

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE
TOWN OF UNITY**

Friday, March 28, 2008
and
Saturday, March 29, 2008

To: Charles Porter, a resident of the Town of Unity, in the County of Waldo, 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 Unity, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office of said Town on Friday, the 28th day of March, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

And to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Unity Elementary School Gymnasium in said town on Saturday, the 29th day of March, 2008, at 10 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 36 as set out below, to wit:

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Maine Moderator's Manual 6th Edition as the rules of procedures for the meeting.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appoint all necessary Town Officials.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy

limit of \$85,686 established for the Town of Unity by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$64,417.00 for Town Official's Salaries for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends	Raise: \$53,688.00
	Admin fees: \$10,729.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$62,013.00)</i>

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,965.00 for the Code Enforcement Officer for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends	Raise: \$4,965.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$4,400.00)</i>

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Animal Control Officer for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends	Raise: \$2,000.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$1856.08)</i>

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$39,000.00 for the Administration Account for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends	Raise: \$39,000.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$36,826.84)</i>

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote that the revenues derived from the Fire Department charges, refunds, grants and contract payments shall become a part of the Fire Department Maintenance & Operations and the Firemen's Compensation Accounts in addition to funds appropriated by the Town.

Art. 11. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Fire Department on the following accounts for the ensuing year:

Salaries	\$8,900.00		
Budget Committee recommends		Surplus:	\$8,900.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$8,818.25)</i>		
Fire Truck Fund	\$20,000.00		
Budget Committee recommends		TIF:	\$10,000.00
		Raise:	\$10,000.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$10,000.00)</i>		
Maintenance & Operations	\$40,935.00		
Budget Committee recommends		Raise:	\$40,935.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$39,984.93)</i>		
Fire House Loan Payment	\$38,457.00		
Budget Committee recommends		Raise:	\$38,457.00

Art. 12. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for E-911 supplies.

Requested	\$1,000.00		
Budget Committee recommends		Surplus:	\$1,000.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$436.03)</i>		

Art. 13. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$2,500.00		
Budget Committee recommends		Raise:	\$2,500.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>	<i>\$1,966.74)</i>		

Art. 14. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or

appropriate for Electricity for the Town Lights for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$7,500.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$7,500.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$6,778.40)</i>

Art. 15. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Town's share of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center and Universal Waste Facility for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$12,619.44	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$12,619.44
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$15,476.14)</i>

Art. 16. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to pay the Rubbish Disposal Tipping Fee to Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$73,100.11	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$50,000.00
		MRC Rebate: \$23,100.11
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$65,694.82)</i>

Art. 17. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Curbside Recycling Pick Up for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$7,664.25	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$7,664.25
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$9,057.75)</i>

Art. 18. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Metal Recycling Bin for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$2,500.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$2,500.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$2,005.00)</i>

Art. 19. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Public Works for the ensuing year.

Summer Roads	\$233,006.74	
Budget Committee recommends		Excise: \$123,225.00
		Raise: \$ 56,775.00
		Carried: \$ 10,158.74
	Road Assistance:	\$ 42,848.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$199,480.41)</i>

Winter Roads	\$136,000.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Excise: \$136,000.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$129,277.21)</i>

Sand/Salt Shed	\$1,200.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$1,200.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$1,059.20)</i>

Art. 20. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$18,700.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$18,700.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$15,115.90)</i>

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Snowmobile Registration Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to be used for grooming trails, with matching funds, under the supervision of the Selectmen and the Project Director.

Art. 22. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or

appropriate for Kanokolus Beach for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$2,100.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Raise: \$2,100.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$1,455.58)</i>

Art. 23. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$750.00	
Budget Committee recommends		Surplus: \$750.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$1,250.00)</i>

Art. 24. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for dues for Kennebec Valley Council of Governments for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$2,358.00	
Budget Committee recommends:		Raise \$2,358.00
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$2,303.00)</i>

Art. 25. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the contract fee for "Humane Society of the Waterville Area" for the ensuing year.

Requested	\$2,523.15	
Budget Committee recommends:		Raise \$2,523.15
<i>(Expended 2007</i>		<i>\$2,523.15)</i>

Art. 26 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for donations to the following area organizations for the ensuing year.

American Red Cross – Mid-Maine Chapter	\$ 600.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00

Belfast Area Child Care Services	\$ 500.00
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Budget Committee recommends:	\$ 300.00
Benjamin Berry Post #50	\$ 165.00
Budget Committee recommends : Raise	\$ 165.00
Boy Scout Troop #233	\$ 75.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 75.00
Cub Scout Pack #233	\$ 75.00
Budget Committee recommends : Raise	\$ 75.00
Brownie Troop #360	\$ 75.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 75.00
Girl Scout Troop #224	\$ 75.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 75.00
Friends of Lake Winnecook	\$ 150.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 150.00
Friends of Unity Wetlands	\$ 500.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	\$ 500.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County	\$1,000.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$2,468.75
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
KVCAP-Child & Family Services	\$ 200.00
Budget Committee recommends:	No recommendation
Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care	\$1,983.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$1,500.00

Mid-Coast Mental Health	\$1,889.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Mt. View BUM League	\$ 100.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 100.00
New Hope for Women	\$ 830.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise:	\$ 500.00
Northeast Contact	\$ 175.00
Budget Committee recommends:	No recommendation
Senior Generations	\$1,344.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Ctr.	\$ 708.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
The Children's Center	\$2,100.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$1,000.00
The Game Loft	\$ 100.00
Budget Committee recommends:	No recommendation
Dorothy Webb Quimby Library	\$1,650.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$1,650.00
Unity/Troy Little League	\$ 500.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 200.00
Unity Garden Club	\$ 400.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 300.00
Unity Preparedness Team	\$ 500.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 500.00
Volunteer Regional Food Pantry	\$1,800.00

Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$1,800.00
Waldo Community Action Partners	\$9,754.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$3,000.00
Waldo County YMCA	\$ 500.00
Budget Committee recommends:	No recommendations
Unity Senior Citizens	\$ 200.00
Budget Committee recommends: Raise	\$ 200.00

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 11% per annum on all 2008 taxes which remain unpaid on December 1, 2008.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on all taxes if paid in full within 30 days after the tax bills are mailed.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell or otherwise dispose of, real estate acquired by the Town, for nonpayment of taxes thereon, to be advertised for sale by sealed bid; the Selectmen shall have the authority to accept or reject any or all bids, and to execute a Quit Claim Deed for such property.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to use up to \$5,000.00 from undesignated funds (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the current fiscal year, 2008.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budget amount in each category of the annual budget during the period from February 1, 2009 to March 28, 2009.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will allow the charging of additional fees,

paid by the property owner to the Licensed Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Unity, for follow-up inspection(s) when the previous inspection(s) were incomplete or unsatisfactory or access could not be obtained at a prearranged date and time.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to conduct discussions with the landowner(s) of the Firehouse property on Depot Street for the continued use by the Town and/or Town related organizations and to authorize the acceptance of the land as a gift to the Town if the landowner(s) are so inclined.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to reserve the former Milmac property, a town owned parcel located adjacent to the Pond Cemetery (Map 11, Lot 36), for future cemetery expansion.

Art. 36. To see if the Town shall adopt the "Lock Box Ordinance for the Town of Unity".

Note: An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available at the Unity Town Office and will be available at the polls.

Given under our hands this 17th day of March, 2008.

Ronald Rudolph, First Selectman

Margret Wilcox, Second Selectman

James P. Kenney, Third Selectman

A True Copy of the Warrant.

Attest:

Susan J. Lombard, Town Clerk
