

To: Kimberly Garneau, a resident of the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, 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 Durham in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and on Articles 2 through 36 as set out below. (Polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):

- Article 1** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2** To elect all municipal officers, school committee members, and budget committee members as are required to be elected.
- Article 3** To see if the Town of Durham will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the 2021 Durham Municipal Budget for any budget articles **not** approved in this warrant.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

- Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$63,000 from the Fire Department Capital Fund for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Airpack Replacements. *Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes*
- Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$ 220,089 from the Public Works Capital fund and raise and appropriate \$21,911 for the purchase of a Tandem-axle Plow Truck. *Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes*
- Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$101,000 for Stream Crossings/Culvert Replacements on Swamp Road and Quaker Meeting House Roads. Municipal share \$101,000, State share from Stream Crossing Grant \$250,000. *Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes*
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$60,000 from the Municipal Capital Account for a Market-based Revaluation. *Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes*
- Article 8** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the Fire Department Capital Fund for future fire apparatus expenditures.

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$9,000	Raise and Appropriate	\$50,000

- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,000 for the Public Works Capital Fund for future equipment purchase.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

ORDINANCE WARRANT ARTICLES

- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map as set forth in the document "Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 2, 2022, PART 1 – AMENDMENTS TO RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARDS & BOUNDARY (Article 2 and the Official Zoning Map) to revise the Resource Protection District criteria and boundary to match the most recent natural resource inventories and replace outdated and inaccurate restrictions on property use and development.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhammaine.com
- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document "Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 2, 2022, PART 2 – AMENDMENTS TO ROADS (Articles 5, 6, 8, & Appendix 1) to allow driveway rather than road access to single back lots, give clear standards for approving private roads outside of subdivisions, and update the road design standards for subdivisions."
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- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document "Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 2, 2022, PART 3 – AMENDMENTS TO APPEALS PROCESSES (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, & 18)" to eliminate redundant and conflicting appeals provisions and clarify the authority of the Board of Appeals to modify decisions made by other boards and town officials. **Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhammaine.com**
- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document "Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 2, 2022, PART 4 – AMENDMENTS TO FEE SCHEDULE (Article 18)" to allow the Select Board to periodically set fees for permits and applications based on analysis of actual costs and comparison with similar towns. **Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhammaine.com**

BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 14 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department Budget.

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$495,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$496,153

Article 15 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Operating Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds*	\$1,007,393
Transfer from Undesignated	\$39,758
Raise	\$202,849
Total Appropriation	\$1,250,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds*	\$1,007,393
Transfer from Undesignated	\$39,758
Raise	\$224,849
Total Appropriation	\$1,272,000

*Transfer \$1,007,393 from the Following Revenue Funds: Excise Taxes \$952,369 and LRAP (Local Roads Assistance Program) \$55,024.

Article 16 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds*	124,716
Transfer from Undesignated	40,000
Raise	305,284
Total Appropriation	470,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds*	124,716
Transfer from Undesignated	30,000
Raise	293,153
Total Appropriation	447,869

*Transfer \$124,716 from the following Revenue Funds: Building Permits \$20,414 Electrical Permits \$8,210, Plumbing Permits \$8,963, Vehicle Registration 19,320, Delinquent Tax Interest \$32,486, Tax Exemption Reimbursement \$23,860, Town Clerk Fees \$5,678, and Miscellaneous Revenue \$5,785

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$307,821** for Solid Waste. Funding Source: Raise \$279,131 and transfer \$28,690 from the Solid Waste Revenue Fund.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,300** for Bulky Waste Day. Funding Source: Raise 10,300

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$969,803** for the Town of Durham’s annual debt service. Funding Source: Transfer \$41,110 from fees received for EMT Emergency Ambulance Services and Raise \$928,693
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 20 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the for the following budgets: Animal Control, Assessing, Cemeteries, Conservation, Recreation and Parks, Eureka Community Center, and General Assistance.

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Animal Control	18,686	Animal Control	18,686
Assessing	21,300	Assessing	21,300
Cemeteries	4,950	Cemeteries	4,950
Conservation, Recreation & Parks	6,000	Conservation, Recreation & Parks	6,000
Eureka Community Center	5,000	Eureka Community Center	6,848
General Assistance	600	General Assistance	600
Transfer from Revenue Funds*	\$7,912	Transfer from Revenue Funds*	\$7,912
Transfer from Undesignated	\$4,265	Transfer from Undesignated	\$4,265
Raise	\$44,359	Raise	46,207
Total Appropriation	\$56,536	Total Appropriation	58,384

*Transfer \$7,912 from the following revenue funds: Animal Control \$662, Cemetery Lot Sales \$200, Conservation, Park and Recreation \$6,000, and Eureka Community Center \$1,050.

Article 21 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a raise pool to be distributed through the following departments: Administration, Public Works, Fire Department, Telecommunications and the Eureka Community Center and Planning.

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise	\$26,152	Raise	11,510
Total Appropriation	\$26,152	Total Appropriation	11,510

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Article 22 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Telecommunication Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$46,732
Raise	\$7,333
Total Appropriation	\$54,065

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$46,732
Raise	\$0.00
Total Appropriation	\$46,732

Article 23 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board/Appeals Board/Historic District Commission Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds	\$3,200
Transfer from Undesignated	\$2,396
Raise	\$41,825
Total Appropriation	\$47,421

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Revenue Funds	\$3,200
Transfer from Undesignated	\$2,396
Raise	\$39,265
Total Appropriation	\$44,861

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved by this referendum results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy limit otherwise allowable.
The levy limit is: **\$1,690,543.00**

BUSINESS ARTICLES

Article 25 To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the total 2022 Net Assessment for Commitment to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2022 fiscal year.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.

Article 27 To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing interest on delinquent taxes and establishing a date for interest to start. Interest shall begin to accrue on all unpaid taxes forty-five days after the date taxes are committed. The interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be the maximum allowable by State Law.

- Article 28** To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and officials in the hands of the Select Board.
- Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town owned property which they determine is no longer needed or usable by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.
- Article 30** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens and allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on overpayment of abated taxes at 2% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506-A.
- Article 32** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at an interest rate of 0% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
- Article 33** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to that of the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.
- Article 34** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed one third (1/3) of the budget amount in each category of the Town of Durham 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the close of the 2023 annual town meeting.
- Article 35** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money on notes approved by at least three members of the Select Board and countersigned by the Select Board Chair, to pay for the operating costs of the Town.

Given under our hands this 8th day of March, 2022 by the Durham Select Board:

Kevin Nadeau, Chair

Rob Pontau, Vice Chair

Richard George

Marc Farrin

Todd Beaulieu

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