

Town of Pittston Warrant Articles

**State of Maine
Town of Pittston
County of Kennebec, ss.**

To: Debra MacInnes, Resident of the Town of Pittston, County of Kennebec

Greetings,

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Pittston qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the Pittston Randolph Consolidated School on Saturday March 19, 2022, where, at 9:45 a.m., and there act on the following Articles:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting and then to act on Articles 2 through 14.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$548,947 for General Administrative Services as follows: \$100,000 from surplus, \$12,000 from excise and \$436,974 from taxes, with unspent monies to go to Surplus, and permission to accept monies donated to the Town for General Assistance purposes.

For informational purposes the chart below shows how Administrative Services are allocated generally but adjustments may be necessary to meet the needs of the Town.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Administrative Work Force (Breakdown Below)		
Administrative Contracted Services (Assessors' Agent)	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
Support Staff this includes the following: Code Enforcement Officers, Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, Moderators, Recycling Attendant, Ballot Clerks/Election Expenses, Harbor Master	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000
Fire Chief	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Road Commissioner	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Administration (Select Board)	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
Town Office Administrative Services this includes the following: Administrative Assistant, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Town Clerk	\$ 148,312	\$ 148,312
SUB -TOTAL	\$ 240,312	\$ 242,312
Administrative Expenses	\$ 41,000	\$ 50,000
Insurance	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Town Office Maintenance/Office Equipment	\$ 24,500	\$ 27,500
Health Insurance	\$ 38,000	\$ 39,104
Employees' IRA	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,240
Ambulance	\$ 29,490	\$ 50,808
Personnel Committee	\$ 100	\$ 100
Planning Board	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Memorial Day/Flags	\$ 350	\$ 350
Tax Map Update	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300
Trio Maintenance Agreement	\$ 11,500	\$ 12,420
Payroll Taxes	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,500
Appeals Board Operations	\$ 100	\$ 100
Spirit of America	\$ 100	\$ 100
Boston Post Cane	\$ 300	\$ 350
Employee Training	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Contingency Fund for Unforeseen Expenses	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Technology Upgrades	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
General Assistance Account	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Village Fire Station Debt Service	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,263
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 274,880	\$ 306,695
TOTAL	\$ 515,192	\$ 548,947

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,660 for solid waste disposal.

This service is currently provided by Hatch Hill in Augusta. Hatch Hill charges the Town \$10 per person based on the 2020 census. A \$15 sticker, obtainable annually, at Hatch Hill, is required.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	1	2	0
Budget Committee	5	3	0

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for disposing of Town recyclables with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

This service is currently provided by Lincoln County Recycling Program.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	0	3	0
Budget Committee	5	3	0

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,441 for the following:

1. \$1,500 for the purpose of improving the Pittston River Walk.
2. \$5,500 to add 107 names to the Veterans' Memorial.
3. \$36,441 for 13 charitable affiliations and 24 cemeteries, with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

Name of Charitable Affiliation	Approved 2021	Requested 2022	Cemeteries	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Chrysalis Place (Food Bank)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Hunt	\$ 50	\$ 50
Pittston Fair Association	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	Day	\$ 50	\$ 50
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$ 4,239	\$ 4,773	Gould Tomb	\$ 50	\$ 50
Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,790	Knights Tomb	\$ 50	\$ 50
Family Violence Project	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Fuller	\$ 75	\$ 75
KV Behavioral Health	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	Blodgett	\$ 75	\$ 75
Sexual Assault & Crisis	\$ 934	\$ 934	Oakman	\$ 175	\$ 175
Faith Food Pantry	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Moore's	\$ 50	\$ 50
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 667	\$ 667	Veterans' Memorial	\$ 350	\$ 350
Children's Center	\$ 1,302	\$ 1,302	Riverside	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,100
Tiger Food Pantry	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Riverside Annex	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000
American Red Cross	\$ 250	\$ 250	Coss Hill	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
MaineGeneral Hospice	\$ 500	\$ 500	North Pittston	\$ 750	\$ 750
TOTAL	\$ 25,082	\$ 25,616	Goodspeed	\$ 450	\$ 450
			Maple Grove	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
			Old East Pittston	\$ 500	\$ 500
			Blair	\$ 50	\$ 50
			Moody	\$ 400	\$ 400
			Stevens	\$ 100	\$ 100
			Palmer	\$ 175	\$ 175
			King	\$ 75	\$ 75
			Lapham	\$ 100	\$ 100
			LaPlain	\$ 100	\$ 100
			Cooper (Harris)	\$ 100	\$ 100
			TOTAL	\$ 10,325	\$ 10,825

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,965 for the Gardiner Public Library.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	0	3	0
Budget Committee	4	4	0

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,875 for the Boys & Girls Club of Gardiner.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	1	2	0
Budget Committee	3	5	0

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,250 to fund the Town revaluation. The monies will be placed in a designated savings account.

The last revaluation of the Town was done in 2008. In 2021 the Town voted to pay for this work. After completing a bidding process, the Select Board signed a contract securing the cost through 2023 for \$132,500. The Town raised \$60,000 in 2021. The remainder to be raised is \$36,250 in 2022, and \$36,250 in 2023, and place these funds into a designated savings account for the purpose of funding the revaluation.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	1
Budget Committee	8	0	0

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and release \$743,100 from Excise Tax and/or the Highway Excise Tax Reserve for the Town’s highway accounts and budget, with unspent monies going into the Highway Excise Tax Reserve Account. Also, to allow monies to be released from Highway Excise Tax Reserve and/or Local Roads Savings Account for any emergency work on Town roads as deemed advisable by the Select Board and the Road Commissioner. Also, to set the compensation it will pay for road related equipment and labor for the ensuing year at State reimbursement rates for private equipment and \$19/hour for laborers.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

Account	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Summer Maintenance, this includes the following; Brush Cutting, Ditching, Grading and Special Roads.	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000
Salt Shed Maintenance	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Highway/Bridges	\$ 13,000	\$ 16,000
Hot Topping	\$ 220,000	\$ 250,000
Snow Removal, Sand and Salt	\$ 289,220	\$ 330,000
Tractor Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 500
Culvert Replacement Account	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$ 669,320	\$ 743,100

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$165,240 for fire protection services with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

Budget Item	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Operations	\$ 48,800	\$ 55,000
Resource Management (SCBA/Air pack, turnout gear)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Payroll	\$ 39,500	\$ 40,240
Communication Maintenance	\$ 6,500	\$ 8,000
Fire Department Reserve Savings Account	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Emergency Dispatching Services	\$ 36,000	\$ 37,000
TOTAL	\$ 150,800	\$ 165,240

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Treasurer to do the following:

1. Secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year if necessary and release funds from the contingency fund for interest charges for this loan.
2. To release from contingency fund monies to cover the net result of abatements and supplemental taxes for taxes previously assessed.
3. To release funds from designated savings accounts for the intended purposes of those accounts.
4. To release monies received through grants and reimbursements to the Town's operating accounts and expenses.
5. To dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property with a value of \$1,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems advisable.
6. To spend an amount not to exceed one third of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2022 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the March, 2023 Annual Town Meeting.
7. To appropriate 100% of the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to be released to the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails. Amount received is \$1,317.38.
8. To see if the Town will fix 30 days after Commitment and November 30, 2022 for dates when the taxes shall be due and payable, with an annual interest rate of 4% interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the Tax Collector to collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 35 M.R.S.A. § Section 36 (prepayment of taxes), and to fix the rate of interest at 3% to be paid on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505 (436 M.R.S.A).

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the updated Pittston Building Code Ordinance.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Ordinance Regarding Medical Cannabis.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$386,151 established for the Town of Pittston 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.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0


Polls will be open on Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Pittston Town Office from 12:00 pm. to 7:00 p.m. for the Municipal Elections.


The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors in, or changes in name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

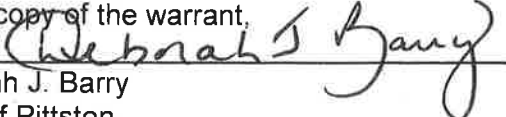
The Town Clerk will begin opening absentee ballots at 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Municipal Election, Monday, March 21, 2022

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February 2022:


Mary Jean Ambrose, Selectperson


Rodney Hembree III, Selectperson


Kerri Malindowski Farris, Selectperson

A true copy of the warrant,
Attest: 
Deborah J. Barry
Clerk of Pittston

Candidates to be voted for in the Municipal
Election to be held March 21, 2022
At the Town Office in Pittston

MARK A CROSS (x) OR A CHECK MARK TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR. ADD A NAME BY WRITING IN THEIR FULL NAME IN THE BLANK SPACE UNDER THE PROPER OFFICE AND MARK (x) OR A CHECK MARK TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE MARKED FOR EACH OFFICE.

Selectperson, Assessor
Overseer of the Poor
3 - Year Term - Vote for **ONE**

_____Hembree, Rodney C III

_____Hubert, Jane H

_____ Write In

Personnel Board
3 - Year Term - Vote for **ONE**

_____ Write In

SAMPLE

Budget Committee Member
3 - Year Term - Vote for **FOUR**

_____Perkins, Sarah

_____ Write In

_____ Write In

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_____ Write In

Planning Board Member
3 - Year Term - Vote for **THREE**

_____Kelley, Peter

_____Lothridge, James T

_____ Write In

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EAST PITTSTON WATER DISTRICT ELECTION

March 21, 2022

E PITTSTON WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR

3 Year Term -- **Vote for ONE**

Usher, Leroy D ~~V~~

_____ Write In