

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
June 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Opera House*  
**AND**  
**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**  
June 11, 2013 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building Council Room*

Somerset, ss.

To Dan Summers, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Opera House in the Skowhegan Municipal Building**, in said Town on Monday, the tenth day of June, A.D., 2013 at seven o'clock in the evening, to transact all business as herein enumerated in the articles of the Town Warrant.

And, to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June, A.D., 2013, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, Two Selectmen, for three year terms; One Assessor, for a three year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a two year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three year term; and Three Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three year terms.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,269,233.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen recommend \$1,269,233.00 and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,269,133.00 from taxation.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
Finance Department	\$406,636.00	4/2	\$406,636.00	5/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$107,203.00	4/2	\$107,203.00	5/0
Assessing	\$106,990.00	5/1	\$106,990.00	5/0
Town Manager	\$138,845.00	6/0	\$138,845.00	5/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$21,915.00	6/0	\$21,915.00	5/0
Code Enforcement	\$137,373.00	6/0	\$137,373.00	5/0
Employee Benefits	\$114,650.00	6/0	\$114,650.00	5/0
Town Insurances	\$85,665.00	6/0	\$85,665.00	5/0
Economic & Community Development	\$149,856.00	5/1	\$149,956.00	5/0
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$1,269,133.00</b>		<b>\$1,269,233.00</b>	

*Note: This figure includes a wage increase of \$2,000.00 requested by the Town Clerk/Town Treasurer for obtaining certification. This increase is in addition to the 2% COLA and the 1% merit increases approved by the Board of Selectmen for non-union employees.*

*Note: This figure includes an increase of \$500.00 for the Assessor's contract.*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,102,790.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$745,445.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$535,614.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,900.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
General Assistance	\$78,608.00	6/0	\$78,608.00	4/1
Health Department	\$1,292.00	6/0	\$1,292.00	5/0
<b>General Assistance/Health Dept. Total</b>	<b>\$79,900.00</b>		<b>\$79,900.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$523,136.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$804,881.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$424,842.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$581,509.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,445.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,869.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

*Note: This figure includes an increase of \$2,115.00 for the Sexton's contract.*

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$447,471.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$871,905.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,300.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward in a separate account sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Urban Rural Improvement Program estimated at \$148,632.00. Said sums to be expended by Town Meeting vote. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 22 and 23 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects:  
Rebuild an additional 2,000' of the Back Road beginning at the intersection of the Back Road and the Palmer Road (Where we ended last year) in a northerly direction. Shim and overlay 2" in depth the Bigelow Hill Road beginning at the intersection of the Rowe Road to the Fairfield town line. Grind and pave Spring Street and Summer Street. Construct and base pave the Burrill Hill Road.  
(The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Assessor's Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,867.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$97,867.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend \$90,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Coburn Park Commission. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$10,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$8,040.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$5,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend \$2,596.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$24,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$10,000.00 from taxation. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Indian Restoration. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$0.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$10,000.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,700.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$10,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$4,366.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,925.00 for The Family Violence Project. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$19,925.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$3,320.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Kennebec Behavioral Health. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend \$0.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,766.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,766.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$2,884.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$5,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$3,490.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,088.00 for Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,088.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$1,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Community Health and Counseling Services. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$0.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$0.00 and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends \$500.00 from taxation.)

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2014 operational revenues in the amount of \$1,610,323.00 to offset the FY 2014 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend \$1,610,323.00 from taxation. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply \$700,000.00 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2014 tax rate. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to issue general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed eleven million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$11,880,000.00), which securities may be made callable, for the purpose of funding sanitary sewer system improvements that are necessary to comply with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's requirement to reduce or eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows.

Proposed Financial Statement  
Town of Skowhegan

Total Town Indebtedness

Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 9,406,250.00
Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0.00
<u>Bonds to be issued if this article is approved</u>	<u>\$11,880,000.00</u>
Total	\$21,286,250.00

Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 1.25%, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Twenty (20) years	
Principal	\$11,880,000.00
<u>Interest and Fees</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,525.00</u>
Total Dept Service	\$13,500,525.00

## Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount for the total debt services of the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Gail R. Pelotte  
Treasurer  
Town of Skowhegan

(The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. No Budget Committee recommendation due to lack of quorum.)

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal the 1964 Town Meeting Vote, Warrant Article 60, which established the Budget & Finance Committee; and rescind their Bylaws. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2013 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Administration Reserve Account, Voting Machine Replacement Designation into a new Legal Fees Reserve account. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

*Note: Voting Machines now provided by the State of Maine.*

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Road and Entrance Design Standards Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of Brittany Drive, for highway purposes, as a Town Way. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of 130.08 square feet on the corner of Madison Avenue and Locust Street from L&W Realty in order to expand the curb. (The Selectmen and the Planning Board recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to establish September 16, 2013 or 30 days after the commitment date of taxes, whichever comes later, as the date when the first installment of taxes shall be due and payable and March 17, 2014 as the date when the second installment of taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the rate of 7% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by the most prudent means possible, any equipment, vehicles, furniture or other non-real estate town property that is no longer necessary to town operations. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

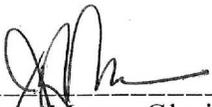
**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes due thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to issue quit claim deeds for such property. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

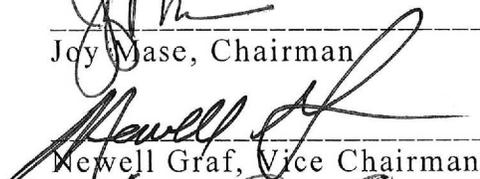
The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, June 6, 2013 and Friday, June 7, 2013 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 10, 2013 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 11, 2013 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

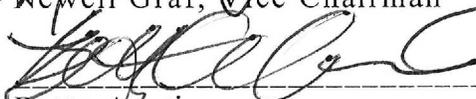
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

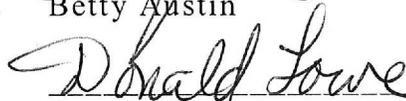
Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

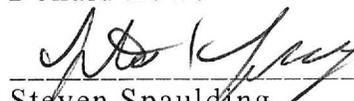
Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 30th day of April 2013.

  
Joy Mase, Chairman

  
Newell Graf, Vice Chairman

  
Betty Austin

  
Donald Lowe

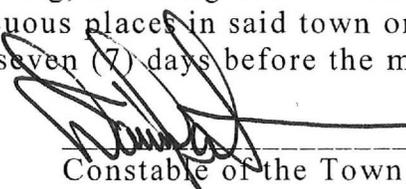
  
Steven Spaulding  
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

May ~~15~~ 2013

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time, place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the Municipal Building, Skowhegan Community Center and Hannaford, being public and conspicuous places in said town on the day of May ~~15~~ 2013, being at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

  
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Constable of the Town of Skowhegan

