2014 Warrant

Hancock, S.S.

State of Maine

To: Brian Abbott, a citizen in the Town of Franklin in said County.

Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Franklin qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Franklin Community Center in said Franklin on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 12:00 noon to act on the following Articles, to wit:

ARTICLE

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Lloyd Williams was elected Warden and Town Meeting Moderator

- To elect all necessary Town Officials by Secret Ballot. The polls for voting on Article # 2 will open at 12:05 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The Business Meeting to act on the following Articles will open at 12:00 noon the following day, Saturday, March 29, 2014.
- 3. To hear and act on the reports of any and all Town Officials.

4. To fix the compensation of the Elected and Appointed Officials for 2014-2015.

	Current	Recommend
Selectmen (3)	\$1,000.00 each	\$1,500.00 each
Chairman of Selectmen	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Assessors (3)	\$2,400.00 each	\$2,400.00 each
Chairman of Assessors	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk plus agent fees	*\$3,000.00	*\$3,000.00
Emergency Management.	\$250.00	\$250.00
Registrar of Voters	*\$1,000.00	*\$1,000.00
Fire Chief	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
E9-1-1 Addressing Officer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	**\$20.00 Mtg.	**\$20.00Mtg.
Coastal Recycling Rep.	\$20.00 Mtg.	\$20.00 Mtg.
Planning Board Members	\$20.00 Mtg.	\$20.00 Mtg.
Chairman, Planning Board	\$30.00 Mtg.	\$30.00 Mtg.
Appeals Board Members	\$20.00 Mtg.	\$20.00 Mtg.
Chairman, Appeals Board	\$30.00 Mtg.	\$30.00 Mtg.
Health Officer	\$250.00	\$250.00

- * Plus election hourly wage at same rate as Warden.
- ** For attending Planning Board and Board of Appeals Meetings.

Budget Committee Recommends

5. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint six (6) residents of the Town of Franklin to serve on the Budget Committee with the 2014-2015 elected Town Officials who are elected under the provisions of Article Two (2) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrants and one representative of the Community Center Trustees. (The 2013-2014 At Large Budget Committee members were Brian Abbott, Helen Cantor, Dawn Carter, Emery DeBeck, Steve Mosley and Lloyd Williams).

Approved

6. To instruct the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officials.

Approved

7. **For Information only.** To report to the Town that the County of Hancock, Special Tax Assessment from Property Taxes for 2014 is \$66,737.00

The 2013 Assessment was \$65,201.61.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend up to 8.3% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Approved

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$120,000.00 from Property Taxes for the compensation of all salaried town officers and hourly employees.

2013 Allocation: \$120,000.00 2013 Expended: \$102,258.08

Selectmen Recommend: \$120,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$120,000.00
Approved: \$120,000.00

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants from various federal, state and private sources in furtherance of local initiatives benefiting from such funds (subject to Public Hearings and/or Special Town Meetings, as necessary).

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Approved

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000 from Property Taxes and appropriate \$47,000.00 from Surplus for Administration.

2013 Allocation: \$60,000.00 2013 Expended: \$57,534.08

Selectmen Request: \$67,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$67,000.00 **Approved**: \$67,000.00

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$13,589.00 from Property Taxes for Maine Municipal Association Risk Pool Insurance

2013 Allocation: \$12,700.00 2012 Expended: \$12,700.00

Selectmen Request: \$13,589.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$13,589.00 Approved: \$13,589.00

13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unexpended account balance \$3,173.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance. This is a revolving non-lapsing account. Selectmen recommend striking "revolving non-lapsing account" from this article.

 2013 Allocation:
 \$2,956.00

 2013 Balance Forward:
 \$2,771.00

 2013 Total Cost:
 \$3,042.80

\$2,348.00 Town \$ 608.00 Water

Balance forward as of 2/28/14 \$2684.20

Selectmen Request: \$2,499.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,499.00 Approved: \$2,499.00

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,054.00 from Property Taxes for Maine Municipal Association for Unemployment Compensation Insurance. 2012 Allocation: \$995.00 2012 Expended: \$995.00

MMA Request: \$1,054.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$1,054.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,054.00
Approved: \$1,054.00

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes \$2,202.00 for Maine Municipal Association Dues for 2014.

2013 Allocation: \$2,187.00 2013 Expended: \$2,187.00

MMA Request: \$2,202.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$2,202.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,202.00
Approved: \$2,202.00

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,185.00 from Property Taxes for Hancock County Planning Commission.

2013 Allocation \$0.00

HCPC Request: \$1,185.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$0.00
Approved: \$0.00

17. To see if the Town will vote to close out the Salt/Sand Shed Reserve Account and to place the balance plus accrued interest in the General Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Approved

18. To see if the Town will vote to close out the Revaluation Reserve Account and to place the balance plus accrued interest in the General Fund. Selectmen Recommend: YES

Approved

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for updating Tax Maps.

2013 Allocation: \$1,300.00 2013 Expended: \$1,020.00

Assessors' Request: \$1,300.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$1,300.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,300.00
Approved: \$1,300.00

20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for General Assistance.

2013 Allocation: \$3,000.00 2013 Expended: \$2,201.62

Selectmen Request: \$3,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000.00 **Approved**: \$3,000.00

21. To see what sum of money the Town wishes to raise from Property Taxes for Municipal Building Operating Costs.

2013 Allocation: \$15,000.00 2013 Expended: \$13,091.21

Selectmen Request: \$15,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000.00 Approved: \$15,000.00

22. To see if the Town will elect three (3) residents of the Town of Franklin to serve as Community Center Trustees for three (3) years. (Outgoing Trustees: Bruce Carter, Stephen Fernald & Fay Havey)

Approved

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes the sum of \$5,000.00 for an operating budget for the Community Center Trustees. This is a revolving, non lapsing account.

 2013 Allocation:
 \$18,150.00

 2013 Balance Carried
 \$2,063.74

 2013 Expended:
 \$5,602.68

 Balance forward as of 2/28/14
 \$14,611.06

Community Center Trustees' Request: \$5,000.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00

**Approved: \$5,000.00

24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on or for any Tax Anticipated Loans.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Approved

25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans.

2013 Allocation: \$2,000.00 2013 Expended: \$0,000.00

Selectmen Request: \$2,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000.00

**Approved: \$2,000.00

- 26. To see if the Town will vote to set the date of commitment as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 are due and payable and that the statutory maximum percent per annum interest (7%) shall be charged on all personal property nd real estate taxes remaining unpaid after October 31, 2014.
- 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to instruct the Treasurer to waive foreclosure (36 M.R.S.A. § when said foreclosure is deemed, by the Selectmen, to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

Waiver of foreclosure is typically used when the town wishes to avoid acquiring property that may be burdensome, for example, a run-down dam, dilapidated building or toxic waste site. All waivers are registered at the registry of deeds.

Approved

28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or convey any real estate acquired by the Town under expired tax lien mortgages on such terms as they may deem proper and to execute quitclaim deeds on behalf of the Town to the purchasers of such property. If the property is to be sold, notice of such sale shall be in a local newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to such sale and the time and place of sale shall be designated. Such sale shall be to the highest bidder except that the prior owner may purchase the property for all taxes, interest penalties and costs then due, plus all costs of the sale to be paid to the Town in full anytime prior to such sale.

Approved

29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

Approved

30. To see if the Town will vote to raise from Property Tax the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Legal Operating Account.

2013 Allocation: \$2,500.00 2013 Expended: \$2,271.73

Selectmen Request: \$2,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500.00

**Approved: \$2,500.00

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise from Property Tax the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Legal Reserve Account.

2013 Allocation: \$ 3,000.00 + \$10.99 inter

2013 Balance Carried \$ 8,021.00 2013 Expended to Reserve: \$ 3,010.99 2-28-13 Balance \$11,031.99

Selectmen Request: \$3,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000.00 Approved: \$3,000.00

32. To see if the Town will vote to accept State and/or Federal Funds paid to the Municipality under 30-A, M.R.S.A., § 5682 and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and appropriate said funds as State and/or Federal laws permit.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Approved

33. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the State of Maine's Department of Marine Resources "2014 Model River Herring Ordinance" as being the 2014 Town of Franklin's River Herring Ordinance for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream, with Card-Mill Stream remaining under conservation closure. (The five year contract awarded to Darrell Young is from 2011 to 2015)

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Approved

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes the sum of \$500.00 for the operation of the Planning Board.

2013 Allocation: \$500.00 2013 Expended: \$000.00

Planning Board Requests: \$500.00
Selectmen Recommend \$500.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$500.00
Approved: \$500.00

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the support of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

2013 Allocation: \$42,000.00 2012 Expended: \$39,921.76

Fire Chief Request: \$42,200.00 Selectmen Recommend \$42,200.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$42,200.00 Approved: \$42,200.00

36. To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property taxes for the Fire Suppression Reserve.

2013 Allocation: \$ 1,000.00 2013 Balance Carried \$69,050.00

2013 Expended: \$ 1,000.00 to Reserve

2/28/14 In Reserve: \$70,050.00

**NOTE: As a member of the MMA Casualty Pool, the Town has \$ 25,000.00 coverage with a \$ 500.00 deductible.

Fire Chief Request: \$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

37. To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property Taxes for PUC Fire Protection (the Public Utilities Commission has determined the town's allocation to be \$ 27,100.00).

2013 Allocation: \$27,100.00 2013 Expended: \$27,100.00

Selectmen Request: \$27,100.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$27,100.00 Approved: \$27,100.00

- 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of one 1993 Freightliner/Oshkosh all-wheel drive military truck. Approved
- 39. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from surplus to modify and equip a 1993 Freightliner/Oshkosh all-wheel drive military truck as a forestry attack vehicle. This truck is owned by the Town of Franklin.

Fire Chief Recommends: \$25,000.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000.00
Approved: \$25,000.00

40. To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property Taxes for Street Lights and Monument Square Outlet.

2013 Allocation: \$4,000.00 2013 Expended: \$3,277.91

Selectmen Request: \$4,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,000.00 Approved: \$4,000.00

41. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to pick up the Ambulance Service Agreement option with County Ambulance effective July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2016 and raise from Property Taxes the sum of \$11,493.00 for the year 2014. New three year contract price as follows:

7/1/13-6/30/14 at \$7.75 per capita = To be determined by 2010 census due 7/15/13

7/1/14-6/30/15 at \$7.75 per capita = To be determined by 2010 census due 7/15/14

7/1/15-6/30/16 at \$7.75 per capita = To be determined by 2010 census due 7/15/15

2013 Allocation: \$11,493.00 2013 Expended: \$11,493.00

Selectmen Request: \$11,493.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$11,493.00 Approved: \$11,493.00 42. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$3,000.00 from Property Taxes for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

2013 Allocation: \$3,000.00 2013 Expended: \$3,000.00

Frenchman's Bay Requests: \$3,000.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ No Recommendation Budget Committee Recommends: \$ No Recommendation

Approved: \$3,000.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

43. To see what sum the Town will raise from Property Taxes in support of Coastal Recycling and authorize the Selectmen to issue a letter of intent to withdraw from Coastal Recycling should such action be warranted.

2013 Allocation: \$10,913.00 2013 Expended: \$10,913.00

Coastal Recycling Requests: \$10,913.00 Selectmen Recommend: \$10,913.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,913.00 Approved: \$10,913.00

44. To see if the Town will vote to approve a \$4,134.54 overdraft in the Transfer Station Account for March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014.

Approved

45. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$15,000 from Property Taxes and appropriate \$30,000 from Transfer Station income to operate the Transfer Station.

2013 Allocation \$40,000.00 2013 Expended: \$42,301.57 2013 Income: \$32,891.21 Selectmen Request: \$45,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$45,000.00 Approved: \$45,000.00

ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

46. To see if the Town will vote to accept D.O.T. Local Road Assistance Program monies and authorize the Selectmen to expend same on Town Roads.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Approved

47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax for needed road maintenance and repairs. This is a revolving non-lapsing account.

 2013 Allocation:
 \$15,000.00

 2013 Balance Forward:
 \$44,109.00

 2013 MDOT-URI:
 \$29,889.00

 2013 Expended:
 \$41,129.52

 Available funds 2-28-14:
 \$17,979.48

Selectmen Request: \$40,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$40,000.00 **Approved**: \$40,000.00

48. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Excise Tax for the Town Roads Resurfacing Reserve.

 2013 Allocation:
 \$ 20,000.00

 Balance Forward:
 \$251,910.00

 2013 Expended to Reserve:
 \$ 20,000.00

 Available Funds 2/28/14:
 \$272,763.50

Selectmen Request: \$40,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000.00 Approved: \$30,000.00 49. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Excise Tax for Stockpiling Winter Salt/Sand.

2013 Allocation: \$40,000.00 2013 Expended: \$21,732.88

Selectmen Request: \$40,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$40,000.00 **Approved**: \$40,000.00

50. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Excise Tax for Snow Removal and Sanding.

2013 Allocation: \$89,000.00 2013 Expended: \$73,200.00

Selectmen Request: \$89,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$89,000.00 Approved: \$89,000.00

EDUCATION

51. To hear a report from the Regional School Unit #24 Board Member.

UNCLASSIFIED: IN TOWN REQUEST

52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes in support of the Franklin Little League.

2013 Allocation: \$1,000.00 2013 Expended: \$1,000.00

Franklin Little League's Request: \$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the Bayview Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance and care.

2013 Allocation: \$8,000.00 2013 Expended: \$8,000.00

Bayview Cemetery Association Request: \$8,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$8,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,000.00
Approved: \$8,000.00

54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the East Franklin Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance and care.

2013 Allocation: \$ 500.00 2013 Expended: \$ 500.00

East Franklin Cemetery Association Request: \$600.00 Selectmen Recommend \$600.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$600.00 **Approved:** \$600.00

55. To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property Taxes for the Franklin Good Citizenship Award. This award is given yearly to citizens of Franklin who have contributed their time and effort to make our community a better place to live.

2013 Allocation: \$100.00 2013 Expended: \$33.95

Selectmen Request: \$100.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$100.00

**Approved: \$100.00

56. To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property Taxes in memory of Franklin Service men and women.

Note: this expenditure is for the purchase of flag holders and flags for Veterans Graves, flags and wreaths for the Annual Memorial Day Service & Parade, flags for Flag Poles at

Municipal Sites & Cemeteries and the replacement of worn, damaged or missing flags flown along the Streets and Highways of the Town of Franklin.

2013 Allocation: \$2,000.00 2013 Expended: \$2,000.00

Selectmen Request: \$2,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000.00 Approved: \$2,000.00

57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the support of the Franklin Boy Scouts Troop 81.

2013 Allocation: \$1,000.00 2013 Expended: \$1,000.00

Franklin Boy Scouts Troop Request: \$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the support of the Franklin Public Library.

2013 Allocation: \$1,000.00 2013 Expended: \$1,000.00

Franklin Library Request: \$1,500.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500.00
Approved: \$1,500.00

59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the Franklin Historical Society.

Franklin Historical Society Request: \$5,000.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00

**Approved: \$5,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED: OUT OF TOWN REQUESTS

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,540.00 from Property Taxes for Down East Health Services (WIC).

2013 Allocation: \$1,500.00 2013 Expended: \$1,500.00

Downeast Health Service Request: \$1,540.00 Selectmen Recommend \$1,540.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,540.00 Approved: \$1,540.00

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 from Property Taxes for Hospice of Hancock County.

2013 Allocation: \$600.00 2013 Expended: \$600.00

Hospice of Hancock County Request: \$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

62. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

2013 Allocation: \$1,500.00 2013 Expended: \$1,500.00

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Request: \$2,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$0,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,000.00
Approved: \$2,000.00

63. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Eastern Agency on Aging.

2013 Allocation: \$2,000.00 2013 Expended: \$2,000.00

Eastern Agency on Aging Request:	\$2	,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$	500.00
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$	500.00
Approved:	\$	500.00

64. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,641.00 from Property Taxes for Washington Hancock Community Agency.

2013 Allocation: \$2,000.00 2013 Expended: \$2,000.00

WHCA Request: \$5,641.00
Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

65. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$4,968.00 from Property Taxes for the Ellsworth Public Library.

2013 Allocation: \$1,000.00 2013 Expended: \$1,000.00

Ellsworth Public Library Request: \$4,968.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$1,000.00

66. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Downeast Family YMCA.

2013 Allocation: \$1,000.00 2013 Expended: \$1,000.00

Downeast Family YMCA Request: \$2,000.00
Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
Approved: \$2,000.00

67. To see if the Tow Taxes for the Frie	n will vote to raise \$650.00 from Property ends in Action.
2013 Allocation: 2013 Expended:	·

Friends in Action Request: \$650.00
Selectmen Recommend \$650.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$650.00

**Approved: \$650.00

68. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from unexpended Funds to reduce the 2014 Tax Commitment.

Selectmen Recommend:	\$
Budget Committee makes no	recommendation.

Postponed until the June 2014 Town Meeting

LEVY LIMIT

69. To see if the town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$525,539.88 established for Franklin 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 the Property Tax Levy Limit. (Written ballot required)

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

To be voted upon at the Special Meeting in June

Given under our hands at Franklin, Maine, on this $3^{\rm rd}$ day of March in the year 2013.

Robert Cossette, 1 st Selectman
Jeffrey Albee, 2 nd Selectman
Joev Smith, 3 rd Selectman