

**WARRANT TO CALL TOWN OF ACTON  
BUDGET MEETING  
(20-A M.R.S.A. 1485)**

**TO  
Robert Anderson, Constable  
Town of Acton, Maine**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters in the Town of Acton that a Town Budget Meeting will be held at the Acton Elementary School at 7 pm on, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

**Bill Lotz nominated Richard Nass as moderator.  
Michael Conway seconded.  
Richard Nass was elected by secret ballot.**

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER  
CATEGORIES**

**ARTICLE 1**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$2,627,628**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$2,585,907**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$2,627,628. Seconded by Michael Conway.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$2,585,907. Seconded by John Moore.**

**John Moore made a motion to limit debate, seconded by Lois Michaud.**

**Motion to amend article fails.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee for \$2,627,628 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 2**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$909,183**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$882,891**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$909,183. Seconded by Mary Stanton.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$882,891. Seconded by Mark Rix.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$909,183 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 3**

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**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee. Seconded by Debbie Rix.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **ARTICLE 4**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$27,294**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$16,000 3 yes, 1 no, Debbi Rix voting in the negative.**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$27,294. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article to authorize \$20,000. Seconded by John Moore.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to limit debate. Seconded by Mark Rix. Motion Passed.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$27,294 passed.**

### **ARTICLE 5**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$262,785**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: 238,306**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$262,785. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee for \$238,306. Seconded by John Moore.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$262,785 passed.**

### **ARTICLE 6**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$218,546**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$142,017**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$218,546. Seconded by Mary Stanton.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee for \$142,017. Seconded by John Moore.**

**Jeanette Bearse made a motion to limit debate, seconded by Lois Michaud.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$218,546 passed.**

### **ARTICLE 7**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$141,731**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: 137,301**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$141,731. Seconded by Mary Stanton.**

**Motion passed.**

### **ARTICLE 8**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$228,420**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$228,420**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$228,420. Seconded by Lois Michaud.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **ARTICLE 9**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$379,936**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$338,559**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$379,936. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee for \$338,559. Seconded by John Moore.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$379,936 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 10**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$169,694**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$169,694**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$169,694. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **ARTICLE 11**

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

**School Committee Recommends: \$122,354**

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$122,354**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$122,354. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **ARTICLES 12 AND 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

### **ARTICLE 12**

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 **\$3,939,348** 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: \$3,837,025**

*“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.”*

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$3,837,025**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$3,837,025.**

**Motion Passed.**

### **ARTICLE 13**

**(This Article requires a written Ballot)**

To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,148,223**) that exceeds the state’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,060,389**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee Recommends **\$1,148,223** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,060,389**: 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.*

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$1,148,223. Seconded by Mary Station.**

**Article was voted on by written secret ballot.**

**86 YES**

**11 NO**

**Motion Passed.**

## **ARTICLE 14 SUMMARRIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

### **ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 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: \$5,087,571**

*Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$5,087,571. 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.*

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: \$4,861,449**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$5,087,571. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to amend the article to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$4,861,449. Seconded by John Moore.**

**Motion to amend the article failed.**

**Original motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee in the amount of \$5,087,571 passed.**

**ARTICLES 15 THROUGH 17 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND  
OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 15**

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**

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee. Seconded by Mary Stanton.**

**Motion Passed.**

**ARTICLE 16**

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  
Title IIA  
Title IID

Title IV  
Local Entitlement  
Preschools

**School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article**

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

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Motion Passed.**

## ARTICLE 17

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)*	58,470
ARRA Stabilization Funds	43,853
State Agency	0
Medicaid	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,323</b>

**School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article**

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

**Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the School Committee. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **THE NEXT TWO ARTICLES PERTAIN TO THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS**

### ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,500 from unappropriated surplus funds to reimburse the Fire Department Stipend Account used toward the purchase of two used fire trucks and to ratify the Selectmen's use of \$5,000 as voted in Article 7 of the June 9, 2009 Town Meeting toward the purchase of the trucks.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article 3 yes , 1 no Debbi Rix voting in the negative**

**John Moore made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee. Seconded by Bill Lotz.**

**Motion Passed.**

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and to credit it with \$911.00, the amount which was received in excess of \$7,500.00 which was received from the sale of two old Acton Fire Trucks which were sold by sealed bid.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Establish a Fire Department Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and credit it with the \$911.00 received.**

**Debbie Rix made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee. Seconded by Norman Lambert.**

**Motion Passed.**

**After the conclusion of the vote on the warrant articles, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 8:00 am at which time the polls for the referendum questions listed below will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm.**

**Lois Michaud made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:46pm, until 8:00am on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Seconded by Debbie Rix.**

**Motion Passed.**

*Question 1. "Do you favor approving the Town of Acton school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest town meeting?"*

*Question 2. Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in the Town of Acton for an additional three years?"*

Approved and signed on March 18, 2010

Ss/Anthony Cogliandro

Ss/Dennis Long

Ss/Larissa Crockett