

Town of Shapleigh ORDER

VOTED: It is hereby ordered that the questions set forth below be placed on a referendum ballot for the election to be held on Friday, March 12, 2021, and that an attested copy of this order is placed on file with the Town Clerk of Shapleigh, Maine.

**2021
WARRANT**

COUNTY OF YORK

STATE OF MAINE

To: Michael Roy, a resident in the Town of Shapleigh, in the County of York and the 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 Shapleigh, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, **to meet at the Town Hall on Friday, March 12th, 2021 at 8:00 AM.** The polls for the election of officers and referendum questions will open immediately after the election of a Moderator at 8:00 AM and will remain open until 8:00 PM in the evening, to vote on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term.

_____ **Cote, Michael J.**

ARTICLE 3. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Town Clerk & Tax Collector for a three-year term.

_____ **Rankin, Joanne R.**

ARTICLE 4. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Director Regional School Unit #57 for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 5. To elect by secret ballot: two (2) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Library for a three-year term.

_____ **Snowe, Pamela P.**

ARTICLE 6. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Forest for a three-year term.

_____ **Jacobs, Mark S.**

ARTICLE 7. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Budget Committee Member for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 8. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Budget Committee Member for a two-year term.

ARTICLE 9. To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Budget Committee Member for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to compensate the following:

Selectmen (each)	\$10,898
Assessor	\$4,325
Treasurer	\$33,890
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$51,635

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ **NO** _____

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$651,508** for the **General Government Account** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will establish a non-lapsing “**Earned Paid Leave Reserve Account**” for the purpose of paying employee leave benefits required pursuant to Maine’s Earned Paid Leave law; to raise and appropriate **\$30,000** for the account; and to provide the Selectmen with continuing authority to spend from the account for the purposes stated above without further vote of the town meeting, this authority to remain in force from year to year until rescinded by the town meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,400** for the **digital mapping** annual maintenance fee for the Town of Shapleigh.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$81,891** for the **Fire Department** to be spent as follows:

Operations, Maintenance and Equipment	\$64,952
Salaries:	
Fire Chief	\$10,000
Assistant Chief	\$ 5,000
Captain – Operations Officer	\$ 1,099
Safety Officer	\$ 440
Fire Prevention Officer	\$ 400
TOTAL:	\$81,891

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,501** for **SCBA Packs and Bottles** for the Fire Department, said monies to be placed in a **SCBA Reserve Account**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee does not recommend approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** for the **Fire Department Stipend Fund**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,089** for the **Fire Department Medical Reserve Fund**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,138** for the **Fire Department Uniform Reserve Fund**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,095** for the **Fire Department Turn Out Gear Reserve Fund**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,045** for the **Fire Department Hydrant Reserve Fund**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to be deposited in the **Fire Truck Reserve Fund** for the eventual purchase of a new fire truck.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,360** for the general maintenance of the **Ross Corner Fire Company** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval 2 – 1 abstention

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be placed in the **Ross Corner Fire Company Reserve** fund annually for a period of five years. This is the fifth year for this article.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,330** for receiving and dispatching **Emergency fire and rescue calls, PSAP and Communications** for the Town of Shapleigh.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,690** for contract services with **York County Sheriff's Department** for 2021 law enforcement services to be in conjunction with the Town of Acton.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,500** for the **Public Safety Building** expenses for the ensuing year.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 27.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,000** for repairs needed to the **Public Safety Building**, said monies to be placed in the **PSB Reserve Fund**.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$78,130** for the operation of the **Shapleigh Rescue Squad** to be spent as follows for the ensuing year.

General Maintenance	\$52,930
Services of Chief	\$10,000
Deputy Chief	\$ 7,000
Training Captain	\$ 2,000
Operations Lieutenant	\$ 1,550
Maintenance Lieutenant	\$ 1,550
Community Education Officer	\$ 1,500
Secretary	\$ 800
Treasurer	\$ 800
TOTAL:	\$78,130

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 29.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for Education for the **Rescue Squad Education Reserve Fund.**

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 30.

To see if the Town to authorize the expenditure of **\$357,400** and to raise and appropriate **\$260,997** to fund **Rescue Per-Diem Staffing**; (\$30,000) to come from the Ambulance Service Account) and (\$66,403 from the Medical Staffing Reserve) and to place any unexpended funds into the Medical Staffing Reserve Account.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)** to be placed in the PPE Reserve Account.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 32.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,519** for **Emergency Management Agency** for the ensuing year, as follows:

Operation and Maintenance	\$4,300
EMA Director Compensation	\$4,473
EMA Deputy Director Compensation	<u>\$ 746</u>
TOTAL:	\$9,519

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,175** to be used for the salary/expenses/mileage for the **Animal Control Department.**

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval of \$8,000

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 34.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** for **Street Lighting** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 35.

To see what compensation the Town will pay **road crews for labor, trucks, tractor operators, etc.** for the ensuing year excluding winter road maintenance. Request: State approved wage scale plus 15%.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 36.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of **\$385,000** and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$285,000** (\$100,000 from Winter Maintenance Reserve Fund) for **Winter Road Maintenance**, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Account.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 37.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the general maintenance of **Town Ways and Bridges** as follows for the ensuing year:

Northern District: \$40,000
Southern District: \$40,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 38.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to assist in the repair and maintenance of **Pond Roads**, so called, only on such pond roads as the Town holds proper easements for the ensuing year.

Northern District: \$20,000
Southern District: \$20,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 39.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **cutting brush** along Town ways and pond roads, so-called, for which the Town holds proper easements for the ensuing year, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Fund until expended.

Northern District: \$5,000
Southern District: \$5,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 40.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Tar and Sealer** on Town ways, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Fund until expended.

Northern District: \$150,000
Southern District: \$150,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 41.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for road improvements in the Southern District, said monies to be placed in the (**Southern District Road Improvement Reserve Fund**) until expended. Projected road improvement projects for 2021: **Deering Ridge Road**

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 42.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for road improvements in the Northern District, said monies to be placed in the (**Northern District Road Improvement Reserve Fund**) until expended. Projected road improvement projects for 2021: **Town Farm Road**

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 43.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300,000** for the expenses relating to the operation of the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 44.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750** for the **Four-Leaf Clover (4-H Club)** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 45.

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the following agencies for the ensuing year.

Caring Unlimited (YC Domestic Violence Program)	\$ 800
Child Abuse Prevention Council (Kids Free to Grow)	\$ 500
Day One	\$1,000
Lifelight	\$ 667
Maine Health Visiting Nurse Service	\$2,000
Maine Public Radio	\$ 100
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$1,750
York County Community Action Corporation	<u>\$2,700</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$9,517</u>

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 46.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for beautifying

(planting additional flowers, shrubs erecting monuments honoring Veterans) the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery said donation will be payable to the **Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery Association.**

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 47.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,875** for the operation and maintenance of the **Shapleigh Community Library** for the ensuing year, as follows.

Operation and Maintenance	\$18,025
Librarian Compensation	\$15,500
Fill-In Librarian	\$ 350
TOTAL:	\$33,875

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 48.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Committee and the Board of Selectmen to expend from the **Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Fund** monies for two awards annually each award to be in the amount of **\$1,000** for the purpose of scholarships for any resident of the Town of Shapleigh who plans to further their education. The recipients of these scholarships will be chosen by the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Committee using a competitive process. All monies in the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Fund account are raised through on-going fundraising events. No tax payer's dollars support the scholarship fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 49.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for the maintenance of the grounds at the **Library, Shapleigh Town Hall and Commons area** and the repairs needed at the Shapleigh Commons area for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 50.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,000** for the operations and maintenance of the **Sports Fields** for the ensuing year:

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 51.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the operation, equipment, and maintenance of the **Recreation Committee** for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 52.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,863** (\$10,000 Dam Reserve Fund) and (\$8,863 Dam Maintenance Reserve) to be used for capital expenditures for upkeep in the future.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 53.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** said monies to be placed in the **Bridge Repair Reserve Account**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 2 – 1 (Roux supported \$50,000)
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 54.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300** for the **Conservation Committee** operating expense for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 55.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$400** towards the support of the **Saco River Corridor Commission** for water quality monitoring program in town for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 56.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,000** for support of the **Acton/ Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps** work throughout the Mousam Lake – Square Pond watershed and Milfoil Inspection Program for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 2 -1 (Roux supported \$26,400)
Budget Committee recommends approval of \$26,400 as requested

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 57.

To see if the Town will to vote raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for support of the **Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 58.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to be placed in a **Solar Energy Reserve Account** for any maintenance needed and the eventual purchase of the Solar Energy System.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 59.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Shapleigh Community Forest and the Board of Selectmen to expend from the Community Forest Fund monies in the sum of **\$5,000** for the **maintenance of the Community Forest** and Town Beach and to authorize the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to expend from the Community Forest Fund monies in the sum of **\$1,000** for the purpose of a **Forestry Scholarship** for any boy or girl from the Town of Shapleigh in a high school graduating class who plans to further their education in any fields that are related to forestry activities, such as wildlife biology, forestry conservation or management, the recipient of this scholarship to be chosen by the Community Forest Trustees and the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 60.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to use the **Cash Management interest/Cash Investments** and undesignated funds to pay for the 2021 Tax Anticipation Notes interest.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee recommends approval

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 61.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hold for municipal use, or to sell, any **town property acquired** by matured liens and to issue quit claim deeds for the same when all obligations to the Town have been satisfied; sale to be by public auction if to other than the owner of record at the time of foreclosure. Further provided that if the Selectmen sells property tax-acquired from certain qualifying low-income, senior taxpayers that shall use the sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C if they sell such property to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 62.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen upon request of the Treasurer, to allow the Treasurer to **waive foreclosure** of a tax lien on a specified property for a specified year with reference to the Tax Lien Certificate recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, in circumstances where the Board of Selectmen determine that foreclosure may encumber the Town.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 63.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$16.12** from the Undesignated fund to ratify the overdraft of **Communications**.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

Budget Committee makes no recommendation

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 64.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of **town-owned equipment or town-owned personal property** under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 65.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use **overlay funds** for tax abatements and applicable interest, to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on **abated taxes** at 8% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506-A, to accept and appropriate any and all **State and Federal Funds and Excise Tax receipts**, vote to commit taxes no later than **August 17, 2021** with interest, taxes due and payable no later than 45 days from commitment and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest of 8 % to be charged on taxes and tax liens, unpaid after said due date and to authorize the Selectmen to **accept any income from any source** including but not limited to fines, fees, gifts, sales, grants and reimbursements and to appropriate said income into various municipal accounts in accordance with the purpose for which the funds were received and to expend those monies donated for specific purposes.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 66.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount **not to exceed 3/12** of the budgeted amount of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the annual town meeting in March 2022.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 67.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **Fiscal Year 2021** anticipated Municipal Revenues from the categories listed below, and to use the funds from the Municipal **Undesignated Fund Balance** to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation during the tax commitment:

Revenue Categories: Auto Excise, Boat Excise, Agent Fee's, Tree Growth, Plumbing and Building Fee's, Interest on Taxes and Lien's, Tax Lien Costs, Interest, Planning Board Fee's, Sundry, Miscellaneous Income, 155 Commercial Hauler and miscellaneous non restricted State Revenue not previously appropriated in other articles.

**Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation**

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 68.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the snowmobile registration reimbursements equally to the **Mousam Valley Snowmobile Club and the Squash Hollow Sno-goers Club** for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails within the borders of Shapleigh to be open for the use by the Public for snowmobiles at all

times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Clubs under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable for that purpose.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Budget Committee makes no recommendation

YES _____ NO _____

Given under our hands at the Town House, Shapleigh Maine on the 26th day of January 2021.

Jennifer J. Roux, Chairman

Scott E. Cudworth

William J. Mageary
Board of Selectmen