

To: Pamela Cloutier, 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 Amvets Post 13, 1049 Royalsborough Road, Durham, Maine on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 38 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 appropriate \$2,091.65 from undesignated fund balance to add to the 2020 Solid Waste Budget.
 Yes No

Article 4 To see if the Town of Durham will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the 2020 Durham Municipal Budget for any budget articles **not** approved in this warrant.
 Yes No

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$60,000 from the Fire Department Capital Fund for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Airpack Replacements.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
 Yes No

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$30,000 for the Fire Department Capital Fund.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
 Yes No

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$30,000 for the Public Works Capital Fund.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
 Yes No

ORDINANCE WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 1 – AMENDMENTS TO ROADS (Articles 5, 6, 8, and Appendix 1)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
 Yes No

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 2 – AMENDMENTS TO HOME-BASED BUSINESS (Articles 5 and 19)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
 Yes No

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 3 – AMENDMENTS TO APPEALS PROCESSES (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
 Yes No

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 4 – MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, and 16)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
 Yes No

FUND WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the non-lapsing Old Home Days Fund, allowing any balance to lapse into the undesignated fund.

Funds	Balance as of 12/31/2020
Old Home Days	\$509.00

Yes No

- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Building Account, Title Searches, Town Office Reserve and Perambulation Funds and transfer all balances into a new fund called the Municipal Capital Fund to be used toward building, infrastructure, equipment and vehicle capital expenses.

Funds	Balance as of 12/31/2020
Municipal Building Account	\$56,535.66
Title Searches	\$9,900.00
Town Office Reserve	\$25,896.50
Perambulation	<u>\$5,300.00</u>
Municipal Capital Fund	\$97,632.16

Yes No

- Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring unspent Fire Department operating funds to the Fire and Rescue Capital Fund. Unspent Fire Department Operating Funds would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

Yes No

- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring fees and receipts received for EMT Rescue Emergency Services to the Fire and Rescue Capital Fund. Fees and receipts received for Rescue Services would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year and could be used to fund the Fire Department Operating Budget. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

Yes No

- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring unspent Public Works Operating Funds to the Public Works Capital Fund. Unspent Public Works Operating Funds would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

Yes No

- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bridge Account and transfer the balance of \$98,248 into the existing Public Works Capital Fund. Repair and maintenance of town owned bridges shall become a part of the Budget or CIP Process and be voted on at Town Meeting.

Yes No

BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department Budget:

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Appropriate and Raise	\$485,000	Appropriate and Raise	\$472,753

- Select Board Recommendation**
- Budget Committee Recommendation**
- Neither Recommendation**

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,150,000 for the Public Works Operating Budget. Funding Source: Raise \$138,448 and Transfer \$1,011,552 from the Following Revenue Funds: Excise Taxes \$960,552 and LRAP (Local Roads Assistance Program) \$51,000.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

- Yes**
- No**

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$434,350 for Administration Expenses. Funding Source: Raise \$321,376 and transfer \$112,974 from the following Revenue Funds: Building Permits \$17,574, Electrical Permits \$6,700, Plumbing Permits \$7,623, Vehicle Registration \$19,281, Delinquent Tax Interest \$32,740, Tax Exemption Reimbursement \$16,429, Town Clerk Fees \$3,641 and Miscellaneous Revenue \$8,986.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

- Yes**
- No**

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$310,000 for Solid Waste. Funding Source: Raise \$292,726 and transfer \$17,274 from the Solid Waste Revenue Fund.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

- Yes**
- No**

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$980,862 for the Town of Durham's annual debt service. Funding Source: Raise \$980,862.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

- Yes**
- No**

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,853 for the following budgets: Animal Control \$17,760, Assessing \$20,700, Cemeteries \$4,650, Conservation. Recreation and Parks \$9,330, Eureka Community Center \$6,813 and General Assistance \$600. Funding Source: Raise \$46,144 and transfer \$13,709 from the following funds: Animal Control Revenue \$1,205, Recreation Fund \$9,330, General Assistance Revenue \$420, Eureka Community Center Revenue \$490 and the Undesignated Fund \$2,264.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
 Yes No

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,363 for a raise pool to be distributed through the following departments: Administration, Public Works, Fire Department, Telecommunications and the Eureka Community Center and Planning. Funding Source: Raise \$12,363.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
 Yes No

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Telecommunication Budget:

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$55,767	Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$50,000
Total Appropriation	\$55,767	Total Appropriation	\$50,000

- Select Board Recommendation
- Budget Committee Recommendation
- Neither Recommendation

Article 26 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		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise	\$33,827	Raise	\$30,942
Transfer from Conditional Use Permits	\$520	Transfer from Conditional Use Permits	\$520
Transfer from Appeals Revenue	\$280	Transfer from Appeals Revenue	\$280
Total Appropriation	\$34,627	Total Appropriation	\$31,742

- Select Board Recommendation
- Budget Committee Recommendation
- Neither Recommendation

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

- Article 27** 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: \$1,305,098
 Yes No

BUSINESS ARTICLES

- Article 28** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the total 2021 Net Assessment for Commitment to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2021 fiscal year.
 Yes No
- Article 29** 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.
 Yes No
- Article 30** 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 6% per annum.
 Yes No
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and officials in the hands of the Select Board.
 Yes No
- Article 32** 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.
 Yes No
- Article 33** 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.

Yes No

Article 34 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.

Yes No

Article 35 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.

Yes No

Article 36 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.

Yes No

Article 37 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 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the close of the 2022 annual town meeting.

Yes No

Article 38 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.

Yes No

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, 2021 by the Durham Select Board:



Kevin Nadeau, Chair



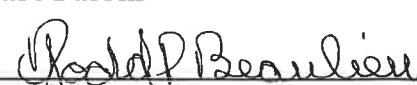
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