

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 24, 2006

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 24th day of May, 2006 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.

Rick Hornbeck

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.

General Government	2005-06	2006-07
	Appropriation	Selectmen Recommendation
1. Administration	\$235,169	\$252,564
2. Municipal Officers	\$15,280	\$15,820
3. Treasurer	\$50,638	\$57,482
4. Central Services	\$103,725	\$100,400
5. Tax Collector	\$199,316	\$185,513
7. Code Enforcement	\$67,037	\$65,973
8. Assessing	\$124,730	\$123,129
9. Elections/Registration	\$7,093	\$6,645
10. Planning Office	\$188,836	\$177,393
11. Municipal Insurance	\$90,603	\$96,281
12. Municipal Building	\$30,480	\$32,630
13. Police/Rescue Building	\$8,956	\$8,887
14. General Assistance	\$39,213	\$37,976
15. Contractual Services	\$184,765	\$196,000
16. Public Utilities	\$211,100	\$211,100
17. Economic Development	\$84,734	\$82,943
18. Recreation	\$305,985	\$305,227
19. Library	\$253,054	\$320,465
TOTALS	\$2,200,714	\$2,276,428

Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation
\$539,394	Municipal TTF Fund
\$860,000	State Revenue Sharing
\$872,034	General Revenues
\$5,000	Worthy Poor Account
\$2,276,428	Total

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.

Capital Program to raise and spend in fiscal year 2006-07

Item	Selectmen's Recommendation
Road Reconstruction	\$225,000
Arbor Avenue Drainage	\$50,000
Police Cruiser	\$25,000
Fire Hydrant	\$8,000
CEO Vehicle	\$20,000
Revaluation	\$75,000
Solid Waste Facility Equipment	\$15,000
Playground Equipment Foreside Road	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$443,000

Capital Program to raise and reserve (not spend in fiscal year 2006-07)

Item	Selectmen's Recommendation
Street Sweeper Replacement Truck	\$25,000
Truck	\$50,000
Fire Truck Replacement	\$75,000
Recreation Field Lights	\$5,000

Library Building Reserve \$10,000
TOTAL \$165,000

Total Amount to raise and appropriate: \$608,000

Selectmen Recommendation	<u>Allocation</u>
\$148,422	General Revenues
\$249,558	TIF Dev. Fund
\$25,000	Capital Reserves
\$185,000	Homestead Exemption
\$608,000	

Passed

ARTICLE 4 – 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:

	2005-06	2006-07
	Appropriation	Selectmen Recommendation
Public Safety		
Police Protection	\$1,114,151	\$1,165,581
Fire Protection	\$309,916	\$315,487
EMS (Rescue)	<u>\$177,725</u>	\$200,816
TOTALS	\$1,601,792	\$1,681,884

Selectmen Recommendation	<u>Allocation</u>
\$236,784	General Revenue
\$1,445,100	Taxation
\$1,681,884	Total

Passed

ARTICLE 5 – 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 same. The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.

	2005-06	2006-07
	Appropriation	Selectmen Recommendation
Public Works Recycling Program	\$881,196	\$979,020
Transfer Station Management	<u>\$405,831</u>	<u>\$375,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,287,027	\$1,354,020

Selectmen Recommendation	<u>Allocation</u>
\$1,354,020	General Revenues
\$1,354,020	Total

Passed

ARTICLE 6 – To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the **Economic and Community Development Plan** for fiscal year 2007 and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for same. The proposed use for the funds is to supplement the funding to purchase and develop the land for a waterfront park on Green Street as approved at the July 2002 Town Meeting.

Selectmen Recommendation	<u>Allocation</u>	Passed
\$28,750	General Revenue	

ARTICLE 7 – To have the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$972,350 for Debt Service.

	Selectmen Recommendation	<u>Allocation</u>
LIBRARY	\$120,501	Surplus
	\$19,749	Taxation
ROAD	\$121,420	Municipal TIF
	\$45,000	Impact Fees
BUILDING PROJECT	\$236,182	Frost St/By-pass TIF
	\$429,499	Surplus
TOTAL	\$972,350	Passed

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town (1) approve a Capital Improvement Project consisting of constructing pedestrian sidewalks and related improvements, and including expenses reasonably associated with the Project, on terms deemed advisable by

the Board of Selectmen; (2) appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), along with any investment income earned on the bond proceeds during construction, 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 Dollars (\$1,000,000) 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:	\$15,725,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$1,200,000
C. Bonds to be issued if the article is approved:	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total	\$17,925,000

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:	\$1,000,000
Interest:	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$1,250,000

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.

Town Treasurer _____

(NOTE: The above figures do not include approximately \$6,000,000 in interest)

Selectmen Recommend: To approve

Passed

ARTICLE 9 – To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the May 19, 2005 Town Meeting (Article 11) which authorized the bonding of \$1,200,000 for a capital construction project to upgrade the water system that services areas in the Topsham Naval Annex and Highland Greens. (The BRAC decision has eliminated the possibility of concluding the agreement that had been anticipated with GMH, the bonds are no longer needed and it benefits the Town to rescind the vote)

Selectmen Recommend: To approve

Passed

ARTICLE 10 – To see if the Town will vote the appropriate the proceeds from the sale of the Town Office Building to be used for the capital building project for the Town Office/Public Safety building. (This appropriation will be in addition to the \$11,875,000 approved at the March 2005 Town Meeting)

Selectmen Recommend: To Approve

Yes: 130

No: 65

Passed

ARTICLE 11 – To see if the Town will enact an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to define Seasonal Retail Sales and to establish performance criteria (Attachment #1)

Passed

ARTICLE 12 – Shall the Town vote to Accept Granite Hill Drive as a town road? (Attachment #2)

Planning Board recommends acceptance

Passed

ARTICLE 13 – Shall the Town vote to accept East School House Crossing Road as a town road? (Attachment #3)

Planning Board recommends acceptance.

Passed

ARTICLE 14 – To see if the Town will vote to enact an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Create an Amendment to the Topsham Code to allow for a new use, entitled Elderly Housing, and to create development standards for such a use. (Attachment #4)

Passed

ARTICLE 15 – To see if the Town will vote to enact an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Code to create development standards for Clubs. (Attachment #5)

Passed

ARTICLE 16 – To see if the Town will vote to enact an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Create an Amendment to the Topsham Code to allow for a new ordinance, entitled Affordable Housing, and to create development standards for such a use. (Attachment #6)

Passed

ARTICLE 17 – Shall the Town of Topsham vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled Town of Topsham Emergency Management Ordinance? (Attachment #7)

Passed

