TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Saturday, May 14, 2005

To: Bradley Brown, Deputy Sheriff of the Town of Long Island, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

Greetings... In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Long Island in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the V.F.W. Hall in said Town on Saturday, the 14th of May, A.D. 2005, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years, effective on 7/1/2005.

Article 3. To elect by ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of one year, effective 7/1/2005.

Article 4. To elect by ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of two years, effective 7/1/2005.

Article 5. To elect by ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of three years, effective 7/1/2005.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff's Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2005-2006.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a contract with a waste hauler for solid waste hauling, for a period not to exceed three years.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2005 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2005 and March 15, 2006 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 7.75% per year.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions

and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of town-owned excess personal property following provisions of the Excess Property Policy passed 9/16/98 to remain in effect until otherwise amended or rescinded.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2005-2006.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers and/or Appointees.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Selectmen (3 at $2,538)	$ 7,614
(Chair)	$ 2,030
Parklands/Beaches	$ 661
Public Buildings	$ 2,250

Wharves/Floats	$ 2,000
Public Safety	$ 1,015
Solid Waste	$ 1,015
Rescue Boat	$ 1,015
Assessing/Map Updates	$ 1,015
Town Clerk	$10,246
Treasurer	$10,758
Tax Collector	$10,246
Office Assistant	$ 5,777
Road Commissioner	$ 1,015
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 9,000
Animal Control Officer	$ 1,000
Harbormaster	$ 550
Town Meeting Moderator	$ 100
Social Services Director	$ 550
Recreation Director	$ 2,030
Payroll Taxes	$ 7,548
Admin. Assistant to Selectmen	$ 2,149
Clam Warden	$ 250
911 Coordinator	$ 0
CEO Assistant	$ 1,900
TOTAL	**$81,734**

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for professional assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Accountant	$ 1,000
Town Annual Audit	$ 6,500
Town Counsel	$12,000
Tax Assessor	$ 800
Additional Professional Assistance	$ 5,000
Revaluation Expense Reserve	$ 8,500
Lawn Mowing Contract	$ 3,000
TOTAL	**$36,800**

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Government Administration	**$61,928**

Article 20. To see what sum Long Island will appropriate for its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend $262,851) and to see what sum Long Island will raise as its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as

described in the Essential Programs and Services Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statues, Title 2-A, section 15688.
The School and Finance Committees Recommend $220,841

Explanation: Long Island's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Services and Programs Funding Act is the amount of money determined by State law to be the minimum amount that Long Island must raise in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE (#21), MUST BE VOTED ON BY SECRET PAPER BALLOT

Article 21. Shall Long Island raise and appropriate $98,480 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding model by $62,473.13? **The School Committee and the Finance Committee recommend $98,480 for the following reasons:** *The EPS tuition rate is lower than the actual tuition cost to the Town. Long Island's student teacher ratio is lower than the EPS ratio. Operation and Maintenance of Plant, supplies and equipment and system administration exceed the EPS funding model.*

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above Long Island's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Program and Services Funding Act that will help achieve Long Island's budget for educational programs.

Article 22. To see what sum Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 from Long Island's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act, additional local funds for school purposes under Main Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.
The School and Finance Committees Recommend $395,755

Summary of School Budge funding

$262,851.00 – Local and State EPS
98,480.00 – Local Optional
34,424.00 – Surplus and Misc. Income
$395,755.00 – Total Budget

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Long Island Community Library operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 4,000**

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Insurance	**$19,707**

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety.

The Finance Committee Recommends:	
Police Protection	$30,071
Fire Protection	$34,325
EMS Expense	$10,830
Rescue Boat Expense	$ 2,690
Emergency Preparedness	$ 800
Stipends & Payroll Costs	$20,141
TOTAL	**$98,857**

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Public Works	**$70,010**

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Solid Waste	**$78,175**

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Services	**$ 4,700**

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Community Center operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 4,080**

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$14,118**

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Operations.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 6,675**

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to accept and appropriate for the Painting, Planting & Chowder Society.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 5,000**

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for People's Loan (Separation Debt Service).

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Debt Service	**$83,351**

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Debt Service.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Capital Debt Service	**$ 4,167**

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. Funds to be expended pursuant to M.S.R.A. by municipal legislative body. The amount of each category is an estimate only.

Beach (State Park Revenue Sharing)	$ 4,000
Civil Emergency Funds	unknown
General Assistance Reimbursement	$ 0
Local Road Assistance	$10,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing	$15,000
Registration Refund	unknown
Property Tax Relief	unknown
Public Library State Aid per Capital	unknown
Public Library Stipend	$ 130
Special Ed. Entitlement	$ 6,000
State Gen. Purpose Aid to Education	$42,010
ECIA Title I	$ 0
ECIA Title II	$ 0
School Lunch Reimbursement	$ 2,000
School Debt Reimbursement	$ 0
Cert. Block Grant	unknown
Tree Growth	$ 50
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	$ 200

The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2005 and ending 30-June-2006, all revenues, grants, fees and designated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2005-2006 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Revenues, Fees & Grants	$118,103
Audited 03-04 Government Surplus	$ 77,255

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that the Town authorize the Selectmen to reduce or increase that amount to stabilize the mil rate.

The Finance Committee recommends:	$ 11,850

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Service Referrals.

The Finance Committee recommends:		
Social Service Referrals	**$**	**0**

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize 2004-2005 CIP Surplus to be transferred to CIP Reserve Fund.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the CIP Reserve Fund (including accumulated interest) and appropriate for 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Finance Committee recommends:	$	0

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends:	$	0

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization given at a Special Town Meeting June 19, 1999 to appropriate $200,000 to fund the costs of the demolition of dangerous buildings and to issue General Obligation Bonds not to exceed $200,000 to fund said appropriation.
The Finance Committee and Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization given at the May 8, 2004 Town Meeting to appropriate a sum not to exceed $15,000 to re-roof the town-owned Generator Building and to issue General Obligation Bonds not to exceed $15,000 to fund said appropriation.
The Finance Committee and Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Article 44. Shall the Town a) approve a project to re-roof certain Town buildings; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $30,000 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $30,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 03/22/2005

1. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:

1. Portland Debt	$ 74,000
2. Cumberland County	$ 38,500
3. School Heating System	$ 10,000
4. Marsh Guard Rail	$ 7,317
5. Road Paving	$100,000
6. Trash Truck	$ 10,000
B. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved:	$ 30,000

2. Costs:
   At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$ 30,000
Interest	$ 4,050
Total New Debt Service	$ 34,050

3. Validity:
The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital spending.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$36,600**
The Selectmen recommend:	**$66,600**

Article 46. Shall the Town a) approve a project to improve the Town-owned tennis courts; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $11,000 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $11,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 03/22/2005

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3. School Heating System	$ 10,000
4. Marsh Guard Rail	$ 7,317
5. Road Paving	$100,000
6. Trash Truck	$ 10,000
B. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved:	$ 11,000

2. Costs:
   At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$ 11,000
Interest	$ 1,485
Total New Debt Service	$ 12,485

3. Validity:
The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Article 47. Shall the Town a) approve a project to remove the asbestos in Town Hall; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $10,200 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $10,200, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 03/22/2005

1. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:

1. Portland Debt	$ 74,000
2. Cumberland County	$ 38,500
3. School Heating System	$ 10,000

4. Marsh Guard Rail	$ 7,317
5. Road Paving	$100,000
6. Trash Truck	$ 10,000
B. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved:	$ 10,200

2. Costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$ 10,200
Interest	$ 1,370
Total New Debt Service	$ 11,570

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Article 48. Shall the Town vote to repeal and replace "Chapter 13.4 – Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance – Section 13.4-7 Rules and Regulations – ss7.1.8 revised May 4, 2002".

From: ~~It shall be unlawful to leave a vessel at a Town Wharf, Dock or Float for a period exceeding two (2) hours without the permission of the Harbormaster. It shall be unlawful to leave a vessel unattended at the main float at Marriner's Landing for any length of time. The main float is to be used for dropping off of cargo or passengers only.~~

~~The secondary floats at Marriner's Landing are available for tie up not to exceed two hours.~~

~~(a) Penalties for violations of Sec. 7.1.8:~~

~~First Offense – Fifteen (15) dollars;~~

~~Subsequent Offenses – Fifteen (15) dollars per violation~~

To: The "main float", located at Marriner's Landing is to be used for loading and unloading of passengers and cargo and official public safety vessels only. Therefore, it shall be unlawful to leave a vessel unattended at the "main float" at Marriner's Landing for any length of time. It shall be unlawful to leave a vessel at any Town wharf, dock or float (with the exception of the "main float") for a period exceeding two (2) hours without the permission of the Harbormaster.

(a) Penalties for violation of Sec. 7.1.8:

1. Exceeding Posted Time Limit - $25.00
2. Leaving an Unattended Vessel at Main Float - $50.00

Article 49. Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Chapter 13.4 – Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance – revised May 4, 2002" to include Section 10.1 entitled "Aquaculture".

Section 10.1 Aquaculture

All aquaculture ventures (mussel rafts, oyster farming, salmon pens, etc.), must be brought before the Town Selectmen, and the Harbormaster, who shall hold a public hearing on the proposed venture. All aquacultural ventures within the tidal waters of the Town of Long Island require prior approval from the Harbormaster subject to location, navigational safety, area and compatibility and to alleviate any problems regarding commercial or recreational fishing and/or navigation. No aquaculture venture involving rafts, pens or other structures within the legal boundaries of Long Island, Maine may proceed without the approval of the Harbormaster. The Harbormaster may require that the person or organization proposing the aquaculture venture to have all applicable local, State and Federal permits before granting his/her approval.

All structures associated with the approved aquacultural activities shall be maintained in good and serviceable condition.

Article 50. Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Chapter 13.4 – Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance – revised May 4, 2002" to include Section 3.2.1 entitled "Menace to Navigation".

Section 3.2.1 Menace to Navigation

The Harbormaster is authorized to take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to remove any menace to navigation within the waters of the Town of Long Island. This shall include, but is not limited to, contracting for removal of the menace at the expense of the Town of Long Island, another governmental entity, or the person responsible for the creation of the menace.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the present "Chapter 14 - Land Use Ordinance, Article 10 – Site Plan Review", and adopt the proposed new "Chapter 14 – Land Use Ordinance, Article 10 – Site Plan Review".
(The full text of Article 10 – Site Plan Review is available at Town Hall)

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the new zoning standards to regulate recreational uses and activities on Cow Island by appropriate organizations by adopting the changes to the Town's Zoning Map and Town's Land Use Ordinance.
(The full text of changes to the Town's Zoning Map and Town's Land Use Ordinance are available at Town Hall)

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following property contained as a condition to the Plan of Land showing Long Island II Subdivision by Northland Properties, Inc. of Newton, MA 02162 as approved by the Planning Board on December 3, 1994:

Lot A (Open Space), to be maintained in a Conservation Trust with conservation easement being held by the Long Island Civic Association.

Article 54. To see if the Town will authorize to the Selectmen to create a Limited Liability Corporation for the purpose of owning Lot A of the Long Island II Subdivision as approved by the Planning Board on December 3, 1994.

Given under our hands this 5th day of May, Two Thousand and Five, A.D.

Stephen R. Train _____

Ruth A. Peterson _____

Thomas H. MacVane _____

Selectmen of Long Island

A True Copy Attested of the Town of Long Islands' Town Meeting Warrant for the May 14, 2005 Annual Meeting:

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Brenda L. Singo – Town Clerk

RETURN ON THE WARRANT
May 6, 2005

Long Island, Maine

Pursuant to the within warrant directed to me, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at Town Hall, Marriner's Landing and the Long Island Store, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the 6th day of May, A.D., 2005 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Bradley K Brown

Bradley Brown
Deputy Sheriff – Town of Long Island, Maine