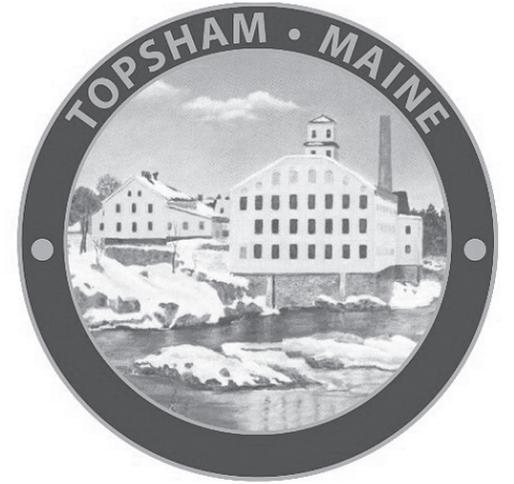


WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Topsham, Maine
 May 17, 2017
 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 Commons on the 17th day of May, 2017 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and then and there to act on Articles 1 thru 23 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 **\$1,441,771** for Debt Service.

	<u>2017-18</u> <u>Board of Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2017-18</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Library	\$ 105,750	Taxation	\$ 105,750
Monument Place Extension	\$ 5,000 \$ 181,608	Impact Fees Interchange TIF	\$ 5,000 \$ 181,608
Municipal Building	\$ 227,183 \$ 568,359	Frost St/By-Pass TIF Taxation	\$ 227,183 \$ 568,359
Municipal Complex (Includes Sidewalks)	\$ 65,000	Taxation	\$ 65,000
Fire Truck	\$ 32,441 \$ 12,241 \$ 1,836 \$ 306 \$ 306 \$ 3,060 \$ 9,181 \$ 1,224 \$ 612	Taxation By-Pass North TIF By-Pass TIF Village Candle TIF Bowdoin Mill TIF Interchange TIF Frost Street TIF Downtown TIF Affordable Housing TIF	\$ 32,441 \$ 12,241 \$ 1,836 \$ 306 \$ 306 \$ 3,060 \$ 9,181 \$ 1,224 \$ 612
Equipment Bond (2015)	\$ 47,639 \$ 1,323 \$ 2,426 \$ 2,426 \$ 11,027 \$ 8,822 \$ 6,616 \$ 5,293 \$ 2,647	Taxation By-Pass TIF Village Candle TIF Bowdoin Mill TIF By-Pass North TIF Interchange TIF Frost Street TIF Downtown TIF Affordable Housing TIF	\$ 47,639 \$ 1,323 \$ 2,426 \$ 2,426 \$ 11,027 \$ 8,822 \$ 6,616 \$ 5,293 \$ 2,647
Equipment Bond (2017) (proposed)	\$ 75,299 \$ 2,092 \$ 3,835 \$ 3,835 \$ 17,431 \$ 13,945 \$ 10,458 \$ 8,367 \$ 4,183	Taxation By-Pass TIF Village Candle TIF Bowdoin Mill TIF By-Pass North TIF Interchange TIF Frost Street TIF Downtown TIF Affordable Housing TIF	\$ 75,299 \$ 2,092 \$ 3,835 \$ 3,835 \$ 17,431 \$ 13,945 \$ 10,458 \$ 8,367 \$ 4,183
	\$ 1,441,771	TOTAL	\$ 1,441,771

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass PASSED

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>2016-17 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
General Government			
1. Administration	\$ 205,878	\$ 218,017	\$ 218,017
2. Municipal Officers	\$ 18,621	\$ 18,621	\$ 18,621
3. Finance Manager	\$ 74,439	\$ 87,235	\$ 87,235
4. Central Services	\$ 101,100	\$ -108,800	\$ -108,800
5. Tax/Clerk	\$ 250,928	\$ 293,691	\$ 293,691
6. Codes	\$ 90,549	\$ 89,816	\$ 89,816
7. Assessing	\$ 142,315	\$ 139,535	\$ 139,535
8. Elections/Registration	\$ 14,209	\$ 10,684	\$ 10,684
9. Planning Office	\$ 229,852	\$ 231,970	\$ 231,970
10. Economic Development	\$ 118,065	\$ 118,866	\$ 118,866
11. Municipal Insurance	\$ 88,842	\$ 213,548	\$ 213,548
12. Facilities Maintenance	\$ 165,057	\$ 172,514	\$ 172,514
13. Parks & Recreation	\$ 369,985	\$ 382,385	\$ 382,385
14. Library	\$ 541,355	\$ 595,225	\$ 595,225
15. General Assistance	\$ 61,853	\$ 20,700	\$ 20,700
16. Contractual Services	\$ 98,500	\$ 131,100	\$ 131,100
17. Public Utilities	\$ 339,250	\$ 355,012	\$ 355,012
18. Municipal TIF Fund	\$ 227,173	\$ 32,493	\$ 32,493
TOTALS	\$ 3,137,971	\$ 3,220,212 - \$3,214,212	\$ 3,220,212 -

<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
\$ 330,192	Interchange TIF	\$ 330,192
\$ 468,142	State Revenue Sharing	\$ 468,142
\$ 512,075	General Revenue	\$ 512,075
\$ 450,000	Homestead Exemption	\$ 450,000
\$ 35,000	BETE Reimbursement	\$ 35,000
\$ 1,424,803	Taxation	\$ 1,424,803
\$ 3,220,212	Total	\$ 3,220,212

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass

PASSED \$3,214,212 PRINT ERROR

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>2016-17 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>		<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>	
		Raise	Spend	Raise	Spend
Administration					
Computers/Photo Copier	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Aerials	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Capital Maintenance	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Software	\$ 0	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000
Assessing					
Hydro Dam Appraisal	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Revaluation	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Fire Protection/Rescue					
Brush Vehicle #1	\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Old Fire Station Demolition	\$ 0	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Public Safety Building Door System	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Library					
Exterior Lights	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Interior Renovations	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Planning & Codes					
Printer/Scanner	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Police					
Cruiser	\$ 60,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Speed Sign	\$ 6,100	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
K-9	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	<u>2016-17 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>		<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>	
		Raise	Spend	Raise	Spend
Public Works					
3/4 ton Pick up w/ plow	\$ 0	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Road Construction	\$450,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Main Street Culvert	\$ 0	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000
Trackless Sidewalk Plow	\$ 0	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000
Storage Building	\$ 0	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
Bike Path Landscaping	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Lower Village Traffic	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Back Hoe	\$125,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recreation					
Recreation Field Lighting	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Court Resurfacing	\$ 0	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Truck	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mower	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Solid Waste					
Compactor Improvements	\$ 0	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400
Totals	\$756,600	\$1,647,900	\$1,647,900	\$1,647,900	\$1,647,900

<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
\$ 535,050	Taxation	\$ 535,050
\$ 5,850	By-Pass TIF	\$ 5,850
\$ 11,225	Village Candle TIF	\$ 11,225
\$ 6,725	Bowdoin Mill TIF	\$ 6,725
\$ 23,900	By-Pass North TIF	\$ 23,900
\$ 64,450	Interchange TIF	\$ 64,450
\$ 8,550	Frost Street TIF	\$ 8,550
\$ 385,800	Downtown TIF	\$ 385,800
\$ 8,350	Affordable Housing TIF	\$ 8,350
\$ 98,000	URIP	\$ 98,000
\$ 500,000	Surplus	\$ 500,000
\$1,647,900	Total	\$1,647,900

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 5 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Safety** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	<u>2016-17 Approved Appropriation</u>	<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
Public Safety			
Police Protection	\$1,583,479	\$ 1,625,070	\$1,625,070
Fire Protection/Rescue	\$ 796,580	\$ 841,531	\$ 841,531
Totals	\$2,380,059	\$ 2,466,601	\$2,466,601

<u>2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation</u>
\$ 800,000	Excise	\$ 800,000
\$ 301,625	General Revenue	\$ 301,625
\$ 88,589	Capital Reserves	\$ 88,589
\$ 500,000	Surplus	\$ 500,000
\$ 776,387	Taxation	\$ 776,387
\$2,466,601	Total	\$2,466,601

Board of Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass PASSED

Article 6 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling Program** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same: (The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.)

	2016-17 Approved Appropriation	2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation
Public Works	\$1,183,383	\$1,173,907	\$1,173,907
Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 392,361	\$ 386,937	\$ 386,937
Totals	\$1,575,744	\$1,560,844	\$1,560,844

2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation
\$ 202,000	General Revenues	\$ 202,000
\$1,000,000	Excise	\$1,000,000
\$ 358,844	Taxation	\$ 358,844
\$1,560,844	Total	\$1,560,844

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 7 - To see what sum of money the Town will vote to spend for the **Topsham Community Fund**, which will be held in reserve for future projects, including unanticipated Topsham Bike Path expenses and local match or development expenses for the acquisition and development of the Town’s Head of Tide Park and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	2016-17 Approved Appropriation	2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation
Community Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Totals	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

2017-18 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2017-18 Finance Committee Recommendation
\$ 10,000	Taxation	\$ 10,000

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

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

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **No recommendation**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **No recommendation** \$0.00

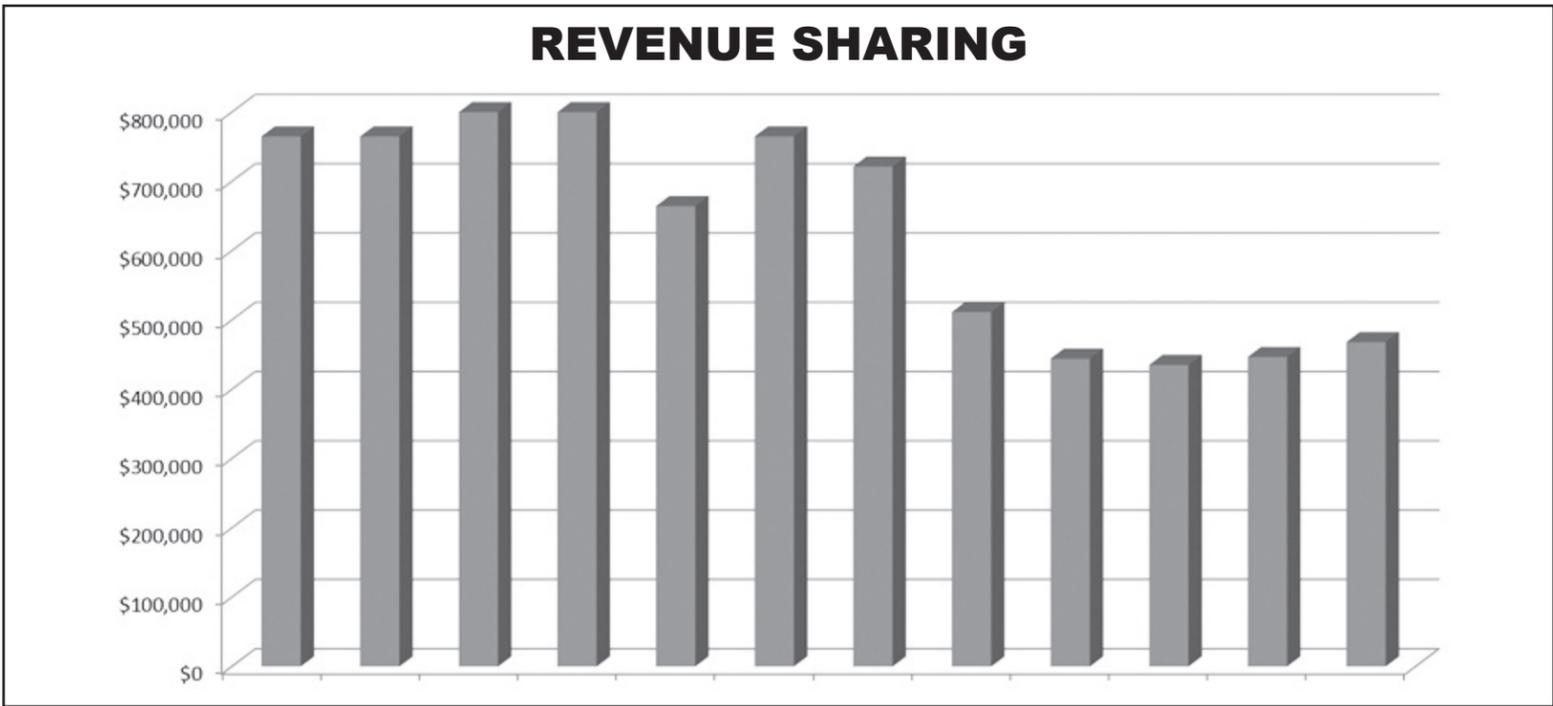
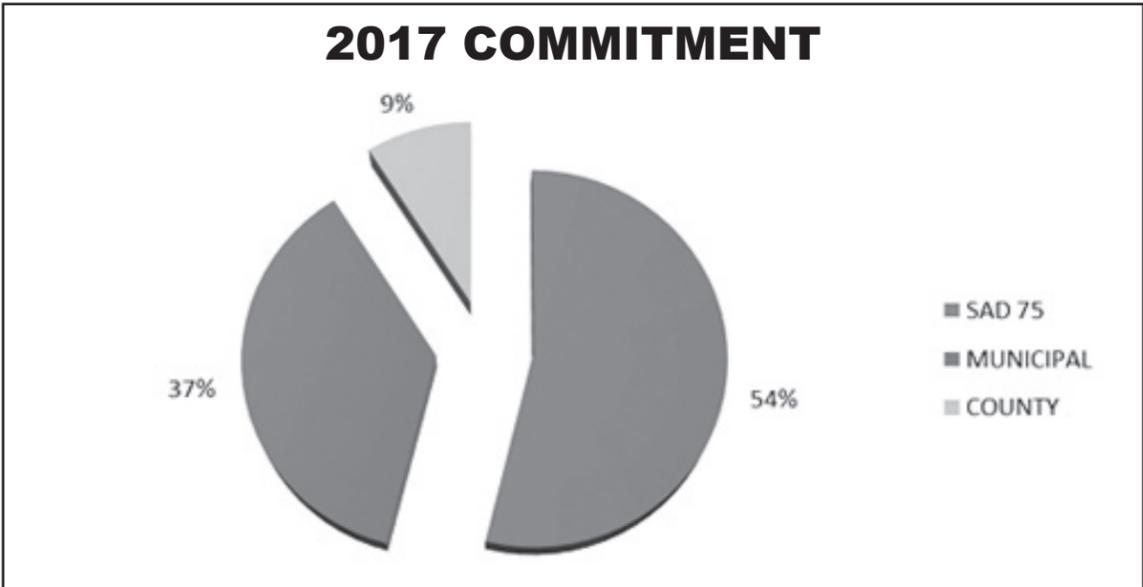
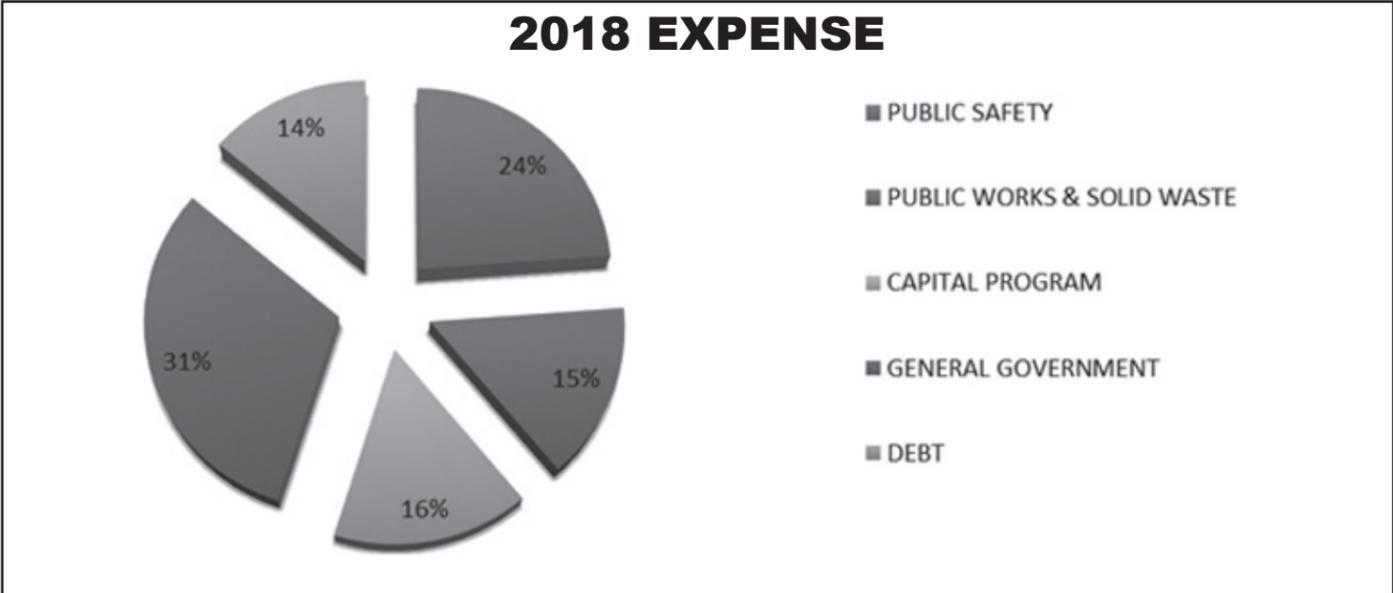
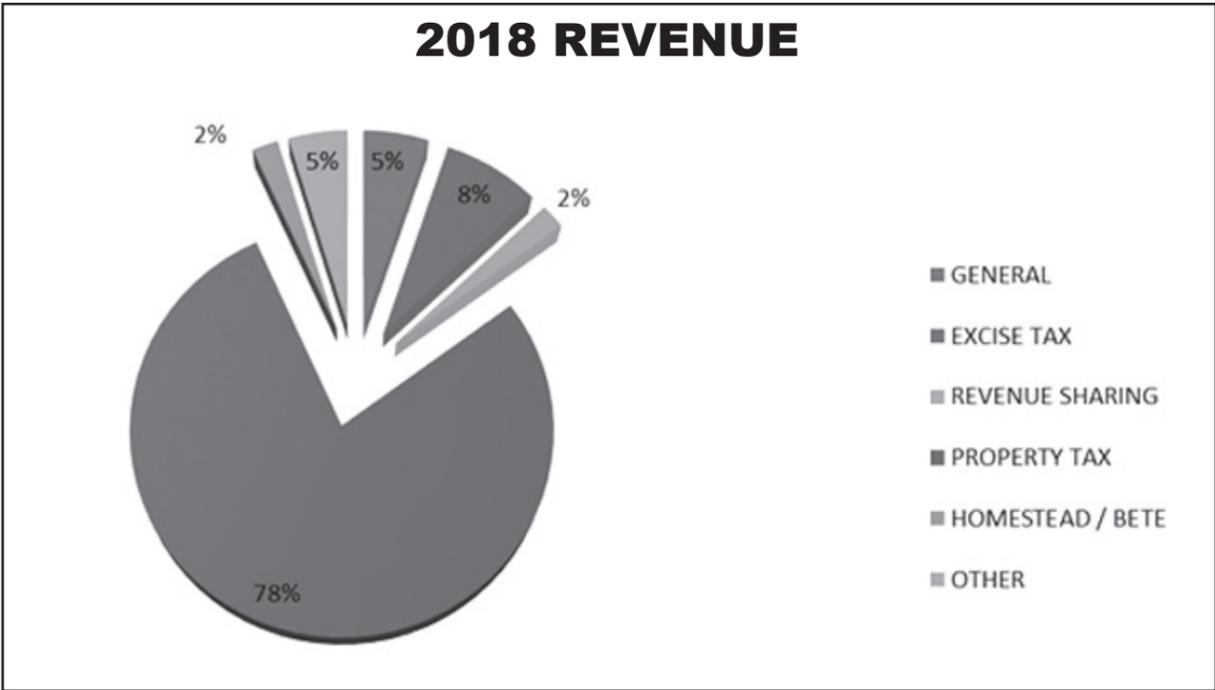
Article 9 - Shall the voters of the Town of Topsham, Maine amend the municipal tax increment financing district known as the “Bypass North Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District,” adopt an amendment to the development program for such district, designate a municipal tax increment financing district to be known as the “Highland Green Phase II Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District” and adopt a development program for such district, all of which shall be pursuant to the following findings, terms and provisions?

Section 1. The Town hereby amends the Bypass North Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (the “Bypass District”), adopts an amendment to the development program for such Bypass District, designates the Highland Green Phase II Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (the “Phase II District”), and adopts a development program for such Phase II District, such designations and adoptions to be pursuant to the following findings, terms and provisions:

Section 2. The Town hereby finds and determines the following for both the Bypass District and the Phase II District, demonstrating compliance with State statute:

- a) At least twenty-five percent (25%), by area, of real property within each district, as hereinafter amended, is suitable for commercial uses; and
- b) The total area of each of the districts does not exceed two percent (2%) of the total acreage of the Town, and the total area of all existing development districts within the Town (including both of these districts) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total acreage of the Town; and
- c) The original assessed value of all existing tax increment financing districts (including both these districts) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total value of equalized taxable property within the Town as of the most recent April 1; and

Article 9 -continued on page 6



d) The designation of these districts and the pursuit of the respective development programs will generate substantial economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose. The Town has considered all evidence, if any, presented to it at the required public hearing with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that such adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business, if any, is outweighed by the contribution expected to be made through the districts and the development programs.

Section 3. Pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town hereby amends the Bypass District and hereby designates the Phase II District, described more particularly in the relevant development programs presented to Town Meeting in the form attached hereto and such development programs are hereby incorporated by reference into this vote as the development programs for the districts.

Section 4. Pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5227, the percentage of captured assessed value to be retained in the Bypass District is established as set forth in the development program for the Bypass District, as amended. Pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5227, the percentage of captured assessed value to be retained in the Phase II District is established as set forth in the development program for the Phase II District.

Section 5. The Town Manager or his/her duly-appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to submit the proposed amendment to the Bypass District and the proposed designation of the Phase II District, along with the respective development program materials, to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226.

Section 6. The Town Manager or his/her duly-appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized and empowered, to make such revisions to the development program for the Bypass District and the Phase II District as the Town Manager, or his/her duly appointed representative, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the District by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with these articles or the basic structure and intent of the applicable development program.

Section 7. The Town Manager, via Town Meeting vote, is hereby authorized to enter into Credit Enhancement Agreements or Credit Enhancement Agreement Amendments, as contemplated by the development programs to be in such form and to contain such terms and provisions not inconsistent with the development programs.

Section 8. The foregoing shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the Town of approval by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development of both (a) the amendment to the Bypass District and its development program, and (b) the designation of the Phase II District and its development program, without requirement of further action by the Town, the Board of Selectmen or any other party.

(Exhibit 9)

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 10 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-27, Off Street Parking - to amend the minimum standards for off street parking, and allow alternative parking standards.”

(Exhibit 10)

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 11 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-17, Table of Dimensional Requirements – and Chapter 225-6 - Definitions - Building Height - To allow parking within buildings and increase over-all building height to 50’ in MUL Zone, and amend the definition in regards to measuring the height of the building.”

BUILDING HEIGHT

~~That distance measured from the average grade at the front of the building to the highest point on the roof, excluding chimneys, spires, towers or similar accessory, uninhabited structures.~~

[Amended 5-21-2003 STM, Art. 12]

The vertical distance measured between the average finished grade of the ground at the front of the building to the highest point of a flat roof, to the deck of a mansard roof or to the mean height between eaves and ridges of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof, not to include chimneys, spires, towers or similar accessory roof structures.

Amend § 225-17

Table of Dimensional Requirements	CC	MUL	MUC	LV	VC	LI	MUC-1	BP	BP2	CC-196
Maximum Building Height	45 ²⁹	3550 ²⁹	45 ²⁹	50 ²⁹	35 ²⁹	45 ²⁹				

Footnotes:

29: Where a ground level or below grade parking area resides within the building footprint, 15’ of height may be added to the maximum building height.

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 12 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-33, Signs - To amend sign definitions to comply with content based non-commercial sign federal regulations." (**Exhibit 12**)

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 13 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-34, Stormwater Management - to amend the code to adhere to MDEP chapter 500 state standards, and add standards to the urban impaired stream watershed." (**Exhibit 13**)

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 14 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, 225-20.2, Vernal Pool Overlay District; amend chapter 175, Site Plan; amend chapter 191, Subdivision to amend the vernal pool overlay Zoning district to adhere to delegated authority standards within the State and Federal Special Area Management Plan." (**Exhibit 14**)

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 15 - To see if the Voters will accept Trilium Lane as a Town-owned way. (**Exhibit 15**)

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 16 - To see if the Voters will adopt an Ordinance entitled "Town of Topsham Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana establishments and retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs". (**Exhibit 16**)

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 17 - To see if the Town will fix the date of May 16, 2018 for the Special Town Meeting.

Motion to amend date to 5/19/18 at 1 p.m. failed

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass** PASSED

Article 18 - To see if the Town will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable, Monday, October 16, 2017 and Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after said date at 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer.

Articles 18,19,20,22&23 voted as one article.

PASSED

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 19 - 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 20 - 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 21 - 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 22 - 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 23 - 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 13th DAY OF April, 2017 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

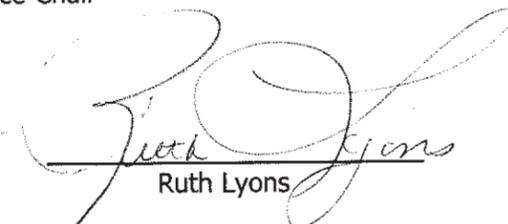
Adjourned at 8:17 pm


David Douglass, Chair


William Thompson, Vice-Chair


Marie Brillant


Roland Tufts


Ruth Lyons

The Registrar of Voters office located at the Municipal Building is open Monday - Friday during regular business hours; for the purpose of accepting new registrations and to make address, name and /or enrollment changes. In addition, the Deputy Registrar will be present at the Special Town Meeting from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. on May 17, 2017.

A true copy of the warrant.

Attest: 

Clerk of: Topsham



Town of Topsham
100 Main Street
Topsham, ME 04086

Mark your calendar

**SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING**

**May 17th, 2017 at 7:00 PM
In the Commons
Mt. Ararat High School**

(Mt. Ararat High School Commons
has been reserved
for Thursday, May 18th
only if needed)



Please bring this Town Warrant to the Special Town Meeting

**Town of Topsham
Regular Meeting Schedule
www.topshammaine.com**

Selectmen	1 st & 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Planning Board	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Board of Appeals	1 st & 3 rd Monday	7:00 PM
Conservation Comm	2 nd Tuesday	6:00 PM
Historic District Comm	2 nd Wednesday	6:00 PM
Topsham Development, Inc	3 rd Wednesday	8:00 AM
Lower Village Dev. Comm	2 nd Thursday	Noon

M.S.A.D No. 75 BUDGET HEARING
Mt. Ararat HIGH School
Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**M.S.A.D No. 75 DISTRICT
BUDGET MEETING**
Orion Performing Arts Center
Mt. Ararat Middle School
Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**M.S.A.D No. 75 BUDGET
REFERENDUM VOTE**
June 13th, 2017
**Topsham Fairgrounds
Exhibition Hall**

Warrant Item Exhibits

You may find Warrant Item Exhibits, noted in specific articles on the warrant, at our website at www.topshammaine.com under Town Meeting or by visiting the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall.

For additional information about Topsham Municipal Government call (207) 725-5821 or visit the website at: www.topshammaine.com

M.S.A.D. No. 75 Budget Process

Voting on the M.S.A.D. No. 75 budget is a two step process.

District Budget Meeting

The District must first hold a District Budget meeting, where voters will vote on the warrant articles. Each article will be presented to those present for a show of hands vote or a secret ballot vote. The meeting will end when all articles pass. All articles are subject to amendment.

The District Budget Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at the Orion Performing Arts Center at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham.

Budget Validation Referendum

Within 30 calendar days, the District must hold a Referendum on the decision made at the District Budget Meeting. The Referendum will have two warrant articles and will ask if the voters wish to continue with the budget validation referendum for three more years and will ask the voters to vote on the final budget amount as approved at the District Budget Meeting. The article will not state the specific amount of the final budget, because time does not permit the printing and distribution of absentee ballots. However, the amount will be posted in the polling area and in the polling booth. The Budget Validation Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at the voting sites in the towns. Topsham's vote will be held in the Exhibition Hall at the Topsham Fairgrounds.