

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT VERNON**

March 4, 2006

To Dorothy Mariner, a resident of the Town of Mount Vernon, in the County of Kennebec and the State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Mount Vernon, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Mount Vernon Community Center in said town on Saturday the 4th of March at 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, then and there to act on the Articles numbered 1, 2, and 3. The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Mount Vernon Community Center on the day of the voting, Saturday, the 4th day of March 2006 for the purpose of voter registration. The meeting will reconvene at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at the Mount Vernon Elementary School to act on the remaining articles, to wit:

- Article 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, for which purpose the polls will be open at 8:00 AM and close at 12:00 Noon.
- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to adjourn until 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at the Mount Vernon Elementary School.
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will adopt the rules of the “Maine Moderator’s Manual” as the official rules of this meeting.
- Article 5:** To fix the pay of the following Town officers and employees as recommended below:
1. Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor: \$3,300 each, plus \$1,000 for the Chairman, and \$750 for the General Assistance Administrator.
 2. Assistant to the Selectmen: Up to \$10/hour up to a maximum of 250 hours/year.
 3. Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector: \$28,200 Annual Salary.
 4. Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector: Up to \$10.50/hour up to a maximum of 1,040 hours/year.
 5. Treasurer: \$13,000 Annual Salary.
 6. Appeals/Planning Board Secretary: \$10/hour.
 7. School Committee: \$5,250
 8. Election Warden: \$10.00/hour
 9. Ballot Clerks: \$7.00/hour
 10. Code Enforcement Officer: Up to \$28/hour
 11. Code Enforcement Officer (80K Proceedings): \$30/hour.

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- 12. Civil Defense Director: \$18.12/hour
- 13. Road Commissioner: \$18.12/hour (Equipment at State rate or negotiated price).
- 14. Cemetery Supervisor: \$11.50/hour (Equipment at State rate or negotiated price).
- 15. Cemetery Workers: Up to \$9.25/hour (Equipment at State rate or negotiated price).
- 16. Lawn Maintenance Workers: \$9.25/hour (Equipment at State rate or negotiated price).
- 17. Transfer Station Manager: Up to \$14/hour
- 18. Transfer Station Assistant: Up to \$9.00/hour
- 19. Animal Control Officer: Annual Salary \$1,800
- 20. Animal Control Officer at Court Proceedings: \$12.50/hour
- 21. Newsletter Editor: Annual Salary \$1,200
- 22. Fire Chief: Annual Salary \$2,000
- 23. Deputy Fire Chief: Annual Salary \$1,400
- 24. Assistant Fire Chief: Annual Salary \$1,100
- 25. Rescue Director: Annual Salary \$600
- 26. Assistant Rescue Director: Annual Salary \$300

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **General Government:**

Recommended:

6.1	Administration	\$90,367
6.2	Code Enforcement	\$18,022
6.3	Comprehensive Plan Review	\$3,000
6.4	Contingency Fund	\$1,000
6.5	Elections	\$2,900
6.6	Legal Fees	\$1,000
6.7	Maine Municipal Association Dues	\$2,250
6.8	Municipal Building: Office Equipment	\$2,516
6.9	Municipal Building: Operations	\$12,200
6.10	Municipal Building: Software Upgrades	\$4,000
6.11	Tax Assessor	\$18,050
6.12	Newsletter	\$6,600

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Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Protection & Health:**

Recommended:

7.1	Ambulance	\$14,000
7.2	Animal Control	\$3,000
7.3	E-911	\$100
7.4	Fire Department & Rescue Unit	\$66,850
7.5	Fire Dept: Rescue Vehicle Repairs	\$2,500
7.6	Fire Dept: Equipment (Turnout Gear)	\$3,500
7.7	Fire Dept: Matching Funds for 2 nd Thermal Imaging Camera	\$6,500
	Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommend	\$5000
7.8	Fire Dept: Waterholes	\$1,000
7.9	General Assistance	\$1,000
7.10	Insurance	\$22,000
7.11	Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$2,512
7.12	Street Lights	\$4,100
7.13	Transfer Station	\$105,000

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Highways and Bridges:**

Recommended:

8.1	Bridges & Culverts	\$9,400
8.2	Bush Account	\$8,800
8.3	Road Construction & Paving	\$113,582
8.4	Road Maintenance & Ditching	\$40,000
8.5	Salt & Sand Stockpile	\$45,000
8.6	Road Signs	\$1,500
8.7	Social Security/Medicare	\$2,000
8.8	Snowplowing Contract	\$140,066.25
8.9	Snowplowing Contract: Off-Road	\$13,000

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Recreation/Community**

Recommended:

9.1	Athletic Department	\$2,380
9.2	Beach Department	\$2,321
9.3	Community Center	\$2,900
9.4	Elementary School Playground	\$900
9.5	Flying Pond Broadcasting	\$1,728
9.6	Library	\$17,500

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the first **\$500** of snowmobile fees reimbursed from the State of Maine for the Mount Vernon Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for **Cemeteries:**

Recommended: **\$8,200**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Debt Service:**

Recommended:

12.1	Maine Municipal Bond Bank	\$28,622.10
12.2	TD Banknorth	\$27,464.86

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to reimburse all town officials and employees for necessary travel at the rate of \$0.35/mile.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend the revenues of Special Revenue funds.

Article 15: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend the income earned by the Cemetery Trust Funds, Noah A. & Nellie E. Clough Trust Fund, Dr. Gilman Trust Fund, Dr. Shaw Memorial Library Trust Fund, and the Robert George Weis Memorial Fund for the purpose specified by each trust fund.

Article 16: To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to lapse all General Fund accounts to the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) at the end of the fiscal year, with

the exception of Special Revenue funds, non-expendable trust funds, and accounts required to be carried by law, effective June 30, 2006.

- Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to not authorize any payments that would overdraft an account (a budgeted expenditure), unless these payments are required by law, approved by voters at a Special Town Meeting, or are the result of a natural disaster. Excess revenues are not considered part of the budgeted expenditures voted on at Town Meeting.
- Article 18:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to issue orders for the closing of roads to winter maintenance.
- Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes payable, one-half on **September 28, 2006** and one-half on **February 28, 2007** and that interest be charged on overdue taxes at the rate of **11.0% (or the maximum amount allowed by State law, if greater)** per annum after those dates.
- Article 20:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey property belonging to the Town by reason of matured tax liens, by sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, to the highest acceptable bidder, retaining the right to accept or reject all bids at their discretion, after first posting notice of such sales in the same places that Town Warrants are posted. The Selectmen are to give not less than ten days notice of such sales in a local newspaper, with a description of the properties to be sold. Selectmen are to allow delinquent taxpayers the opportunity to redeem their former property until such time as a bid is accepted from another person on the advertised day of sale, by paying back taxes, administrative costs and interest to the day of sale.
- Article 21:** To see if the town will vote to clarify the intent of Article 41 of the June 2004 Town Meeting which read: "Commencing with the year 2005, shall the municipal officers call the annual town meeting for the first Saturday in March of each year" to provide that election of Municipal Officers shall occur on the Friday immediately prior to the first Saturday of March and that the polls shall remain open for 12 hours on Election Day. The Annual Town meeting will then be held on the following Saturday as directed by Article 41 of June 2004.
- Article 22:** To see if the town will vote to establish the term of office for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Road Commissioner to be the same as the town's fiscal year.
- Article 23:** To see if the town will vote to establish the terms of all elected school committee members to commence on July 1 after their election and to continue for the duration of their term.
- Article 24:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to permit the Maine Rural Water Association, on behalf of, and at no charge to the town, to apply for a \$10,000 planning grant from the State Planning Office. This grant will be used to

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investigate possible solutions to the salt contamination problem north of Mount Vernon Village. The grant, if approved, will require the town to provide \$2,500 in matching funds, to be authorized at a subsequent town meeting.

Article 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for The Family Violence Project. (By Petition)

Recommended: **\$1,230**
(Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for Central Maine Agency On Aging/Senior Spectrum. (By Petition)

Recommended: **\$800**
(Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area. (By Petition)

Recommended: **\$800**
(Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Article 28*: To see what action, if any the town will vote to take with respect to the following matters:

1. The acquisition of a new fire truck to replace the 1975 International pumper truck for an estimated cost of \$196,000.
2. The disposition of the existing fire truck.
3. Determining the source of funds to support the acquisition of the new Fire truck
4. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate as legal fees for services to be rendered relating to the acquisition of said fire truck.

Recommended: **\$3,000**
(Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

***NOTE: Final approval and terms of purchase will be expressly contingent upon a favorable referendum vote at a future special town meeting.**

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following sums from estimated revenues and the undesignated fund balance (surplus) to reduce the total tax commitment:

Recommended:

29.1	Animal Control Fees	\$1,600
29.2	Bank Interest	\$10,000
29.3	Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$4,000
29.4	Code Enforcement Permits	\$14,000
29.5	Excise Tax: Boat	\$4,000

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29.6	Excise Tax: Car/Truck	\$235,000
29.7	General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,000
29.8	Lien Income	\$3,000
29.9	Lincoln Walton Trust Fund	\$26,000
29.10	Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$106,250
29.11	Newsletter Ad Fees	\$200
29.12	Planning Board Fees	\$300
29.13	Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$700
29.14	State Park Fee Sharing	\$4,500
29.15	Surplus	\$26,000
29.16	Tax Interest	\$16,000
29.17	Town Clerk Fees & State Agent Fees	\$8,000
29.18	Transfer Station Fees	\$8,000
29.19	Tree Growth Refund	\$10,000
29.20	URIP: Local Road Assistance	<u>\$58,616</u>
	Total:	\$537,166

Article 30: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$291,331** established for Mount Vernon by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a property tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Article 31: Motion to adjourn.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February 2006.

Selectmen: **Bruce Inch:**

Deane Jones:

Timothy Dube: