

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Turquoise cards
 Attendance 88
 Moderator Robert Lenna

Topsham, Maine
 May 15, 2013
 Sagadahoc, ss

TO: Chris Lewis, a Constable for the Town of Topsham
 FROM: Municipal Officers of Topsham

GREETING: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham, qualified to vote on Town Affairs, to assemble at Mt. Ararat High School on the 15th day of May, 2013 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and then and there to act on Articles 1 thru 22 to wit:

Article 1 - To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To have the Town vote to raise, appropriate and spend the sum of **\$1,450,029** for Debt Service.

	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Library	\$120,000	Taxation	\$120,000
Monument Place Ext	\$196,488	Municipal TIF	\$196,488
Municipal Building	\$247,332	Frost St/By-Pass TIF	\$247,332
	\$590,330	Taxation	\$590,330
Municipal Complex	\$198,400	Taxation	\$198,400
Fire Truck	\$46,750	Taxation	\$46,750
	\$25,912	By-Pass North TIF	\$25,912
Public Works Truck	\$2,817	Taxation	\$2,817
	<u>\$22,000</u>	By-Pass North TIF	<u>\$22,000</u>
	\$1,450,029	TOTAL	\$1,450,029

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED
Ought to Pass

Article 3 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **General Government** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<u>2012-13</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
General Government			
1. Administration	\$196,421	\$202,520	\$202,520
2. Municipal Officers	\$18,836	\$18,837	\$18,837
3. Finance Manager	\$67,341	\$74,491	\$74,491
4. Central Services	\$96,000	\$97,000	\$97,000
5. Tax/Clerk	\$227,633	\$235,670	\$235,670
6. Codes	\$81,160	\$85,319	\$85,319
7. Assessing	\$154,828	\$163,964	\$163,964
8. Elections/Registration	\$14,975	\$9,125	\$9,125
9. Planning Office	\$225,855	\$237,741	\$237,741
10. Economic Development	\$95,192	\$100,881	\$100,881
11. Municipal Insurance	\$81,588	\$79,352	\$79,352

12. Facilities Maintenance	\$153,846	\$161,868	\$161,868
13. Parks & Recreation	\$331,769	\$346,959	\$346,959
14. Library	\$390,000	\$400,900	\$400,900
15. General Assistance	\$73,757	\$70,861	\$70,861
16. Contractual Services	\$125,425	\$106,500	\$106,500
17. Public Utilities	\$290,420	\$295,100	\$295,100
TOTALS	\$2,625,046	\$2,687,088	\$2,687,088

<u>2013-14</u>		<u>2013-14</u>	
<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>
<u>Recommendation</u>			<u>Recommendation</u>
\$261,056		Municipal TIF	\$261,056
\$721,519		State Revenue Sharing	\$721,519
\$500,000		General Revenue	\$500,000
\$183,000		Homestead Exemption	\$183,000
\$33,000		BETE Reimbursement	\$33,000
<u>\$988,513</u>		<u>Taxation</u>	<u>\$988,513</u>
\$2,687,088		Total	\$2,687,088

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED
Ought to Pass

Article 4 – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for the Capital Projects Fund under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>		<u>2013-14</u>	
	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		<u>Finance Committee</u>	
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>	
		<u>Raise</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Raise</u>	<u>Spend</u>
<u>Assessing</u>					
Hydro Dam Appraisal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$ 0	\$1,500	\$ 0
Revaluation	\$0	\$15,000	\$ 0	\$15,000	\$ 0
<u>Administration</u>					
Computers/Photo Copier	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
<u>Public Works</u>					
Truck (3/4 Ton w/Plow)	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mower (zero turn, with bagger)	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Road Construction	\$275,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000
Bay Park Drainage	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sweeper	\$ 0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<u>Solid Waste</u>					
Compost Pad	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
<u>Fire Protection/Rescue</u>					
Cardiac Monitors	\$0	\$20,000	\$ 0	\$20,000	\$ 0
Service Vehicle	\$0	\$10,000	\$ 0	\$10,000	\$ 0
<u>Police</u>					
Cruiser	\$ 27,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000
<u>Library Maintenance</u>					
	\$ 0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<u>Targeted Cap Reserve</u>					
Bike Path Reserve	\$ 0	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Crosswalk lights	\$7,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Recreation</u>					
Truck	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
TOTALS	\$423,600	\$773,500	\$714,000	\$773,500	\$714,000

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**Board of Selectmen
Recommendation**

Allocation

**Finance Committee
Recommendation**

\$10,000

Taxation

\$10,000

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED
Ought to Pass

Article 8- To see what sum the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law (L.D. 1) in the event that the municipal budget approved at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed: (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Article 9- Shall the voters vote to accept Serenity Lane off of West Merrill Road as a Public Road?

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 10- Shall the voters adopt an ordinance entitled " An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Town Codes, Chapter 225-72, 225-67, 109 and 175-15, regarding the appeals process from Planning Board decisions"?

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 11- Shall the voters approve an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 109-7, by amending the Permit Fee Schedule"?

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 12- Shall the voters adopt an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map for the Town by re-zoning an area on Rt. 201 from R-3 to RCU as shown in the attached map"?

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 13- To see if the voters will adopt "An Ordinance to amend the Topsham Town Code, Chapter 161 Parks and Recreation, to clarify operating rules of Parks and Trails"?

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 14- Shall the voters adopt an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 225, by defining the use "Food Processing" and including it in Attachment 1, Table of Use Regulations".

225-6 Definitions

Food Processing A commercial facility in which food is processed or otherwise prepared for eventual consumption, but not intended to be consumed on the premises, other than on an incidental basis.

Attachment 1 – Table of Use Regulations

R1 R2 R3 CC RCU MUL MUC MUC-1 BP CC196 I BP2 R4 LI VC MV LV

Food Processing X X X C C C C P P P C X P X X C

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 15- Shall the Town of Topsham vote to authorize the municipal officers to submit a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amount:

Program: Economic Development Program Amount: \$240,000

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Topsham is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 16- To see if the Town will fix the date of the May 2014 Special Town Meeting:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

May 14, 2014

Article 17- To see if the Town will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after said date:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

7% or the Maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer

Article 18 - To see if the Town will establish a **maximum interest rate** to be paid on abated taxes:

7% or the maximum rate established by the State Treasurer

For delinquent taxes the interest rate to be paid by the Town reduced by 2%

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 19- To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of **Town-Owned personal property** with value of \$5,000 or less under such terms they deem advisable:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 20- To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to **accept gifts** on behalf of the Town under such terms they deem advisable:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 21- To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey by deeds of quit-claim title or other titles as appropriate any real estate acquired by the Town to such persons for such considerations as the Selectmen may in each case determine:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 22 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, appropriate the Town's share of the grant from funds raised at a Town Meeting and expend the grant for the purpose stated in the grant:

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass PASSED

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 11th DAY OF April, 2013 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Donald Russell, Chair

David Douglass, Vice-Chair

Ronald Riendeau

James Trusiani

Marie Brillant