

**TOWN OF SUMNER
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To Susan Strout, a resident of the Town of Sumner, in the county of Oxford,
Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:30 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to set the tax due date, with interest of 8% yearly to be charged on unpaid taxes beginning Sunday, February 3, 2019

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 3 NOTE: 36 MRSA, Sec. 505(4A) calls for interest not to exceed the rate set for delinquent taxes or be less than that rate reduced by 4%.)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 from anticipated revenues and the General Fund to decrease the 2018/2019 tax commitment

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND:

Anticipated Revenue	\$255,000.00
General Fund	<u>145,000.00</u>
	\$400,000.00

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to exceed the Property Tax Levy Limit established for Sumner by State law under LD 1

(ARTICLE 5 NOTE: State law requires a written ballot on this article.)

ARTICLE 6 Shall an ordinance entitled "Building Notification Ordinance" be enacted?

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7 To elect all necessary officers as are required to be elected by written ballot (MRSA Title 30A, Sect. 2525, et. seq.)

(ARTICLE 7 NOTE: Anticipated vacancies:
One Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 3 years
One Road Commissioner for a term of 3 years)

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to commitment

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to appoint a Maintenance Supervisor, a Budget Committee, a Planning Board, an Appeals Board, a Fire Chief and Assistants, a Registrar of Voters, a Recreation Committee, a Scholarship Committee, an Emergency Management Director and any other necessary appointees

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category during the period from July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 10 EXPLANATION: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.)

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to dispose of Town owned personal property with a dollar value of up to \$1,000 under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 11 EXPLANATION: This article avoids the necessity of calling a special town meeting whenever the Town has personal property of little value which it should sell or dispose of.)

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Tree Growth reimbursement, Veterans Exemption, Municipal Revenue Sharing, Snowmobile Registration reimbursement, EMA (FEMA and SEMA), State Aid to Education, General Assistance reimbursement, Local Road Assistance Program, DEP grants, Forest Fire suppression reimbursement, and any other State or Federal funds appropriated by the Legislature for municipal purposes

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues from excise taxes, interest, state reimbursement, state agent fees, sale of photocopies (and other revenues not required to be applied elsewhere by statute or town vote) to the General Fund

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all monies received from the State from the registration of snowmobiles to the Mt. Tom Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open for use by the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 14 EXPLANATION: Snowmobile registration money received from the State must be appropriated annually by the town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to a snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to the public. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.)

ARTICLE 15 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for overdrafts of the Winter Roads and Elections account

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$4,323.31

ARTICLE 16 To fix the wages or salary for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$3,000.00

ARTICLE 17 To fix the salaries or wages of the Selectpersons, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: (\$3,500.00 per
Selectperson) \$10,500.00

ARTICLE 18 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to raise and appropriate as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$1,000.00

(ARTICLE 18 EXPLANATION: Having a contingency account can help avoid the necessity of calling a number of special town meetings during the year when relatively minor issues can be resolved with the expenditure of minor sums but no money has been appropriated for those purposes.)

ARTICLE 19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$192,163.00

A. Assessment Update/Revaluation	19,000.00
B. Audit	4,600.00
C. Building/Grounds Maintenance	14,000.00
D. Computer software update	4,750.00
E. Dues	3,500.00
F. Elections	2,000.00
G. General Office Expense	7,850.00
H. Interest on Abatements	100.00
I. Legal Fees	900.00
J. Liens (with receipts into lien account)	2,000.00
K. Tax Map Update	850.00
L. Salaries (carry over \$2000.00 for training)	132,613.00
TOTAL	\$192,163.00

(ARTICLE 19 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown, Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll./Registrar 48,903; Medical Ins 26,500 (est.); Office Assistant 24,960; Road Commissioner 3,000; Fire Chief 3,000; Fire Dept. Secretary 550; Fire Warden 500; Health Officer 200; CEO 5000; Soc. Sec. & Medicare & Unemployment 9,500)

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$55,921.00

A. Insurance	\$13,500.00
B. Fire Department Operations	11,000.00
C. Fire Fighter Insurance	500.00
D. Fire Department Education/Training	2,000.00
E. Fire Fighter Compensation	5,500.00
F. Fire Department Equipment	10,000.00
G. Street Lights	2,000.00
H. Ambulance (Buckfield \$5,600/Tri-Town \$8,760)	14,360.00
I. Street Name Signs	350.00
TOTAL	<u>\$59,210.00</u>

(*ARTICLE 20* Carryover: FD Equipment \$7,704.19; \$4,962.17 is reserved for self-contained breathing apparatus)

ARTICLE 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$700.00

ARTICLE 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Social Services for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$4,025.00

SOCIAL SERVICE	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
A. American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$200.00
B. Androscoggin Home Care	300.00	250.00
C. Community Concepts	300.00	250.00
D. Sumner Food Bank	1,000.00	1,000.00
E. Progress Center	.00	50.00
F. Rural Community Action	300.00	250.00
G. Safe Voices	1,000.00	250.00
H. Seniors Plus	500.00	250.00
I. Sexual Assault Prevention	200.00	200.00
J. Tri-County Mental Health	250.00	.00
K. West.ME Veteran's Advisory	175.00	50.00
L. Increase Robinson Library	300.00	300.00
M. Zadoc Long Free Library	800.00	800.00
N. LifeFlight	939.00	100.00
O. ME Public (Radio & TV)	<u>100.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
	\$6,664.00	\$4,025.00

ARTICLE 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

	\$294,353.11
Winter Roads Plowing	\$200,853.11
Winter Roads Sand	31,500.00
Winter Roads Salt	<u>62,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$294,353.11

ARTICLE 24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Summer Roads Project Account

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$20,000.00

ARTICLE 25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Roads, Bridges and Maintenance for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$160,000.00

ARTICLE 26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Equipment Account

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$5,000.00

(*ARTICLE 26* Carryover: \$26,865.10)

ARTICLE 27 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for road equipment and repair for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$3,500.00

ARTICLE 28 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Operations for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$64,746.50

ARTICLE 29 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$2,250.00

ARTICLE 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$1,400.00

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$3,800.00

ARTICLE 32 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Cemeteries, Cemetery Stones, the Town Beach, and the Town signs and lawns, for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$7,500.00

Appropriate from Robinson Cemetery Trust Fund	\$300.00
Raise and Appropriate	\$7,200.00

ARTICLE 33 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for veterans' memorial flags for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$450.00

ARTICLE 34 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tuell Hill Road replacement bond payment.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$20,999.00

ARTICLE 35 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sumner Scholarship fund

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
\$1000.00

(*ARTICLE 35* NOTE: \$100,820.00 in account)

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to accept ministerial funds from the West Sumner Baptist Church to be placed in the General Fund for future appropriation

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to make payments from the General Fund for abatements approved by the SelectBoard

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to sell and dispose of Tax Liens held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such properties, which must be advertised at least two weeks prior to sale

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

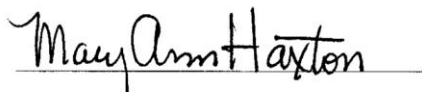
ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to enter into 3-year contracts for services such as winter roads maintenance, cemetery and Town lot mowing, and municipal office plowing

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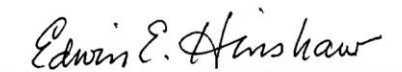
Given under our hands this 26th day of June, 2018

Handwritten signature of Kelly L. Stewart in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Kelly L. Stewart

Handwritten signature of Mary Ann Haxton in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Mary Ann Haxton

Handwritten signature of Edwin E. Hinshaw in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Edwin Hinshaw

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at the Hartford Sumner Elementary School at 6:00 pm on the 14th day of August, 2018

