

Town of St. Agatha
2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Aroostook, ss

State of Maine

To: Theresa Albert, a resident in the Town of St. Agatha, County and State aforementioned.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of St. Agatha, in said County, qualified by law to vote in said town affairs to meet at the St. Agatha Town Office, in said town on **Tuesday the 12th day of June A.D. 2018 at 7:45am in the morning**, then and there to act on Article 1 & 2. **The polls will open at 8:am and will close at 8:00pm.** (The moderator will be elected 15 minutes prior to the opening of the polls) and to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** in said town on **Wednesday the 13th of June A.D. at 7:00pm**, then and there to act on the remaining articles being set out below to wit:

- Article 1 To chose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
- 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 Gerard Castonguay and 1 Board of Selectperson for a 3 year term – Currently held by Dale Chamberland)
- 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.
- Motion by Christy Sirois
- Second by Ryan Pelletier
- All in favor
- Article 4 To elect in open meeting those officials not require to be elected by secret ballot. Budget Committee to choose (4) members of the budget committee each for a term of three years (Currently held by the following individuals: Douglas Lerman, Kenneth Lerman, Duane Labrie, Don Daigle) and to choose (2) members for a 1 year term (Currently held by Ned Berce and Josh Babin) and to choose (1) member for a 2 year term (Currently held by Alan Michaud).

Motion by Christy Sirois to nominate the following: Dale Chamberland 3 year term, Don Daigle 3 year term, Josh Babin 1 year term, Doug Lerman 3 year term, Nik Berce 1 year term, Diane Berry 3 year term

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 5	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government Department	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$207,556	\$209,660
	Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$207,556	\$209,660

Motion by Gerard Chasse

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 6	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Development Department	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$7,330	\$7,345
	Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$7,330	\$7,345

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 7	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$254,873	\$238,585
	Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$254,873	\$238,585

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Diane Berry

Roland Paradis asked why the decrease. The Town Manager explained in the previous year the Public Works garage had new over head doors installed which would not be an expense in this current year.

All in favor

Article 8	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation and Parks Department	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$41,110	\$42,650

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen **\$41,110** **\$42,650**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 9 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Fitness Center Department **2017** **2018**

Recommended by the Budget Committee **\$24,575** **\$23,590**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen **\$24,575** **\$23,590**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Roland Paradis

All in favor

Article 10 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Public Protection Department **2017** **2018**

Recommended by the Budget Committee **\$18,922** **\$18,682**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen **\$18,922** **\$18,682**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 11 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Fire Department **2017** **2018**

Recommended by the Budget Committee **\$30,031** **\$34,010**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen **\$30,031** **\$34,010**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 12 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Intergovernmental Department **2017** **2018**

Recommended by the Budget Committee **\$100,522** **\$104,221**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen **\$100,522** **\$104,221**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Roland Paradis

All in favor

Article 13	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the		
	Human Services Department	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$14,389	\$13,089
	Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$14,389	\$13,089
	Aroostook Agency on Aging	\$270	
	Ste. Agathe Historical Society	\$2,500	
	Maine Acadian Heritage	\$100	
	Aroostook County Action Program	\$150	
	American Red Cross	\$425	
	St. John Valley Associates	\$3,100	
	St. John Valley Soil and Water	\$269	
	Northern Maine Vet's Cemetery	\$100	
	Memorial Day Decorations	\$150	
	Maine PBN	\$100	
	Chambers of Commerce	\$600	
	St. Agatha Food Pantry	\$525	
	Long Lake Public Library	\$2,500	
	Senior Citizen Lunch Program	\$2,000	
	Veteran's Memorial	\$300	

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 14	To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the		
	Capital Projects and Reserves Accounts	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$83,000	\$92,000
	Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$83,000	\$92,000

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

Ryan Pelletier asked what road projects we were considering this year.

All in favor

Article 15 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

Debt Service	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$24,781	\$8,700
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$24,781	\$8,700

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 16 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the

Municipal Marina	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Recommended by the Budget Committee	\$0	\$12,825
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	\$0	\$12,825

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2019 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	\$27,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$280,000
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$2,500
Fitness Center Revenues	\$15,300
Recreational Revenues	\$10,000
Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees	\$7,750
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits	\$1,300
Election Fees (Sinclair)	\$1,200
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)	\$17,400
Veteran's Exemptions	\$525
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)	\$150
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500

Copying & Faxes	\$100
MEPERS (from reserve fund)	\$15,000
Lien Fees	\$2,250
Lien Interest	\$750
Real Estate Interest	<u>\$2,000</u>
	\$383,725

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate all revenue from sewer fees to operation and debt service of the **Sewer Department**

Estimated revenues for FY 2019 **\$221,080.00**

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 19 To see if the Town will 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?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Diane Berry

All in favor

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, at their discretion, to accept gift donation 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 anyway, and that such donations do not exceed a maximum gift of \$10,000 during any fiscal year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Gerard Chasse

Second by Christy Sirois

All in favor

Article 21 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 or before the last Friday in October 2018 and In April 2019 respectively and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning the first business day in November 2018 and May 2019 respectively.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 22 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to see and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes 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 the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Christy Sirois

All in favor

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of surplus town owned personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$15,000 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. Last year \$2,853 was transferred.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Diane Berry

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

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 the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 26 To see if the Town will 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 the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 27 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 the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager to use the Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing 2018 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 DOT 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 Maine DOT; 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

Motion by Ryan Pelletier

Second by Christy Sirois

All in favor

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from the unappropriated surplus to offset any increase in Mil Rate for the Fiscal Year 2019.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Ryan Pelletier

Second by Christy Sirois

Ryan Pelletier requested a change in wording to the article. He proposed the article state "To see if the Town will authorize the Board to use unappropriated surplus as they deem necessary to set the mil rate.

Motion by Ryan to approve the article as amended

Second by Christy Sirois

All in favor

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from the unappropriated surplus for the purpose of fixing the boat landing retaining wall if the project exceeds the amount budgeted for in the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the unappropriated surplus for the following amounts for the noted reasons:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	Recreation Dept	Unanticipated Building Repairs	\$9,387.77
2018	Debt Service	Wrong amount budgeted for	\$72.67

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Christy Sirois

Christy asked what the unanticipated building repairs for the rec center were. The Town Manager explained that during the installation of the metal siding the carpenter found structural integrity issues with the building that needed to be fixed before moving forward with the siding

All in favor

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the unappropriated sewer surplus for the following amounts for the noted reasons:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	Sewer	Repairs and administration	\$30,944.00

Existing over draft as of May 4, 2018 for **\$25,297.39**

Administration 144 hours left to work in FY18 at \$25.3237/hour **\$3,646.61**

Possible outstanding repair bills **\$2,000.00**

Total needed from surplus: \$30,944.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Motion to adjourn by Christy Sirois

Second by Roland Paradis

All in favor

