

Carrabassett Valley Selectmen's Meeting
4:00 p.m. Monday February 22th, 2021 at the Town Office

This Meeting will be followed by the Budget Committee
Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. at the New Fire Station

(There is no remote access to the Budget Committee meeting. However, there should be enough room for social distancing at that meeting if citizens wish to attend).

Agenda:

Notice: Please note, we are now allowed to hold public meetings allowing up to 50 people to attend. However, like entering the town office, we are requiring anyone who wishes to attend to use the hand sanitizing station at the door and to wear a mask (throw away masks are provided at the town office door also).

Depending on how many people wish to attend and concerns over COVID-19 citizens may wish to participate by **REMOTE ACCESS AS PROVIDED BELOW**. Remote Access Participants will hear all the proceedings and will be allowed to speak.

In addition, the State Legislature passed emergency legislation to allow public proceedings through remote access during the "State of Emergency" under guidelines.

We have set up a remote access process as follows:

- Participants call into this number: 1-425-436-6390
- Enter code following prompts: 668536 (it will then tell you to press the # symbol)
- Once the moderator joins all those on the line can join as well---Please announce yourself when asked.

Meeting will start at 4:00 p.m.

Review and sign Town Payroll Warrants:

Review and sign Town Expenditure Warrants:

1.MINUTES from the last meeting (February 8th, 2021)—Attached.

2. LOTTERY DRAWING FOR ADULT OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES: As you know, the Town has approved allowing up to two total stores either Medical or Adult Retail. We have received three applications that met the February 4th deadline. All three applications have met the qualifications of being eligible for the lottery. The three applications are from:

(1) JAR CO CV LLC (Ryan Roy) doing business as: JAR Cannabis Company (Auburn, Maine).
Leasing from AP 27 LLC (Adam Platz), Tax Map 3, Lot 1 (the former "Judson" property).

(2) Tombeau, Inc. (John Beaupre and Bob Thomas, Carrabassett Valley doing business as The Green Stallion. Map 3-003/01.

(3) John Black, Wilton, Maine, doing business as Earth Keeper Cannabis. Map 4, Lot 29. Leasing (the "cabin" on the Sugarbowl Property) from the Valley Bowl Corporation.

Please see attached Lottery License Information. The Town Clerk will be present to draw three numbers from "the hat". The numbers correspond to the numbers above. The first two numbers drawn will have the opportunity to move forward in the process of securing a Marijuana Adult Retail or Medical Retail Marijuana Store in Carrabassett Valley. Should any of the first two applicants drawn either withdraw from the process or fail to secure required State and/or Town permitting and licensing the 3rd applicant drawn will then have the opportunity to move forward.

3. RESPONSE FROM THE PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING OUR REQUEST TO SECURE LAND USE PERMIT FOR TRAIL USE ON THEIR LANDS (see attached response). We are hopeful to hear back from them in the near future.

4. CONCERNS REGARDING SNOWMOBILING ON INDIAN LAND AND ON THE NON-MOTORIZED EASEMENT ON THE OLD NARROW GAUGE RAILBED (from the new Town-owned Jones Public Lot north to the Carriage Road): Unfortunately, snowmobilers, we assume from the Clay Brook area of Kingfield, are using this railbed to assess the snowmobile trail system here in CV. While there are signs posted, it is apparently not deterring this use. Larry Warren from Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trust, the entity that is the holder of the Conservation Easement wishes to install gates (info attached). This was discussed a few months ago and I believe the discussion indicated let's see if we find there are violations before we put up gates.

5. UPDATE ON FEBRUARY 11TH, TOWN PUBLIC LOT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING: Please see attached).

6. UPDATE ON JANUARY 29TH, CV TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING: Please see attached).

7. TOWN TAX ASSESSOR'S POSITION: We have been very fortunate to have had the services of Bill Gilmore as the Town's Assessor. Bill will remain as Assessor through the Tax Commitment in July and a little longer to hear abatement requests, etc. He plans to leave this position after that. This will probably not affect our Tax Assessing in 2021 but the Board will need to start planning for what we do going forward. We can put out a 'Request for Proposals' from Assessing Firms (for the specific services we are seeking) or we can seek a qualified person (as an employee) who might be interested in this position. We are not in a hurry at this time but we will need to start the process of seeking an Assessor come late summer or fall.

8. NEW FIVE-YEAR OUTDOOR CENTER LEASE WITH SUGARLOAF: We have been receiving comments/concerns regarding operations of the Town-owned Sugarloaf Outdoor Center as they pertain to a new five-year lease with Sugarloaf. Most have been respectful and we plan to work with Sugarloaf on some of these issues. As you know, Sugarloaf may be presenting a proposal to the Town in the near future regarding significant improvements to the Center.

9. TOWN MEETING "REFERENDUM STYLE" WARRANT: Please see the attached Draft Warrant. These budget numbers may change as a result of action taken by the Budget Committee at 5:30 p.m. (at the new Fire Station). However, as this is the first time, we will be holding a "referendum style" meeting (polls open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 14th with Absentee Ballots available on March 16th) we would like to discuss the Format of the Warrant with the Selectmen. We have greatly reduced the number of Warrant Articles to 24. As the Warrant will need to signed and presented to the Town Clerk on March 16th, we wish to get approval from the Board regarding the Format of the Warrant soon. Our Town Clerk will need to develop a ballot and that corresponds to the Warrant. With the ballot we could show budget request number and also show the appropriation from the previous year.

10. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE NEW FIRE STATION.

**TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 8, 2021**

Board Members Present: **Bob Luce** **Lloyd Cuttler**
 John Beaupre **Karen Campbell**

Others Present: **Dave Cota**

Present via Phone: **Annie Twitchell** **Lynn Schnorr**

Bob Luce opened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Dave Cota asked phone-in callers to identify themselves for the record.

Payroll warrants #3 in the amount of \$24,409.65 and #5 in the amount of \$27,927.07 were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Expense warrants #4 in the amount of \$628,994.19 and #6 in the amount of \$81,018.46 were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

The minutes of the January 18, 2021 were provided to the Selectmen for review and approval. John Beaupre made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Lloyd Cuttler seconded the motion. Motion approved via roll call.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Applications for the Town Lottery for Adult or Medical Marijuana Retail Stores. Three applications have been received by the February 4th deadline, and they appear to meet the eligibility requirements. They are as follows:

JAR CO CV LLC (Ryan Roy) doing business as: JAR Cannabis Company (Auburn, Maine). Leasing from AP 27 LLC (Adam Platz), Tax Map 3, Lot 1 (the former "Judson" property).

Tombeau, Inc. (John Beaupre and Bob Thomas, Carrabassett Valley doing business as The Green Stallion. Map 3-003/01.

John Black, Wilton, Maine, doing business as Earth Keeper Cannabis. Map 4, Lot 29. Leasing (the "cabin" on the Sugarbowl Property) from the Valley Bowl Corporation.

One application, received by John Black, is for a medical retail marijuana store. Bob Luce asked about the liability of the applicant to ensure adequate water/sewer, etc. At this point, however, the only requirement of the Selectmen is to verify the eligibility to enter these applications in the lottery. Dave Cota reviewed the procedural process that's been outlined for the lottery. When the two applicants are chosen through the lottery, they will need to satisfy all of the other requirements, including Planning Board, Fire Chief and Code Enforcement approval, amongst other requirements. A date needs to be set for the drawing. This drawing will be held at the Town Office on February 22nd at 4:00 p.m., at the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Budget Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 22nd at the new Mountain Fire Station. The Budget Public Hearing which needs to be held thirty days prior to the "Referendum Style" Town Meeting on April 14th will on held on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the

Town Office. Due to COVID-19 Dave Cota has spoken with WSKI about covering the meeting live. They will show the meeting live on YouTube. Citizens will have the opportunity to call the Town Office during the hearing to ask questions or make comments, etc. Lloyd Cuttler noted that it will be important for taxpayers to be able to do absentee voting. Dave Cota confirmed that information will be in the notice of meeting. Public Hearing Notices will go out on March 1st, and at that time, the warrant will be posted.

Dave Cota reviewed the Maine Department of Transportation's schedule for area paving and other projects. There is work scheduled for Carrabassett Valley in 2021 and more in 2022/23, which Dave reviewed and described. John Beaupre noted that Kingfield has postponed a significant project (which is a complete rebuild), and if all of the work gets done in 2021, it will make for difficult travel on Route 27 between Farmington and Coburn Gore. Dave Cota noted that the overlay work moves along fairly quickly.

Dave Cota provided an update on the Airport Taxi Lane permitting, design and bidding grant project. This is due to be completed in time to submit an application for an FAA grant. Dave anticipates the entire project will be paid for with this FAA funding. The construction grant is a different grant, and with construction costs increasing the way they have, Dave questions if there's enough money for the project, especially in consideration of the FAA's restrictions. For the construction portion, the Town pays 5%. For this reason, he would like to put the project out to bid. If the cost is high, the Town could sit on it for a year or two. The other option is borrowing the money from another airport that received FAA allocation. The Town will be asked to take the 2021 Airport Cares Act Funding of \$20,000 and put it into the Airport Reserve Fund, plus the \$10,000 that was appropriated by the Town last year, and another \$10,000 for this year. This should cover the Town's 5% share of the construction project. Dave added that there is still very strong interest in building hangars at the Airport, for which the Town receives lease fees and tax income.

Dave Cota reviewed some of the audited amounts of various reserve and trust accounts. He's working to keep financial requests to a minimum for this year's budget, due to the increases in the school budget (which goes from 59 to 86 students or a 30% budget increase). Dave provided the Selectmen with a draft version of the budget. He's anticipating a 1.6% increase in expenditures for this year, at this point.

Dave Cota discussed the end of the probationary period for the new Town Treasurer. He would like to propose a rate of \$19.00. John Beaupre made a motion to approve this increase. Lloyd Cuttler seconded the motion. Motion approved via roll call.

John Beaupre asked to acknowledge John McCatherin's recent skiing accident and hopes for a quick recovery as John is a former Selectman.

Dave Cota said that he had a meeting with Karl Strand recently, and Sugarloaf may request significant capital improvements for the Town-owned Outdoor Center. This is somewhat conceptual at this point and may a proposal may develop in the coming weeks. Sugarloaf will be working on a proposal to present to the Selectmen, which can be discussed collaboratively. Dave anticipates that Sugarloaf will be sharing some of the cost of these improvements. He noted that the five-year Outdoor Center with Sugarloaf is up for renewal, as well. He anticipates the proposed lease language could provide for negotiation between the parties for the accommodation and cost-sharing of the capital improvements. Dave feels this is exciting news, since it could be a significant improvement to the Town's asset, with a possible benefit of a

partner for the cost involved. Dave anticipates having more information on this soon. There may also be some opportunities to acquire grant funding.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Schnorr
Secretary to Board of Selectmen

Lottery License Information:

Only one retail license per applicant will be granted. Once selected, an applicant will no longer be eligible to receive a license for another retail category. Applicants for the Lottery must have a valid Conditional Marijuana Retail License from the State of Maine.

At the beginning of the lottery, applicants will have their name on a list. Each applicant will be assigned a number and the Town Clerk will create some form of papered "ticket" (form) that will be placed into a container in full view of all present. We will conduct the lottery by drawing out the numbered "tickets" until all applicants have been pulled out of the container. These names will be recorded on a list in the order drawn. While the first two applicants drawn may go forward with the Town's license application process, those next on the list may be selected provided an applicant above them on the list either declines to go forward with the application process or fails to complete the Town Licensing Process within six months of receiving official confirmation from the Town that they have been successful in the lottery and may move forward in the process. The Board of Selectmen may waive the six-month requirement if they deem, through no fault of the applicant, the applicant needs additional time to complete the State and Town licensing process. At the end of one year from the date of the lottery the "applicant waiting list" expires.

Successful lottery applicants cannot transfer their license opportunity to another party.

Dave Cota

From: Maulian Dana <Maulian.Dana@penobscotnation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Dave Cota; papalod@gmail.com
Cc: Kirk Francis
Subject: Tribal Council Meeting and CV Requests

Good Morning,

Chief Francis and I presented the requests to tribal council at our meeting last night and after some discussion they have unfortunately decided to hold the line and not allow any land use at this time. This is based on larger concerns for all of our land holdings and what our processes and goals should be, as we have explained previously, and a number of council members felt they needed to stand by their decision to not approve any requests. We did talk about the ATV and Snowmobile club usage and they wanted to be consistent with what we are doing across the board so they will be looking into those permits deeper as well. We do have a functioning land committee and it was suggested that the land committee and council collaborate going forward. It is my belief that once council gets a better handle on what is happening on the land in Carrabassett Valley and a deeper knowledge of the history and relationship we will have a better foundation for reviewing individual requests and permits. The Chief and I will ensure that this coordination of efforts between council and land committee will happen in a timely manner and I will keep you both in the loop.

I apologize that I do not have better news for you today and I do hope that we can coordinate on our end in the near future on the totality of the document you sent with all of the requests. We mainly spoke about the Redington loop last night. The Chief and I did articulate that it may be a reasonable thing to approve in the meantime while we work on the rest of larger items but the majority of the council members did not share that view and wanted to stand firm in their prior policy.

Best,
Maulian

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Dave Cota

From: lkwarren@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:58 PM
To: towncvtm@roadrunner.com
Subject: FW: GATE for Jones property

Dave

This is what I proposed last spring and would propose again now that we know there is a problem.
Larry

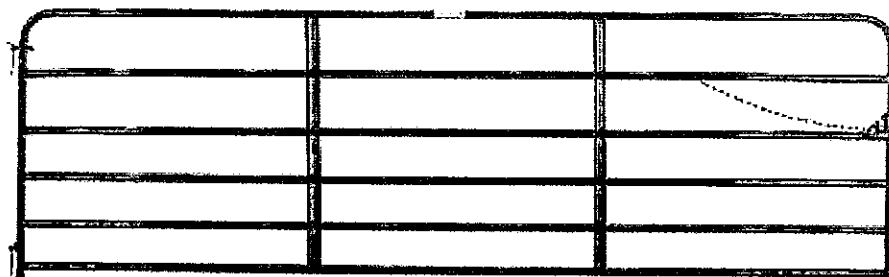
*Larry Warren
PO Box 92
Kingfield, ME 04947*

*Telephone: (207) 265-2200 ~~disconnected~~
Cell: (207) 491-8888*

From: Larry Warren <lkwarren@tds.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Dave Cota (towncvtm@roadrunner.com) <towncvtm@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Ted Jones (tedwpt@tds.net) <tedwpt@tds.net>
Subject: GATE for Jones property

Dave

This is what I'm thinking about putting at the Jones property line on the Brochu side.
I'll mount the sign on the gate and put reflective tape on it for high visibility to warn snowmobiles and atv's. Any issues or concerns?
Larry



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Dave Cota

From: Dave Cota <towncvtm@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Bil Gilmore (gilmorewilliam7@gmail.com); bill.haslam@afmforest.com; carltons@tds.net; Chris Parks; lester27@roadrunner.com; matthew.jacobs@afmforest.com; penobman@aol.com
Subject: Forestry Committee Update

CV Town Lot(s) Forestry Committee members:

Thank you for attending yesterday's Committee meeting and continuing to participate! To summarize, I believe we agreed as follows:

- Continue to plan for 2021 harvest of Block A1. We will plan to meet "on the ground" sometime in late May to review plans.
- At some point in 2021, we should plan a meeting with Sugarloaf representatives to discuss possible Access from Snowbrook through Sugarloaf winter road system (that includes part of the Burnt Mt. ski access) in regards to a winter harvest of Block B.
- Matt and Bill to develop a proposal for completing a Management Plan for the Town's 'Jones Public Lot' for our consideration. They will also contact representatives from the Maine Dept. of Conservation 'Forest Canopy Program' to determine if we might be eligible for a grant opportunity to help pay all or some of the management plan costs. We (the Town) would need to make the application.
- With help from Bill, Dave will put the 2021 Harvest Plan in the Town Report (need by March 1st) and Website.
- We will (try to remember) to hold some form of public hearing (zoom, etc.) concerning the proposed 2021 harvest.

Please let me know if I missed something. Again, thank you.

dave

Dave Cota
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Carrabassett Valley Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2021 1:00 pm

Present: Deb Bowker, Tom Butler, Dave Cota, Lloyd Cutler, Tim Flight John Freeman, Spencer Lee, Warren Gerow, Ed Gervais, Brenna Herridge, Wolfe Tone

1. Oct 30, 2020 MINUTES

Outcome: The minutes were recorded and sent to the CVTC Chair- Dave Cota. Dave Cota requests a review of minutes from members indicating any editions & deletions, directly following the minutes will be sent out.

- ✓ Regarding a better "emergency plan" for public safety personnel to locate injured riders, Dave Cota mentioned that he talked to the Fire Chief and the Chief is willing to be very involved in this effort. Dave Cota suggested a Sub-Committee headed up by Courtney consisting of: Courtney, a representative of the ambulance service, a "trails person" (Josh), and Tim Flight will serve on this sub-committee. Currently, cell phone calls to 911 allow for GPS coordinates, it was suggested that we need integrated "electronic trail mapping" and "on the ground training" of emergency personnel. It is also recommended that we have a system in place by the start of the next riding season.
- ✓ Dave Cota mentioned that between Sugarloaf and the Town some form of written policy is needed regarding camping at the Outdoor Center.

2. PIN

Outcome: Dave Cota updated the committee regarding the towns request to the newly re-formed PIN Land Use Committee for access to non-motorized corridors in town. Hope to hear soon pertaining to the outcome of that request. (Document information Provided by Dave Cota with 1/29/2021 agenda)

3. BUDGET

Outcome: CRNEMBA, MHT and Sugarloaf will contribute \$3,000 each to the Trail Maintenance Account while The Town will contribute \$8,000, increasing the maintenance budget to \$17,000 for 2021. (Document information provided by Dave Cota with 1/29/2021 agenda)

- ✓ The Town approved \$2,500 in Recreation Endowment Funds that must be matched to be available for the Signage Project. Dave Cota will add that to the \$4,626 balance showing in the financial report. Ed indicated that he believed that that we should be able to find a match for this as more money will be needed for other signage related items such as Kiosks, etc..
- ✓ Dave also mentioned that we have just received an invoice (\$2,250) for the 4th month of use of the backhoe and that will need to be charged to the Wyman Project.
- ✓ CVTC representatives to take more responsibility for MHT corridor from Stratton Brook Hut to Half Way Yurt. In addition, MHT to contribute \$3,000 with in house staff for the MHT corridor.

4. WINTER TRAILS

Outcome: Tim noted that the Snowdog is currently out of service the parts are on order. At this time there are 6 Snowdogs in operation throughout the state.

- ✓ Wolfe offered to provide more grooming on behalf of MHT in the event that the group desires.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

A. Maintenance

- ✓ Josh noted that the trail crew will assist MHT with tread work and blowdown removal
- ✓ The Maine Conservation Corps may come on board in the fall of 2021 to assist with the Wyman Project
- ✓ Dave Cota suggested that sandwich signs be placed at all trail heads deterring riding during mud season
- ✓ Josh noted that we need to formulate additional signage for new trail users.

B. Trail Construction

- ✓ Long Range Planning- Ed noted that things are active with concentration at Stonybrook, The Jones Lot & Wyman parcel.
- ✓ Josh noted that the first phase is an 8–10-mile trail, 2nd phase Stonybrook, followed by the Jones Lot.
- ✓ The Town will continue to peruse an easement from the PIN for 1 mile of railbed along the Jones lot.

C. Signage

- ✓ Tim & Ed noted that phase 1 needs to be completed & Josh & Tim spoke about purchasing bulk signage materials.
- ✓ Tom Butler indicated that Sugarloaf will help with the Nordic Ski Signage

D. E-BIKES

- ✓ Class 1 E bikes have been recently accepted by NEMBA
- ✓ Dave Cota noted that at some point in time a statement will be needed by CVTC regarding this.

E. Revenue Enhancement

(Refer to the report dated October 30 & November 3, 2020 as well as the Recommendations sheet regarding objectives)

- ✓ **At this time** the committee is not going to peruse a fee-based system
- ✓ When it occurs, it will be rolled into a maintenance account
- ✓ Ed noted that we should move forward with an Economic impact study
- ✓ Josh noted that future funds could enhance the winter bike operations
- ✓ Trail Counting & a survey will give us some data-Iron rangers will be discussed at the next CVTC meeting

F. Events

- ✓ Josh suggested that all partners present event details as a courtesy in the planning and executing of current & future events
- ✓ Brenna noted that the following Sugarloaf events are in the works: Women's Summit, Single Speed USA, Trail Network Endurance, Enduro World Series & Eastern States Enduro Race.

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 **\$410,057** 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
Total:	\$410,057

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:	<u>47,850</u>
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	<u>17,500</u>
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 in 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 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: \$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 will vote to raise and appropriate **\$215,130** for Employee Benefits and Requirements.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 16. 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)	<u>15,000</u>

Total:

\$45,600

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 17. 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)	<u>2,000</u>
Total:	\$188,500

Article 18. 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 19. 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:

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2020 REQUEST</u>
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	<u>1,536</u>
Total:	\$318,747

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 20. 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	"	<u>250</u>

Recommended by the Budget Committee **\$33,450**

Article 21. 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	<u>1,200</u>

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

Article 22. 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 23. 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 24. 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 16 day of March 2021.

Robert Luce

John Beaupre

Karen Campbell

Lloyd Cuttler

John Reynolds, Jr.

Board of Selectmen
Town of Carrabassett Valley

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.

Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley