

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

June 14, 2011

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 14, 2011, 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 18, 2011, 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 (for a one year, two year and three year term, respectively, one (1) Town Clerk, Treasurer, Property Tax Collector, Excise Tax Collector al 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 two (2) year term.

SALARIES

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

	10/11	Selectmen Recommend	BRC Recommend
Town Clerk	\$7,725	\$7,965	\$ 7,965
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	\$7,500	\$ 7,500
Excise Tax Collector	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$ 5,900
Totals		\$49,865	\$49,865

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 payment to the Town of Richmond for compensation for the **Code Enforcement Officer Services**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$8,000

Note: The Town has entered into an agreement to share services with the Town of Richmond to save cost and have more availability.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the **Fire Chiefs**. This year's request is \$4,200 for the Fire Chief and \$2,100 for the Assistant Chief for a total of \$6,300.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$6,300

Note: This is an increase of \$300.

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 \$36,400 Salary, \$2,000 Benefits
Total \$ 38,400

Note: This is an increase of \$2,658.

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

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**.

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 \$7,500

Note: This is a decrease of \$6,000 due to a surplus in the account.

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 raise and appropriate for the **Legal** Account, the sum of \$2,000 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

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 choose a **Fire Inspector** for the ensuing year.

ART. 18. 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.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to organize a **First Responder** Group to become part of the Dresden Volunteer Fire Department.

Selectmen/BRC recommend

DEBT PAYMENTS

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,210 as the second payment on the thirty year **Public Safety Building** Bond from the Maine Bond Bank.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$60,210

HEALTH AND SANITATION

ART. 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Northeast Mobile **Ambulance** Service Contract.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$5,000

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for **Tipping Fees** and the sum of \$8,500.00 as compensation for the **Transfer Station Attendant**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$22,500

Note: This is a decrease of \$3,000 due to the drop in pick ups needed.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 as compensation for the **Recycling Attendants**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$16,500

Note: This is an increase of \$1,000.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for the **Operation of the Recycling Center and the Transfer Station**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$5,500

Note: This is an increase of \$1,000

ART. 25. 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 \$1,000 to pay for the cost of the contract.

LCHS requests \$1282

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$1,000

Note: This is an increase of \$333.

HIGHWAYS

ART. 26. 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. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$237,200 for **Snow Removal**, \$89,000.00 for **Roads** and \$26,000 for **Paving/Capital Improvement**) a total of \$352,200 for the **Highway Accounts**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$352,200.00

NOTE: This is an \$11,200 increase.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Improvement Account to pay for the shingling of **the roof at the Jewett Fire Station** the sum of \$6,500 (Estimated Cost).

Selectmen/BRC recommend: \$6,500

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the **Capital Improvement Account**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend

Note: This will bring the account balance to \$46,489, before the work in Art. 28 is done.

MISCELLANEOUS

ART. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Account**.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$3,000

ART. 31. 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. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Planning Board Expenses** the sum of \$1,000 or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 33. 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 for future expenses for Land Use Regulation and the Planning Board.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Technology Account the sum of \$5,000 or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appoint a **Comprehensive Plan Committee** to work on a new Comp. Plan for the coming year and to raise and appropriate for their expenses the sum of \$500.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 36. 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) **Cemeteries** or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$8,250.00

ART. 37. 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. 38. 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. 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Donations** to the following organizations.

Organization	Requested	Recommended
Mobius	\$ 100	\$ 100
Kno-Wal-Lin Care and Hospice	\$1,620	\$500
Healthy Kids	\$ 250	\$250
Kennebec Valley Mental Health	\$ 200	\$200
Tedford Shelter	\$ 200	\$200
Senior Spectrum	\$1,050	\$600
Elmhurst	\$1,000	\$400
Maine General Health Reach Net	\$ 812	\$300
Midcoast Community Action	\$ 600	\$300
American Red Cross	\$ 500	\$250
Totals		\$3,100

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operations of **Bridge Academy Library**.

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

ART. 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,750.12 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
Selectmen/BRC recommend

ART. 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,326.48 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
Selectmen/BRC recommend

LD 1

ART. 43. To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy** limit of \$779,238 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: Dismissal

Note: LD 1 as passed by the State Legislature set a limit on growth of property taxes for all towns at 1.66%. This legislation also provided additional increases tied to the growth of the Town. Dresden's latest growth figures allows us to add an additional 2.0%, therefore Dresden is allowed under State Law to increase the amount of taxes raised through the Property Tax by a total of 3.66%. Based on what taxes were raised last year (\$721,464) we are allowed to increase that figure to \$779,238 (a \$57,774 increase.) Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the LD 1 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 \$748,452, if all articles pass as written.

LAND USE REVISIONS

ART. 44. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" as enacted October 1992, by revising **Article II**, Administration, Enforcement and Penalties; Section 3, Permit Application, as shown in **Attachment A** of this Warrant.

ART. 45. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" as enacted October 1992, by revising **Article V**, Land Use Requirements, **Section 2**. Land Use Districts and Uses, as shown in **Attachment B** of this Warrant.

ART. 46. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" as enacted October 1992, be revising **Article V**, Land Use Requirements, **Section 4**, General Performance Requirements and Standards, as shown in **Attachment C** of this Warrant.

ART. 47. Shall the Town vote to amend the “Land Use and Development Ordinance” as enacted October 1992, by revising **Article V**, Land Use Requirements, **Section 5**, Building Code, as shown in **Attachment D** of this Warrant.

ART. 48. Shall the Town vote to amend the “Land Use and Development Ordinance” as enacted October 1992, by revising **Article V**, Land Use Requirements, **Section 6**, Performance Requirements and Standards for Specific Activities, as shown in **Attachment E** of this Warrant.

ART. 49. Shall the Town vote to amend the “Land Use and Development Ordinance” as enacted October 1992, by revising **Appendix A**, Definitions, **Section 2**, Definitions as shown in **Attachment F** of this Warrant.

ART. 50. Shall the Town vote to approve the **Adult-Only Businesses Ordinance** as shown in **Attachment G**.

HOUSE KEEPING

ART. 51. To see what rate of **Interest** the Town will vote to pay on overpayment of taxes from the date of overpayment.

Selectmen recommend: 1% per annum

ART. 52. To see if the Town will vote to establish the date of October 1, 2011 when one-half of the property **taxes are due** and payable and the date of April 1, 2012 when the remaining one-half of the taxes are due and payable. Or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen recommend: Yes

ART. 53. To see if the Town will vote to charge a rate of 7% per annum for **Interest on taxes** due after October 1, 2011 and 7% per annum on taxes due after April 1, 2012. Or act anything relative thereto.

Selectmen recommend: Yes

ART. 54. 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. 55. 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 2011-12.

Selectmen/BRC recommend \$5,000.0

ART. 56. 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. 57. 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. 58. 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. 59. 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. 60. To see if the Town will vote to take any **franchise fees** received from Time Warner Cable Company, estimated Fees \$5,000 for 2012 and place those funds into the Town Recreational fund.

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

ART. 61. 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	90,000
MDOT Block Grants	39,000
General Assistance Payments	5,000
Snowmobile Registration Money	600
Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,500
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,100
Homestead Reimbursement	22,000
Other State Funds	7,000

Selectmen/BRC recommend: Yes

Given under our hands at Dresden this 26th day of May 2011

Vacant	DAVID PROBERT	ALLAN MOELLER
1st Selectman	2nd Selectman	3rd Selectman

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Pownalborough Hall during voting hours on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 for the purpose of correcting the List of Voters.

CAUTION: DRAFT ONLY! THERE MAY BE MINOR CHANGES MADE SO PLEASE CHECK THE POSTED WARRANT PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING.

ATTACHMENT "G" OF THE LAND USE REVISIONS IS NOT ATTACHED DUE TO ITS LENGTH. THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO
DRESDEN LAND USE ORDINANCE
May 24, 2011**

Shall the *Town of Dresden Land Use and Development Ordinance* be amended as follows (text following “[NEW]” is proposed new text, to be inserted at the place noted):

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

A SECTION 3. PERMIT APPLICATION

[NEW]

E. Decisions on any matter before the Planning Board shall require the vote of a majority of those members present and voting.

B ARTICLE V. LAND USE REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 2. LAND USE DISTRICTS AND USES

TABLE 1 Table of Permissible Uses

Residential

<u>USE/STRUCTURE</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>RL</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>WRM</u>	<u>RP</u>
[NEW] Residential wind energy tower/facility	C	C	C	N	C	N

C SECTION 4. GENERAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

[NEW]

V. Demolition. Any structure which receives damage of 50% or more of its fair market value, by fire, storm or other means, must be repaired, replaced or removed within 90 days of written notification to the property owner by the CEO that the structure, as is, is unsafe, unusable, or uninhabitable.

SECTION 5. BUILDING CODE**J. Certificate of Occupancy.****D**

[NEW]

3. Temporary housing. Temporary housing on any lot that is occupied by the property owner or the property owner's immediate family while a residential structure is being built or repaired must be removed (or discontinued by conversion) within 90 days after a certificate of occupancy has been issued.
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SECTION 6. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**E**

[NEW]

L. Residential Wind Energy Towers/Facility and Standards

1. Maximum blade height shall not exceed 150 feet above ground level (AGL).
 2. Minimum blade height and setback shall not be:
 - lower than 20 feet AGL or
 - within 20 feet of the nearest part of a habitable structure.
 3. Minimum tower setback distances: All towers shall be setback from lot lines a distance of at least twice the structure's height, but not less than the minimum setback requirements for the district in which they are located.
 4. No tower that requires lighting may be erected or operated.
 5. Sound levels of operating wind energy facilities shall conform to the standards in *Article V, Section 4., K. Noise Abatement* of this Ordinance, and to state requirements, whichever is more restrictive.
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APPENDIX A. DEFINITIONS,**F****SECTION 2, DEFINITIONS:**

[NEW]

Residential wind energy facility: A system that generates electricity designed for residential use and/or an accessory use on a residential property (e.g., farming), which system is composed of a tower, tower base, wind turbine and electrical infrastructure and control equipment, all of which is intended to produce electrical power for on-site consumption.
