

# WARRANT FOR 2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To: Melanie Hardy, a resident of the Town of Oakfield

## GREETINGS:

In the Name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of Oakfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Community Center, at the 250 Oakfield Smyrna Road, on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles to wit:

### Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

### Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in its discretion to dispose of surplus or non-usable supplies, equipment or material by public sale or bid.

### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with third parties by closed sealed bids.

### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint members of Town advisory bodies, and to hire and set salaries, in compliance within state law and within the budgeted amount.

### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to convey any tax acquired property to the principal owner or taxpayer from whom it was acquired upon payment to the town of an amount equal to the amount owed which includes interest and costs they owed upon said property. The taxes shall be computed as though the town has not taken the property and as though the property has been assessed to the prior owner until the time of repurchase. The Selectmen may offer the property for sale through sealed bids to the highest bidder. Notice of such property sale will be advertised for three consecutive weeks before the last day that bids may be received in the local paper having a circulation in the Town of Oakfield once a week. All such offers shall be made with the rights of the Selectmen to reject any and all bids. If no bids are received for at least seventy-five (75) percent of the assessed value offered for sale, then the Selectmen shall reject all bids. If the property is offered for sale again the Selectmen may accept any amounts therefore in their discretion. The Selectmen may in their discretion retain for the Town any tax-acquired property, which they feel would be beneficial to the Town to be used for municipal purposes.

### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend Federal and State grant funds during fiscal year 2008.

### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2009 budget during the period from January 1, 2009 to the March Annual Town Meeting.

### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to have taxes due and payable on November 1st, with interest at the rate of 11 percent per annum.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate paid by the town on paid abated taxes at 5.0 percent per annum pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds raised through various fund raising activities and donations received by the Oakfield Committees and to allow the various Oakfield Committees to expend same.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$136,614.00 for the Administrative Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,027.00 for the Volunteer Fire Department Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$124,398.00 for Public Works Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,825.00 for the Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,635.00 for General Administration Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for General Assistance Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 for Community Center Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,250.00 for Intergovernmental Account. (Sludge Site and Swimming Lessons)

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,050.00 for Recreation Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the below Non Profit Agency Requests (third party requests).

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend:      Defer to Town Meeting

<u>Non- Profit</u>	<u>2007 Approved Amount</u>	<u>2008 Request</u>
Northern Maine Development	1337.00	1337
Aroostook Agency of Aging	\$445	\$445
Smoki Haulers	\$600	\$600
Aroostook Comm. Action (ACAP)	\$0	\$175
Cary Library	\$1700	\$1700
Southern Aroostook Soil & Water	\$250	\$250
Oakfield Senior Citizens	\$100	\$100
Boy Scout Troop 2020	\$75	\$150
Boy Scout Troop	\$75	\$150
Girl Scouts	\$75	\$150
Houlton Animal Shelter	\$2900	\$2900

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the below amounts from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

Selectmen Recommend:      Yes

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Comprehensive Plan	\$3,062	This recommended amount is the town's remaining balance to be paid to NMDC; this amount was raised thru taxation last fiscal year.
Fire Equipment Reserve	\$4,362	This amount was the unspent amount from last fiscal year, and pursuant to our inter-local contracts any funds remaining are to be placed in a Fire Equipment Reserve Account

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to accept \$333,263 in Non-Property Tax Revenue to reduce the 2008 tax commitment.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend:      Yes

<u>Revenue Projections</u>	<u>2007 Received</u>	<u>2008 TM Proposed</u>
<u>Local Receipts</u>		
4000 - Fax Fees	\$ 51.50	\$ 50.00
4005 - Photocopies	\$ 189.35	\$ 175.00
4025 - Plumbing Permits	\$ 666.75	\$ 500.00

4030 - Building Permits	\$	40.00	\$	20.00
4060 - Hall Rental	\$	1,799.00	\$	1,000.00
4100 - Tax Interest	\$	7,673.52	\$	5,000.00
4110 - Lien Fees	\$	2,944.45	\$	2,000.00
4115 - Bank Interest	\$	17,010.58	\$	10,000.00
4125 - Boat Excise	\$	840.90	\$	500.00
4130 - Auto Excise	\$	104,233.98	\$	90,000.00
4135 - MV Agent Fee	\$	2,778.00	\$	2,000.00
RV Fees	\$	429.00	\$	400.00
4140 - Dog License Fees	\$	449.00	\$	400.00
4141 - Clerk Fee	\$	612.00	\$	500.00
4240 - Tipping Fees	\$	28,954.00	\$	25,000.00
4245 - Recycling	\$	403.76	\$	400.00
4285 - Donations				
4325 - Comm.Ctr Donations	\$	5,064.50	\$	5,000.00
4290 - Gas Tax Reimbursement	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00
<u>sub-total</u>	\$	175,940.29	\$	144,745.00

Intergovernmental

4258 - Dyer Brook (Fire)	\$	9,000.00	\$	12,500.00
Smyrna (Fire)	\$	9,000.00	\$	12,500.00
Merrill (Fire)	\$	9,000.00	\$	12,500.00
Dyer Brook (Snow Plow)	\$	3,200.00	\$	3,200.00
Aroostook County (Fire)	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
State of Maine (Comp. Plan)	\$	18,413.00	\$	-
Swimming Lessons (Smyrna, Merrill, Dyer Brook)	\$	1,575.00	\$	1,575.00
Sludge Site (Smyrna, Merrill, Dyer Brook)	\$	1,575.00	\$	1,575.00
<u>sub-total</u>	\$	49,213.00	\$	44,450.00

State Revenues

4155 - URIP (Roads)	\$	28,954.00	\$	28,768.00
4160 - St. Revenue Sharing	\$	79,731.00	\$	70,000.00
4276 - Homestead Reimb.	\$	23,428.00	\$	23,000.00
4320 - Snowmobile Refund	\$	540.00	\$	500.00
Veteran Exemption Reimb.	\$	316.00	\$	300.00
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$	25,635.00	\$	20,000.00
General Assistance	\$	-	\$	1,500.00
<u>sub-total</u>	\$	158,604.00	\$	144,068.00

Non-Recurring Revenue

Land Sales			\$	-
Undesignated Fund Balance				
Liquidation of Cert. of Deposit (FF Suppression)	\$	18,400.00		

<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	\$	<u>383,757.29</u>		<u>333,263.00</u>
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Article 24

To see if the town will vote to establish reserve funds for the specific capital designated uses pursuant to 30 MRSA 5801-5802.

<u>Capital Reserve Fund Name</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>
Town Garage	\$13,886	Appropriate & Transfer Funds to the Revaluation Reserve Account
Revaluation Reserve Acct	\$14,345	Appropriate and Transfer total balance for a Partial Revaluation
Ministerial (School)	\$12,646	None
Cemetery Capital Reserve	\$9,269	None
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$58,830	Appropriate \$7500 for FY 08 for repairs to existing public works equipment
Community Center	\$19,061	None
Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$4,362	Appropriate and Transfer \$3,000 for a new Communications Response System
<u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u>	<u>\$127,507</u>	

Article 25

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to utilize the Maine Department of Transportation Funds (U.R.I.P) for road projects as they deem in the best interest of the town.

Article 26

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to explore the opportunity of a Fire Service District with the towns of Dyer Brook, Merrill, and Smyrna.

Given under our hands at Oakfield, Maine, this 3rd day of March 2008

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Lewis Swallow

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Cathy Briggs

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James Sholler

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the voters of the Town of Oakfield, Maine qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting attested copies this day of the within warrant at the Community Center, Bulletin Board at the Municipal Office Building, Oakfield Post Office, and at the local grocery store the same being conspicuous public places in said Town.

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Melanie Hardy  
Resident of Oakfield, ME

I attest that this is a true copy,

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Dale Morris, Town Clerk