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**TOWN OF ANSON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To Teri J. Fernald, a citizen of the Town of Anson in the County of Somerset and 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 Anson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Garret Schenck School, Anson on the 7th day of March 2020, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, to elect all town officers and to transact all other business as herein enumerated in the articles of the warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a moderator and remain open until two o'clock in the afternoon. The transaction of the other business as herein enumerated will begin at 2:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1) To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2) To elect the following officers: 1 Selectmen (3-year terms), 2 School Board Directors for RSU/SAD #74 (3-year terms), 1 School Board Director for RSU/SAD #74(1 year term)1 Trustee for the Anson-Madison Sanitary District (3-year term), and 1 Trustee for the Anson & Madison Water District (3-year term). Polls located at Garret Schenck School will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 3) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budgets for 2020 between January 1, 2021 and the date of the regular 2021 Town Meeting with the exception of the Highway and General Assistance budgets.

Request:

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 4) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,052,550 established for the Town of Anson by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the ensuing articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that limit.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 5) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to fix October 1, 2020 as the date when all taxes assessed in 2020 shall be paid and to authorize the Tax Collector to charge the maximum allowable rate of interest (9%) from that date if not paid until thereafter.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 6) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to permit the Board of Selectmen to pay for abatements out of the Overlay Account.

Request:

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation YES:

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 7) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the budget of **Administration (includes Selectmen wages)**.

Administration	\$	338,562.00
Selectmen	\$	5,668.00
Reduced by	\$	<u>6,000.00 (Admin carry forward)</u>

Request: \$ 338,230.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 8) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the budget of **Special Officers** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the officials for the ensuing year.

Special Officers	\$	11,815.00
Planning Board	\$	<u>200.00</u>
Request:	\$	12,015.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 9) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Anson Fire Department**.

Request: \$ 122,620.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 10) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for match for the **Maine Forest Service Grant**.

Request: YES \$ 3,870.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES

Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 11) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate on behalf of the Town to provide fire protection to the Town of Embden.

Request: YES
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 12) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for subsidy to the **AMS Ambulance Service**.

Request: \$ 47,800.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 13) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for **Emergency Management** Services.

Request: \$ 3,655.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 14) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Street Lights** budget.

Request: \$ 24,900.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 15) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying the **Storm Drain Services**.

Request: \$2,938.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 16) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Hydrant** budget.

Request: \$ 134,000.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 17) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Highway** budget.

Request:	\$ 489,636.00	
Reduced by:	\$ 459,037.37	(2019 Excise Tax Collection)
To Be Raised by Taxation:	<u>\$ 30,598.63</u>	
	\$489,636.00	

Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 18) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation** budget.

Request:	\$ 30,110.00	
Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	

ARTICLE 19) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **After-School Program** for Anson students.

Request:	\$ 11,100.00	
Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	

ARTICLE 20) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate \$10,100.00 from franchise fees received from Spectrum and Bee Line Cable for support of **CATV-11**.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 21) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance** budget.

Request:	\$ 4,000.00	
Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	

ARTICLE 22) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Madison-Anson Days Celebration**.

Request:	\$ 5,500.00	
Selectmen Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES	Motion carried 5-0	

ARTICLE 23) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Shelter**.

Request: \$ 5,525.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 24) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Library** budget.

Request: \$ 8,000.00 - Stewart Public Library
\$ 6,500.00 - Madison Public Library
\$14,500.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 4-0-1

ARTICLE 25) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of supporting the following **charitable organizations**:

Requests:	\$ 28,360.00	
Food Cupboards		\$ 12,500.00
Madison-Anson Senior Citizens		\$ 800.00
Family Violence Project		\$ 4,375.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center		\$ 879.00
Spectrum Generations		\$ 2,104.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health		\$ 3,227.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County		\$ 900.00
KVCAP Transportation		\$ 1,275.00
KVCAP – Child & Family		\$ 1,700.00
Lifelight Foundation		\$ <u>600.00</u>
Total		\$ 28,360.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 26) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Cemetery, Monument, Decorations**, Windmill repair and North Anson Pond Property (**River Road Fountain**) budget.

Request: \$ 13,470.00
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 27) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for subsidy to the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation (**Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**).

Request: \$ 37,121.00
 Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
 Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 28) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for the disposal of **Solid Waste** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for same.

Request: \$ 95,000.00
 Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
 Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 29) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service**.

Request: \$ 151,604.00
 Loader Payment \$ 10,499.00
 Highway Garage Bond \$ 74,000.00
 Truck Lease Payment \$ 20,905.00
 Sewer Bond/Debt \$ 40,000.00
 Kennebec Regional Dev. Auth. \$ 6,200.00
 \$ 151,604.00

Funded as follows:	\$ 7,826.00	KRDA Refund
	\$ 52,124.00	DOT Local Road Assistance
	\$ 20,000.00	Highway Garage Reserve
	<u>\$ 71,654.00</u>	Taxation
	\$ 151,604.00	

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
 Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 30) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for **Fire Station Maintenance and Forestry Truck** to be funded by the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

Request: \$ 76,470.00
 Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
 Advisory Board Recommendation: NO Motion Failed 2-3 (opposed)

ARTICLE 31) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to

appropriate for **Fire Capital Reserves (Embden)**.

Request: \$ 41,709.00
Funded as follows: \$ 41,709.00 (Town of Embden Fire Protection)

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 32) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate into the Fire Capital Reserve for SCBA tank replacement

Request \$3,000.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

ARTICLE 33) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the **Sewer Capital Reserve Fund**.

Request: \$ 20,000.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 34) To see what sum of money that the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for an Electronic Sign in North Anson and a Wooden Sign at the Town Office to be funded by the Tax Acquired property revenue.

Request \$16,124.00

Funded by Tax Acquired Property Revenue \$ 8,000.00

Raised by Taxation \$ 8,124.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

ARTICLE 35) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town Of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to construct a parking lot on Main Street Anson on the property owned by Eagle Creek Hydro's with easements given to the Town of Anson. And to see what Sum of money the Inhabitant of The Town of Anson will vote to appropriate from the Tax Acquired Property revenue.

Request \$25,000.00

Funded by Tax Acquired \$25,000.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 4-1

ARTICLE 36) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate from the Highway Reserve Fund for equipment and the Dump body for the 2007 truck.

Request \$15,100.00

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

Advisory Board recommendation: Yes Motion carried 4-1

ARTICLE 37) To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to appropriate for the purchase of a new pump for Sewer Pump Station #2 and to repair the old pump to be used as a spare pump to be funded from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Request \$30,000.00
Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion Carried 5-0
Advisory Recommendation: Yes Motion Carried 5-0

ARTICLE 38) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a Safe Routes to School Grant in the year or 2020 for a sidewalk to be installed on Route 16 and Route 201A(sidewalk to Pinkham's Market) in 2023 with the secure of a local match of 20%(amount would be voted on in 2021 at the annual Town Meeting if grant is approved) and to see if the Inhabitants of the town of Anson will vote to appropriate \$4,800.00 to conduct a survey and of the proposed sidewalk location.

Request \$4,800.00
Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: Yes Motion Carried 5-0

ARTICLE 39) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to commitment.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 40) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to transfer the entire balance of the snowmobile reimbursement fund to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club.

Request: Yes
Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 41) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Selectmen or their agent(s) to possess, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, on behalf of the Town, any property in which the Town has acquired or hereinafter acquires title or interest by tax deed, tax mortgage lien or other means; the cost of the expense necessary and incidental thereto be appropriated from such proceeds as may accrue to the Town by reason of such authority; also, to see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to execute on behalf of the Town of Anson all necessary conveyance of real estate for the purpose of carrying out any action undertaken by the former part of this article.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 42) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to designate which budgets with balances will be carried forward at the end

of the fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 43) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to maintain a seven-member committee (Advisory Board), and three alternates with voting rights when necessary to fulfill a quorum, to serve as consultants to the municipal officers, members to have names placed on a list ranked according to date of call to the Administrative Assistant.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 44) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and administer grants, gifts of money, equipment or other articles for the Town as the Selectmen deem advisable.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 45) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend departmental revenues received during the year.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 46) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts, if necessary, and pay any incurred interest from the Overlay account.

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation YES Motion carried 5-0

ARTICLE 47) Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Anson Recreational Marijuana Ordinance" be enacted? (copies available at the Anson Town Office during regular business hours)

Selectmen Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0
Advisory Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0

ARTICLE 48) To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Anson will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to go to Bond and borrow up to \$600,000.00 for repair and maintenance of Town roads.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes Motion Carried 5-0
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 4-1

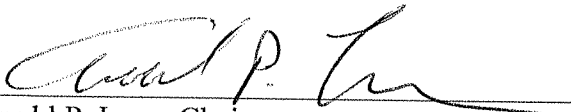
ARTICLE 49) To approve the Order pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S. 3026-A(2), signed by the Board of Selectmen on November 12, 2019, to discontinue that portion of the Nault Road from its beginning at the intersection of the Anson Valley Road(State Route 234), extending southerly to its most southerly point as described in Article 34 of the Town of Anson Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 5, 1962, including any portion of the Nault Road that is currently on or abutting land owned by Anthony and Stacey Ayotte. The purpose of said discontinuance is to effect the complete discontinuance and closure of the northerly portion of the NAULT Road, formerly known as the Quincy Woods Road, all or a portion of which was discontinued by vote pursuant to Article 34 at the Anson Town Meeting on March 5, 1962, **A public easement is not being retained in the section of the Nault Road that is hereby discontinued.**

In addition , to approve damages in the amount \$0.00 to be paid to the abutting property owners, as determined by the municipal officers. As a result of the Order and by agreement with the abutting property owners, no appropriation of funds is necessary to finalize this discontinuance.


Selectmen Recommendation : YES Motion Carried 5-0

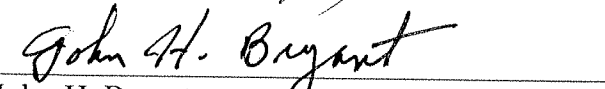
Advisory Board Recommendation: YES Motion Carried 5-0


Given under our hands this 28th day of January, 2020.



Arnold P. Luce, Chairman


Brenda L. Garland, Vice Chairman


James Smith


John H. Bryant


Angela Hawkins


Attested Copy, Jammy Murray, Town Clerk