Officers Salary	\$39,130
Tax Collector/Clerk	\$42,744
Treasurer	\$13,687
Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer	\$15,398
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 4,800
Health Officer	\$ 200
Plumbing Inspector	fees collected
911 Addressing Officer	\$200 plus ½ of fees
Elections	\$ 2,000
Register of Voters	\$ 2,500
TRIO Program Fees	\$ 5,925
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$10,000
GIS Mapping & Tax Maps	\$ 4,000
Town Records Preservation Reserve	\$ 4,000
Municipal Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,000
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 2,000
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 1,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$181,134.00 plus fees

*Motion to accept Article 6 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

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

Winter Roads	\$115,000
Summer Roads	\$115,000
Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 10,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$240,000 plus reimbursements

*Motion to accept Article 7 as written: Nicholas Rollins. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$79,000 plus fees & income

*Motion to accept Article 8 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Cindy Rogers. Motion passes.*

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Chief	\$ 7,350
Fire Department	\$31,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$38,350 plus reimbursements & donations

*Motion to accept Article 9 as written: Nicholas Rollins. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$16,000 plus fees and investment income

*Motion to accept Article 10 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Kim Johnson. Motion passes.*

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for INSURANCE.

Worker Compensation Insurance	\$11,500
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,057
Property Insurance	\$19,000
Social Security & Medicare	\$25,000

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend \$60,557

*Motion to accept Article 11 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hydrant Fee	\$21,864
Street Lights	\$10,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$31,864

*Motion to accept Article 12 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CEMETERIES.

Cemeteries	\$15,500
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 4,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

*Motion to accept Article 13 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for ANIMAL CONTROL.

Animal Shelter	\$2,000
Animal Control Officer	\$3,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

*Motion to accept Article 14 as written: Cindy Rogers. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 15: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

General Assistance	\$15,000
KVCAP Transportation Service	\$ 550 (request \$550)
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 700 (request \$700)
Hospice	\$ 800 (request \$1,200)
Spectrum Generations	\$ 760 (request \$887)

Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 500 (request \$500)
Community Health & Counseling	\$ 100 (request \$200)
Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000 (request \$2,000)
Lifelight Foundation	\$ 200 (request \$527)
American Red Cross	\$ 150 (request \$150)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,760

*Motion to accept Article 15 as written: Cindy Rogers. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

Recreation Program Reserve	\$1,000
Recreation Facilities & Maintenance Reserve	\$1,000
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$1,500
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	\$1,500
Special Events	\$1,000
After School Program Reserve	\$1,000
Baker Mountain Ski Club	\$1,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

*Motion to accept Article 16 as written: Cindy Rogers. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for AGENCIES.

Kennebec Council of Governments	\$1,604	(requested \$1,604)
Maine Municipal Association	\$2,108	(requested \$2,108)
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100	(requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,812

*Motion to accept Article 17 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes.*

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

Fire Truck Loan	\$7,000
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Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,000

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

Road Paving Reserve Account	\$215,000
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 2,000
Transfer Station Truck & Equipment Reserve	\$ 7,500
Coolidge Library Capital Reserve	\$ 3,000
Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$246,000

*Motion to accept Article 19 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Raymond Kozupa. Motion passes*

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds by taxation for the purchase of the TRIO Assessing Program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$7,055 by taxation

*Motion to accept Article 20 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Cindy Rogers. Motion passes*

Article 21: To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate funds by taxation for the purchase of the TRIO Web Upgrade.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$3,875 by taxation

*Motion to accept Article 21 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Lois Miller. Motion passes*

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to purchase a heat pump system for the Town Office.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$5,000 by taxation.

*Motion to accept Article 22 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Raymond Kozupa. Motion passes*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use up to \$5,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. The total transfer of undesignated revenues for this purpose shall not exceed \$5,000 within the fiscal year. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$5,000 must be authorized by a town meeting vote.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept Article 23 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Lois Miller. Motion passes*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to approve the building of an addition on the Fire Station.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and using \$4,000 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve account, \$1,000 from the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve, and \$20,000 from the Rainy Day Fund.

*Motion to accept Article 24 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Raymond Kozupa. Motion passes*

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to approve a Road Paving project to repave Brighton Road, Drury Road, Grant Road, French Hill Road, Hole in the Wall Road (the already paved section), Pleasant Street, and possibly School Street and York Street with the necessary funds to come from the Road Paving Reserve and Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) funds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$792,000.

*Motion to accept Article 25 as written: Lois Miller. Second: Michael Golden. Motion passes*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to approve amending Section VII subsection G of the Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store Ordinance to read “Adult Use Marijuana Retail Stores cannot be in the same building or on the same property as any other Adult Use or Medical Marijuana Business **except for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store.**”

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept Article 26 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Kim Johnson. Motion passes*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Advisory Committee Ordinance. (Attached at the end of this Town Meeting Warrant.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to accept Article 27 as written: Michael Golden. Second: Raymond Kozupa. Motion passes*

Article 28: To see if the Town will 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 for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2021.
4. Shall the town vote to use any surplus funds in excess of \$100,000.00 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 19, 2021 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%.

*Motion to accept Articles 28-34 as written: Michael Golden. Second: George Williams. Motion's pass.*

Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February A.D., 2021,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman

Wayne Johnson, Selectman

*Motion to adjourn the 2021 Town Budget Meeting: Michael Golden. Second: Jenn Rollins. Motion passes.*

*Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.*

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 sixth day of March AD 2021 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 12th day of February AD 2021, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

### **Advisory Committee Ordinance**

Proposed 3-6-2021

The existing Budget Committee is hereby renamed the Advisory Committee and all current Budget Committee members will continue to serve until their term expires.

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of 15 members and 2 alternate members. The Selectmen shall appoint five (5) members each year for a three (3) year term. The Selectmen shall appoint two (2) alternates for three (3) year staggered terms. In the event a member is unable to complete his or her term, the most senior alternate will be appointed to fill that vacancy and will complete that member's term. The Selectmen shall then appoint a new alternate to complete the former alternate's term.

Alternate members can fully participate in the meetings except for voting. When a member is absent from a meeting, the most senior alternate in attendance will be allowed to vote. When a member has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences, the Selectmen have the option of terminating his or her membership on the Committee and may replace that member with the most senior alternate.

All warrant articles shall be reviewed by the Advisory Committee prior to any annual or special town meeting. Committee members shall approve or disapprove each article.

No articles will be accepted for an upcoming town meeting after the Advisory Committee has met, except by agreement of the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee and time allows for a special Advisory Committee meeting.

This ordinance hereby rescinds all prior Budget Committee Ordinances or Policies.