

WARRANT

TO: Anne Pastore a resident of the Town of Otisfield, County of Oxford, and State of Maine. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Otisfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Otisfield Community Hall on State Route 121, in said Town, on June 25, 2022 at 9:00 in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To choose a Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term.
- Article 3 To choose a Chairman of the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Article 4 To choose a Director for MSAD#17 for a three-year term.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Otisfield by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. Note: A vote on this article requires a written ballot.
Finance Committee recommend we do so.
Selectmen recommend we do so.
- Article 6 To see if the town will vote to give the select board the authority to waive automatic property foreclosures, giving the treasurer the ability to record a waiver of foreclosure in accordance with state statute.
Selectmen recommend that we do so.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will note to raise and appropriate the sum of \$407,750 for the **General Government** accounts A-J written below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Selectmen's Salaries.....	\$19,500	\$13,500
B. Administration-Compensation.....	\$175,000	\$155,079
C. Office Expenses.....	\$20,500	\$15,000
D. Elections.....	\$4,000	\$2,000
E. Legal Services.....	\$10,000	\$20,000
F. Municipal Buildings and Grounds.....	\$110,000	\$90,000
G. Contingency.....	\$10,000	\$10,000
H. Revaluation Reserve Account (112,707 balance)	\$10,000	\$10,000
I. Health Officer.....	\$750	\$750
J. Insurance (W.C, Properties, Unemployment)	\$48,000	\$48,000

Finance Committee recommend \$407,750

Board of Selectmen Recommend \$401,750

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,160 for **Employee Benefits** Accounts A-D below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Health Insurance	\$144,600	\$110,000
B. Social Security.....	\$45,000	\$45,000
C. Maine State Retirement.....	\$50,000	\$37,000
D. Short Term Disability.....	\$5,560	\$4,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$245,160</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$245,160</i>		

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,879 for **Public Safety and Cemeteries:** Accounts A-F below:

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Fire Department	\$105,579	\$88,279
B. Code Enforcement	\$62,300	\$58,200
C. Animal Control.....	\$4,200	\$4,000
D. Street Lights	\$1,800	\$1,700
E. Beach Gate.....	\$9,500	\$11,628
F. Cemeteries.....	\$13,500	\$13,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$196,879</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$196,879</i>		

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,038,200 for **Public Works:** Accounts A-O below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Compensation	\$279,000	\$237,825
B. Road Construction Reserve (144,584)	\$10,000	\$10,000
C. Equipment Replacement Reserve (83,183)	\$80,000	\$80,000
D. Tarring and Resurfacing.....	\$300,000	\$300,000
E. Materials.....	\$175,000	\$155,000
F. Equipment Expense	\$80,000	\$80,000
G. Road Patch	\$25,000	\$25,000
H. Road Signs	\$500	\$500
I. Roadside Brush.....	\$5,000	5,000
J. Road Striping	\$5,500	\$5,500
K. DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing.....	\$500	\$500
L. Uniforms	\$2,500	\$1,800
M. Fuel	\$53,200	\$38,000
N. Contract Plowing.....	\$10,000	\$10,000
O. Equipment Lease and Rental	\$12,000	\$10,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$1,038,200</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$1,038,200</i>		

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept **state and federal grants from non-profit organizations** on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants ,contracts, documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grand funds for authorized purposes as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town.

*Finance Committee recommend we do so.
Board of Selectmen recommend we do so.*

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,250 for **Boards and Committees**. Accounts A - C below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Planning Board	\$2,000	\$2,000
B. Appeals Board.....	\$250	\$250
C. Recreation Department.....	\$9,000	\$7,500
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$11,250</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$11,250</i>		

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,101 for **Contractual Services** for the ensuing year: Accounts A - O below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Maine Municipal Association.....	\$3,337	\$3,300
B. Printing of Town Report	\$1,250	\$1,170
C. Audit.....	\$12,000	\$7,000
D. Mapping	\$2,000	\$2,000
E. Assessing & Software Support.....	\$26,000	\$26,000
F. AVCOG	\$4,563	\$4,385
G. Water Pollution Control	\$250	\$250
H. Pitney Bowes Postage Meter	\$788	\$788
I. TRIO Software Licensing	\$17,666	\$10,252
J. Security System Monitoring	\$1,200	\$600
K. Virtual Town Hall WEB Site	\$2,300	\$2,200
L. Computer IT	\$2,500	\$2,500
M. Copier Lease	\$1,397	\$1,397
N. Carbonite- off site computer backup	\$450	\$450
O. Domain Fee	\$400	\$400
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$76,101</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$76,101</i>		

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,100 for **Health & Social Welfare Agencies and Library** expenses for the ensuing year. Accounts A - P below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Project Graduation	\$100	\$100
B. School Snack.....	\$500	\$100
C. Western ME Vet Advisory Com.....	\$0	\$175
D. Seniors Plus	\$500	\$500
E. SAPRS	\$400	\$200
F. Life Flight	\$885	\$400
G. Bolsters Mill Library	\$500	\$500
H. Healthcare Access Program	\$515	\$375
I. Community Garden	\$200	\$200
J. Tri County Mental Health	\$0	\$100
K. Casco Library	\$2,500	\$2000
L. Safe Voices (AWAP)	\$200	\$100
M. Community Concepts	\$500	\$500
N. Maine Public Radio-Television.....	\$100	\$100
O. Freeland Holmes Library	\$0	\$50
P. Cancer Research of Western Maine	\$200	\$200

Finance Committee recommend \$7,100
Board of Selectmen recommend \$7,100

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for **Capital Improvement Reserves.**

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. CIP (64,200)	\$10,000	\$10,000

Finance Committee recommend we do so.
Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 16 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,250 for **maintenance and operation of dams** located on town lakes. Accounts A - C below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Thompson Lake... ..	\$5,000	\$5,000
B. Pleasant Lake Reserve (4,000)	\$1,000	\$1,000
C. Saturday Pond Reserve (1,000)	\$250	\$250

Finance Committee recommend \$6,250
Board of Selectmen recommend \$6,250

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to give authority to the Selectmen:

- A. To dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, to use excess funds from the sale of tax acquired property to maintain town owned property and negotiate contracts for snow removal and sanding.

B. To fix a date when taxes are due and payable and to fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after that date and set an interest rate that the town will pay on rebated taxes for the fiscal year.

C. For the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed.

Finance Committee recommend we do so.

*Board of Selectmen recommend we do so, and set **October 15, 2022** for the first half payment due date, and **April 15, 2023** as the second half payment due date. Interest charged at a rate of 7% on delinquent taxes, and 0% paid on any overpayment.*

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to give the **snowmobile registration** refund from the State to the Otisfield Trailblazers Snowmobile club for trail maintenance.

Finance Committee recommend we do so.

Board of Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for **Solid Waste** expenses for the ensuing year.

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
	\$165,000	\$145,000

Finance Committee recommend \$165,000

Board of Selectmen recommend \$165,000

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for **General Assistance (Welfare)** for the ensuing year.

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
	\$2,000	\$2,000

Finance Committee recommend \$2,000

Board of Selectmen recommend \$2,000

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 to **preserve our lakes** for the ensuing year: Accounts A & B below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. TLEA	\$5,000	\$5,000
B. Pleasant Lake/Parker Association	\$4,000	\$3,800

Finance Committee recommend \$9,000

Board of Selectmen recommend \$9,000


Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,792 for **Debt and interest**. Accounts A - D below;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Tank Truck (9 of 10 years)	\$17,775	\$17,775
B. Town Garage Bond (10 of 20 years)	\$29,156	\$30,192
C. MMBB Pleasant Lake Dam (6 of 10)	\$27,290	\$27,290
D. Squad Truck (3 of 10)	\$17,571	\$17,571
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$91,792</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$91,792</i>		

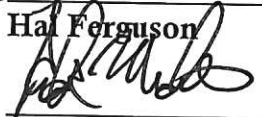
Article 23 To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate from estimated ANTICIPATED **NON-PROPERTY REVENUES** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2023 Accounts A-M below, or take any action thereon;

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>
A. Excise Tax (motor vehicle and boat)	\$420,000	\$335,000
B. Building and Plumbing Permits.....	\$24,000	\$24,000
C. Other Permits (Junkyard, weapons)	\$675	\$650
D. All Agent Fees.....	\$12,000	\$12,000
E. Vital Record Fees	\$1,150	\$0.00
F. Lien Costs	\$3,800	\$5,000
G. Bank Interest.....	\$2,000	\$1,300
H. Interest of Taxes.....	\$11,350	\$58,900
I. Local Road Assistance (LRAP).....	\$62,900	\$58,868
J. Animal Welfare Fees	\$1,100	\$1,200
K. Miscellaneous Revenues	\$4,500	\$5,500
L. Tree Growth Reimbursements/Penalties	\$10,000	\$517
M. Community Hall Rental Fees.....	\$2700	\$855
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	\$556,175	\$503,790
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$556,175</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$556,175</i>		


Article 24 **Motion to Adjourn**



 Hal Ferguson



 Rick Micklon



 Lenny Adler