

TOWN OF DIXFIELD WARRANT REFERENDUM

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020
8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Dixfield Swasey-Torrey American Legion Post 100

State of Maine

County of Oxford

TO: The Town Clerk of the Town of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford, 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 Dixfield in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Dixfield Swasey-Torrey American Legion Post 100 in said town, on **Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, A.D. 2020, at eight o'clock in the morning**, then and there to vote by secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 as set out below:

1. Shall the Town take the following actions regarding police services:
 - a. Dissolve the Dixfield Police Department;
 - b. Authorize the Select Board to contract with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department to provide enhanced coverage for Dixfield;
 - c. Transfer **\$280,000** from the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** account to the **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH** account to fund the contracted services during FY 2021;
 - d. Authorize the Select Board, or its designee, to sell and dispose of unneeded police department property including vehicles, weapons, office equipment, and other items;
 - e. Appropriate revenue from the sale of unneeded property to the undesignated surplus so that it may be used to reduce the tax commitment in subsequent years;
 - f. Transfer any remaining funds from the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** account to the undesignated surplus so that it may be used to reduce the tax commitment in subsequent years;
 - g. Authorize the Select Board or designee to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said actions.

Select Board recommends acceptance of this article by a vote 4 in favor, 1 absent

2. If question 1, above, fails, shall the Town transfer an additional \$52,718 from undesignated surplus to supplement the **POLICE DEPARTMENT** account for the **FISCAL YEAR 2021**, in order to recruit and reestablish a police department in Dixfield?

Line Items	Existing 2021 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Personnel Services	\$ 244,689	\$ 264,057
Administrative Expenses	31,300	31,300
Utilities	5,250	5,250
Contracted Services	4,150	4,150
Capital Expense	3,925	8,925
Employees Benefits	95,606	123,956
Total	\$ 384,920	\$437,638

Select Board recommends rejecting this article by a vote of 4 in favor, 1 absent

3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to \$230,000 from the Fire Department Truck Reserve and up to \$169,000 from the undesignated general fund balance (surplus) and appropriate the same to purchase a 2009/2010 Ferrara 77' Aerial for a total purchase price of \$399,000.

Select Board recommends acceptance of this article by a vote 4 in favor, 1 absent