

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS
MAY 22, 2021**

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 Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 2 through 28 as set out below:

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

Article 2: To elect two members to the Budget Committee to serve a 5-year term and to elect one member to the Budget Committee for 3-year term

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determination for the closing of roads in winter pursuant State statute 23- M.R.S.A. § 2953.

Article 4: To see if the Town of Bradford will authorize the Selectmen to within the confines allowed by state statute 30-A M.R.S. § 5651 to 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 5: 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 6: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A § Section 506, will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest there on.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of the snowmobile 2021 refund from the State to the Bradford Snow Blazers Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails. (amount in 2020 \$529.60)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of 6 % interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes, due date being September 17, 2021.

- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish that 2% interest will be paid 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, 2021. (MRSA §36, Sec, 506-A)
- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed **5/12** of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 11: 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 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,525.00 from the Bradford Days Savings account to the Bradford Days Reserve account.
- Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Fire Department Savings account to the Fire Department Reserve account.
- Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the windfall money of \$40,000.00 from the cutting of the wood from Town property to help fund the Road Budget.
- Article 15: Fire Station discussion and presentation from the Future Fire Station Committee
- Article 16: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$197,095.00 for the **Executive Budget**.
Recommended by the Budget Committee
- Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$62, 950.00 for the **Bradford Fire & Rescue Department**.
Recommended by the Budget Committee
- Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$73,739.00 for the **Town Maintenance Budget**.
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 19: 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 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$344,622.00 for the **Road Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$8,325.00 for the **Animal Control Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,170.00 for the **Recreation Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 46,500.00 to the **Capital Improvement/Reserves Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$14,500.00 to the **General Services Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$74,800 to the **Public Works Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 26: To see what revenue accounts the Town will vote to fund approved articles 16 to 25.

Excise, MDOT Road Assistance, LaGrange TIF, Maine Revenue Sharing, Homestead Reimbursement, Undesignated Revenue, Taxes and if needed up to \$40,000 from Undesignated Funds.

Article 27: 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 2021 calendar year.

This is a written vote

The Registrar of Voters will be available at the Bradford Town Office on May 20, 2021 to correct the voting list.

Signed this 26th day of April 2021.

Bradford Board of Selectmen:

True Copy Attest:
Vittoria J.B. Stevens
Bradford Town Clerk

Bruce Bailey _____/S/_____

Timothy Bubar _____

Errol Hanson _____/S/_____

Carlene Oakes _____/S/_____

Samantha Saunders _____/S/_____

RESIDENT'S RETURN OF WARRANT

State of Maine
Penobscot, SS.

Bradford, Maine
May 13, 2021

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 13th day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-one, the same being at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Luke Ahmed _____/S/_____

Resident of Bradford