

# 2024 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2024 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2024 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 8, 2024.

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  
– 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 \$42,000 for insurances, estimated breakdown as follows:

Health	16,100.00
Property & Casualty	17,000.00
Workers comp	8,000.00
Unemployment	<u>900.00</u>
Total	\$ 42,000.00

Art. 5            To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$145,000 for the Town Charge Account.

*Estimated expenditures as follows:*

A. Compensation	\$ 96,000
B. Contract Services	33,000
C. Utilities	6,000
D. Supplies/Fees	5,000
<u>E. Lien Costs</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$145,000

- Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$55,000 to maintain the Community Center. Estimated expenditures as follows:
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| A. Utilities                  | 35,000       |
| B. Maintenance/Repairs        | 12,000       |
| C. <u>Contracted Services</u> | <u>8,000</u> |
| Total                         | 55,000       |
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000 for utilities and maintenance for the Town Hall and Modular Building. This includes funds for metal roofing for Town Hall.
- Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 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 2023 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 the purchase of a Multifunction Printer for the Town Office.
- 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 \$3,066 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 raise and appropriate \$ 50,000 for anticipated gravel roadwork. Roadwork to be done will be decided by the Select Board.

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$126,076 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 13, 2020.*

Art. 18 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	\$ 20,000
Winter Roads	80,000
Capital Road Improvements	55,000
Equipment/Garage	<u>95,000</u>
Total	\$250,000

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$167,559 for the second payment of funds borrowed for paving.

*Note: This is the second 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.*

Art. 20 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for Fire Protection and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$161,000 for Solid Waste Disposal, and appropriate reimbursements from Municipal Review Committee (MRC).

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the recycling program.

Art. 23 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. 24 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Art. 25 Shall the Town adopt the revised Planning Board Ordinance for The Town of Palmyra. Copies of the ordinance are available on the Web Site, at the Town Office and at Town Meeting.

- Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 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 \$2,798 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 \$4,000 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 \$8,526.89 from surplus to ratify overdrafts in fiscal year 2023 (Town Charges - \$1604.41, Community Center - \$3,126.09, Town Hall - \$66.63, Truck Loan - \$162.81, Public Works - \$1478.30, Fire Protection - \$1913.65, KVCOG - \$175)
- Art. 38 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 8.5 percent.*

*Select Board recommends 4 percent to start 60 days from day of commitment.*

- Art. 39 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. 40 To see if the Town will vote to authorize funds for Abatements to come from overlay.
- Art. 41 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,000 of Local Rescue Funds to refinish Gym Floor and Stage.
- Art. 42 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 of Local Rescue Funds for Solar Panels.
- Art. 43 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 and appropriate the remaining Local Rescue Funds for building repairs, including but not limited to, door replacements and floor repair.  
*Note – If previous articles pass the approximate balance will be \$25,000*
- Art. 44 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$96,000 for projects at the Town Park.
- Art. 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,135 for the following:  
Tri-Town Food Bank – \$2,000  
Palmyra Soup Kitchen – \$2,000  
Newport Food Bank – \$2,000  
KVCAP Transportation Program - \$250  
Hospice of Somerset County - \$400  
Family Violence Project - \$1,000  
Senior Spectrum - \$2,435  
Somerset Economic Development Committee - \$100  
Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - \$500  
Kennebec Behavioral Health - \$500  
LifeFlight Foundation - \$1,000  
KVCAP Community Action Program - \$500  
Community Health & Counseling Services - \$200  
Northern Light Health - \$500  
Crisis & Counseling Centers - \$750
- 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 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 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 and credit funds realized to Public Works account.
- 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 FY2024 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 2024 Tax Commitment.

<i>Note: Anticipated Revenue:</i>	<i>Excise Tax</i>	<i>375,000</i>
	<i>Rentals</i>	<i>30,000</i>
	<i>Interest on Taxes</i>	<i>9,500</i>
	<i>Lien Costs</i>	<i>5,000</i>
	<i>Fees/Interest</i>	<i>22,000</i>
	<i>First Park Taxes</i>	<i>8,500</i>
	<i>Surplus Funds</i>	<i>250,000</i>
	<i>Select Board recommends</i>	<i>\$700,000</i>

Given under our hand this 28th day of February 2024

Ben E. Bowers      Vondell J. Murphy  
Robert Bates      David Stith

Joan Brown  
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 29, 2024 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Diane White  
Diane White, Resident of Palmyra

