

TOWN OF EDGECOMB  
ADDENDUM Referendum WARRANT  
Friday, May 21, 2021

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Constable or Resident of the Town of Edgecomb, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine:

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Edgecomb, qualified by law to vote in said Town, to meet at the Edgecomb Town Hall, on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D.2021 at 1 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 58: Shall the Town vote to rescind the vote on Article 53 of the Town of Edgecomb Referendum Ballot, May 21, 2021, to "raise and appropriate \$859,355 in additional local funds for purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690?",  
and Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$659,355 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 \$634,355: 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 59: Contingency Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to establish a non-lapsing Contingency Reserve account for the purpose of funding anticipated expenses which are difficult to budget, due to widely fluctuating necessity and cost, and authorize the School Committee, upon approval of a majority of the Select Board, to expend amounts from the reserve, as it deems necessary and appropriate for its designated purposes, and appropriate up to \$140,000, if available, from the school unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2021 to be placed in the Contingency Reserve fund?

*The School Committee recommends a "Yes" vote.*

*The Select Board recommends a "Yes" vote.*

*Explanation: The purpose of the Contingency Reserve is to set aside funds for anticipated expenses that may arise during the year, the amount of which can vary widely but cannot be reasonably projected or ascertained prior to budget development and implementation. Examples of such expenses include emergency equipment repairs, replacements, or acquisitions, as well as costs for the provision of special education or other educational services, unknown to the School Committee at the time of budget development and implementation, which are mandated but unfunded by Federal or State laws. The balance of the Reserve shall be carried forward each fiscal year, but additions to the fund shall require voter approval. Approval of this Article will not affect the amount of taxes being raised.*

ARTICLE 60: Shall the Town vote to rescind the vote on Article 3 of the Town of Edgecomb Referendum Ballot, May 21, 2021 “to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of October 31, 2021, with an interest rate of 7% starting on November 1, 2021”, and Shall the town vote to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of October 31, 2021, with an interest rate of 6% starting on November 1, 2021?

*The Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.*

Explanation: Maine State Treasurer has set 6% as the maximum interest rate for 2021, governed by Title 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4).