

## 2015 Annual Warrant

To David Welch, Constable  
of the Town of Mercer  
in the County of Somerset,

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mercer qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the **Mercer Community Center** in said Town of Mercer on **Friday, the 6th day of March, 2015**, at 10 o'clock a.m., to elect all Town Officials. The polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. The business meeting will be held in the gym of the **Mercer Community Center on Saturday the 7th day of March, 2015** beginning at 6 o'clock pm, immediately following a 5 o'clock Public Dinner, that will be served in the Solarium.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, a Tax Collector, and a Treasurer all for one year terms, a Trustee of Shaw Library for a five year term, two persons to serve on the Planning Board each for a three year term and a MSAD #54 Director for a 3 year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$231,295 established for Mercer by state law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment greater than that limit.

**Budget Committee recommends.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman	4,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman	4,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectman	4,000.00
Town Clerk	6,424.00
Treasurer	10,858.00
Tax Collector	12,119.00
Selectmen's Sec	2,040.00
Dep. Clerk/Collector	3,641.00
Registrar	500.00
Office Assistant/Deputy	500.00

**\$48,582.00**

**Budget Committee recommends.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the Town's share of F.I.C.A. and Medicare costs of town salaries.  
**Budget Committee recommends .0765% from Taxes (Est. \$4,800) as required by law based on the total Town Payroll.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for selectpersons' emergency contingencies. Any and all use of the funds will be fully and explicitly reported to the 2015 annual report.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for annual dues of the Maine Municipal Association.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$1,557 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Liability and Property Insurance.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$9,824 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Liability Insurance for Public Officials plus Bonds.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$1,974 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for worker's comp insurance & unemployment for town employees.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$1,400 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office, Shaw Library, Municipal Center, and Town Expense.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$31,000 from Taxes plus any revenues or donations generated by the center. Any remaining balance will be placed in municipal center capital reserve fund.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for annual maintenance of the TRIO accounting & assessing program.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$4,800 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from surplus to purchase the Bureau of Motor Vehicle module from TRIO.  
**Budget Committee does not recommend.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$7000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling and Blue Bag purchase.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$24,000 from Taxes plus all Transfer Station revenue.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Planning Board.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control.  
**Budget Committee recommends all dog account revenue plus \$3,000 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Cemetery Care.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$3,400 from Surplus, plus fund interest.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town of Mercer office of Emergency Management.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the 2014 Town Audit.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$2,625 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for public safety. This will include fire protection provided by the Town of Norridgewock and traffic & street lights.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$19,690 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see what percentage the Town will vote to deduct on all taxes assessed in 2015 that are paid in full on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.  
**Budget Committee recommends 2%.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see what rate the Town will vote to charge and collect interest on all taxes assessed in 2015 that are unpaid 60 days after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.  
**Budget Committee recommends the 7% allowed by state law per annum.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,325 for Shaw Library.  
**Budget Committee does not recommend.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Road maintenance.  
**Budget Committee recommends \$85,000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the paving of a section of the Beech Hill Rd.

**Budget Committee recommends all funds to come from 2015 LRAP and up to \$10,000 from the Summer Roads account, \$5,000 from the Town Forest Revenue Fund, and \$10,000 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Road maintenance, including plowing, sanding and stockpiling sand and salt.

**Budget Committee recommends \$136,000. \$110,000 will come from Excise Tax, \$26,000 from Taxes plus any short fall to come from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for General Assistance.

**Budget Committee recommends \$17,500 from Surplus, plus all State reimbursements.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for charity. A minimum of 50% of this will be spent in the town of Mercer.

**Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mercer Old Home Days.

**Budget Committee recommends \$500 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for various Youth Leagues.

**Budget Committee recommends \$1000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to supplement the three town scholarship awards.

**Budget Committee recommends \$425 from Surplus -- \$200 for each high school award and \$25 for the elementary award.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor at this meeting, five individuals to serve as a Budget Committee. The committee will meet with the selectmen within 60 days for the purpose of electing a Chairperson.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for training costs of CEO and LPI.

**Budget Committee recommends \$400 from Surplus.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for CEO compensation.

**Budget Committee recommends up to \$1,500 from surplus, plus all application fees.**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 from taxes for North Pond Association.

**Budget Committee does not recommend**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to continue to fund the Mercer Road Emergency Fund.

**Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes.**

**ARTICLE 38:** [Background: The building known as The Shaw Library, owned by the Town and currently used to store items of the Mercer Historical Society (and some Town documents), is in need of significant repairs (painting, window sashes, a new 2nd floor door, and repairs to the rear access stairway and the handicapped access ramp at the front). The Mercer Historical Society would like to have the use of this building where coats for Civil War soldiers were once made, on a more permanent basis, and submits this article for your consideration.]

To see if the Town will donate this building and lot to the Mercer Historical Society, which will hereafter be responsible for its upkeep. The electricity expense, if essential to the needs of CERT, will be a negotiated agreement between the two organizations and CERT will continue to pay its share. In the event that the Town should vote in the future to sell the building occupied by CERT and the remaining lot, options for the division of any water and waste systems currently shared by both buildings, and any necessary adjustments to the property boundaries, will be brought before a Town Meeting for approval.

**ARTICLE 39:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for capital road improvements.

**Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from surplus.**

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for ditching & resurfacing of the Decker Rd.

**Budget Committee does not recommend.**

The Selectmen of Mercer hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be on duty at the Town Office on Friday March 6, 2015, the said day of voting, from 10 o'clock a.m. until the polls are closed and on Saturday March 7, 2015, the said day of business meeting, from 5 o'clock until 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of correcting the list of eligible voters.

Given under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

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Vernon E. Worthen II

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Christopher M. Tibbetts

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Robert E. Gardner

## **Citizens Return:**

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Mercer of the time and place of the town meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at Mercer Town Office & Community Center, Christy's Country Store, Mercer Shaw Library, all being conspicuous public places within the Town of Mercer, on February \_\_\_\_, 2015, which is at least 7 days prior to the day of said meeting.

Dated at Mercer, Maine this \_\_th day of February \_\_\_\_, 2015.

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David Welch, Constable