

TOWN WARRANT 2010

To Melanie R. Page, Citizen of the Town of Bowdoin in the County of Sagadahoc, 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 Bowdoin, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Bowdoin Central School in said Bowdoin on Saturday, the 6th day of March, 2010, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2. To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same.
- Article 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen.
- Article 4. To hear the report of the Tax Collector.
- Article 5. To hear the report of the Treasurer
- Article 6. To hear the report of the Planning Board
- Article 7. To hear the report of the Town Forest Account
- Article 8. To hear the report of the Ordinance Writing Committee
- Article 9. To hear the report of the M.S.A.D. #75 Directors
- Article 10. To hear the report of the Recreation Department
- Article 11. To hear the report of the Bowdoin Volunteer Fire Department
- Article 12. To hear the report of the Bowdoin Historic Preservation Committee
- Article 13. To hear the report of the Bowdoin EMA Director.
- Article 14. To elect one Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor to serve a three year term.
- Article 15. To see what salary the Town wishes to set for the services of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. **(Recommended compensation, \$3400 for each, same request as last year.)**
- Article 16. To elect a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same.
- Article 17. To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same.
- Article 18. To elect a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same. **(Recommended compensation, \$1200, same request as last year.)**
- Article 19. To elect a person to serve a three year term on the Planning Board.
- Article 20. To elect a person to serve a three year term on the Planning Board.
- Article 21. To elect a person to serve a three year term on the MSAD 75 Board of Directors. This term to begin on June 1, 2010, and end on May 31, 2013.

- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 for the Ordinance Writing Committee. (By Request). **(Recommended \$2,480 from taxation and \$2,520 from Carryover).**
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$300,000 for a Tax Anticipation Note **and appropriate \$5,000 for the interest from surplus.**
- Article 24. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of the Town Fire Department in addition to funding and donations that they receive. **(Recommended: \$36,000 from Surplus.)**
- Article 25. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account. **(Recommended: \$30,000 from Taxation.)**
- Article 26. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Emergency Management Agency Account. **(Recommended: \$1,000 from Surplus.)**
- Article 27. To see what the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of the Recreation Department in addition to funding and donations they receive, and for the salary of its' director. **(Recommended: \$3,200 from Boat Excise.)**
- Article 28. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for Winter Highways. **(Recommended: \$240,000 \$200,000 from Excise Taxes and \$40,000 from surplus, and in addition to carryovers)**
- Article 29. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for Summer Highways. **(Recommended: \$30,000 from Excise Taxes)**
- Article 30. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for Town Road Improvement. **(Recommended: \$40,000 from MDOT.)**
- Article 31. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for Paving and Sealing of Town roads or act in relation thereto. **(Recommended: \$225,000, \$180,000 from Excise, \$25,000 from MDOT, and \$20,000 from Surplus)**
- Article 32. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for a Contingency fund. **(Recommended: \$ 15,000 from surplus, same request as 2009.)**
- Article 33. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of its Solid Waste Management Program/Recycling Facility. **(Recommended: \$20,000, \$13,000 from taxation and \$7,000 from Surplus.**
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 55,958 to cover the principal and interest payments due in 2010 under the loan agreements entered into with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the purposes of retiring a portion of the Town's share of the Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) debt. **(Recommended: \$ 55,958 from Surplus.)**

- Article 35. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority to allow the Town to utilize the Authority's facilities for disposal of Septic tank waste. **(Recommended: \$250 from taxation, same request as 2009.)**
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$1,050** for the cost of care and services for the Town's stray pets. *(These services to be provided by The Coastal Humane Society, Inc of Brunswick.)***(Recommended: \$1,050 from taxation.)**
- Article 37. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upgrading and/or purchasing of computer hardware and the purchasing and/or licensing of computer software as needed. **(Recommended: \$7,000, from taxation.)**
- Article 38. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Salaries. **(Recommended: \$133,000, \$133,000 from taxation.)**
- Article 39. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control. **(Recommended: \$7,000, \$7,000 from taxation.)**
- Article 40. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Town cemeteries. **(Monies to come from Trust Accounts.)**
- Article 41. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Expense. **(Recommended: \$75,000, \$31,000 from Taxation and \$44,000 from Surplus.)**
- Article 42. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board expense in addition to income from Planning Board fees. **(Recommended: \$2,500 from taxation.)**
- Article 43. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ambulance service with the Town of Lisbon. **(Recommended: \$3,800 from taxation.)**
- Article 44. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for the Bowdoin Flurry Flyers snowmobile club for maintaining the club's snowmobile trails. **(Recommended: ½ of snowmobile registration collected to be reimbursed by snowmobile registrations.)** *(These trails to be open to winter enthusiasts with the landowners' approvals and to be used under the State of Maine's Title 12 Maine Revised Statute.)*
- Article 45. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for General Assistance for the year 2010. **(Recommended: \$15,000, from taxation)**
- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to have two lots put in Town Forest.
Map 10 Lots 16 & 17

- Article 47. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate for the Bowdoinham Water District for hydrant rental. **(Recommended: \$7,700 , \$7,700 from taxation.)**
- Article 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to reinstate maintenance on the section of Starbird Corner Road from the current school bus turnaround to Dead River Road.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to seek bids for the construction of an addition to the Town Office.
- Article 50. To see what amount the Town will vote to appropriate to support the following agencies at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. **(Recommended: \$3,500 from Taxation)**
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or otherwise dispose of obsolete Town equipment and material on such terms as they shall deem proper.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and execute quitclaim deeds for such property. (Exception, to allow quitclaim deeds back to original owner without first putting it out to bid.) (All property to be advertised for a period of 30 days in at least two public places within the Town and sold by sealed bid.)
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the consent of the municipal officers, to waive foreclosure of tax lien mortgages in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 944 when the treasurer and municipal officers determine that such waiver is in the best interest of the town. (Example: in situations where the property contains a toxic waste site, an old and dangerous structure, or has some other condition which makes it a liability rather than an asset. In those cases, the town may want to file a civil suit to collect its taxes rather than taking possession of the property.)
- Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/12 of the 2009 budgeted amount in each category of the 2009 budget during each month or portion thereof in 2010 preceding the 2010 Town meeting that adopts the budget.
- Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow the Treasurer to charge a fee for returned items (bounced checks). **(Recommended \$25 plus bank fee).**
- Article 56. Shall the town vote to set the dates for payments of property taxes after which interest will be charged and the dates when interest will commence. (Not retroactive). (Recommended: First half due **July 30, 2010**, with interest to commence **August 2, 2010**. Second half due **December 3, 2010**, with interest to commence **December 6, 2010**.)

- Article 57. Shall the Town of Bowdoin vote to authorize the municipal officers to apply for and accept grant funds offered, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such programs and to expend grant proceeds in accordance with specific grant requirements.
- Article 58. Shall the Town vote to accept donations and gifts to be deposited into the Town's appropriate and legal accounts.
- Article 59. Shall the Town vote to accept State Funds for the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, deposited in the Town's appropriate and legal accounts
- Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds to pay tax abatements and applicable interest during the year 2010 and set the interest rate thereon. **(Recommended by the Selectmen, 7 % interest rate and use of overlay account.)**
- Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be charged on unpaid taxes for the year 2010. **(Recommended by the Selectmen, 7% which is the maximum rate that can be charged per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4)**
- Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to waive the interest on the first half of the tax bill if the entire year's bill is paid within 30 days of the first due date.
- Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate for overpayment of taxes for the year 2010 at the rate for delinquent taxes less 4%. **(Recommended by the Selectmen, 3 %)**
- Article 64. To see if the Town will authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sect. 506.
- Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA 2953.
- Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to authorize any budget overages in 2010 to be applied to the Surplus account.
- Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of .00, established by State law for the Town of Bowdoin, by increasing the property tax limit to _____, which is the amount approved by the Town at this Town Meeting today, to be appropriated from taxation.

Given under our hands at Bowdoin, Maine
the 8 day of February, 2010

Melanie R. Page, Citizen

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Selectmen, Town of Bowdoin

A True Copy Attest

Melanie R. Page
Melanie Page, Town Clerk of Bowdoin