

**Secret Ballot Election & Referendum Warrant**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

To: \_\_\_\_\_, Constable or Resident of Edgecomb

**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 Saturday, the 20th day of May 2023 between 1 o'clock in the afternoon to 7 o'clock in the evening, there and then to act on Articles 1 through 42, all of said articles being set forth below, to wit:

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

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot: One Selectman, Assessor of Taxes, Overseer of the Poor for 3 years; Town Clerk for 1 year; Treasurer for 1 year; Tax Collector for 1 year; Road Commissioner for 1 year; One Member of the School Committee for 3 years; One Member of the Planning Board for 3 years.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the Town vote to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of October 31, 2023, with an interest rate of 8% starting on November 1, 2023?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall the Town vote to set the limit on interest of 4.0% on refunds of taxes?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to carry over or transfer to surplus any account balances at the end of the fiscal year?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such payment?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of Town owned personal property with a value of \$1,500.00 or less in their judgement, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall the town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the town, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations and other revenue including American Rescue Plan Act and other related federal program funds on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants, contracts, documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, so long as those conditions do not require the expenditure of matching funds by the town in excess of approved budgets, and to appropriate and expend grant funds or such other donations and other revenues for authorized purposes, as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the town?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 9.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2023-2024 fiscal year?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 10.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 for general government and town expenses?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 11.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,625.00 and appropriate \$1,587.84 from ARPA funds for Town Officials' salaries and employer's share of taxes?

Selectman – chairman	6,500.00
Selectman	5,250.00
Selectman	5,250.00
Tax Collector	15,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	5,000.00
Treasurer	8,400.00
Town Clerk	8,400.00
Registrar of Voters	850.00
School Committee – chairman	1,040.00
School Committee	780.00
School Committee	780.00
Town Accounting	5,250.00
Planning Board – chairman	1,040.00
Planning Board – member	210.00
Planning Board – member	210.00
Planning Board – member	210.00
Planning Board – member	210.00
Planning Board – alternate	210.00
Planning Board – alternate	210.00
Public Health Officer	275.00
Secretarial & Website Admin	2,860.00
Custodial	1,575.00
Animal Control Officer	2,250.00
Code Enforcement Officer	12,600.00
EMA Coordinator	1,040.00
Other Employees	4,000.00
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	1,000.00
Administrative Assistant/ARPA Oversight	1,200.00
Town Share – Medicare, SS	7,500.00

**Select Board Recommends**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ARTICLE 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$58,925.00 for the Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service, Inc?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Town Vote to allow the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell unused trucks and equipment of the Fire Department with the proceeds of said sales to be transferred into the Fire Truck Reserve Fund?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,136.69 and appropriate \$39,410.05 from the TIF Project Town Cost Sub Account for the fire truck loan payment?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$41,335.35 from the TIF Project Town Cost Sub Account for the Fire Station loan payment?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,508.00 for the operation of the Fire Department?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,174.54 for Fire Department compensation and employer's share of taxes?

Fire Chief	11,400.00
Asst. Chief	2,700.00
Captain	1,200.00
Captain	1,200.00
Lieutenant	600.00
Lieutenant	600.00
Firefighters	17,250.00
Custodian	2,036.40
Clerk	3,120.00
Town Share – Medicare, SS	3,068.14

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,918.00 from ARPA funds for firefighter training?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the operation of the Emergency Management Agency?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Fire Truck Reserve Fund from surplus?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town authorize the Fire Department to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for Fire Department purposes provided that such grants, programs, and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**Select Board Recommends**

**OTHER**

**ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,700.00 from State Park and Veterans Reimbursements and appropriate \$6,750.00 from surplus for cemetery maintenance?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 23.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and appropriate \$2,750.00 from the cable television franchise fees for the Wiscasset Public Library?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 24.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 and appropriate \$1,750.00 from the cable television franchise fees for Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 25.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 from surplus for facility repairs to the Town Hall and Town Salt Shed?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 26.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the General Assistance program?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,810.00 for the Schmid Preserve Advisory Board expenses?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 28.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,873.00 for its contract with the Midcoast Humane Society for the disposition of animals?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 29.** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$5,641 from the Edgecomb Waterfront Committee Fund for the Harbor Masters' budget?

Harbor Master	2000.00
Assistant Harbor Master	500.00
Town Share of Medicare and SS	191.00
Operational expenses	2950.00

**Select Board Recommends**

**ROADS**

**ARTICLE 30.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$170,322.67 and appropriate \$29,000.00 from State subsidy for the Road Construction and Paving Loan payment?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 31.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,951.00 and appropriate \$200,000.00 from surplus for the snow plowing contract and to authorize the selectmen to enter into a contract for snow plowing and related road work under such terms as they deem advisable?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 32.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$78,632.00 for repair and maintenance of the Town's highways and bridges?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 33.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$256,000.00 for road repair/paving projects?

**Select Board Recommends**

#### **REFUSE DISPOSAL**

**ARTICLE 34.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$164,946.00 for Edgcomb's share of the operation of the Boothbay Region Refuse Disposal District?

**Select Board Recommends**

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

**ARTICLE 35.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for the Planning Board and Ordinance Review Committee?

**Select Board Recommends**

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ARTICLE 36.** Shall the Town vote to allow the requirement of a form letter and not a petition for social service requests for funding in the next annual town meeting warrant to those services approved at this year's referendum?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 37.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,155.00 for Spectrum Generations?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 38.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Healthy Kids?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 39.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for New Hope for Women?

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 40.** Shall the town of Edgcomb add the boat excise tax to the Woodend Fund for future public water access rather than to the Waterfront Committee Operating Fund?

**By Petition**

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 41.** Shall an ordinance entitled "May 2023 Amendments to the Town of Edgcomb Coastal Waters Ordinance" be enacted? (A copy of the Ordinance is posted together with this warrant and hereby incorporated into this warrant by reference.)

**Select Board Recommends**

**ARTICLE 42.** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 from Surplus for the Edgcomb 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration?

**Select Board Recommends**

