

**TOWN OF PARIS  
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION/REFERENDUM  
AND  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
and  
Saturday, June 17, 2017**

Secret Ballot Election/Referendum June 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

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Town Meeting June 17, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT June 13, and June 17, 2017

To Hartley Mowatt Jr, a resident of the Town of Paris, in the County of Oxford, 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 Paris in said county and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue, Paris, on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, A.D., at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, 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 Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue in said town on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, A.D., at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 32 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 all Municipal Officers, Paris Utility District Trustees, and SAD #17 Directors.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Snow Hoppers Snowmobile Club of South Paris to be used for maintenance of public trails.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate franchise fees received from Charter Communications/Spectrum (formally Time Warner) to the Joint Cable Committee and the Public Access Channel for the period of one year.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon under such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for such property; but before sale, give public notice of sale and solicit sealed bids in a local newspaper. If not then sold by bid after advertising, the municipal officers shall be allowed to sell at their discretion. Nevertheless, if prior to the beginning of the bid period the former owner of the property, or his or her successor in interest, pays all the outstanding indebtedness due, then the municipal officers shall execute quitclaim deeds to sell and convey the property to him or her.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to set dates when the FY2018 taxes will be due, when interest will be charged on FY2018 taxes, and what rate will be charged.

*Selectmen recommend: The first quarter of taxes will be due **August 15, 2017**, second quarter of taxes will be due **November 15, 2017**, third quarter of taxes will be due **February 15, 2018** and the fourth quarter of taxes will be due **May 15, 2018**. Interest will be charged at the rate of 7% per annum after the due dates for each quarter.*

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 7% percent for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, and pay no interest thereon, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to waive the automatic foreclosure on three 2016 tax liens on property located on tax map U-4, Lot 1-1 and tax map R-2, Lots 7 and 24, and taxes to A.C. Lawrence Leather Co., Inc., recorded in Book 5296, Pages 320 - 322 inclusive.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to a designated account or to the general fund.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will carry forward year-end balances on the following accounts: Cemeteries, Graveside Maintenance, Contingency and all Capital Accounts.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts and donations of property, real or personal, and/or monies, from citizens and the residents of Paris and elsewhere, as deemed by them to be appropriate and useful to the Town's operations.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept grants and expend them as deemed by them to be appropriate and useful to the Town's operations.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any contract for goods, services, personnel or equipment previously funded by the Town, for no more than five years.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the assets of the Fairview Cemetery Association, including the land of the Fairview Cemetery and trust funds of approximately \$102,233.14, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to make expenditures necessary for the ongoing care and maintenance of the cemetery and take all other action that the Board deems necessary in regard thereto.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus the overdrafts to Town accounts as of June 30, 2017.

**Article 17.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administrative Services** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 450,679.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 450,679.00

**Article 18.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 134,332.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 134,332.00

**Article 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Law Enforcement** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 636,735.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 636,735.00

**Article 20.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Highway Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 715,509.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 715,509.00

**Article 21.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Boards and Committees** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 6,690.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 6,690.00

**Article 22.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Parks and Recreation** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 45,034.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 45,034.00

**Article 23.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Social Services** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 174,500.00

- Paris Public Library: \$ 174,000.00
- Hamlin Memorial Library: \$ 500.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 174,500.00

- Paris Public Library: \$ 174,000.00
- Hamlin Memorial Library: \$ 500.00

**Article 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 19,945.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 19,945.00

**Article 25.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Norway-Paris Solid Waste** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 250,000.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 250,000.00

- NPSW: \$ 250,000.00

**Article 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Unclassified Accounts** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 520,608.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 520,608.00

**Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 384,640.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 384,640.00

**Article 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Expenditures** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 603,250.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 603,250.00

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Select Board Recommends</b>	<b>Budget Committee Recommends</b>
Parks & Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
PD Building Improvements	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
FD Building Improvements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Highway Building Improvements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Town Office Building Improvements	\$12,750.00	\$12,750.00
Road Reconstruction	\$480,000.00	\$480,000.00
Computer Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00
Computer Software	\$500.00	\$500.00
Police Cruiser	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Plow Truck	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Highway Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fire Vehicle Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$603,250.00</b>	<b>\$603,250.00</b>

**Article 29.** To see what sum of money if any, the Town will appropriate in Anticipated General Revenues for the purpose of offsetting the 2017-2018 tax rate.

Recommend Amount: \$ 1,602,194.00

**Article 30.** To see what sum of money the Town will transfer from the interest bearing account of monies received from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MEPERS) to offset the 2017-2018 tax rate.

*(Budget Committee and Selectmen Recommend \$55,000.00 to offset the 2017-2018 tax rate.)*

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will transfer an amount not to exceed \$217,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance;

**Option 1:** *To use for the Mount Mica Road project.*

**Option 2:** *To use to offset the FY 17-18 taxes.*


Budget Committee Recommends: ***Yes vote for either option 1 or option 2***

Selectmen Recommend: ***Yes vote for either option 1 or option 2***

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy established for the Town of Paris by Maine State Law LD 1 in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2017, in the Town of Paris, County of Oxford and State of Maine.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
TOWN OF PARIS**

  
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Janet Jamison, Chairperson

  
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C. Scott Buffington, Vice-Chairperson

  
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Christopher Summers

  
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Kathleen Richardson

  
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Russell Brackett

A TRUE COPY:

ATTESTED BY: Elizabeth J. Knox DATE May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Elizabeth J. Knox, Town Clerk, Paris, Maine

