

**TOWN OF GRAY**

**ORDER #105-07**

**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 Newbegin Center on Route 100/Lewiston Road in Gray, Maine on Saturday May 5, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1- 17.

Article 1. To choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside at said Annual Town Meeting and to conduct the Annual Election on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 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: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 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 Officers: One [1] Town Councilor, for a term of three [3] years, one [1] Town Councilor for a term of two[2] years, two [2] School Administrative District No. 15 member 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; a citizen referendum petition of Town Council Order #54-07 regarding the agreement with Cumberland County Regional Communication Center for the Duration of two years (for the purpose of providing local dispatching for the Town of Gray), a municipal bond question of 3.2 million, 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 M.R.S.A. Title 21-A Section 759 sub 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 \$2,537,061.00 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 2007-2008 as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Articles 3 and 4 involve the transfer of existing funds from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance ("surplus"). Pass or fail, articles 3 and 4 shall have no impact on the municipal tax commitment. If articles 3 and/or 4 fail, then these articles shall not be funded, and the projects therein shall not be undertaken.

Article 3. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the FYE 2008 budget revenues and appropriate the same for infrastructure improvement program for downtown revitalization, as identified in the Gray Village Master Plan; provided, however, that the infrastructure improvement program for downtown revitalization project shall be contingent upon the aforementioned transfer of funds, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.\*\*

Article 4. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$116,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the fiscal year 2008 budget revenues and appropriate the same to FYE 2008's Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves as part of the capital expenditure schedule for FYE 2008; provided, however, that such appropriation for the Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves shall be contingent upon the aforementioned transfer of funds, as recommended by Gray Town Council.\*\*

Article 5. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from existing reserves known as Penn-cable savings to the FYE 2008 budget, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.\*

Article 6. To see if the Town shall vote to fix at \$10,000.00, the Town Council compensation for the upcoming fiscal year (FYE 2008). This appropriation must be voted separately, pursuant to Section 6, Article II of the Town Charter. (This appropriation is included in Article 13).

Article 7. To see if the Town shall vote to approve, in addition to the sum approved in articles 3 and 4, the sum of \$4,870,033.42 for the FYE 2008 Municipal Budget. If approved as is, the total amount to be raised through local property tax is \$2,132,972.42, as recommended by the Municipal Officers. If article 5 fails or is reduced, then the total maximum amount to be raised through local property tax is \$2,332,972.42.

*\* The total amount to be raised through local property tax will increase if Article 5 is reduced.*

*\*\* Articles 3 and 4 shall not impact the amount to be raised through property tax.*

*Reference Note: Articles 8 through 15 are to be voted on only if Article 7 is not approved.*

- Article 8. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$728,315.65 for **Administrative Services**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 9. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$1,460,723.44 for **Municipal Finances**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 10. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$289,921.92 for **Leisure And Information Services**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 11. To see if the town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$610,587.54 for **Public Safety Services**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 12. To see if the town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$1,672,832.07 for **Public Works Services**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 13. To see if the town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$53,800.00 for **Council, Boards and Committees**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 14. To see if the town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$7,940.00 for **Stimson Hall**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 15. To see if the town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$45,912.80 for **Community Service Agencies**, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 16. To see if the Town, subject to subsequent approval at a referendum election, shall authorize the Treasurer and the Town Council, on behalf of the Town, to borrow an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.00, which amount (including investment earnings thereon) shall be appropriated to finance the design, construction and equipping of (i) a public works garage and (ii) an addition to the Town's solid waste and recycling building, and all other costs related and ancillary thereto and to issue therefore the Town's general obligation bonds (and notes in anticipation thereof), for a term of not greater than thirty (30) years with an average annual interest rate not to exceed 7.00%, with such other terms and conditions, including provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as the Town Council may approve, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

**TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Gray hereby certifies that as of April 13, 2007

1. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Gray outstanding and unpaid is \$203,817.30.
2. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Gray authorized but not issued is \$00.
3. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Gray contemplated to be issued if Article 22 is adopted is \$3,200,000.
4. The anticipated interest rate on the bonds is between 5% and 6%. Assuming issuance of the full \$3,200,000 of bonds to be authorized, level principal payments over a 20 year term and an average annual interest rate of 5.5%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$1,848,000, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity of \$5,048,000.

The foregoing represents an estimate of costs associated with the financing and such estimates will change due to market conditions. The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds shall not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimates. The ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of any variance of actual costs from the estimates provided hereinabove.

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Treasurer

Article 17. (By ballot) To see if the Town shall vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,774,828.83 established for the Town of Gray by State law to \$2,743,545.53, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

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 8:00AM - 4:00PM, Thursday 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. 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:

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Diana Cronin, Deputy 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 by the Gray Town Council.

**The Gray Town Council:**

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Gary C. Foster, Chair

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Andrew J. Upham, Vice Chair

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Marchian Crane, Jr.

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Alison Libbey