

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
**February 9, 2015**

TO: Michael P. Madden, a Constable of the Town of Paris, in the County of Oxford, 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 Paris in said County and State, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Paris Town Office, 33 Market Square, South Paris, Maine on the 9th day of February, 2015 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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


**ARTICLE 2:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Paris Budget Committee Ordinance" for the Town of Paris be amended as proposed?


**Note of Explanation:** *(The Ordinance for the Budget Committee if amended would replace the existing ordinance which was adopted on June 14, 2008). A copy of the changes has been posted together with this warrant. An attested copy of the full text is available from the office of the Town Clerk, on the Town of Paris website [www.parismaine.org](http://www.parismaine.org), and will be available at the Special Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Paris Budget Committee Ordinance" be repealed, and established as policy.

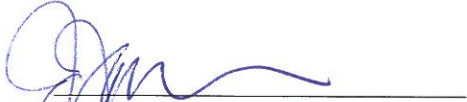
Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, in the Town of Paris, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

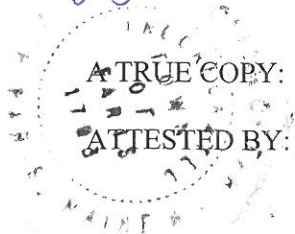
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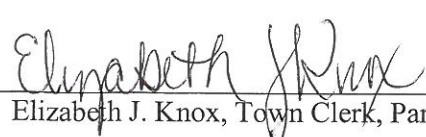
  
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Ryan Lorrain, Chairman

  
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Robert Wessels, Vice Chairman

  
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Samuel Elliot

  
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Janet Jamison



  
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Elizabeth J. Knox, Town Clerk, Paris, Maine

Date: January 26, 2015

**RETURN OF WARRANT:**

**Paris, Maine**

**28th January, A.D., 2015**

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Paris Public Library, Paris Town Office in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, being at least seven days before the meeting.

**SIGNED:**

  
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Michael P. Madden, a Constable of the Town of Paris

## **Budget Committee Ordinance Town of Paris, Maine**

### Section 1. Establishment.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001, a Budget Committee is hereby established for the Town of Paris, Maine.

### Section 2. Composition; appointment; qualifications; terms; vacancies.

The Committee shall consist of ~~9~~ 5 regular members, and 3 alternate members, who shall be appointed by the municipal officers and who shall be registered voters of the Town. No employee of the Town may be a member. Members shall serve for terms of 3 years, except that they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. (For transition purposes, the initial terms under this ordinance shall be staggered so that as nearly an equal number of terms shall expire annually.) If a regular committee member misses 3 meetings in a budget year, that member's position may be considered vacant and the municipal officers will appoint an alternate to fill the unexpired term. All vacancies shall be filled as soon as practicable by appointment of the municipal officers for the unexpired term.

### Section 3. Officers; meetings; quorum; procedure.

The Committee shall annually elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary from among its members. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, in the Chairman's absence, shall call meetings as necessary or when so requested by a majority of members or the municipal officers. A quorum necessary to conduct business shall consist of at least a majority of members. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, in the Chairman's absence, shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all proceedings including all correspondence of the Committee. Alternate members shall fill in as voting members in the absence of regular members and should attend meetings as regularly as regular members. All meetings and records shall be subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A. Sections 401 – 410. The Committee may adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent with this ordinance.

### Section 4. Powers and duties; authority; recommendations; official cooperation.

The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To review and make recommendations on the annual operating budget as proposed by the Town Manager.
- B. To review and make recommendations on annual capital expenditures as proposed by the Town Manager.
- C. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the Town Manager.

- D. To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time deem advisable.
- E. Selectmen ~~may participate~~ **are encouraged to attend** in the review process as non voting participants.

The Committee's authority shall be advisory only. Any recommendation on a matter requiring town meeting action shall be printed with the article in the warrant and on the ballot, if any, along with such other recommendations as may be included by the municipal officers or required by law. The Town Manager shall cooperate with and provide the Committee with such information as may be reasonably necessary and available to enable it to carry out its functions under this ordinance.

#### Section 5. Hearings

A public hearing will be scheduled to hear questions and comments from the public prior to town meeting.

This ordinance, when enacted, shall supersede any and all previous like ordinances.