

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 8th & 9th, 2019**

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 Friday, March 8th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 and 3. The polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 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 9th, 2019, at 10:00 am, then and there to act on Articles 4 through 28 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: To elect two members to the Budget Committee to serve a 5-year term.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote that orders of the municipal officers for the closing of roads in winter under 23 MRSA § 2953 shall be final determinations of said closing.

Article 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

Recommended by Budget Committee: 9% is charged after August 31st, 2019 on unpaid taxes. (MRSA § 36, Sec, 505 4-A)

Article 10: 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, 2019. (MRSA §36, Sec, 506-A)

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11: 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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 12: 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 13: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sign a three (3) year contract with innovative Surface Solutions, yearly cost of \$16,275.

Article 14: 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.

Article 15: To see if the Town “shall vote an ordinance entitled ‘Reestablishment’ of the Planning Board in Bradford, Maine be enacted?”

Article 16: Given the current condition of the fire station is the Town in favor in pursuing a new fire station .

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Executive Budget**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$212,068.00

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Bradford Fire & Rescue Department**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$62,470.00

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Town Maintenance Budget**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$79,253.00

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Cemetery Department**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,100.00

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Road Budget**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$335,164.00

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Animal Control Budget**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,880.00

Article 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Recreation Budget**.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,375.00

Article 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to the **Capital Improvement/Reserves Budget.**

Budget Committee Recommends: \$53,500.00

Article 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to the **General Services Budget.**

Budget Committee Recommends: \$14,500.00

Article 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to the **Public Works Budget.**

Budget Committee Recommends: \$63,000.00

Article 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to fund approved articles 17 to 26.

Budget Committee Recommends; Excise, MDOT, LaGrange TIF, Revenue Sharing, Homestead Reimbursement, Undesignated Revenue, Undesignated Funds and Taxes.

Article 28: 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 2019 calendar year.

Budget Committee recommends a YES vote.

The Registrar of Voters will be available at the Bradford Town Office on March 5, 2019 to correct the voting list.

Signed this 25th day of February 2019.

Bradford Board of Selectmen:

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

Bruce Bailey _____/S/_____

Timothy Bubar _____/S/_____

Vance Corliss _____/S/_____

Edward Nevells _____/S/_____

Samantha Saunders _____/S/_____

RESIDENT'S RETURN OF WARRANT

State of Maine
Penobscot, SS.

Bradford, Maine
February 28, 2019

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 28th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen, the same being at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Luke Ahmed _____/S/_____

Resident of Bradford

