

TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE

WARRANT

**TO
ROBERT ANDERSON**

A CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON

YORK, SS

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the **Acton Elementary School** on April 5, 2011 **at 6 o'clock** in the evening to act on the following Acton School Warrant articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Richard Nass was elected moderator by written secret ballot.

**ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN
COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,629,245

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$2,629,245

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$2,629,245; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$941,340

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$941,340

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$941,340; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$ 0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$ 0

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$0; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$27,664

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$27,664

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$27,664; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: \$254,633

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$254,633

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$254,633; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$197,782

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$197,782

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$197,782; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$148,846

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$148,846

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$148,846; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$240,983

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$240,983

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$240,983; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$404,126

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$404,126 - 3 yes votes. Andy Brazier abstained from voting.

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$404,126; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and other commitments.

School Committee Recommends: \$0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$0

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$0; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures

School Committee Recommends: \$126,457

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$126,457

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$126,457; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLES 13 AND 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL
BUDGET**

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the municipality 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 **\$3,792,770** 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: \$3,608,618

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$3,608,618

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$3,608,618; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

“Explanation: The school department'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.”

Article 14 Requires a Written Ballot

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,178,306**) that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,090,384**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee Recommends **\$1,178,306** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,090,384**: The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school department'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 of non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Acton School Department budget for educational programs.

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$1,178,306

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$1,178,306; seconded by Mary Stanton.

Article was voted on by written secret ballot.

41 – YES

4 – NO

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from the School Department'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: \$4,971,076

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$4,971,076

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation of \$4,971,076; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$4,971,076. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. The article does not raise any additional money.

**ARTICLES 16 THROUGH 18 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 16: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or 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?

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation and adopt the article as written; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will appropriate the receipt of certain Federal and State Grants and carry any previous balances for the following Special Revenue Accounts:

Title IA

Local Entitlement

Title IID

Title IIA

Preschool

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee’s recommendation and adopt the article as written; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles. Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	0
School Nutrition Revenues	65,000
General Purpose Aid (estimated)*	184,151
EDU Jobs Fund	53,470
State Agency	0
Medicaid	0
Total	302,621

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article:
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee’s recommendation and adopt the article as written; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt “An Ordinance to Amend Acton’s Existing Warrant and Finance Committee Ordinance” as printed below:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ACTON’S EXISTING
WARRANT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ORDINANCE**

The Town of Acton hereby ordains and enacts “An Ordinance to Amend Acton’s Existing Warrant and Finance Committee Ordinance” by repealing the existing ordinance in its entirety and substituting the following in its place:

Part 1:

The existing Warrant and Finance Committee Ordinance is repealed in its entirety and is replaced with the following language:

1. Acton Warrant and Finance Committee Duties.

- A. The Warrant and Finance Committee (the “Committee”) is an advisory body only.

- B. The Committee shall review all proposed warrant articles, except any article which involves the election of a municipal officer, and shall obtain factual data to determine their effect on the Town.
- C. After due consideration and study of a proposed warrant article, the Committee shall make a recommendation as to whether the proposed warrant article should be approved based upon the Committee's consideration of both the general advisability of the proposed warrant article and its financial impact.
- D. The Committee may also provide non-binding recommendations to warrant article authors during article development but shall not author a warrant article.
- E. The Committee shall provide its recommendation to the Selectmen, regarding proposed actions in accordance with any previously enacted warrant article which is written to require the recommendation of the Warrant and Finance Committee.

2. Organization, Election, Meetings.

- A. The Committee shall be formed of six standing members plus two alternate members.
- B. Both standing and alternate members shall serve for a two year period, with three standing members and one alternate member elected each year by plurality vote at the regular annual Town Meeting.
 - (1) During the enactment year, one additional alternate member shall be elected for a one year period.
- C. Members of the Committee shall be nominated at-large from the floor, then elected by written ballot from the floor, by a plurality vote.
- D. There shall be four voting members present at a Committee meeting to constitute a quorum.
- E. The voting members at a Committee meeting shall consist of all standing members present, plus a quantity of alternate members as necessary to attain up to six voting members.
- F. Each year at the first Committee meeting following the Town Meeting, a Committee chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected from the ranks of

standing members; with these roles revocable by the same means. The chairman or vice-chairman shall preside at all meetings.

- G. The Committee shall be called by the chairman or by the vice-chairman in the chairman's absence, or by the Selectmen.
- H. Each year, a Selectman shall be assigned by the Board of Selectmen to regularly attend Committee meetings and to liaise with the Committee. Said liaison shall not be a voting member of the Committee.
- I. Each year, one or more Committee members shall be assigned by the Committee to regularly attend the meetings of other Town boards and committees and shall liaise with said boards and committees.

3. Vacancies

- A. The opening of a Committee position due to member resignation, or any reason other than term expiration, shall be filled in the following manner:

(1) If a standing member position is vacant; an alternate member elected with the same term expiration date shall assume the vacant standing member position for the remainder of the vacated term, thereby leaving an alternate member position vacant.

(2) If any member position is vacant and cannot be filled as described above, a temporary member shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to serve until the next regular Town Meeting.

4. Adoption of Policies.

- A. The Committee may adopt other policies, procedures, and rules by which to govern itself that are not inconsistent with this ordinance.

Part 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment by the Town Meeting.

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Judith Shain made a motion to waive the reading of Article 19; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

Paul Poyant made a motion to adopt the article as written and as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee; seconded by Larissa Crockett. Motion carried.

After the conclusion of the vote on the warrant articles, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 8:00 am, at which time the polls for the referendum question below will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road, Acton Maine 04001.

Judith Shain made a motion to recess the meeting until 8am on Tuesday, April 12th, 2011; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried.

“Do you favor approving the Acton School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest municipal school unit budget meeting on April 5, 2011, and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?”

Signed by Selectmen, Town of Acton on this 24th day of March, 2011.

Ss/Larissa Crockett
Larissa Crockett

Ss/Theodore Kryzak Jr.
Theodore Kryzak

Ss/William Shields
William Shields

Respectfully submitted,

**Jennifer Roux
Town Clerk**