

CASTLE HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TO: Lynnelle Foster, Resident of the Town of Castle Hill, County of Aroostook, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Castle Hill, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Castle Hill Grange Hall**, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, A.D. 2021, at three o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 2 by ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at **the Castle Hill Grange Hall**, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, A.D. 2021, at seven o'clock in the evening and then and there to act on Articles 3 through 29, set out below, to wit:

Art. 1 To elect, *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To elect, *by majority on secret ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: Two (2) Select Board Members for a term of three (3) years and one (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all other necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 4 To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 4% effective November 1, 2021

Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 2%

Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2021 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 8 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$14,333

Art. 9 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$550

Art. 10 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$5,696

Art. 11 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$5,439

Art. 12 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$1,000

Art. 13 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$56,315

Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 19,873
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 13,278
Surplus Use	\$ 25,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$176,680</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$234,831

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 15 To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$255,384 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2021, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2021 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 59,135
Highway	\$130,546
Fire	\$ 20,513
Recreation	\$ 8,978
Property Services	\$ 7,808
Public Safety	\$ 984
Community Services	\$ 190
Reserve Account	<u>\$ 27,230</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$255,384

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$101,862 established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

If the preceding articles are not changed, then vote to take no action on this article. Otherwise, SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues from recreation fees to reduce recreation expenses and to place any remaining fundraising revenues into the recreation reserve account, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2021 budget from January 2022 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations and the Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club, provided that they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper reserve funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property, except that the Municipal Officer shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Art. 29 To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Given unto our hands at Castle Hill this 1st day of March A.D. 2021.

Shari L. Cheney

Herman G. Condon

Maylen C. Kenney

Gerald C. McGlinn

Theresa J. Albert

Castle Hill Select Board