



Town of Turner, Maine

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Town Meeting Warrant Friday, April 5, 2024 and Saturday, April 6, 2024

Androscoggin ss: State of Maine

To Deana Pierce, a resident of the Town of Turner in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Turner in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Turner Municipal Office Building in said Town on Friday, the 5th day of April 2024 at 12:55 in the afternoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Leavitt Area High School Cafeteria, in said Town, on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:30 am in order to act upon Articles 3 through 47, as set out below:

Article 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect all necessary Municipal Officers, RSU #52 / MSAD #52 School Board Directors, and Budget Committee members as follows: two Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three-year terms; two School Board Directors for three-year terms; and four Budget Committee Members for three-year terms.

Article 3: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$463,095.00** for **Administration** and to raise and or appropriate **\$463,095.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends **\$452,400.00**
- Budget Committee recommends **\$457,700.00**

Article 4: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$4,172.00** for **Elections** and to raise and or appropriate **\$4,172.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$4,172.00**

Article 5: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$4,184.00** for **Planning Board** and to raise and or appropriate **\$4,184.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$4,184.00**

Article 6: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$32,654.00** for **Code Enforcement** and to raise and or appropriate **\$32,654.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$32,440.00**

Article 7: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$7,300.00** for **Public Officers Associations** and to raise and or appropriate **\$7,300.00** for such purpose. *[Note: This amount is for Maine Municipal Association dues.]*

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$7,300.00**

Article 8: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$308,182.00** for **Fire Department** and to raise and or appropriate **\$308,182.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends **\$296,357.00**

- Budget Committee recommends **\$296,157.00**

Article 9: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate **\$160,000.00** for **Fire Equipment Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A section 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$100,000.00**

Article 10: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate **\$25,000.00** for **Fire Safety Equipment Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A section 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$25,000.00**

Article 11: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$1,458.00** for **Emergency Management** and to raise and or appropriate **\$1,458.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$1,458.00**

Article 12: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$689,967.00** for **Rescue Department** and to raise and or appropriate **\$689,967.00** for such purpose. *[Note: This amount does not include General Fund revenue collected by the department, which is presently estimated at \$364,000.]*

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$689,322.00**

Article 13: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate \$50,000.00 for **Rescue Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A section 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$50,000.00

Article 14: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed \$775.00 for **Street Lights** and to raise and or appropriate \$775.00 for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$775.00

Article 15: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed \$119,800.00 for **Public Works Garage** and to raise and or appropriate \$119,800.00 for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends \$119,000.00

- Budget Committee recommends \$116,800.00

Article 16: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate \$230,000.00 for **Highway Equipment Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A sections 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$175,000.00

Article 17: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed \$409,856.00 for **Winter Roads** and to raise and or appropriate \$409,856.00 for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$403,996.00

Article 18: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed \$277,626.00 for **Summer Roads** and to raise and or appropriate \$277,626.00 for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$274,765.00

Article 19: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to accept as a Town Way the road identified as **Wilderness Way Extension** as depicted on the plan for the Wildlife Acres Subdivision, recorded at Plan Book 53, Page 42, of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds?

Article 20: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to accept as a Town Way the road identified as **Airport Road Extension** as depicted on the plan for Turner Airpark Revision #3, recorded at Plan Book 54, Page 111, of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds?

Article 21: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed \$321,706.00 for **Transfer Station/Recycling Center** and to raise and or appropriate \$321,706.00 for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends \$320,000.00

- Budget Committee recommends \$316,506.00

Article 22: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$600,000.00** for **Paving and Construction** and to raise and or appropriate **\$600,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$600,000.00**

Article 23: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$20,554.00** for **Social Services** and to raise and or appropriate **\$20,554.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends **\$16,600.00**

- Budget Committee recommends **\$17,100.00**

Article 24: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$2,000.00** for **General Assistance** and to raise and or appropriate **\$2,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$2,000.00**

Article 25: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$15,559.00** for **Animal Control** and to raise and or appropriate **\$15,559.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$15,559.00**

Article 26: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$32,000.00** for **Library** and to raise and or appropriate **\$32,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$32,000.00**

Article 27: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$6,000.00** for **Turner Museum and Historical Association** and to raise and or appropriate **\$6,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$6,000.00**

Article 28: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$13,200.00** for **Cemeteries** and to raise and or appropriate **\$13,200.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen recommends **\$13,200.00**

- Budget Committee recommends **\$12,300.00**

Article 29: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$16,871.00** for **Parks** and to raise and or appropriate **\$16,871.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$16,800.00**

Article 30: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$18,500.00** for **Turner Athletic Association** and to raise and or appropriate **\$18,500.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$18,500.00**

Article 31: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$3,750.00** for **Turner Ridge Riders** and to raise and or appropriate **\$3,750.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Selectmen recommend **\$3,750.00**

Article 32: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$25,000.00** for **Boofy Quimby Memorial Center** and to raise and or appropriate **\$25,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$23,000.00**

Article 33: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate **\$50,000.00** for **BQMC Building Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A sections 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$50,000.00**

Article 34: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$40,000.00** for **Leavitt Institute Building** and to appropriate **\$15,000.00** from the Leavitt Institute Fund and to raise and or appropriate **\$25,000.00** for such purpose.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$40,000.00**, and to appropriate **\$15,000.00** from the Leavitt Institute Fund and to raise and or appropriate **\$25,000.00**

Article 35: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to raise and or appropriate **\$2,000.00** for the **Pond Conservation Reserve**, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A sections 5801, 5802.

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend no appropriation

Article 36: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to spend a sum of money not to exceed **\$50,000.00** for **Contingency** and to raise and or appropriate **\$50,000.00** for such purpose. *[Note: The Contingency is used to fund unanticipated expenses or emergencies that may arise during the 2023/2024 fiscal year.]*

- Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **\$50,000.00**

Article 37: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to charge 8.50% annual interest on one half taxes not paid by November 1, 2024, and one half taxes not paid by May 1, 2025, pursuant to MRSA Title 36, Section 505.4.

Article 38: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to MRSA Title 36, Section 506.

Article 39: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property and surplus town owned personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 40: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Town Manager to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations or other revenues, on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents and or other paper work and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and or other funds for authorized purposes, as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town during the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Article 41: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use up to **20%** of the un-appropriated surplus as reported by the Town Auditor at the close of the 2023/2024 year to defray the tax commitment for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Article 42: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2024/2025 from Overlay. *(Explanation: The Selectmen, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA section 710 but voter authorization is required to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)*

Article 43: Shall an ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Turner, Maine, Relating to Solar Farms**” be enacted?

Article 44: Shall an ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Turner, Maine, Relating to Affordable Housing**” be enacted?

Article 45: Shall an ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Turner, Maine, Eliminating the Agricultural/Industrial District**” be enacted?

Article 46: To see if the Citizens of Turner will vote to enact the **Comprehensive Plan** as prepared and revised by the Comprehensive Planning Committee, in compliance with the state’s Growth Management Act, and pending a finding of consistency by the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry?

Article 47: To see if the Citizens of Turner will authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to \$7,000.00 of underspent FY 2024 expense budgets that will otherwise lapse to Fund Balance to fund a portion of **the July 3, 2024 Fireworks Community Celebration**.