

**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 11, 2020 at 6:00 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, January 31, 2021

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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 \$364,800.00 from anticipated revenues and the General Fund to decrease the 2020/2021 tax commitment

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

Anticipated Revenue	\$239,800.00
General Fund	<u>125,000.00</u>
	\$364,800.00

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

(ARTICLE 6 NOTE: Anticipated vacancies:
One Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 3 years

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to commitment

ARTICLE 8 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 9 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, 2021 to September 30, 2021

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 9 EXPLANATION: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.)

ARTICLE 10 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 10 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 11 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 12 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 13 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 13 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 14 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for account overdrafts

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$884.03

ARTICLE 15 To fix the wages or salary for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND

\$3,000.00

ARTICLE 16 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 17 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$1,000.00

(ARTICLE 17 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 18 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:

\$236,837.00

A	Assessment Update/Revaluation	\$10,500.00
B	Audit	8,000.00
C	Building/Grounds Maintenance	17,500.00
D	Computer Software Update	16,500.00
E	Dues	3,725.00
F	Elections	3,050.00
G	Office Management	8,600.00
H	Interest on Abatement	100.00
I	Legal Fees	900.00
J	Liens	2,000.00
K	Tax Map Update	900.00
L	Salaries	<u>165,062.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$236,837.00

ARTICLE 18 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown, Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll./Registrar 28,162; New Hire 43,680; Consulting Fees 1000.00; Medical Ins 29,170 (est.); Office Assistant 30,100; Road Commissioner 3,000; Fire Chief 3,000; Fire Dept. Secretary 550; Fire Warden 500; Health Officer 200; CEO 5000; Selectpersons 10,500; Soc. Sec. & Medicare & Unemployment 10,200)

ARTICLE 19 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:

\$60,644.00

A.	Insurance	\$13,750.00
B.	Fire Department Operations	11,000.00
C.	Fire Fighter Insurance	450.00
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	2,100.00
H.	Ambulance	15,494.00
I.	Street Name Signs	<u>350.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$60,644.00

(*ARTICLE 19* Carryover: FD Equipment \$1,990.27)

ARTICLE 20 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:

\$1,000.00

ARTICLE 21 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:

\$2,700.00

SOCIAL SERVICE	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
A. Androscoggin Home Care	.00	.00
B. Community Concepts	300.00	250.00
C. Sumner Food Bank	1,000.00	100.00
D. Progress Center	.00	.00
E. Rural Community Action	350.00	250.00
F. Safe Voices	300.00	250.00
G. Seniors Plus	500.00	250.00
H. Sexual Assault Prevention	200.00	200.00
I. Tri-County Mental Health	.00	.00
J. Increase Robinson Library	300.00	300.00
K. Zadoc Long Free Library	1000.00	1000.00
L. LifeFlight	.00	100.00
M. American Red Cross	<u>200.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
	\$4,150.00	\$2,700.00

ARTICLE 22 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:

\$317,604.00

Winter Roads Plowing	\$200,854.00
Winter Roads Sand	36,750.00
Winter Roads Salt	<u>80,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$317,604.00

ARTICLE 23 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:

\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 24 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:
\$210,000.00

ARTICLE 25 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 25* Carryover: \$36,634.81)

ARTICLE 26 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 27 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:
\$68,000.00

ARTICLE 28 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:
\$1,740.00

ARTICLE 29 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 30 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:
\$4,300.00

ARTICLE 31 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:
\$7,720.00

ARTICLE 32 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:

\$470.00

ARTICLE 33 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:

\$22,703.00

Appropriate from bond interest carry forward	2,703.00
Raise and appropriate	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$22,703.00

ARTICLE 34 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sumner Scholarship fund

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

\$100.00

(*ARTICLE 34* NOTE: \$264,669.00 in account)

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to make payments from the General Fund for abatements approved by the SelectBoard

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to sell and dispose of tax acquired properties held by the Town by means of 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) and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such properties.

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ARTICLE 37 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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