

### WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

20 May 2009

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Daylight Savings 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. Robert Lena

Article 2 – To have the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,439,788 for Debt Service.

	<u>2009-10 Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Library	\$132,625	Taxation
Monument Place Ext	\$15,000	Impact Fees
	\$190,801	Municipal TIF
Municipal Building	\$272,281	Frost St/By-Pass TIF
	\$605,081	Taxation
Municipal Bld/Sidewalk	<u>\$224,000</u>	<u>Taxation</u>
	<u>\$1,439,788</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

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>2008-09 Appropriation</u>	<u>2009-10 Selectmen Recommendation</u>
<b>General Government</b>		
1. Administration	\$266,465	\$284,681
2. Municipal Officers	\$17,514	\$18,114
3. Finance Manager	\$62,676	\$65,258
4. Central Services	\$101,500	\$103,855
5. Tax/Clerk	\$203,352	\$210,386
6. Codes	\$68,517	\$67,821
7. Assessing	\$134,263	\$146,053
8. Elections/Registration	\$15,465	\$8,340
9. Planning Office	\$200,138	\$210,809
10. Economic Development	\$94,727	\$95,890
11. Municipal Insurance	\$105,508	\$81,200
12. Facilities Maintenance	\$151,955	\$150,490
13. Parks & Recreation	\$332,325	\$342,335
14. Library	\$352,260	\$360,127
15. General Assistance	\$41,650	\$63,375
16. Contractual Services	\$133,250	\$184,150
<u>17. Public Utilities</u>	<u>\$246,500</u>	<u>\$265,725</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,528,065</b>	<b>\$2,658,609</b>

	<u>2009-10 Selectmen Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
	\$252,517	Municipal TIF
	\$800,000	State Revenue Sharing
	\$795,272	General Revenue
	\$175,000	Homestead Exemption
	\$10,000	BETE Reimbursement
	<u>\$625,820</u>	<u>Taxation</u>
	<u>\$2,658,609</u>	<u>Total</u>

Passed

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

Capital Program to Raise and Spend

	<u>2008-09</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2009-2010</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Road Reconstruction	\$217,000	\$200,000
Police Cruiser	\$25,000	\$25,000
Public Works Truck	\$96,000	\$30,000
Sidewalk Drainage	\$0	\$6,000
Rescue Service Cardiac Monitor	\$0	\$28,000
Solid Waste Facility Compactor Box	\$0	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$338,000</b>	<b>\$299,000</b>

Capital Program to Raise and Reserve

Rescue Service Ambulance	\$60,000	\$20,000
Fire Department Breathing Air Packs	\$50,000	\$50,000
Solid Waste Compost Pad	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
\$103,410	General Revenues
\$224,961	Bowdoin Mill/Bypass No TIF
<u>\$40,629</u>	Capital Reserve
<b>\$369,000</b>	<b>Total</b>

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 same:

	<u>2008-09</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Public Safety		
Police Protection	\$1,235,427	\$1,300,067
Fire Protection/Rescue	\$530,254	\$538,288
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,765,681</b>	<b>\$1,838,355</b>

<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
\$230,000	General Revenues
\$400,000	Surplus
<u>\$1,208,355</u>	Taxation
<b>\$1,838,355</b>	<b>Total</b>

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

	<u>2008-09</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>
Public Works	\$1,072,083	\$1,112,866
Solid Waste/Recycling	\$491,987	\$423,081
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,564,070</b>	<b>\$1,535,947</b>

<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
\$1,187,198	General Revenues
<u>\$348,749</u>	Taxation
<b>\$1,535,947</b>	<b>Total</b>

Passed

Article 7 – To see what sum of money the Town will vote to spend for the Community Development Plan for 2009-2010 and to see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same. The Community Development Work Plan (prepared pursuant to Topsham ordinance § 6-19, by TDI in consultation with the Conservation Commission, Natural Areas Committee and Parks and Recreation) makes the following recommendations regarding the equivalent of 5% of the Municipal TIF revenues to be set aside to fund community projects that enhance quality of life.

Quality of Life Funding: This budget request of QOL funds to support trail and bike path projects. Completion and connection of pedestrian and bicycle trails remain the number one priority for quality of life funding. Accordingly, our 2009-2010 quality of life budget recommendation is that all appropriated quality of life funds be allocated to providing grant match funds to achieve these goals.

Projects:

1. Riverwalk (Swinging Bridge Trail) –complete sidewalk/trail system.
2. Implement Main Street Plan with regard to conservation easement and trail system to connect Hanson Drive Neighborhood to Main Street/Apple Orchard/Ravine System Trail.
3. Complete the establishment of Cathance River Trail system.
4. Implement the recommendations in the Topsham Trails Feasibility Study, most notably the extension of the Androscoggin Bike Path from Elm Street to Main Street.
5. Implement Main Street Plan with respect to improving pedestrian safety crossing Main Street (raised traffic tables, bricked pedestrian crossings, and pedestrian activated crossings).
6. Topsham Heights Trail-implement the plan to construct a trail between the Black Bridge and the Swinging Bridge.

<u>2009-10</u> <u>Selectmen</u> <u>Presentation</u> \$52,560	<u>Allocation</u> Taxation	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Recommendation</u> \$0
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Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought not to Pass

Finance Committee Recommendation Passed

Article 8 – To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law, 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.)

Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought not to Pass Passed

Article 9 – To see whether the voters will vote to accept Shady Lane, Topsham Crossing Subdivision as a public road.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass Passed

Article 10 - To see whether the voters will vote to accept Hawthorne Lane, Topsham Crossing Subdivision, as a public road.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass Passed

Article 11 – To see whether the voters will vote to accept Crabtree Drive, Topsham Crossing Subdivision, as a public road.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation:

Ought to Pass Passed

Article 12 – To see whether the voters will vote to accept Alphonse Drive, off of River Road, as a public road.

Planning Board Recommendation: Ought to Pass Failed

Selectmen Recommendation: No Recommendation

Article 13 – To see whether the voters will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Town Code, Chapter 225, Zoning, Relative to Correcting oversights in the Table of Use Regulations.” (new text underlined, deleted text ~~struck through~~)

Planning Board Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation: Ought to Pass

	MUC-1	BP	CC-196
Home Occupation, Major	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>C</u>
Natural Resource Related Business	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>C</u>
Reuse of Existing Agricultural Building	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
Rural Entrepreneurial Use	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>C</u>
Elderly Housing	<u>C</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>C</u>

Passed

Article 14 – To see if the voters will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Town Code, Chapter 191, Subdivisions, Related to the Set Aside of Open Space or the Payment in Lieu of Dedication of Land.” (new text underlined, deleted text ~~struck through~~)

Planning Board Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation: Ought to Pass

See Exhibit # 1 Passed

Article 15 – To see whether the voters will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Topsham Town Code, Chapter 225, Zoning, and Chapter 175, Site Plan, Relative to Implementing the Recommendations Found in the 2008 Main Street Plan.” (new text underlined, deleted text ~~struck through~~)

Planning Board Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Comp Plan Implementation Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Selectmen Recommendation: Ought to Pass

See Exhibit # 2 Passed

Article 16 – To see if the Town will fix the date of the May 2010 Special Town Meeting

Selectmen Recommendation: May 19, 2010 Passed

Article 17 – 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 Recommendation: Thursday, October 15, 2009  
Thursday, April 15, 2010  
9% or the Maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer  
Passed

Article 18 – To see if the Town will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommendation: 9% or the maximum rate established by the State Treasurer. For delinquent taxes the interest rate to be paid by the Town reduced by 2%. 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.

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.

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Ought to Pass Passed

Article 22 – 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?

Selectmen Recommendation: Ought to Pass Passed

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF April, 2009 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN;

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Ronald Riendeau, Chair

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Sandra Consolini, Vice-Chair

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James Trusiani

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Michelle Derr

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Steve Edmondson