

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

May 19, 2005

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 Middle School on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Daylight Savings Time and then and there to act on Article 1 thru 23 to wit:

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

John Loyd

Article 2 – 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.

	2004-05	Selectmen
General Government	Appropriation	Recommendation

1. Administration	\$227,467	\$235,169
2. Municipal Officers	\$22,260	\$15,820
3. Treasurer	\$48,125	\$50,638
4. Central Services	\$72,980	\$103,725
5. Tax Collector	\$182,861	\$199,316
7. Code Enforcement	\$54,947	\$67,037
8. Assessing	\$117,920	\$124,730
9. Elections/Registration	\$14,416	\$7,093
10. Planning Office	\$176,311	\$188,836
11. Municipal Insurance	\$90,000	\$90,603
12. Municipal Building	\$30,980	\$30,480
13. Police/Rescue Building	\$13,166	\$8,956
14. General Celebrations	\$4,000	\$3,000
15. General Assistance	\$36,642	\$39,213
16. Contractual Services	\$215,765	\$164,765
17. Public Utilities	\$211,100	\$211,100
18. Economic Development	<u>\$42,529</u>	<u>\$84,734</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,561,469</b>	<b>\$1,625,215</b>

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
	<u>Recommendation</u>		
	\$257,473	Municipal TIF Fund	
	\$860,000	State Revenue Sharing	
	\$502,742	General Revenues	
	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>Worthy Poor Account</u>	
	<b>\$1,652,215</b>	<b>Total</b>	Passed

ARTICLE 3 – 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 same.

	2004-05	Selectmen
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Public Works	\$10,000	\$0
Public Works – Grader	\$0	\$45,000
Public Works – Lift	\$0	\$12,000
Public Works – Main St	\$0	\$19,000
Public Works – Backhoe	\$70,000	\$0
Public Works		\$192,500
Road Reconstruction	\$200,000	\$0
EMS – Ambulance	\$125,000	\$31,000
EMS – Vehicle	\$0	\$26,000
Police Dept. – Cruisers	\$52,000	\$5,000
Police Dept. – Computers	\$0	\$0
Fire Dept. – Equipment	\$10,000	\$0
Fire Dept. – Chief Vehicle	\$30,000	\$0
Fire Dept. – Tank Truck	\$0	\$200,000
Rec. – Lease/Tractor	\$5,000	\$0
Rec. – Truck	\$0	\$35,000
Rec. – Playground	\$12,000	\$6,000

Solid Waste Facility	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$514,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$636,500</u></b>
<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>	TIF Development Fund	
\$56,000	TIF Balances	
\$108,000	General Revenues	
\$43,125	Homestead	
\$175,000	Capital Reserves	
\$131,875	Taxation	
<u>\$122,500</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	Passed
<b><u>\$636,500</u></b>		

**ARTICLE 4** – To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the **Capital Reserve Fund** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

	2004-05	Selectmen
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Fire Dept/Pumper Truck	\$25,000	\$0
Fire Dept/Tank Truck	\$75,000	\$0
Library Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000
Recreation/Truck	\$5,000	\$0
Recreation/Lights	\$5,000	\$5,000
Revaluation	\$20,000	\$65,000
Public Works Sidewalks	\$0	\$10,000
Public Works Sweeper	\$0	\$25,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$135,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$110,000</u></b>

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>	General Revenues	Passed
\$110,000		

**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 same:

	2004-05	Selectmen
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Public Safety	\$1,147,828	\$1,114,151
Police Protection	\$267,003	\$309,916
Fire Protection	\$159,507	\$177,725
EMS (Rescue)	<u>\$1,574,338</u>	<u>\$1,601,792</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>	General Revenue	
\$410,922	TIF Development Fund	
\$117,850	Prior Year GMH Revenues	
\$90,000	Taxation	
<u>\$983,020</u>	<b>Total</b>	Passed
<b><u>\$1,601,792</u></b>		

**ARTICLE 6** – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Works, Recycling Program and Transfer Station Management** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same. The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.

	2004-05	Selectmen
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Public Works	\$848,408	\$881,196
Recycling Program	\$175,750	\$193,456
Transfer Station	\$200,363	\$212,375
Management		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1,224,521</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,287,027</u></b>

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
<u>Recommendation</u>	

\$70,000	SWF User Fees
\$182,000	Bags/Sticker Sales
\$100,000	Highway Block Grant
\$25,000	TIF development fund
<u>\$910,027</u>	<u>General Revenue</u>
<b>\$1,287,027</b>	<b>Total</b>

Passed

ARTICLE 7 – To see what the Town will vote to raise for the **Economic and Community Development** Plan for fiscal year 2006 and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same. These funds will be placed in a reserve fund until such time that a fully developed plan is presented to the Town to approve.

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>		
<b>\$20,000</b>		
<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>		
<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>Taxation</b>	<b>Passed</b>

ARTICLE 8 – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Recreational purposes** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same.

	2004-05	
	Appropriation	<u>Selectmen</u>
Recreational Operations & Programs	\$302,968	<u>Recommendation</u>
		<b>\$305,895*</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$302,968</b>	<b>\$305,895*</b>

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>		
\$100,000	Program Revenue	
\$205,895 *	Taxation	
<b>\$305,895 *</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	Passed as amended

\*typographical error written as \$205,985 & \$305,985

ARTICLE 9 – To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Library Services** and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same.

	2004-05	
	Appropriation	<u>Selectmen</u>
Library Services Annual Appropriation	\$177,475	<u>Recommendation</u>
Facilities Maintenance	\$36,000	<b>\$45,550</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$213,475</b>	<b>\$253,054</b>

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	
<u>Recommendation</u>		
\$193,268	Taxation	
<u>\$59,786</u>	<u>General Revenues</u>	
<b>\$253,054</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Passed</b>

ARTICLE 10 – To have the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$725,000 for Debt Service.

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
<u>Recommendation</u>	
LIBRARY \$142,750	Surplus
ROAD \$205,000	Municipal TIF
\$20,000	Impact Fees
BUILDING PROJECT \$196,656	Frost St/By-pass TIF

	\$157,250
	<u>\$3,344</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$725,000</b>

Surplus  
Taxation

Passed

**ARTICLE 11** – Shall the Town (1) approve a Capital Improvement Project consisting of upgrades to the Brunswick-Topsham Water District system to provide increased water pressure for the portion of the system that serves the High School, the Middle School, certain residential neighborhoods, the Highland Greens development and the Navy Housing Annex, and including engineering studies, design work, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto (the “Project”), on the condition that the Board of Selectmen obtains repayment guarantees covering the full cost of the Project from the owners of the Highland Greens development and GMH Military Housing, LLC, on terms deemed advisable by the Board; (2) appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) to meet the costs of the Project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town (with or without call provisions and including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and Chairman the authority and discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,350,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$14,475,000
C. Bonds to be issued if the article is approved:	\$1,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,025,000</b>

Costs:  
At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$1,200,000
Interest:	<u>\$300,000</u>
<b>Total Debt Service:</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter’s ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

	<u>Town Treasurer</u>		
<b>Selectmen Recommend:</b>	<b>To approve</b>	<b>Yes: 71</b>	<b>No: 56</b>
			<b>Passed</b>

**ARTICLE 12** – Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of 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 funds for the purpose stated in the grant?  

Passed

**ARTICLE 13** – Shall the Town of Topsham vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the Community Planning Grant program in the amount of \$10,000 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.  

Passed

**ARTICLE 14** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose of a revaluation to be conducted over a 2 (two) year period. The new values may\* be effective tax year 2007. The total cost is expected to not exceed \$300,000.  

\* amended from “will” to “may” Passed as amended

**ARTICLE 15** – Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain parcel of land (R04-018-A) to Central Topsham Associates II, LLC under terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Topsham by the Board of Selectmen?  

Passed

ARTICLE 16 – Shall the Town of Topsham vote to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as amended? Passed

ARTICLE 17 – To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way "Turkey Run" in the Amanda Drive Subdivision, along with all appurtenant structures, as particularly described as:

See Exhibit A

Planning Board recommendation: To accept subject to outside inspection Passed

ARTICLE 18 – Shall an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the Town of Topsham Code, Chapter 6 Administration of Government be enacted? (See Exhibit B) Passed

ARTICLE 19 – To see if the Town will fix 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.

Selectmen's Recommendation: Monday, October 17, 2005  
Monday, April 17, 2006 Passed  
6.75% or the Maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer.

ARTICLE 20 – To see if the Town will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes.

Selectmen's Recommendation: 6.75% or the maximum rate established by the State Treasurer  
For delinquent taxes the interest rate to be paid by the Town will be reduced by 4%. Passed

ARTICLE 21 – 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.

Selectmen's Recommendation: To approve Passed

ARTICLE 22 – To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts on behalf of the Town under such terms they deem advisable. Passed

ARTICLE 23 – 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.

Selectmen's Recommendation: To approve Passed

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2005 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Donald Russell, Chair Jane Scese, Vice Chair James Trusiani

Cyndi Burne Tad Hunter