

# WARRANT FOR 2007 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 Tuesday, July 10, 2007 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 2007.

### Article 8

To see if the town will vote to extend the current membership of the Oakfield Board of Selectmen from its current three (3) person board to a five (5) person board. The elections of the new members to take place at the March 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9

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 2007 budget during the period from January 1, 2008 to the March Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to have taxes due and payable on November 1st, with interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum.

Article 11

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 12

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 authorize the Selectmen to expend same.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$38,000 established for Oakfield 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.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Universalist Church

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$153,412,000.00 for the Administrative Account.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,095.00 for the Volunteer Fire Department Account.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$116,714.00 for Public Works Account.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,820.00 for the Transfer Station Account.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,400.00 for General Administration Account.

Article 20

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

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,350.00 for Community Center Account.

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,630.00 for Public Safety Account.

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,550.00 for Recreation Account.

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,903.00 for Non Profit Agency Requests (third party requests).

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Dollar Request</u>
Northern Maine Development Commission	\$1337
Homeless Services of Aroostook	\$846
Aroostook Agency of Aging	\$445
Smoki Haulers	\$600
Cary Library	\$1700
Food Pantry	\$400
N. Katahdin Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$1000
Southern Aroostook Soil & Water	\$250
Boy Scouts Troop 2020	\$75
Boy Scouts Troop 202	\$75
Girl Scouts	\$75
Oakfield Senior Citizens	\$100
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,903.00</u></b>

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to accept \$348,228 in Non-Property Tax Revenue to reduce the tax commitment.

<u>Revenue Projections</u>	<u>2006 TM Approved</u>	<u>2007 TM Proposed</u>
<b><u>Local Receipts</u></b>		
4000 - Fax Fees		\$ 50.00
4005 - Photocopies		\$ 100.00
4025 - Plumbing Permits		\$ 300.00
4030 - Building Permits		\$ 25.00
4060 - Hall Rental		\$ 1,500.00
4100 - Tax Interest	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
4110 - Lien Fees		\$ 400.00
4115 - Bank Interest	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,000.00
4125 - Boat Excise	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
4130 - Auto Excise	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
4135 - MV Agent Fee	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
RV Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
4140 - Dog License Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
4141 - Clerk Fee		
4240 - Tipping Fees	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 25,000.00
4245 - Recycling		\$ 1,500.00
4285 - Donations		
4325 - Comm.Ctr Donations	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
4290 - Misc (Land Sales & Gas Tax Reim)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
<b><u>sub-total</u></b>	<b>\$ 128,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 140,775.00</b>
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>		
4258 - Dyer Brook (Fire)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Smyrna (Fire)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Merrill (Fire)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
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)		\$	2,000.00
Sludge Site (Smyrna, Merrill, Dyer Brook)		\$	2,700.00
<b>sub-total</b>	\$	30,800.00	\$ 53,913.00

**State Revenues**

4155 - URIP (Roads)	\$	14,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
4160 - St. Revenue Sharing	\$	70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
4276 - Homestead Reimb.	\$	21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
4320 - Snowmobile Refund	\$	540.00	\$ 540.00
Veteran Exemption Reimb.	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$	16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
General Assistance	\$	1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>sub-total</b>	\$	123,790.00	\$ 134,540.00

**Non-Recurring Revenue**

Land Sales	\$	18,500.00	\$ -
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	20,000.00	\$ -
Liquidation of Cert. of Deposit (FF Suppression)			\$ 19,000.00

<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>321,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 348,228.00</b>
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Article 26

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>
Landfill Certificate of Deposit	\$29,195	Machias Savings Bank	Close to General Fund
Ambulance Cert. of Deposit	\$3,595	Machias Savings Bank	Close to General Fund
Revenue Sharing	\$21,623	TD Banknorth	Close to General Fund
Undesignated Surplus	\$1,788	TD Banknorth	Close to General Fund
FF Suppression Cert. of Deposit	\$19,000	Katahdin Trust	Close to General Fund
Office Renovations		Katahdin Trust	Close to General Fund
Revaluation Reserve Acct	\$13,977	Machias Savings	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
Ministerial Passbook	\$12,411	Machias Savings	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
Cemetery	\$8,945	Machias Savings	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$79,097	TD Banknorth	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
Community Center	\$21,702	TD Banknorth	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
Town Garage	\$13,559	TD Banknorth	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account
MDOT Funds	\$2,933	TD Banknorth	Close to Katahdin Trust in separate account

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$12,000.00 from available funds for the 2007 debt service payment on the Fire Truck purchased in 2006.

Article 28

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$8,500.00 from available funds for the purchase of a defibrillator for the Community Center.

Article 29

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$30,000 from available funds for a new truck to be used for Public Works related purposes.

Article 30

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$25,000 from available funds for major repairs to existing Public Works equipment during the Fiscal Year 2007.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Betterment Committee

Given under our hands at Oakfield, Maine, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2007

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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