

## Montville Special Town Meeting

Since Montville was unable to safely conduct their Town meeting this year due to the impact of Covid-19, the Select Board is authorized by the State of Maine to follow the 2019 Warrant and Budget. However, there are a few current town items that they are not authorized to proceed with, without a town vote. Under the circumstances, the Board felt that a special town meeting, conducted by secret ballot, would be best used at this time.

Public hearings are scheduled at the Montville Town House on 10/19 and 10/26 starting at 6:00 pm to answer questions on the ballot articles. We will be following state Covid -19 protocol and face coverings will be required at the meeting. Additionally, a public hearing via Zoom is scheduled on 10/28 at 6:00 pm. Contact the Select Board's office if you are interested in attending the meeting online.

Registered voters can request an absentee ballot from the Town clerk's office (342-5544); vote in the presence of the Town Clerk at the Town Office or vote on election day, November 3, 2020 at the Montville Town House, between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM.

Thank you for your participation.  
The Montville Select Board

## Explanation of Ballot Articles

### Article 1

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to obtain a multi-year lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of a grader, not to exceed \$100,000.

Montville Select Board recommends voting yes.  
Montville Budget Committee recommends voting yes.

Montville's current 1989 Champion 710 grader needs to be replaced. The Town does have a grader reserve account of \$10,000 to be used towards the purchase of another grader. The remaining funds needed for the purchase would be acquired through a multi-year lease/purchase agreement from a local lending company. The current interest rate is 2.20%, fixed. There are no pre-payment penalties.

The Road Commissioner has located a 2006 John Deere 772D grader that is currently on hold for the purchase price of \$78,000. Using the grader fund reserve of \$10,000 would reduce the loan amount to \$68,000. At the current 2.20% interest rate, the total interest over a 5-year period would be \$3,119.65. Article 1 was written with a purchase price "not to exceed" in case this grader was no longer available and other decisions needed to be made.

**Voting Yes** on Article 1 would authorize the Select Board to obtain a multi -year lease/purchase agreement from a local lending company to replace the existing grader.

**Voting NO** on Article 1 would prevent the Select Board from replacing the existing grader at this time.

### Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate additional funds for the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service, which services both Montville and Liberty residents, in order to help pay for the balance of ambulance staff wages through 2020. Additional funds of \$23,133, would be taken from undesignated funds.

Montville Select Board recommend voting yes.  
Montville Budget Committee recommends voting no.

Montville and Liberty currently pay the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Services (LVAS) payroll expenses for ambulance emergency staff. Montville residents voted in 2019 to appropriate \$51,517 for the LVAS payroll, which we have again appropriated for 2020. LVAS 2020 budget request for both towns was \$74,650, an increase of \$23,133 to maintain existing staffing hours.

**Voting Yes on Article 2 would authorize the Select Board to pay an additional \$23,133 from undesignated funds to LVAS to maintain their existing staffing hours for 2020.**

**Voting No Article 2 would reject LVAS requested increased amount for 2020.**

### **Article 3**

To see if the Town will vote to give the Select Board the authority to sell the town's 2001 International 4900 packer truck through the bidding process.

**The packer truck's current condition does not warrant additional repair expenses.**

**Voting Yes on Article 3 would authorize the Select Board to sell the town packer truck.**

**Voting No on Article 3 would prevent the Select Board from selling the town packer truck at this time.**

### **Article 4**

To see if the Town will vote to give the Select Board the authority to sell the town's 1989 Champion 710A grader through the bidding process.

**Voting Yes on Article 4 will give the Select Board the authority to sell the existing grader.**

**Voting No on Article 4 will prevent the Select Board from selling the grader at this time.**

## **Financial Statement - TOWN OF MONTVILLE**

### **1. Total Town Indebtedness**

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$ 0.00

B. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00

C. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved: \$ 100,000

**TOTAL \$ 100,000**

### **2. Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 2.199%, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:**

At an estimated (5) Years

Principal NOT TO EXCEED \$94,400

Interest NOT TO EXCEED \$ 5,371.10

**Total Debt Service NOT TO EXCEED \$ 99,771.10**

### **3. Validity**

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Theresa L Fischer, Treasurer, Town of Montville