

2024 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of Maine

Penobscot, ss

To: Evelyn Smith, a resident of the Town of Carmel, in the County of Penobscot.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Carmel, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall, in said Town on Saturday, the 2nd day of March, A.D. 2024, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1, and by written ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Carmel Elementary School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, the 4th day of March 2024 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 26 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year, to wit: one Selectmen for three years, one Director for RSU 87 for three years and one Director for RSU 87 for two years.

ARTICLE 3. To choose, by ballot, three (3) members of the Budget Committee for three years.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to set a rate of interest to be paid after that date. Recommend 30 days from date of billing and 8.5% per year.

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to M.R.S. § 506.

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sales proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the 2025 annual town meeting.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager acting in concurrence with said Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts of up to five years for such services as winter plowing and sanding, trash collection, mowing and cemetery maintenance, law enforcement and office equipment leases.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances in the Town accounts at the end of the year lapse to surplus except for those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to carry forward.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State and other governmental units or private sources which may be received from time to time in the form of grants or any other source, during the period of March 4th, 2024 until the next annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to appropriate the money received from the State reimbursement for snowmobiles to the Carmel Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,940.00 from taxation to subsidize the annual operational budget of the Simpson Memorial Library.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the use of past and present revenue from ambulance billing to pay for equipment, wages, training, and administration of the ambulance service. Those accumulated funds can only be expended by mutual consent of both the Fire and Rescue Service and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum **\$7,000.00** from taxation for the Board of Selectmen stipend portion of the **Administration Account**.

Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$380,300.00** from taxation and transfer **\$124,000.00** from income and **\$56,600** from excise tax for a total appropriation of **\$560,900.00** for the **Administration Account**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** from surplus for the **Contingency Account**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$301,450.00** from taxation and transfer **\$161,000.00** from income and **\$5,000.00** from Animal Control Reserve for a total appropriation of **\$467,450.00** for the **Protection Account**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$333,400.00** from taxation for the **Health and Sanitation account**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$678,400.00** from excise tax and **\$32,000** from MDOT LRAP grant funds for a total appropriation of **\$710,400.00** for the **Public Works Account**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,900.00** from taxation plus income from reimbursements for **General Assistance**.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the use of revenue from Recreation Committee events to be expended to offset the costs of these and other recreational events and any revenue not expended at year's end be carried in the same account.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$44,400.00** from taxation for the **Community and Recreation Account.**

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,600.00** from taxation for the **Cemetery Mowing Contract.**

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$5,000.00** from surplus to the **Cemetery Enhancement Account** for work in Town cemeteries.

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$25,000.00** from surplus to the **Bridge Repair Reserve Fund.**

Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,500.00** from surplus to the **Fire Gear Reserve Fund** for which monies can only be appropriated with joint approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department towards the purchase of gear necessary for firefighting and associated activities.

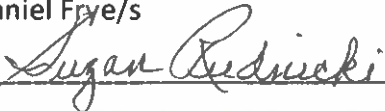
Selectmen "Yes"

Bud. Comm. "Yes"


Given under our hands this 22nd day of January 2024.



Daniel Frye/s



Suzan Rudnicki/s



Timothy Richardson Jr. /s



Isaac Raymond/s



Jared Fitts/s