

WARRANT

TO: **Marianne Izzo-Morin a resident of the Town of Otisfield, County of Oxford, and State of Maine.**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Otisfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Otisfield Community Hall on State Route 121, in said Town, on June 27, 2015 at 9:00 in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Frank Blauvelt was elected.
(R. Micklon; H. Ferguson)
- Article 2 To choose a Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three year term.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded with a total of 53 votes cast (1 undetermined; remaining 52 were for Hal Ferguson). Hal Ferguson was elected.
(R. Micklon; L. Adler)
- Article 3 To choose a Chairman of the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Hal Ferguson was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. (L. Adler; R. Micklon)
- Article 4 To choose a Road Commissioner or act otherwise for the ensuing year.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Richard Bean Sr. was elected as Road Commissioner for the ensuing year. (L. Adler; M. Izzo-Morin)
- Article 5 To choose a Director for MSAD#17 for a three year term.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Tom Moore was elected for a three year term. (R. Micklon; L. Adler)
- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$849,834.18 established for Otisfield by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following article will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. **Note: A vote on this article requires a written ballot.**
Finance Committee recommends we do so.
Selectmen recommend we do so
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, with total of 65 votes cast-53 in favor and 12 opposed, it was voted we do so. (Hal Ferguson; M. Izzo-Morin)
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$323,500** for the General Government accounts A-H written below:
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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| A. Officer's salaries | \$ 60,000 |
| B. Administration..... | \$115,000 |
| C. Election..... | \$ 4,000 |
| D. Legal Services | \$ 10,000 |
| E. Municipal Buildings & Grounds..... | \$ 75,000 |

F. Contingency	\$ 10,000
G. Revaluation Reserve Account.....	\$ 10,000
H. Insurance.....	\$ 39,500

Finance Committee Recommends \$323,500 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$323,500 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees plus receipts from taxes and fund balances it was voted we do so. (Hal Ferguson; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$183,168** for
Employee

Benefits: Accounts A-E written below:

A. Health Insurance.....	\$84,868
B. Social Security.....	\$34,500
C. Maine State Retirement.....	\$23,500
D. Disability (Short Term).....	\$ 4,300
E. Holiday, Sick & Vacation.....	\$36,000

Finance Committee Recommends \$183,168 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$183,168 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees plus receipts from taxes and fund balances it was voted we do so. (L. Adler; R. Micklon)

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$151,382** plus any
receipts for Public Safety and Cemetery: Accounts A-H below:

A. Fire Department.....	\$71,015
B. First Responders.....	\$ 5,242
C. Code Enforcement.....	\$43,600
D. Animal Control.....	\$ 4,500
E. Emergency Management	\$ 3,325
F. Street Lights	\$ 1,700
G. Beach Gate	\$ 9,000
H. Cemeteries.....	\$13,000

Finance Committee Recommends \$151,382 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$151,382 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees plus receipts from taxes and fund balances it was voted we do so. (H. Ferguson; L. Adler)

Article 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,150** for an ATV Trailer and accessories for the Otisfield Fire Department from taxes and transfer the **\$8,750** remaining in the Otisfield Fire Department Tanker Account. The \$17,520.98 funding for the ATV was provided to the town by the Otisfield Volunteer Firefighter Association through fund raisers, donations, and grants. The association will also contribute the remaining funds from this fund raiser in the amount of \$1,100 to this article.

Finance Committee Recommends \$2,150

Selectmen Recommend \$2,150

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees from taxes and fund balances, it was voted we do so. (Hal Ferguson; R. Micklon)

- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,250** for boards and committees? Accounts A-C below.

A. Planning Board.....	\$2,000
B. Appeals Board.....	\$ 250
C. Recreation Committee.....	\$8,000

Finance Committee Recommends \$10,250 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$10,250 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees and receipts from taxes and fund balances it was voted we do so. (R. Micklon; L. Adler)

- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$645,000** for Public Works: Accounts A- L below.

A. Road Construction Reserve.....	\$ 20,000
B. Winter Roads.....	\$210,000
C. Summer Roads.....	\$165,000
D. Road Construction.....	\$60,000
E. Tarring & Resurfacing.....	\$120,000
F. Road Patch.....	\$ 25,000
G. Road Signs.....	\$ 500
H. Road Striping.....	\$ 4,000
I. Town Equipment Expense.....	\$ 5,000
J. DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$ 500
K. Roadside Brush Cutting	\$ 5,000
L. Diesel Fuel.....	\$ 30,000

Finance Committee Recommends \$645,000 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$645,000 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees and receipts from taxes and fund balances, it was voted we do so. (H. Ferguson; L. Adler)

- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an Agreement for a **five (5) Year 1.73 million dollar bond** at an estimated average interest rate of 1.5% for a Capital Reserve Account for road improvements. To authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bond securities of the Town; in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed **\$1,730,000** for this project, and to delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form and other detail of said securities, including the execution and delivery of said security(ies) and to provide for the sale thereof.
- Those monies are to be used for improvements as recommended by the 2015 Road Committee on the following roads: **Bell Hill Road, Gore Road, Peaco Hill Road, Powhatan Road, and Rayville Road.**

(Based on the 2014 Tax Rate Calculation form, and everything else held constant, the increase to the mill rate, for this article only, would be an estimated \$.0013 per dollar or \$1.30 per thousand assessed value.)

**This article alone will increase the present mill rate by approximately 10%.
Road Committee Recommends Passage**

TOWN OF OTISFIELD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Total Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding	\$ 1,415,085.00
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved	<u>\$ 1,730,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,145,085.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 1.5 percent, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal: 5Years	\$ 1,730,000.00
Interest:	<u>\$ 81,699.25</u>

Total Debt Service \$ 1,811,699.25

3. Validity

The validity of the bond or the voters' ratification of the bond may not be affected by any errors in the above estimate. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Sharon A. Matthews
Treasurer, Town of Otisfield

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded with a total of 106 votes cast-
34 in favor; 72 opposed the article did not pass. (Q. Henderson; K.
Jordan)*

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Roads Capital Improvement Project Consisting of finishing the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of the **Powhatan Road** From State Route 121 to Forrest Edwards Road (approximately 2.27 miles) for a sum not to exceed **\$588,000**. If approved the additional RCIP funding of **\$408,000** would be raised from taxes to augment the **\$180,000** requested in the Public Works Account (Road Commissioners Budget) for Road Construction and Tarring and Resurfacing Items D&E of Article 12. (Based on the 2014 Tax Rate Calculation form, and everything else held constant, raising appropriations by

\$408,000 will increase the mill rate by an estimated \$.00146 per dollar or \$1.46 per thousand assessed value.)

**This article alone will increase the present mill rate by approximately 12%.
Road Committee Recommends Passage if Article 13 does not pass.**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded with a total of 101 votes cast-25 in favor; 75 opposed and 1 ballot spoiled, the article did not pass. (Q. Henderson; H. Olsen)

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants, reimbursements, and any other revenue, and disburse the funds the proper operating accounts; to lapse the balance in the Assessor's Overlay Account to the Surplus Account; lapse any balances and overdrafts in the operating accounts to the Surplus Account; to take appropriate action concerning any education tax relief funds from the state; and to authorize the Selectmen to use these revenues to reduce taxes

Finance Committee recommends we do so.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that we do so. (R. Micklon; L. Adler)

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$42,459** for Contractual Services for the ensuing year: Accounts A-O below.

A. Maine Municipal Association.....	\$ 2,700
B. Printing of Town Report.....	\$ 1,000
C. Audit.....	\$ 5,500
D. Mapping.....	\$ 1,100
E. Assessing & Software support (\$1200).....	\$15,650
F. AVCOG.....	\$ 3,743
G. Water Pollution Control.....	\$ 250
H. Pitney Bowes Postage Meter.....	\$ 816
I. TRIO Software Licensing.....	\$ 6,600
J. Security System Monitoring.....	\$ 540
K. Virtual Town Hall WEB Site.....	\$ 1,950
L. Computer IT.....	\$ 1,000
M. Copier Lease.....	\$ 1,216
N. Carbonite- off-site computer backup.....	\$ 269
O. Domain Fee	\$ 125

Finance Committee Recommends \$42,459 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommend \$42,459 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded that we raise and appropriate said fees with receipts, from taxes. It was voted we do so. (L. Adler; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,445** for Health & Social Welfare Agencies & Library expenses for the ensuing year. Accounts A- O below.

A. Project Graduation	\$ 100
B. School Snack & Emergency Kits.....	\$ 500
C. Western ME Vet Advisory Com.....	\$ 175
D. Seniors Plus.....	\$ 250

F. Safe Voices (AWAP)	\$ 200
G. Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Service (REACH).....	\$ 400
H. American Red Cross	\$ 300
I. Bolsters Mills Library.....	\$ 1,000
J. Casco Library.....	\$ 2,000
K. Life Flight	\$ 250
L. Androscoggin Home Health... ..	\$ 400
M. Healthcare Access Program.....	\$ 350
N. Tri County Mental Health.....	\$ 270
O. Freeland Holmes Library	\$ 250

Finance Committee Recommends \$6,445

Selectmen Recommend \$6,445

Upon a motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate said fees from taxes, it was voted we do so. (H. Ferguson; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the Capital Improvement Reserves. Accounts A-B below.

A. CIP Reserve	\$10,000
B. Road Equipment Reserve(\$59,512).....	\$ 5,000

Finance Committee Recommends \$15,000

Selectmen Recommend \$15,000

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted we raise and appropriate said fees from taxes. (L. Adler; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to give authority to the Selectmen:

A. To dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, to use excess funds from the sale of tax acquired property to maintain town owned property and negotiate contracts for snow removal and sanding.

B. To fix a date when taxes are due and payable and to fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after that date and set an interest rate that the town will pay on rebated taxes for the fiscal year.

C. And for the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and pay interest at a rate of **0%** on any overpayment.

Finance Committee recommends we do so.

*Selectmen recommend we do so and set **Oct.15, 2015** for first half payment due, and **April 15, 2016** as second half payment due.*

Interest charged at a rate of 7% on delinquent taxes.

*To pay **1.5%** interest on rebated taxes and **0%** on prepaid taxes.*

Finance Committee recommends we do so.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so. (L. Adler; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to give the state snowmobile registration refund from the State to the Otisfield Trailblazers Snowmobile club for trail maintenance.

Finance Committee recommends we do so.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so. (R. Micklon; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 21 Shall the ordinance entitled "Town of Otisfield Building Ordinance" dated June 21, 2008, Section IV (D) be amended to the following;
Proposed Ordinance Change All structures built after June 21, 2008 shall have a front set back a distance of 50 feet from the property pins. If the surveyed property line is not known, the setback shall be 75 feet from the center of the traveled way as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. Provided, however, that in a shoreland zone, where a structure that is nonconforming with a water setback is to be relocated, reconstructed or replaced, the minimum front setback shall be 25 feet from the property pins unless the surveyed property line is unknown, in which case the front setback shall be 50 feet from the center of the travelled way as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. An accessory structure of 50 square feet or less that is not fastened to the ground is exempted from the Building Ordinance. An entry way of 50 square feet or less is exempted from the setback requirements and shall not be used as the nearest point reference for future expansions. Any expansion cannot get closer to the property line than the nearest point of the existing structure.

Current Ordinance All structures built after June 21, 2008 shall have a front set back a distance of 50 feet from the property pins. If the surveyed property line is not known, the setback shall be 75 feet from the center of the traveled way as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. An accessory structure of 50 square feet or less that is not fastened to the ground is exempted from the Building Ordinance. An entry way of 50 square feet or less is exempted from the setback requirements and shall not be used as the nearest point reference for future expansions. Any expansion cannot get closer to

Planning Board recommends we do so.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so. (R. Micklon; L. Adler)

Article 22 Shall the ordinance entitled "Definitions for the Town of Otisfield's Ordinances" dated January 20, 2010, be amended to the following;
The following definitions shall supersede all other definitions contained in the Town of Otisfield's ordinances, unless otherwise provided for in the specific ordinance.

Ordinance Committee recommends we do so.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so. (L. Adler; R. Micklon)

Article 23 Shall an ordinance entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance" town of Otisfield, Maine, dated June 1, 2015 be adopted as posted. If adopted this ordinance will replace "Town of Otisfield Wireless

Telecommunications Facility Siting Ordinance" dated January 15, 1999.

(Copies of both available at the town office)

Ordinance Committee recommends we do so

Selectmen recommend we do so

Upon a motion duly made and seconded with a total of 86 ballots cast-75 in favor; 10 opposed & 1 void it was voted to adopt as posted. (L. Adler; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 24

Shall the ordinance entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance" Town of Otisfield, Maine, dated June 1, 2015, Section 11. Appeals or "Town of Otisfield Wireless Telecommunications Facility Siting Ordinance" dated January 15, 1999 Section 10. Appeals, be amended to the following:

A final decision of the CEO or the Planning Board under this Ordinance may be appealed to the Superior Court pursuant to Maine Rule of Civil Procedure 80B

Currently they both read:

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the CEO or the Planning Board under this Ordinance may appeal the decision to the Board of Appeals. Written notice of an appeal must be filed with the Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the decision. The notice of appeal shall clearly state the reasons for the appeal.

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded there were a total of 89 votes cast-41 were in favor; 48 were opposed the article did not pass. (H. Ferguson; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 25

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$34,000** for the costs associated with the development of a bid package for repair/replacement of the Pleasant Lake Dam. (Otisfield cost share is one half of total cost with Casco funding the other half) Dam repair/replacement costs to be presented at the 2016 Town Meeting.

Includes:

Topographic Base Mapping

Geotechnical Investigation (core samples)

Design Plans

Updating Construction Cost Estimates

Preparing Construction Specifications

Permitting

Overseeing the Bidding Process

Selectmen recommend we do so.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so. (H. Ferguson; L. Adler)

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** for Solid Waste Expenses for the ensuing year

Finance Committee Recommends \$125,000 plus receipts

Selectmen Recommends \$125,000 plus receipts

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate said fees plus receipts from taxes. (L. Adler; R. Micklon)

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** for General Assistance (Welfare) for the ensuing year
Finance Committee Recommends \$5,000+ receipts
Selectmen Recommends \$5,000+receipts
Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted we raise and appropriate said fee plus receipt from taxes. ((R. Micklon; M. Izzo-Morin)

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$8550** to preserve our lakes for the ensuing year: Accounts A & B below:

A. TLEA\$4,750

B. Pleasant Lake/Parker Association.....\$3,800

Selectmen Recommends \$8,550

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we raise and appropriate said fees from taxes for the ensuing year. (R. Micklon; L. Adler)

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$167,189** for debt and interest.

Accounts A-E below:

A. E-One Fire Truck-2007(9 of 10 years)..... \$20,968

B. SCBA- Air packs (4 of 5 years) \$12,794

C. Town Garage Bond (3 of 20 years)..... \$32,957

D. Tank Truck (2 of 10 years) \$17,776

E. MMBB PNG Taxes (13 of 16) \$82,694

Finance Committee recommends \$167,189

Selectmen recommend \$167,189 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we raise and appropriate said fees from taxes. (L. Adler; R. Micklon)

Article 30 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to be used to repair and maintain the Thompson Lake Dam, now owned by the Town of Oxford.

Finance Committee recommends we do so.

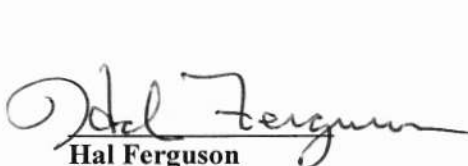
Selectmen recommend we do so.

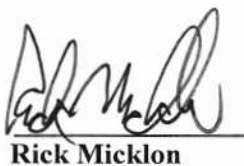
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we raise and appropriate said fee from taxes. (H. Ferguson; L. Adler)

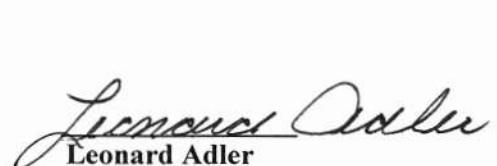
Article 31 Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted we do so 12:15p.m.

(H. Ferguson; R. Harris)


Hal Ferguson


Rick Micklon


Leonard Adler

Board of Selectmen