

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

## TOWN OF NEWPORT

To: Chief David Wintle

County of Penobscot

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in said County of Penobscot, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Newport Recreational Gymnasium located at 142 Elm Street in Newport, Maine on Tuesday, the 12th day of October 2021, at 6:00 in the evening then and there to act on Articles 1 (one) through (5) five, said Articles being set out below.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice of being in session at the Newport Municipal Building located at 23 Water Street from 8:00AM -12:00 PM on October 8th for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters. The Registrar of Voters also gives notice of being in session at 142 Elm Street on October 12th from 6:00 in the evening until adjournment for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

### ARTICLE 1

Election of a moderator

### ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town of Newport will vote to enact an ordinance entitled MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE. This ordinance will authorize nine (9) different types of Marijuana Establishments within the Town of Newport, identified as follows:

- a) Medical Marijuana Manufacturing
- b) Medical Marijuana Testing Facility
- c) Medical Marijuana Retail Store
- d) Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary
- e) Medical Marijuana Production Facility
- f) Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility
- g) Adult Marijuana Retail Store
- h) Adult Use Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility
- i) Adult Use Marijuana Testing Facility

All Marijuana Establishments shall be approved only in compliance with and subject to the requirements and standards found in the Town of Newport Marijuana Establishments Ordinance, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Note: The complete ordinance will be posted with a copy of this warrant and available at the Town Office.

Selectboard recommend: Passage  
 Planning Board recommend: Passage

### ARTICLE 3

Shall the Ordinance Town of Newport Land Use Ordinance be amended by adding Section 7 to the Schedule of Uses concerning Marijuana Establishments and by amending Section V, Subsection 16 to incorporate by reference the standards and requirements of the Town of Newport Marijuana Establishments Ordinance and renumbering all subsequent Subsection of Section V accordingly, as presented and described below?

**SECTION IV: SCHEDULE OF USES**

**F. SCHEDULE OF USES-MATRIX (cont.)**

Activities/Districts	MR1	MR2	C/I	I	C	R	WD	V
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**7. MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

a.) Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
b.) Medical Marijuana Testing Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	P
c.) Medical Marijuana Retail Store (aka Caregiver Retail Store)	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
d.) Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
e.) Medical Marijuana Production Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
f.) Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
g.) Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
h.) Adult Use Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	N
i.) Adult Use Marijuana Testing Facility	N	N	P	P	N	N	P

**SECTION V: LAND USE STANDARDS**

**16. MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

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Selectboard recommend: Passage  
 Planning Board recommend: Passage

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town of Newport will approve the purchase of a Loader for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$135,932.

Funding for the purchase are identified as follows:

The transfer \$82,385 (\$67,966 plus 1<sup>st</sup> annual payment of \$14,419.56) from the 20/21 Town of Newport Fund Balance, and the remaining \$67,966 borrowed from the Cemetery Investment Account over a five (5) year period.

Total Funds available in the Cemetery Account as of August 1, 2021, \$136,492.47

Note: It is anticipated that a five (5) year note @ 2% will be authorized. Amortization schedule would be approximately \$14,419.56 per year. First annual payment due in April 2022.

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A. Total Town Indebtedness: \$4,410,726.00  
B. Bonds authorized and unissued: 0.00  
C. Bonds outstanding if article 4 is passed: \$67,966.00

Selectboard Recommend: Passage

## ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town of Newport will vote to increase the Cultural Center operational budget by \$20,181 That will allow the Center to effectively operate five (5) days per week under the supervision of a Certified Librarian. These moneys shall be a transfer from the fund balance of 2021.

Note: The 2020 Cultural Center Budget returned an unexpended balance to the General Fund in the amount of \$54,522.04. These moneys were simply unexpended due to staff shortages and closures due to covid.

Selectmen Recommend: Passage