

**TOWN OF DRESDEN
SECRET BALLOT WARRANT**

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
and
Saturday, June 12, 2021

TO: Sharon Lilly, Resident of the Town of Dresden, County of Lincoln, State of Maine.

GREETING: 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 and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Pownalborough Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 2021 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 by written ballot and by secret ballot; Article 2 set out below, and referenced herein separate warrant RSU#2 referendum. The polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until 8 p.m. in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at Pownalborough Fire Station in said town on Saturday, the 12th day of June, 2021 A.D., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Article 3 through all said Articles set out to wit:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ART. 1. To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meetings.

Richard Ross was elected by written ballot.

ART. 2. To elect the following Town official by secret ballot, namely one (1) First Selectman, Assessor, Road Commissioner, and Overseer of the Poor (for a three year term), and one (1) School Committee member to serve for a three (3) year term.

**First Selectman, Assessor, Road Commissioner, and Overseer of the Poor
John Rzasa was elected with 177 votes.*

**School Committee member
-Kathryn Marseglia received 127 votes and
-Scott Silverman received 70 votes*

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

ART. 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,364.00 to the following **Town Administration** Accounts.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2021
General Administration	\$38,888.00	\$52,064.00	\$13,176.00
BENEFITS FOR STAFF	\$13,800.00	\$25,000.00	\$11,200.00
INSURANCE	\$22,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$1,000.00
LEGAL	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENENANCE	\$39,500.00	\$50,300.00	\$10,800.00
FICA & MEDICARE	\$28,800.00	\$15,000.00	-\$13,800.00
TOTAL TOWN ADMINISTRATION	\$157,988.00	\$190,364.00	\$32,376.00

**Article 3 passed 30-4 as written.*

SALARIES.

ART. 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187,819.00 to compensate various **Salary and Wage** Accounts.

SALARY AND WAGE ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2020
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	\$10,200.00	\$10,775.00	\$575.00
1ST SELECTMAN	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
2ND SELECTMAN	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
3RD SELECTMAN	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
ASSESSOR	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
ADMINISTRATOR	\$46,500.00	\$44,500.00	-2,000.00
FIRE CHIEF	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$0.00
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDENTS	\$27,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$2,000.00
PLANNING BOARD SALARY	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE STAFF	\$54,700.00	\$62,244.00	\$7,544.00
TOTAL SALARY	\$177,200.00	\$187,819.00	\$10,619.00

**Article 4 passed 30-2 as written.*

ART. 5 To see if the Town will vote to collect and retain all motor vehicle registration agent fees and town clerk fees.

**Article 5 passed 35-0 as written.*

PROTECTION

ART. 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,613 to the following **Protection** Accounts.

PROTECTION ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
AMBULANCE	\$25,053.00	\$28,990.00	\$3,937.00
FIREFIGHTER REIMBURSEMENT	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS	\$44,350.00	\$44,350.00	\$0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (Debt Service)	\$60,210.00	\$60,210.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROTECTION	\$142,613.00	\$146,550.00	\$3,937.00

** Article 6 was voted to amend the amount found in line item entitled 'FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS' to \$36,240 which reduces the appropriation amount to \$138,440. Amendment passed to change 36-0.*

**Article 6 passed 37-0 as amended.*

ART. 7 To choose a **Fire Inspector** from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Article 7 passed 40-0 as written and Steve Lilly was chosen.*

ART. 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a **Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief** from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, after taking into consideration recommendations of the Dresden Fire Association, and to appoint any unfilled position in conjunction with the Dresden Fire Chief or act anything relative thereto.

**Article 8 passed 36-0 as written and Steve Lilly was appointed Fire Chief and Mike Nylan was appointed Assistant Fire Chief.*

SOLID WASTE

ART. 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total sum of \$27,300 for the following **Solid Waste** Accounts.

SOLID WASTE ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
SOLID WASTE HAULING	\$18,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$3,000.00
TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00	0.00
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	\$26,300.00	\$29,300.00	\$3,000.00

NOTE: There is an error in the table under "TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS" for the 2021 Appropriation. The corrected amount should be \$6,300 for a total of \$27,300.

**Article 9 passed as written 38-0 as written.*

HIGHWAYS

ART. 10 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.

**Article 10 passed 40-0 as written.*

ART. 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total sum of \$510,000 for the following **Highway Accounts**.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
PAVING	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
SAND	\$43,000.00	\$32,000.00	-\$11,000.00
SALT	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
SNOW REMOVAL	\$217,194.00	\$228,000.00	\$10,806.00
TOWN ROADS	\$91,000.00	\$85,000.00	-\$6,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$516,194.00	\$510,000.00	-\$6,194.00

**Article 11 passed 41-0 as written.*

CEMETERIES

ART. 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,250 for the following **Cemetery Account**.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
CEMETERY	\$11,500.00	\$8,250.00	-\$3,250.00

Note: Budget includes the Ancient Cemeteries & Veteran Flags for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Forest Hills Cemetery is now Town Owned.

**Article 12 passed 41-0 as written.*

DONATIONS

ART. 13 To see if the Town will vote to accept all General Assistance payments from the **Department of Health and Human Services** and to accept repayments from recipients and to appropriate those payments to the General Assistance Account.

**Article 13 passed 42-0 as written.*

ART. 14 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 Sno-Valley Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining trails throughout Dresden.

**Article 14 passed 41-1 as written.*

ART. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$16,875.00 for Charitable Contributions Accounts. *NOTE: The appropriation amount was a hand-written change to \$15,575 after the Annual Report was published but before being provided to the public.*

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS	2020 APPROPRIATION	2021 APPROPRIATION	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
DONATIONS (Public Service Agencies)	\$4,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$800.00
HUMANE SOCIETY	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00	\$0.00
LIBRARY	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$15,323.00	\$15,575.00	\$252.00

BREAKDOWN OF DONATIONS BY ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATIONS	2020 DONATIONS	2021 DONATIONS	Increase (Decrease) from 2019
American Red Cross	\$250.00	No request made	\$0.00
Dresden Historical Society	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00
Richmond Senior Center	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Healthy Kids	\$250.00	No request made	
Kennebec Behavioral Health	100.00	No request made	
MaineGeneral Hospice	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Maine Public	\$100.00	No request made	
Midcoast Maine Community Action	\$600.00	No request made	
New Hope for Women	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Richmond Area Food Pantry	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Spectrum Generations	\$600.00	No request made	
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$400.00	No request made	
Lincoln County Humane Society	\$1,923.00	\$2,175.00	\$200.00
Bridge Academy Library	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Non-Appropriate Funds - TBD	0.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$15,323.00	\$15,575.00	\$252.00

Note: Select Board approves as written.

Budget Review Committee only \$3,350.00 in Donations to Public Service Agencies

** Article 15 was voted to amend the amount found in line item entitled 'Non-Appropriate Funds-TBD' to \$0 which reduces the appropriation amount to \$13,275. Amendment passed to change 31-9.*

**Article 15 as amended passed 33-3.*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

ART. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from surplus to the **General Capital Improvement** account.

**Article 16 passed 41-0 as written.*

MISCELLANEOUS

ART. 17 To see if the Town will vote to take penalty fees related to the Land Use Ordinance 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.

**Article 17 passed 41-0 as written.*

ART. 18 To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Surplus to reduce the tax commitment.

**Article 18 passed 41-0 as written.*

ART. 19 To see if the Town will vote to take \$20,000 from Surplus to a Select Board Contingency Account.

**Article 19 passed 33-1 as written.*

ART. 20 To see if the Town will authorize an expenditure of \$5,000 to the Town of Richmond that will allow the citizens of Dresden to deliver to the Richmond Holding Area (licensed transfer station) acceptable waste and Dresden citizens will be subject to fees for various materials delivered to the transfer station.

**Article 20 passed 26-11 as written.*

HOUSEKEEPING

ART. 21 To see if the Town will vote to pay a rate of 1% per annum for overpayment of abated taxes.

**Article 21 passed 32-0 as written.*

ART. 22 To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed.

**Article 22 passed 37-0 as written.*

ART. 23 To see if the Town will vote to establish the date of October 1, 2021 when one-half of the property **taxes are due** and payable and the date of April 1, 2022 when the remaining one-half of the taxes are due and payable. Or act anything relative thereto. Further, that the proposed established dates of October 1, and April 1 will be the permanent due dates for taxes forward.

**Article 23 passed 37-0 as written.*

ART. 24 To see if the Town will vote to charge a rate of 7% per annum for **Interest on taxes** due after October 1, 2021 and 7% per annum on taxes due after April 1, 2022, or act anything relative thereto.

**Article 24 passed 33-2 as written.*

ART. 25 To see if the Town will vote to use the money received from **State Revenue Sharing** to reduce the Tax Commitment.

**Article 25 passed 37-0 as written.*

ART. 26 To see if the Town will vote to accept estimated funds \$167,218, received from the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan of 2021 and distributed by the State of Maine, which will be paid in 2 equal installments one in June 2021, and the second payment in June 2022.

**Article 26 passed 38-0 as written.*

ART. 27 To see if the Town will vote to use the money received from **Excise Taxes** and other non-property revenues to reduce the Tax Commitment.

**Article 27 passed 37-0 as written.*

ART. 28 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board, or a Fish Committee, to regulate the taking of **River Herring** in Mill Brook, Dresden, in accordance with the general laws and regulations of the Maine Department of Marine Resources or act anything relative thereto.

**Article 28 passed 36-0 as written.*

ART. 29 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.

**Article 29 passed 36-0 as written.*

ART. 30 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.

**Article 30 passed 35-0 as written.*

ART. 31 To see if the Town will vote to take the **franchise fees** received from Spectrum (estimated Fees are \$7,500 for 2021) and place those funds into the Town Recreational fund.

**Article 31 passed 35-0 as written.*

ART. 32 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	\$174,170
MDOT Block Grants	37,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,192
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	947
Homestead Reimbursement	151,043

Note: The 2021 Lincoln County Tax Commitment is \$218,990.04. This is an increase of \$8,271.98 or a 3.8% over the previous year, when the increase was 10.4%.

**Article 32 passed 33-0 as written.*

Note: The Total Appropriations approved at the Town Meeting 2020/2021 was \$1,054,535.00**. **The Total Appropriations requested for 2021/2022 is \$1,089,238. This is an increase of \$34,703 over last year's budget.**

**The \$1,054,535 includes additions from 2 separate Town Meetings addressing errors in original Annual Town Report and Warrant.

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____

Lisa Hewitt, Town Clerk