

Official Ballot
Annual Town Election
Gray, Maine
July 14, 2020
BUDGET WARRANT ARTICLES

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Instructions to Voters

To vote, fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: ●
To vote for a question, fill in the YES oval. To vote against the question, fill in the NO oval.
To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

- Article 2. Shall the Town vote to accept \$4,077,829 of revenue and any Federal, State and other sources of revenue and to appropriate the same to help fund the total Municipal Budget for FYE 2021 (detailed below) as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$9,015,898 to fund the FYE 2021 Municipal Budget, as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

(Admin, Codes, GA, Com. Dev., Com. & Info, Elections)	\$1,394,971
Municipal Finances (Bonds/CIP)	\$3,080,837
Library and Parks & Recreation	\$388,922
Public Safety/Street Lights	\$1,326,913
Public Works	\$2,483,998
Council (legal), Boards and Committees	\$55,340
Law Enforcement	\$253,786
Community Service Agencies	\$31,131
Total Budget FYE 2021	\$9,015,898

- Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Town Council compensation for the FYE 2021, as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
- (Note: This appropriation must be voted on as a separate article, pursuant to, Art. II, Sec. 6 of the Town Charter.)

- Article 5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,894,096 from the Capital Reserve Fund for FYE 2021, for the following Capital Projects, as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Road Resurfacing	\$469,250
Parks and Recreation	\$50,704
Technology	\$66,567
Debt Service	\$1,254,200
Land Acquisition	\$25,000
Miscellaneous	\$28,375
Total Capital Projects FYE 2021	\$1,894,096

- Article 6. Shall the Town vote to accept and appropriate for their designated purposes all of the various Town "enterprise account" funds (e.g., nonmajor special revenue funds, recreation enterprise funds) for FYE 2020, as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- Article 7. Shall the Town vote to place funds received from the disposition of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$100,000 or less, in the Capital Reserve Fund and to appropriate the same for capital projects, as recommended by the Town Council?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Article 8. Shall the Town vote to accept all funds generated by donations and fund-raising activities on behalf of the Town's Recreation Department, the Dry Mills Schoolhouse, the Gray Public Library Association and the Gray Fire Rescue Association, and to appropriate the same for their intended purposes, as recommended by the Town Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements, including any interest due thereon, from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from the unassigned fund balance, as recommended by the Town Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to increase the Town of Gray's property tax levy limit established for FYE 2021 by State law to \$361,785 in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit, as recommended by the Town Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 11. Shall the Town authorize the reallocation and expenditure of up to \$700,000 of unspent proceeds from the Town's 2018 General Obligation Bonds as set forth in the Order of the Town Council adopted on July 3, 2018, for the purpose of stormwater drain repairs and ADA sidewalk improvements along Shaker Road (Village) as recommended by the Town Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(Fiscal Note: This will **not affect the mil rate** as the bonds have already been issued. These funds will be used along with a \$500,000 grant from the Maine DOT and approximately \$100,000 of revenues from the Town's Village TIF District for a total project cost of \$1,230,000. The Town must authorize this expenditure in order to obtain the MDOT matching grant.)

Article 12. Shall Section 7 of Art. XI of the Gray Town Charter be amended as follows?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section 7. Charter Amendments. Amendments, modifications and revisions to this Charter may be made pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law. Beginning with the November 2010 election and at the respective November election every ten years thereafter, ~~The following questions shall be put to the voters every ten (10) years from the effective date of this Charter, at the respective November election:~~

1. "Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the municipal Charter ~~or establishing a new Charter?~~" The voters shall indicate "yes" or "no" on their ballot in a manner as instructed on the ballot.
2. ~~"Indicate the six (6) candidates you wish to serve on the Commission."~~ If the voters elect to establish a Charter Commission as set forth above, the election of voter members of the Charter Commission shall occur at the next scheduled regular or special municipal or state election pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law. The candidates shall be listed on the ballot alphabetically by last name and the rules regarding write-in candidates for municipal offices shall apply.

Explanatory Note: This amendment specifies that the Town will ask the voters if a Charter Commission should be established at the November election every ten years beginning November 2010. If the Town determines that a Charter Commission should be established, the election of the members of the Charter Commission will occur at the next regular or special election following the November election, as permitted under 30-A M.R.S. § 2103(1)(A).

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to: 1) amend its Route 100 Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District (as previously amended) to include additional authorized uses of the TIF revenues (including, but not limited to, a coordinated future project with the Gray Water District for reconstruction of Yarmouth Road and sidewalks); 2) adopt the Second Amendment to the Development Program for said TIF District pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes and as ordered by the Town Council following a public hearing on the same, and to make the findings set forth in said order; and 3) authorize the submission of the Second Amendment to the Development Program to the Commissioner of the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for approval? [Note, the Town Council recommends the above actions].

☐ Yes

☐ No

(Fiscal Note: Approval of this Article will **not affect the mil rate**.)