

TOWN OF GRAY

ORDER #097-08

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 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 - 23.

Article 1. To choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside at said Annual Town Meeting and to conduct the Annual Election on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 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 10, 2008 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 \$2,681,737.00 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 2008-2009 as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Articles 3 through 11 involve the transfer of existing funds from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance, Capital Reserves and Northbrook T.I.F. Pass or Fail, these Articles shall have no impact on the municipal tax commitment, as any of Articles 3 through 11 that fail shall not be funded, and the projects therein shall not be undertaken.

Reference Note: Article 3 involves the transfer of existing funds from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance ("surplus") account. If Article 3 passes, it shall have no impact on the municipal tax commitment or the amount of money raised by taxation for this fiscal year. Conversely, if Article 3 fails, then the project described therein shall not be undertaken. In that event, the property referred to in Article 3 will be leased by the Town rather than purchased.

Reference Note: Also, if Article 3 fails, then Article 19 below must be considered instead of Article 18. Only one of these articles will appear on the June referendum ballot.

- Article 3. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$260,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for the purchase of real property located 2 Turnpike Acres Road for the purpose of a public safety station.
- Article 4. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$120,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same to FYE 2009's Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves as part of the capital expenditure schedule for FYE 2009; provided, however, that such appropriation for the Public Safety Capital Investment Reserves shall be contingent upon the aforementioned transfer and appropriation of funds, as recommended by Gray Town Council.
- Article 5. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the Northbrook TIF account to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for the matching fund/local share of the Community Development Block Grant, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.
- Article 6. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$13,536.00 from existing reserves known as Henry Pennell Charitable Trust Fund account to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for the operation of the Gray Public Library for heating maintenance of the Pennell building.
- Article 7. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from existing reserves known as Sub-D Recreation Fund savings to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for Gray Community Endowment land acquisition located at Libby Hill, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 8 To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the existing reserves known as Library Technology Fund to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for computers at the Gray Public Library, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 9. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$28,500.00 from the existing reserves known as Bridges/Mayall/Knight Fund to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for engineering services for the Ford Bridge located at Weymouth Road, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 10. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$5,558.00 from the existing reserves known as Capital Expenditures Fund to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for public safety technology equipment to be used for EMS billing, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 11. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$260,000.00 from the existing reserves known as Fire/Rescue Fund to the FYE 2009 budget revenues and appropriate the same for a rescue unit and equipment for Engine #1, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Article 12. To see if the Town shall vote to approve the transfer of \$61,010.00 from existing reserves known as Penn-cable savings to the FYE 2009 budget revenues, as recommended by the Gray Town Council.

Reference Note: The total amount to be raised through local property tax will increase if Article 12 is reduced.

Article 13. To see if the Town shall vote to fix at \$10,000.00, the Town Council compensation for the upcoming fiscal year (FYE 2009). (This appropriation must be voted separately, pursuant to Section 6, Article II of the Town Charter.)

Reference Note: The sum of appropriations in Articles 3 through 23 as proposed equals the total proposed municipal appropriations of \$5,783,324.68.

Article 14. To see if the Town shall vote to approve, in addition to the sum approved in Article 3, the sum of \$5,010,730.68 for the FYE 2009 Municipal Budget. If approved, the total amount to be raised through the local property tax for FYE 2009 is \$2,407,983.68, as recommended by the Municipal Officers. If Article 3 fails, then the total maximum amount to be raised through local property tax is \$2,431,983.68 (with the increase to reflect an additional \$24,000 lease fee for the real property located 2 Turnpike Acres Road for the purpose of a public safety station). If Article 12 fails, or is reduced, then the total maximum amount to be raised through local property tax will increase up to an additional \$61,010.00.

If Article 14 is approved, skip the remaining Articles: 15 through 23.


- Article 15. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year, 2008-2009 of \$741,372.86 for Administrative Services, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 16. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$1,310,131.12 for Municipal Finances, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 17. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$314,925.93 for Leisure And Information Services, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.

Reference Note: Voters will be asked to choose between Article 18 and Article 19. If Article 3 above passes as printed, the Town will purchase the former Walker Tire property on Route 26, and so voters should consider Article 18 that does not have any money in it to lease that property; on the other hand, if the voters decide not to pass Article 3 to buy the property, then voters should consider Article 19 that asks for \$24,000 more for the Public Safety Services budget so the Town can lease that property for another year.

- Article 18. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$700,356.73 for Public Safety Services, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 19. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$724,356.73 for Public Safety Services, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 20. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$1,820,597.88 for Public Works Services, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 21. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$59,245.00 for Council, Boards and Committees, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 22. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$7,388.16 for Stimson Hall, as recommended by the Municipal Officers.
- Article 23. To see if the Town shall vote to authorize a budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$56,713.00 for Community Service Agencies, 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.

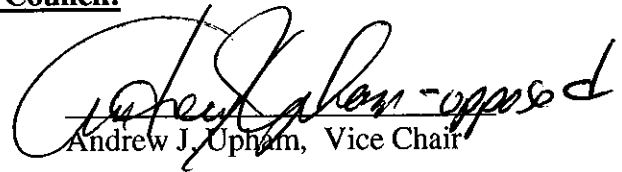
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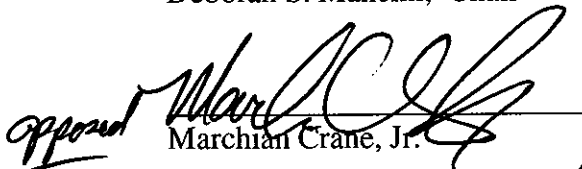
  
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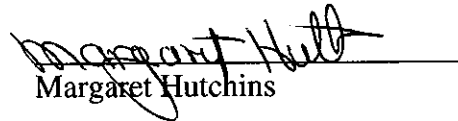
This Order shall be in full force and effective as of the date of passage. Ordered and accepted and given over our hands and seal in the State of Maine, County of Cumberland, Town of Gray, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 by the Gray Town Council.

**The Gray Town Council:**

  
Deborah S. Mancini, Chair

  
Andrew J. Upham, Vice Chair

  
Marchian Crane, Jr.

  
Margaret Hutchins

  
Tracy Scheckel