

**Town of Limerick
Annual Town Meeting
Warrant**

Friday, March 10, 2023

York, ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To: Stanley Hackett, a Constable in the Town of Limerick in the County of York, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Limerick in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building, 55 Washington Street in said town on Friday, the 10th day of March, 2023 A.D., at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 30 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To elect by secret ballot, Two Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for three year terms, Six Charter Commission Members with a term that will expire when the Charter is established and completed, One Road Commissioner for a two-year term, One Budget Committee Member for a three-year term, Two Planning Board Members for three-year terms, One Planning Board Member for a one-year term, One RSU # 57 Director for three-year term, Two Library Trustees for three-year terms, One Trustee of the Limerick Water District for a three year term, One Trustee of the Limerick Sewerage District for a three year term.

To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum questions:

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1956.00 for the following agencies:

\$956.00 for Caring Unlimited

\$500.00 for Maine Health Care at Home (formerly Visiting Services)

\$500.00 for Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for St. Matthew's food pantry.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for lake activities.

\$3,000.00 for the Lake Arrowhead Conservation Committee to expend on milfoil.

\$3,000.00 for monitoring of boats going in and out of Sokokis Lake.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Life Flight Foundation which assists local ambulance services, fire departments, and hospitals in serious emergency situations.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to appropriate all funds received from Snowmobile registrations from the State of Maine, for the Limerick Snowmobile Club, for the purpose of maintaining the snowmobile trails open for use by the public, pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A §13104.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to:

A. Fix a date of commitment of September 1, 2023, with taxes due and payable 60 days thereafter, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest not to exceed the State of Maine maximum to be charged on taxes and tax liens, unpaid after said due date.

B. Authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell, and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town by any other means other than for nonpayment of taxes, with sale or sales to be by public auction, advertised in advance by posting notices in three conspicuous places in Town at least thirty days prior to the sale or sales, and to execute municipal quit claim deeds for such property.

C. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any tax-acquired property on such terms as they determine to be in the interest of the Town and to issue quitclaim deeds for such property, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process as by required 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

D. Authorize the Select Board to purchase bonding security for the Town officers in cases so required by law.

E. Authorize the Select Board to appoint all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

F. Authorize the Select Board, at their discretion, to accept any lots deeded to the Town.

G. Authorize the Select Board, at their discretion, to make Town buildings available for use by Limerick residents, non-residents, non-profit organizations, all related Town committees, clubs, and Town sponsored activities.

The following conditions will apply to Town sponsored activities:

1. The Select Board shall appoint the individuals for planning, organizing, and staffing the activity.
2. The Select Board shall have the authority and oversight and jurisdiction of the activity over hiring, safety, and cash management policies and procedures.
3. All funds collected and disbursed for the activity shall be accounted for in the Town's annual audit and overseen by the municipal treasurer.

H. Authorize the Select Board to accept any fees, grant monies, donations or reimbursements received, including when necessary, signing contracts, and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds and in accordance with the requirements of the grant, donation, or reimbursement.

I. Authorize the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed as authorized by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, with no interest to be paid on the same.

J. Authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023, to the annual Town meeting held in March of 2023.

K. Authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of Town-owned lots within Lake Arrowhead Community, Inc. to abutters of such lots on terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the Town.

L. Authorize the Select Board to pay tax abatements and any applicable interest from overlay generated through tax commitment, or if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus), and to set the interest rate to be paid on such abatement at 2% per year for FY 2023.

M. To have the Select Board adhere to the 2013 Fund Balance Policy, to ensure for the financial stability of the Town of Limerick.

N. Authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of Town owned lots (with or without buildings) with terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the Town and apply those proceeds to the Capital Project Reserve Account after all taxes and costs have been paid on each parcel.

Select Board Recommend: **Y e s**

Budget Committee Recommend: **Yes**

Revenues

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$970,000.00 estimated revenues from Excise Taxes, Fees, Urban Rural Improvement Program, Department Revenues, Bank Interest, Property Tax Interest and Unassigned Funds to reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

State Block Grant	41,000.00
Excise Fees	705,000.00
Boat Fees	9,000.00
Agent Fees	15,000.00
Clerk Fees	4,000.00
Code Enforcement	100,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Recreation	2,500.00
Fire Department	500.00
Bank Interest	7,500.00
Property Tax Interest	17,500.00
Transfer Station	65,000.00
Anticipated Revenues to Offset Tax Commitment	970,000.00

Contingency

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$15,000.00 from the Unassigned Account to the Contingency Account and authorize the municipal officers to utilize as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

General Government

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$842,584.00 for government operations including Select Board and Municipal Support, Administrative Costs, Professional/Legal, Unemployment Insurances, Workmen's Compensation, FICA/Medicare, MainePers Retirement Program, Health Insurance, Earned Paid Leave, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk, Elections, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Municipal Building, Brick Town Hall, Grange Hall, Luther Moore, Building Repairs, Fuel, Utilities, Public Areas, Cemeteries, General Assistance, and Payroll Processing.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Treasurer	81,365.00
Payroll Processing	4740.00
Select Board and Municipal Support	105,227.00
Tax Collector	60,482.00
Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk	30,749.00
Town Clerk	57,004.00
Elections	27,566.00
Professional/Legal	98,100.00
Unemployment Insurance/Workmen's Compensation	90,850.00
MainePers Retirement Program	8,500.00
Health Insurance	78,112.00
General Assistance	18,275.00
Administrative Cost	31,735.00
Municipal Building, Brick Town Hall, Grange Hall, Luther Moore Building Repairs, Fuel, Utilities etc.	101,104.00
Public Areas and Cemeteries	48,775.00
Total General Government	842,584.00

Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board and Board of Appeals

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$179,545.00 for the Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Tax Assessing for the year ensuing.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Code Enforcement	125,335.00
Planning Board	9,604.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,521.00
Tax Assessing	43,085.00
Total Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board and Board of Appeals	179,545.00

Public Works

Article 13

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter a three (3) year contract for the sanding, salting, plowing and the removal of snow from town-ways (current contract ends May 1, 2023).

Select Board Recommend: Yes

A copy of the contract will be available at the Town Office

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,568,461.00 for the operations of Public Works for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Transfer Station	177,851.00
Door to Door Contract	240,000.00
Tipping Fees	132,240.00
Repair of Highways	192,140.00
Paving	300,000.00
Plowing Town Ways	357,880.00
Town Owned Properties	99,850.00
Washington/Main Street Sidewalks	59,500.00
Snow Removal	9,000.00
Total Public Works	1,568,461.00

Public Safety

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$791,704.00 for the operations of Public Safety for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Operation Fire Department	156,081.00
Emergency Medical Services	549,607.00
Emergency Management Services	4,303.00
Animal Control	11,800.00
Constable	5,383.00
Streetlights	20,000.00
Hydrant Rental	44,530.00
Total Public Safety	791,704.00

Community Services

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$108,974.00 for the operations of Community Services for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Library	87,874.00
Recreation Department	21,100.00
Total Community Services	108,974.00

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account to the Capital Project Recreation Account and to appropriate the funds for the purchase of bleachers for the ballfield.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Project Paving Reserve Account for paving Town Owned Properties and transfer \$25,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund said account.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Project Reserve Account for painting or siding of the Municipal Building and transfer \$20,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund said account.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Town Re-evaluation account.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 21

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Project Reserve Account for SCBA devices for the Fire Department and transfer \$30,000.00 from the Unassigned Account Fund Balance to fund said account.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Project Reserve Account for Fire/EMS gear and transfer \$48,000.00 from the Capital Project Reserve Account to fund said account.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Project Reserve Account for a Fire Brush Truck and transfer \$40,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund said account.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Public Access Television

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to appropriate fund from the Town's cable franchise fees and expend those funds for the Town's share of the Saco River Community Television Regional Public Access Facility, equipment, and related costs of \$ 27,950.00, with said the amount expended not to exceed the amount that the Town receives from the cable company's franchise fees.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Payroll

8,500.00

Payroll Taxes FICA @ .0765%

650.00

Saco River Community Television informational technology

18,800.00

Total Public Access Television

27,950.00

Article 25

Shall the Town vote to amend Article 3 of the 2013 Warrant (page 11 of the 2012 Annual Report) to include live streaming of all public meetings held by elected officials and in the event of equipment failure a recording of these meetings shall be sufficient media for viewing.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Article 26

Do you favor the following currently elected positions, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Road Commissioner, to be appointed rather than elected in the future?

Article 27

Shall the Town require all businesses located in the Town of Limerick to register their operations with the Code Enforcement Office?

Article 28

Shall the Town require all residential rental units, accessory dwellings, and single dwelling rental units in the Town of Limerick to register with the Code Enforcement Office?

Article 29

Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled Limerick Street Addressing dated January 3, 2023?

A copy of this ordinance will be available with the Town Clerk and on the Town webpage

Article 30

Shall the Town enact the changes to the Code Enforcement Building Permit Fee Schedule as presented?

A copy of the Fee Schedule will be available with the Town Clerk and on the Town webpage

If all the articles are passed as the Select Board recommend Limerick is within the LD1 tax levy limit for 2023, as it also was for 2010-2022. (The following article is proposed as insurance in case the state does not fully fund its obligation to the Town or and unforeseen expenditure becomes necessary in the upcoming year.)

Article 31

Shall the Town vote to increase the property tax levy established for the Town of Limerick by the provisions 30-A M.R.S.A, § 5721-A in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax limit.

Select Board, Limerick, Maine

John Medici, Chair

Wade Andrews, Vice Chair

Gilbert Harris

Ronald Smith, Jr.

Katherine Proctor

Dated: January 6, 2023