

**TOWN OF EDGECOMB**  
**REFERENDUM WARRANT**  
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2020**

To: Robert Leone, Constable of the Town of Edgecomb, in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Edgecomb, in Lincoln County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Edgecomb Town Hall, 16 Town Hall Road, in said Town, on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 between 1 o'clock in the afternoon to 7 o'clock in the afternoon, there and then to act on Article 1 by written ballot and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 21, all of said articles being set forth below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting, by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to rescind the vote on Article 3 of the Town of Edgecomb Referendum Ballot, August 29, 2020 "to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of October 31, 2020, with an interest rate of 7% starting on November 1, 2020", and Shall the town vote to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of  
of  
November 30, 2020, with an interest rate of 7% starting on December 1, 2020?

Select Board recommends a "Yes" vote.

Explanation: To extend the due date of taxes, due to the delay of mailing tax bills

ARTICLE 3: Shall the town vote to rescind the vote on Article 35 of the Town of Edgecomb Referendum Ballot,  
August 29, 2020 "to raise and appropriate \$97,000 for Cross Point Road repair/paving project", and Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$97,000 for Mill Road repair/paving project?

The Select Board recommends a "Yes" vote.

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Explanation: Wrong road was inserted on August 29, 2020 ballot, should have been Mill Road.  
Point Road was done last year.

**ARTICLES 4 THROUGH 14 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 4: Regular Instruction: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,810,437 for Regular Instruction Programs for the 2020-21 fiscal year?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

ARTICLE 5: Special Education: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$561,545 for Special Education Instruction?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

- . ARTICLE 6: Career and Technical Education: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 7: Other Instruction: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,620 for Other Instruction?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 8: Student and Staff Support: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$77,037 for Student and Staff Support?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 9: System Administration: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$105,819 for System Administration?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 10: School Administration: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$176,521 for School Administration?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 11: Transportation and Buses: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$111,786 for  
Transportation and Buses?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 12: Facilities and Maintenance: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$212,821 for Facilities and Maintenance?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 13: Debt Service and Other Commitments: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$234,265 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*
- ARTICLE 14: All Other Expenditures: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$20,435 for All Other Expenditures?
- The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.*  
*The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

**ARTICLES 15 AND 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 15: State/Local EPS Funding Allocation: Shall the Town raise \$1,794,692 and appropriate \$2,216,115 for 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?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

*Explanation: The Town'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 the Town must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars. The difference between the amount appropriated and the amount raised (\$421,423) is the State'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.*

ARTICLE 16: Additional Local Funds: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$775,114 in additional local funds for purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$754,679: costs of maintaining student-teacher ratios; costs of special education programming; costs of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs; transportation costs; repairs and maintenance to the school building, etc.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town'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 Town's budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 17 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 17: Total School Budget Summary: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$3,312,286 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the Town'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, 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?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

**ARTICLES 18 THROUGH 21 ARE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS**

ARTICLE 18: Expenditures of Grants and Other Receipts: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee 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, and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

ARTICLE 19: Use of Additional State Subsidy: In the event that the Town of Edgecomb receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its 2020-2021 budget, shall the Town authorize the School Committee to use the additional subsidy amount to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote*

ARTICLE 20: Cost Center Budget Transfers: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

ARTICLE 21: Capital Improvement Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to appropriate up to \$230,000 from the unassigned fund balance to be placed in a non-lapsing Capital Improvements Reserve account and authorize the School Committee to expend amounts from the reserve, as it deems appropriate, for its designated purposes during the fiscal year?

*The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.  
The Select Board recommends a "YES" vote.*

*Explanation: The purpose of the Capital Improvements Reserve is to set aside funds for future capital improvement expenditures (e.g., building additions or renovations, grounds additions or renovations, equipment acquisitions, etc.). The unexpended balance of this reserve will not lapse to the unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.*