

**2021**  
**TOWN OF UNION**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
June 8, 2021 - TUESDAY  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
William L. Pullen Municipal Building  
Meeting Room

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 12, 2021 - SATURDAY  
10:00 a.m.  
William L. Pullen Municipal Building  
Outside – Rear of Building

TO: Greg Grotton, Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Tuesday, the Eighth day of June, A.D. 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 through 19 as set out below;

and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building, outside, in said Town on Saturday, the Twelfth day of June, A.D. 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 20 through 36 as set out below, to wit:

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

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall amendments to Article 4 of the Land Use Ordinance changing Map 19, Lot 13 from Resource Protection to Limited Residential Zone.

*A copy of the changes is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall amendments to Article 4 of the Land Use Ordinance changing part of Map 3, Lot 12-1 from Resource Protection to Limited Residential Zone.

*A copy of the changes is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall a Solar Array Ordinance be adopted as Section 5 to the Land Use Ordinance to provide regulations for commercial proposals.

*A copy is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*

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**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2021-2022 for debt service or act thereon:

Road Bond	\$186,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$186,000.00</b>

*These funds have already been committed during last year's town meeting and this is the payment amount.*

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$678,805.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for General Government.

*This includes Insurances, Payroll, Office Personnel, and Building Maintenance.*

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$642,453.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Protection.

*This includes ACO, Fire, Ambulance, and Planning Department.*

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,664.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Health and Sanitation.

*This includes Septic Waste and Tri-County Solid Waste.*

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$609,008.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Highway and Bridges and Paving.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Parks and Recreation.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

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**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,694.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Social Security.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **4-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,600.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Cemeteries.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **4-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for General Assistance.

*These funds do not raise taxes but are funded under a dedicated trust fund.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **4-0**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$631,204.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Unclassified.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** **3-1**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** **9-0**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue sources to be used toward the 2021-2022 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 186,400.00
Ambulance Billing and Assessments	\$ 447,776.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 2,500.00
Parks and Recreation Pullen Investment	\$ 2,300.00
Animal Control Fees	\$ 900.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 50,400.00
Excise Tax	\$ 471,000.00
Scholarship Trust Funds	\$ 45,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 1,900.00
Other Revenue and Fees	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,258,176.00</b>

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to carry the unexpended balances in the following accounts for the ensuing fiscal year:

Ambulance

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Parks and Recreation  
Cemeteries  
Animal Control  
Union Assistance Fund  
Road Bond  
Building Maintenance

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance the following overdrafted account:

Paving and Road Construction	\$130,000.00
Emergency Management	\$ 21,000.00

*This is estimated at the time of printing.*

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amounts to raise by taxes if other revenues become available.

**ARTICLE 20.** To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon:

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)  
Term of Joel Wentworth, Sr.

Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)  
Terms of Doris Vertz, Erik Amundsen, John Gibbons, and Michael Drickey

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)  
Term of Anita Brown

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town of Union will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide, except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

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**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2021 and May 15, 2022, and that interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

**NOTE:** The Board of Selectmen recommends due dates of November 15, 2021 and May 15, 2022, and interest due dates of November 16, 2021 and May 17, 2022 and interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 16, 2022.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS                      6%      5-0**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506-A, will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 6% and minimum 2% per annum).

**EXPLANATION:** If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS                      2%      5-0**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2021-2022, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise

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such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope) – ½ to each club – for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$63,002.00, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$55,955.00 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2021-2022 or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments' Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$8,000.00 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2021-2022 or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2021-2022 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$25,374.46
B. William L. Pullen Fund*	\$18,289.00
C. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,663.46</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS**

**5-0**

**\*This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal

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budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Shepard, Chair

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Adam C. Fuller, Selectman

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Joshua B. White, Selectman

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William J. Lombardi, Selectman

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Martha L. Johnston-Nash, Selectman  
UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

**RESIDENT’S RETURN**

**COUNTY OF KNOX  
STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; Union Farm Equipment, 1893 Heald Highway, and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, A.D. 2021, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Grotton, Resident