

Warrant of Town Meeting

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 on Route 27, in said Town, on Friday, the 17th day of May 2024 at 1 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the afternoon, there and then to act on Articles 1 and 2. And to notify and warn the voters of Edgecomb to meet at the Edgecomb Town Hall, on Town Hall Road, in said Town, on Saturday, the 18th day of May 2024 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, there and then to act on Articles 3 through 66, 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 and Overseer of the Poor (3 years), One Treasurer (1 year), One Tax Collector (1 year), One Town Clerk (1 year), One Member of the School Committee (3 years), One Road Commissioner (1 year), two Members of the Planning Board (3 years).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to set the limit on receipt of taxes as of October 31, 2024, with an interest rate of 8.5% starting on November 1, 2024.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to set the limit on interest of 4.5% on refunds of taxes.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry over or transfer to surplus any account balances at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned personal property with a value of \$2,000.00 or less in their judgement, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 8: To see if the Town will 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.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 and appropriate \$93,500.00 from surplus for general government and town expenses.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,865.75 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.....	30,316.00
Deputy Tax Collector.....	3,500.00
Town Clerk	14,560.00
Treasurer	14,560.00
Registrar of Voters	900.00
School Committee – chairman.....	1,040.00
School Committee.....	780.00
School Committee.....	780.00
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
Administrative Assistant.....	16,734.00
Animal Control Officer.....	2,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer.....	12,600.00
Custodial.....	1,630.00
EMA Coordinator.....	1,040.00
Public Health Officer	300.00
Town Accounting.....	5,460.00
Other Employees.....	4,500.00
Town Share – Medicare, SS.....	10,365.75

PUBLIC SAFETY

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$72,500.00 for the Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service, Inc.

Article 13: To see if the Town will 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.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,169.13 from the TIF Account for the 2023-2024 fiscal year interest payment for the fire truck loan.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$389.71 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year interest payment for the fire truck loan.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,773.00 from the TIF Account for the Fire Station loan payment.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,508.00 for the operation of the Fire Department.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to change from the Town's current part time Fire Chief position to a full time Fire Chief position.

SELECT BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,511.37 for Fire Department salaries and employer's share of taxes:

Fire Chief.....	13,110.00
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Assistant Chief	3,105.00
Captain	2,760.00
Captain.....	2,760.00
Lieutenant	1,380.00
Lieutenant.....	1,380.00
Firefighters.....	23,000.00
Custodian	2,341.40
Clerk.....	3,588.00
Town Share – Medicare/SS.....	4086.97

SELECT BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus the sum of \$17,220.00 for firefighter training and \$1,317.33 for employer share of taxes.

SELECT BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,136.77 for the Fire Truck Reserve Fund.

SELECT BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to 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 the Fire Department purposes provided that such grants, programs and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the operation of the Emergency Management Agency.

OTHER

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,700.00 from State Park and Veterans Reimbursements and appropriate \$6,900.00 from surplus for cemetery maintenance.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and appropriate \$2,900.00 from the cable television franchise fees for the Wiscasset Public Library.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 and appropriate \$2,000.00 from the cable television franchise fees for the Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library.

Article 27: To see if the Town will 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 Salt Shed.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the General Assistance program.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,810.00 for the Schmid Preserve Advisory Board expenses.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,873.00 for its contract with the Midcoast Humane Society for the disposition of animals.

Article 31: Shall the Town of Edgcomb add the boat excise tax collected in the coming year to the Woodend Boat Access account for funding future public boat access to public water of either river or the Lily Pond in the Town of Edgcomb.

BY PETITION

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,241.00 from the Edgecomb Waterfront Committee Fund for the Harbor Master's budget.

Harbor Master	\$ 2,000.00
Assistant Harbor Master	\$ 500.00
Operational Expenses	\$ 4,550.00
Town Share of Medicare and SS	\$ 191.00

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$206.25 from the Edgecomb Waterfront Committee Fund for the over expenditure of the Harbor Master's Budget in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

ROADS

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$170,322.67 and appropriate \$29,000.00 from State subsidy for the Road Construction and Paving Loan payment.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 179,000.00 and appropriate \$ 200,000.00 from surplus for the snow plowing contract and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for snow plowing and related road work under such terms as they deem advisable.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,192.00 for repair and maintenance of the Town's highways and bridges.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000.00 for road repair/paving projects.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$176,033.00 for Edgecomb's share of the operation of the Boothbay Region Refuse Disposal District.

PLANNING BOARD

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for the Planning Board and Ordinance Review Committee.

ORDINANCE

Article 40: *(Note: Changes in text are indicated by underscore for additions and ~~strike through~~ for deletion)*
Shall an ordinance entitled the "May 17, 2024 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance" be enacted?

Article VI – Overlay and Supplementary Ordinances

Land Use Standards

All land use activities within the shoreland zone shall conform to the following provisions, if applicable.

1.13.1 Minimum Land Use Standards

1.13.1.5 No more than one principal structure for commercial use or one principal structure for residential use shall be constructed per two acres. A principal structure for commercial use constructed on two acres shall not contain any dwelling units. A principal structure for residential use constructed on two acres shall not contain more than one dwelling unit. All additional dwelling units, including accessory dwelling units, require an additional two (2) acres of lot area and 200 feet of shore frontage, and one accessory apartment. All dimensional requirements shall be met.

5. Accessory Dwelling Units

5.1 Accessory dwelling units ("ADU") are permitted on any lot where a single-family dwelling is the principal structure, subject to the standards set forth in this section:

5.1.1 An ADU may be located within an existing principal dwelling unit on the lot, attached to or sharing a wall with an existing dwelling unit, or may be located in a new structure on the same lot.

5.1.2 An ADU must have no more than two bedrooms.

5.1.3 An ADU's area may not be larger than 90% of the area of the principal dwelling unit; an ADU may not exceed 35 feet in height; an ADU must not be less than 190 square feet in area.

5.1.4 An ADU may not be leased as rental property for less than 90 days; and an ADU must be under the same ownership as the principal dwelling unit. These restrictions must be contained in a written covenant, in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney, which shall be recorded by the owner in the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds.

5.1.5 Up to two accessory dwelling units shall be permitted per parcel, subject to subdivision review if required.

5.1.6 The ADU(s) must meet all setback requirements applicable to the principal structures already located on the lot.

5.1.7 An ADU shall meet all applicable building, fire and life safety codes.

5.1.8 An ADU must be connected to adequate water and wastewater facilities. In the event that the ADU is not connected to public sewer, it must comply with all applicable provisions of the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules. Written verification of such compliance must be received by the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the issuance of a building permit.

5.1.9 Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, an ADU must comply with all applicable shoreland zoning requirements set forth in Article VI. Section 1 of this Ordinance, as amended.

Article VI, Section 1

1.10.1 Nonconforming Structures

Notwithstanding the limitations on height imposed under Section 1.10.1.1(a), (b), and (c) of this Article, as the same may be amended from time to time, the height of a structure that is a

legally existing nonconforming principal or accessory structure may be raised to, but not above the minimum elevation necessary to be consistent with the local floodplain management elevation requirements or to 3 feet above base flood elevation, whichever is greater, as long as the structure is relocated, reconstructed, replaced or elevated within the boundaries of the parcel so that the water body or wetland setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent. This paragraph applies to structures that:

(1) Have been or are proposed to be relocated, reconstructed, replaced or elevated to be consistent with the local floodplain management elevation requirement; and _____ (2) are located in an area of special flood hazard, as defined in Section 2.13 of this Article, _____ as amended.

Article X – Definitions

Section 2 – Definitions

Accessory Apartment: A residential unit created in an existing one-family dwelling without changing the footprint of the building.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A dwelling unit that is incidental and subordinate to the principal dwelling unit located on the same property and that is either located within the detached principal single-family dwelling unit, or within a separate, detached structure on the same parcel as the principal single-family dwelling unit.

Height of a structure: The vertical distance between the mean original (prior to construction) grade at the downhill side of the structure and the highest point of the structure, excluding chimneys, steeples, antennas and similar appurtenances that have no floor area.

Height of a structure: (A) With respect to existing principal or accessory structures, including legally existing nonconforming structures located within an area of special flood hazard that have been or are proposed to be relocated, reconstructed, replaced or elevated to be consistent with the minimum elevation required by a local floodplain management ordinance, the vertical distance between the bottom of the sill of the structure to the highest point of the structure excluding chimneys, steeples, antennas and similar appurtenances that have no floor area; and

(B) With respect to new principal or accessory structures and to existing principal or accessory structures other than those described in paragraph A, including legally existing nonconforming structures, the vertical distance between the mean original grade at the downhill side of the structure, prior to construction, and the highest point of the structure excluding chimneys, steeples, antennas and similar appurtenances that have no floor area.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Article 41: To see if the Town will 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 town meeting.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1213.00 for Spectrum Generations.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 for Healthy Kids.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1200.00 for New Hope for Women.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2500.00 for the Community Resource Council.

Article 46: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 for Midcoast Maine Community Action?

BY PETITION

SCHOOL

ARTICLES 47 THROUGH 57 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 47: Regular Instruction: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction Programs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$2,181,157

ARTICLE 48: Special Education: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Special Education Instruction for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$731,020.

ARTICLE 49: Career and Technical Education: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$0.

ARTICLE 50: Other Instruction: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$2,800.

ARTICLE 51: Student and Staff Support: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$110,460

ARTICLE 52: System Administration: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$123,554.

ARTICLE 53: School Administration: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for School Administration for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgecomb School Committee recommends \$209,029.

ARTICLE 54: Transportation and Buses: To see what sum the Edgecomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$100,317.

ARTICLE 55: Facilities and Maintenance: To see what sum the Edgcomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Facilities and Maintenance for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$276,924.

ARTICLE 56: Debt Service and Other Commitments: To see what sum the Edgcomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$0.

ARTICLE 57: All Other Expenditures: To see what sum the Edgcomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$25,000.

ARTICLES 58 THROUGH 60 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 58: State/Local EPS Funding Allocation: To see what sum the Town of Edgcomb 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 (Recommend \$2,176,821.11) and to see what sum the Town 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 (Recommend \$1,755,293).

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends appropriating \$2,176,821.11 and raising \$1,755,293.

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 amounts raised and appropriated (\$421,528.11) is the state's contribution to funding Essential Programs and Services.

ARTICLE 59: Non-State Funded Debt Service: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$0.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments of the Edgcomb School Department's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state

subsidy. The bonding for this long-term debt was previously approved by the Edgcomb School Department voters.

ARTICLE 60: Additional Local Funds: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,343,379), which exceeds the State's Essential Program and Services allocation model (Recommend \$1,318,379) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Edgcomb School Committee.

The Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$1,343,379 in Additional Local Funds.

The Edgcomb School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,318,379: 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 61 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 61: Total School Budget Summary: To see what sum the Edgcomb School Committee will be authorized to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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 Edgcomb School Committee recommends \$3,760,261

ARTICLES 62 THROUGH 66 ARE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS

ARTICLE 62: Expenditures of Grants and Other Receipts: Shall the Edgcomb 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, and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 63: Use of Additional State Subsidy: In the event that the Town of Edgcomb receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its 2024-2025 budget, shall the Town authorize the Edgcomb 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.

ARTICLE 64: Cost Center Budget Transfers: Shall the Town authorize the Edgecomb 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 2024-2025 fiscal year?

The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 65: Capital Improvement Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the Edgecomb School Committee to appropriate up to \$150,000 from the unassigned fund balance to be placed into the 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.

Explanation: The purpose of the Capital Improvements Reserve is to pay for major and minor capital improvement expenditures (e.g., building repair, preventative maintenance and renovations, grounds maintenance and improvement, buses and other student transportation vehicles, equipment, and other major purchases (such as a boiler) which can be saved up for over time rather than a huge increase in one year – barring any emergency). The current balance of this reserve is \$0. The unexpended balance of this reserve does not lapse to the unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. The goal of the board is to keep the level of this reserve to a total of \$150,000 to cover unanticipated needs related to Capital Improvements Approval of this article does not affect the amount of taxes being raised.

ARTICLE 66: Student Expense Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the Edgecomb School Committee to appropriate up to \$200,000 from the unassigned fund balance to be placed into the Student Expense Reserve and to expend amounts from the existing Student Expense Reserve (formerly known as the Contingency Reserve), as it deems appropriate and upon receiving a majority approval vote from the Edgecomb Select Board, for its designated purposes during the fiscal year?

The School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

The Select Board recommends a "NO" vote.

Explanation: The purpose of the Student Expense Reserve is to pay for unanticipated expenditures related to student education that may arise during the year (e.g., tuition, transportation, needing to hire additional staff and/or related expenses). The current balance of this reserve is \$0. The unexpended balance of this reserve does not lapse to the unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. The goal of the committee is to maintain a limit of \$200,000 in this reserve to address required student needs which cannot be planned for in advance. Approval of this article does not affect the amount of taxes being raised.

