

To CODY SMITH of the Town of Burlington in the County of Penobscot, 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 Burlington in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building in said Burlington on **Saturday the 23rd day of March, 2024** AD at 11:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon article #1 and by secret ballot on articles #2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from twelve o'clock noon until six o'clock in the afternoon.

And to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Municipal Building in said Town on **Monday, the 25th day of March, 2024** AD at six o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on articles #3 through #25 as set out below:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a:
Second Selectman, Three-year term
Burlington School Committee Member, Three-year term

ARTICLE 3 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the town will vote to accept the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual 2021 edition.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the town will vote to accept the annual report of the municipal officers.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of the following elected officials for the ensuing year.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>
First Selectman	\$ 15,000	\$15,000
Second Selectman	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Third Selectman	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Town Treasurer	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000

ARTICLE 7 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to spend an amount equal to 1/12th of the budgeted amount each month in each category of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget during the period February 1, 2024 to the end of the 2024 annual town meeting for operational expenses.

Recommended

ARTICLE 8 To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A.-506.

Recommended

- ARTICLE 9 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$173,500** for General Government.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$160,000. *General Government includes expenditures elected officials' wages, town office employee wages, training, legal fees, auditors, consultants, insurances, general equipment and supplies, capital outlays for the town office and other general government items, software, postage, dues, fees, etc.*
- ARTICLE 10 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$136,500** for Public Safety.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$69,000.
- Public Safety includes expenditures for fire protection and EMS contract, fire station operations and maintenance, capital outlays for fire protection and other public safety items, animal control, streetlights, etc.*
- ARTICLE 11 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$354,000** for Public Works.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$245,000.
- Public Works includes expenditures for public works wages, road repairs and maintenance, road construction projects, grounds upkeep, supplies and materials for public works activities including salt, sand, chemicals, asphalt, tar, and culverts, capital outlays for roads and other public works items, engineers and consultants, snowplowing, etc.*
- ARTICLE 12 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for Culture and Recreation.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$3,750.
- Culture and Recreation includes expenditures for the Fourth of July, Spring Fling, summer rec programs, playground improvements and maintenance, flag replacements, etc. Veterans Memorial Project Account.*
- ARTICLE 13 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$68,968** for Community Services.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: 44,100.
- Community Services includes expenditures for cemetery care and maintenance, Historical Society and donations to outside organizations, etc.*
- ARTICLE 14 To see if the town will raise and appropriate **\$51,700** for Town-Wide.
Recommended
- Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$51,600.

Town-wide includes expenditures for the Burlington-Lowell Transfer Station, and Timberland taxes. Additionally, other expenditures, such as the TIF District financing, county tax assessment, education assessments, and overlay are raised for and appropriated in the Town-wide department but are not amounts up for vote for the municipal budget.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the town will reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in Articles 9 through 14 by **\$360,256** based on estimates of non-tax municipal revenues for the year.
Recommended

Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$204,790.

This article reduces taxes to be raised in Articles 10 through 16 by the total estimates of revenues from sources such as surplus, excise taxes, state revenue sharing, state reimbursements, tree growth reimbursements and subsidies, fees, interest on property taxes, interest on investments, etc.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the town will reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in Articles 9 through 14 by **\$48,500** and to appropriate that amount from the town's capital projects fund.
Recommended

Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$30,000.

This article reduces taxes to be raised by appropriating funds from the town's capital projects fund to help pay for capital outlays that are included in the amounts raised and appropriated for in Articles 9 through 14.

ARTICLE 17 To see if the town will reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in Articles 9 through 14 by **\$130,843** and to appropriate that amount from the town's TIF fund.
Recommended

Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$122,204

This article reduces taxes to be raised by appropriating funds from the town's TIF fund to help pay for expenditures such as employee training, scholarships, capital outlays, roads expenditures, etc., that are included in the amounts raised and appropriated for in Articles 9 through 14.

ARTICLE 18 To authorize the town to expend **\$10,000** from the TIF fund for TIF-related legal expenditures. in addition to payments to the TIF developer, as required by the TIF agreement.
Recommended

Total approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year: \$10,000

This article authorizes the expenditure from TIF funds to pay for TIF-related legal expenditures. These expenditures are in addition to the amounts the TIF will expend to pay the TIF developer, which is one-half of the taxes assessed on the captured assessed value of property within the TIF district

- ARTICLE 19 To see if the town will authorize over-expenditures in any lines in the 2023-2024 budget provided that the municipal budget, in total, has not been over-expended.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 20 To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer up to 15% from 2024-2025 budget articles to other budget articles throughout the year, as it deems necessary and prudent.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 21 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Burlington Back Country Riders or their designated agent to apply for in the name of the Town of Burlington, a grant-in-aid under the provisions of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation Snowmobile Trail Fund (M.R.S.A Title 12 Chapter 715, Subsection II, Sec.7824 for the maintenance of the Town of Burlington Snowmobile Trail System, and further authorize the Selectmen to reimburse the Burlington Back Country Riders from the proceeds of such grant for expenses incurred in maintaining the trails.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 22 To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek, apply for, and receive any grants, donations, and contributions, and to expend the proceeds for the purposes designated by the grantor, donor, or contributor.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 23 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town to dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner which the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest of the Town.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 24 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town to sell Fire Apparatus and to put monies from sales of apparatus into a "Fire Station/Public Works Building operations and maintenance account to help offset the annual cost of building expenses such as heat, lights. Insurance and repairs.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 25 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town to enter into a multi-year contract for the plowing and sanding of winter roads in Burlington.
Recommended
- ARTICLE 25 To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all 2024 real estate and personal property taxes which remain unpaid on or after January 1, 2025, and to set the interest rate at **8.5% per annum**. (Interest will be charged on the full amount for non-payment on the first day payment is late.)
Recommended

Given under our hands this 6th day of March, 2024.

JOHN SMITH, First Selectman

TOM LAMBERT, Second Selectman

BEVERLY HARDING, Third Selectman

True Copy
Attest:

CHERYL SMITH, Clerk of Burlington

The registrar of voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change to a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the voters of the town of Burlington, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the warrant, at: **TOWN PLAYGROUND AREA INFORMATION BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING REAR ENTRY**, the same being conspicuous, public places in said town.

CODY SMITH, Citizen of Burlington