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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

To: Carl Mills, a citizen of the Town of Brownfield, 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 Brownfield, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Brownfield Town Office in said Town on Tuesday, the 11th day of June 2013 A.D. at 8:00 A.M. then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 20 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 A.M. through 8:00 P.M.

And to warn said inhabitants to meet at the Brownfield Community Center in said Town on Wednesday, the 12th day of June, 2013 A.D., at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on Articles 21 through 55 as set out below to wit:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Town Clerk, Wanda Bartlett.

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting who will follow the Rules of Procedure from the Maine Moderators Manual.

Gene Bergoffen was elected as Moderator and appointed Patricia Wallstrom as Deputy Moderator. Polls then opened for voting.

ARTICLE 2 Shall Article II: General Provisions, Section 2.4 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3 Shall Article III: Dimensional Standard, Section 3.1 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4 Shall Article III: Dimensional Standard, Section 3.1 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5 Shall Article IV: Good Neighbor Standards, Section 4.9 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6 Shall Article IV: Administration, Section 5.12 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7 Shall Article VII: Definitions, Section 7.1 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8 Shall Article VII: Definitions, Section 7.2 of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 9 failed.

ARTICLE 10 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows.

Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14 Shall Article VII: Definitions, of the Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 14 passed.

ARTICLE 15 Shall Section 4B, Effective Date of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 15 passed.

ARTICLE 16 Shall Section 13A(1), Establishment of Districts of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 16 passed.

ARTICLE 17 Shall Section 13A(1)(a), Establishment of Districts of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 17 passed.

ARTICLE 18 Shall Section 13B(1), Establishment of Districts of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 18 passed.

ARTICLE 19 Shall Section 17, Definitions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 19 passed.

ARTICLE 20 Shall Section 17, Definitions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows. Note: New language is underlined. Language to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~.

Article 20 failed due to a tied vote.

The open portion of the Town Meeting convened at the Brownfield

Community Center on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 P.M. with Moderator Gene Bergoffen presiding.

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the check list.

Article 21 passed.

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary Town officials in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. 2601.

Article 22 passed.

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the construction or passage of a pipeline to transport gas, oil products or their waste through the Town of Brownfield.

Article 23 was not considered due to an error in the structure of the wording.

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the use of hydraulic fracking for exploration or the withdrawal of any below ground surface extraction and prohibit the injection of disposal of any oil and gas waste below ground surface in the Town of Brownfield or its aquifer.

Article 24 was not considered due to an error in the structure of the wording.

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance for the regulation and use of “unmanned aerial vehicles” (UAVs) AKA as “drones” in and above the Town of Brownfield with the following requirements.

Article 25 failed.

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will authorize the Beautification Committee to put water and electricity at Bean Spring Park to be paid for from the Bean Spring Park Fund.

Article 26 passed.

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will assume the monthly obligation for the electricity to Bean Spring Park Fund.

Article 27 failed.

ARTICLE 28 Shall an ordinance entitled the “Maine Uniform Building Code” (MUBC), as adopted as a constituent part of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), as adopted by the Maine Department of Public Safety’s Building Codes and Standards Board, be adopted by reference, as authorized by 10

M.R.S.A. 9274 (1-A0 and 30-A M.R.S.A. 3003? The penalty for violation of any provision of the MUBC is and shall remain on file with the municipal clerk and is available for public use, inspection and examination.

Article 28 passed.

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Government Payroll and Benefits up to the amount of \$386,067.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 29 to reduce the Recreation Director's salary to \$13,520. Amendment failed. Another motion was made and seconded to amend Article 29 to reduce payroll and benefits by \$30,000. Following these two failed amendments, Article 29 passed as recommended by applying \$2,964 from the Animal Control Reserve Account to offset amount to be raised and appropriated.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority vote to move Article 51 forward.

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will vote to increase the hours for the Recreation Director from the current 30 hours to 35 or 40 hours.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 51 to keep the Recreation Director's hours at 30. Article 51 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to cover up to an additional 40 hours of work for special projects determined by the Selectmen at the Town Office in the amount up to \$500.

Article 30 passed.

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds up to the amount of \$572 (\$531 pay and \$41 FICA) to cover up to an additional 50 hours of work for the Planning Board Secretary.

Article 31 failed.

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the fixed costs portion of the administrative expenses in the amount of \$63,407.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 32 to reduce the total by \$5,000. Amendment failed and Article 32 passed.

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for non-fixed costs portion of the administrative expenses in the amount of \$34,300.

Article 33 passed.

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operational expenses of the Animal Control Office the amount of \$1,060.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 34 to take \$1,060 from the Animal Control Reserve account to offset expenses. Article 34 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning Board expenses the amount of \$3,019.

Article 35 passed.

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the CEO/Assessing Department expenses the amount of \$1,700.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 36 to raise and appropriate \$1,200. Article 36 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep and maintenance at the Brownfield Community Center the amount of \$15,060.

Article 37 passed.

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Recreation Department expenses in the amount of \$7,600.

Article 38 passed.

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of Water Recreation the amount of \$2,550.

Article 39 passed as recommended with \$1,600 being taken from the Water Reserve Account to offset amount to be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the fifth year's payment (out of ten) on the loan for the new fire truck and new town garage the amount of \$69,650.

Article 40 passed.

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the overall operation of the Public Works Department the amount of \$154,490.

Article 41 passed.

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards road improvement the amount of \$13,000.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 42 to take \$13,000 from excise tax funds. Article 42 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards paving of roads, bridges, etc. an amount up to \$150,000.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 43 to take \$50,000 from URIP and the remaining \$100,000 from excise tax funds. Article 43 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 towards the \$185,000 needed to repair the culvert at Durgins Mill. The remainder to be raised over the next two years.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 44 to take \$60,000 from excise tax funds. Article 44 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the overall operation of the Transfer Station the amount of \$86,643.

Article 45 passed.

ARTICLE 46 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the overall operation of the Fire Department the amount of \$32,400.

Article 46 passed.

ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fryeburg Rescue the amount of \$19,307.

Article 47 passed.

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following In-Town Organizations the amount of \$20,500.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 48 to take funds from the Food Pantry in order to give more to the Library. Amendment failed and Article 48 passed as recommended.

ARTICLE 49 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Out-Of-Town Organizations the amount of \$6,200.

Article 49 passed.

ARTICLE 50 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$2,500 to add to the Contingency Account Reserve Account established by Town vote on the 12th of June 2012. (This Account may not exceed \$10,000. Contingency expenditures must have the unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen.)

Article 50 passed.

ARTICLE 51 (Moved forward and voted following Article 29)

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for distribution into the Capital Improvement Accounts a sum up to \$15,000.

Article 52 passed.

ARTICLE 53 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply up to \$150,000 of other income (general fund) received by the Town during the 2012/2013 fiscal year (principally excise taxes, interest on delinquent taxes, state reimbursement income and Selectmen's overlay) to reduce the overall amounts to be granted and raised for fiscal year 2013/2014, thereby lowering the taxes needed to be raised by the Town.

Article 53 passed.

ARTICLE 54 To see if the Town will vote to charge seven percent (7%) interest annually on taxes (and amounts owed to the Town) not paid by November 15, 2013 and May 15, 2014.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 54 to charge 4.5 percent (4.5%) interest. Amendment failed and Article 54 passed.

ARTICLE 55 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at three percent (3%) for the fiscal year.

Article 55 passed.

ARTICLE 56 To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 and Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Article 56 passed.

ARTICLE 57 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment greater than this property tax

levy limit.

Article 57 passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

As a point of interest, 128 registered voters took to the polls on Tuesday, June 11th and 76 registered voters were in attendance on Wednesday, June 12th.