

# 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 8, 2011, 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 Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

*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, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

#### 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 \$271,140.00 from anticipated revenues to decrease the 2011/2012 tax commitment.

#### SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND:

\$271,140.00

*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)

*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, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

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: \$3,500 per Selectperson  
TOTAL \$10,500.00

*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, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

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:

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND: \$154,203.00

A. Archival Preservation	\$3,655.00
B. Assessment Update/Revaluation	12,000.00
C. Audit	5,000.00
D. Building/Grounds Maintenance	14,000.00
E. Computer software update	2,000.00
F. Dues	3,300.00
G. Elections	1,000.00
H. General Office Expense	7,000.00
I. Interest on Abatements	100.00

J. Legal Fees	1,000.00
K. Liens	2,200.00
L. Tax Map Update	1,500.00
M. Salaries	99,448.00
N. Vacant lot cleanup	1,000.00
O. Wind Power Ordinance Planning Committee	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$154,203.00

(ARTICLE 17 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown= Selectpersons 3,500 Each; Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll/Registrar 39,761.95; Medical Ins 16,544 (est.); Dep Clerk 2,892; 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 & Unemployment 6,300)

*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. Contract with PACE 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—cost \$13,360; Buckfield Barn to Sumner Town Office: 8 miles/13 minutes; Tri-Town Barn to Sumner Town Office: 9 miles/10 minutes.

**Option B:** cost \$12,000, response from Buckfield barn to West Paris line: 13 miles/20 minutes

**Option C:** PACE, Norway, patient/insurance billed

*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: \$56,580.00

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

*ARTICLE 19* Breakdown by line item:

A. Insurance	\$13,100.00
B. Fire Department Operations	8,000.00
C. Fire Fighter Insurance	670.00
D. Fire Department Education/Training	3,000.00
E. Fire Fighter Compensation	5,000.00
F. Fire Department Equipment	10,000.00
G. Street Lights	1,950.00
H. Ambulance (B' field 4,600/Tri/T 8,760—Article 18 A)	13,360.00
I. Emergency Management	11,000.00
J. Street Name Signs	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$56,580.00

(ARTICLE 19 Carryovers: FD Equip \$3,950.19, EMA Grant \$4,020 generator)

*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:

\$474.83

(ARTICLE 20 Unexpended Balance: \$474.83 to be used to re-establish the Fund)

*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.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$5,050.00

(ARTICLE 22 NOTE: Social Services breakdown next page)

*ARTICLE 22* Breakdown by Agency:

	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
A. American Red Cross	\$876.00	\$0.00
B. Andro. Home Care&Hospice	500.00	500.00
C. Buckfield Buckaneers Football	any amount	0.00
D. Buckfield Recreation	939.00	0.00
E. Community Concepts	1,750.00	1,650.00
F. Families in Crisis	200.00	0.00
G. Progress Center	1,000.00	250.00
H. RapeEducationAndCrisisHotline	150.00	150.00
I. Rural Community Action Ministry	1,100.00	750.00
J. Safe Voices (was AWAP)	1,000.00	500.00
K. SeniorsPlus	246.00	100.00
L. Tri-County Mental Health	854.00	500.00
M. Western ME Transportation	450.00	450.00
N. Western ME Vet Advisory Commission	175.00	100.00
O. Zadoc Long Free Library	<u>800.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTALS	\$10,040.00	\$5,050.00

*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:	\$194,022.00
Winter Road Maintenance	\$170,022.00
Winter Roads Salt	<u>24,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$194,022.00

*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: \$51,004.37)

*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.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	\$160,000.00
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*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:  
\$15,000.00

(ARTICLE 26 Carryover: \$21,422.00 for purchase of replacement grader)

*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:  
\$4,500.00

*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:  
\$47,955.00

(STRAW POLL QUESTION: Transfer Station stickers-pay \$10 each vehicle, \$20 each vehicle or add to tax base?)

*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:  
\$3,700.00

(ARTICLE 29 Carryover: \$1,612.42)

*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:  
\$2,700.00

*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: \$2,960.07)

*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:  
\$7,300.00

Appropriate from Cemetery Trust Fund	\$800.00
Appropriate from Robinson Cemetery Trust Fund	300.00
Raise or Appropriate	<u>6,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,300.00

(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 veterans' memorial 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:  
\$1,000.00

(ARTICLE 34 NOTE: Principal= \$58,040.57)

*ARTICLE 35* To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Overdrafts.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:  
\$6,987.85

(ARTICLE 35 NOTE: General Assistance \$416.50, Roads \$6,571.35)

*ARTICLE 36* To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to enter into an agreement with the Maine Community Foundation to manage and invest the Funds of the Sumner Bicentennial Scholarship.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

*ARTICLE 37* Shall the Official Shoreland Zoning Map, dated November 16, 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 38* Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Sumner Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance" be enacted?

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

*ARTICLE 39* 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 40* 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