

**TOWN OF HOPE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

June 8, 2021 - Tuesday
7:45 AM to 8:00 PM
Hope Town Office

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 22, 2021 - Tuesday
6:30 PM
Hope Elementary School

TO: Adrian Humphreys, resident of the Town of Hope, in the County of Knox

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hope, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the HOPE TOWN OFFICE, in said Town on TUESDAY, the EIGHTH day of JUNE 2021 at 7:45 AM then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 through 6;

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, in said Town on TUESDAY, the TWENTY SECOND day of JUNE 2021 at 6:30 PM, then and there to act on Articles numbered 7 through 29, 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 all necessary Town Officers/Officials by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 3. To vote on the Hope Elementary School Budget by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 4. To vote by secret ballot on amending the ordinance titled: "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Town of Hope, Maine".

ARTICLE 5. To vote on the Recall of Bruce Haffner from his elected positions as Select Board Member, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 6. To vote of the Recall of Elinor Goldberg from her elected position as a member of the Budget Committee, by secret ballot.

For articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, the polls shall be opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM. Absentee ballots will be processed on Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Municipal Officers be authorized to issue general obligation bonds (including bonds that may be callable) in an amount not to exceed \$304,226 to construct and equip renovations and improvements to Hope Elementary School at its current location on Highfield Road in the Town of Hope?

Financial Statement of Town Treasurer

1. Total Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds and notes outstanding and unpaid	\$153,974
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved	\$ 304,226
Total	\$458,200

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 2.5% for a term of twenty (20) years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

A. Principal	\$304,226
B. Interest	<u>\$82,679</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$386,905</u>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.


Treasurer, Town of Hope, Maine

School Committee Recommend 5-0

Select Board Recommend 3-0

Budget Committee Recommend 7-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Hope's state legislators, Members of Congress, Governor, and President of the United States that the town hereby calls upon our Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect Maine from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support Cash-Back Carbon Pricing that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis with monthly dividend checks. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to the above mentioned parties by the Select Board within 30 days of this vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Hatchet Mountain Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of trails, on the condition that those trails are open to the public for the purpose of snowmobiling at no charge.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,087.65 from the unassigned fund balance to cover the overdraft in the following Town account for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:

Public Works - \$4,087.65

The overdraft in Public Works Cost Center was due to a change in the assessment given by Mid Coast Solid Waste halfway through the assessment year of \$796 from the Sanitation line and \$3,291.65 and unanticipated repair and maintenance from the Roads line.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, with no interest to accrue on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to set September 30, 2021 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of May 3, 2022 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date; to set the interest rate at 6.00% for unpaid taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4); and to list taxpayers' names in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by June 30, 2022.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at a rate of 4.00% for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from non-property tax revenues to help fund the total Municipal Budget and reduce the property tax assessment for Fiscal Year 2021–2022 as detailed in Articles 15-18 below:

Recommendations:

Select Board: **\$714,712**

Budget Committee: **\$739,712**

Revenue Source	Select Board Recommend	Select Board Vote	Budget Committee Vote	Budget Committee Recommend
Excise Taxes - Vehicles	\$320,000	3-0	0-0	\$330,000
Cemetery Maintenance	\$0	3-0	0-0	\$0
Local Roads Assistance	\$31,487	3-0	0-0	\$31,487
State Revenue Sharing	\$165,000	3-0	0-0	\$180,000
GA Reimbursement	\$525	3-0	0-0	\$525
Grant Income	\$0	3-0	0-0	\$0
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$161,200	2-1	0-0	\$161,200
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$66,500	3-0	0-0	\$66,500
Totals	\$714,712		0-7	\$739,712

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Administration Cost Center:

Recommendations:

Select Board: **\$330,379**

Budget Committee: **\$323,811**

<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Select Board Recommend</i>	<i>Select Board Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Recommend</i>
<i>Town Administration</i>	<i>\$201,261</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>2-5</i>	<i>\$195,000</i>
<i>General Administration</i>	<i>\$71,711</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>6-0-1</i>	<i>\$71,711</i>
<i>General Assistance</i>	<i>\$750</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Municipal Buildings</i>	<i>\$16,807</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>2-5</i>	<i>\$16,500</i>
<i>Professional Services</i>	<i>\$39,850</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$39,850</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$330,379</i>			<i>\$323,811</i>

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Public Safety Cost Center:

Recommendations:

Select Board: **\$151,978**

Budget Committee: **\$149,778**

<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Select Board Recommend</i>	<i>Select Board Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Recommend</i>
<i>Ambulance</i>	<i>\$44,954</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>2-5</i>	<i>\$42,754</i>
<i>Animal Control</i>	<i>\$7,638</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$7,638</i>
<i>Fire Department</i>	<i>\$99,386</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$99,386</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$151,978</i>			<i>\$149,778</i>

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Public Works Cost Center:

Recommendations:

Select Board: **\$604,999**

Budget Committee: **\$604,999**

<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Select Board Recommend</i>	<i>Select Board Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Recommend</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>\$10,577</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$10,577</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>\$9,600</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$9,600</i>
<i>Roads</i>	<i>\$525,662</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>6-1</i>	<i>\$525,662</i>
<i>Sanitation</i>	<i>\$57,510</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>7-0</i>	<i>\$57,510</i>
<i>Street Lights</i>	<i>\$1,650</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>6-1</i>	<i>\$1,650</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$604,999</i>			<i>\$604,999</i>

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Reserve Accounts Cost Center:

Recommendations:

Select Board: **\$71,535**

Budget Committee: **\$71,535**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Select Board Recommend</i>	<i>Select Board Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Vote</i>	<i>Budget Committee Recommend</i>
<i>Emergency Road Repairs</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Fire Department Equipment</i>	<i>\$8,500</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$8,500</i>
<i>Fire Truck Replacement</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Municipal Buildings Repair</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Office Equipment/Software</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Solar Reserve</i>	<i>\$9,700</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$9,700</i>
<i>Revaluation Reserve</i>	<i>\$11,335</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$11,335</i>
<i>Fire Truck Repair/Maintenance</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
Totals	\$71,535		4-3	\$71,535

Total Municipal Expenditures (combine Articles 15-18)

\$1,158,891

Total Municipal Revenues (See Article 14)

\$ 714,712

Total to be raised and appropriated

\$ 444,179

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to fix the salaries of the officials and employees appointed by it under provision of 30-A M.R.S.A. §2601(1) and (2), subject to funding under Article 14 above.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction (with the Select Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids) and to convey by quitclaim deed any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town; provided that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-A for qualifying homestead property, as applicable.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$1,000 or less on such terms and conditions as it deems advisable.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages and file such waivers at the Knox County Registry of Deeds pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject donations and/or gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes, provided that any donation and/or gift which obligates the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Select Board, shall be decided at a special town meeting.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property, provided that any gift which obligates the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Select Board, shall be decided at a special town meeting.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Board to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject donations and/or gifts of money to the various accounts of the school for the ensuing year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes, provided that any donation and/or gift which obligates the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Select Board, shall be decided at a special town meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damage occurring to Town property, with such appropriation dedicated to the budget line item for the same type of property as the loss sustained.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing cost centers.

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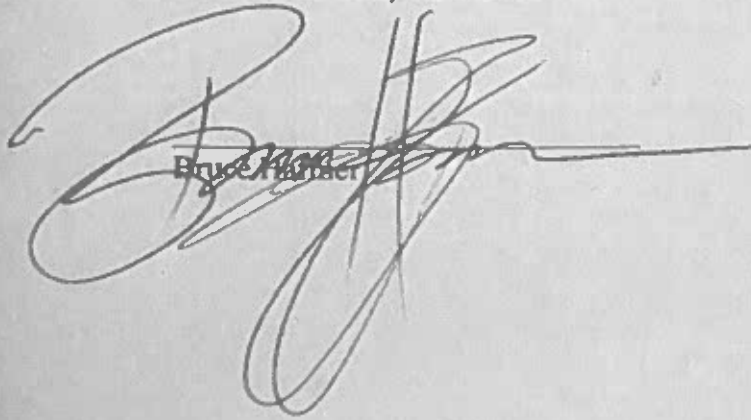
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