

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

JUNE 8, 2010

TO: Michael N. Chase, Resident of the Town of Dresden, County of Lincoln, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dresden, in said County, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Pownalborough Hall (the new Fire Station) in said Town on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 9 a.m. o'clock, then and there to act on Articles one (1) thru (2).

You are further required to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Pownalborough Hall on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 9 a.m. o'clock, then and there to act on Article three (3) through all said Articles set out to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To elect the following Town officials by secret ballot, namely three (3) Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseer of the Poor, one (1) Town Clerk, Treasurer, Property Tax Collector, Excise Tax Collector all to serve for a one (1) year term, one (1) Budget Review Committee member to serve for a three (3) year term, (1) RSU 2 Director for a three (3) year term and to vote to validate the proposed School Budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

ART. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to compensate various town officials.

	09/10	Selectmen Recommend	BRC Recommend
Town Clerk	\$7,725	\$7,725	\$ 7,725
1st Selectman	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$ 6,500
2nd Selectman	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
3rd Selectman	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
Treasurer	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Tax Collector	\$7,225	\$7,225	\$ 7,225
Excise Tax Collector	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$ 5,900
Totals		\$49,350	\$49,350

Note: If the Excise Tax Collector is a Motor Vehicle Agent then that person receives Fees of \$3.00 for re-registrations, \$4.00 for new registrations, and \$5.00 for non-resident Motor Vehicles registrations.

The Town Clerk is an Agent for Inland Fisheries and receives Fees for Hunting and Fishing Licenses, ATV registrations, and boat registrations.

OTHER SALARIES

ART. 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as part of the compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$6,000

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the Fire Chiefs. Last year's compensation: \$4,000 for the Fire Chief and \$2,000 for 1 Assistant Chief. Total \$6000.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$6,000

ART. 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as compensation for the Town Administrative Assistant Account.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$33,742 Salary, \$2,000 Benefits
Total \$35,742

ART. 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as compensation for the Animal Control Officer.

Last years compensation \$3,000
Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$3,000

ART. 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as compensation for the Planning Board Chairman. Last years Compensation \$2,500.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$2,500

ART. 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of the Deputies for the Treasurer, The Town Clerk and the Excise Tax Collector.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$5,000

ART. 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of FICA (Social Security & Medicare Benefits) as required by Federal Law.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$13,500

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

ART. 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Administration Account.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$50,000

ART. 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Insurance Account.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$19,000

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward, from last years Legal Account, the sum of \$4,965 or act anything relative thereto

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

PROTECTION

ART. 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation of the Fire Department.

Fire Department requests: \$20,000
Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$20,000

ART. 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase equipment for use by the Fire Department.

Fire Department requests: \$10,000
Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$10,000

NOTE: This represents a decrease of \$5,500.00

ART. 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reimburse the working Volunteer Fire Fighters for clothing, gas, and related expenses they incur while participating in the operation of the Dresden Fire Department.

Fire Department requests: \$10,000
Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$10,000

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,210 as payment on the thirty year Fire Station Bond from the Maine Bond Bank.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$60,210

NOTE: Last year the debt service costs were \$49,000.00

ART. 18. To choose a Fire Inspector for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint as Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief taking into consideration those individuals that are elected by the Fire Association to those positions and to appoint any unfilled position in conjunction with the Dresden Fire Chief or act anything relative thereto.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

ART. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Northeast Mobile Ambulance Service.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$5,000

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 for tipping fees and the sum of \$8,500.00 as compensation for the Transfer Station Attendant Salary.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$25,500

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 as compensation for Recycling Attendants.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$15,500

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the operation of the Recycling Center and the Transfer Station.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$4,500.00

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Lincoln County Humane Society for the care and boarding of strays from Dresden and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$667.00 to pay for the cost of the contract.

LCCHS requests: \$667.00

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$667.00

HIGHWAYS

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all moneys from the MDOT Highway Block Grants to the Highway Account and to expend those funds on Capital Improvements to Town Roads.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$226,000 for snow removal, \$89,000.00 Roads and \$26,000 for Paving/Capital Improvement) a total of \$341,000 for the Highway Accounts.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$341,000.00

NOTE: This is a \$10,600.00 increase over last year's request for Snow Removal Contract and a \$11,000.00 decrease for Town Roads.

MISCELLANEOUS

ART. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$5000

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept all General Assistance payments from the Department of Human Services and to accept repayments from recipients and to appropriate those payments to the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to take penalty fees, and site plan review fees and pay those amounts into the Planning Board Expense Account and to carry forward any unused funds from last year's expense account to be used by the Planning Board and Selectmen for future expenses for Land Use Regulation and permitting process.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to aid in the maintenance of Forest Hill (\$2,500), Maple Grove (\$2,500) and Pine Grove(\$3,250).

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$8,250.00

ART. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the cost of decorating Veterans Graves in Dresden.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$50.00

DONATIONS

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Snowmobile registration fees, a sum of money not to exceed the amount received from the State and to pay that sum to the Dresden Snow Valley Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining trails throughout Dresden.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations.

Organization	Requested	Recommended
Coastal Economic Development	\$1,055	\$300
Kno-Wal-Lin Care and Hospice	\$1,620	\$200
Healthy Kids	\$250	\$0
Kennebec Valley Mental Health	\$200	\$200
Tedford Shelter	\$200	\$200
Senior Spectrum	\$1,050	\$600
Richmond Food Bank	\$0	\$0
Elmhurst	\$1000	\$400
Maine General Health Reach Net	\$812	\$300
Totals		\$3200

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operations of Bridge Academy Library.

Bridge Academy requests: \$7,000.00
Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$7,000.00

NOTE: This is a decrease of \$1,000.00 from last year's request.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,700.00 for the purpose of paying for 2 additional hours per School Day for the Dresden Elementary School Nurse.

Per request of the Elementary School Parents & Staff

Note: The RSU #2 Board of Directors has reduced the hours of the Dresden Elementary School Nurse to 2 hours per day for the 2010-2011 School Year. This article will allow the nurse to maintain current level of nursing services.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,975.00 for the purpose of paying for a one day per week (during the school year) a Library Educational Technician at the Dresden Elementary School.

Per request of the Elementary School Parents & Staff

Note: The RSU #2 Board of Directors has decided to have the School Principal fill in that role as part of her duties at the Dresden Elementary School

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy limit of \$708,958.00 established for The Town of Dresden by State law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen recommend: Yes

Note: LD1 as passed by the State Legislature set a limit on growth of

property taxes for all towns at 2.0%. This legislation also provided additional increases tied to the growth of the Town. Dresden's latest growth figures allows us to add an additional 1.3%, therefore Dresden is allowed under State Law to increase the amount of taxes raised through the Property Tax by a total of 3.3%. Based on what taxes were raised last year (\$691,283.00) we are allowed to increase that figure to \$713,095.00 (a \$22,810.00 increase.) Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the LD1 Cap will not be exceeded and this Article will be recommended to be passed over at the Town Meeting. Next year's starting point will be \$707,958.00 if all articles pass as written.

LAND USE REVISIONS

ART. 38. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" as enacted October 1992, by revising the Shoreland Zoning Section Appendix C to add a Limited Residential District, amend the Official Dresden Land use Map to show the addition of the Limited Residential District and replace omitted language related to contiguous non-conforming lots.

ART. 39. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" as enacted October 1992, by removing the Fee Schedule from the Dresden Land Use and Development Ordinance and allow the Selectmen to set the Building Fees and Plumbing Fees limiting the Selectmen to 5% yearly increases.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend Appendix B, fee schedule of the Dresden Land Use Ordinance by removing "garages holding fewer than four vehicles" from the minor structures schedule.

HOUSE KEEPING

ART. 41. To see what rate of interest the Town will vote to pay on overpayment of taxes from the date of overpayment.

Selectmen recommend: 2% per annum

ART. 42. To see if the Town will vote to establish the date of October 1, 2010 when one-half of the property taxes are due and payable and the date of April 1, 2011 when the remaining one-half of the taxes are due and payable. Or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen recommend: Yes

ART. 43. To see if the Town will vote to charge a rate of 7% per annum on taxes due after October 1, 2010 and 7% per annum on taxes due after April 1, 2011. Or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen recommend: Yes

ART. 44. To see what action the Town will vote to take regarding the use of money received from State Revenue Sharing.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Reduce Tax Commitment

ART. 45. To see what sum, if any, the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from surplus to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2010-11.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$5,000.0

ART. 46. To see what action the Town will vote to take regarding the use of money received from Excise Taxes and other non-property revenues.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Reduce Tax Commitment

ART. 47. To see if the Town will vote to change the terms of office for Town Selectmen from a 1 year term to a 3 year term. The Selectmen would serve staggered terms: the first year that this would go into effect there would be 1 Selectman for a one-year term, 1 Selectman for a 2-year term and 1 Selectman for a 3-Year term. Or act anything relative thereto.

NOTE: This proposal was brought before the Selectmen at a Selectmen's Meeting early this spring and we agreed to place this request before the Annual Town Meeting. In considering the overall impact of this proposal

the Selectmen are offering an alternate proposal (see article 48) that will still place the request before the voters so that it will still go into effect for the June 2011 elections and will allow for more voters to have a say by placing the proposed change on the November Ballot.

ART. 48. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to form a committee to research the impact of changing the terms of office for Town Officials from a one-year term to a three-year term and that committee shall make recommendations to the Selectmen in time to place a ballot question before all of the voters at the November Elections. Or act anything relative thereto.

ART. 49. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen or a Fish Committee to regulate the taking of Alewives in Mill Brook, Dresden, in accordance with the general laws and regulations of the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Or act anything relative thereto:

Selectmen recommend: Approval

ART. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property for which tax liens have expired or retain such property for the use of the Town if in their judgment the sale or retention of such property is in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

ART. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to conduct negotiations with a property owner for the purchase of any property or parcel of land that the Selectmen, in their best judgment, determine that acquiring said property would be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

ART. 52. To see if the Town will vote to take any franchise fees received from Time Warner Cable Company, estimated Fees \$4,000 for 2011 and place those funds into the Town Recreational fund.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds

listed below as provided by the Maine State legislature.

Category	Estimated Amount
State Revenue Sharing	68,000
MDOT Block Grants	43,000
General Assistance Payments	5,500
Snowmobile Registration Money	525
Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,500
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,400
Homestead Reimbursement	30,000
Other State Funds	10,000

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

Given under our hands at Dresden this 24th day of May 2010

JOHN W. OTTUM	JAMES C. REA	ALLAN MOELLER
1st Selectman	2nd Selectman	3rd Selectman

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Pownalborough Hall (Dresden Fire Station 2) during voting hours on Tuesday, June 8 2010 for the purpose of correcting the List of Voters.