

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3rd & 7th, 2020**

To: Luke Ahmed, a resident of the Town of Bradford, in the County of Penobscot and 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 Bradford, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bradford Community Center, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2, 3, 4 and Referendum question Article 5. The polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Bradford Community Center, in said Town on Saturday, March 7th, 2020, at 10:00 am, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 31 as set out below:

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

Article 2: To elect two people as Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, for a term of three (3) years.

Article 3: To elect one member to the School Board of Directors #64, for a term of three (3) years.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to accept the Amendment to the Manufactured Housing Safety Ordinance (approved March 2017) for the Town of Bradford ME. under Article 9: Enforcement

Article 5: To see if the voters will vote to authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on other than Sunday under the §123 Local option question: 2A Sale of malt liquor and wine for consumption off premises on days other than Sunday.

Article 6: To elect three members to the Budget Committee, one to serve a 5-year term, one to serve a 2-year term and one to serve a 1- year term.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determinations regarding the closing of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953

Article 8: To see if the Town of Bradford will authorize the Selectmen to within the confines allowed by 30- A M.R.S.A § § 5651 - 5655 to accept or apply for and expend gifts, donations, bequest and grants on behalf of the Town of Bradford should such funds become available.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town, for non-Homestead residents under the age of a 64yrs to sell and/ or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same and starting the lowest bid acceptable and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. "Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special 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)."

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest there on in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A § 506.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will set a rate of 9% interest charged after the due date of August 31st on 2020 unpaid taxes. (M.R.S.A § 36, Sec. 505 4-A)

Recommended by Budget Committee

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish that 5% interest will be paid per year on the amount of overpayment to the taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of amount finally assessed on April 1, 2020. (M.R.S.A §36, Sec, 506-A)

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 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.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 14: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds between operating accounts, except the education account, approved in this warrant, based upon changes and the un-anticipated needs of the Town during the current fiscal year period provided. The total expenditure of all accounts shall not exceed the projected need to balance all accounts within the approved budget. All such transfers shall be so identified at the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of the snowmobile 2019 refund from the State to the Bradford Snow Blazers Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, in the amount of \$600.

Article 16: To see if the Town of Bradford will appropriate moving \$3,000.00 from Bradford Days Savings account to the Bradford Days Reserve account.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Bradford will appropriate moving \$ 3,000.00 from Recreation Savings account to the Recreation Reserve account.

Article 18: To see if the Town of Bradford will appropriate using \$2,400.00 from the Animal Control account G- 1-1807-00 to help fund the Animal Control Budget .

Article 19: To hear what information the Future Fire Station Committee has gathered on the feasibility study on the Fire Station and to hear feedback from the public on this subject.

Article 20: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$208,062.00 for the **Executive Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 64,150.00 for the **Bradford Fire & Rescue Department**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$72,077.00 for the **Town Maintenance Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000.00 for the **Cemetery Department**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$336,707.00 for the **Road Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,525.00 for the **Animal Control Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,775.00 for the **Recreation Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$48,200.00 for the **Capital Improvement/Reserves Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000.00 for the **General Services Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$62,700.00 for the **Public Works Budget**

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and or/ appropriate \$826,116.00 for **Special/ Education Budget**

Article 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to fund approved articles 20 to 30.

Budget committee recommends: Excise, MDOT, LaGrange TIF, Revenue Sharing, Homestead Reimbursement, Undesignated Revenue, Undesignated Funds and Taxes

Article 32: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to increase the LD 1 Growth Limitation Factor if needed for the 2020 calendar year.

Note: This article is to be voted on by written ballot in accordance with 30-A MRSA § 5721-A(7)(A)

Budget Committee recommends a YES vote.

The Registrar of Voters will be available at the Bradford Town Office on February 28, 2020 to correct the voting list.

Signed this 24th day of February 2020.

Bradford Board of Selectmen:

True Copy Attest:

Vittoria J.B. Stevens
Bradford Town Clerk

Bruce Bailey _____/S/_____

Timothy Bubar _____/S/_____

Vance Corliss _____/S/_____

Carlene Oakes _____/S/_____

Samantha Saunders _____absent_____

RESIDENT'S RETURN OF WARRANT

State of Maine
Penobscot, SS.

Bradford, Maine
February 24, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant to be directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford, qualified as therein named and posting an attested copy of said warrant at the BRADFORD TOWN OFFICE, BRADFORD POST OFFICE, BRADFORD GENERAL STORE and Bradford Web site in said Town of Bradford, being conspicuous public places in Bradford, on the 24th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty, the same being at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Luke Ahmed _____

Resident of Bradford