

**TOWN OF CHELSEA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION and  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Election**

**June 9, 2015 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

**Business Meeting**

**June 11, 2015 Thursday  
6:30 p.m.  
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

To: Judy Williams, a citizen of the Town of Chelsea, in the County of Kennebec:

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School** in said Town of Chelsea **at 8:00 a.m.**, on **Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2015** there and then to act on **Article # 1**, to elect a Moderator, and then the polls will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote on Article # 2**,

AND

to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School Gymnasium** in said Town of Chelsea **at 6:30 P.M.** on **Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2015** there and then to act on **Articles numbered 3 through 54 , to wit:**

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officer/Officials by secret ballot as set forth on the specimen ballot posted herewith:

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS/OVERSEER of POOR**

- One Member - Three Year Term:

**RSU #12 SCHOOL BOARD of DIRECTORS**

- One Member - Three Year Term:

- One Member – Two Year Term:

**PLANNING BOARD**

- Two Regular Members – Three Year Term:

- One Regular Member - Two Year Term:

- One Regular Member – One Year Term:

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

- One Regular Member - Three Year Term:
- One Regular Member - Two Year Term:
- One Regular Member - One Year Term:

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- Two Regular Members - Three Year Term
- One Regular Member - One Year Term:

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- One Regular Member – Three Year Term:
- One Regular Member – Two Year Term:
- One Regular Member – One Year Term:

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be processed beginning at 8:00 A.M. and at the top of each hour thereafter.

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall an Ordinance entitled “**SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**” be enacted? (The Ordinance is attached to this warrant. Copies are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website chelseamaine.org)

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall an Ordinance entitled “**BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE**” be enacted? (The Ordinance is attached to this warrant. Copies are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website - chelseamaine.org)

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall an Ordinance entitled “**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE FEE ORDINANCE**” be enacted? (The Ordinance is attached to this warrant. Copies are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website - chelseamaine.org)

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall an Ordinance entitled “**ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE**” be enacted? (The Ordinance is attached to this warrant. Copies are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website - chelseamaine.org)

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall an Ordinance entitled “**CEMETERY ORDINANCE**” be enacted? (The Ordinance is attached to this warrant. Copies are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website - chelseamaine.org)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount from Undesignated Fund Balance sufficient to cover overdrafts for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ **4,860** received from Carole Swan in the form of Court Ordered restitution to **Winter Roads.** (As part of the Federal Prosecution of Carole Swan, she was ordered to pay restitution for damages caused to others by her actions. The Court ordered her to pay \$ 4,860 to Chelsea. This was the amount determined by the Court that Chelsea was overbilled for road salt)

Select Board Recommends: YES  
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ **10,687** of the funds received from harvesting wood at the Collins Road Property to the **Wood Lot Account**.

Select Board Recommends: YES  
 Budget Committee Recommends: YES

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$181,750** for **General Government**.

*Account 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$187,715	\$189,104	\$177,097	\$181,750	<b>\$191,085</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **191,085** **Vote was 3 – 0 – 0** (\$211,085 w/ legal)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **191,085** **Vote was 6 – 0 – 1** (\$206,085 w/ legal)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$ 20,000** for **Legal Services**, the unexpended balance of which will be transferred into a **Legal Services Reserve Account** at the end of the 2015-2016 municipal fiscal year.

(The line item for Legal Services has been made a separate budget request for two years. Chelsea’s unpredictable legal expenses have made budgeting annually for Legal Services difficult. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee both felt that the establishment of a reserve account for ongoing legal services would provide a way annually to preserve unexpended balances and build a reserve account up to an amount that would better meet Chelsea’s needs.)

*Account 39*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	<b>\$20,000</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **20,000** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **15,000** **Vote was 6 - 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$19,298** for the **Tax Assessing**.

*Account 14*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$21,100	\$27,350	\$21,702	\$ 17,912	<b>\$19,298</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **19,298** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **19,298** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$3,925** for **Board Expenses**.

**Account 16**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$750	\$1,250	\$3,925	\$3,925	<b>\$3,925</b>

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,250
Planning Board	\$ 250
Appeals Board	\$ 200
Legal Notices/Ads	\$ 225

Total **\$ 3,925**

Select Board Recommends \$ **3,925** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **3,925** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$25,927** for **Employee Benefits**.

**Account 18**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$21,640	\$38,428	\$24,837	\$25,438	<b>\$25,927</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **25,927** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **25,927** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$202,694** for **Winter Roads**.

**Account 20**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$144,850	\$180,390	\$187,960	\$ 186,072	<b>\$202,694</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **202,694** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **202,694** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$350,256** for **Summer Roads Maintenance**.

**Accounts 21**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$154,700	\$160,000	\$245,380	\$252,741	<b>\$350,256</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **350,256** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **300,256** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$59,600** for **Fire Protection Services**.

**Account 30**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$49,200	\$52,875	\$57,760	\$58,300	<b>\$59,600</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>59,600</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>56,600</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**TOWN OF CHELSEA, MAINE**

TREASURER’S STATEMENT

A. Total Town Indebtedness

i.	Bond principal outstanding and unpaid	\$ 867,232
ii.	Bond principal authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
iii.	Bond principal authorized to be issued if question is approved (the “New Bonds”):	\$ 280,000

B. Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 1.53% and with an estimated maximum term of eight (8) years, the estimated costs of the New Bonds will be:

Total Bond Principal	\$ 280,000
Total Estimated Interest	<u>\$ 33,542</u>
Total Estimated Debt Service	\$ 313,542
Estimated Annual Payment (8 Yr. example)	\$ 40,000

C. Validity

The New Bonds will be valid if they are authorized by a majority of the voters voting at the town meeting. The approval of the voters will not be affected by any error in or other variance from any estimate provided in Paragraph B of this Statement.

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Scott M. Tilton  
Treasurer, Town of Chelsea

**ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Selectmen of the Town of Chelsea be authorized, on behalf of the Town, (a) to incur debt in a principal amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000), (b) to issue general obligation bonds for funding and refunding such debt, all on such terms as the Selectmen determine are necessary and proper pursuant to 30-A MRSA §5772 and other applicable enabling authority now or later in effect, including the interest rate or rates, the principal and interest payment dates, and with or without provision to call such bonds for redemption with or without premium, for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of purchasing a **Freightliner M2 106 6x4 2Dr Chassis equipped with 3000 gallon wet side polytank with a 1000 GPM Pump** and (c) to enter into one or more agreements providing for such a purchase and for financing such a purchase?

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES  
 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: NO

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$28,757** for **Ambulance Services**.

**Account 34**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$20,808	\$22,165	\$21,898	\$24,394	<b>\$ 28,757</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>28,757</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>28,757</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$18,763** for **Public Safety (PSAP / 911 Dispatch)**.

**Account 31**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$15,755	\$15,755	\$17,884	\$17,884	<b>\$18,763</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>18,763</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>18,763</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$25,724** for **Town Insurances.**

**Account 32**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$22,000	\$25,200	\$26,133	<b>\$25,378</b>	<b>\$ 25,724</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **25,724** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **25,724** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$6,738** for **Animal Control.**

**Account 33**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$4,650	\$5,892	\$5,792	\$5,726	<b>\$6,738</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **6,738** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **6,738** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$22,503** for **Code Enforcement.**

**Account 35**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$24,600	\$24,620	\$24,798	\$25,306	<b>\$22,503</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **22,503** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **22,503** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$41,565** for **Solid Waste Disposal.**

**Account 36**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$38,500	\$41,512	\$41,512	\$41,565	<b>\$41,565</b>

Select Board Recommends \$ **41,565** **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$ **41,565** **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$6,462** for **Street Lights**.

**Account 37**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Request</u>
	\$6,200	\$6,200	\$5,800	\$ 6,060	<b>\$6,462</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>6,462</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>6,462</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$38,000** for **Debt Service and Reserve Accounts**.

**Account 39**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Requested</u>
	\$13,500	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	<b>\$ 38,000</b>

	<u>Select Board</u>	<u>Budget Comm.</u>
Fire Station Reserve	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Pumper Tanker Payment	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Municipal Building	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Town Office Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Salt/Sand Shed	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
 Total	 <b>\$ 38,000</b>	 <b>\$ 18,000</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>38,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>18,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$ 9,000** for **General Assistance**.

**Account 50**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Requested</u>
	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$6,750	\$6,250	<b>\$ 9,000</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>9,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>6,500</b>	



**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to disburse funds to eligible food pantry programs that have submitted donation requests and are in compliance with the Town Meeting Donation Request Policy in an amount not to exceed \$ 3000.

Select Board Recommends                   \$       **3,000**                   **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$ **1,000** of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the **All Seasons Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

(Each year Chelsea receives snowmobile registration money from the State of Maine. Historically Chelsea gives all or most of the money received to the local snowmobile club to assist in the maintenance of the trail system.)

**Account 70**

<u>State Revenue</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u><b>2015-16 Requested</b></u>
	\$ 1,426	\$ 1,100	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	<b>\$1,000</b>

Select Board Recommends                   \$       **1,000**                   **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**

Budget Committee Recommends         \$       **1,000**                   **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$ **8,700** for the **Mowing and Maintenance of Cemeteries and Veteran Graves.**

**Account 60**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u><b>2015-16 Requested</b></u>
	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$ 12,250	\$ 8,700	<b>\$8,700</b>

Select Board Recommends                   \$       **8,700**                   **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**

Budget Committee Recommends         \$       **8,700**                   **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$ **1,500** for the **Mowing and Maintenance of Public Grounds and Parks.**

**Account 60**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u><b>2015-16 Requested</b></u>
	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500	<b>\$ 1,500</b>

Select Board Recommends                   \$       **1,500**                   **Vote was 3 – 0 - 0**

Budget Committee Recommends         \$       **1,500**                   **Vote was 6 – 0 - 1**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$24,700 for **High School Transportation**.

(The Town has contracted with RSU #12 to pick up and drop off high school students at their homes in the morning and in the afternoon)

*Account 40*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Requested</u>
	\$31,200	\$31,750	\$25,000	\$ 25,000	<b>\$24,700</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>24,700</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>24,700</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$3,000 for a **Contingency Fund**.

(Due to the many fiscal challenges facing the Town, the Selectmen feel it is in the best interest of the Town to appropriate a modest amount of money to take care of unforeseen, emergency or unanticipated expenditures in 2015/2016).

*Account 80*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015-16 Requested</u>
	\$10,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>3,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>3,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 35.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **STATE REVENUE SHARING** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as detailed below, or take any action thereon. The current amount anticipated for the Town of Chelsea is \$133,000.

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16 Requested</u>
State Rev. Sharing	\$ 160,000	\$ 187,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 130,740	<b>\$ 133,000</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>133,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>133,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the revenues received in FY2015-16 from the Natural Gas Pipeline Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District into a fund designated as the Development Program Fund to be used for projects, loans and/or grants for economic development within the Town as outlined in the Development Program for the District to be expended on such projects at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

	(3-0) Selectmen	(6-0-1) Budget Comm.
<b>(Natural Gas Pipeline Municipal Development District Proposed Budget</b>		
Establish a Hollowell/Cony Road Reserve Account	<b>\$ 70,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
Fire Vehicle Payment	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
Economic Development Consultant	<b><u>\$ 28,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 28,200</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,200</b>	<b>\$118,200)</b>

**ARTICLE 37.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED NON PROPERTY TAX REVENUES** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

<b>REVENUE TYPE</b>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/16 Requested</u>
A. Auto Excise Tax	\$ 325,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 350,000	<b>\$ 350,000</b>
B. Boat Excise Tax	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
C. Building Permits	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,600	<b>\$ 3,700</b>
D. Plumbing Permits	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,100	<b>\$ 1,900</b>
E. Motor Vehicle Agent	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,750	<b>\$ 5,750</b>
F. Interest on Liens	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,500	<b>\$ 3,500</b>
G. Lien Costs	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,500	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
H. Cell Tower Rental	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,200	\$ 9,000	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
I. GA Reimbursement	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
J. Local Roads Assistance	\$ 25,000	\$ 29,000	<b>\$ 29,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,196</b>
K. Animal Welfare Fees	\$ 0	\$ 400	\$ 500	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
L. Recreation Agent Fees	\$ 0	\$ 900	\$ 900	<b>\$ 900</b>
M. Town Clerk Fees	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 800	<b>\$ 900</b>
N. Dog Late Fees	\$ 0	\$ 400	\$ 400	<b>\$ 0</b>
O. Interest on Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
P. Rescue Billing	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	<b>\$ 0</b>
Q. Misc. Revenues	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>	<b><u>\$ 600</u></b>
Total	\$381,500	\$407,500	\$ 422,350	<b>\$ 421,946</b>

Select Board Recommends	\$	<b>421,946</b>	<b>Vote was 3 - 0 - 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	\$	<b>421,946</b>	<b>Vote was 6 - 0 - 1</b>

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Overlay in an amount not to exceed the State of Maine limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover abatements during the fiscal year.

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the corresponding accounts/tax commitment.

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use unappropriated revenues from previous fiscal year's undesignated fund balances as necessary to offset the 2015/2016 tax commitment.

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to accept grant monies from the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, Small Communities Grant, Maine Emergency Management Grant Program, MMA Grant Program, FEMA Grant Programs, and any other grant sources available in 2015/2016 and to authorize the Selectmen to expend same.

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for a 2015/2016 Community Development Block Grant and if a grant is received, to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend said grant funds and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds collected through various fund raising activities and donations and to authorize the Selectmen to expend same.

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use the unexpended 2015/2016 balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to determine a date when 2015/16 taxes shall be due and payable and date after which interest will accrue.

2015/2016 Recommendation:

1<sup>st</sup> Half Due Date: **(Thursday) October 1, 2015 or 45 days from commitment date whichever is later**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Due Date: **(Wednesday) April 1, 2016**

(This wording provides taxpayers as many as 45 days to pay the first half of their taxes. The article was modified because occasionally the commitment date of taxes is delayed for reasons beyond the Assessor's control. A late commitment date will still provide taxpayers sufficient time to pay)

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2015/2016 taxes unpaid as of the due date at **7% APR**. All payments will be credited as of the date the town receives them.

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of **3% APR** on abated taxes.

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property if sold, or to retain such property for town use if the Selectmen decides this is more advantageous to the Town.

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set the date and time of the next Town Meeting to approve the municipal budget for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and transfer funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales when applicable.

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote authorize the Selectmen to enter into multiple year leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions that the Selectmen deems necessary and appropriate.

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit as established by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the above articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 13th DAY OF MAY 2015.**

**CHELSEA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Smith, Chair

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Michael Pushard

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Richard Danforth

A true copy:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila L. McCarty  
Town Clerk

**Resident's Return**

KENNEBEC  
MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Town Meeting Warrant at the Chelsea Town Hall, Route #226; at Chelsea Market, Route #226; Damon's Quick Stop Variety, Route #9; and Soule's Auto Supply, Route #9 on the \_\_\_\_ day of June, A.D., 2014, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Williams – Chelsea Resident