**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**Tuesday August 31 , 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 The Montville Town House 418 Center Rd., Center Montville, Maine, on Tuesday, the **31st day of August, 2021**, at 6:30PM in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit: **Meeting started at 6:35 pm. There were 23 voters present, and 1 non resident.**

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. **Nominations were taken for moderator. Glen Couturier was nominated by Hannah Hatfield and seconded by Cathy Roberts. No other nominations were made. Hand vote, majority voted in Glen Couturier.**

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to authorize the expenditure of monies transferred or awarded by the Waldo County Commissioners to the Town of Montville, Maine under provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to the Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition for the purposes of funding a broadband service feasibility study and related expenses, said purposes being eligible for distribution under ARPA infrastructure guidelines and provisions permitting such funds to be expended for broadband infrastructure and to expand access to broadband internet. **Motion was made to accept article as read by Hannah Hatfield, seconded by Doug Thomas. Vernon Lecount, a Montville resident, who is part of the SWWCBC, asked for the Freedom Select Board member, who was present, to speak to this article. Town voted in favor of allowing him to address the Town. He said initiative started in August 2020. They started small and have gained more towns and have connected to other committees, partners, and volunteers. Coalition will engage a firm to do a feasibility study, which then will come back to the Coalition, and they will then update all towns, committees, partners and volunteers from there. Moved to vote. Hand vote, majority. PASSED.**

Article 3 To see if the Town of Montville will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend, for Town purposes, additional funds received for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) from Federal, State, County and other sources until the next scheduled Town Meeting in 2022. **Motion was made by Vernon Lecount, seconded by Doug Thomas. No discussion. Hand vote, majority. PASSED.**

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 30 as approved at the June 5th, 2021 Town Meeting, and vote in its stead: To authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for a term not to exceed 5 years to acquire a loader, 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 Boardto execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose. **Motion was made to accept article as read by Bob Price, seconded by Vernon Lecount. Cathy Roberts, First Select Person, stood up and spoke about how they have been in constant conversation with Richard Peavey the Road Commissioner, and based on their conversations, this was the best way to help with the immediate needs of the Town’s roads. Moved to vote. Hand vote, majority. PASSED.**

Article 5 To see what amount if any the Town will vote to appropriate from unassigned fund balance for continued summer roads maintenance.

Select Board Recommends $60,000.00

**Motion was made by Hannah Hatfield, seconded by Vernon Lecount. Cathy Roberts spoke to residents about the conversations and work both the Select Board and the Road Commissioner have put in to creating a roads list, and prioritizing jobs. Band aid approach is no longer sustainable. Need to preserve repairs already made by doing a thorough and complete job. Moved to vote. Hand vote, majority. PASSED.**

Article 6 Motion to adjourn**. Motion was made by Bob Price, seconded by many. Hand vote. Adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

Given under our hands this 23rd day of August in this year of 2021 A.D.

Cathy Roberts, First Selectperson

Robert LeRoy, Second Selectperson

Sharon Hibbard, Third Selectperson

Article 30 from Town Meeting June 5, 2021:

*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.*