

TOWN OF GRAY
ORDER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Cumberland, SS.

State of Maine

To Deborah S. Cabana, a resident of the Town of Gray

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the Voters of the Town of Gray qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at Gray New Gloucester Middle School Cafeteria off Libby Hill Road, in Gray, Maine on Saturday May 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 - 24.

Article 1. To choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside at said Annual Town Meeting and to conduct the Annual Election on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Election shall be held at Newbegin Center.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the Town Meeting shall then be recessed to a date and time certain, namely: Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Newbegin Center; whereupon such Town Meeting shall come to Order to conduct the Municipal Election and a Special Municipal Election for all necessary Municipal offices: Two [2] Town Councilors, for a term of three [3] years, one [1] Town Councilor for a term of one [1] year, two [2] School Administrative District No. 15 members of the Board of Directors, for a term of three [3] years; and one [1] Gray Water District trustee seat for a term of five [5] years; and budget articles affirmed at the first half of Town Meeting shall be voted on. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE OPENED AT 10:00 AM, 2:00 P.M., 6:00 PM AND AT 8:00 P.M.** (Pursuant to Title 21-A M.R.S.A. Section 759(7)). At the conclusion of the election, the Town Meeting shall then be adjourned and the results shall be publicly read aloud. The Town Clerk shall record and print the results. The Town Council shall certify the election results at the next regular Town Council meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town shall vote to accept and apply \$2,348,874 of miscellaneous revenues, including State Funds for Municipal Revenue-Sharing, Local Road Assistance, Public Library State Aid Per Capita, Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance) Snowmobile Registration Money, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement, Tree Growth Reimbursement, General Assistance Reimbursement, Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement, Cable TV Franchise Fees, and any State grants or other funds as anticipated to be provided by the Maine State Legislature against the total Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate for their designated purposes all of the various Town "enterprise account" funds for the FYE 2010, such as the library enterprise account and the recreation department enterprise account.

Articles 4 through 10 involve the transfer of existing funds from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance, Northbrook T.I.F. and Capital Reserves. Pass or Fail, these Articles shall have no impact on the municipal tax commitment, as any of Articles 4 through 10 that fail shall not be funded, and the projects therein shall not be undertaken.

- Article 4. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance and the transfer of \$185,775 from an existing capital reserve account, known as the Bridge Capital Reserve, both to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate both amounts for the cost of construction of Weymouth Road/Libby Brook Bridge, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 5. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Northbrook TIF account to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate the same as the Town's matching fund/local share of the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant award of \$200,000, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 6 To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$120,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate \$60,000 each to FYE 2010's Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves and the Public Works Capital Investment Reserves as part of the capital expenditure schedule for FYE 2010; provided, however, that such appropriation for the Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves and the Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves shall be contingent upon the aforementioned transfer and appropriation of funds, as recommended by Gray Town Council.
- Article 7. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$251,473 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate the same for the first payment of lease for Public Works/Public Safety Vehicles, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 8. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$13,000 from an existing capital reserve account known as Technology Capital Reserve to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate the same for an updated e-mail system and other computer servers, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 9. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$10,700 from an existing capital reserve account known as Public Safety Vehicle Capital Reserve account to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate the same as the Town's matching fund/local share

of a FEMA Homeland Security "Assistance to Firefighters Grant" award for the purchase of a Fire Tanker Truck, the total cost of which truck is approximately \$215,000, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 10. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$35,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance and the transfer of \$80,000 from an existing capital reserve account, known as the Bridge Capital Reserve, both to the FYE 2010 budget revenues and appropriate both amounts for the cost of construction of culvert replacement & roadway reconstruction, and engineering studies relating thereto, at McConkey Road, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 11. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$67,383 from an existing account known as Penn-cable savings to the FYE 2010 budget revenues, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Reference Note: The total amount to be raised through local property taxes and appropriated for FYE 2010 will have to be increased dollar for dollar by the amount, if any, by which Article 11 is reduced.

Article 12. To see if the Town shall vote to fix at \$10,000, the Town Council compensation for the upcoming FYE 2010. (This appropriation must be voted separately, pursuant to Section 6, Article II of the Town Charter.)

Article 13. To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,737,863 for the FYE 2010 Municipal Budget. If approved, the total amount to be raised through the local property taxes for FYE 2010 is \$2,388,989, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

If Article 11 above should fail, or is reduced, the total appropriation will not change as those services are still included within the stated appropriation, but the amount to be raised through local property taxes will increase by an amount up to an additional \$67,383.

If Articles 23 and 24 below, to be voted on separately, both pass, then both the total annual appropriation and the total amount to be raised by local property taxes will increase by the \$144,548 amount stated in Article 23.

Reference Note: If Article 13 is approved, skip Articles 14 through 22.

- Article 14. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$966,715 for **Administrative Services**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 15. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$474,980 (\$1,205,928 minus the total of Articles 4 through 9) for **Municipal Finances**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 16. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$379,282 for **Library and Parks & Recreation Services**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 17. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$791,570 for **Public Safety Services**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 18. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$2,007,987 for **Public Works Services**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 19. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$54,955 for **Council, Boards and Committees**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 20. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$7,196 for **Stimson Hall**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 21. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$4,920 for **Pennell Buildings**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 22. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for FYE 2010 of \$50,258 for **Community Service Agencies**, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$144,548 to contract, on such terms as the Town Council deems to be in the Town's best interests, with Cumberland County (Sheriff's Office) to provide 40 hours per week of law enforcement coverage for the Town for the FYE 2010, provided that this article shall only be deemed effective if the voters pass both this article and the companion article below to increase the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit for this purpose.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to increase the FYE 2010 LD 1 property tax levy limit, otherwise imposed by Maine law, by \$144,548 to fund full-time (40 hour per week) law enforcement coverage in Town for said municipal year under an agreement to be negotiated with Cumberland County (Sheriff's Office).

The Registrar of Voters is available to accept new registrations and corrections to the voter list at Town Hall, 6 Shaker Road. Town Hall is open Monday - Wednesday 8:30AM - 4:00PM, Thursday 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM and Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON. Proof of residency and identity is required. The Registrar of Voters will also be available at the annual town meeting to accept new registrations and corrections.


A True Copy

Attest:



Deborah S. Cabana, Town Clerk

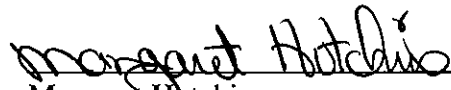
This Order shall be in full force and effective as of the date of passage. Ordered and accepted and given over our hands and seal in the State of Maine, County of Cumberland, Town of Gray, this the 21st day of April, 2009 by the Gray Town Council.

The Gray Town Council:


Peter Gellerson, Chair


Tracy Scheckel, Vice Chair


Mark D. Grover


Margaret Hutchins


Matthew Sturgis