

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2019**  
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, March 13th, 2019 at eight (8:00) o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles One and Two:

The polls will open as soon as Article One has been acted upon and will remain open to vote on Article Two until six (6:00) o'clock in the evening. **We will reassemble at the Outdoor Center at Seven thirty (7:30) in the evening** to vote on all other articles, beginning with Article Three.

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session during regular Municipal Office Hours. Registrations will not be accepted during the evening meeting.

**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.** To choose 'Rules of Order' to conduct the meeting.

**Board of Selectmen Recommend using the 'Maine Municipal Association Moderator's Manual'**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to determine the date taxes shall be due as October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes as 6% percent per year and the date such interest commences as October 2, 2019.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will 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 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the March 2021 annual Town Meeting.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$166,364 for Officers' Salaries.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$82,000 for Town operating expenses.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,900 for Assessing.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,100 for Code Enforcement.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,400 for Planning Board Expenses.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,350 for the Selectmen's Contingency Fund to meet unanticipated expenses, contribution requests and emergencies that arise during Fiscal year 2019.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$87,362 for Police Protection.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$158,245 for the Communications Center Operations.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$93,108 for Fire Department Operating Expenses.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,745 for the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Account.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the new Mountain Location Fire Station Reserve Fund and to expend some of these funds for developing plans for a proposed building and site.

*(Note: If adequate planning functions are completed and a sufficient estimate is developed in time for a new fire station to be substantially started in 2019 the*

*Board of Selectmen may call a special Town Meeting in 2019 to ask the voters to approve financing (borrowing) to build the proposed new fire station. As of 12/31/18 there was \$190,344 in this Reserve Account that can used to help fund this anticipated project).*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,513 for Ambulance Service Subsidy (North Star EMS)

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,320 for Animal Control.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for Town Insurance Policy Coverages.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$76,000 for Recreation Department expenses and programs.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$216,982 for expenditures for the Anti-Gravity Complex.

*(Note: Offsetting Revenues of \$25,000 and \$73,000 for a total of \$98,000 are being requested in warrant article #57.)*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for Recreation Facilities as follows:

Playground Repairs and Equipment Replacement	\$1,000
Pool Reserve	\$4,000
Town Park Capital Improvements	\$2,000
Outdoor Center Operations	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$8,000

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$80,000 from Town Unappropriated Surplus to expand the Pavilion at the Town Park and to build a Storage Building for Town recreation equipment.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,000 for the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club for snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance and to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State for registration of snowmobiles (estimated to be \$300) to the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,000 for Mountain Bike Trail Development and Maintenance as follows:

Trail Development on the Public Lot	\$15,000
Trail Maintenance	<u>\$8,000</u>
	\$23,000

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to place up to \$67,658 of F.E.M.A. and State funds received and anticipated into a 'Narrow Gauge Pathway Capital Repair Reserve Fund' and to expend this fund for capital repair projects on the Narrow Gauge Pathway.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will 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 for costs associated with forest management activities and maintenance and improvements to the Outdoor Center roads and trails and other amenities.

*(Note: It is anticipated that some of these funds may be used for a new trail signage project. Some of these funds will also be used for the Outdoor Center trail bridge replacement project. As of 12/31/18 there was \$281,500 in this Reserve Fund.*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the following amounts from the Recreational Endowment Fund for the following purposes:

MacDonald Junior Golf Program: <i>(An amount equal to 2018 donations for this program)</i>	\$2,841
Town Matching Funds for Mountain Bike Club Grants and Donations: <i>(For Trail Planning, and Development)</i>	\$15,000
Town Matching Funds for the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club for Trail Projects. <i>(To match Club Grants and funding to maintain and improve the ATV trail network).</i>	\$15,000

Town Matching Funds to assist the Non-Profit 'Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trails, Inc.' develop a multi-use people powered trail that, if successful, would extend from Kingfield to Coburn Gore. \$2,500

Town Matching Funds to assist the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association in stocking the Outdoor Center Pond with fish: \$350

**TOTAL:** \$35,691

*(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 12/31/18 there was \$351,000 in this Reserve Fund).*

**Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed into the Recreational Endowment Reserve Fund and, in addition, to place revenues from the Cell Tower Lease (estimated to be \$12,500) into this Reserve Fund.

**Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,154 for operation of the Carrabassett Valley Public Library.

**Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,950 for operation of the Community Center Building.

**Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,150 to operate the Airport.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer Airport Revenues collected (estimated to be \$4,000) into the Airport Reserve Fund and to expend funds from the Reserve as the Town's share of Town approved projects.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$73,750 for maintenance and plowing of town roads, parking lots, street lights and for street and house number signage.

*(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 36.** To see if the Town will vote to place State of Maine MDOT Highway Funds (estimated to be \$3,700) in the Town's Highway Reserve Fund and to expend this reserve funding for Town Highway projects.

*(Note: We anticipate expending some of these funds for improvements to the Outdoor Center Road)*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,480 for the maintenance, repairs and improvements to Town Buildings and Grounds.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund to fund a future Town Office Expansion Project.

*(Note: Based on a preliminary estimate it would cost approximately \$60,000 to expand the Town Clerk's Office, the lobby area, the fireproof vault and to provide additional storage. There is currently \$25,000 in this Reserve).*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$140,860 for Transportation Services.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$247,900 for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$368,066 for Obligated Debt and to see if the Town will vote to accept and expend an additional \$157,071 in payments from Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation as their contractual share of Town debt service.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$197,600 for Employee Benefits and Requirements.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for the Flagstaff Area Business Association.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for Maintenance of the Information Center.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$35,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to make improvements to the Information Center Building and Lot consisting of: digging and installing a well and septic system, providing additional parking and making minor repairs and improvements to the Information Center Building.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Ski Club Scholarship Grants.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the Town Scholarship Fund.

**Recommend by the Budget Committee**

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200 for Seasonal Lighting.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for maintenance and improvements to the Cemetery.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be matched by Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation for the Golf Course Reserve Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend these funds for golf course capital repairs and improvements.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Golf Course Club House Reserve and to expend these funds for the Town's capital maintenance responsibilities associated with the clubhouse building.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to expend revenues collected from the annual rental agreement fee from the lease of the Outdoor Center to Sugarloaf for capital

repairs and improvements to the Outdoor Center facility and to place excess revenues into the Outdoor Center Capital Reserve.

*(Note: The Town has received \$10,000 a year for the past several years).*

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance Aid.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to assist the Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry-C valley network Seniors Committee in providing an “Elderly Services Coordinator” to encourage an aging community to pursue long-term residency and independence in our area—providing daily telephone contacts, and a web-based network of resources and services available.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 55.** To see of the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for expenses for the Carrabassett Valley History Committee

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to carry the following Account Balances forward (estimated balances as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018) and to expend these funds for said purposes:

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2018 REQUEST</u>
Campbell Field Bridge Project (waiting for FEMA Funding)	-\$181,652
Surface Water Management Plan	\$17,506
Town Police Car Reserve	20,248
Fire Department Training Center	3,046
Outdoor Adventure Camp	7,282
Mountain Bike Race	2,145
Recreation Scholarship Fund	2,270
Alden MacDonald Jr. Golf Program	17,614
Town/CVA Grant	505
AGC New Equipment (Town and CVA Funds)	5,526
Mountain Bike Trail Signage	500
Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance	797
Mountain Bike “Sugarloaf” Trail (Town Funds)	15,000
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Planning	6,815
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Development Funds	74,662
Town Mountain Bike Trail Deve. Funds (Town Lot)	27,893
Narrow Gauge Pathway Repairs/Maintenance	21,498
Airport Fuel (to be paid for through fuel sales)	-16,757
Town Buildings Repairs/Improvements Account	7,790
Landscaping for Pool Area	5,000



Information Center	1,266
Town Scholarship Account	11,760
CVOA Shooting Range Berm Project (matching funds)	811
Cemetery Maintenance and Improvements	2,,290
New Events (50/50 match with Sugarloaf)	2,000
Maine Huts & Trails Trail Development (matching funds)	27,282
Emergency Management Generator (Outdoor Center)	<u>5,770</u>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

<b>Positive</b>	<b>\$287,276</b>
<b>Negative</b>	<b>\$198,409</b>

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to expend funds in excess of \$1,500 from the Mountain Bike Race that is generated to provide funding to the Carrabassett Valley Mountain Bike Club for trail development and maintenance.

*(Note: This funding is revenue from the annual Mountain Bike Race that is sponsored by the Town but managed by the Club).*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 58.** 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	\$10,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	"	16,000
Local Road Assistance Program	"	3,600
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	"	<u>250</u>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee** **\$29,850**

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the following revenues from the following accounts to reduce the property tax commitment:

Unappropriated Surplus	\$175,000
State Revenue Sharing	10,000
Excise Tax Collections	170,000
Boat Excise Tax Collections	1,500
Interest on Taxes and Lien Fees	8,500
Cash Investment Earnings	4,500
Town Clerk Fees	4,400
Building and Plumbing Fees	6,000
Ambulance Service Rent	10,100
CVA AGC Reimbursement	25,000
AGC Revenue	73,000
Pool and Lesson Fees	3,800
State Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement	16,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees (net)	25,000
Library and Community Center Revenues	1,000
Transfer Station Revenue (metal)	<u>1,400</u>
<b>Recommended by the Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$535,200</b>

**Article 60.** 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 61.** 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 2019. This does not include any monetary local match the Town may need for these grants.

**Board of Selectmen Recommend Approval**

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Overlay for abatements and over drafts.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 63.** Shall the Town of Carrabassett Valley:

Approve the acquisition of approximately 250 acres of land owned by Jordan Lumber Company Partners, LLC (a.k.a. the "Ted Jones Lot") and access easements to such land (together, the "Project").

Appropriate a sum not to exceed \$160,000 to provide for the costs of the Project; and

Authorize the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Carrabassett Valley, Maine to fund the appropriation in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$160,000 and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity (ies), calls(s) for redemption, refunding, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Carrabassett Valley, to provide for the sale thereof, and to execute any and all other documents and agreements related thereto, all subject to the condition that the Board of Selectmen make a finding prior to the issuance of such securities that adequate access rights will be or have been obtained to the Carriage Road.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 3,268,520
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C.	Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$ 160,000

Total: \$ 3,428,520

At an estimated interest rate of 3% for an estimated 15-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 160,000
Interest:	\$ 44,397
Total Debt Service:	\$ 204,397

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. 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.

S/ Lorraine Hocking, Treasurer

**Article 64.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

**Statement from the Voters of Carrabassett Valley on March 13, 2019**

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have vowed to cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the next three years, and

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have cut \$143,000 from the budget request of \$209,000 in 2017, \$31,000 from the budget request of \$94,200 in 2018 and totally defunded 6 nonprofits, and


Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners plan to defund the remaining 3 nonprofits in the future, and

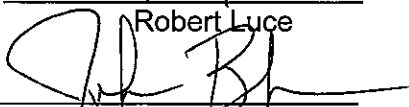
Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,

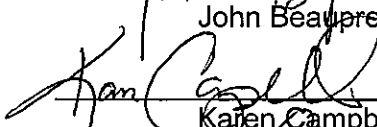
Now Therefore, the Town of Carrabassett Valley requests that Franklin County reverse its policy of not funding these programs, restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

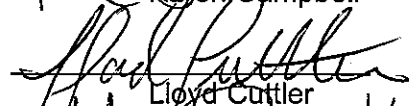
**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

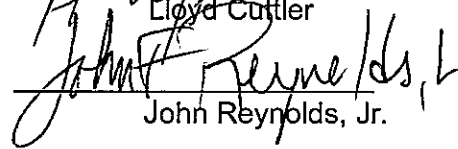
Given under our hands this 25th day of February 2019.

  
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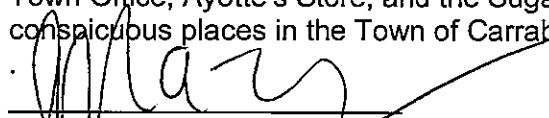
  
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John Reynolds, Jr.

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Carrabasset 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 Carrabasset 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 27th day of February 2019 attested copies of the within Warrant at the Carrabasset Valley Town Office, Ayotte's Store, and the Sugarloaf Administration building all being public and conspicuous places in the Town of Carrabasset Valley.

  
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Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabasset Valley