

**Town of St. Agatha  
2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Town Manager, Christy Sirois began the Town Meeting on June 11, 2013 at the St Agatha Town Office at 7:45 am by reading the warrant to start the secret ballot voting process of the two part town meeting. In attendance were the 2 election clerks, warden, voter of registrar, town manager 2 residents.

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.

Nominated: **Mary Michaud**

Nominated by: Roberta Labrie

Seconded By: Bob Landry

**All were in favor and nomination carried and article one completed**

Article 2 To elect all necessary Town Officers as is required to be elected by secret ballot (MRSA Title 30-A, § 2528). (1 School Board Member for a 3 year term—currently held by Sandra SanAntonio and 1 Board of Selectmen Member for a 3 year term—currently held by Beurmond Banville)

Board of Selectmen Member for a 3 year term

<b>VOTES CAST:</b>	134
Beurmond J. Banville	87
Shawn R. Ouellette	47

School Board Member for a 3 year term

<b>VOTES CAST:</b>	
Ryan Pelletier	117

**Write In:**

Jean Martin	1
Sandra San Antonio	1
Blanks	15

**Copies of the Town Officer oaths were filed with the Town Clerk**

Second part of the Town Meeting continued on June 18, 2013 at 7:00pm at the KC Hall in St Agatha. Mary Michaud opened the meeting with an announcement of the votes received. In attendance were the 3 selectmen, town manager, town clerk, moderator and 9 residents.

Article 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials not elected by secret ballot for the ensuing year.

**CARRIED**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Frank Labrie

Article 4 To elect in open meeting those officials not required to be elected by secret ballot. Budget Committee - to choose four (4) members of the budget committee each for a term of three years. (Currently held by the following individuals: Fernande Desjardin, Keith LaBrie, Mary Michaud, and Ned Berce.).

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Frank Labrie

**CARRIED**

Article 5 Shall the Town adopt the proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Require the Issuance of Special Amusement Permits"? *Copy attached.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS ADOPTION**

Nominated by: Terry Ouellette  
Seconded by: Danny Labrie

**CARRIED**

Article 6 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Department.**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	\$171,565	\$174,839
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	\$171,565	\$174,839

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Ryan Pelletier

**CARRIED**

Article 7 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Development Department.**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	\$11,825	\$7,725
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	\$11,825	\$7,725

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Ryan Pelletier

**CARRIED**

Article 8 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Department.**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	\$209,006	\$238,086
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	\$209,006	\$238,086

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Terry Ouellette

**CARRIED**

Article 9 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation & Parks Department.**

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
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<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$26,334</b>	<b>\$26,249</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$26,334</b>	<b>\$26,249</b>

Nominated by:         Ryan Pelletier          
 Seconded by:         Roland Paradis        



Article 10 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fitness Center Department.**

	<u><b>2013</b></u>	<u><b>2014</b></u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$25,618</b>	<b>\$25,911</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$25,618</b>	<b>\$25,911</b>

Nominated by:         Terry Ouellette          
 Seconded by:         Florine Michaud        



Article 11 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Protection Department.**

	<u><b>2013</b></u>	<u><b>2014</b></u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$16,246</b>	<b>\$16,082</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$16,246</b>	<b>\$16,082</b>

Nominated by:         Fern Desjardins          
 Seconded by:         Frank Desjardins        



Article 12 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Volunteer Fire Department.**

	<u><b>2013</b></u>	<u><b>2014</b></u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$22,656</b>	<b>\$24,675</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$22,656</b>	<b>\$24,675</b>

Nominated by:         Frank Desjardins          
 Seconded by:         Fern Desjardins        



Article 13 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Intergovernmental Department.**

	<u><b>2013</b></u>	<u><b>2014</b></u>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$76,708</b>	<b>\$80,809</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$76,708</b>	<b>\$80,809</b>

Nominated by:         Roland Paradis          
 Seconded by:         Danny Labrie        



Article 14 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following agencies in the **Human Services Department.**

Aroostook Agency on Aging	\$270
Ste. Agathe Historical Society	\$2,500
Maine Acadian Heritage	\$100
World Acadian Congress	\$820

ACAP	\$150
American Red Cross	\$300
St. John Valley Associates	\$3,000
St. John Valley Soil & Water Conservation District	\$224
Northern Maine Vet's Cemetery (Caribou)	\$100
Memorial Day – Legion Decoration at Cemeteries	\$150
Chambers of Commerce (Madawaska & Fort Kent)	\$300
St. Agatha Food Pantry	\$500
Long Lake Public Library	\$2,000
Senior Citizen Lunch Program	\$4,250
Veteran's Memorial at Town Office	\$450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,114</b>

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$14,552</b>	<b>\$15,114</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$14,552</b>	<b>\$15,114</b>

Nominated by: Terry Ouellette  
 Seconded by: Florine Michaud



Article 15 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Project & Reserves Account.**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>	<b>\$108,800</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>	<b>\$108,800</b>

Nominated by: Roland Paradis  
 Seconded by: Ryan Pelletier



Article 16 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Debt Service Account.**

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$29,922</b>	<b>\$29,287</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$29,922</b>	<b>\$29,287</b>

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
 Seconded by: Frank Desjardins



Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2014 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	\$45,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$225,000
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$2,000
Fitness Center Revenues	\$12,350
Recreation Revenues	\$8,000

Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees	\$8,200
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits	\$1,200
Election Fees (Sinclair)	\$1,250
Ambulance Lease	\$750
Sewer Administration	\$2,500
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)	\$16,224
Veteran's Exemptions	\$500
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$800
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)	\$150
Dog Licensing Fee (Town) to reduce Animal Control	\$200
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500
Coping & Faxes	<u>\$300</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$324,924</b>

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
 Seconded by: Terry Ouellette



Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Reserve Accounts the following amounts for the noted reason:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2014	Local Roads	debt payment '06 paving	\$9,685
2013		Brook Rd paving 2012	\$100,000
2014	PW Grader	debt payment	\$15,827
2014	Economic Dev.	Welcome to Our Town ad	\$750
2014	Fitness Center	equipment repair (treadmill)	\$1,480.26
2013	Sewer Reserves	Pump station pump new & rebuilt	\$3,881.50
2013	Community Dev.	Matching funds for a grant	<u>\$3,500</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$135,123.76</b>

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
 Seconded by: Frank Desjardins



Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the **Pelletier Island Association.**

Nominated by: Danny Labrie  
 Seconded by: Terry Ouellette



Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$12,350 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. *Last year \$5,367.50 was transferred.*

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Terry Ouellette



Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenue from sewer fees to operation and debt service of the **Sewer Department**.

**Estimated revenues for FY 2014: \$165,590**

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Frank Desjardins



Article 22 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, through the Recreation Director or Town Manager, to offer new programs not included within this year’s budget, so long as receipts from these programs fully cover their costs?

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Fern Desjardins



Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, at their discretion, to accept gift donations of money or other valuables, not including real property or land, from individuals, other governmental bodies, or other organizations, provided the gifts do not obligate the Town in any way, and that such donations do not exceed a maximum gift of \$10,000 during any fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Danny Labrie



Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the snowmobile registration refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and grooming grant funds received to the Red Arrow Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining the local snowmobile trails.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Fern Desjardins



Article 25 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Terry Ouellette  
Seconded by: Fern Desjardins



Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to set the date that real and personal property taxes will be due in two equal payments on before October 31, 2013 and April 30, 2014, and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014 respectively.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Terry Ouellette  
Seconded by: Roland Paradis



Article 27 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax lien, after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, on such terms as they deem advisable and in the best interest of the Town and to sign and execute municipal quit claim deeds on such property.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Danny Labrie



Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of, surplus town owned personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Terry Ouellette



Article 29 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed five years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Ryan Pelletier  
Seconded by: Danny Labrie



Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for Federal, State, and private foundation grant funds for various projects to benefit the Town, such as for housing, roads or general economic and community development purposes; and to further authorize the Selectmen to

accept and expend such grant funds for their intended purpose only, provided that the grants do not oblige the Town to provide matching funds or other contributions that have not been previously approved by the voters.

**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Ryan Pelletier



Article 31 Shall the Town of St Agatha vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager to use the Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing 2013 grant applications for the following programs

- Community Development Public Facilities Grant
- Community Development Public Infrastructure Grant
- Community Development Housing Assistance Grant
- Community Development Downtown Revitalization Grant
- Economic Development Program
- Economic Development Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant
- Maine Department of Conservation Recreational Trails Grant
- Maine Safe Routes to School Program
- MaineDOT Quality Community Program
- Community Building Grant Program
- STK Foundation Grant

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development; and/or USDA Rural Development; and/or MaineDOT; and/or Maine DOC; and/or Maine Community Foundation; and/or STK Foundation and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs; and, fund our local matching share through un-appropriated reserves and/or in-kind services.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Frank Desjardins



**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm**

Nominated by: Fern Desjardins  
Seconded by: Danny Labrie



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Attest: