

Carrabassett Valley Selectmen's Meeting
4:30 p.m. Monday March 15, 2021 at the Town Office
To be following by a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. concerning
the April 14th Referendum Town Meeting

Agenda:

Notice: Please note, we are allowed to hold public meetings allowing up to 50 people to attend. However, with social distancing (and masks) required there is very limited room to physically attend the meeting.

Depending on how many people wish to attend and concerns over COVID-19, citizens may participate by **REMOTE ACCESS AS PROVIDED BELOW**. Remote Access Participants will hear all the proceedings and will be allowed to speak. 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 4:30 p.m.

Review and sign Town Payroll Warrants: #9 in the amount of \$2,526.32 and #10: \$33,438.69
Review and sign Town Expenditure Warrants: #11 in the amount of: \$72,512.25

1.MINUTES from the last meeting (February 22nd, 2021)—Attached.

2. SIGN MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT REGARDING USE OF TOWN ROADS FOR RT. 27 PAVING PROJECTS: Although we do not anticipate MDOT will need to use any Town roads for their paving projects they ask municipalities to agree with use of Town roads as it may pertain to overweight loads (pavement mix). A copy of the agreement is attached.

3. CARRABASSETT 'SOLAR 1' PROJECT UPDATE: As you may know, Carrabassett Solar 1, LLC (owned by Advanced Solar Products, Inc.) has just completed a "ground lease" with the Sanitary District to construct a 5 MW solar farm involving 38 acres (28 acres of actual solar panels). This company is still working through their process with investors and CMP (on an interconnection). Depending on their investor desire, they will be offering Net Energy Billing to commercial customers. We (the Town) have provided them with the information they needed regarding all of the Town's CMP energy bills and accounts in hopes that we can participate in these energy

savings. A copy of recent correspondence from Advanced Solar Projects, Inc. is attached. It appears they are moving toward getting interconnection issues with CMP resolved.

4. FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION: The Budget Committee "Caucus" will take place at 5:00 p.m. in Farmington on April 5th to select an elected official (Select board members only) from our District to serve a three-year term on this committee (see attached).

5. NEW MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENT REGARDING "RETIRED EMPLOYEES" STILL EMPLOYED BY PARTICIPATING LOCAL DISTRICTS: Effective on July 1st, the Town will be charged 5% of the salary of employees who have previously retired through this retirement system and who continue to work for the Town. This involves two current employees. This is a new change (copy of letter from MPERS attached. There are options to do this: 1) the Town pay this, 2) the Employee pay this or 3) split the 5% based on the current formula (8.1% employee, 10.1% Town) required for the Town's participation in this retirement system.

6. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED AIRPORT TAXI LANE PLANNING (PERMITTING, DESIGN AND BIDDING) PROJECT: As part of this planning project, our Airport Engineering Consultants (Hoyle, Tanner) will be putting out to bid the construction of this project. The following is the schedule:

Plans available on April 1
Pre-bid meeting April 13
Bid Opening April 22

Note: We may have to reschedule the Pre-bid meeting on the 13th. It's important to note that this process does not mean we are moving ahead with a construction project at this time. However, the bid results must be obtained before we can meet the May 1st F.A.A. application deadline for a construction grant. This will also close out our planning project. Another grant and a future Town meeting vote will be required to move the actual construction project forward (best guess: 2022 or later).

7. SIGN APRIL 14TH TOWN MEETING WARRANT: Copy attached (same warrant as presented at the last Selectmen's meeting). **The Warrant will be posted on March 16th when Absentee Ballots will be available to vote** on elected Town officials and the Warrant. Town reports will be available on March 15th at the Town Office and a copy can now be viewed on the Town website (www.carrabassetvalley.org). A copy of the Town budget and a copy of this Town meeting warrant are included in the Town report.

8. 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing on the Town Meeting Warrant and related proposed Municipal Budget (as required by the referendum vote process)
See Attached Public Hearing Notice (last page of this agenda) on how to participate

**TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 22, 2021**

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

Others Present: **Dave Cota** **Wendy Russell**
 Annie Twitchell **Chris Parks**
 Adam Platz **Ryan Roy**

Present via Phone: **Joel Pepin**

Bob Luce opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Dave Cota asked phone-in callers to identify themselves for the record.

Payroll warrant #7 in the amount of \$24,762.99 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Expense warrant #8 in the amount of \$57,779.43 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

The minutes of the February 8, 2021 were provided to the Selectmen for review and approval. Jay Reynolds made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Karen Campbell seconded the motion. Motion approved via roll call.

The first item on the agenda was the Lottery Drawing for Medical Marijuana Retail Stores. The three applicants are listed by number for the drawing. Wendy Russell, Town Clerk, was in attendance for the purpose of doing the drawing in the presence of the Selectmen and Town Manager. Tombeau, Inc and JAR CO CV LLC were the first two drawn, and John Black was drawn third, as an alternate, in the event one of the first two drops out.

Dave Cota updated the Selectmen on the response from the Penobscot Indian Nation representatives with regard to permission on future use of their lands. The response received was somewhat disappointing, especially with regard to Nordic skiing. They will, hopefully, move forward with the Land Committee for further discussion. There is nothing more to report concerning the proposed legislation, but Dave reiterated that it is important to the Town to be able to vote on whether their land be converted to trust land. The Town will continue to approach this in a respectful manner.

Dave Cota discussed snowmobiling on the non-motorized easement on the Old Narrow Gauge rail-bed and abutting PIN ownership on this rail-bed. Unfortunately, there are a few that are disrespecting the signs and it may necessitate the installation of gates. There are also No Trespassing signs on Penobscot Indian land, and no one has the right to be using it, so it's particularly upsetting that the snowmobiles are violating the signs. Following discussion, it was decided that the Town will look at installing gates in the spring, in an effort to be ahead of ATV season. Dave Cota said there are funds available in the Public Lot fund.

The Forestry Committee Meeting was held on February 11th. There is a plan to harvest the area that was discussed two years ago (60 acres). There will be further discussions with Sugarloaf

about accessing the upper lot, which has about 120 acres. This would be a winter cut, which would create some difficulty with traffic to Burnt Mountain. There will be a management plan developed for the Jones lot, though no wood harvesting is anticipated for about ten years. The current harvest plan will go into the Town Report and on the Town's website.

The Trails Committee met on January 29th. Dave Cota provided the Selectmen with minutes from that meeting. The plan for maintenance is in the works, and contributions will be put to the trail maintenance account. There may be some future fundraising. There's a basket at the Bike Shop for donations, as well. At some point, the Board of Selectmen may want to discuss a policy for e-bikes, since there's a designation of which type is considered "non-motorized".

Dave Cota discussed the Tax Assessor's position. While the Town has been very fortunate to have Bill Gilmore serve in this role for years, he plans to vacate this position sometime shortly after the Tax Commitment is completed in July. As there's not a rush to fill the vacancy at this time, the Selectmen may want to consider whether someone be hired for the position or the Town could put out a Request for Proposal for Tax Assessing services. The Selectmen acknowledged that the Town would not be what it is today without Bill Gilmore.

A new five-year lease for the Outdoor Center and Sugarloaf was discussed. Dave noted that there have been a number of comments recently concerning Nordic Ski operations there primarily regarding summer trail maintenance as people know a new lease is being discussed. Dave has met with Sugarloaf representatives to discuss these concerns and to assist with revisions to a new lease. Also, Sugarloaf may be presenting a proposal soon with regard to some significant improvements to the Outdoor Center facilities. The new five-year lease proposal will not consider these improvements as the current lease runs out in June. If Sugarloaf brings a significant infrastructure proposal to the Town that will necessitate changes to the lease and financing which would need to be approved by the Town at a later date. There has been a lot of growth at the facility with the mountain bike trails and more people using the trails.

Dave Cota provided the Selectmen with a draft Warrant for the Town Meeting. Due to COVID This meeting will be conducted in a "referendum style" Town meeting (as opposed to an "open" Town meeting) as previously approved by the Selectmen. Budget numbers in the Warrant may be updated following tonight's Budget Committee meeting. The Town Meeting is scheduled for April 14th and polls will be open from 8am to 6pm. The Town Clerk will be developing the ballot with questions that correspond to the items in the Warrant. It was noted that this referendum style is a temporary change due to Covid restrictions. Dave reviewed the articles, with some brief discussion on the arrangement. Following this discussion, the number of articles was reduced to 22.

The Budget Committee met at 5:30 pm at the new Fire Station and the proposed budget was recommended as proposed.

Selectmen's Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Schnorr
Secretary to Board of Selectmen



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

Bruce A. Van Note
COMMISSIONER

Wendy Russell, Town Clerk
Re: Town of Carrabassett Valley
1001 Carriage Road
Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947

2/25/2021

Subject: 1 1/4" Overlay
Project Nos.: 2413700, 2414100, 2493500, 2493700
Location: Wyman TWP & Carrabassett Valley
Roadway: Route 16

Dear Ms. Russell:

The Maine Department of Transportation will soon solicit quotes for the subject project for construction, and pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2382 (7) we have established a "Construction Area." A copy of 29-A § 2382 is enclosed for your information. Also included is an agreement, **which requires signature by the municipal officers**, and additional background documents.

The agreement stipulates that the municipality will issue a permit for a stated period of time to the MDOT contractor for transporting construction equipment (backhoes, bulldozers, etc.) that exceed legal weight limits, over municipal roads. The agreement acknowledges the municipality's right to require a bond from the contractor to "guarantee suitable repair or payment of damages" per 29-A MRSA.

29-A MRSA § 2382 (7) states that *"the suitability of repairs or the amount of damage is to be determined by the Department of Transportation on state-maintained ways and bridges, otherwise by the municipal officers."* In other words, municipal officers determine the suitability of repairs on municipal ways and bridges.

The State cannot force municipalities to allow overweight vehicles to travel on posted municipal roads. Municipal postings supersede overweight permits. However, the agreement requires municipalities to make reasonable accommodations for overweight vehicles that are operated by contractors and the MDOT in connection with the construction project.

The specific municipal roads involved are not necessarily known at present, as the contractor's plan of operation won't be known until just prior to the start of work. If the municipality plans to require a bond; the amount of the bond should be determined prior to the start of work. If the project number administratively changes, you will be notified, and the agreement modified accordingly. Please return the completed agreement to my attention. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 207 624-3410.

Sincerely,

George M.A. Macdougall, P.E.
Contracts & Specifications Engineer
Bureau of Project Development

Please return this AGREEMENT, when completed, to:

Maine Department of Transportation
ATTN.: George Macdougall, Contracts & Specifications Engineer
#16 State House Station, Child Street
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Project Nos.: 2413700, 2414100,
2493500, 2493700

Location: Carrabassett Valley

Pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2382, the undersigned municipal officers of the Town of Carrabassett Valley agree that a construction overlimit permit will be issued to the Contractor for the above-referenced project allowing the contractor to use overweight equipment and loads on municipal ways.

The municipality may require the contractor to obtain a satisfactory bond pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2388 to cover the cost of any damage that might occur as a result of the overlimit loads. If a bond is required, the exact amount of said bond should be determined prior to the use of any municipal way. The MaineDOT will assist in determining the amount of the bond if requested. A suggested format for a general construction *overlimit bond* is attached. A suggested format for a construction *overlimit permit* is also attached. This construction overlimit permit does not supersede rules that restrict the use of public ways, such as posting of public ways, pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2395.

The maximum speed limit for trucks on any municipal way will be 25 mph (40 km per hour) unless a higher speed limit is specifically agreed upon, in writing, by the Municipal Officers.

**TOWN OF
CARRABASSETT VALLEY**
By the Municipal Officials

Dave Cota

From: ronald kelly <ronkelly@megawattsolarconsulting.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:56 AM
To: cota david; sitz
Cc: Ronald kelly; Sudano X 111 Pete; Rick Schrack; Kushagra Singh
Subject: Update; NEB credit agreement/ Carrabassett Solar 1

Good morning;

CS1 is making progress; update below:

136 ME substations have an issue connecting new Distributed Renewable Energy projects to CMP's substations. This includes Carrabassett Solar 1 ("CS1"). CMP is studying a proposal to modernize their substations in order to interconnect renewable energy projects and spread the cost out in a predictable way. It is a forward thinking proposal similar to Green Mountain Power's \$/kW interconnection tariff. The existing process can make remote solar projects more expensive.

CMP discussed this alternative with the Maine Renewable Energy Association and others on a PUC call last Friday. If approved, CMP could file a motion for PUC's approval some time in March.

CS1 appreciates your patience and expect to call you soon. We just need another 2 to 3 weeks.

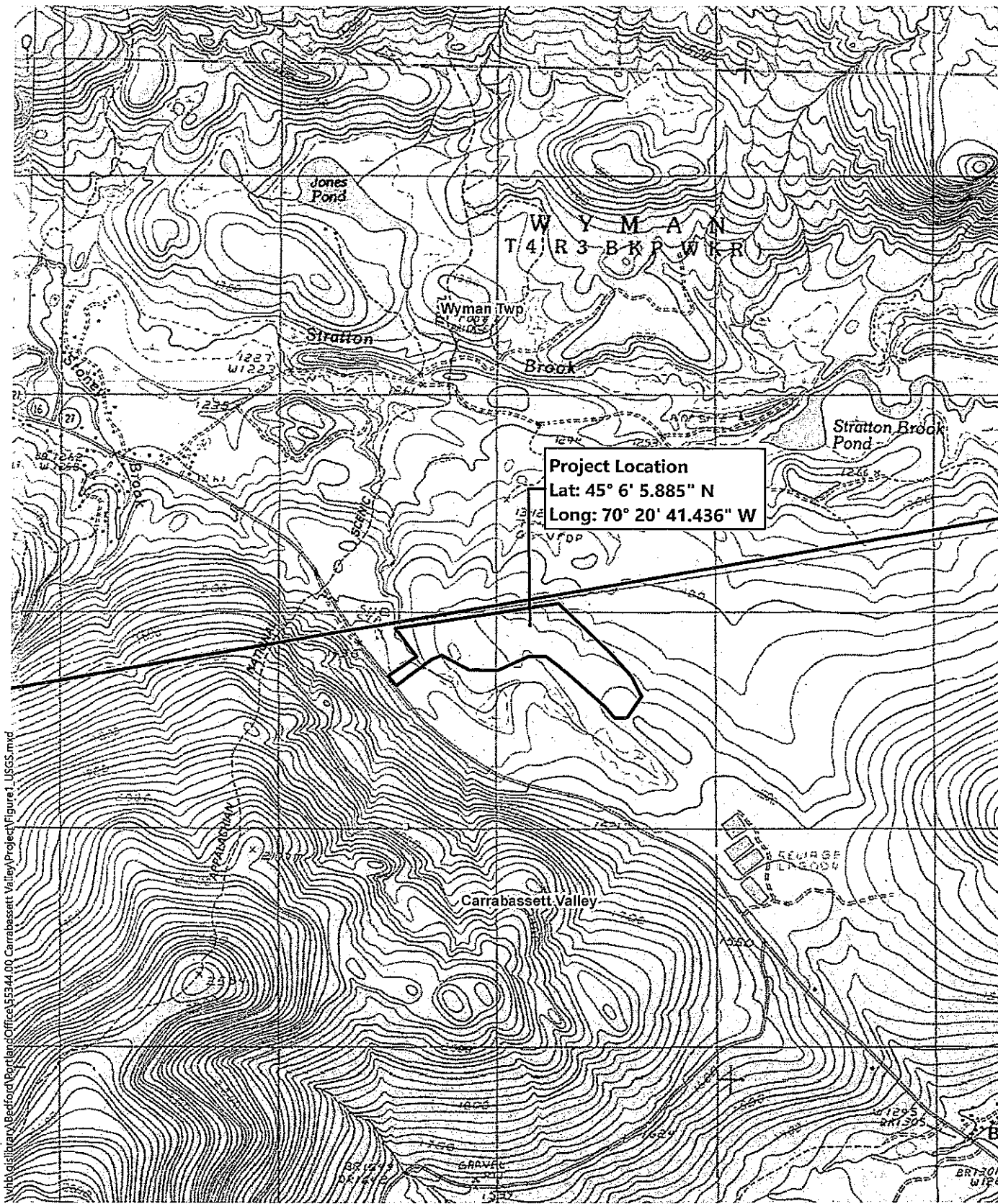
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Ron

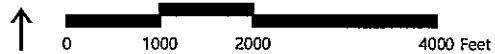
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Carrabassett Valley Solar

Carrabassett Valley, Maine

Legend

- Limit of Work
- Town Boundary

USGS Map

Source: VHB, ArcGIS Online, MEGIS



FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Town Selectpersons

FROM: Julie Magoon, County Clerk

DATE: March 1, 2021

RE: Town Caucus/Budget Committee Vacancies

The Franklin County Commissioners requested I contact you to inform you we have vacancies on the Budget Committee in all three commissioner districts. According to 30-A, MRSA, Section 873, sub-section 1, whenever a vacancy occurs the towns shall caucus and elect members to fill the vacancies.

The caucus will be held on Monday April 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse. Please be prepared to submit a name of a Municipal Officer (Selectperson) you wish to serve on the Budget Committee.

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TERRY BRANN
District #1

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District #2

CLYDE BARKER
District #3

JULIE MAGOON
County Clerk
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FY 22 FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMISSION DISTRICT #1

Terry Brann

ONE YEAR TERM

TWO YEAR TERM

THREE YEAR TERM

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COMMISSION DISTRICT #2

Charles Webster

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COMMISSION DISTRICT #3

Clyde Barker

<p>Morgan Dunham moge84@protonmail.com 266-6285</p>	<p>Ray Gaudette P O Box 118 Phillips, Me 04966 639-2193</p>	
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MainePERS

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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March 1, 2021

Town of Carrabassett Valley
Chief Financial Officer
1001 Carriage Rd.
Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947

Subject: "Retire-Rehire" Plan Provisions

Dear Employer:

The MainePERS Board of Trustees adopted a series of changes to the PLD Consolidated Plan in 2018 and 2019 in order to protect the long-term funding of the Plan by distributing market risk more evenly and to limit the need to make further changes in the future. Each of the changes was carefully considered and is designed to help guard this well-funded plan when risks such as low-performing or volatile financial markets occur.

One of those changes involves the retire-rehire provisions of the Plan. Prior to the change, employers were required to report and identify as a retire-rehire any member of the PLD Consolidated Plan who retired and then became re-employed in a position covered by the Plan, but no contributions were due. The plan modifications made in 2018 changed that to require an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) contribution to be based on the earnable compensation of the retire-rehire member. The retire-rehire UAL contribution rate was set at the greater of the aggregate unfunded liability rate or 5%. Retire-rehire members employed on October 1, 2018 when the change was adopted and who did not have a subsequent break in employment were exempt from this requirement through June 30, 2021.

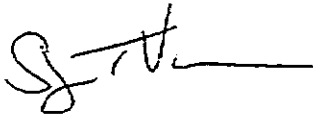
Effective July 1, 2021, this UAL rate of 5% is effective for all retire-rehire members in the Plan. This is a reminder that this rate must be applied to all retire-rehire members that you employ effective with your first pay date in July 2021. Additional reminders will be shared as we near July 1, 2021.

Another change made during that time includes the shift to a risk-sharing approach to contribution rates. This model allows both the member and employer contribution rates to be adjusted annually as market conditions and other factors impacting cost change. We continue to work with our actuary each year to adjust the member and employer contribution rates to get to the desired outcome of a rate that is split between the member and employer at approximately 42% paid by the member and 58% paid by the employer.

We also shared in adopting these changes that ordinary work/life events that help set rates are evaluated periodically, and we do a thorough review of these factors every five years. The outcome could change rates or possibly, through a rule amendment, the rate caps. For example, if life expectancy were to increase significantly or salary levels were to rise more than usual, overall costs would rise and might require a slight increase in the caps. We are doing a comprehensive five-year review in 2021 and will keep you informed.

For a complete summary of the changes made to the Plan, please visit the employer section of our website at www.mainebers.org and search for "summary of PLD changes" in the search bar. If you have questions about the Plan, please contact Deanna Doyle, PLD Plan Administrator, at 512-3100.

Sincerely,



Sherry Tripp Vandrell, CMA
Director of Finance

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	<u>215,130</u>
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:	<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 <i>(For Trail Planning, and Development)</i>	\$15,000
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Town Matching Funds for the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club for Trail Projects	\$21,598
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(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
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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	<u>1,200</u>
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)	<u>15,000</u>
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)	<u>2,000</u>
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:

<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 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	"	<u>250</u>
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	<u>1,200</u>

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.

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

Town of Carrabassett Valley Annual Town Meeting and Public Hearing Schedule

Due to COVID-19 the Board of Selectmen have voted to change this year's annual Town meeting from an "Open" Town Meeting to a "Secret Ballot Referendum" style annual Town meeting scheduled for April 14th as outlined below.

March 15th, 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing on the Budget: The Selectpersons and the Town Manager will be present in the Town Office Conference Room. Citizens will be able to call in via phone (instructions below) and WSKI will "live broadcast" the meeting with YouTube at Live Stream - Tune In Now! - WSKI TV 17. (The area will be set up a few hours in advance, ready to stream at 6:00 p.m.)

To view the Public Hearing:

- Go to wskitv.com
- Scroll down to the bottom of the website and locate the WATCH LIVE on the bottom of the screen.
- Click WATCH LIVE and prepare to view the Public Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m.

All participants will be able to view and hear all proceedings. WSKI may also replay the meeting on their station several times prior to the Town Meeting.

If you wish to ask questions or make comments you must do so by calling in as follows:

Phone Access:

- Participants call into this number: 1-425-436-6390
- Enter code following prompts: 668536 (it will then tell you to press the # symbol)
- Please announce yourself when asked.

You may call in anytime but **we ask that all comments and questions be reserved for after the budget presentation when the Moderator asks for questions and comments.**

March 16th: Absentee Ballots will be available to vote for Town Officials and to vote on the twenty-two Articles in the Town Meeting Warrant. A copy of the Warrant is available on the Town's website (www.carrabassettvalley.org) and will be contained in the annual Town Report which will be available at the Town Office and the Library and will also be posted on the Town's website. A detailed copy of the proposed Town budget as recommended by the Budget Committee will also be contained in the Town report.

April 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Voting for Town Officials and the Town Meeting Ballot Referendum will take place at the Town Office Fire Station.