

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

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021
and
Monday, June 21, 2021**

Secret Ballot Election June 8, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

Town Meeting June 21, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

June 8, and June 21, 2021

To Bradley Frost, 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 8th day of June, 2021, A.D., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, 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 Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue in said town on Monday, the 21st day of June, 2021, A.D., at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and Articles 3 through 31 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said town meeting and to vote by a nomination from the floor.

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 that orders of the municipal officers for the closing of roads in winter under Title 23 M.R.S.A §2953 shall be the final determinations of said closings.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set dates when the FY2022 taxes will be due, and when interest will be charged on FY2022 taxes, and what rate will be charged.

*Selectmen recommend: The first quarter of taxes will be due **August 16, 2021**, second quarter of taxes will be due **November 15, 2021**, third quarter of taxes will be due **February 15, 2022** and the fourth quarter of taxes will be due **May 16, 2022**. Interest will be charged at the rate of 6% per annum after the due dates for each quarter.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6% percent for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Article 9. 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to waive the automatic foreclosure on three 2020 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 5538, Pages 698 - 700 inclusive.

Article 11. 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 12. To see if the Town will carry forward year-end balances on the following accounts: Cemeteries, Contingency, Attorney Fees and all Capital Accounts.

Article 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus the overdrafts to Town accounts as of June 30, 2021.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize the town manager to apply, on behalf of the town of Paris, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of the River Park Pavilion; and further authorize Town Manager to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 571,904.00 **FY 20-21: \$588,848.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 282,094.00 **FY 20-21: \$175,240.00**

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Fiscal Year 20-21
Fire Department Pumper Truck- <i>new lease</i>	\$86,000.00	\$0
Police Department Cruiser Lease- <i>new lease</i>	\$22,000.00	\$0
Fire Station Bond Payment- <i>last pmt 2023</i>	\$127,894.29	\$129,040.48
Catch Basin Project	\$35,568.98	\$35,568.52
Highway Department Excavator	\$10,630.73	\$10,631.00

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 765,312.00 **FY 20-21: \$679,657.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 745,750.00 **FY 20-21: \$752,734.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 6,090.00 **FY 20-21: \$6,240.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 58,393.00 **FY 20-21: \$26,152.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 198,000.00 **FY 20-21: \$192,000.00**

- Paris Public Library: \$ 193,500.00 **\$187,500.00**
- Hamlin Memorial Library: \$ 4,500.00 **\$4,500.00**

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 6,609.00 **FY 20-21: \$6,809.00**

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Norway-Paris Solid Waste** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 282,000.00 **FY 20-21: \$262,000.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 365,717.00 **FY 20-21: \$430,597.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 242,482.00 **FY 20-21: \$228,557.00**

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Expenditures** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 785,900.00 **FY 20-21: \$799,200.00**

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Fiscal Year 20-21
FD Building Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
FD Equipment	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
FD Equipment Repair	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
FD Pump Truck Replacement		\$90,000.00
FD Vehicle Repairs/Improvements		\$10,000.00
Highway Plow Truck	\$100,000.00	\$105,000.00
Highway Equipment Purchase	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Highway Equipment Repairs	\$35,000.00	\$17,000.00
Highway Building Repair		\$5,000.00
PD Equipment <i>(ammunition, uniforms, investigation supplies)</i>	\$8,200.00	\$13,500.00
PD Vehicle Equipment <i>(lights, sirens, etc.)</i>	\$5,000.00	\$20,500.00
PD Vehicles		\$5,500.00
PD Body Cameras	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
PD Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
PD Safety Equipment <i>(vest, guns)</i>	\$4,200.00	\$8,000.00
PD Building Improvements	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
Road Reconstruction	\$500,000.00	\$350,000.00
Town Wide Computer Updates	\$2,000.00	
Town Wide Radio Updates		\$18,200.00
Town Wide Building Camera Update		\$23,000.00
Parks & Rec <i>Dugout Repair/GFI Repair at Moore Park</i>		\$1,500.00
Totals	\$785,900.00	\$799,200.00

Article 30. To see what sum of money if any, the Town will appropriate in Anticipated General Revenues for the purpose of offsetting the ~~2021-2022~~ tax rate.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 2,112,016.00

FY 20-21: \$2,010,516.00

Article 31. 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 24th day of May, 2021, in the Town of Paris, County of Oxford and State of Maine.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
TOWN OF PARIS**


Russell Brackett, Chairperson

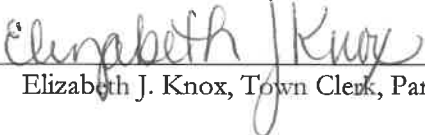


Christopher Summers, Vice-Chairperson


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Carlton Sprague

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ATTESTED BY:  DATE , 2021
Elizabeth J. Knox, Town Clerk, Paris, Maine