

2023 WARRANT
TOWN OF PALMYRA

State of Maine County of Somerset
To Diane White, 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 10th day of March, A.D. 2023 at 7:45 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 11th day of March, A.D. 2023 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 7:45 a.m. and voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday March 10, 2023.

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 Director
 -- One 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 \$44,000 for insurances, estimated breakdown as follows:

Health	16,600.00
Property & Casualty	15,500.00
Workers comp	10,000.00
Unemployment	<u>1,900.00</u>
Total	\$ 44,000.00

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$140,000 for the Town Charge Account.

Estimated expenditures as follows:

A. Compensation	\$ 94,000
B. Contract Services	30,000
C. Utilities	6,000
D. Supplies/Fees	5,000
<u>E. Lien Costs</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$140,000

Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$67,000 to maintain the Community Center and to raise \$52,000 and use \$15,000 from the Capital Investment Account. Estimated expenditures as follows:

A. Utilities	32,000
B. Maintenance/Repairs	12,000
C. Contracted Services	8,000
D. <u>Boiler Pipe Repair</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total	67,000

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 \$4,000 for 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 \$20,000 for a sexton and maintenance to the town cemeteries. Interest earned from the Cemetery Investment account in 2022 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 accept a gift of land to extend the Warren Hill Cemetery and raise and appropriate \$3,000 for survey and legal work needed to acquire said property.

Art. 13 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. 14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,990 for Maine Municipal Association dues.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for membership in the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$195,000 for anticipated gravel roadwork and to raise 100,000 and use \$50,000 from LRA Investment Account. Roadwork to be done will be decided by the Select Board.

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$64,000 for the third and final payment of funds borrowed for the purchase of a new truck.

Note: This is the third of three 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 13, 2020.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$129,100 for the third payment of funds borrowed for paving.

Note: This is the third 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 13, 2020.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the Public Works account. Estimated amounts in each category as follows:

Summer Roads	\$ 35,000
Winter Roads	75,000
Capital Road Improvements	40,000
Equipment/Garage	<u>100,000</u>
Total	\$250,000

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$167,559 and appropriate an additional \$15,000 from surplus for the first payment of funds borrowed for paving.

Note: This is the first of three 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, 2022. Additional \$15,000 to go toward principle due to not needing all of borrowed funds.

Art. 21 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$66,500 for Fire Protection and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$163,500 for Solid Waste Disposal, and appropriate reimbursements from Municipal Review Committee (MRC).

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the recycling program.

Art. 24 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 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. 25 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.
- Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Animal Control account and appropriate Dog License Fees.
- Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for mileage and expenses for the Emergency Management Director and the Health Officer.
- Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the Recreation Program.
- Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for maintenance of the Town Park and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.
- Art. 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Palmyra Scholarship Fund.
- Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for library services.
- Art. 32 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. 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,568 for dues for Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).
- Art. 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Capital Improvements investment account.
- Art. 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for restoration of vital records.
- Art. 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase of a fire proof cabinet for the safe keeping of vital records.
- Art. 37 To see if the Town will vote to take \$20,578.68 from surplus to ratify overdrafts in fiscal year 2022 (Solid Waste - \$8,349.54, Community Center - \$7,210.84, Public Works - \$4,954.14, Fire Protection - \$64.16). Overdrafts due to inflation and increased cost of utilities, fuel and heating oil.

Art. 38 Shall the following amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance be enacted:
Article IX Amendments, Replace - *Upon a recommendation of the Planning Board received in writing by the Selectmen and/or upon receipt of a petition by the Selectmen (said petition signed by 10% of the legal voters of the town who voted in the last gubernatorial election), the Selectmen shall call a special town meeting within 50 days to consider proposed amendment to this ordinance. An amendment to this ordinance may be enacted only with majority vote at a regular or special town meeting*
With - An amendment to this Ordinance may be initiated by a majority vote of the Select Board, Planning Board, or by a written petition by a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the municipality in the last gubernatorial election. All proposed amendments shall be referred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on all proposed amendments. An amendment may only be adopted by a majority vote of the voters at a Town Meeting.

Art. 39 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Local Rescue Funds for the following:

Tri-Town Food Bank – \$2,000
Palmyra Soup Kitchen – \$4,000
Newport Food Bank – \$2,000
KVCAP Transportation Program - \$250
Hospice of Somerset County - \$400
Family Violence Project - \$1,000
Senior Spectrum - \$2,319
Somerset Economic Development Committee - \$100
Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - \$1,000
Kennebec Behavioral Health - \$1,000
LifeFlight Foundation - \$1,000
KVCAP Community Action Program - \$500
Community Health & Counseling Services - \$200
Northern Light Health - \$500
Crisis & Counseling Centers - \$750
Total - \$17,019

Note: These are Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to be used for impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Art. 40 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000 of Local Rescue Funds for Building Security, to update Lighting, and purchase Cleaning Equipment for the Community Center.

Art. 41 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 of Local Rescue Funds to help develop walking trails on Town property. Also to accept Grant Funds or Donations for this project.

- Art 42 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after such date the Town shall determine, and set rate.
Note - maximum allowed by the State Treasurer is 4 percent.
Select Board recommends 4 percent to start 60 days from day of commitment.
- Art. 43 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. 44 To see if the Town will vote to authorize funds for Abatements to come from overlay.
- Art. 45 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. 46 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 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024 to the Annual Town Meeting.
- Art. 47 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. 48 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. 49 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell excess Town equipment and property.
- Art. 50 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. 51 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. 52 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 FY2023 and to expend monies donated for specific purposes.

Art. 53 To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take from anticipated revenue and surplus to lower the 2023 Tax Commitment.

<i>Note: Anticipated Revenue: Excise Tax</i>	350,000
<i>Rentals</i>	25,000
<i>Interest on Taxes</i>	9,000
<i>Lien Costs</i>	5,000
<i>Fees/Interest</i>	20,000
<i>First Park Taxes</i>	8,500
<u><i>Surplus Funds</i></u>	<u>282,500</u>
<i>Select Board recommends</i>	\$700,000

Given under our hand this 8th day of February 2023

Hubert Bates
Wendell Dunphy David Gilbert
Jo-Ann Braun
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 and Post Office in said town on February 24, 2023 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Diane White, Resident of Palmyra

