

To Fred Iler, Resident of the Town of Porter in the County of Oxford:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Porter, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Porter Municipal Building in said town on the 18th day of March, A.D. 2016 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

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

The Moderator will then open the polls at the Porter Town Hall. The polls will remain open until 8:00 p.m. for voting on Article 2.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:

One Selectman, Assessor, Overseer-of-the-Poor.....3 year term
One Road Commissioner.....1 year term
One Director of S.A.D. 55.....3 year term
Three Planning Board Members.....3 year term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. on the following morning, March 19th, 2016 to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$470,275.00 (municipal appropriations to be raised from taxation after the tax commitment is reduced by State Revenue Sharing Funds, State Reimbursement for one-half of the Homestead Exemption, and up to 80% of the Excise Tax received in Fiscal Year 2015) established for Porter by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to review any and all road work to be done and, if they deem advisable, to let the work out to private contractor by hourly rate or by bid.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2016, not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest at a rate of 3% per annum on such prepayments made prior to commitment of those taxes. Said interest on prepayments of taxes shall be taken from undesignated fund balance as needed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer the authority to use the Tax Lien Waiver Foreclosure process (M.R.S.A. Title 36, Sec. 944).

Article 8. 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.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for Town Officers' Salaries and benefits for the ensuing year and to authorize its Selectmen to transfer 20% of excise tax and all general fees to Town Officers' Salaries to be expended from same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$58,000.00, transfer 20% of the excise tax and all general fees, and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$58,634.00 from 2015.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the town office account and to authorize its Selectmen to enter all income received from the rental of space into this account to be expended from the same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$30,000.00, add income from rental of space and photocopying, and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$8,117.00 from 2015.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for street light service for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$13,000.00 and transfer \$2,000.00 from undesignated fund balance (Surplus).

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for hydrant service for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$49,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$2,820.00 from 2015.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for solid waste disposal for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$70,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$2,977.00 from 2015.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the Tri-Town Waste Reserve Account and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for the capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$44,900.00 from 2015.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for winter roads for the year 2016 – 2017.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$150,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$56,276.00 from 2015.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for repairs and maintenance of roads for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$150,000.00, transfer \$10,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$27,403.00 from 2015.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the Road Reconstruction Fund, said projects to be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$30,000.00, transfer \$5,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and transfer from D.O.T. funds as needed.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the Bridge Capital Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000.00, transfer \$20,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$37,238.00 from 2015.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the Dam Account. Said funds to be expended by the Selectmen for the repair or replacement of the town's dams, including engineering, tests, permits, pursuing grants, etc.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$14,895.00 from 2015.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Capital Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$105,846.00 from 2015.

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to grant and raise as a Capital Fund for repairs and maintenance of the Old Porter Meeting House.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$11,604.00 from 2015.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for replacing, upgrading, or constructing sidewalks.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$43164.00 from 2015.

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for general assistance.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$14,949.00 from 2015.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for insurance (including Workers Compensation Insurance).

Budget Committee recommends raising \$10,000.00, transfer \$1,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$1,713.00 from 2015.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the use of the Porter Planning Board and Appeals Board.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$901.00 from 2015.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the use of the Porter Comprehensive Planning Update Committee.

Budget Committee recommends raise no money and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$730.00 from 2015.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for the use of the Porter Conservation Commission.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$1,264.00 from 2015.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Revaluation Fund for the revaluation of property in the Town of Porter for tax purposes.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$58,800.00 from 2015.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of income generated from the increase in vital record fees to the Vital Records account to be expended from same.

Budget Committee recommends this article. The unexpended balance of \$6,720.00 from 2015 will be carried forward.

Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of \$4,100.00 from the Vital Records account for the repair and restoration of the Advertising Curtain from the former Knights of Pythias Hall.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Contingent Fund to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2016.

Budget Committee recommends raise no money and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$23,193.00 from 2015.

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Animal Control account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$2,590.00 from 2015.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for repairs and maintenance of old cemeteries of the Town of Porter.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,500.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$2,328.00 from 2015.

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for maintenance of the Kezar Falls Ball Field.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$500.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$280.00 from 2015.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use funds from undesignated fund balance, as they deem advisable, to reduce the tax commitment for fiscal year 2016. Said amount not to exceed 80% of the previous year's excise tax collection.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on all taxes paid in full by September 1, 2016, or within 30 days of the date of the bill, whichever is later.

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise to pay for the allowed discount on taxes.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$20,000.00 and transfer any balance from undesignated fund balance as needed.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes at the rate of 7% per annum as of February 1, 2017.

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the E911 Communications Account for the dispatch of E911 calls through the Maine State Police.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$4,500.00, transfer \$2,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$1,014.00 from 2015.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$45,375.00 for the maintenance of the Kezar Falls Fire Department.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$45,375.00.

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Kezar Falls Fire Department Equipment Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000.00 and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$38,795.00 from 2015.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$17,000.00 for the maintenance and operation of Sacopee Rescue to be disbursed in three (3) payments in April, August and November.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$17,000.00.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Account of Sacopee Rescue.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000.00, transfer \$5,000.00 from undesignated fund balance and carry forward the unexpended balance of \$9,000.00 from 2015.

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will grant and raise for memorial purposes and how it shall be expended.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$400.00 to be expended by the American Legion West-Day Post 123.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for the Kezar Falls Circulating Library.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Parsonsfield - Porter Historical Society.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Time Warner, Inc. to TV-2 for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to grant 100% of the previous year's registration fees rebate from the state and transfer this money to the Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters, Inc. Snowmobile Club. This money to be used for various purposes such as trail maintenance, construction or purchase of equipment and materials. These maintained trails to be open to the public during the winter.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of the Saco River Festival Association.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$451.00 for the Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 52. To determine the sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward the support of the Saco River Corridor Commission, for a water quality monitoring program in the town, which has requested an amount of \$300.00.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the use of Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc. (Brownfield Food Pantry).

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,500.00 and transfer \$500.00 from undesignated fund balance.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,423.00 for the Home Health Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,423 and transfer \$2,000.00 from undesignated fund balance.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,950.00 for Community Concepts Inc. to provide a local match and help defray the cost and maintain services provided to the residents of the Town.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$443.00 for Seniors Plus.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,498.00 for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,498.00 be appropriated for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter from the Animal Control account.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for the use of the American Red Cross of Southern Maine for disaster relief.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for use by Safe Voices.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$749.00 for The LifeFlight Foundation.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to support the Maine Public Broadcasting Network for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the use of Tri-County Mental Health Services

Budget Committee recommends transfer \$1,500.00 from undesignated fund balance.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority for its use in operating the Eastern Slope Regional Airport.

Budget Committee recommends a no vote on this article.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to accept the net income from the Stanley-Higgins Trust to be paid to the Stanley-Higgins Fund Committee for the purposes stated in such trust.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2015 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2016 to the next annual town meeting.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell any or all tax acquired property, whether by foreclosure of tax liens or acquired by Court action, which sale or sales shall first be advertised for three (3) successive weeks in "Your Weekly Shopping Guide" or a newspaper of general circulation in the local area, and to execute and deliver Municipal Quit-Claim Deeds for the same. Provided, however, the Selectmen, in their discretion, may offer and sell any such property to the former owner against whom the tax had been assessed or to the successor or successors in interest to that person. The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Article 67. A motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Selectmen, Town of Porter

