Town of Dover-Foxcroft
48 Morton Avenue Dover-Foxcroft Maine 04426
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
April 30, 2016
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To Dennis A. Dyer, a Constable of the Town of Dover-Foxcroft in the County of Piscataquis and State of Maine, or any other Constable of said Town:

GREETINGS:
In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dover-Foxcroft in said County and State qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, the 30th day of April, A.D., 2016 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1
To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town appropriate revenues anticipated in the amount of $1,712,770 and appropriate additional funds including funds from surplus in the amount of $211,940, for a total amount of $1,924,710, to be used to reduce amounts to be raised from the property tax commitment to fund appropriations in subsequent articles, and; authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an additional amount from surplus to reduce the property tax commitment?

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 3
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,946,075, for Town Operations? (Revenue and surplus to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $1,812,615, net amount to be raised $2,133,460.)

		Previous Year
General Government	$ 1,278,305	$ 1,228,965
Protection	$ 469,795	$ 469,795
Fire Department	$ 150,290	$ 144,720
Fire Hydrants	$ 214,430	$ 214,430
Public Works	$ 823,005	$ 789,845
Solid Waste	$ 486,110	$ 484,010
Welfare	$ 43,750	$ 44,060
Social Service	$ 9,000	$ 8,000

		Previous Year
Recreation Facilities	$ 26,075	$ 26,855
Recreation Programming	$ 48,000	$ 48,000
Cemetery	$ 97,625	$ 92,970
Contingency/Abatement	$ 20,000	$ 15,000
Promotion & Development	$ 10,500	$ 10,500
Thompson Free Library	$ 159,750	$ 158,595
Debt Repayment	$ 109,440	$ 152,385
TOTAL	$ 3,946,075	$ 3,888,130

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 4
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $180,500 to capital reserve to fund capital equipment? (Revenue to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $16,395, net amount to be raised $164,105); and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds as follows:

		Previous Year
Administration	$ 5,000	$ 6,250
Assessing	$ 3,000	$ 2,500
Police	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Public Works	$ 90,000	$ 90,000
Solid Waste	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Cemeteries	$ 7,500	$ 5,000
Fire	$ 40,000	$ 40,000
TOTAL	$ 180,500	$ 178,750

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

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ARTICLE 5
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $58,500 to capital reserve to fund capital improvements to town buildings and facilities? (Revenue to be used to reduce the amount to be raised to fund this article $5,700, net amount to be raised $52,800); and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds as follows:

		Previous Year
Police Station	$ 5,700	$ 5,700
Fire Station	$ 6,000	$ 5,000
Public Works	$ 5,000	$ 2,500
Cemetery/Maintenance	$ 3,000	$ 2,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
Recreation	$ 8,800	$ 8,800
Municipal Building	$ 25,000	$ 20,000
TOTAL	$ 58,500	$ 49,000

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 6
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town appropriate all money received from the State of Maine (anticipated in the amount of $90,000) for capital improvements and maintenance of Town roads and bridges per Urban-Rural Initiative Public Law Title 23 Chapter 19 Subsection 1803-B, and; raise and appropriate $310,000 for capital improvements and maintenance for Town Roads? Total expenditure $400,000.

		Previous Year
Local Road Improvements	$400,000	$123,000

Note: Funding for this Article will require a Yes Vote on the next Article (Article 7).

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 7
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

To see if the Town shall vote to increase the property tax levy limit (current limit of $2,536,850.74) established for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft by state law (LD1) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit?

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 8
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the Town of Dover-Foxcroft appropriate all sewer department revenue anticipated in the amount of $752,585 and reserve funds anticipated in the amount of $8,805 to fund sewer operations, debt repayment and capital? Total expenditure $761,390.

(Sewer fees are projected to remain unchanged at a base rate of $89.65 for usage at 0-1,200 cubic feet and $9.37 for usage in excess of 1,200 cubic feet.)

Sewer Department Operations, Debt Repayment and Capital

		Previous Year
Operations	$397,555	$383,880
Debt Repayment	$351,835	$351,905
Capital	$ 12,000	$ 12,000
TOTAL	$761,390	$747,785

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 9
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

For the purpose of ensuring affordable, long-term, and environmentally sound disposal of municipal solid waste for the Town, shall the following vote be adopted?

To see if the Town of Dover-Foxcroft will vote:

(i) to authorize the Town to continue as a member of the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. ("MRC"), organized as a Maine nonprofit corporation and acting as a regional association pursuant to Title 13-B and Title 38 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended (and specifically Section 1304-B(5-A) of Title 38) for the purposes of managing and facilitating solid waste disposal;

(ii) to adopt, ratify and confirm the Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Restated Bylaws of the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office;

(iii) to authorize the Town to execute and deliver a Municipal Joinder Agreement with the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office (the "Municipal Joinder Agreement") pursuant to which the Town will become a Joining Member of the MRC (as defined therein) and deliver its municipal solid waste for disposal to a waste management facility being developed by Fiberight, LLC and/or its affiliates (collectively, "Fiberight") in Hampden, Maine, or other waste disposal facility;

(iv) to authorize the MRC to take certain actions on behalf of the Town as set forth in the Municipal Joinder Agreement; and

(v) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen or their duly authorized designee or designees as a representative of the Town to execute and deliver the Municipal Joinder Agreement on behalf of the Town and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town in conjunction therewith such other documents and to take such further actions as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to effect the transactions contemplated by the Municipal Joinder Agreement.

ARTICLE 10
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease, or otherwise convey the Town's real property at 182 East Main Street (Police Station) according to terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen deem advisable and;

To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the proceeds of said conveyance to be used for capital improvements to the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building?

Board of Selectmen Recommends
Budget Advisory Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 11
To see if the Town shall vote to affirm the following article to appear on the referendum ballot for the June Town Meeting Referendum Election:

Shall the voters of the Town of Dover-Foxcroft adopt the amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, Section 5.1(B)(1) Keeping of Domesticated Chickens?

(Increase in the maximum number of chickens allowed per lot in Residential and Village Zones from 6 to 12.)

Note: A true, attested copy of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance, as certified by the Town Clerk, per 30-A MRSA, §3002(1), is available in the Office of the Town Clerk, and will be available at the Town Meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that The Office of the Registrar of Voters in the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building will be open from 7:30 o'clock in the forenoon to 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon on the 27th, and from 7:30 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on the 28th and 29th day of April, A.D., 2016 to receive applications of persons claiming a right to vote.

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