

2020 WARRANT
TOWN OF PALMYRA

State of Maine County of Somerset
To Diane Cookson, resident of Palmyra in said county,

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Palmyra, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Palmyra Community Center in Palmyra on Friday the 13th day of March, A.D. 2020 at 9:45 a.m., then and there to act on Articles One and Two, to then adjourn and reassemble at the Palmyra Community Center on Saturday the 14th day of March, A.D. 2020 at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the remaining articles to wit:

Note: Election of Moderator will be at 9:45 a.m. and voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday March 13, 2020.

Art. 1 To elect a moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To elect the following by secret ballot:
Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor
- Two members for three year terms.
RSU 19 Board of Directors
- One member for a three year term

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,765 for Select Board member's compensation.

Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,500 for insurances, estimated breakdown as follows:

Health	22,000.00
Property & Casualty	14,000.00
Workers comp	6,000.00
Unemployment	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 43,500.00

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,000 for the Town Charge Account.

Estimated expenditures as follows:

A. Compensation	\$ 91,000
B. Contract Services	20,000
C. Utilities	6,000
D. Supplies/Fees	6,000
<u>E. Lien Costs</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total	\$130,000

- Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 to maintain the Community Center. Estimated expenditures as follows:
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| A. Utilities | 25,000 |
| B. Maintenance/Repairs | 15,000 |
| C. <u>Contracted Services</u> | <u>5,000</u> |
| Total | 45,000 |
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for utilities and maintenance for the Town Hall and Modular Building.
- Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for assessing work. Any funds remaining at the end of the year will be placed in the investment account, which was set up previously for future assessing work.
- Art. 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,500 for Code Enforcement and appropriate Plumbing Fees to this account.
- Art. 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000 for a sexton and maintenance to the town cemeteries. Interest earned from the Cemetery Investment account in 2019 to be credited to this account. Also to authorize the Select Board to enter into or continue contracts for cemetery maintenance and sexton.
- Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for cleaning and repair to cemetery stones.
- Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for General Assistance and appropriate funds reimbursed from the State of Maine.
- Art. 13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,686 for Maine Municipal Association dues.
- Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for membership in the Sebecoook Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the purchase of computers.
- Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,200 for the fifth payment of funds borrowed for paving.

Note: This is the fifth of five annual payments due under a note executed by the Select Board on behalf of the Town and authorized by a vote of Town meeting on March 14, 2015.

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for anticipated gravel roadwork. Roadwork to be done will be decided by the Select Board.

Art. 18 To see if he Town will vote to borrow up to \$200,000 (At an estimated interest rate of 2.90%) for the purchase of a Truck. Also to authorize the Select Board to expend any funds necessary to execute the loan documents, said funds to be from the amount borrowed pursuant to this Article's passage or from the town charge account.

Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.90 % the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

(3) Years	
Principal	\$200,000
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 11,711</u>
Total Debt Service	\$211,711

Art. 19 To see if he Town will vote to borrow up to \$600,000 (At an estimated interest rate of 2.95%) for paving projects. Also to authorize the Select Board to expend any funds necessary to execute the loan documents, said funds to be from the amount borrowed pursuant to this Article's passage or from the town charge account.

Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.95 % the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

(5) Years	
Principal	\$600,000
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 54,129</u>
Total Debt Service	\$654,129

Financial Statement - Town of Palmyra

Total Town Indebtedness: A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 375,875
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if these questions are approved:	<u>\$ 865,840</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,241,715

Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance. Treasurer, Town of Palmyra

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$225,000 for the Public Works account. Estimated amounts in each category as follows:

Summer Roads	\$ 20,000
Winter Roads	85,000
Capital Road Improvements	40,000
Equipment/Garage	<u>80,000</u>
Total	\$225,000

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$182,287 for the fourth payment of funds borrowed for paving.

Note: This is the fourth of five annual payments due under a note executed by the Select Board on behalf of the Town and authorized by a vote of Town meeting on March 12, 2016.

Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for Fire Protection and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$115,000 for Solid Waste Disposal, and appropriate reimbursements from Municipal Review Committee (MRC).

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the recycling program.

Art. 25 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for legal expenses. This would include expenses associated with the sale of tax-acquired property, land-use violations and other legal expenses. Any fines and reimbursements will be credited to this account.

Art. 26 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2500 for the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Animal Control account and appropriate Dog License Fees.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200 for mileage and expenses for the Emergency Management Director and the Health Officer.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the Recreation Program.

Art. 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for maintenance of the Town Park and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.

Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000 for the Palmyra Scholarship Fund.

Art. 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2000 for library services.

- Art. 33 To see if the Town will vote to give the revenue received from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for snowmobile registrations to the Palmyra Snowmobile Club.
- Art. 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2638 for dues for Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).
- Art. 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following:
 Tri-Town Food Bank – \$1000
 Palmyra Soup Kitchen – \$1000
 Newport Food Bank – \$1000
 KVCAP Transportation Program - \$200
 Hospice of Somerset County - \$300
 Family Violence Project - \$500
 Senior Spectrum - \$1,800
 Irving Tannery Community Center - \$1,500
 Somerset Economic Development Committee - \$100
 Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - \$200
 Kennebec Behavioral Health -\$500
 LifeFlight Foundation - \$500
 KVCAP Community Action Program - \$500
 Total - \$9,100
- Art. 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Capital Improvements investment account. Any funds remaining from the Town Charge Account at the end of the year will also be credited to this investment account.
- Art. 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3000 for restoration of vital records.
- Art. 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to set aside for a revaluation.
- Art. 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to set up Tax Maps on Google Maps.
- Art. 40 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$115,000 for the replacement of a culvert on Libby Hill Road.

Note: Designated funds of \$40,640 and Grant funds of \$95,000 are available for this project.

- Art. 41 Shall the Town adopt the revised Town of Palmyra Subdivision Ordinance. Copies of the ordinance are available on the Web site, at the Town Office and at Town Meeting.

Art. 42 To see if the Town will vote to take \$3,013.84 from surplus to ratify overdrafts in fiscal year 2019. (Public Works Account)

Art. 43 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after such date the Town shall determine.

Note - maximum allowed by the State Treasurer is 9 percent.

Select Board recommend 5 percent to start 60 days from day of commitment.

Art. 44 To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept Pre-payments for taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

Art. 45 To see if the Town will vote to authorize funds for Abatements to come from overlay.

Art. 46 To see if the Town will vote to have the Select Board choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same.

Art. 47 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed three-twelfths (1/4) of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 48 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to obtain loan(s) in anticipation of taxes not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total commitment, such loans to be paid during the current fiscal year.

Art. 49 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, in such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. And if they should choose to employ a bid process, the Select Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Notices of tax acquired property sales will be posted in a newspaper that covers the local area.

Art. 50 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell excess Town equipment and property.

Art. 51 To see if the Town will vote to rollover the balance of the Veterans' Memorial account to this fiscal year and to authorize the Town to accept funds from individuals for the purchase of paving stones. These stones will be placed near the Veterans' Memorial to honor individuals chosen by the purchaser.

- Art. 52 To see if the Town will vote to continue the fund for the purpose of accepting donations for Palmyra's Christmas program known as the Giving Tree with any funds remaining in the account at the end of the year to be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- Art. 53 Shall the Town of Palmyra vote to authorize the Select Board to accept or reject grants, donations, and or gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town of Palmyra for FY2019 and to expend monies donated for specific purposes.
- Art. 54 To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take from anticipated revenue and surplus to lower the 2020 Tax Commitment.

<i>Note: Anticipated Revenue: Excise Tax</i>	315,000
<i>Rentals</i>	30,000
<i>Interest on Taxes</i>	12,000
<i>Lien Costs</i>	8,000
<i>Fees/Interest</i>	15,000
<u><i>Surplus Funds</i></u>	<u>120,000</u>
<i>Select Board recommends</i>	\$500,000

Given under our hand this 26th day of February 2020

Ben E. Bano Mark J.
Dwight D. Dwyer Jo Ann Brown
David Gilbert
 Palmyra Select Board

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Palmyra, Maine

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Town Office, Post Office, and Palmyra Country Store, in said town on February 28, 2020 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Diane Cookson
 Diane Cookson, Resident of Palmyra

