

Town of Osborn

Secret Ballot Election and Town Meeting Warrant

Tues, July 14, 2020 & Tuesday, July 28, 2020

TO: Charles Reed, a constable of the Town of Osborn, in the County of Hancock, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Osborn in said County and State qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Emery L. Jordan Community Building in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of July 2020 A.D. at Ten o'clock in the P.M. to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from Ten o'clock in the afternoon until Eight o'clock in the evening. The Registrar will be available for voter registration during those same hours;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants that at that time the meeting will adjourn and reassemble at the Emery L Jordan Community Building in said town on Tuesday, 28th of July 2020 at Six o'clock in the P.M. to act upon the remaining articles, to wit:

ARTICLE

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said Town Meeting:
2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:
 - a. Selectman (1 position, term to end June 2023)
 - b. School Trustee (1 position, term to end June 2023)
 - f. Building Committee Member (1 position, term to end June 2023)

Open Town Meeting - Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 - 6:00 pm

To announce the results of the secret ballot election of July 14, 2020.

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set the office hours and the location where all town business will be conducted, for all elected and appointed officials, for the ensuing year at 197 Moose Hill Rd., Osborn, ME 04605. (*Board recommends: Approval*)
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,963.00 (includes County Tax assessed \$6,913.00) for the Administration account and to set the salaries of the following elected officers whose salaries will be paid from the administration account of the General Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the

consultation from the Budget Committee to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials. *(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

Salaries – Elected Officials

1st Selectman	1,500.00
School Committee 1	200.00
School Committee 2	200.00
Selectman 1	1,500.00
Selectman 2	1,500.00
Selectman 3	1,500.00
Tax Collector – Excise 4% of Collected	400.00
Tax Collector -Property	2,700.00
Treasurer	2,350.00

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 for the Highway account.

(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,840.00 for the Solid Waste Account.

(A new contract, which is due in January 2021, but not yet negotiated, could lead to an increase over requested amount. The Budget Committee requests town to approve any funds over requested amount to be drawn from Contingency Fund Acct. xx76, if necessary). *(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250.00 for the General Assistance account. *(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,425.00 for the Fire Department account. *(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,975.00 for the Community Building account. *(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

10. To see which revenues the Town will vote to appropriate for inclusion in the budget to offset local property taxes.

Excise Tax (Vehicle & Boat)	13000.00
Tree Growth	20000.00
Wind Power	50000.00
2018/2019 Fire Dept. Balance	7,677.00
Undesignated Fund (Surplus)	30,000.00
Total	120,677.00

**Municipal Revenue Sharing and Homestead Reimbursement will also reduce the tax commitment and is not included in the above figure.*

(Budget Committee recommends: Approval)

11. To see if the Town will vote to continue and establish the following funds;

Audit Balance as of 6/30/19

Contingency Fund Savings Fund	27753.80
Fire Gear & Equipment Fund	18869.86
Revaluation Reserve Fund	4524.01
A.C.O Fund	1615.47
Wind power	106124.07
Building Capital Fund	7676.36
E911 Road Signs Fund	105.34
Total	166,668.91

**Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the Audit Balance as of 6/30/19, does not reflect any re-appropriations for next year's budget, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year. (Budget Committee recommends: Approval)*

12. To see if the Town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on November 15, 2020 and March 15, 2021 and to fix the rate of interest at 8.0% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 16, 2020 and March 16, 2021 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 5.00% per annum. (Board recommends: Approval)

- 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept pre-payments of 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 MRSA §506: (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorized expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted by the Town appointed Tax Assessor or the Board of Selectmen during the fiscal year beginning July 1 2020, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the property tax commitment overlay, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §710. (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 15. To See if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner decline to redeem the property after 30-days' notice, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on same and stating the lowest bid acceptable and to execute, upon specific town meeting approval, a quit claim deed to the highest responsible bidder and further to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A §943-C for qualifying homestead property. (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the annual budget during the period from July to the annual town meeting should the annual town meeting fail to be held in June before the books close on June 30, 2021. (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to make transfers and disbursements from Un-appropriated Surplus, Reserve Funds and Capital Improvement Funds for the purpose of local matching funds up to \$5,000.00 for the year, should the Town receive a grant or grants requiring matching funds. (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails. (Board recommends: Approval)**
- 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Osborn Community Building (197 Moose Hill Road, Osborn) to be used by the public, for purposes other than daily governance of**

the Town of Osborn. These purposes may include receptions, meetings, trainings, social gatherings and the like. *(Board recommends: Approval)*

20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Osborn Town Charter and permit the appointed position of Deputy-Tax Collector with an annual salary not to exceed \$500.00. *(Board recommends: Approval)*

21. To see if the Town will vote to approve an administrative change of Appendix A which is attached to the Weaver Community Benefits Agreement dated September 17, 2019. The Appendix A change is purely an administrative change. All financial obligations conform with the original document.

22. Motion to Adjourn.

Dated: _____, 2020

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____

Clerk of Osborn

Municipal Officers of Osborn

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Osborn, Maine July 21, 2020 A.D.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the window of the town office and the bulletin board at the front of the Community Building being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 21st day of July, 2020 A.D. being at least seven days before the meeting.

Constable/Resident of Osborn