

To: Shannon Plourde, a resident of the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, 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 Durham in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below. (Polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) And, to notify and warn said Inhabitants to assemble at Durham Community School on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 45 as set out to wit:

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To elect all municipal officers, school committee members, and budget committee members as are required to be elected.

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Moderator’s Manual Rule of Procedure, sixth edition, as the rules of order for this meeting.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance \$44.00 to add to the 2018 Assessing budget.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance \$8,813.37 to add to the 2018 Fire Department Operations budget.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ORDINANCES

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote in favor of approving the Town of Durham 2018 Comprehensive Plan update, such approval is conditional on the following criteria:

1. Review and approval by the State of Maine Department of Conservation, Agriculture, and Forestry, for consistency with the goals and guidelines of the Growth Management Act (30-A M.R.S.A. §§ 4312- 4350), and that the plan includes all of the applicable required elements of the Maine Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule (07-105 CMR 208).
2. Inclusion of only non-substantive changes requested by the Department of Conservation, Agriculture, and Forestry which may include; update of content to satisfy the State’s guidelines and update or addition of statistical information and maps.
3. Final adoption by the Durham Board of Selectmen of any non-substantive changes required by the Department of Conservation, Agriculture, and Forestry to obtain a letter of consistency.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to repeal the 2004 Growth Management and Establishment of Districts Ordinance of the Town of Durham, Maine that limits the rate of growth as required to qualify for exemption from Growth Management Act requirements to designate growth areas and adopt plans, policies, and funding strategies to create a densely developed Town center.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to adopt Addendum 1 to the 2019 Durham Comprehensive Plan to lay out a process for updating the Comprehensive Plan and considering a legally enforceable rate of growth ordinance if the rate of new residential building permits exceeds the growth rate cap established in the 2004 Growth Management and Establishment of Districts Ordinance or the number of subdivision lots approved by the Planning Board in any year exceeds 100 lots.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

Article 9 To see if the Town of Durham will vote: (1) to approve a road construction and paving project, including all engineering and associated costs therewith (the "Project"); and (2) to appropriate an amount of **\$2,100,000** for the Project; and (3) to fund the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bonds of the Town of Durham (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$2,100,000**; and (4) to authorize and delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form and other detail of said general obligation bonds, including execution and delivery of said general obligation bonds and to provide for the sale thereof as well as the negotiation and execution of any loan agreement necessary with any party.

TOWN OF DURHAM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness

A.	Bonds Outstanding	\$5,986,527
B.	Bonds Authorized and Unissued*	\$250,000
C.	Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved	<u>\$2,100,000</u>
	Total	\$8,336,527
	*Ambulance bond approved at Town Meeting in 2018	

Costs At an estimated average interest rate of 2.59 percent and an estimated 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of these bonds will be:

Principal:	\$2,100,000
Interest:	\$315,859
Total Debt Service	\$2,415,859

Validity The validity of the bonds or the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimate. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Ruth Glaeser
/s Treasurer

Selectmen Recommend

Budget Committee: No Recommendation

Article 10 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the purchase of a new truck and snowplow package.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$220,000

Transfer \$220,000 from Designated Fund Balance (*Public Works Capital Fund*)

Article 11 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to spend on Fire Department Capital Expenses (*Turn-Out Gear and Breathing Apparatus Air Bottles*).

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$21,400

Transfer \$21,400 from Designated Fund Balance (*Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund*)

Article 12 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$55,000

Raise \$55,000



EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 13 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Durham Fire and Rescue Operating Budget (this includes the Fire Department Per Diem Budget which was voted as a separate article in 2017 and 2018).

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$484,325

Raise \$484,325

Article 14 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Operating Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 1,231,986

Transfer from designated funds:		\$969,657
	<i>Auto Excise</i>	<i>\$916,529</i>
	<i>LRAP</i>	<i>\$53,128</i>
Raise		\$262,329
Total Public Works Budget		\$1,231,986

Article 15 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Administration Expenses.

Selectmen Recommend: \$375,931

Budget Committee Recommend: \$374,931

*see detail next page

*administration detail from Article 15

	Select Board Recommendation	Budget Committee Recommendation
Transfer from Designated Funds:	\$101,919	\$130,887
<i>Building permits</i>	<i>\$15,854</i>	<i>\$15,854</i>
<i>Electrical permits</i>	<i>\$5,300</i>	<i>\$5,300</i>
<i>Plumbing permits</i>	<i>\$8,169</i>	<i>\$8,169</i>
<i>Vehicle Re-registrations</i>	<i>\$14,360</i>	<i>\$14,360</i>
<i>Delinquent tax interest</i>	<i>\$31,899</i>	<i>\$31,899</i>
<i>Tax exemption reimbursement</i>	<i>\$19,768</i>	<i>\$19,768</i>
<i>Town Clerk fees</i>	<i>\$5,713</i>	<i>\$5,713</i>
<i>**Miscellaneous revenues</i>	<i>\$856</i>	<i>\$856</i>
<i>Telecommunications</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$11,900</i>
<i>Undesignated Funds</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$17,068</i>
Raise	\$274,012	\$244,044
Total Administration Budget	\$375,931	\$374,931

Article 16 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Sheriff’s details aimed at reducing speed on roads in the Town of Durham.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,600

Budget Committee Recommend: \$0

Transfer \$3,600 from undesignated funds

Article 17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to appropriate from undesignated funds (estimated balance on December 31, 2018: \$1,203,892) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the 2019 budget year.

Selectmen Recommend: \$35,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$0

Transfer \$35,000 from undesignated funds

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 1% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2019.

The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town of Durham’s annual debt service.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 732,570

Transfer from designated funds:	<i>Fire Capital Improvement Fund</i>	\$49,627
Raise		\$682,943
Total Debt Repayment Budget		\$732,570

2019 Bond Payments

Bond	Payment	Total
Building Bond 2014	5 of 15	\$ 91,120
Equip Bond 2014	5 of 10	\$ 141,524
Quint Bond	6 of 6	\$ 20,180
Road Bond 2016	3 of 7	\$ 168,992
Fire Truck 2018	1 of 10	\$ 58,894
Road Bond 2018	1 of 10	\$ 251,860
	Total	\$ 732,570

Article 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Matching Grants Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000
Transfer \$10,000 from undesignated funds

Budget Committee Recommend: \$7,500
Transfer \$7,500 from undesignated funds

Article 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for a raise pool to be distributed through the following departments: Administration, Public Works, Fire Department, Telecommunications and the Eureka Community Center and Planning.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$15,000
Raise \$15,000

Article 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Animal Control.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 15,003

Transfer from designated funds:	<i>Animal Control</i>	\$1,934
Raise		\$13,069
Total Animal Control Works Budget		\$15,003

Article 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Assessing.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$21,150
Raise \$21,150

Article 24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Cemeteries.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$8,650
Raise \$8,650

Article 25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Conservation.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$2,200
Transfer \$2,200 from designated fund (*Recreation*)

Article 26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Social and Community Service Agencies.

Selectmen Recommend: Raise \$2,100

Budget Committee Recommend: Raise \$2,000

	Select Board Recommendation	Budget Committee Recommendation
Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice	\$0	\$500
Community Concepts	\$700	\$500
LACO	\$700	\$500
Seniors Plus	\$700	\$500
	\$2,100	\$2,000

Article 27 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Eureka Community Center.

Selectmen Recommend: \$6,739

Budget Committee Recommend: \$5,840

	Select Board Recommendation	Budget Committee Recommendation
Transfer from designated funds: Eureka Rentals	\$840	\$840
Raise	\$5,899	\$5,000
Total Eureka Budget	\$6,739	\$5,840

Article 28 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$2,000

Transfer \$2,000 from undesignated funds

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$9,050

Transfer \$9,050 from designated funds: *Recreation Fund*

Budget Committee Recommend: \$7,500

Transfer \$7,500 from designated funds: *Recreation Fund*

Article 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Planning Board/Appeals/Historic District Commission.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 46,599

Transfer from designated funds:	\$4,680
<i>Conditional Use Permits</i>	\$4,400
<i>Appeals Administration Fees</i>	\$280
Raise	\$41,919
Total Planning Board/Appeals/Historic District Commission Budget	\$46,599

Article 31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 210,710

Transfer from designated funds:	<i>Solid Waste Tags</i>	\$19,770
Raise		\$190,940
Total Solid Waste Budget		\$210,710

Article 32 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Telecommunications.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$54,234

Transfer \$54,234 from designated funds (*Telecommunications*)

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000 for the Union Church Renovation Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article not pass.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

- Article 34** To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise allowable.
(Note: This article requires a written ballot)

The levy limit is \$1,436,327

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BUSINESS ARTICLES

- Article 35** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the total 2019 Net Assessment for Commitment to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2019 fiscal year.
- Article 36** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.
- Article 37** To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing interest on delinquent taxes and establishing a date for interest to start. Interest shall begin to accrue on all unpaid taxes forty five days after the date taxes are committed. The interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be 9% per annum.
- Article 38** To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and officials in the hands of the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 39** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of town owned property which they determine is no longer needed or usable by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.
- Article 40** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all taxes due, fees, and interest, and, if not paid by previous owners by date demanded, advertising for sealed bids stating the lowest bid acceptable and on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds thereon, and allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
- Article 41** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on overpayment of abated taxes at 5% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
- Article 42** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at an interest rate of 0% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.

Article 43 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to that of the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.

Article 44 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one third (1/3) of the budget amount in each category of the Town of Durham 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the close of the 2020 annual town meeting.

Article 45 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money on notes approved by at least three members of the Board of Selectmen and countersigned by the Select Board Chair, to pay for the operating costs of the Town.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February, 2019:

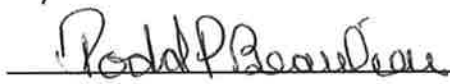
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