

2020 TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

Penobscot, ss

To: Coreen Sylvester, a resident of the Town of Carmel, in the County of Penobscot.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Carmel, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office Fire Station, in said Town on Saturday, the 29th day of February, A.D. 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article I, and by written ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Carmel Elementary School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, the 2nd day of March 2020 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 29 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year, to wit: two Selectmen for three years and one Director for RSU 87 for three years.

ARTICLE 3. To choose, by ballot, three (3) members of the Budget Committee for three years.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to set a rate of interest to be paid after that date. Recommend 30 days from date of billing and **9.00%** per year.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to M.R.S. § 506.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021 to the 2021 annual town meeting.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager acting in concurrence with said Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts of up to three years for such services as winter plowing and sanding, trash and recycling pickup, mowing and cemetery maintenance, law enforcement and office equipment leases.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances in the Town accounts at the end of the year lapse to surplus except for those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to carry forward.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State and other governmental units or private sources which may be received from time to time in the form of grants or any other source, during the period of March 2nd, 2020 until the next annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to appropriate the money received from the State reimbursement for snowmobiles to the Carmel Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to raise **\$23,940.00** from taxation to subsidize the annual operational budget of the **Simpson Memorial Library**.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the use of past and present revenue from ambulance billing to pay for equipment, wages, training and administration of the ambulance service. Those accumulated funds can only be expended by mutual consent of both the Fire and Rescue Service and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$303,730.00** from taxation and transfer **\$86,000.00** from income for a total appropriation of **\$389,730.00** for the **Administration Account**.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** from taxation for the **Contingency Account**.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$237,024.00** from taxation and transfer **\$72,000.00** from ambulance income for ambulance staffing, training and administration and **\$5,000.00** from Animal Control Reserve for a total appropriation of **\$314,024.00** for the **Protection Account**.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$208,200.00** from taxation plus **\$5,000.00** from income, for a total appropriation of **\$213,200.00** for **Health and Sanitation**.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$82,700.00** from taxation and transfer **\$590,000.00** from Excise Tax, plus **\$32,000.00** from MDOT LRAP Funds for a total appropriation of **\$704,700.00** for the **Public Works Account**.

(excise tax revenue for 2019 was \$622,807)

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,900.00** from taxation plus income from reimbursements for General Assistance.

Selectmen "Yes" Bud. Comm. "Yes"

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town of Carmel will vote to authorize the use of revenue from Recreation Committee events to be expended to offset the costs of these and other recreational events and any revenue not expended at year's end be carried in the same account.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,900.00** from taxation for Community Activities.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** from taxation for the Cemetery Mowing Contract.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$5,000.00** from the Cable TV Franchise Fees to the Cemetery Enhancement Account for work in Town cemeteries. *(2019 income for Cable Franchise Fee's is \$16,386).*

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$10,000.00** from surplus for the Bridge Reserve Account.

(current balance in Bridge Reserve Account is \$35,676)

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$5,000.00** from Surplus for the Equipment Reserve Account.

(current balance in Equipment Reserve Fund is \$70,291)

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,500.00** from surplus to the **newly created Fire Gear Reserve Fund** for which monies can only be appropriated with joint approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department towards the purchase of gear necessary for firefighting and associated activities.

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$25,000.00** from surplus to the **SCBA Reserve Account** for which monies can only be appropriated with joint approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department towards the purchase of SCBA associated equipment. SCBA stands for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

(current balance in SCBA Equipment reserve fund is \$50,000)

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$61,000 from undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2020 tax commitment.

(undesignated fund balance as of 12/31/2019 is \$1,252,030)

Selectmen **"Yes"** Bud. Comm. **"Yes"**

ARTICLE 29. Shall the Ordinance entitled “March 2020 Amendments to the Town of Carmel Land Use Ordinance” be enacted: (proposed addition are reflected in **bold**, proposed subtraction reflected as ~~stricken~~)

“March 2020 Amendments to the Town of Carmel Land Use Ordinance”

ARTICLE VII

Dimensions. In the residential-farming and commercial zones, no single-family dwelling or individual mobile home outside a mobile home park shall occupy a lot measuring less than two (2) acres in area and 200 feet along the front. EXCEPT in an approved subdivision with frontage on a road constructed after the adoption of this ordinance, no lot shall be created or reduced to less than TWO (2) acres in size and 150 feet of frontage on a public way or approved private way. No two-family dwelling (**attached or detached**) shall occupy a lot measuring less than two and one half acres (2 1/2) and 250 feet along the front and for each additional unit above two (2), there shall be provided an additional one-half (1/2) acre of area on the *lot and* an additional 20 feet of frontage, FRONTAGE, shall mean frontage along an accepted public way or ~~an approved private way~~ **a legal private right of way**. ~~This amendment does not apply to individual lots in existence before the acceptance of this amendment. In the residential farming zone, no lot shall be occupied by more than one dwelling unit EXCEPT in the case where a property owner applies for and is granted a permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit. (see below)~~

Planning Board **“Yes”**

Selectmen **“Yes”**

Given under our hands this 3rd day of February 2020.

Suzan Rudnicki/s

Douglas Small/s

John Luce/s

Isaac Raymond/s

Jared Fitts/s