

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE
WARRANT
STATE OF MAINE**

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION and REFERENDUM

November 3, 2020 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Municipal Building - Council Room

Somerset, ss.

To David Bucknam, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on Tuesday, the third day of November, A.D., 2020, then and there to act upon Articles 2 through 7 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, One Selectmen, for a seven month term.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Road Commissioner from an elected position to an appointed position effective the day following the June 2021 election day.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position effective the day following the June 2021 election day.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position effective the day following the June 2021 election day.

ARTICLE 6. (Advisory Ranked Choice). For this Article 6, rank up to four choices, marking no more than one oval in each column. *(Note: This Article is advisory only because there are three project options, but in order to be binding a referendum question must be in "Yes/No" form. The vote on the next article, Article 7, is a binding "Yes/No" vote. If Article 7 is approved, the Selectmen have voted to select a project Option based upon the advisory results of this Article.)*

<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p><i>Rank up to 4 choices for the proposed public safety building project.</i></p> <p><i>Fill in the oval(s) you select.</i></p> <p><i>Important: Mark no more than 1 oval in each column (select no more than one 1st choice, one 2nd choice, one 3rd choice, and one 4th choice).</i></p>	<p>First Choice</p> <p>1st</p>	<p>Second Choice</p> <p>2nd</p>	<p>Third Choice</p> <p>3rd</p>	<p>Fourth Choice</p> <p>4th</p>
<p>Option A: Combined Police/Fire Project on East Madison Road (Tax Map/Lot 4-4-2) Estimated cost: \$8,900,000</p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Option B: Police Dept. on 181/ 185 Water Street (Tax Map/Lots 26-185 and 26-185A) and Fire Dept. on 123 Madison Avenue (Tax Map/Lot 29-54) Estimated cost: \$10,700,000</p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Option C: Combined Police/Fire Project on Memorial Field, Heselton St. (Tax Map/Lot 28-1) with ballfield relocated to West Front St. Estimated cost: \$10,700,000</p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Option D: None of the above</p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$8,900,000 (if Option A) or not to exceed \$10,700,000 (if Option B or Option C), which bonds or notes may be made callable, to construct and equip a public safety building(s) project; and shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to select the project option and to acquire and convey real estate as they deem necessary for the acquisition and/or development of the selected project option site(s)?

Note: If this Article 7 is approved, the Selectmen have voted to select a public safety building project from the three project options described in Article 6, based upon the advisory results of that Article.

Board of Selectmen recommends a “Yes” vote.

Budget Committee recommends a “Yes vote.

Treasurer's Financial Statement
 [30-A-M.R.S.A. §5772 (2-A)]

1. Total Town Indebtedness: If this Article is approved, the Town's total outstanding bond principal resulting will be, for the selected Option:

	Option A	Option B	Option C
Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$13,069,921	\$ 13,069,921	\$ 13,069,921
Bonds authorized/not yet issued:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$ 8,900,000	\$ 10,700,000	\$ 10,700,000
TOTAL:	\$21,969,921	\$ 23,769,921	\$ 23,769,921

2. Estimated Debt Service Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 3%, the estimated costs to finance this Project over a term of 20 years will be, for the selected Option:

	Option A	Option B	Option C
Principal	\$ 8,900,000	\$ 10,700,000	\$ 10,700,000
Interest	\$ 3,478,007	\$ 4,181,424	\$ 4,181,424
Total Debt Service through maturity	\$12,378,007	\$ 14,881,424	\$ 14,881,424

3. 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 or 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.


 Gail R. Pelotte, Treasurer,
 Town of Skowhegan

The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, October 29, 2020 and Friday, October 30, 2020 from noon to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, November 2, 2020 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

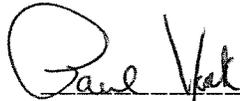
REFERENDUM WARRANT

November 3, 2020

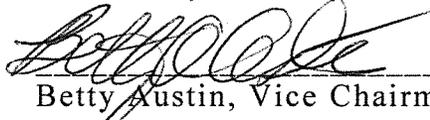
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 22nd day of September 2020.



Paul York, Chairman



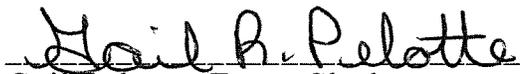
Betty Austin, Vice Chairman



Charles Robbins



Roger Staples
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: 

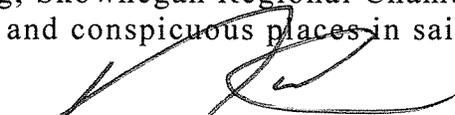
Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

September 23, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time, place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the Municipal Building, Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce and Hannaford, being public and conspicuous places in said town.



Constable of the Town of Skowhegan