

## Special Town Meeting Warrant

Penobscot, ss

State of Maine

To: Tim Robinson, a resident of the Town of Levant, in said county of Penobscot:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Levant, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Suzanne Smith School on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2022 at 9:00am, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

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

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to fix two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable and after which interest shall accrue.

RECOMMEND:

First Installment: December 15, 2022

Second Installment: June 15, 2023

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

RECOMMEND: 4.0%, the maximum allowed as per Henry Beck,  
Treasurer of State.

(Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 505(4))

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate of 8% per year on the amount of overpayment to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed on April 1, 2022 (Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506-A)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to close all Fiscal Year 2021-2022 overdrafts to surplus.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of obsolete Town equipment and material on such terms as they deem proper and any property to be sold must be put up for competitive bid and advertised around Town for at least fourteen days.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5151).

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into and execute contracts not to exceed five years.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of tax-acquired property by competitive sealed bid, to be advertised in a manner deemed proper by the Selectmen and to execute municipal quit claim deeds for the same. In the event that no suitable bids are received, the Town authorizes the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to dispose of the property on such terms as they deem proper. Also, to authorize the Selectmen, in their discretion, to retain any tax acquired property or any portion thereof for municipal purposes or waive the automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the town. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept donations and any other gifts on behalf of the Town.

## **BUDGET ARTICLES**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$225,388.60 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following projects: Town Office heat system, electronic Town Office sign, corner lot gazebo replacement and sixteen (16) SCBA tanks.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will authorize the use of revenue from recreation department events to be expended to offset the cost of these and other recreational events and any such revenue not expended at year's end be transferred to the Recreation Reserve Account.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any income or unexpended dollars from Old Home Days evenly to the Recreation Reserve and the Old Home Days Reserve at the end of the fiscal year.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will authorize the use of revenues to be expended to offset the cost of the operation of the ambulance service and fire department.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will authorize unexpended funds at year's end from the Roads and Highway budget to be transferred to the Public Works Reserve Account.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State or other governmental units or private sources which may be received from time to time in the form of Grants or any other source, during the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

### **EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES**

(The Selectmen recommend the following amounts for the following Expense and Revenue Budgets)

**Article 18:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Administrative Budget.  
RECOMMEND: \$253,449

**Article 19:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance.  
RECOMMEND: \$2,000

**Article 20:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department.  
RECOMMEND: \$185,543

**Article 21:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Town Maintenance Budget.  
RECOMMEND: \$243,000

**Article 22:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Road & Highway Budget.  
RECOMMEND: \$639,093

The following is a list of the proposed projects for which the bulk of the Highway Maintenance portion of the road budget will be expended:

<b>Winter Maintenance:</b>	
Plowing/Salt/Sand	\$265,393
<b>Paving &amp; Surfacing:</b>	\$280,000

**Article 23:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Animal Control.  
RECOMMEND: \$8,600

**Article 24:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Recreation Budget.  
RECOMMEND: \$36,525

**Article 25:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Capital Improvements and Reserve Budget.  
RECOMMEND: \$40,000

**Article 26:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise for Debt Service.  
RECOMMEND: \$85,000

### **REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE**

**Article 27:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to fund the appropriations approved in Articles 18 through 26 inclusive.  
RECOMMEND: That \$1,076,000 be appropriated from Non-Property Tax Revenue and the remainder be raised by property taxation.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Town Office during regular office hours for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof, fail not, have you there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands in the Town of Levant, this 25th day of May A.D. 2022.

LEVANT BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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A True Copy:  
Attest  
Scott Pullen, Town Clerk

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Brent Pullen, Chairman

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Zach Wood

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Brian Call

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Nathan Peary

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Matthew Arnold