

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT VERNON

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
and
Saturday, June 15, 2024

TO: Tina Cagle, a resident in the Town of Mount Vernon, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine,

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Mount Vernon, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Mt. Vernon Community Center in said town on Tuesday the 11th of June 2024 from noon to 8:00PM, then and there to act on the articles numbered 1 and 2. The Town Meeting will be 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 15th, 2024 at the Mount Vernon Elementary School to act on Articles 3 through 34.

The Select Board hereby gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Mt. Vernon Community Center on the day of the voting, Tuesday, the 11th day of June 2024 for the purpose of voter registration.

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

Article 2 To conduct all state and local elections, for which purpose the polls will be open at noon and close at 8:00 PM.

POSITION	VACANCY	TERM
Selectboard	One	3 yr
RSU 38 School Board	One	3 yr
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	One	3 yr
Road Commissioner	One	3 yr

Article 3 To see if the Town will allow the following Non-Residents to speak at the Town Meeting in order to answer any questions or to provide any other necessary information:

Town Clerk: Heather Wheeler Town Deputy Clerk: Kelley Hutchins

All other Non-Residents will be nominated to speak on an article by article basis.

Article 4 To see if the town will adopt the rules of the “Maine Moderator’s Manual” as the official rules of this meeting.

Article 5 To fix the pay of the following town officers and employees as Recommended Below:

	Personnel (summarized under Administration)	24-25 rate	budgeted hours	24-25 cap
5.01	Tax collector/Town Clerk	26.91	Salary	\$ 44,778.24
5.02	Selectmen each	4,000.00	3.00	\$ 12,000.00
5.03	Select Chair	1,200.00	1.00	\$ 1,200.00
5.04	GA admin	1,000.00	1.00	\$ 1,000.00
5.05	All other admin compensation			\$ 94,550.98
	Total Admin Salary & Wages			\$ 153,529.22
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6%	Total Admin Office Personnel			\$ 165,274.20

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for General Government.

		Recommended:	Totals	\$ 447,946.06	Totals
6.01	13%	Administration			\$ 242,518.34
6.02	6%	Legal Fees			\$ 10,000.00
6.03	54%	Paid Family Medical Leave			\$ 1,000.00
6.04	new	Elections			\$ 6,856.30
6.05	2%	Contingency Fund			\$ 10,000.00
6.06	100%	Municipal Building			\$ 25,419.66
6.07	15%	Municipal Building Lawn			\$ 30,000.00
6.08	0%	Municipal Bldg Office Equipmnt			\$ 3,640.00
6.09	0%	Office Equipment Capitol			\$ 2,800.00
6.10	250%	Property Tax Assessor			\$ 29,600.00
6.11	4%	Tax Maps			\$ 2,000.00
6.12	0%	MMA membership dues			\$ 3,419.00
6.13	4%	KVCOG dues			\$ 3,487.00
6.14	new	Code Enforcement			\$ 60,205.75
6.15	71%	Appeals Board			\$ 500.00
6.16	100%	Town Newsletter			\$ 1,000.00
6.17	0%	Planning Board			\$ 500.00
6.18	-71%	CARRY Property Tax Abatements			\$ -
6.19	-100%	Town Match Grants			\$ 15,000.00
	50%				

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Capitol improvement

0% Recommended **\$ 3,000.00**

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Protection & Health

		Recommended:	Totals	\$ 618,356.65	
8.01	23%	Fire Dept Operation			\$ 224,400.26
8.02	0%	Fire Dept spec equip I			\$ 14,000.00
8.03	4%	Vehicle Maintenance			\$ 14,000.00
8.04	100%	Fire Dept Turn out gear			\$ 5,000.00
8.05	0%	Station Maintenance			\$ 5,000.00
8.06	0%	Waterhole Maint. & Development			\$ 5,500.00
8.07	0%	Dispatch ServicesCMRCC			\$ 15,489.00
8.08	0%	Dispatch Winthrop			\$ 7,090.52
8.09	21%	PSAP			\$ 16,248.61
8.10	110%	Ambulance			\$ 34,918.80
8.11	5%	Life Flight			\$ 861.50
8.12	0%	Animal Control (plus late fees)			\$ 6,370.89
8.13	8%	General Assistance			\$ 3,000.00
8.14	-50%	Ins, Volunteer			\$ 150.00
8.15	new	Ins, Property and Casualty			\$ 24,600.00
8.16	-39%	Ins, Worker's Compensation			\$ 32,445.00
8.17	22%	street lights			\$ 2,880.00
8.18	-28%	Kennebec Valley Humane Society			\$ 3,000.00
	0%				

8.19	0%	e-911 signs	\$	300.00
8.20	0%	health officer	\$	-
8.21	-100%	CARRY emergency manager	\$	-
8.22	0%	Masonic Hall Parking	\$	300.00
8.23	-50%	Unemployment	\$	500.00
8.24	8%	Transfer Station	\$	202,302.08

Article 9 **To see if the Town will vote to appropriate revenue from Vienna in the amount of up to \$4,500 for Mount Vernon Rescue.**

Article 10 **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Works & Highways**

		Recommended:	Totals	\$ 1,147,280.00
10.01	0%	Capitol Improvement Roads	\$	50,000.00
10.02	29%	Fica/medicare roads	\$	1,930.00
10.03	46%	Road Maint/Bush	\$	159,000.00
10.04	9%	Road Construction	\$	350,000.00
10.05	60%	Bridge & Culvert	\$	40,000.00
10.06	54%	Snowplow Contract Roads	\$	408,850.00
10.07	28%	Snowplow Contract non-roads	\$	14,500.00
10.08	19%	Winter Sand/Salt stockpile	\$	120,000.00
10.01	20%	Sign Account	\$	3,000.00

Article 11 new **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up the following recommended amount, and appropriate all monies collected to act as seed money for start up of an afterschool childcare**

		Recommended:	\$	22,000.00
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Article 12 **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Recreation & Community**

		Recommended:	Totals	\$ 56,346.98	\$	-
12.01	21%	Community Center	\$	10,685.57		
12.02	1%	Dr. Shaw Memorial Library	\$	44,661.41		
12.03	-64%	Cemetery	\$	1,000.00		

Article 13 **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for the 2024-2025 dues for the Inter-Local agreement for the management of the Belgrade Area Dams.**

-31%	Recommended	\$	7,234.00
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Article 14 **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for these community service/non-profit organizations:**

		Recommended	Totals	\$ 9,504.00
14.01	0%	30 Mile River Watershed Association	\$	3,000.00
14.02	-12%	Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$	504.00
14.03	0%	Family Violence Project	\$	2,000.00
14.04	0%	Hospice Volunteers	\$	1,000.00
14.05	0%	Spectrum Generations	\$	1,000.00
14.06	0%	7 Lakes Alliance boat inspection/erosion control work	\$	2,000.00

Article 15 **To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$31,000 from surplus, to repair the Community Center Roof. If funds are awarded from FEMA, they will go back to surplus to replace these funds.**

Article 16 **To see if the Town will vote to accept a grandfather clock made in Plymouth Conn. for James Chapman of Mt. Vernon about 1812, at the time of his marriage to Mary (Polly) Porter. Daphne Sanders is making this donation to be placed at the Doctor Shaw Library.**

Article 17 **To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following sums from estimated revenues and the undesignated**

		Totals
17.01	Cable Franchise Fee	6,000.00
17.02	Code Enforcement Permits	18,000.00
17.03	Excise Tax: Boat	3,000.00
17.04	Excise Tax: Car/Truck	300,000.00
17.05	General Assistance	1,500.00
17.06	Lien Income	7,500.00
17.07	Lincoln Walton Trust Fund	20,000.00
17.08	Municipal Revenue Sharing	200,000.00
17.09	Tax Interest	15,000.00
17.10	Town Clerk Fees & State Agent Fees	11,000.00
17.11	Transfer Station Fees & Revenues	11,000.00
17.12	Tree Growth Refund	10,000.00
17.13	URIP (Local Road Assistance)	55,000.00
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Article 18 **To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all the snowmobile fees reimbursed from the State of Maine for the Mount Vernon Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club.**

Article 19 **To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept and expend funds from any Federal, State, Local or private grant or revenue funds not listed in other articles.**

Article 20 **To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to reimburse all town officials and employees for necessary travel at the rate of \$.50/mile.**

Article 21 **To see if the Town will authorize the Town Clerk or Deputies to charge a State Rate of \$25.00 for the receipt of checks with insufficient funds.**

Article 22 **To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to expend the revenues of Special Revenue funds.**

Article 23 **To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to expend the income earned by the Cemetery Trust Funds, Noah A. & Nellie E. Clough Trust Fund, Dr. Gilman Trust Fund, Dr. Shaw Memorial Library Trust Fund, and the Robert George Weiss Memorial Fund for the purpose specified for each trust fund.**

- Article 24** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to not authorize any payments that would overdraw an account (a budgeted expenditure), unless the payments are required by law, approved by voters at a Special Town Meeting, or are the result of a natural disaster. Excess revenues are not considered part of the budgeted expenditures voted on at Town Meeting.
- Article 25** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to issue orders for the closing of roads to winter maintenance.
- Article 26** To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes payable, one-half on September 30, 2024 and one-half on March 31, 2025, and that interest be charged on overdue taxes at the rate of 9.0% (or the maximum allowed by state law, if that is greater) per annum after those dates.
- Article 27** To see if the Town will adopt the reformatted, updated and corrected Land Use Ordinance as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee.
- Article 28** To see if the Town will authorize the use of the revenues from the Ordinance Review Committee, the Planning Board, Code Enforcement, Newsletter, and the Appeals Board to help offset the expenditures of such departments.
- Article 29** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell and convey/advertised property belonging to the Town by reason of matured tax liens, by sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, to the highest acceptable bidder, retaining the right to accept or reject all bids at their discretion, after first posting notice of such sales in the same places that Town Warrants are posted. The Select Board is to give not less than ten days' notice of such sales in a local newspaper and town website, with a description of the properties to be sold. The Select Board is to allow delinquent taxpayers the opportunity to redeem their former property until such time as a bid is accepted from another person on the advertised day of sale, by paying back taxes, administrative costs, and interest to the date of sale.
- Article 30** To see if the Town will vote to carry over Fire, Rescue, Transfer Station, Cemeteries, Public Access TV, Beach and Road accounts unspent balances as Department Capitol accounts; which may only be used by approval of the Selectboard stating purpose in published agenda and minutes. Unspent balances in Capitol funds, specified Special Revenue accounts (Library, Community Center, Aging in Place, Beach, and Athletic), and the general fund contingency account will be carried over to the next year for that same account. Any other non-capitol unspent balance accounts will lapse to General Fund.
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$_____ established for the Town of Mount Vernon by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit only in the circumstance and only to the extent that projected State of Maine revenues for the fiscal year 2024-2025 including, but not limited to, municipal revenue sharing and homestead exemption reimbursement, are adjusted downwards between the annual Town Meeting and the date of commitment, and the result of those adjustments is that the property tax levy calculated at the date of commitment will be greater than the property tax levy calculated at the time of the annual Town Meeting.

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to adjourn.

Given under our hands this _____ day of May 2024