

TOWN WARRANT

2024

STATE OF MAINE
To: Felicia Audet, Resident of the Town of Vienna

KENNEBEC, SS

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Vienna, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Community Building in said Town on Friday the 8th day of March next at 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., with the Annual Meeting to begin Saturday, the 9th day of March at 9:00 a.m. at the Vienna Community Room, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect the Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3

To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$_____ established for Vienna 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 the property tax levy limit.

Recommended: Yes

ARTICLE 5

To fix compensation for the following:

Recommended:

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor: \$6,500 each

Town Treasurer: \$6,500

Town Clerk: \$7,000 for Clerk/Registrar Services

\$4,500 for Vehicle Registration and Excise Tax Collection

State minimum wage for elections other than March or special town meetings

Collector of Real Estate Taxes: \$8,500

Road Commissioner: 2024 Maine D.O.T. Road Foreman rates

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes payable, one half on June 30, 2024 and one half on September 30, 2024 and that interest be charged on overdue taxes at the rate of 8% or the maximum amount allowed by state law if that is greater (per annum after those dates).

Recommended: Yes

ARTICLE 7

To see what Annual Rate of Interest the Town will authorize to be paid upon all abatements.

Recommended: 3% or the minimum allowable by law

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for abatements.

Recommended: \$5,000

ARTICLE 9

To fix compensation for the following:

Recommended:

Election Ballot Clerks: State Minimum Wage

Town Newsletter Editor: \$900

Town Webmaster: \$900

Cemetery Sexton: \$500

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for general government.

Recommended:

Administration: \$70,000

Insurance: \$16,000

Community Building: \$11,000 plus carry the 2023 balance to a Capital Improvement Fund for the Community Building.

Election: \$3000

Contingency Fund: \$2,500

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to compensate deputies of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector for training fees.

Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to compensate Town Officials for attending court, judicial proceedings, and mandatory regional meetings.

Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the interest of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to receive prepayments of taxes, these being tax payments made before the formal date of Tax Commitment.

Recommended: Yes

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to charge a fee to cover the Town's costs of processing bank checks with insufficient funds.

Recommended: \$30.00 per check

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to spend 25% of the Annual Budget in each account from January 1, 2025 to the date of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Health Officer to use for water testing.

Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the future replacement of the town fire truck.

Recommended: \$7,000 and carry the balance

ARTICLE 19

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department's Operating Expenses.

Recommended: \$40,500 and carry any 2023 balance to the Fire Department Capital Improvement Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 20

To fix compensation for the Officers of the Fire Department.

Recommended: Chief - \$2,500
Deputy Chief - \$2,000
Assistant Chiefs - \$1,500

ARTICLE 21

To fix compensation for the services of the Volunteer Fire Fighters for attendance at Training Sessions and Fire Calls.

Recommended: State Minimum Wage

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department vaccination and/or OSHA respirator medical examination.

Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town of Mt. Vernon for the Rescue Squad.

Recommended: \$3,500

ARTICLE 24

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Winter Road Work.

Recommended: \$180,000

ARTICLE 25

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Road Maintenance Account.

Recommended: \$85,000

ARTICLE 26

To see what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Paving Account.

Recommended: \$105,000 (\$85,000 to be raised and appropriated, plus approximately \$24,000 to be appropriated from the State Local Road Assistance Grant – actual amount based on actual receipts.)

ARTICLE 27

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for a major culvert and road repair on the Trask Road.

Recommended: \$20,000 and carry the balance

ARTICLE 28

To see what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommended: \$1,500 plus reimbursement from the state based on actual receipts.

ARTICLE 29

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Waste Management Account.

Recommended: \$88,000

ARTICLE 30

To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer.

Recommended: \$3,000

ARTICLE 31

To see what sum the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Animal Control Account.

Recommended: \$4,450 (\$3,900 to be raised and appropriated, plus approximately \$550 to be appropriated from the Town Animal Registration Fees-actual amount based on actual receipts) and carry the 2023 balance.

ARTICLE 32

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the 30-Mile River Association.

Recommended: \$3,000

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will appropriate the Town Boat Excise Tax (up to \$800-actual amount based on actual receipts) to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association to be used for projects in Vienna.

ARTICLE 34

To fix compensation for the following:

Plumbing Inspector

Code Enforcement Officer

Recommended for each: \$25.00 per hour plus fees, mileage,
(unless otherwise negotiated) including fees for continuing mandatory education.

ARTICLE 35

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Plumbing Inspector Account.

Recommended: \$1000 plus plumbing inspector fees
(actual amounts based on actual receipts)

ARTICLE 36

Shall the following paragraph be added to Section 16 C of Vienna's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance?

(5) The applicant is required to provide to the municipal permitting authority preconstruction photographs and, no later than 20 days after completion of the development, postconstruction photographs of the shoreline vegetation and development site. (Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §439-A(10))

Recommended: Yes

ARTICLE 37

Shall the following line be deleted from the Key to Table 1 in Section 14 of Vienna's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance?

CEO - Allowed with permit issued by the Code Enforcement Officer

Recommended: Yes

ARTICLE 38

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement Account.

Recommended: \$1500 plus code enforcement fees
(actual amounts based on actual receipts)

ARTICLE 39

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to contract with the State of Maine, Department of Public Safety or other agencies, to provide Public Safety Dispatching and PSAP services for the Town of Vienna.

Recommended: \$5000

ARTICLE 40

To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the following:

Recommended:

Town of Vienna Cemetery: \$2500

Seavey Cemetery: \$1,300

Town Park: \$600

Town Landfill: \$200

ARTICLE 41

To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Veteran's Cemetery Markers and Flags:
Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 42

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for assessing pick-up work.
Recommended: \$2000

ARTICLE 43

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Special Accounts:

Recommended as follows:

Dr. Shaw Library	\$4500	Spectrum Generations	\$200
Family Violence Project	\$300	Hospice Volunteers (Wtvl)	\$210
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$500	Mt. Vernon Food Bank	\$1000
Kennebec Land Trust	\$100	Franklin Cemetery	\$900
Red Cross	\$150		

ARTICLE 44

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.
Recommended: \$2,000

ARTICLE 45

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services.
Recommended: Carry the balance

ARTICLE 46

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service.
Recommended: \$17,100

ARTICLE 47

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Payroll Taxes.
Recommended: \$7,150

ARTICLE 48

To if the town will allow lien fees (up to \$2000-actual amounts based on actual costs) to be appropriated from property taxes.

ARTICLE 49

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts (i.e. Waste Management, Snow Removal).

ARTICLE 50

To see if the Town will appropriate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursement to the Vienna Mountaineers Snowmobile Club.

ARTICLE 51

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take money from Surplus to cover Overdrafts in the 2023 accounts.

ARTICLE 52

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to retain, sell or dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes after the date of foreclosure, on such terms as they deem advisable, after a posting of 60 days in the Town, and a notice given in the Franklin Journal, the Vienna Record and the Town Website, the Town hereby will authorize the Selectmen to execute a quitclaim deed for the properties sold.

ARTICLE 53

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to retain, sell or dispose of Surplus Town Property, on such terms as they deem advisable, after a posting of 30 days in the Town and a notice given in the Vienna Record and the Town Website.

ARTICLE 54

To see if the Town will accept the following Municipal, State, and Federal Funds in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, unless otherwise designated, to reduce the tax commitment: (Figures are approximate, actual amounts based on actual receipts)


- Car, truck excise tax (\$100,000)
- Boat excise (\$900)
- Lien income (\$2000)
- Tax interest (\$10,000)
- Fees from Town Clerk & State Agent fees (\$2500)
- Fees from Animal Control (\$500)
- Building, Plumbing, and Code Enforcement permits (\$1500)
- Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$60,000)
- Local Road Assistance (\$24,600)
- State Aid to Education (Including Federal Pass-through Funds and Property Tax Relief)
- Public Library State Aid
- Civil Emergency Funds
- Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements
- Tree Growth/Veterans Reimbursements (\$5,500)
- General Assistance Reimbursements
- Maine State Emergency Management Agency Reimbursements
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Funds
- Maine State and Federal Funds and Grants not listed above, also to include individual Gifts, Grants, and Funds not listed.

Total - \$215,000 +/-

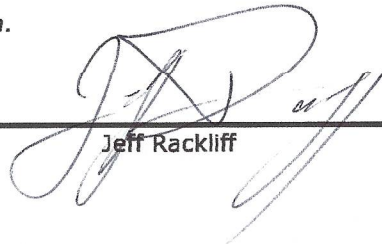
Given under our hands this 30th day January of 2024 in Vienna.



Laura Church



Christopher Smith



Jeff Rackliff