

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of Maine
Piscataquis, s.s.

TO: Nicholas A. Clukey, a Constable in the Town of Brownville, in said County and State:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State, you are hereby required to notify and warn inhabitants of the Town of Brownville, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Brownville Junction Alumni Building in said Town, Monday, March 17, 2008 at 11:45 in the morning to elect Town Officers, and again at 7:00 that evening to act on Article 3 to the end of the Warrant. Polls are to be opened 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Article 1. To elect 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 Selectpersons who shall serve as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3 year term)
- One Director of M.S.A.D #41 (3 year term)
- Two Budget Committee Members (2 year terms)

Article 3. To choose three tellers to receive, sort, and count votes.

Article 4. To see if the voters will allow nonresidents to speak.

Article 5. To see if the Town will set a date when taxes shall be due and payable and to fix a rate of interest to be charged after that date; establish the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes for fiscal year 2008; and accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed with no payment of interest thereon.

Selectpersons recommend that all real estate and personal property taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 15, 2008 with all taxes remaining unpaid after September 16, 2008 bearing interest at the rate of 0.9160% per month or any part thereof not to exceed eleven [11%] percent per year. Also, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine, that the Town pay interest on abated taxes for fiscal year 2008 at 4.0% per year less than the rate of interest charged on taxes unpaid after September 16, 2008. Further, the Selectpersons recommend to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed with no payment of interest thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the following 2007 account balances:

<i>Administration Project</i>	\$3,994	<i>Tourism Development</i>	\$8,597
<i>Comprehensive Plan</i>	\$3,871	<i>Police Special Projects</i>	\$2,419
<i>Fire Department Training</i>	\$3,649	<i>Animal Control</i>	\$2,161
<i>Highway Operations</i>	\$4,868	<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$2,000
<i>Recreation Department</i>	\$1,072	<i>Recreation Fencing Project</i>	\$1,546
<i>Snack Shack</i>	\$1,042	<i>Pleasant Riverwalk</i>	\$238
<i>Brownville Days</i>	\$4,204	<i>Town Owned Property</i>	\$71,200

Selectpersons recommend passage of this article.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to ratify an overdraft of \$195 in the 2007 Streetlight account.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS & CAPITAL RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Operations</i>	\$85,933	\$82,810	\$111,850
<i>Capital Reserve</i>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008: **\$111,630.00 Operations**
\$ 2,500.00 Capital Reserve

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ASSESSING DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$21,110	\$16,905	\$14,650

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 **\$16,190.00**

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS & POLICE CRUISER RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Operations</i>	\$112,145	\$105,765	\$138,395
<i>Cruiser Reserve</i>	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 **\$125,325.00 Operations**
\$ 8,500.00 Cruiser Reserve

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS & FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Operations</i>	\$12,990	\$7,850	\$9,335
<i>Fire Reserve</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 0

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 **\$7,015.00 Operations**
\$ 0.00 Fire Reserve

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Hydrant Rental</i>	\$ 60,940	\$60,940	\$60,940
<i>Street Lights</i>	18,900	19,500	19,700
<i>Public Safety</i>	2,705	2,815	3,742
<i>Ambulance Service</i>	5,000	5,000	5,000
<i>Animal Control</i>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>950</u>
	\$ 88,545	\$89,255	\$89,882

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008: **\$90,315.00**

<i>Hydrant Rental</i>	\$60,940	<i>Public Safety</i>	\$3,775	<i>Streetlights</i>	\$20,600
<i>Ambulance</i>	\$5,000	<i>Animal Control</i>	\$0		

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS & HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Operations</i>	\$122,530	\$133,735	\$165,602
<i>Highway Reserve</i>	\$15,850	\$15,850	\$15,850

**Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 ... \$186,660.00 Operations
\$ 15,850.00 Equipment Reserve**

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for SANITATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$48,410	\$51,225	\$42,138

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008:..... \$58,230.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to use \$14,065 of funds received from Sanitation Department activities and MRC Income for the annual SANITATION TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT.

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Rec Programs</i>	\$18,395	\$21,520	\$26,570
<i>Brownville Days</i>	2,000	2,000	1,500
<i>Riverwalk</i>	0	0	250
<i>Facilities Maintenance</i>	0	0	695
	\$20,395	\$23,520	\$29,015

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 \$28,540.00

<i>Rec Programs</i>	\$26,815	<i>Facilities</i>	\$475
<i>Riverwalk</i>	\$250	<i>Brownville Days</i>	\$1,000

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$2,326	\$2,800	\$4,000

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008:..... \$3,760.00

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Brownville Library</i>	\$4,200	\$4,600	\$4,600
<i>General Assistance</i>	1,000	2,000	750
<i>Memorial Day</i>	500	500	1,700
<i>Holiday Decorations</i>	100	100	0
	\$5,800	\$7,200	\$7,050

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 \$8,300.00

<i>Library</i>	\$4,600	<i>General Assistance</i>	\$2,600
<i>Flags & Decorations</i>	\$1,100		

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for INSURANCES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Liability</i>	\$21,255	\$19,200	\$18,650
<i>Worker's Compensation</i>	0	0	14,200
<i>Unemployment</i>	0	0	1,500
	\$21,255	\$19,200	\$34,350

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008:..... \$31,505.00

<i>Liability.....</i>	<i>\$16,050</i>	<i>Workers' Compensation</i>	<i>\$14,350</i>
<i>Unemployment.....</i>	<i>\$1,105</i>		

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL DEBT PAYMENTS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<i>Highway Truck Note</i>	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500
<i>Backhoe Note</i>	\$0	\$0	\$4,055
<i>Town Office Note</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>2004 Paving Note</i>	\$6,420	\$6,420	\$6,420
Total	\$26,920	\$26,920	\$30,975

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 \$30,690.00

<i>Highway Truck Note.....</i>	<i>\$19,200</i>	<i>Backhoe Note.....</i>	<i>\$4,055</i>
<i>Town Office Note.....</i>	<i>\$3,040</i>	<i>Paving Note</i>	<i>\$6,420</i>

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from 2008-2009 URBAN RURAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM to reserve for Capital Highway Improvements.

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to negotiate and enter into mutual aid agreements and contracts to provide for sanitation, plowing, fire, police services and other municipal services deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brownville.

Selectpersons recommend passage of this article.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Surplus to reduce the 2008 tax commitment.

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend for 2008 \$65,000.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate money from the following projected revenue sources in order to reduce the 2008 General Commitment. *(The following are estimates.)*

<i>Excise Tax.....</i>	<i>\$180,000</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing.....</i>	<i>\$215,000</i>
<i>Homestead Exemption.....</i>	<i>\$50,240</i>	<i>Tree Growth Reimbursement.....</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue.....</i>	<i>\$18,500</i>		

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 25. To see how the Town will vote to appropriate Snowmobile refunds for 2008.

Proposed: 50% to the Brownville Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Ebeeme Snowmobile Club for trail construction and maintenance.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons to approve the use of earnings, grant funds, donations, and the like within each respective department and to refund any overpayment of property taxes due to approved abatements out of the OVERLAY ACCOUNT;

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for *non-payment of taxes, non-payment of sewer rates, and non-payment of water user fees* thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, after advertising for and receiving sealed bids thereon, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds on such property or act on anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 M.S.R.A., § 2953.

Article 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to borrow or appropriate from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2008.

Selectpersons recommend for 2008:\$10,000.00

Article 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to borrow or appropriate from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) as they deem advisable to meet heating fuel, gas, and diesel prices in excess of budgeted amounts.

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend:\$5,000.00

Article 31. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to borrow or appropriate from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated costs related to the winter maintenance of roads.

Selectpersons and Budget Committee recommend:\$7,000.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to spend an amount that does not exceed 25% (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2008 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2009 to the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell any town owned property, if the fair market value does not exceed \$15,000.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2008 Water Department and Sewer Department operating budgets.

**Selectpersons recommend: \$226,856.00 Water Department
\$153,445.00 Sewer Department**

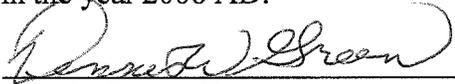
Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate up to \$80,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) for the GARAGE REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Budget estimates for this project are:

**Roof Renovation \$55,000.00
Heating and Hot Water..... \$10,000.00
Electrical (Lighting) \$15,000.00**

- Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate \$7,350 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) for the SPECIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (FIREFIGHTER I) TRAINING.
- Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate \$9,940 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) for the costs associated with sending required MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER TRAINING.
- Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate \$4,720 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) to be used with funds from Police Cruiser Reserve for the purchase of a POLICE CRUISER.
- Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate up to \$4,450 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) for costs associated with DEMOLITION DEBRIS REMOVAL.
- Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax limit of \$ 253,312.89 established for the Town of Brownville by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Registrar of Voters in the Brownville Town Office (located at 586 Main Road in Brownville) will be open for the purpose of correcting the list of voters on Monday, March 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Given under our hands this Twenty Seventh Day of February in the year 2008 AD.



 Dennis Green, Chairman

 Paula Copeland



 John Belvin

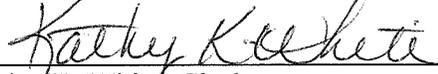


 Walter Cook

Selectpersons, Town of Brownville

CLERK'S ATTESTATION

A true copy of the March 17, 2008 Annual Town Meeting,

Attest: 

 Kathy K. White, Clerk
 Town of Brownville

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Brownville of the time and place of this Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Brownville Town Office, Brownville Post Office, and Brownville Junction Post Office; conspicuous places within the Town of Brownville at least seven days prior to said meeting.



 Nicholas A. Clukey, Constable - Town of Brownville

3-4-08

 Date