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Mark Robinson, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF FAYETTE  
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION  
AND  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

To: Crystal Rose, a resident of the Town of Fayette, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Fayette in the County of Kennebec, in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Fayette Central School at 2003 Main Street in Fayette, June 13th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., there and then to act on the following Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at Fayette Central School in said Town on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 38 as set out below, to wit:

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

**ARTICLE 2** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) – Two to the office of Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term; Two School Committee Members for a three-year terms.

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to lapse all balances into the undesignated fund balance (surplus) with the exception of those special revenue accounts which must be carried forward by law.

Note: This applies to federally funded school programs and from year to year other federal and state funded programs for municipal operations.

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

**ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485**

**Cost Center Summary Budget Format**

**ARTICLE 4** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 8	\$ 862,475.00
Secondary Education	\$ 496,576.00
Gifted & Talented	\$ 11,445.00

**School Committee Recommends \$1,370,496.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,370,496.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 5** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 5	\$ 75,435.00
Middle School	\$ 110,895.00
High School	\$ 53,015.00
Special Education Administration	\$ 62,053.00
Special Services	\$ 21,636.00

**School Committee Recommends \$323,034.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$323,034.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 6** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

**School Committee Recommends \$0.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$0.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 7** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

**School Committee Recommends \$0.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$0.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 8** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Guidance	\$ 4,500.00
Health Services	\$ 19,122.00
Improvement of Instruction	\$ 1,165.00
Library Services	\$ 7,438.00
Technology	\$ 111,043.00
Student Assessments	\$ 2,000.00

**School Committee Recommends \$145,268.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$145,268.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 9** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee	\$ 22,219.00
Superintendent's Office	\$ 76,218.00

**School Committee Recommends \$98,437.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$98,437.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 10** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

**School Committee Recommends \$87,731.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$87,731.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 11** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Committee Recommends \$155,489.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$155,489.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 12** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**School Committee Recommends \$195,299.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$195,299.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 13** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**School Committee Recommends \$23,636.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,636.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 14** To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. Contracted Food Service

**School Committee Recommends \$62,405.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$62,405.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 3 must be taken by a recorded vote.*

- 1. Fayette School Department Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):**

**ARTICLE 15** To see what sum the Town of Fayette will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee Recommends \$1,306,178.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,306,178.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

*"Explanation: The Fayette School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."*

- 2. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):**

**ARTICLE 16** Shall the Town of Fayette raise and appropriate \$774,789.00 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$774,789.00 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Fayette School Committee.

The Fayette School Committee recommends \$774,789 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$774,789.00.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Fayette School Department's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.*

**School Committee Recommends \$774,789.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$774,789.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**3. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) :**

**ARTICLE 17** To see what sum the Town of Fayette will authorize the Fayette School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Fayette School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Committee Recommends \$2,461,795.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,461,795.00**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 18** In addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Fayette School Committee be authorized to accept and expend federal or state funds and such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously anticipated

**School Committee Recommends YES**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 19** Shall the school committee be authorized to accept all additional monies from the State Legislature to offset local taxes

**School Committee Recommends YES**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town of Fayette will authorize the School Committee to enter into a 4 year lease purchase of a new bus with the first payment of up to \$35,000 being paid from the schools undesignated fund balance.

**School Committee Recommends YES**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town shall accept and appropriate the categories of estimated funds listed below to reduce the 2023-2024 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$270,000
Supplemental Taxes	\$10,000
Interest on Taxes	\$15,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$125,000
Investment Income	\$1,000
Building Permit Fees/Fines	\$2,000
Clerk & Agent Office Fees	\$5,425
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$25,000
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	\$2000
Property Sale	\$27,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$220,782
Workers Comp Ins Proceeds	\$3,000

*Explanation: The list of municipal revenues and estimated collections above serve as non-tax and previously raised revenue to be used to reduce the amount necessary to raise and appropriate through taxation. Current tax rate is \$13.29 per \$1,000 of assessment.*

**Budget Committee Recommend: YES**

**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will vote to transfer excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$1,000 received from the sale of snowmobile registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Fayette Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association.

**Budget Committee Recommend: YES**

**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will vote to transfer collected excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$3,000 received from the sale of boat registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association.

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES  
4 in favor 1 opposed (St. Clair)**

**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$407,670 to support the General Government budget. Total expense to authorize \$407,670.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
General Government	\$289,628	\$293,510	\$303,455	\$303,455	\$409,693	\$387,179	\$407,670

Estimated Summary of Accounts:	Selectmen Stipend	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
		\$3,750	\$3,750

Selectmen Payroll Tax	\$287	\$287
Town Manager Payroll	\$64,402	\$70,005
Town Manager Payroll Tax	\$4,926	\$5,355
Town Manager Health Ins.	\$24,505	\$27,518
Town Office Staff Payroll	\$68,139	\$86,605
Town Office Payroll Tax	\$5,213	\$6,626
Town Office Health Ins.	\$31,258	\$33,514
Code Enforcement Payroll	\$32,500	\$26,426
Code Enforcement Payroll Tax	\$2,486	\$2,022
Training	\$300	\$300
General Operations	\$41,450	\$45,852
Assessing	\$25,600	\$26,850
Record Preservation/Mapping	\$1,600	\$1,600
Elections	\$2,000	\$2,500
General Assistance	\$3,000	\$3,000
Senior Spectrum	\$0	\$500
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000
Audit	\$16,700	\$8000
Town Office Heating Fuel	\$1,000	\$1,500
Starling Hall	\$4,560	\$4,560
KVCOG memberships	\$2,500	\$2,500
MMA memberships	\$2,500	\$2,500
Insurance	\$40,500	\$40,500
Veteran's Memorial	\$400	\$400

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$407,670**  
**Selectmen Recommends: \$**

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$112,379 to support the Public Safety budget. Total expense to authorize \$112,379.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Safety	\$92,220	\$86,676	\$88,012	\$88,012	\$136,584	\$107,323	\$112,379

		Last Year	Proposed
Summary of Accounts:	Fire Protection	\$54,452	\$54,452
	Rural Patrol	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Street Lights	\$550	\$200
	Ambulance	\$26,973	\$27,782
	Dispatch	\$16,230	\$20,477
	Animal Control	\$3,230	\$4,268
	Humane Society	\$2,000	\$2,200



**Budget Committee Recommends: \$112,379**  
**Selectmen Recommend: \$**

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$17,000 to support the Recreation and Cultural Services budget. Total expense to authorize \$17,000.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Recreation and Cultural	\$11,428	\$12,428	\$12,428	\$12,428	\$12,628	\$12,628	\$17,000

Estimated Summary of Accounts:		Last Year	Proposed
Books		\$3,650	\$3,650
Staff		\$2,580	\$2,580
Operations		\$6,098	\$8,770
Programming			\$2,000

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,000**  
**Selectmen Recommends: \$**

**ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$476,065 to support the Public Works budget. Total expense to authorize \$476,065

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Works	\$437,432	\$456,990	\$467,184	\$467,184	\$508,961	\$524,793	\$476,065

Estimated Summary of Accounts:		Last Year	Proposed
Staff Payroll		\$170,000	\$187,000
Staff Payroll Tax		\$13,005	\$14,306
Staff Health Insurance		\$17,522	\$21,983
General Operations		\$16,909	\$14,776
Signs		\$1,500	\$1,500
Equipment Repair/Maintenance		\$38,000	\$50,000
Sand		\$15,000	\$15,000
Gravel		\$30,000	\$30,000
Pavement Maintenance		\$25,000	\$25,000
Rental/Hired Equipment		\$12,000	\$12,000
Clothing		\$800	\$800
Hay		\$500	\$500
Fabric		\$500	\$500
Culverts		\$6,500	\$3,500

Discretionary Equipment Purchase	\$43,000	\$5,000
Salt	\$35,000	\$25,000
Radio/Repair	\$600	\$600
Tools	\$400	\$400
Training	\$200	\$200
Supplies	\$15,000	\$20,000
Motor Fuel	\$40,000	\$40,000
Cemeteries	\$7,000	\$8,000

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$476,065**  
**Selectmen Recommends: \$**

**ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$41,057 to support the Municipal Debt Service budget for a total expense to authorize \$41,057.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Municipal Debt Service	\$222,908	\$222,908	\$215,300	\$215,300	\$153,230	\$57,220	\$41,057

*Note: The Maine Municipal Bond Bank BONDS: Richmond Mill Culvert Replacement \$200,000 (0.94%) issued October 29, 2020 will be paid November 1, 2030. AND \$100,000 Starling Hall bond is not included whereas FOSH raises the funds to pay the debt service on the bond that was issued October 19, 2019. at this years rate of 1.62% will be paid November 1, 2029 AND the 2022 International Plow Truck. The total acquisition cost was \$198,742. After paying down 98,743. We have a loan for \$99,999 from Androscoggin Savings at 4.63% interest fixed for six years. \$19,471.31 per year.*

**Budget Committee Recommend: \$41,057**  
**Selectmen Recommend: \$**

**ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$88,657 to support the Solid Waste budget. Total expense to authorize \$88,657

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Solid Waste	\$68,500	\$73,935	\$73,578	\$73,578	\$75,929	\$76,231	\$88,657

Estimated Summary of Accounts: Readfield Transfer Station Partnership Share \$88,657

**Budget Committee Recommends \$88,657**  
**Selectmen Recommends \$**

**ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will vote to raise from taxation \$20,000 dollars to support the Employee Health Care Reserve Account for the high deductible plan instituted 10 years ago for the 3 municipal employees that receive health insurance.

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000**

**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 31** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended “**Keep Me Warm**” funds raised throughout the year as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30th 2023.

**Selectmen Recommends: YES**  
**Budget Committee Recommends**

**ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended Library Reserve funds as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**Selectmen Recommends: YES**  
**Budget Committee Recommends**

**ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount to raise from taxation of \$390,000 to support the Capital Investment Plan.

*Note: \$300K for paving \$35K for Fire Equipment, \$5K for Fire Building, \$10K for Town Office \$35K for Public Works Equipment and \$5K for PW Building.*

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$390,000 3 in favor 2 opposed (St. Clair and Pepper)**  
**Selectmen Recommends**

**ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended funds from the 2022-2023 Fire Protection Account to the 2023-2024 Fire Protection Account.

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to transfer \$300,000 from the Town undesignated fund “surplus” to support the road paving and maintenance for the fiscal year 2024 construction season.

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**  
**Selectmen Recommends:**

**ARTICLE 36** To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to repeal the 2010 Land Use District Map and accept the proposed amended Land Use District Map as prepared and recommended in the 2021 Comprehensive Plan?

*Note: The amendment to the Map is the removal of the special rural growth zone B reverting it back to Rural only, as identified in the comprehensive plan.*

**ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to increase the Property tax levy limit established for Fayette by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a property tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. This year’s LD 1 calculation allowed \$18,500 in new municipal spending.

**ARTICLE 38 Motion to Adjourn.**