

WARRANT FOR 2011 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 21, 2011 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.

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 2011.

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 2011 budget during the period from January 1, 2012 to the March Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to have taxes due and payable on November 1st, 2011, with interest at the rate of 7 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 3.5 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 ratify and confirm action taken by Selectmen on overdrafts in the Auditor's report in the 2011 Annual Report.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$156,482.00 for the Administrative Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$55,220.00 for the Volunteer Fire Department Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$153,429.00 for the Public Works Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,575.00 for the Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,367.00 for the General Administration Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for General Assistance Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,300.00 for the Community Center Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the \$3,525.00 Intergovernmental Account. (Sludge Site)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following:

\$2,425.00 Recreation Account
 \$9,500.00 for Cemetery Account

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 22

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>2011 Request</u>
Aroostook Agency of Aging	\$445
Smoki Haulers	Actual Dollars received by Town
Aroostook Comm. Action (ACAP)	\$175
Cary Library	\$2162
Southern Aroostook Soil & Water	\$250
Oakfield Senior Citizens	\$100
Boy Scout Troop 2020	\$150
Boy Scout Troop	\$150
Girl Scouts	\$150
Lincoln Animal Shelter	\$1500

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to accept \$331,945.00 in Non-Property Tax Revenue to reduce the 2011 tax commitment.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

<u>Revenue Projections</u>	<u>2010 Received</u>	<u>2011 TM Proposed</u>
<u>Local Receipts</u>		
4000 - Fax Fees	\$ 36.00	\$ 30.00
4005 - Photocopies	\$ 74.00	\$ 140.00
4025 - Plumbing Permits	\$ 823.00	\$ 550.00
4030 - Building Permits	\$ 150.00	\$ -
4060 - Hall Rental	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,000.00
4100 - Tax Interest	\$ 9,064.00	\$ 6,500.00
4110 - Lien Fees	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 3,000.00
4115 - Bank Interest	\$ 698.00	\$ 600.00
4125 - Boat Excise	\$ 873.00	\$ 500.00
4130 - Auto Excise	\$ 100,361.00	\$ 95,000.00
4135 - MV Agent Fee	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 2,500.00
RV Fees	\$ 331.00	\$ 375.00
4140 - Dog License Fees	\$ 971.00	\$ 350.00
4141 - Clerk Fee	\$ 627.00	\$ 500.00
4240 - Tipping Fees	\$ 41,089.00	\$ 41,000.00

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 purchase a dump truck for a price not to exceed \$125,000. Funding to be as follows: To appropriate 50% of the cost from available Tax Increment Funds and the remaining 50% of the cost to be appropriated from available funds and/or issuance of debt financing.

Article 27

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Jerome and Charlene Steinberg for the purpose of Cemetery Expansion.

Article 28

To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectmen to enter into a Reimbursement contract and to accept/expend funds with First Wind of Newton, Massachusetts for the purposes of hiring attorneys, consultants, and other specialized individual (s) for the purposes of reviewing the application and/or impact of the proposed wind farm.

Article 29

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the Fire Department's Training Building and Firefighter Training.

Cathy Briggs

James Sholler

Dennis Small

Willis Green

Linwood Hersey

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.

Melanie Hardy
Resident of Oakfield, ME

I attest that this is a true copy,

Dale Morris, Town Clerk

