

**TOWN OF DENMARK
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2024**

To Ryan Lord, a resident of the Town of Denmark, County of Oxford, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Denmark, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Municipal Building in said Town on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM to open the Town Meeting, then and there to act on Article 1 to elect a Moderator.

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

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for conducting this meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff, school department administrators or staff, elected State officials, and property owners, who are not residents of Denmark, to speak when recognized by the Moderator?

ARTICLE 4. Shall a revised ordinance titled "Water Extraction Ordinance for the Municipality of Denmark, Maine" be enacted and repeal and replace with the ordinance titled "Ordinance Governing the Large-Scale Pumping or Extraction of Water from Aquifers within the Municipality of Denmark, Maine"? *An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website.*

ARTICLE 5. Shall the proposed amendments to Chapter 8 Administration, Section 8.5.1 Procedure, Inspections, Violations, Penalties of the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine be enacted? *An attested copy of the full text of this amendment has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website.*

Current wording of 8.5.1. As used under this Section 8., any violation of this Ordinance is deemed to be a Nuisance.

New proposed amendment replaces the word "Section" with the word "Chapter" as written below.

8.5.1. As used under this Chapter ~~Section~~ 8., any violation of this Ordinance is deemed to be a Nuisance.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the proposed amendments to Chapter 8 Administration, Section 8.5.1 Procedure, Inspections, Violations, Penalties of the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine be enacted? *An attested copy of the full text of this amendment has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website.*

New proposed amendment would add Section 8.5.10 as written below.

8.5.10. When an owner or occupant of land in the Shoreland District violates this Ordinance as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or the Municipal Officials, the Code Enforcement Officer may send written notice to the last known address of the owner and occupant by certified mail, return receipt requested, demanding the owner or occupant remove, abate or otherwise correct the violation within 10 days and noting that if the violation is not removed, abated or otherwise corrected in that time period either or both may:

***8.5.10.1.A.** Deny the issuance of a permit to, or suspend or revoke a permit of, the owner or occupant for further development of the land on which the*

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violation occurred until the violation is removed, abated or otherwise corrected and any penalties and court awarded costs are paid, and/or:

8.5.10.1.B. *File a civil action against the owner or occupant to recover unpaid penalties, the cost to remove, abate or otherwise correct the violation, court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.*

8.5.10.2. *If the Town of Denmark is the prevailing party in a civil action filed pursuant to this subsection, the Town of Denmark may claim a lien against the land on which the violation occurred for all costs awarded by the court. The Municipal Officers or their designee shall file a notice of the lien with the Oxford County register of deeds. For the purposes of this subsection, "occupant" means a person occupying land with the owner's permission. This subsection does not limit the powers of the Town of Denmark, the Municipal Officers, nor the Code Enforcement Officer provided in any other provision of law or this Ordinance. A suspension or revocation of a permit pursuant to this Section 8.5. remains in effect during any appeal of the notice, suspension, or revocation.*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of Town equipment and materials with a value of \$60,000 or less and deemed obsolete or surplus by the Select Board on such terms as they deem proper; to place any sale proceeds in a Capital Reserve Account for the Department that maintains and uses said personal property; and to appropriate and expend said capital reserve funds for the purchase of equipment for said Department. Such expenditures shall be approved at a properly called board meeting. *This article increases the value of equipment and material the Select Board is authorized to sell or dispose of.*


ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will **vote to transfer Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to an Assigned Fund "Dangerous Buildings"** for the purpose of rectifying Dangerous Buildings within the Town pursuant to State Law, and authorize the Select Board to expend from the fund.

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DENMARK SELECT BOARD:



Andrew Kruczek, Chairman



Kirk McDermith

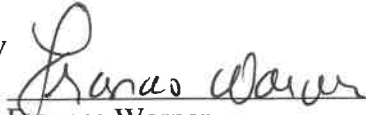


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A True Copy

Attested By:



Frances Warner

Date: 11/27/2024

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Municipal Office on Friday, December 13, 2024, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Frances Warner, Registrar



