# **TOWN MEETING 2021**

To: Ronald Beedy, A Citizen in the Town of Kingfield, County of Franklin, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Kingfield in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at **102 Salem Road** (Front Lawn of the Kingfield Elementary School) in said town on **Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 AD at nine (9) in the forenoon,** (Rain or Shine) then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

**Article 1**. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To elect the officials that are required to be elected, and to set the pay for all Selectmen.

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of Poor (2– 2 year positions) 2020 Class Seat I 2020 Class Seat II

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of Poor (1– 3 year position) 2021 Class Seat I

School Board Director (2-2 year positions)
2020 Class Seat I
2020 Class Seat II

School Board Director (1-3 year position) 2021 Class Seat I

**Article 3.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from the un-appropriated fund balance an amount not to exceed **\$10,000.00** to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that may occur during the 2021/2022 fiscal year? Said appropriation to have the approval of the Budget Committee.

**Article 4**. To authorize the Selectman to appropriate from fund balance any amount necessary for reducing the 2021-2022 Tax Commitment as they deem appropriate.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$291,200.00** and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000.00** from TIF Revenue for the Administrative Account.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for Discounts and Abatements.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,700.00** for Animal Control.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$66,000.00** for the Fire Department.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$20,000.00** and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** from TIF Revenue to the Fire Equipment Account.

**Article 10**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$304,500.00** for the Public Works Department.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$20,000.00** and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** from TIF Revenue for the New Highway Equipment Account.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$10,000.00** and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** from TIF Revenue for the Highway Sidewalk Equipment Account.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** from TIF Revenue for the Kingfield Waste Water System operating budget.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$5,500.00** for the Kingfield Waste Water System operating budget from the Poland Spring Greywater Lease Agreement.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,800.00** for the Caretaker Department.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$147,988.00** for Municipal Services.

**Article 17**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$87,696.00** for Kingfield's share of the Transfer Station Operations. The total budget is \$238,500.00

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Webster Library	\$10,000.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 6/3/1
Kingfield Historical Society	\$ 1,200.00	Recommended by Selectman 4/0 Budget Committee 9/1
Kingfield Christmas Lights	\$ 200.00	Recommended by Selectman 4/0 Budget Committee 10/0
Kingfield Festival Days	\$ 5,000.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 8/2
Safe Voices	\$ 1,000.00	Recommended by Selectman 4/0 Budget Committee 10/0
United Economic Ministry.	\$ 6,000.00	Recommended by Selectman 4/0 Budget Committee 9/1
Total	\$23,400.00	

**Article 19**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

American Red Cross	\$ 400.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 10/0
Franklin County Chamber	\$ 300.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 8/2
Sexual Assault & Prevention	\$ 400.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 10/0
Seniors Plus	\$ 500.00	Recommended by Selectmen 4/0 Budget Committee 10/0
	\$ 1,600.00	

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Kingfield SnoWanderers \$2,000.00 Recommended by Selectmen by vote 4/0. \$4,000.00 Recommended by Budget Committee by vote 6/2/2

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Stanley Museum. \$5,000.00 Recommended by Selectmen by vote 4/0. \$1,200.00 Recommended by Budget Committee by vote 8/2.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the Maine's Northwestern Mountains (formerly Maine's High Peaks). \$2,000.00 Recommended by Selectmen by vote 3/1. \$300.00 Recommended by Budget Committee by vote 8/2.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250,000.00** to be reserved or expended by the municipal officers for road repairs and maintenance projects as identified by the municipal officers and Public Works, or to take any other action related thereto.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,000.00 from TIF Revenue for the Village Enhancement Capital Improvements Fund.

Article 25. Shall the Town of Kingfield (1) approve a capital project consisting of installation of sidewalk lights \$800,000.00 pursuant to the "Village Enhancement Plan. (2) appropriate the sum of \$800,000.00 to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$ 407,542.56

b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan): \$ -0-

c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved: \$800,000.00

## 2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of <u>1.76%</u> for a <u>fifteen</u> <u>(15)</u> year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal \$ 800,000.00 Interest \$ 110,375.00 Total: \$ 910,375.00

**Article 26.** Shall the Town of Kingfield (1) **approve** a capital project consisting of **road reconstruction and repair (\$3,500,000**), including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) **appropriate** the sum of \$3,500,000 to fund the project; (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to fund the

appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

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At an estimated maximum interest rate of <u>1.76%</u> for a <u>fifteen</u> <u>(15)</u> year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal \$3,500,000.00 Interest \$492,875.00 Total: \$3,992,875.00

#### 3.VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

**Article 27.** Shall an existing ordinance entitled Town of Kingfield Cemetery Ordinance of 2013 be replaced and an ordinance amendment entitled Town of Kingfield Cemetery Ordinance of 2021 be enacted? Said ordinance can be obtained at the Kingfield Town Office during operating hours and copies will be available at Town Meeting.

**Article 28.** To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 or act on anything relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to apply for and accept grant funds from a Community Development Block Grant application for the Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant program or Façade Program or Streetscapes Program for an amount up to \$150,000.00, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs during the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. Further, the Town is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

**Article 30**. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all donations of monies, real property, personal property and any items deemed as donation and to allow the municipal officers to sell, dispose, convey or grant any portion of said donations as they deem appropriate.

**Article 31**. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all monies received from the Registration of snowmobiles to the Sno-Wanderers club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to have taxes payable when committed, at a discount of 2% allowed 45 days from date of tax bill and interest of **6%** to be charged **November 12<sup>th</sup> 2021** and **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**. The discount provided by this article shall not apply to any taxpayer or property that receives a full or partial reimbursement of property taxes through a tax increment financing credit enhancement agreement.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or sewer fees thereon; on such terms as they deem advisable and execute quit claim deed on such property. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

(The law requires that qualifying homestead properties be listed with a licensed real estate broker for at least six months. - The new special sale process applies only to real estate: (1) that, on the date the lien certificate was recorded, was owned by at least one person who was 65 years of age or older and occupied the property as a "homestead" as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 681(2) (the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption law); and (2) whose former owner(s) meet income and asset requirements stated).

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, and to pay 0% interest on those pre-payments.

<b>Article 35.</b> To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy	/ limit of
\$established by State of Maine law in the ev	ent that the
municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a ta	ax commitment
that is greater than the property tax levy limit?	

The Registrar of Voters will be available every weekday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in the Town Office and on Town Meeting Day at the Kingfield Elementary School from 8:45 AM until the end of Town Meeting to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote in Town affairs. A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.