

Town Warrant for 2021

To: Sharon Sneed, a resident of the Town of Prospect:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Prospect qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Prospect Town office on **June 8th, 2021 at 10:00 AM** then and there to vote on Articles 1 and 2, and to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Prospect Fire Station in said Town on **June 12th, 2021 at 9:00 AM**. Then and there to act on Article 3 through all of said Articles being set out below to wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2. To elect by secret ballot one (1) Selectman for a three (3) year term, & (1) Road Commissioner for a one (1) year term. **Polls will be opened to vote on Article 2 on June 8th, 2021 from 10:00 AM at which time the adjourned meeting will be reopened at the Prospect Fire Station, then and there to act on the remaining Articles on the Warrant.**
- Article 3. To see what action the voters of the Town will take in regards to the excise tax revenue and the disposition of the same. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend that up to \$100,000 of the excise tax be applied to the Town Officers and employees payroll and related expenses and that any remaining funds not appropriated at this meeting are returned to surplus.**
- Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the salaries of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the poor. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$4,000 for each Selectman.**
- Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the 12 month salary and other related expenses for the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$27,600.**
- Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the 12 month salary and other related expenses for the Deputy Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$21,300.**
- Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the

salary of the Fire Chief. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$3,000.**

- Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the salary of the Local Health Officer. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$150.**
- Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the salary of the EMA Director. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$1,000.**
- Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the salary of the Code Enforcement Officer. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$3,500.**
- Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the salary of the Animal Control Officer and related expenses. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$3,000.**
- Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fire Fighter stipends. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$5,500.**
- Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to update the Town's tax maps and assessment. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$8,500 and that this be appropriated from 2021 Excise Tax revenue.**
- Article 14. Shall the Town fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after November 1st, 2021? **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 6%.**
- Article 15. Shall the Town vote to set the interest rate on abated taxes at the minimum rate of **1%** for the fiscal year of **2021**?
- Article 16. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed **4/5** of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2021 Annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting?

Article 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and/or emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2021. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000.**

Article 18. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend on behalf of the Town, Federal, and State funds which may be received in the form of Grants or for any other purpose during the ensuing year and act on anything relative thereto?

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

ESTIMATES:

State Revenue Sharing: \$58,413.00	Local Road Assistance Program: \$17,900
Snowmobile Reimbursement: \$126.00	General Assistance: \$330.00
State Park Fee: \$3,644.00	Veterans Reimbursement: \$889.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$939.00	Homestead Reimbursement: \$78,079.00

Article 20. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to borrow up to **\$50,000** in Tax Anticipation Money during the ensuing year?

Article 21. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property under such terms as they deem advisable?

Article 22. To see if the Town will amend the "Tax Acquired Property Ordinance" (Enacted 4/8/17) "To include that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)."

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Municipal Building Operations. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$13,000 with any unexpended balance to be deposited into a Municipal Building ICS.**

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Municipal Building repairs. **Selectmen recommend appropriating \$7,500 from excise tax** with any unexpended balance to be deposited into Municipal Building ICS.

- Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Recycling. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating up to \$7,200 from surplus.**
- Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$56,000.**
- Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Expenses. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$26,500.**
- Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for insurance expenses. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$14,000.**
- Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$16,000 and taking \$5,000 from surplus with any unexpended balance to be deposited into the Fire Truck ICS.**
- Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department Emergency Equipment ICS. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$5,000.00**
- Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Truck ICS. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend not raising any funds at this time.**
- Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Stockton Springs/Prospect Ambulance Service. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$7,500.**
- Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Town Road Repairs. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$22,000 with any unexpended balance to be deposited into the Road**

Resurface ICS.

- Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Town Road Reconstruction. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating all money received from the MDOT Local Road Assistance Program –**
- Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town Road Resurfacing. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$45,000 – with any unexpended balance to be deposited in the Road Resurface ICS.**
- Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$137,500.**
- Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Attorney’s and related Professional fees. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating up to \$3,500 from surplus.**
- Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$1,500.**
- Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Planning Board. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$500.**
- Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for maintaining Prospect Cemeteries. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating \$4,000.**
- Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for cleaning and maintenance of Veterans and Non-Veteran gravestones. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$500 with any unexpended balance to be deposited to the Cemetery ICS.**
- Article 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Septic Sludge Disposal. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising**

\$3,000.

- Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Prospect Historical Society. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$500.**
- Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the services provided by the Down East YMCA. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$1,100.**
- Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for WCAP programs
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$1,496.
- Article 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Social Programs. **The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$2,439.00**
Life Flight: **\$350.00**
Waldo County Wood Shed: **\$500.00**
Senior Spectrum: **\$344.00**
Maine Youth Alliance (Game Loft): **\$200.00**
New Hope for Women: **\$620.00**
Mid Coast Maine Community Action: **\$325.00**
Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County: **\$300.00**
Red Cross: **\$100.00**
- Article 47. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Culvert Replacement of Wescot stream bridge replacement on Hawes Bridge Rd.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$15,000.
- Article 48. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate from surplus to reduce taxes. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriating up to \$125,000.**
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to increase or exceed the property tax levy limit of 3.59% established for the Town of Prospect by State law in the event that municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 51. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate from overlay to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon. **Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend the amount to be raised not to exceed 5% of net tax commitment to be raised.**

Article 52. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed.

Article 53. To see if the town will vote to approve the Public Highway Excavation Ordinance.

Selectmen, Town of Prospect

Calvin Cooper

Joe Rego

Diane Terry

Attested By: Jill Riley, Town Clerk