

TOWN OF LIMERICK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Snow Date February 5, 2024, at 7PM

Limerick Municipal Building
55 Washington Street
Limerick, ME

The Board of Select Persons will hold a Public Hearing
to discuss the following Warrant Articles to be voted on at the
March 5, 2024, election by secret ballot.
THE PUBLIC IS URGED TO ATTEND

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To elect by secret ballot, One Select Board Member, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three-year term, One Town Clerk, One Tax Collector, One Treasurer, Two Budget Committee Members for three-year terms, Two Planning Board Members for three-year terms, One Planning Board Member for one-year term, One RSU # 57 Director for three-year term, One Library Trustee for three-year term, One Trustee of the Limerick Water District for three-year term, One Trustee of the Limerick Sewerage District for three-year term.

To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum questions:

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for St. Matthew's food pantry.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Limerick Historical Society to administer physical repairs to the Limerick Academy Building.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: No

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 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.

\$1,500.00 for Pickerel Pond Association for protecting the pond against the non-native invasive aquatic plant.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 6

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 7

To see if the Town will vote to:

A. Fix a date of commitment of September 1, 2024, 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 quit claim deeds for such property, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process as by required 36 M.R.S.A. §942-943 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 according to 30 M.R.S.A § 5654.

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 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, to the annual Town vote held in March of 2025.

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, all sales must be conducted and adhere to 36 M.R.S.A § 942-943

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 2024.

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 and adhere to 36 M.R.S.A. §942-943. **Select Board Recommend: Yes** **Budget Committee Recommend: Yes**

O. To have the Select Board annually review with the town's assessing firm, the Maine Revenue Services' Certification of full equalized value of all real and personal property which is subject to taxation under the laws of Maine for the town and adjust assessment values to ensure maximum exemption status through the state of Maine.

Revenues

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,037,500.00 estimated revenues from Excise Taxes, Fees, Urban Rural Improvement Program, Department Revenues, Bank Interest, Property Tax Interest and Unassigned Fund to reduce the 2024 Tax Commitment.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

State Block Grant	41,000.00
Excise Fees	750,000.00
Boat Fees	9,000.00
Agent Fees	17,500.00
Clerk Fees	4,000.00
Code Enforcement	130,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Recreation	2,000.00
Fire Department	0.00
Bank Interest	3,000.00
Property Tax Interest	13,000.00
Transfer Station	65,000.00
Unassigned Fund	0.00
Anticipated Revenues to Offset Tax Commitment	1,037,500.00

Contingency

Article 9

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: No

General Government

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$907,494.00 for government operations including Select Board and Municipal Support, Administrative Costs, Professional/Legal, Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, MainePers Retirement Program, Health Insurance, 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 and Cemeteries, General Assistance.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer	83,274.00
Select Board and Municipal Support	113,616.00
Tax Collector	62,780.00
Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk	48,119.00
Town Clerk	59,286.00
Elections	18,387.00
Professional/Legal	124,490.00
Unemployment Insurance/Workmen's Compensation	97,000.00
MainePers Retirement Program	8,500.00
Health Insurance	72,760.00
General Assistance	18,275.00
Administrative Costs	38,235.00
Municipal Building, Brick Town Hall, Grange Hall, Luther Moore Building Repairs, Fuel, Utilities etc.	114,640.00
Public Areas and Cemeteries	48,132.00
Total General Government	907,494.00

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

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200,185.00 for the 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	129,323.00
Planning Board	10,848.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,521.00
Tax Assessing	58,493.00
Total Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board and Board of Appeals	200,185.00

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,579,705.00 for the operations of Public Works for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Transfer Station	171,038.00
Door to Door Contract	240,000.00

Tipping Fees	136,000.00
Repair of Highways	193,769.00
Paving	300,219.00
Plowing Town Ways	377,129.00
Town Owned Properties	99,850.00
Washington/Main Street Sidewalks/Snow Removal	61,700.00
Total Public Works	1,579,705.00

Public Safety

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$866,990.00 for the operations of Public Safety for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Operation Fire Department	164,020.00
Emergency Medical Services	594,891.00
Emergency Management Services	7,190.00
Animal Control	18,465.00
Constable	5,883.00
Streetlights	25,500.00
Hydrant Rental	51,041.00
Total Public Safety	866,990.00

Community Services

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$113,335.00 for the operations of Community Services for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Library	90,530.00
Recreation Department	22,805.00
Total Community Services	113,335.00

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 for Debt Services for the ensuing year. (*Fire Station Payment*)

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Project Reserve Account for paving Town-owned properties.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: No

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Project Reserve Account for painting or siding the Municipal Building.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: No

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 for the Town Re-evaluation account.

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: No

Article 19

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

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: No

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$125,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Town of Limerick) fund account to the Capital Project Deepvale Revitalization Account to be used only as matching funds to obtain grants.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 21

Shall the Town of Limerick vote to approve the use of funds from the Capital Project Deepvale Revitalization Account for grant writing and professional services for the acquisition of funds and implementation of the replacement of the water and sewer lines for the Deepvale Project on Emery Corner Road and a portion of Central Avenue in the lower village, including but not limited to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Article 22

Shall the Town of Limerick vote to approve a Community Development Block grant project for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: Community Development Public Infrastructure Amount: \$1,000,000.00

and to submit the same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume responsibilities and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Limerick is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the Community Development Program is not met then all Community Development funds must be repaid to the State of Maine Community Development Program.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to approve the amendments to the Building Permit Fee Schedule.

(A copy of proposed amendments is available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town website)

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to amend the Town of Limerick Zoning Ordinance Article I "Preamble" to define and clarify the intent of Authority, Short Title, Purpose, Jurisdiction and Roles of Construction regarding the intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

(A copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 25

Shall the Town vote to amend Article II "Definitions" to add definitions for the purposes of intent of the Limerick Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

(A copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 26

Shall the Town vote to amend Article III "General Provisions" Section H, Land Use Regulations: to define and regulate Non-Conformance Uses.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 27

Shall the Town vote to amend and add a section to the Town of Limerick Zoning Ordinance called "Administration" to establish what permits are required, what is required with an application, establishing time frames for processing permits and establishing standards prior to issuing Occupancy.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 28

Shall the Town vote to amend Article V "District Regulations" to add Gas/Oil to Bulk Storage & Distribution & Dry Storage and to change from a Permitted Use to a Conditional Use in the Districts RES, RF&F, BUS and B/I to Conditional Use requiring Planning Board approval prior to permitting.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 29

Shall The Town vote to amend Article VI "Performance Standards" Section G line to remove the 2-year renewal requirement for Conditional Use Permits.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 30

Shall the Town vote to amend the Town of Limerick Subdivision Ordinance Article II Street Design and Construction Standards to add required inspections and to clarify the minimal standard for street design and construction.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 31

Shall the Town vote to amend the Town of Limerick Subdivision Ordinance Article 12 "Performance Guarantees" to define the different types of guarantees, setting the amount of the Guarantee and establishing the process of maintaining the Guarantee prior to the release of the Guarantee.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 32

Shall the Town vote to amend the Town of Limerick Subdivision Ordinance Article 13 "Inspections and Enforcement" to set standards of required inspections and to set standard for violations enforcement.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 33

Shall The Town vote to amend the Town of Limerick Subdivision Ordinance Article 14 "Waivers" to define the different waivers and to require all waivers to be recorded on the Final Plan to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

(A copy of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Clerks Office and the Town Website).

Article 34

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Total Public Access Television

29,925.00

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