

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

To: Doug Thomas, a resident of the Town of Montville, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Montville, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Mount View High School Gym at 577 Mt. View Road in Thorndike, Maine, on Saturday, the **5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021**, at 10:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 2 To elect a Town Clerk and Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Table B ~ Elected Officials.

Article 3 To elect a Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Table B ~ Elected Officials.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to change the positions of Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector from elected positions to appointed positions. Appointment of these positions would begin following the Annual Town Meeting of 2022.

Article 5 To elect a Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Table B ~ Elected Officials.

1st Selectperson
2nd Selectperson
3rd Selectperson

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to elect Select Board Members, beginning at next Annual Town Meeting, for staggered three-year terms. The Select Board Members are currently elected for one-year terms.

Article 7 To elect the following members to the Montville Planning Board:

Three members for three-year terms
Two members for two-year terms
One alternate for a two-year term

Article 8 To elect the following members to the Montville Budget Committee:

One member for a three-year term

One member for a two-year term

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to reinstate the Town of Montville Genetically Modified Organisms Ordinance passed at the 2008 Town Meeting and omitting the Sunset Clause. Ordinance with amendment is printed in full later in this Town Report.

Article 10 To see if the town will vote to approve Montville's Emergency Management Ordinance, printed in full later in this Town Report. A vote to approve this article would change Montville's existing Emergency Management Plan, voted on March 25, 2006, to an ordinance.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to approve an Intent to Build Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is printed in full later in this report.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to amend Montville's Site Plan Review Ordinance, as per changes made and approved by the Planning Board. Printed in full, with amendments indicated, later in this Town Report.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to approve a lifetime lease of one acre of land, located between the Town Hall and the Town Office, to the Union Harvest Grange with the possibility of the Grange moving their building onto the parcel. The plan to accomplish this is outlined in the 2002 4th Annual Nash Lot Committee report (under Montville Community Area), copies of which will be available at the Town Meeting or in advance at the Town Office.

The Grange requests a rate of \$1 per year.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to allow the construction of a pavilion at the Field Day field as outlined in the 2002 4th Annual Nash Lot Committee report (under Field Day field), copies of which will be available at the Town Meeting or in advance at the Town Office. Funds to be taken from the Nash Lot fund and raised through donations.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 annual Town Meeting.

Article 16 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts.

Article 17 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take a loan in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to fix the dates when taxes shall be due and payable. First installment due date: August 1, 2021. Second installment due date: November 1, 2021.

Article 19 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed for the year 2021.

Article 20 To see what discount, if any, the Town will vote to allow on taxes paid in full (both installments up front) prior to commitment or within 15 days after commitment.

Recommend: 1% discount

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest on unpaid taxes beginning 60 days after each installment due date at a rate of 6.0% per annum. (In accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §505.4, the state treasurer established 6.0% as the maximum interest rate allowed in 2021.)

Article 22 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed may be repaid the amount of overpayment with no interest.

Article 23 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice sixty (60) days before the sale by posting in public places in said Town, on Montville's website, and in the newspaper, except when the property is being redeemed by the owner or when required to use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property of residents 65 years of age or older.

Article 24 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

Recommend: \$20,000 from Overlay

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommend: \$2,500.00 from Taxation

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to accept donations and grants to the Town.

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year contract with a certified assessing agent to conduct a complete revaluation of town property, totaling \$80,000.00; and to see if the town will raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 from Unassigned Surplus for payment during 2021. Note: 2022 and 2023 payments will each be \$36,500.00.

Article 28 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general administrative operating costs and wages for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table A in **bold.**) *

TABLE A

Account	2021 from Taxation	From Unassigned Surplus	2021 Totals	Budgeted 2020	Expended
10 – ADMINISTRATION					
10 – General Government					
110 – Town Officers	21,400.00		21,400.00	24,250.00	18,149.80
145 – Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0
155 – Deputy Town Clerk	3,500.00		3,500.00	5,000.00	4,000.80
160 – Administrative Assistant	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	15,337.00
Registrar of voters	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
185 – Elections	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00	4999.94
210 – Town FICA/Soc Sec	6,521.00		6,521.00	5,200.00	6,521.00
215 – Town Medicare	1,525.00		1,525.00	1,300.00	1,525.00
240 - Workers Comp	5,500.00		5,000.00	5,500.00	3,874.00
245 - Unemployment	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00	2,279.44
260 - Liability Insurance	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,700.00	15319.00
330 - Heating Fuel	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,000.00	3,526.92
410 - Advertising	550.00		550.00	550.00	351.82
420 - Audit Services	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	6,509.25
425 - Bank Fees	20.00		20.00	20.00	12.00
430 - Consulting Fees	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	5,400.00
435 - Dues & Subscriptions	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00	2,226.60
440 – Software Maintenance	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	5,667.07
442 - Assessing Agent	10,000.00		10,000.00		
445 - Miscellaneous	500.00		500.00	1,640.00	58.17
450 - Office Equipment	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,500.00	1,172.82
455 - Office Supplies	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,400.00	1,995.29
465 - Postage	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,500.00	1,832.25
470 - Printing & Publications	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,000.00	1040.00
475 - Training & Education	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	680.00
480 - Travel	1,000.00		1,000.00	600.00	1,293.75
20 - Town Office					
310 - Electric	200.00		200.00	200.00	174.72
320 - Phone/Internet	2,700.00		2,700.00	1,900.00	2,425.04
340 - Security System	360.00		360.00	360.00	1,178.55
610 - Mowing	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Office	500.00	11,000.00	11,500.00	500.00	685.66
30 - Town Hall					
310 - Electric/Heat	200.00		200.00	200.00	174.72
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Hall	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	500.00	0.00
Final Totals	126,776.00	15,000.00	141,776.00	113,620.00	109,048.54

*Items in Table A may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

Article 29 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elected Officials for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table B in **bold**.) *

TABLE B

Account	2021 from Taxation	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
15 - ELECTED OFFICIALS			
10 - Officials			
120 - Board of Selectmen (*Intended as 1 st Select Person at \$4,000; 2 nd and 3 rd Select Persons at \$3,000)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
130 - Treasurer	11,700.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
140 - Tax Collector	11,700.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
150 - Town Clerk	20,000.00	15,000.00	14,999.99
Final Totals	53,400.00	\$42,000.00	\$41,999.99

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HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter a lease/purchase agreement for a term not to exceed 5 years to acquire a dump truck, with or without a roller and/or rake, having a total purchase price not to exceed \$50,000, on such other terms as they deem in the best interests of the Town; to raise \$10,600 from Unassigned Surplus to fund lease payments due during FY 2021; and to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to purchase two gravel pits located in the town of Montville to mine gravel for the town to use, for \$47,500.00; and to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose. One parcel is a portion of map and lots: **7/5+7/35**; the other is the entirety of map and lot **7/31.1**. Maps of properties are included later in this Town Report. Note: Payment for purchase is included in Gravel line item in Table C.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to change the Grader Reserve Account to the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account.

Article 33 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works and Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table C in **bold.**) *

TABLE C

Account	From Taxation	From Excise	LRAP	Equipment Sales	2021 Totals	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
Public Works							
Road Maintenance							
Wages	35,000.00				35,000.00	5,000.00	31,450.63
Town FICA/Soc Sec	2,170.00				2,170.00	300.00	1,950.01
Town Medicare	508.00				508.00	200.00	456.03
Utilities	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00	628.10
Travel	2,300.00				2,300.00	0.00	2,306.00
Repairs/Maint	50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00	66,442.10
Gravel	70,000.00				70,000.00	30,000.00	30,116.42
Culverts	8,680.00		\$2,320.00		11,000.00	1,000.00	6,240.14
Paving reserve Fund	0.00		40,000.00		40,000.00	90,000.00	707.66
Grader/Equipment Reserve Fund	0.00			7,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Grader Lease	8,937.90			6,001.05	14,938.95	14,938.95	14,938.95
Winter							
Plow Subcontractor	72,500.00	187,500			\$260,000.00	251,000.00	254,370.00
Sand	40,000.00				\$40,000.00	38,000.00	36,234.72
Salt	22,000.00				\$22,000.00	23,000.00	13,765.17
Equipment							
Miscellaneous	1,500.00				\$1,500.00	1,500.00	49.95
R/M Vehicles	10,000.00				\$10,000.00	5,000.00	16,597.31
Garage							
Sand/Salt Shed	1,000.00				\$1,000.00	1,000	120.00
Vehicles - Diesel	7,000.00				\$7,000.00	5,500	3,449.57
Final Totals	\$333,095.90	\$187,500.00	\$42,320.00	\$13,501.05	576,416.95	522,938.95	543,653.26

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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center (UARRC) Interlocal Agreement.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to eliminate Town transportation of recycling to the UARRC for a temporary nine-month trial.

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to purchase a closed trailer to haul recyclables to UARRC, and to see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for said trailer.

Recommend: \$4000.00 from Unassigned Surplus

Article 37 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for hauling recyclables to UARRC.

Recommend: \$6000.00 from Unassigned Surplus

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to eliminate Demolition Weekend [Roll-Off].

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to establish a fee per load to help offset costs for Demolition Weekends.

Recommend: Cars \$5.00 per load

Recommend: Pick-up Trucks \$15.00 per load

Recommend: Trailers (Noncommercial size) \$15.00 per load

Recommend: Tires at the rate set by the disposal company

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to increase prices for trash disposal sticker fees.

Recommend: \$1.00 bags under 20 gallons (currently \$0.75)

Recommend: \$1.75 bags 20-35 gallons (currently \$1.50)

Recommend: \$2.50 bags over 35 gallons & barrels (currently \$2.25)

Article 41 To see if the Town will vote for one of the following two options for the Montville Transfer station.

- A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sign a one-year contract with the Town of Freedom for disposal of Montville's municipal waste in their packer truck. Note: The agreed amount of \$36,000 for one year also includes tipping fees, this is included as "Solid Waste Disposal" in Table D below.

Recommend: Fail

- B. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter a lease/purchase agreement for a term not to exceed 5 years to acquire a solid waste compactor, having a total purchase price not to exceed \$40,000, on such other terms as they deem in the best interests of the Town; to raise and appropriate \$8,750 from Taxation to fund the down payment and lease payments due during FY 2021; and to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose. Note: Tipping fees and site preparation costs are included as "Solid Waste Disposal" in Table D below.

Recommend: Pass

Article 42 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health and Sanitation Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table D in **bold**.) *

TABLE D

ITEM	From Taxation	From Stickers	2021 Totals	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
30 - Health & Sanitation					
10 - Transfer Station					
170 - Wages	6,000.00		6,000.00	13,000.00	7,370.20
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	457.01
215 - Town Medicare	300.00		300.00	300.00	106.83
455 - Office Supplies	600.00		600.00	1,000.00	548.32
880 - Repairs/Maint - Garage	500.00		500.00	500.00	1,635.21
900 - R/M Vehicles	0.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	897.35
950 - Demolition Day	5,000.00	1,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,238.98
960 - Solid Waste Disposal	20,800.00	15,200.00	36,000.00	9,500.00	13,091.32
965 - Unity Recycling Art. 35	11,057.11		11,057.11	11,503.00	10,496.02
Final Totals	45,257.11	16,700.00	61,957.11	46,303.00	42,858.24

*Items in Table D may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Article 43 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table E in **bold**.) *

TABLE E

Account	2021 from Taxation	Carried Funds	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
20 - Protection				
10 - Fire Department				
170 - Wages	25,000.00		15,000.00	13,894.79
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	1405.00		1,000.00	754.09
215 - Town Medicare	470.00		500.00	176.35

710 - Fire Station	3,500.00		3,500.00	958.39
725 - Operations	24,750.00		19,650.00	16,281.06
740 - Fire Equipment Reserve	5,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
745 - Equipment	6,180.00		6,180.00	9022.83
750 - Grants	2,000.00	3634.00	1,000.00	0
20 - Emergency Management				
445 - EMS	\$600.00		600.00	411.44
30 - Street Lights				
350 - Street Lights	\$900.00		900.00	898.66
Final Totals	\$69,805.00	3,634.00	\$51,330.00	\$42,397.61

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Article 44 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for protection and enforcement services for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table F in **bold**.) *

TABLE F

Account	2021 FROM Taxation	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
25 – Enforcement			
10 – Animal Control Officer			
445 – Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	1,640.88
480 – Travel	\$500.00	500.00	328.50
20 – Code Enforcement Officer			
445 – Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
30 – Planning Board			
445 – Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	200.00	0
Final Totals	\$3,100.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,969.38

*Items in Table F may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

Article 45 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service staff wages. \$75,000.00 requested.

Recommend: \$37,500.00 from Taxation; and \$37,500.00 from Unassigned Surplus

RECREATION

Article 46 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for recreational activities and properties. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table G below in **bold**.) *

TABLE G

Account	2021 from Taxation**	Requested 2021	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
70 – Recreation				
10 – Program Donations				
770 – BUM League Basketball	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
771 – Knox Booster Club	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Liberty Swim	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
773 – Liberty/Montville Little League	\$200.00	200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
774 – Town of Liberty-Roberts Field Maint	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
NEW – North Star Riders	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00	0.00
777 – Field Day	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
000 – Mt View Little League	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	0.00
NEW – Waldo County Trails Coalition	\$0.00	\$150.00	0.00	0.00
Final Totals	\$2,400.00	\$4,150.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,000.00

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** The figures in the “2020 from taxation” column in Table H are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.

SINGLE LINE ITEMS

Article 47 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for local social service organizations. For more information on these organizations, see descriptions located in the annual town report. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table H below in **bold**.) *

TABLE H

Account	2021 from Taxation**	Requested 2021	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
80 - Social Services				
20 - Donation				
970 - Belfast Area Child Care Serv	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
972 - The Game Loft	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
973 - Hospice of Waldo County	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
974 - Liberty AMVETS Food Pantry	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
975 - Liberty Library	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
976 - Lifeflight Foundation	\$516.00	516.00	\$516.00	\$516.00
977 - New Hope for Women	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
978 - Spectrum Generations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$584.00	\$584.00
979 - Waldo Community Action Partner	\$1,911.00	\$3,205.00	\$1,911.00	\$1,911.00
981 - American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$575.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
982 - Garry Owen House	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
000 - Waldo County YMCA	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
000 - Waldo County Broadband Coalition	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00	0.00
Final Totals	\$7,677.00	\$9,646.00	\$8,311.00	\$8,261.00

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** The figures in the "2020 Donations from taxation" column in Table I are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.

PERPETUAL CARE

Article 48 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the perpetual care and maintenance of Montville cemeteries. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table I below in **bold**.) *

TABLE I

Account	2021 from Taxation	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
60 - Cemetery			
170 - Wages	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$132.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$8.18
215 - Town Medicare	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$1.91
610 - Mowing	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00
745 - Equipment	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$90.00
980 - Halldale Cemetery Donation	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Final Totals	\$5,100.00	\$7,850.00	\$4,232.09

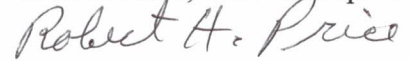
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Article 49 To see if the Town, as a result of the budget approved in accordance with the Articles herein, will authorize a one-time exemption from the LD 1 Law governing annual Town expenditures to accommodate for the approved budget.

Article 50 Motion to adjourn.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of May, 2021 A.D.

Robert Price, First Selectperson



Cathy Roberts, Second Selectperson



Robert LeRoy, Third Selectperson



A True Copy of the Warrant

Attest: _____

Town Clerk, Town of Montville, Maine