

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 26, 2021 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 choose a Road Commissioner or act otherwise for the ensuing year.
- Article 6 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 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,329 for the **General Government** accounts A - J written below: **FY22** **FY21**

A. Selectmen Salaries	\$13,500	\$13,500
B. Administration-Compensation.....	\$155,079	\$149,114
C. Office Expenses.....	\$15,000	\$22,000
D. Election.....	\$2,000	\$4,000
E. Legal Services.....	\$20,000	\$6,000
F. Municipal Buildings & Grounds.....	\$90,000	\$65,000
G. Contingency.....	\$10,000	\$5,000
H. Revaluation Reserve Account..(102,707 balance)	\$10,000	\$5,000
I. Health Officer.....	\$750	\$750
J. Insurance (W.C., properties, unemployment).....	\$48,000	\$46,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$364,329</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$364,329</i>		

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,000 for **Employee Benefits**: Accounts A - D below: **FY22** **FY21**

A. Health Insurance.....	\$110,000	\$137,500
B. Social Security.....	\$45,000	\$49,000
C. Maine State Retirement.....	\$37,000	\$42,500
D. Short Term Disability.....	\$4,000	\$6,000

Finance Committee recommend \$196,000
Board of Selectmen recommend \$196,000

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,807 for **Public Safety and Cemeteries**: Accounts A - F below:

	FY22	FY21
A. Fire Department.....	\$88,279	\$83,978
B. Code Enforcement.....	\$58,200	\$56,000
C. Animal Control.....	\$4,000	\$4,000
D. Street Lights	\$1,700	\$1,700
E. Beach Gate	\$11,628	\$8,500
F. Cemeteries.....	\$13,000	\$13,000

Finance Committee recommend \$176,807
Board of Selectmen recommend \$176,807

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$959,125 for **Public Works**: Accounts A - O below;

	FY22
A. Compensation.....	\$237,825
B. Road Construction Reserve (\$196,252).....	\$10,000
C. Equipment Replacement Reserve (\$0).....	\$80,000
D. Tarring and Resurfacing.....	\$300,000
E. Materials.....	\$155,000
F. Equipment Expense.....	\$80,000
G. Road Patch.....	\$25,000
H. Road Signs.....	\$500
I. Road Striping.....	\$5,500
J. Roadside Brush.....	\$5,000
K. DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing.....	\$500
L. Uniforms.....	\$1,800
M. Fuel.....	\$38,000
N. Contract Plowing.....	\$10,000
O. Equipment Lease & Rental.....	\$10,000

**\$100,000 from the Sybil Lamb Trust for the FY22 Public Works budget – Total to be spent is \$1,059,125

Finance Committee recommend \$959,125 and transfer of \$100,000 from Sybil Lamb trust
Board of Selectmen recommend \$959,125 and transfer of \$100,000 from Sybil Lamb trust

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to apply for and accept any **grants, reimbursements, and any other revenue**, and disburse the funds to the proper operating accounts; to lapse the balance in the Assessor's Overlay Account to the Surplus Account; lapse any balances and overdrafts in the operating accounts to the Surplus Account; to take appropriate action concerning any education tax relief funds from the state; and to authorize the Selectmen to use these revenues to reduce taxes.

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 \$9,750 for **Boards and Committees**. Accounts A - C below;

	FY22	FY21
A. Planning Board.....	\$2,000	\$2,000
B. Appeals Board.....	\$250	\$250
C. Recreation Department.....	\$7,500	\$7,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$9,750</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$9,750</i>		

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,692 for **Contractual Services** for the ensuing year: Accounts A - O below;

	FY22	FY21
A. Maine Municipal Association.....	\$3,300	\$3,215
B. Printing of Town Report.....	\$1,170	\$1,170
C. Audit.....	\$7,000	\$7,000
D. Mapping.....	\$2,000	\$2,000
E. Assessing & software Support.....	\$26,000	\$25,500
F. AVCOG.....	\$4,385	\$4,298
G. Water Pollution Control.....	\$250	\$250
H. Pitney Bowes Postage Meter.....	\$788	\$788
I. TRIO Software Licensing.....	\$10,252	\$9,100
J. Security System Monitoring.....	\$600	\$600
K. Virtual Town Hall WEB Site.....	\$2,200	\$2,100
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 \$62,692</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$62,692</i>		

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,600 for **Health & Social Welfare Agencies and Library** expenses for the ensuing year. Accounts A - P below;

	FY22	FY21
A. Project Graduation	\$100	\$100
B. School Snack.....	\$100	\$100
C. Western ME Vet Advisory Com.....	\$175	\$0
D. Seniors Plus.....	\$500	\$500
E. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Service (saprS).....	\$200	\$400
F. Life Flight	\$400	\$400
G. Bolsters Mills Library.....	\$500	\$1,000
H. Healthcare Access Program.....	\$375	\$425
I. Casco Library.....	\$2,000	\$2,500
J. Tri County Mental Health.....	\$100	\$200
K. Safe Voices (AWAP)	\$100	\$200
L. Community Concepts.....	\$500	\$500
M. ME Public Radio/TV.....	\$100	\$100
N. Community Garden.....	\$200	\$200
O. Freeland Holmes Library.....	\$50	\$0
P. Cancer Research of Western Maine.....	\$200	\$0
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$5,600</i>		

Board of Selectmen recommend \$5,600

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

	FY22	FY21
A. CIP (Balance \$54,200).....	\$10,000	\$5,000
<i>Finance Committee recommend we do so.</i>		
<i>Selectmen recommend we do so.</i>		

Article 16 To see if the town will vote to change the office of Road Commissioner from an elected to an appointed position beginning with the annual town meeting in June, 2022. Said position to be appointed by the Select Board.
Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 17 To see if the town will vote to transfer the FY24 though FY 27 funds derived from the Heniger Park lease fees to the Road Equipment Reserve account. Unused funds will remain in the account to be used for equipment replacement. (FY24 through FY27 lease funds estimated to be \$500,000) (Road Equipment Reserve account/Heniger Park lease fees balance -\$271,710.)
Finance Committee recommend we do so.
Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 18 To see if the town will vote to use the \$10,997.81 located in the Rescue Assistance Reserve account for outfitting the recently acquired Fire Department Forestry truck.
Finance Committee recommend we do so.
Board of Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 19 To see if the town will vote to amend the Otisfield Building Ordinance to remove the requirement and language – “All new residential dwellings with outside home heating oil tanks must have self-containment” And “All replacement tanks within existing dwellings must have self-containment.”
Board of Selectmen recommend we do so

Article 20 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:

	FY22	FY21
A. Thompson Lake.....	\$5,000	\$5000
B. Pleasant Lake Reserve (\$3000).....	\$1000	\$1000
C. Saturday Pond Reserve (\$750).....	\$250	\$250
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$6,250</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$6,250</i>		

Article 21 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, 2021** for the first half payment due date, and **April 15, 2022** as the second half payment due date. Interest charged at a rate of 7% on delinquent taxes, and 0% paid on any overpayment.*

Article 22 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 and Board of Selectmen recommend we do so.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 for **Solid Waste** expenses for the ensuing year.

	FY22	FY21
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$145,000</i>	\$145,000	\$141,700
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$145,000</i>		

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for **General Assistance (Welfare)** for the ensuing year.

	FY22	FY21
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$2,000</i>	\$2,000	\$2,000
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$2,000</i>		

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,800 to **preserve our lakes** for the ensuing year: Accounts A & B below:

	FY22	FY21
A. TLEA	\$5,000	\$5,000
B. Pleasant Lake/Parker Association.....	\$3,800	0
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$8,800</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$8,800</i>		

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,828 for **debt and interest**. Accounts A - D below:

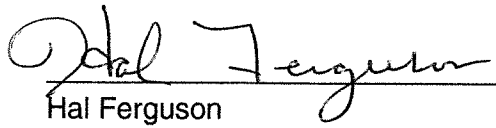
	FY22	FY21
A. Tank Truck(8 of 10 years)	\$17,775	\$17,775
B. Town Garage Bond (9 of 20 years).....	\$30,192	\$30,659
C. MMBB Pleasant lake Dam (5 of 10).....	\$27,290	\$27,290
D. Squad Truck (2 of 10).....	\$17,571	N/A
<i>Finance Committee recommend \$92,828</i>		
<i>Board of Selectmen recommend \$92,828</i>		

Article 27 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 2018 Accounts A-L below, or take any action thereon:

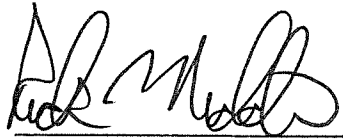
REVENUE TYPE	FY 22	FY21
A. Excise Tax (motor vehicles and boat)	\$335,000	\$345,000
B. Building and Plumbing Permits	\$24,000	\$20,000
C. Other Permits (Junk yard, Weapons)	\$650	\$700
D. All Agent Fees	\$12,000	\$8,000
E. Lien costs	\$5,000	\$3,000

F. Bank Interest	\$1,300	\$1,300
G. Interest on Taxes	\$58,900	\$63,000
H. Local Road Assistance (LRAP)	\$58,868	\$63,000
I. Animal Welfare Fees	\$1,200	\$1,200
J. Tax Research Fees	\$5,500	\$5,300
K. Tree growth Reimbursements/Penalties	\$517	\$20,000
L. Community Hall Rental Fees	\$855	\$500
TOTAL	\$503,790	\$531,000
<i>Finance Committee Recommend</i>	<i>\$503,790</i>	
<i>Selectmen Recommend</i>	<i>\$503,790</i>	

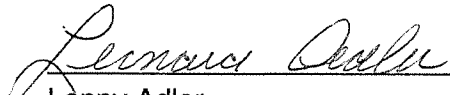
Article 27 Motion to Adjourn



 Hal Ferguson



 Rick Micklon



 Lenny Adler