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TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2024
AND WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 2024**

To Terry Merrill, resident of the Town of Arundel in the County of York, 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 Arundel in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs: to meet at the **Arundel Municipal Building** in said town on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, A.D. 2024 at eight o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon Article # and by secret ballot on Article # as set out below, polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to accept the registration of any individual eligible to vote, to accept new enrollments and to correct any error or change in name or address on the voting list.

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Arundel Municipal Building** in said town on Wednesday, the 12th of June, 2024 A.D. at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles # 3 thru # 47 as set out below, to wit.

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

ARTICLE 2: To choose by secret ballot (2) Select Board for a (3) three-year term; one (1) Regional School Unit #21 (RSU#21) Director for a (3) three-year term, (2) Budget Board members for three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 2.4 Lots split by District Boundaries*" Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit A**.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 3 Definitions; Floodplain, Net Development Density, Seasonal Cottages, Seasonal Resort*" Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit B**.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 4.9 Disability Permit*" Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit C**.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 5.1 Estate Lots*" Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit D**.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to repeal Section 5.8 within the Land Use Ordinance "Floodplain Management" and replace this section with a Stand-alone Ordinance entitled *Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Arundel*.

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ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled “Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 5.12.2 Parking Lot/Driveway Surface*” Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit E**.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled “Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance *current sections 9 Conditional Use and Section 10 Site Plan Review*”. Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit F**.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled “Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 9.3.22 Mobile Food Trucks and Trailers*”. Text of the proposed revision is presented in **Exhibit G**.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled “Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance current *section 9.3.37 Seasonal Resorts*”. Text of the proposed revision is presented as **Exhibit H**.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to adopt an Ordinance entitled “Amendment to the Arundel Food Truck Ordinance current *Section II Definitions Intersection, Section X. Performance Standards item (e), Section XI Revocation of License Item (d)*. Text of proposed revisions is presented in **Exhibit I**.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$120,942** for the General Government Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funding covers those boards, elected or appointed such as the Select Board, Planning Board and Appeals. Also covers Legal, Audit, Engineering & Mapping Services.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,058,849** for the Town Hall Administration Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board Recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Covers the Operation cost of the Arundel Municipal Building along with salaries and benefits of employees in the Land Use Office and General Town Government.

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ARTICLE 15: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,312,411 for the operations of the Arundel Fire-Rescue Service Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: The Fire Service continues to transition from a call service (years ago) to a Per diem/Full Time Department. We provide services for Emergency Medical along with all Fire Calls. The increase in funding is directly related to salaries and benefits allowing the department to be competitive in attracting personnel to work for the Department

ARTICLE 16: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,487 for the Civil Services Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funds cover ambulance billing, dispatch services, emergency management/shelter services.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,051,694 for the Public Works Department Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: The department manages to maintain and repair all town road issues to include culvert replacement, ditching, signs & winter plowing to name a few.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$335,430 for the Town Transfer/Recycling Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Station managed by Casella 2 days a week. Trash & Recyclables can be deposited for no fee.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,644 for the General Assistance Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Budget provides public assistance to those residents who qualify.

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ARTICLE 20: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$471,140 for the Recreation Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Provides the ability of the department to offer programs and activities for the benefit of the citizens. The department generally collects in fees 60% of its costs to operate.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,000 for police protection. Funding covers two patrol officers for a total of 80 hours per week.

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funding supports two sheriff deputies operating within the limits of Arundel. This includes all salaries, benefits, training and equipment for the Law Enforcement Officers.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon majority vote of the full Board of Selectmen, to exceed by no more than 5% annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Articles #13 through #21 above, so long as the amount spent for the sum total of those Articles does not exceed the total appropriations approved for those Articles.

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town vote to expend the sum of \$100,000 from Municipal Fund Balance to perform an update of Real Estate Property Values in Arundel?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Seeking the use of Funds already collected by the Town to perform a value update of properties. The increase in sales of real estate in Arundel has created an imbalance of property values. This imbalance provides that some properties values are not fair and equitable to others in Arundel which results with some paying more than their fair share. The update corrects the imbalance and with it a direct reduction in the tax rate for all citizens.

ARTICLE 24: Shall the town vote to expend the sum of \$100,000 from Municipal Fund Balance to purchase a 550-type vehicle with appropriate plow gear for the Public Works Department.

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Seeking the use of funds already collected by the town to purchase a truck larger than a pick-up but smaller than a Class 5 Truck. These fleet trucks are the backbone of our department and are used generally day to day along with the installation of Snow Plows and Sanders, they provide plowing on roads and intersections that require more maneuverability.

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ARTICLE 25: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$600,000** for the Road Construction Reserve Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funding to be utilized on New Road, Irving Road, Curtis Road & Middlebrook Drive.

ARTICLE 26: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$152,207** for the Public Works Capital Equipment Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funds will be utilized for the last payment in the lease /purchase of the Road Side Mower, Front end Loader and Bobcat. In addition, pay for the replacement of a Dump Body on the International 10-wheeler and a new tilt bucket for the Wheeled Excavator.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** for the Arundel Fire-Rescue Capital Reserve Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: The Fire/Rescue Department is working on the future purchase of a Pumper/Tanker for the Department. The Funds being set aside over the next several years will be in anticipation of voter approval for this purchase.

ARTICLE 28: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 20,000** for the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funds will be used for the future purchase of bus replacement when needed and the future replacement of the playground equipment located at the Arundel Municipal Building.

ARTICLE 29: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000** for the Eastern Trail Account?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Funds are set aside for dues to the Eastern Trail and our maintenance cost performed by our Public Works Department on the trail system in Arundel.

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ARTICLE 30: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,295** for Social Service Agencies?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Town contributes to several agencies that provide services to Arundel Residents for various reasons. Some of those agencies are York County Community Action, Visiting Nurses, Community Outreach Services to name a few.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for the Kennebunk Free Library?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Arundel with this contribution to the Kennebunk Free Library provides participation of our residents in programs and services offered at the Library.

ARTICLE 32: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel Chamber of Commerce?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: This contribution is in support of the various activities and services offered by the Chamber who in turn assist the Arundel businesses that are members of the Chamber.

ARTICLE 33: Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$2,829,952** from estimated revenues to be used to reduce the tax commitment as follows:

Taxes (not commitment)	1,217,600
License & Permits	114,477
Intergovernmental Revenue	962,375
Service Charges	535,500

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: Yearly the Town anticipates revenue that is collected which in turn is used directly by the town to reduce the tax commitment to the residents. Funds requested this year will pay for 48% of the approved expenses of the FY24/25 request.

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ARTICLE 34: Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to **\$500,000** from undesignated fund balance to be used when setting the municipal tax rate?

Select Board recommends Yes
Budget Board recommends Yes

EXPLANATION: These funds if approved can be used to assist the Select Board when setting the Tax Rate for FY 24/25 which generally occurs in August/September of each year.

ARTICLE 35: Shall the town vote to encourage its elected federal lawmakers to enact strong national climate policy in the form of cash-back carbon pricing, which would charge fossil fuel producers a carbon fee for every ton of CO₂ pollution to be emitted by the burning of their products; such fees to be collected into a national “carbon trust fund” and disbursed regularly to American households with equal per-capita dividend checks; with a record of the passage of this article to be sent by the town to Arundel’s members of Congress, the President of the United States, and the Governor of Maine within 30 days of the vote?

EXPLANATION: This is a Non-Binding resolution requested by a resident to be included on the Warrant seeking approvals of the voters to send along to our Federal & State Elected Officials.

ARTICLE 36: Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of excess vehicles and equipment pursuant to and consistent with the written policy adopted by the Board of Selectmen after public notice, and deposit any proceeds into the appropriate department’s reserve account?

ARTICLE 37: Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept donations of funds, real estate and/or equipment on behalf of the town and to spend them, as they deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 38: Shall the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer available funds such as tree growth, veteran’s exception, excise tax, registration fees and any other funds which might be used for reduction of the tax commitment?

ARTICLE 39: Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed five years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

ARTICLE 40: Shall the town vote to transfer funds received through the sale of tax acquired property to the Municipal Building Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 41: Shall the town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to collect partial payments and pre-payments of real property and personal property taxes?

ARTICLE 42: Shall the town vote to authorize the Treasurer to collect partial payments of real property liens?

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ARTICLE 43: Shall the town vote to set due dates on all property taxes as of **October 10, 2024** or 30 days after tax bills are mailed (whichever is later) and **April 10, 2025?**

ARTICLE 44: Shall the town vote to charge interest at the rate of **8:50%** per annum on all real and personal property taxes remaining unpaid after the due dates set in Article 38

ARTICLE 45: Shall the town vote to pay interest at the rate of **4:50%** per Annum on overpayments of real and personal property taxes refunded as result of a grant or abatement?

ARTICLE 46: Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes, consistent with state statutes and laws, except that the Municipal Officials shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell to anyone other than the former owner (s). In all cases the conveyance is to be made by municipal quitclaim

ARTICLE 47: Shall the town vote to accept and spend, as deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the town, any and all grant monies awarded to the Town of Arundel by the United States Government and / or the State of Maine under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Land & Water Conservation Grant Program or any other similar grant programs in the upcoming fiscal year?

Dated at Arundel, Maine April 29 , 2024

_____ Jason Nedeau Chair

_____ Velma Jones Hayes

_____ Philip Labbe

_____ Tom Danylik

_____ Dan Dubois

A majority of the Municipal Officers Arundel, Maine