

TOWN OF SUMNER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To Cynthia Norton, a resident of the Town of Sumner, in the county of Oxford,

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to set the tax due date, with interest of 7% yearly to be charged on unpaid taxes beginning Monday, January 31, 2011.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3% for the fiscal year of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 3 NOTE: 36 MRSA, Sec. 505(4A) calls for interest not to exceed the rate set for delinquent taxes or be less than that rate reduced by 4%.)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$370,220.00 from estimated revenues and the Fund Balance Account to decrease the 2010/2011 tax commitment.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND:

Anticipated Revenue	\$270,220.00
General Fund	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$370,220.00

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to exceed the Property Tax Levy Limit established for Sumner by State law under LD 1.

(ARTICLE 5 NOTE: State law requires a written ballot on this article.)

ARTICLE 6 To elect all necessary officers as are required to be elected by written ballot. (MRSA Title 30A, Sect. 2525, et. seq.)

(ARTICLE 6 NOTE: Anticipated vacancies:

One Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 3 years

One Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year

One RSU 10 Board Director for a term of 3 years)

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to commitment.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to appoint a Maintenance Supervisor, a Budget Committee, a Planning Board, an Appeals Board, a Fire Chief and Assistants, a Registrar of Voters, a Recreation Committee, a Scholarship Committee, an Emergency Management Director and any other necessary appointees.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 9 EXPLANATION: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.)

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to dispose of Town-owned personal property with a dollar value of up to \$1,000 under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 10 EXPLANATION: This article avoids the necessity of calling a special town meeting whenever the Town has personal property of little value which it should sell or dispose of.)

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues from excise taxes, interest, state reimbursement, state agent fees, sale of photocopies (and other revenues not required to be applied elsewhere by statute or town vote) to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLES 12-1 THROUGH 12-10 ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTPERSONS

- ARTICLE 12-1* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Tree Growth reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-2* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Veteran's Exemption reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-3* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Municipal Revenue Sharing received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-4* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Snowmobile Registration reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-5* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from EMA (FEMA AND SEMA) received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-6* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from State Aid to Education reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-7* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from General Assistance reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-8* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Urban/Rural Initiative Program reimbursements received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-9* To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Forest Fire reimbursement received by the municipality for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 12-10* To see if the Town will vote to accept any other State funds or Federal funds appropriated by the Legislature for municipal purposes.
- ARTICLE 13* To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all monies received from the State from the registration of snowmobiles to the Mt. Tom Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.
- RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 13 EXPLANATION: Snowmobile registration money received from the State must be appropriated annually by the town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to a snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to the public. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.)

ARTICLE 14 To fix the wages or salary for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$2,500.00

ARTICLE 15 To fix the salaries or wages of the Selectpersons, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$3,000 per Selectperson
TOTAL \$9,000.00

ARTICLE 16 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to raise and/or appropriate as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$2,000.00

(ARTICLE 16 EXPLANATION: Having a contingency account can help avoid the necessity of calling a number of special town meetings during the year when relatively minor issues can be resolved with the expenditure of minor sums but no money has been appropriated for those purposes.)

ARTICLE 17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Administration for the ensuing year as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$147,454.00

A. Assessment Update/Revaluation	\$16,800.00
B. Audit	4,500.00
C. Building/Grounds Maintenance	13,200.00
D. Dues	3,275.00
E. Elections	1,000.00
F. General Office Expense	7,000.00
G. Computer software update	2,000.00
H. Interest on Abatements	100.00

I. Legal Fees	1,000.00
J. Liens	2,200.00
K. Tax Map Update	2,000.00
L. Salaries	<u>94,379.00</u>
TOTAL	\$147,454.00

(ARTICLE 17 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown= Selectpersons 3,000 Each; Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll/Registrar 38,603.84; Medical Ins 15,225 (est.); Dep Clerk 1,800; Admin Asst 12,250; Road Commissioner 2,500; Fire Chief 2,500; Fire Dept Secretary 500; Fire Warden 500; Emergency Management Director 1,800, Health Officer 200; CEO 2,000; LPI 1,200; Soc Sec & Medicare 6,200; Unemployment 100)
(ARTICLE 17 Carryovers: Assessment Reval \$14,800; Tax Maps \$2,000, Bldg Maint \$1,500)

ARTICLE 18 To see which option the Town will vote for to provide ambulance coverage:
A. Contract with Tri-Town Ambulance and Buckfield Rescue to provide coverage for specified portions of Sumner.
B. Contract with Buckfield Rescue to provide full coverage for Sumner.
C. Pursue an inter-local agreement with West Paris and Greenwood for coverage of a specified portion of Sumner and contract with Buckfield Rescue for a specified portion of Sumner.

(ARTICLE 18 NOTES: The vote must be a majority vote (at least 1 vote more than 50% of all votes).

- Option A:** current form of coverage—does not include Inter-Local Agreement; cost \$13,360; Buckfield Barn to Sumner Town Office: 8 miles/13 minutes; Tri-Town Barn to Sumner Town Office: 9 miles/13 minutes.
- Option B:** cost \$12,000, response from Buckfield barn to West Paris line: 13 miles/20 minutes
- Option C:** cost-unknown (West Paris and Greenwood still considering their inter-local agreement); Tri-Town liability-\$37,000 debt, legal fees, ownership/management of service; assets-barn, equipment; response time-same as current coverage in Option A)

ARTICLE 19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Protection for the ensuing year as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$52,030.00

(ARTICLE 19 NOTE: Protection line item breakdown next page)

ARTICLE 19 Breakdown by line item:

A. Insurance	\$11,500.00
B. Fire Department Operations	8,000.00
C. Fire Department Emergencies	0.00
D. Fire Fighter Insurance	670.00
E. Fire Department Education/Training	3,000.00
F. Fire Fighter Compensation	5,000.00
G. Fire Department Equipment	10,000.00
H. Street Lights	0.00
I. Ambulance (B' field 4,600/Tri/T 8,760—Article 18 A)	13,360.00
J. Emergency Management	0.00
K. Street Name Signs	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$52,030.00

(*ARTICLE 19* Carryovers: EMA \$2,883.58; FD Equip \$5,013.15, EMA 1st Aid/CPR Grant \$2,652.50)

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to the Fire Truck Fund.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$77,686.00

(*ARTICLE 20* Carryover: \$97,144.57)

ARTICLE 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year:

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$700.00

ARTICLE 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the support of Social Services for the ensuing year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$4,525.00
SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND: **\$5,175.00***

(*ARTICLE 22* NOTE: Social Services breakdown next page)

ARTICLE 22 Breakdown by Agency:

	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
A. Andro. Home Care&Hospice	\$500.00	\$500.00
B. Abused Women Advoc Proj	1,000.00	500.00*
C. Big Brothers/Big Sisters	250.00	125.00
D. Child Health Center	350.00	150.00*
E. Community Concepts	1,750.00	1,500.00
F. Families in Crisis	200.00	0.00
G. Progress Center	1,500.00	250.00
H. Rural Community Action Ministry	1,100.00	750.00
I. RapeEducationAndCrisisHotline	150.00	150.00
I. SeniorsPlus	100.00	100.00
J. Tri-County Mental Health	854.00	500.00
K. Western ME Transportation	450.00	450.00
L. Western ME Vet Advisory Commission	175.00	100.00
M. Zadoc Long Free Library	<u>800.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTALS	\$9,179.00	\$5,175.00*

ARTICLE 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	\$192,010.28
Winter Road Maintenance	\$136,155.28
Winter Roads Salt	24,000.00
Winter Roads Sand and Trucking	<u>31,855.00</u>
TOTAL	\$192,010.28

ARTICLE 24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for a sand/salt storage site.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	\$5,000.00
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(ARTICLE 24 Carryover: \$44,244.63)

ARTICLE 25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Roads, Bridges and Maintenance for the ensuing year.

ROAD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:	\$160,000.00
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:	\$150,000.00

(ARTICLE 25 Carryover: \$29,023.50)

ARTICLE 26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Road Equipment Account.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$5,000.00

(ARTICLE 26 Carryover: \$15,852.80)

ARTICLE 27 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for equipment and repair for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$2,000.00

ARTICLE 28 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste Operations for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$51,148.65

(ARTICLE 28 NOTE: MMWAC bond is paid)

ARTICLE 29 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$3,000.00

(ARTICLE 29 Carryover: \$1,081.20)

ARTICLE 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$2,200.00

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Animal Control for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$1,000.00

(ARTICLE 31 Carryover: \$3,703.97)

ARTICLE 32 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the care of Cemeteries, the Town Beach, and the Town signs and lawns, for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$7,120.00

Appropriate from Cemetery Trust Fund	\$800.00
Appropriate from Robinson Cemetery Trust Fund (1/19 th)	375.00
Raise or Appropriate	<u>5,945.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,120.00

(ARTICLE 32 Carryover for stone repairs: \$2,000.00)

ARTICLE 33 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Memorial Day and flags for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$325.00

ARTICLE 34 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Sumner Scholarship Fund.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$0.00

(ARTICLE 34 NOTE: Principal= \$54,954.00)

ARTICLE 35 Shall the Official Shoreland Zoning Map, dated August 2, 2010, be adopted and incorporated as "Section 18. Official Shoreland Zoning Map" of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, thereby amending the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance enacted August 13, 2007?

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to sell and dispose of Tax Liens held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such properties; which must be advertised at least two weeks prior to sale.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to enter into 3-year contracts for services such as winter road maintenance, cemetery and Town lot mowing, and municipal office plowing.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS