



Annual Warrant ~ ~ Town of Whitefield
FY 2021-2022

To: Heidi Lackey, Resident of the Town of Whitefield, County of Lincoln, State of Maine.

GREETINGS,

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Whitefield, Maine in Lincoln County, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to assemble at the **Whitefield Elementary School** located at 164 Grand Army Road in said Town of Whitefield on **Saturday the Fifth day of June, 2021 at 10:00 AM**, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 44 as set out below, to wit:*

Article 1: To elect a **Moderator** by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if the **Town will fix dates when taxes shall be due and payable**, and to see if the **Town will fix an annual interest rate** to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the **Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes** not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §506, amount not to exceed previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayments will be zero percent.
20/21 budget year interest rate 4%.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF: Taxes due Tuesday, November 30, 2021 and Friday, April 29, 2022 and a 4% interest rate for unpaid taxes.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus funds to **pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.**

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Town Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan** for property taxes, whereby:

- the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his or her estimated and actual tax obligation for the current year property taxes;
- the Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- the Town authorizes the Town Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes.

- the agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club.
- only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program.
- taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the town by a publicly advertised deadline determined by the Town Tax Collector.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Article 5: To see if the town will authorize the **Treasurer, after Select Board Approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure of a tax lien** at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §944 on real estate that may be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts** to negotiate optimal value for the procurement of certain necessary services to the Town.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes** thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same; with the exception that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by law, Title 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for a qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town** and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations** on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes.

Article 10: To see if the Town will authorize the **Select Board to dispose of Town owned property valued up to \$1,000**. Property valued over \$1,000 will be sold through auction or sealed-bid process.

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide **Compensation to the Select Board** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$14,800

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$18,500 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$18,500 (5-0)

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing **Compensation and Employee benefits for Town Employees** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$167,721

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$164,498 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$164,498 (5-0)

Note: This includes Admin Salaries, Insurances, Social Security for all departments (including part time employees), Income Protection, Retirement, Travel, and Training.

Article 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general expenses associated with the **Operation of Town Government** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$100,617

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$110,976 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$110,976 (5-0)

Note: Includes MMA dues, registry, advertising, office supplies, postage, telephone, utilities, heat, Townhouse heat, property insurance, workers compensation insurance, legal services, audit fees, assessing fees, computer software (TRIO), maintenance, website, other contracted services, office equipment, land taxes, preservation of records, etc.

Article 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Elections** expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$5,178

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$3,600 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$3,600 (5-0)

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Planning Board** expenses and **Code Enforcement Officer** expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$11,150

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$11,330 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$11,330 (5-0)

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Facilities Maintenance** during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$32,266

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$53,011 (5-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$ 53,011 (5-0)

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Operation of the Whitefield Fire Department** during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$96,963

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$97,563 (4-1)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$97,563 (6-0)

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Control Contract** during the ensuing fiscal year during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$7,500

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$8,000 (5-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$8,000 (6-0)

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maintenance and Repairs of Town Roads** during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$151,398

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$409,459 (4-1)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$409,459 (6-0)

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Winter Maintenance of Town Roads** during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$319,414

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$379,200 (5-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$379,200 (6-0)

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Program** during the ensuing fiscal year.

20/21 Budget was \$2,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$2,000 (5-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$2,000 (6-0)

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the following outside services: **Lincoln County Humane Society, \$3,335; Hatch Hill, \$23,000** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$25,990

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$26,335 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$26,335 (6-0)

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Salaries, Utilities and Maintenance for the Recycling Center** during the ensuing fiscal year. 20/21 Budget was \$3,369

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$3,497 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$3,497 (6-0)

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Capital Outlay** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$9,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$9,000 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$9,000 (6-0)

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for repairs of the **Leonard's Bridge Culvert on South Hunts Meadow Road.** (This is the 4th Year)
20/21 Budget was \$50,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$50,000 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$50,000 (6-0)

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Future Purchase of the Solar Panels on the Central Fire Station.** (This is the 3rd & Final Year)
20/21 Budget was \$8,910

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$8,910 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$8,910 (6-0)

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for **Town Buildings Security Updates.** (Town Office \$2,190 & KMFS \$5,330)
20/21 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$7,520 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$7,520 (6-0)

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting**.
20/21 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$1,300 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$1,300 (6-0)

NOTE: Eight LED streetlight installations are proposed at the locations described in the information sheet

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Grinding of Cooper Road**.
20/21 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$12,500 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$12,500 (6-0)

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Line Striping on the Townhouse, Hunts Meadow, North Hunts Meadow & South Hunts Meadow Roads**.
20/21 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$5,200 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$5,200 (6-0)

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Grader Addition to & Back Wall Repair of Sand/Salt Shed**.
20/21 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$60,000 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$60,000 (6-0)

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to lapse all balances into undesignated Fund Balance except those which must be carried forward by statute and the balances of the following accounts: **Emergency Management Operations, Fire Department Capital, Central Fire Station Solar Panels, Leonard's Bridge Culvert and the Grader Addition to & Back Wall Repair of Sand/Salt Shed**, these accounts will not lapse and to allow the Select Board to expend from them in future years for their designated purposes.

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$600

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$600 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$600 (6-0)

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Soldiers' Graves and Whitefield Cemetery** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$4,400

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$4,400 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$4,400 (6-0)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the **Debt Service incurred for the Fire Department and Fire Truck** during the ensuing fiscal year.
20/21 Budget was \$52,333

Fire Truck Principal	\$17,086
Fire Truck Interest	\$ 4,861
Fire Station Principal	\$18,271
Fire Station Interest	<u>\$17,657</u>
	\$57,875

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$57,875 (5-0)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$57,875 (6-0)

Article 36: To see if the Town will allow revenue received from **Cable Franchise Fees** to be used for matching grant for local Broadband. (This amount to carry forward for future use)

Note: The funds received vary each year: FY 17-18 \$4,214, FY 18-19 \$4,896, FY 19-20 \$5,511 & FY 20-21 \$5,762.

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Donations to the following Organizations:**

	Previous Budget FY 20-21	Organization Requested FY 21-22	Select Board FY 21-22	Budget Com FY 21-22	Select Board Recommends	Budget Com Recommends
American Red Cross	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	4-1	6-0
Midcoast Maine CAP	\$ 1,000	\$0.00				
Maine General Hospice	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,137	\$1,137	\$ 1,137	4-1	6-0
Kenn. Behavioral Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$1,000	\$ 1,000	4-1	6-0
New Hope for Women	\$ 580	\$ 580	\$ 580	\$ 580	4-1	6-0
Spectrum Generations	\$ 730	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	4-1	6-0
Young at Heart	\$ 150	\$0.00				
Children Center	\$0.00	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,127	4-1	6-0
Healthy Kids	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	4-1	6-0
Waldo County Comm. Act.	\$0.00	\$ 469	\$ 469	\$ 0	4-1	6-0
Lifelight	\$0.00	\$ 575	\$ 0	\$ 0	4-1	6-0
Whitefield Library	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	4-1	6-0
Totals	\$6,347	\$ 7,448	\$6,873	\$6,404		

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$6,873 (4-1)
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$6,404 (6-0)

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the **Whitefield Food Bank** in the ensuing year.

20/21 Budget was \$3,000 Taxes + \$3,000 from William Turner Charity Trust

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$3,000 + \$3,000 from William Turner Charity Trust (4-0-1)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$3,000 + \$3,000 from William Turner Charity Trust (6-0)

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received by the Town from the **State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Snowmobile Club** for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. These funds are to be used for the maintenance of snowmobile trails within the Town.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to move funds in the municipal budget from categories with balances to those with deficits** during the ensuing fiscal year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy Limit** established for the Town of Whitefield 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 the property tax levy limit.

Note: ~~To be decided by written ballot:~~ Executive Order 56: An Order to Further Facilitate the State Primary and Local Elections Within Public Health Restrictions Due to Covid-19, 6-4-2020

L. Solely to the extent that 30-A M.R.S. § 5721-A(7)(A) requires a written ballot to exceed or increase the property tax levy limit at an open town meeting held in compliance with relevant gathering limits, **it is suspended in favor of either a show of hands vote or a voice vote during the state of emergency.**

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the **Select Board to expend funds from the following General Fund revenue sources to be applied toward the 21/22 budget** thereby decreasing the amount to be raised from property taxes.

Auto Excise	\$390,000
Boat Excise	\$ 2,000
Agent Fees	\$ 11,100
Licenses/Certificates	\$ 900
Cemetery Mowing Reimbursement	\$ 2,000
Interest on Taxes	\$ 6,500
Lien Cost	\$ 6,000

Other non-property	\$ 7,500
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 30,000
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 25,600
Total	\$481,600

20/21 Budget was \$465,115

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$481,600

Article 43: To authorize the **Select Board to accept and expend any other revenue from State, Federal, local or private sources** for the support of the Town during the ensuing fiscal year.

Article 44: Shall the Town vote to replace its existing Development, Minimum Lot Size and Notice to Build Ordinances with the proposed **"Building and Development Ordinance"**?

Note: The proposed Ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Website and will be available at the Town Meeting.


SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

The Registrar will be in session during Town Meeting to register anyone eligible to vote in Town matters.

Given under our hands and seal in the said Town of Whitefield this 27 day of April, 2021




 Lester E Sheaffer Jr, Chair



 Charlene P Donahue, Vice Chair



 William C McKeen

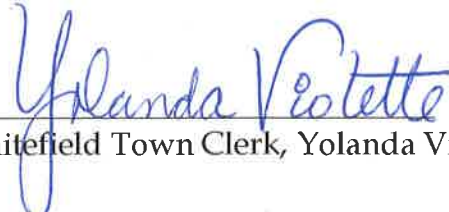


 Lise A Hanners



 Keith Sanborn

A true copy of the warrant.

Attested: 

 Whitefield Town Clerk, Yolanda Violette

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Whitefield, Maine MAY 6, 2021 A.D.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at

1. Whitefield Town Office, 36 Townhouse Road (both windows)
2. North Whitefield Superette, 3 Mills Road (bulletin board)
3. Country Corners, 184 Main Street (bulletin board)
4. Sheepscot General Store, 98 Townhouse Road (bulletin board)

in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 6TH day of
MAY 2021 A.D., being at least seven days before the meeting


Resident of Whitefield, Heidi Lackey