

BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RSU #20 VOTERS

PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING – Tuesday, May 24, 2016 @ 7:00 pm at the Searsport District Middle/High School Cafetorium

Our two towns will each have a representative present with a current list of the registered voters of their town.

All registered voters should check in with their town's representative and receive a voter's card.

Non-residents are invited to attend but will not be allowed to speak or participate in the voting process.

The Board Chairperson will call the meeting to order.

A moderator will be elected.

Town representatives will be appointed and sworn in as ballot clerks.

Superintendent Downing will present and speak about the proposed budget that was approved by the RSU #20 Board of Directors.

Each article will be read by the moderator and voted on by the registered voters present. Articles can be amended. Articles must pass by a majority vote.

The warrant article to raise additional local funds which exceed the Essential Programs and Services model must be approved by a written ballot.

BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM - The results of the budget that was approved by the voters at the May 24th Budget Meeting will be presented for a Budget Validation Referendum vote on June 14th in each town.

A "Notice of Amounts Adopted at the Budget Meeting" document will be posted at all town polling locations which will show the budget article amounts that were approved on May 24th.

The budget validation question will be:

Question 1: Do you favor approving the RSU #20 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest RSU #20 budget meeting?

ABSENTEE VOTING. If you would like to apply for an absentee ballot, please contact your individual town office.

Please note that the Absentee Ballots must be received by the town no earlier than the date following the Regional Budget Meeting in order to be counted.