

**Town of Durham  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant 2017**

To: Shannon Plourde, a resident of the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, 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 Durham in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below. (Polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) And, to notify and warn said Inhabitants to assemble at Durham Community School on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.; then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 42 as set out to wit:

- Article 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2.** To elect all municipal officers, school committee members, and budget committee members as are required to be elected.

*Saturday, April 1, 2017*

- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual Rule of Procedure, sixth edition, as the rules of order for this meeting.
- Article 4.** To see which of two bids received to accept with regard to the Town's Curbside Waste and Recycling Contract Request for Proposal. The contract will run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

	Pine Tree Waste	Tice Waste Management
Year 1 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)	\$ 202,534	\$ 187,000
Year 2 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)	\$ 206,584	\$ 187,000
Year 3 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)	\$ 210,716	\$ 187,000
<b>Total of Contract</b>	\$ 619,834	\$ 561,000

*Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Pine Tree Waste*

- Article 5.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$200,753*

Transfer \$18,366 from Designated Fund Balance (*Solid Waste Tags \$18,366*), and Raise \$182,387.

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**Article 6.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Administration Expenses.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$351,047***

Transfer \$102,096 from designated funds (*Building permits \$15,559; Electrical permits \$4,225; Plumbing permits \$9,886; Delinquent Tax Interest \$34,297; Vehicle registrations \$14,169; Tax Exempt reimbursement \$17,140; Town Clerk fees \$5,472; Miscellaneous revenues \$1,348*) and Raise \$248,951.

**Article 7.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Municipal Town Office Renovations.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$30,000***

Transfer \$30,000 from designated funds (*Municipal Building Account \$30,000*).

**Article 8.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Municipal Town Office Maintenance.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$30,000***

Transfer \$30,000 from designated funds (*Municipal Building Account \$9,652; Town Office Reserve \$20,348*).

**Article 9.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Animal Control.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$12,573.34.***

Transfer \$1,559.00 from designated fund balance (*Animal Control \$1,559.00*) and Raise \$11,014.34.

**Article 10.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Assessing.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$20,150***

Raise \$20,150.

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**Article 11.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Cemeteries.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$4,200***

Raise \$4,200.

**Article 12.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Conservation.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$2,100.***

Transfer \$2,100 from designated fund balance (*Recreation Fund \$2,100*)

**Article 13.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Social and Community Service Agencies.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$3,000***

Raise \$3,000

<i>Community Concepts</i>	\$500
<i>Western Maine Transportation</i>	\$500
<i>LACO</i>	\$500
<i>Tri-County Mental Health</i>	\$500
<i>Seniors Plus</i>	\$500
<i>Oasis Free Clinic</i>	\$500

**Article 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Eureka Community Center.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$4,903***

Transfer \$540 from designated fund balance (*Eureka Rentals \$540*) and Raise \$4,363.

**Article 15.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Durham Fire and Rescue Operating Budget.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$321,680***

Raise \$321,680

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**Article 16.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fire and Rescue Capital Improvement Account.

*Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$50,000*

Raise \$ 50,000

**Article 17.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the annual bond payment for the Quint Ladder Fire Truck (Payment 4 of 6)

*Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$33,004*

Transfer \$33,004 from designated fund balance (*Fire Capital Improvement Fund \$33,004*).

**Article 18.** To see if the Town of Durham will vote: (1) to approve the purchase of a fire truck (the "Project") with a total anticipated cost of up to **\$486,000**; and (2) to appropriate an amount of **\$486,000** for the Project; and (3) to fund the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bonds of the Town of Durham (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$486,000**; and (4) to delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form and other detail of said general obligation bonds, including execution and delivery of said general obligation bonds and to provide for the sale thereof as well as the negotiation and execution of any loan agreement necessary with any party.

**TOWN OF DURHAM FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Town Indebtedness

<b>A. Bonds outstanding</b>	<b>\$ 4,498,658</b>
<b>B. Bonds authorized and unissued</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>
<b>C. Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved</b>	<b>\$ <u>486,000</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,984,658</b>

\*excluding any other bond authorizations in other articles of this warrant

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.39% percent and an estimated 7-year maturity, the estimated costs of these bonds will be:

Principal:	<b>\$ 486,000</b>
Interest:	<b>\$ <u>68,137</u></b>
Total Debt Service	<b>\$ 554,137</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds or the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimate. If the actual amount of the total debt

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service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Ruth Glaeser  
/s Treasurer

***Selectmen: No Recommendation***

***Budget Committee: Recommend***

**Article 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for additional EMS and fire staffing coverage.

***Budget Committee Recommend: \$96,150***

Raise \$96,150

***Selectmen: Recommend: \$64,087***

Raise \$64,087

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

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$2,000***

Raise \$2,000.

**Article 21.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Grant Matching Funds.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$10,000***

Raise \$10,000.

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

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$14,220***

Transfer \$14,220 from Designated Fund Balance (*State Park Fees \$3,233 Recreation Fund \$10,987*)

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**Article 23.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Planning Board/Appeals/Historic District Commission.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$17,697***

Transfer \$1,280 from Designated Fund Balance (*Conditional Use Permits \$1,000, Appeals Administration Fees \$280*) and raise \$16,417.

**Article 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Public Works.

***Selectmen Recommend: \$1,208,464***

Transfer \$878,947 from Designated Fund Balance (*Auto Excise \$825,283, URIP \$53,664*) and Raise \$329,517.

***Budget Committee Recommend: \$1,192,114***

Transfer \$878,947 from Designated Fund Balance (*Auto Excise \$825,283, URIP \$53,664*) and Raise \$313,167.

**Article 25.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Capital Projects.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$37,350***

Transfer \$37,350 from Designated Fund Balance (*Public Works Capital Reserve Fund \$37,350*)

**Article 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$100,000***

Raise \$100,000.

**Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Equipment Bond annual bond payment. (Payment 3 of 10)

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 141,524***

Raise \$141,524.

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**Article 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Building Bond annual bond payment. (Payment 3 of 15)

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 91,120***

Raise \$91,120.

**Article 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Road Bond annual bond payment. (Payment 1 of 7)

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 172,645***

Transfer \$90,000 from Designated Fund Balance (*Public Works Capital \$90,000*) Raise \$82,645.

**Article 30.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Telecommunications.

***Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: \$53,663***

Transfer \$53,663 from Designated Fund Balance (*Franchise Fees \$53,663*)

**Article 31.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed the amount of the 2016 overlay (\$121,460) to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2017 fiscal year.

**Article 32.** To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise allowable. (***Note: This article requires a written ballot***)

***Note: The levy limit is \$1,010,560***

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.

**Article 34.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing interest on delinquent taxes and establishing a date for interest to start. Taxes to be due when committed. Interest shall start on all unpaid taxes forty five days from the date of commitment. The interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be 7 % per annum.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and minor officials in the hands of the Board of Selectmen.

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- Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of town owned property which they determine is no longer needed or usable by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.
- Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of real estate taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds thereon.
- Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3 % pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
- Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
- Article 40.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to that of the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.
- Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one third (1/3) of the budget amount in each category of the Town of Durham 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018 to the close of the annual town meeting.
- Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer and Administrative Assistant to borrow money on notes countersigned by at least three Selectmen, to pay for the operating costs of the Town.

**Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017:**

**Board of Selectmen**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
**Jeffrey Wakeman**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sarah Hall**

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**Mark Blake**

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**Michael Stewart**