

# WARRANT FOR 2012 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 19, 2012 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 2012.

### 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 2012 budget during the period from January 1, 2013 to the March Annual Town Meeting.

### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to have taxes due and payable on November 1st, 2012, 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 vote to raise and appropriate \$158,504.00 for the Administrative Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,614.00 for the Volunteer Fire Department Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$188,000.00 for Public Works Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$64,025.00 for the Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,108.00 for General Administration Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 17

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

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,600.00 for Community Center Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 3,500.00 for Intergovernmental Account. (Sludge Site)

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article 20

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

\$2,425.00 for Recreation Account

\$9,500 for Cemetery 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>Agency</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Aroostook Agency of Aging	\$445.00
Smoki Haulers	From Snowmobile Registration
ACAP	\$175.00
Oakfield Senior Citizens	\$100.00
Southern Aroostook Soil	\$175.00
Oakfield Vets Memorial	\$1000.00
Northern Maine Development Commission	\$1445.00
Houlton Library	\$2300.00
Lincoln Animal Shelter	\$1500.00

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to accept \$342,945 in Non-Property Tax Revenue to reduce the 2012 tax commitment.

<u>Revenue Projections</u>		<u>2011 Received</u>		<u>2012 TM Proposed</u>
<b><u>Local Receipts</u></b>				
4000 - Fax Fees	\$	-	\$	30.00
4005 - Photocopies	\$	10.00	\$	140.00
4025 - Plumbing Permits	\$	1,508.00	\$	550.00
4030 - Building Permits	\$	225.00	\$	-
4060 - Hall Rental	\$	1,919.00	\$	2,000.00
4100 - Tax Interest	\$	11,380.00	\$	6,500.00
4110 - Lien Fees	\$	3,558.00	\$	3,000.00
4115 - Bank Interest	\$	605.00	\$	600.00
4125 - Boat Excise	\$	800.00	\$	500.00
4130 - Auto Excise	\$	105,147.00	\$	100,000.00
4135 - MV Agent Fee	\$	2,645.00	\$	2,500.00
RV Fees	\$	323.00	\$	375.00
4140 - Dog License Fees	\$	316.00	\$	350.00
4141 - Clerk Fee	\$	580.00	\$	500.00
4240 - Tipping Fees	\$	40,879.00	\$	41,000.00
4245 - Recycling	\$	2,279.00	\$	1,000.00
4325 - Comm.Ctr Donations	\$	5,730.00	\$	3,000.00
4290 - Gas Tax Reimbursement	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,000.00
Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement	\$	18,000.00	\$	18,000.00
Misc Revenue	\$	14,110.00	\$	-
	<b><u>sub-total</u></b>	\$ 211,514.00	\$	182,045.00
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>				
4258 - Dyer Brook (Fire)	\$	17,383.00	\$	12,500.00
Smyrna (Fire)	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00
Merrill (Fire)	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00
Dyer Brook (Snow Plow)		in above number	\$	4,500.00

Aroostook County (Fire)	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
<b><u>sub-total</u></b>	\$	42,983.00	\$	42,600.00
<b><u>State Revenues</u></b>				
4155 - URIP (Roads)	\$	26,820.00	\$	26,500.00
4160 - St. Revenue Sharing	\$	54,833.00	\$	55,000.00
4276 - Homestead Reimb.	\$	13,077.00	\$	15,000.00
4320 - Snowmobile Refund	\$	-	\$	500.00
Veteran Exemption Reimb.	\$	1,216.00	\$	300.00
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$	22,950.00	\$	21,000.00
<b><u>sub-total</u></b>	\$	118,896.00	\$	118,300.00
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>373,393.00</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>342,945.00</u></b>

Article 23

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>
Ministerial (School)	\$7,833	None
Cemetery Capital Reserve	\$7,190	Cemetery Expansion Layout
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$27,815	Appropriate \$7500 for FY 12 for repairs to existing public works equipment
Tax Increment Funds	\$58,879	Grader at \$20,000.00, T. Mgr Salary Offset, \$18,000.00
MDOT – URIP Funds	\$60,230	See Article 24
Community Center	\$22,741	None
<b><u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u></b>	<b><u>\$184,688.00</u></b>	

Article 24

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/paving projects as they deem in the best interest of the town.

Article 25

To see if the town will vote to accept the P.A.C.E Ordinance?

Article 26

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$20,000.00 with 80% of the cost from available TIF Funds to purchase a used grader from the State Surplus Auction?

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Cathy Briggs

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James Sholler

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Dennis Small

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Willis Green

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