WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 12 AND 13, 2012

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

To:

Amy Hanscom, a resident of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bethel, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at **CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 AT 8:00 A.M.** in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1:

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ACTION: THE TOWN CLERK CALLED FOR THE ELECTION OF MODERATOR. THE NAME OF HARRY H. (DUTCH) DRESSER WAS PLACED IN NOMINATION. A MOTION FOR NOMINATIONS TO CEASE WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND VOTED. ONE WRITTEN BALLOT WAS COUNTED FOR HARRY H. DRESSER. HE WAS DECLARED THE WINNER AND SWORN IN BY THE TOWN CLERK.

ARTICLE 2:

To choose by ballot: ONE Selectmen, TWO School Board Directors, and ONE Assessor, all for three year terms.

ACTION: THE MODERATOR OPENED THE POLLS. RESULTS OF THE VOTE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTMEN – THREE YEARS – VOTE FOR ONE

EVERETT, ROBERT A	162	
SOUTHAM, PETER	221	ELECTED

ASSESSOR – THREE YEAR – VOTE FOR ONE

EVERETT, ROBERT A	322	ELECTED
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SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS - THREE YEARS - VOTE FOR TWO

CARTER, TIMOTHY	51	ELECTED
DELDUCA, FRANK	8	ELECTED

The polls will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Following the announcement of the election results the meeting will be adjourned to:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012 7:00 P.M. CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

ACTION: THE SECOND HALF OF THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY TOWN CLERK CHRISTEN MASON. CLERK MASON TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO MODERATOR HARRY H. DRESSER.

ARTICLE 3:

In light of the United States Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town of BETHEL vote on June 13, 2012 to urge the Maine Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the Maine Legislature pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Maine State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

THIS IS A CITIZEN INITIATED PETITION ARTICLE

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 3 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Administration Ordinance (Ch. 5) of the Town Code reducing the membership of the Planning Board and the Recreation Board from 7 members to 5 members each?

This amendment will take effect January 1, 2013.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, AND SECONDED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 4 AS WRITTEN. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. MODERATOR DRESSER CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE ARTICLE. MOTION FAILS

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Entertainment Ordinance (Ch. 29) of the Town Code to eliminate §29-6(G) Noise?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 5 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Sewer and Water Use Ordinance (Ch. 60) of the Town Code to add a definition of dwelling unit and to make such dwelling units subject to sewer system rate charges?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 6 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Building Construction Ordinance (Ch. 96) of the Town Code to delete those sections that conflict with the State of Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and to update the sections of life safety code to those most recently adopted by the State Fire Marshall and to delete references to detached single family and two-family dwellings in the historical district?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 7 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Site Plan Ordinance (Ch. 140) of the Town Code to amend the definition of dwelling unit to be consistent with other Chapters of Town Code; correct typographical errors; and clarify the definition of substantially complete?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 8 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the Town vote to amend the Subdivision of Land Ordinance (Ch. 150) of the Town Code to require approved plans be filed at the registry within ninety (90) days instead of thirty (30) days as required by state law and clarify the definition of substantially complete?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 9 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town vote to approve a new ordinance to be called the Property Assessed Clean Energy Ordinance which allows the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Efficiency Maine Trust which will administer loans to Bethel residents for the purpose of making energy upgrades?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 10 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 11:

Shall the Town allow the Veteran's Monument Committee to erect a monument on Town property in front of the Bethel Fire Station, and to move the existing flag pole and Veteran's War monuments from the Town Common to the site under the supervision of, and at terms acceptable to, the Board of Selectmen and to be paid for with private funds?

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 11 AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 12:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of hiring an accomplished consultant specializing in sign ordinance issues to facilitate and direct the Committee for Sign Ordinance Reform (CSOR) in its revision of the Sign Ordinance (Ch. 136) of the Town Code.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$10,000; BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to ratify the actions of estimated overdrafts in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

DEPARTMENT

OVERDRAFTS

Administration Town Clerk Assessors Finance Office Planning & Development Police Department Fire Department Ambulance Service	
Solid Waste	
Public Works	
Cole Block	\$350.00
Fire Station	
Town Garage	
Greenleaf Station	
General Assistance	\$2,500.00
Recreation	
Angevine Park	
Fountain, Park &	
Cemeteries	
Contributions - Local	
Contributions - Agencies	
Employee Benefits	
Municipal Insurance	
Capital Improvements	
Debt Service	

TOTAL

\$2,850.00

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,850.00

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to fix dates when property taxes will be due and payable, and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest on property taxes unpaid after said dates.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Taxes will be due and payable in two equal installments, October 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013, and interest will be charged on any unpaid amounts at a rate of 7 % (annual) as of November 2, 2012 and May 2, 2013.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO ACCEPT THE SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 14.

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to accept estimated federal, state, and local non-property tax revenues, and designated donations, to reduce the FY13 property tax commitment, as described below:

CATEGORY	<u>APPROVED</u> FY2012	ESTIMATED FOR FY2013	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u> FY2012	<u>ESTIMATED</u> FOR FY2013
	<u>r 12012</u>	<u>FORF12015</u>		<u>r 12012</u>	<u>FORF12015</u>
Auto Excise Tax	390,000	390,000	Planning Board Fees	3,000	3,000
Boat Excise Tax	2,000	2,000	Sewer/Airport Support Fees	12,500	14,500
Excise Fees/State	3,400	3,400	General Gov't Misc.	500	500
Town Clerk	7,000	7,000	Returned Check Fees	10	100
Auto Registration Fees	12,000	12,000	Rental Utilities	100	300
RV Registration Fees	500	500	Animal Control Fees	1,500	1,500
Street Opening Permits	50	50	Fire Services (UT)	28,000	28,000
Plumbing Permits	8,000	12,000	Transfer Station Fees	1,200	1,200
Weapons Permits	100	100	Ambulance Service Fees	9,500	9,500
Building Permits	8,000	8,000	Ambulance Revenues	150,000	150,000
Floodplain Permits	100	100	Solid Waste Service Fees	145,000	145,000
Shoreland Zoning Permits	50	50	Waste Materials Rev.	10,000	12,000
Sign Permits	300	300	Recreation	2,500	2,500
Auto Graveyard Permits	200	200	Town Common Fees	400	400
PB Third Party Inspections	2,000	-0-	Public Works Miscl.	1,000	5,000
Snowmobile Registrations	1,400	1,400	Taylor Smith/ Osgood Road	31,715	-0-
Local Roads Assistances	75,000	75,000	Interest on Taxes	25,000	35,000
General Assistance Reim.	1,250	1,500	Investment Interest	15,000	5,000
State Tax Reimb.	55,000	55,000	Cole Block Rents	6,480	6,480
State Revenue Sharing	117,000	116,135	Other Miscl.	20,000	20,000
State Revenue Sharing-	47,492	45,936	Pmt. In Liu/Taxes	10,000	10,000
Previous Years					
MMA Safety/Misc. Grants	720	-0-	Timber Harvest Sales	35,000	35,000
Copy Fees	500	500	State Snowmobile Grant	25,000	25,000
			Donation Pond/Project		10,000
			Northern Forest Center		

TOTAL

1,265,467

1,251,151

The Local Road Assistance amount of \$75,000 includes \$20,000 in estimated funding from the MDOT Transit Bonus Payment Program for partial support of the Mountain Explorer local bus system. An equal expenditure of \$20,000 is included in the Public Works Department appropriation (Article 25). The actual revenue received will equal the amount expended by the town.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 15 AS PRESENTED

ARTICLE 16:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$172,608 Fiscal Year 2013 \$193,264

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$193,264; BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,264

ARTICLE 17:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$75,857 Fiscal Year 2013 \$77,892

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$77,892

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,892

ARTICLE 18:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$48,310

Fiscal Year 2013 \$48,492

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$48,492

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,492

ARTICLE 19:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the FINANCE DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$77,807 Fiscal Year 2013 \$78,942

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$78,942

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,942

ARTICLE 20:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$60,589 Fiscal Year 2013 \$34,321

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$34,321

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 20 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,321

ARTICLE 21:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of POLICE SERVICES in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$303,000 Fiscal Year 2013 \$303,000

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$303,000

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,000

ARTICLE 22:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the FIRE DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$207,646 Fiscal Year 2013 \$207,436

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$207,436; BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 22 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,436

ARTICLE 23:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the AMBULANCE SERVICE in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$189,345 Fiscal Year 2013 \$196,505

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$196,505; BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,505

ARTICLE 24:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT program in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$398,296 Fiscal Year 2013 \$398,990

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$398,990

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,990

ARTICLE 25:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
\$546,089	\$553,988

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$553,988; BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$553,988

ARTICLE 26:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the COLE BLOCK in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$23,740

Fiscal Year 2013 \$23,520

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$23,520

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,520

ARTICLE 27:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the FIRE STATION in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$24,560 Fiscal Year 2013 \$25,685

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$25,685

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,685

ARTICLE 28:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the TOWN GARAGE in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
\$21,400	\$22,300

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$22,300

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 28 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,300

ARTICLE 29:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of GREENLEAF STATION in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
\$11,175	\$11,000

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$11,000

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 29 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000

ARTICLE 30:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the GENERAL ASSISTANCE program in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$2,500 Fiscal Year 2013 \$3,000

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$3,000

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000

ARTICLE 31:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the RECREATION BOARD in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
\$19,600	\$23,200

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$23,200

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 31 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,200

ARTICLE 32:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of ANGEVINE PARK in FY13:

Fiscal	Year 2012
\$7,780	

Fiscal Year 2013 \$8,080

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$8,080

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 32 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,080

ARTICLE 33:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of FOUNTAIN, PARK & CEMETERY in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$12,150 Fiscal Year 2013 \$16,100

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$16,100

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 33 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,100

ARTICLE 34:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CONTRIBUTIONS - LOCAL in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012		Fiscal Year 2013
\$17,000	Bethel Library	\$17,500
1,250	Memorial Day	1,250
6,343	Channel 11	6,459
450	Independence Day Band	450
2,000	Independence Day Fireworks	2,000
1,000	Mollyockett Day	1,000
1,026	Snowmobile Trails	1,165
2,910	Winter Decorations	3,000
200	Project Graduation	200
	Municipal Allocation for	
25,000	Snowmobile Trails	25,000
615	Art Fair	615
\$57,794	TOTALS	\$58,639

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$58,639

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 34 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,639

ARTICLE 35:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CONTRIBUTIONS - AGENCIES in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012		Fiscal Year 2013
\$2,212	Androscoggin HHC	\$ 2,212
2,922	Seniors Plus	3,370
4,900	Community Concepts	4,900
1,200	Western ME Transportation	1,200
500	Western ME Veterans Adv.	175
	Rape Education and	
500	Crisis Hotline	500
\$12,234	TOTALS	\$12,357

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$12,357

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 35 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,357

ARTICLE 36:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$250,140 Fiscal Year 2013 \$270,847

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$270,847

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 36 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,847

ARTICLE 37:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for MUNICIPAL INSURANCE in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012 \$36,594 Fiscal Year 2013 \$37,007

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$37,007

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 37 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,007

ARTICLE 38:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012		Fiscal Year 2013
25,000	Sunday River Rd. Reserve	0
10,000	Revaluation Reserve	10,000
0	Cole Block Improvements	70,000
	Rehabilitation & Resurfacing:	
63,430	Pave Osgood Rd. (2680')	0
8,700	Pave Spring St. (670')	0
25,000	Pave Mason St. (1300')	0
26,000	Pave Martin Lane (1750')	0
5,300	Pave Grover Hill Rd. (150')	0
37,500	Pave Paradise Rd. (2500')	0
243,822	Pave Vernon St. (3500')	0
137,000	Pave Intervale Rd. (1.05 miles)	0
5,000	Sidewalk Maint. & Rehab	20,000
5,000	Crack Seal Village Streets	16,000
0	Sidewalk Machine Implements	4,900
0	Reversible Plow	8,000
0	Rescue Pumper	100,000
0	Resurface Philbrook	20,500
0	Philbrook Drainage	15,000
0	Overlay Intervale Rd.	90,000
20,000	Various Culvert Replacement	20,000
0	Reclaim/Pave 3500' – Vernon St.	32,294
0	Overlay Holt Hill Rd. – 2050'	40,000
0	Overlay Bird Hill Rd. – 3480'	45,000
0	Pave McCrillis & Gore Rd.	30,000
611,752	TOTALS	\$521,694

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$521,694. BUDGET COMMITTEE: NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 38 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$521,694

ARTICLE 39:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE in FY13:

Fiscal Year 2012

Fiscal Year 2013

\$225,706

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$225,706

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 39 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,706

ARTICLE 40:

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from its undesignated fund balance to reduce the FY13 property tax commitment.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$135,000

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 40 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000

MEEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36PM. THERE WERE 79 REGISERED VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

CHRISTEN MASON TOWN CLERK