##  TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2021

##  STATE OF MAINE

 COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss.

**TO:** Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley, in said county:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Carrabassett Valley qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the **Town Office on Wednesday April 14th, 2021 at eight (8:00) o’clock in the morning,** then and there to act on Articles One through Article 24.

The polls will open as soon as Article One has been acted upon and will remain open to vote on Articles Two through Twenty Four until six (6:00) o’clock in the evening.

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session during regular Municipal Office Hours.

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required to be elected by secret ballot.

**Article 3.** Shall the Town will vote taxes due as October 1st, 2021 and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes as 6% percent per year and the date such interest commences as October 4th, 2021.

 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 4.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of any Town owned tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable and execute release deeds in the name of the Town for such property.

 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 5.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the March 2022 annual Town Meeting.

 **Recommended** **by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 6.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$625,187** for General Government as follows:

 General Government Salaries $176,272

 Town Office Operating Expenses 107,750

 Assessing 35,758

 Code Enforcement 63,877

 Planning Board Expenses 11,050

 Donations/Contributions & Contingency 15,350

 Employee Benefits 215,130

 **Total:** **$625,187**

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 7.** Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$499,295** for the Town Protection and Town Insurance Accounts as follows:

 Police Department $ 87,893

 Communications and Sugarloaf Security 154,207

 Fire Department Expenses 113,630

 New Mountain Fire Department Expenses 20,900

 NorthStar Emergency Medical Services 72,295

 Animal Control and Shelter Services 2,520

 Town Insurances: 47,850

 **Total:** **$499,295**

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$376,256** for Recreation Programs and Facilities as follows:

 Recreation Department $ 74,850

 Operation of the Anti-Gravity Complex (AGC) 230,706

 Recreation Facility Reserves 7,000

 J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club 22,000

 Mountain Bike Trail Accounts 23,000

 Outdoor Center Misc. Operations 1,200

 Narrow Gauge Pathway Maintenance 17,500

 **Total:** **$376,256**

 **Also,** to approve the Transfer of $31,495 in F.E.M.A. funding received in 2020 and also to approve transferring any remaining balance in the Narrow Gauge Maintenance Account in 2021 to the Narrow Gauge Pathway Reserve and to approve expending these funds for capital maintenance projects on this Pathway.

*(Note: Offsetting AGC Revenues of $25,000 and $60,000 for a total of $85,000 are being requested in warrant article #21.)*

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 9.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the recommendations of a Town Lot Forest Management Plan and to expend revenues received from the proceeds of the implementation of the plan for costs associated with forest management activities and maintenance and improvements to the Outdoor Center/Public Lot roads and trails.

 *(Note: It is anticipated that approximately $80,000 of these funds will be expended in 2021 for the continual Outdoor Center/Public Lot trail bridge replacement project. It is also anticipated that wood harvesting activities jn 2021 will generate additional revenue. As of 12/31/20 there was $140,767 the Public Lot Reserve Fund).*

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 10.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$50,000** to be placed into the Recreational Endowment Reserve Fund and to place revenues from the Cell Tower Lease (estimated to be $14,000) into this Reserve Fund and to see if the Town shall vote to expend the following amounts from this Fund for the following purposes:

 Town Matching Funds for Mountain Bike Club Grants and

 Donations $15,000

 *(For Trail Planning, and Development)*

 Town Matching Funds for the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club for

Trail Projects $21,598

 (To *match Club Grants and funding to maintain and improve*

 *the ATV trail network and purchase needed equipment)*

Town Matching Funds to assist the Non-Profit ‘Longfellow $2,500

 Mountains Heritage Trails, Inc.’ develop a multi-use people

 powered trail that, if successful, would extend from

 Kingfield to Coburn Gore

Town Matching Funds to assist the Carrabassett Valley

Outdoor Association in stocking the Outdoor Center Pond

 with fish $350

 **Total:** **$39,448**

*(Note: Based on past practice, all expenditures from the Recreational Endowment Fund require at least a one-to-one match from the fund recipient and this will be required for each of these programs and projects. As of 12/31/20 there was $341,360 in this Reserve Fund).*

 **Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 11.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$25,400** to operate the Airport and **$10,000** for the Airport Reserve Fund; and to also place anticipated 2021 Federal Airport Cares Act funds ($20,000) and airport lease revenue (approximately $5,200) into the Airport Reserve Fund.

 (Note: It is anticipated that the Town will receive F.A.A. grants for a new Taxi Lane project to accommodate new airport hangar development and/or for needed capital repair projects in the next couple of years. Some Town funding (usually 5%) will be needed for these projects). If the F.A.A. provides grant opportunities to the Town the voters of the Town will be asked to consider approval of these projects.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate $**76,500** for maintenance and plowing of town roads, parking lots, street lights and for street and house number signage and to approve placing anticipated M.D.O.T. funding (estimated: $3,680) in the Town’s Highway Reserve Fund and to expend this reserve funding for Town road projects.

 *(Note: Included in this amount are estimated expenses of $12,000 for annual maintenance of the Carriage Road per the terms and conditions as set forth in an annual road use permit from the Penobscot Indian Nation).*

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 13.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$398,674** for the maintenance and operation of the following Town Facilities and related services:

 Town Buildings and Grounds $23,180

 Town Office Building Expansion Reserve 5,000

 Operation of the Library 70,934

 Operation of the Community Center Facility 36,600

 Community Center Building Capital Maintenance Reserve 5,000

 Transfer Station Operation 220,760

 Recycling Program 12,000

 Maintenance of the Information Center 7,000

 Golf Course Reserve Fund (to be matched by Sugarloaf) $10,000

 Golf Course Club House Repair 5,000

 Cemetery Maintenance 2,000

 Seasonal Lighting 1,200

 **Total:**  **$398,674**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 14.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **$364,842** for Obligated Debt and to accept and expend additional payments of $110,196 from Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation and $11,025 from Carrabassett Valley Academy as their contractual share of Town debt service.

 (Note: The Sugarloaf payments are related to debt service for golf course projects and the CVA payment is for debt service related to the 2016 new roof and lighting project at the Anti-Gravity Center).

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 15.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **$45,600** for the following organizations:

 Flagstaff Area Business Association: $15,000

 Greater Franklin Development Corp: 8,600

 Maine Huts &Trails (for trail maintenance): 5,000

 CV Network (Elder Services) 2,000

 Sugarloaf Ski Club (for scholarships) 15,000

 **Total:** **$45,600**

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **$188,500** for the following Town programs and services:

 Transportation Services $145,000

 Town Scholarship Fund 14,000

 Town Comprehensive Plan 15,000

 Town History Committee Project 12,500

 General Assistance (to people in need) 2,000

 **Total:** **$188,500**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a new 5-year lease agreement with Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation to lease the Outdoor Center facilities and related Nordic Ski trails and to expend revenues collected from the lease agreement for capital repairs and improvements to the Outdoor Center facility and to place excess revenues into the Outdoor Center Capital Reserve.

 *(Notes: The Town received $11,000 lease fees in 2020. As of 12/30/20 there was $64,945 in Outdoor Center Capital Reserve Fund.*

 *If a large capital project is proposed for the Outdoor Center facilities and related trails a new lease will need to be renegotiated by the Selectmen and the Town voters would need to approve funding and cost sharing).*

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to carry the following Account Balances forward (as of Dec. 31st, 2020) and to expend these funds for said purposes:

**BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS 2020 REQUEST**

Surface Water Management Plan $ 1,504

Police Department Training 8,073

Town Police Car Reserve 5,722

Fire Department Training Center 1,980

Outdoor Adventure Camp 11,870

Mountain Bike Race 7,608

Recreation Scholarship Fund 544

Alden MacDonald Jr. Golf Program 12,786

AGC After School Program Grant 3,373

AGC New Equipment (Town and CVA Funds) 5,722

Mountain Bike Trail Signage 7,126

Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance 555

Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Planning 1,289

Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Development Funds 114,134

Airport Fuel 12,212

Town Buildings Repairs/Improvements Account 5,419

Transfer Station Equipment (backhoe purchase) 45,000

Town Scholarship Account 6,960

CVOA 50-yd Shooting Range 14,979

ATV Club Matching Funds 3,624

New Events (50/50 match with Sugarloaf) 2,000

Maine Huts &Trails Trail Development (matching funds) 19,397

History Committee Project 10,334

New Town Comprehensive Plan Project 15,000

COVID Grant 1,536

 **Total: $318,747**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will accept the categories of funds listed below and provided by the Maine State Legislature:

State Revenue Sharing Estimated at $15,000

Tree Growth Reimbursement “ 14,500

Local Road Assistance Program “ 3,700

Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement “ 250

 **Total: $33,450**

 **And;** to see if the Town will vote to expend the following revenues from the following accounts to reduce the property tax commitment:

 Unappropriated Surplus $125,000

 State Revenue Sharing 15,000

 Excise Tax Collections 185,000

 Boat Excise Tax Collections 1,500

Interest on Taxes and Lien Fees 6,200

Cash Investment Earnings 10,000

Town Clerk Fees 4,800

Building and Plumbing Fees 8,000

Ambulance Service Rent 10,300

CVA AGC Reimbursement 25,000

AGC Revenue 60,000

State Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement 14,500

Cable TV Franchise Fees (net) 32,000

Library and Community Center Revenues 650

Transfer Station Revenue (metal) 1,500

Police Department Revenues 1,200

**Recommended by the Budget Committee $500,650**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with Snowfields Productions (operator of WSKI-TV Channel 17) to expend up to 30% of Town revenues received from Cable TV Franchise Fees to provide a Town of Carrabassett Valley marketing and promotional program on terms and conditions the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

 **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept, and expend Federal, State and other sources of revenues for Town purposes during the fiscal year 2021. This does not include any monetary local match the Town may need for these grants.

####  Board of Selectmen Recommend Approval

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Overlay for abatements and over drafts.

 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Given under our hands this 15th day of March 2021.

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 John Reynolds, Jr.

 Board of Selectmen

 Town of Carrabassett Valley

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Attest: A true copy

Wendy Russell

Town Clerk

**CONSTABLES RETURN**

Pursuant to the within warrant, directed to me, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of

Carrabassett Valley, in the County of Franklin and State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in

Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named by posting on the 16th day of March 2021 attested copies of the within Warrant at the Carrabassett Valley Town Office, Ayotte’s Store, and the Sugarloaf Administration building all being public and conspicuous places in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

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Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley