

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

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
and  
Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

Secret Ballot Election June 14, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

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Town Meeting June 21, 2022 6:00 p.m.  
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue

# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

## June 14, and June 21, 2022

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, A.D., at eight 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 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 Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022, A.D., at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and then Articles 3 through 32 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.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Paris Building Codes" be enacted?

**Note of Explanation:** *The Paris Building Codes would replace the existing Ordinance that was revised on June 6, 2002. "(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)" A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk, on the Town of Paris website [www.parismaine.org](http://www.parismaine.org).*

**Article 4.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Paris Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance" be enacted?

**Note of Explanation:** *This is a new ordinance to the town. "(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)" A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk, on the Town of Paris website [www.parismaine.org](http://www.parismaine.org).*

**Article 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Property Maintenance Ordinance Town of Paris, Maine" be amended as enacted?

**Note of Explanation:** *The Property Maintenance Ordinance Town of Paris, Maine would replace the existing Ordinance that was adopted on October 26, 2020. "(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)" A copy of the ordinance is available from the office of the Town Clerk, on the Town of Paris website [www.parismaine.org](http://www.parismaine.org).*

**Article 6.** 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 7.** 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 8.** 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 9.** 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, 2022**, second quarter of taxes will be due **November 15, 2022**, third quarter of taxes will be due **February 15, 2023** and the fourth quarter of taxes will be due **May 16, 2023**. Interest will be charged at the rate of 6% per annum after the due dates for each quarter.*

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 5% percent for the fiscal year 2022-2022.

**Article 11.** 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 12.** To see if the Town will vote to waive the automatic foreclosure on three 2020 tax lien on property located on tax map and tax map R-2, Lot 24, and taxes to A.C. Lawrence Leather Co., Inc., recorded in Book 5627, Page 502.

**Article 13.** 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 14.** To see if the Town will carry forward year-end balances on the following accounts: Cemeteries, Contingency, Attorney Fees, Parks & Rec new programs, and all Capital Accounts.

**Article 15.** 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 16.** 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 17.** 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 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus the overdrafts to Town accounts as of June 30, 2022.

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$601,164.00

FY 20-21: \$571,904.00

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$262,956.00

FY 20-21: \$282,094.00

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Fiscal Year 20-21
Fire Department Pumper Truck- <i>new lease</i>	\$68,765.00	<b>\$86,000.00</b>
Police Department Cruiser Lease- <i>new lease</i>	\$22,008.00	<b>\$22,000.00</b>
Fire Station Bond Payment- <i>last pmt 2023</i>	\$125,983.00	<b>\$127,894.29</b>
Catch Basin Project	\$35,569.00	<b>\$35,568.98</b>
Highway Department Excavator	\$10,631.00	<b>\$10,631.00</b>

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$774,478.00                      **FY 20-21: \$765,312.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$805,696.00                      **FY 20-21: \$745,750.00**

**Article 23.** 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: \$6,090.00**

**Article 24.** 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: \$109,867.00                      **FY 20-21: \$58,393.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$206,500.00                      **FY 20-21: \$198,000.00**

- Paris Public Library: \$202,000.00                      **\$193,500.00**
- Hamlin Memorial Library: \$ 4,500.00                      **\$4,500.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$7479.00                      **FY 20-21: \$6,609.00**

**Article 27.** 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: \$292,000.00                      **FY 20-21: \$282,000.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$363,099.00                      **FY 20-21: \$365,717.00**

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

Selectmen Recommend: \$422,787.00                      **FY 20-21: \$242,482.00**

**Article 30.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Expenditures** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,181,300.00

FY 20-21: \$785,900.00

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Fiscal Year 20-21
FD Building Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
FD Equipment	\$23,000.00	\$19,000.00
FD Equipment Repair	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00
FD Yearly Hose Testing	\$4,800.00	
Highway Plow Truck	\$279,000.00	\$100,000.00
Highway Equipment Purchase		\$50,000.00
Highway Equipment Repairs	\$65,000.00	\$35,000.00
PD Equipment <i>(ammunition, uniforms, investigation supplies)</i>	\$12,500.00	\$8,200.00
PD Vehicle Equipment <i>(lights, sirens, etc.)</i>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
PD Body Cameras		\$10,000.00
PD Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
PD Safety Equipment <i>(vest, guns)</i>		\$4,200.00
PD Building Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
PD Radar Units (2)	\$6,000.00	
Road Reconstruction	\$720,000.00	\$500,000.00
Town Wide Computer Updates		\$2,000.00
Admin Vehicle	\$20,000.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,181,300.00</b>	<b>\$785,900.00</b>

**Article 31.** To see what sum of money if any, the Town will appropriate in Anticipated General Revenues for the purpose of offsetting the 2022-2023 tax rate.

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,637,136.00

FY 20-21: \$2,112,016.00

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022, in the Town of Paris, County of Oxford and State of Maine.

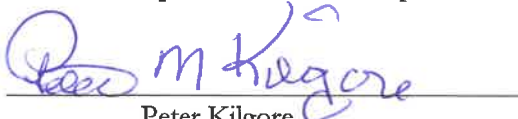
**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
TOWN OF PARIS**



Christopher Summers, Chairperson



Scott McElravy, Vice-Chairperson



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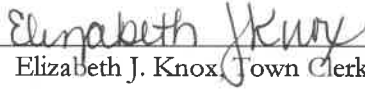


Carlton Sprague



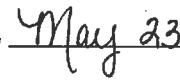
A TRUE COPY:

ATTESTED BY:



Elizabeth J. Knox, Town Clerk, Paris, Maine

DATE



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