

## CASTLE HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

*Joe Conant, Deputy Clerk, opened the meeting at 3:00 PM and the following statement:*

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2020, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2020, 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.

*Sheena McHatten nominated Deanna McHatten as Moderator with Natalie Maynard seconding the motion. There were no further nominations. Ballots were passed out. Deanna McHatten was elected Moderator by three (3) written Ballots.*

*Moderator McHatten then announced the Polls were open to act on Article 2.*

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

*At 7:00 PM Moderator McHatten swore in Lynnell Foster as Deputy Moderator. Foster read the following articles and asked for action from the audience of the residents.*

*Deputy Moderator Foster then asked the residents for a motion to allow Sandra Fournier, Town Manger, to speak at Town Meeting. Passed by show of hands.*

**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**

*Gerald McGlinn made a motion to accept Article 3 as written with Herman Condon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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.**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 4 as written with Gerald McGlinn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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: 9% effective November 1, 2020**

*Gerald McGlinn made a motion to accept Article 5 as written with Herman Condon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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: 5%**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 6 as written with Gerald McGlinn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**Art. 7** To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2020 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 7 as written with Herman Condon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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: \$15,290**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 8 as written with Herman Condon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Gerald McGlinn made a motion to accept Article 9 as written with Herman Condon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 10 as written with Gerald McGlinn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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: \$7,324**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 11 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 12 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

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

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$48,931**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 13 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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	\$ 16,459
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 14,500
Surplus Use	\$ 25,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$149,549</u>
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$205,508</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 14 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**Art. 15** To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$233,566 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020, 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:

	<b>2020 PROPOSED</b>
General Government	\$ 63,432
Highway	\$111,169
Fire	\$ 19,550
Recreation	\$ 9,562
Property Services	\$ 5,147
Public Safety	\$ 987
Reserve Account	<u>\$ 23,719</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$233,566</b>

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 15 as written with Dana Allison seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**Art. 16** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$98,941 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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 16 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 17 as written with Gerald McGlenn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Condon made a motion to accept Article 18 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 19 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**Art. 20** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2020 budget from January 2021 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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 20 as written with Dana Allison seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 21 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 22 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 23 as written with Gerald McGlenn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 24 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 25 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 26 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 27 as written with Gerald McGlinn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Patricia Watt made a motion to accept Article 28 as written with Shari Cheney seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

**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**

*Shari Cheney made a motion to accept Article 29 as written with Patricia Watt seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

*Shari Cheney made a motion to adjourn Town Meeting with Gerald McGlinn seconding the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.*

*Deputy Moderator Foster adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joseph A. Conant  
Deputy Clerk*

Given unto our hands at Castle Hill this 6th day of March A.D. 2020.

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Shari Cheney

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Herman G. Condon

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Gerald C. McGlinn

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Beth Pickens

**Castle Hill Select Board**