

**TOWN OF OXFORD
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION/REFERENDUM
AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Saturday, June 08, 2019
and
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Town Meeting June 08, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Oxford Elementary School

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Secret Ballot Election/Referendum June 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main St., Oxford Maine.

TOWN OF OXFORD WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF OXFORD

To Penny Littlefield, a resident of the Town of Oxford:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oxford in said county and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main St., Oxford, on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, A.D., 2019, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Oxford Elementary School in said town on Saturday, the 08th day of June, 2019, A.D., at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 by written ballot and Articles 3 through 39 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect all Municipal Officers, Oxford Water District Trustees, and SAD #17 Directors.

Article 3: Shall the Oxford Mass Gathering Ordinance be amended as written and

Copy of the Mass Gathering Ordinance is available at the Oxford Town Office.

Article 4: Shall the Oxford Subdivision Ordinance be amended as written repealing the subdivision provisions that are currently in the Zoning Ordinance and adopting the amended Oxford Zoning Ordinance as written .

Copy of the Oxford Subdivision Ordinance and Oxford Zoning Ordinance amendments are available at the Oxford Town Office.

Article 5: Shall the Oxford Sewer Ordinance be adopted as written.

Copy of the Oxford Sewer Ordinance is available at the Oxford Town Office.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Excise Tax, Tree Growth Reimbursement, Veteran Exempt Reimbursement, Boat Excise Tax, Building Permit Fees, State Road Assistance, Town Agent Fees, Town Clerk Fees, Plumbing Permit Fees, Miscellaneous Revenue, Revenue Sharing, School Block Grant, Weapon Permit Fees, and Swimming Lesson Fees towards the reduction of monies to be raised by taxation in the commitment.

- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$721,568.91 for the Administration Account.
 2018: \$720,765.04
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$721,568.91
 Selectmen Recommend: \$721,568.91
- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$855,706.48 for the Police Department Account.
 2018: \$822,766.95
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$855,706.48
 Selectmen Recommend: \$855,706.48
- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$680,144.54 for the Highway Department Account.
 2018: \$645,284.57
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$680,144.54
 Selectmen Recommend: \$680,144.54
- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,698.38 for the Fire Department Account.
 2018: \$379,127.30
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$373,698.38
 Selectmen Recommend: \$373,698.38
- Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$312,204.00 for the Rescue Department Account.
 2018: \$310,252.00
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$312,204.00
 Selectmen Recommend: \$312,204.00
- Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,441.00 for the Recreation Account.
 2018: \$89,758.00
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$101,866.00 *Budget for part time Recreation Director.*
 Selectmen Recommend: \$119,441.00
- Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Fire/Traffic Protection Account.
 2018: \$75,000
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$75,000
 Selectmen Recommend: \$75,000
- Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$291,509.45 for the Transfer Station Account.
 2018: \$280,535.81
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$290,396 *Omitted working paid Monday holidays.*
 Selectmen Recommend: \$288,169 *Budget committee voted prior to health insurance correction.*

- Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,405.23 for the Recycling Operation Account.
 2018: \$72,679.91
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$73,625.33 *Omitted working paid Monday holidays.*
 Selectmen Recommend: \$73,625.33
- Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,000 for the Insurance Account.
 2018: \$56,153
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$69,000
 Selectmen Recommend: \$69,000
- Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,661.20 for the General Assistance Account.
 2018: \$14,562
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,661.20
 Selectmen Recommend: \$17,661.20
- Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,038,798.67 for the Long Term Debt, TIF Debt, Interest, Filing Costs Accounts.
 2018: \$1,055,753.98
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,038,798.67
 Selectmen Recommend: \$1,038,798.67
- Principal – Road & PSB Bond – \$75,000*
Interest \$10,475
- TIF Debt:*
Long Term Debt Principal-Omnibus \$533,274.98
Long Term Debt Interest \$420,048.69
- Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,600.00 for the Freeland Holmes Library Account.
 2018: \$31,900.00
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$32,600.00
 Selectmen Recommend: \$32,600.00
- Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,900 for the Cemeteries Account.
 2018: \$17,400.00
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,900.00
 Selectmen Recommend: \$17,900.00
- Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,850 for the Public Safety Building Account.
 2018: \$53,040
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$54,850
 Selectmen Recommend: \$54,850

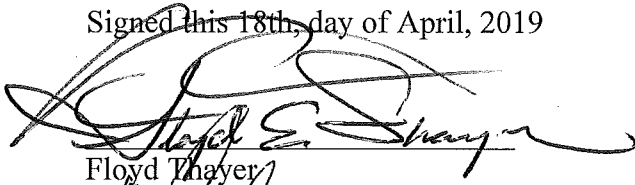
- Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$667,711.00 for the Capital Improvements Project Account.
2018: \$594,211.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$667,711.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$667,711.00
- Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2100 for the support of the Maine Unemployment Tax Fund.
2018: \$2100
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2100
Selectmen Recommend: \$2100
- Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500 for the support of the Animal Control Department Account.
2018: \$10,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,500
Selectmen Recommend: \$10,500
- Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$301,200.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Account.
2018: \$282,448.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$301,200.00
Selectmen Recommend: \$298,959.00 *Budget committee voted prior to health insurance correction.*
- Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,700 for the North End Sewer Account.
2018: \$57,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$58,700
Selectmen Recommend: \$58,700
- Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% of the snowmobile refund check for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails by the Rock-O-Dundee Snowmobile Club, such maintenance to be performed only with the landowners' permission and only on trails that are open for public use.
- Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward to the following year any unexpended balances they deem advisable and lapse to fund balance any overdrafts in accordance with the Town's fund balance policy.
- Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms deemed advisable, and to execute deeds for such property and the proposed action of the Selectmen shall be advertised for two (2) weeks, with the exception that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead properties if not sold back to the original owner.

- Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, or if the value exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), then by a public bid process.
- Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.
- Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept conditional gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.
- Article 33: 1) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to collect taxes twice a year, and to collect prepayment of taxes for the following year. The first bill to be one half of the assessed taxes billed October 1, 2019 and due October 25, 2019. The second half of assessed taxes billed April 1, 2020 and due April 25, 2020; interest to be charged on each of the unpaid balances at 9% annually after October 25, 2019 and April 25, 2020 respectively, and
- 2) To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or her designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, and
- 3) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on those prepayments in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
- Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State funds which may be received, from time to time, in the form of grants or for any other purpose, during the period 07/01/19 to 06/30/20, including, but not limited to Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education, Public Library, State Aid per capita, Civil Emergency Funds, Snowmobiling Registration money, Tree Growth Reimbursement money, General Assistance Reimbursement, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grants, U.S. Fire Administration grants, Police grants, and to act on anything relative thereto.
- Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to establish the rate of interest for those who have received an abatement or have overpaid their taxes for the year 2020 at 3%.
- Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer any balance of less than \$1,000 from outdated Reserve Accounts to the General Fund.

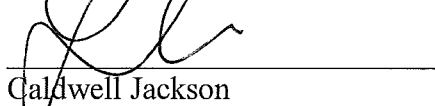
Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to exceed the maximum property tax levy limit (LD1) established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved results in a tax commitment in excess of the property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed, or see what action the Town will take.

Note: It is not projected that the town's budget will exceed tax levy limits established by State law, but as a preventive housekeeping action it is recommended the Town vote to approve.

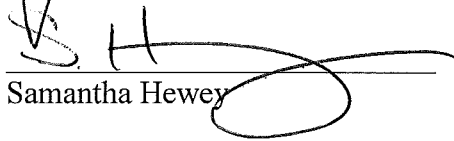
Signed this 18th day of April, 2019



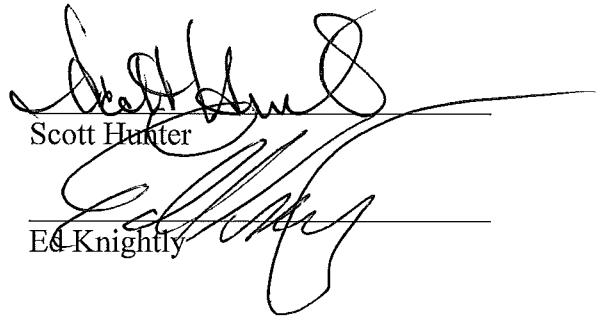
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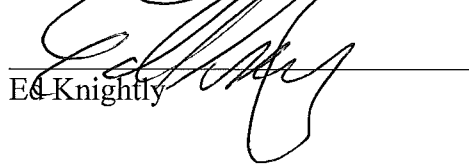
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