

**TOWN OF MADAWASKA
2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**AROOSTOOK, SS
STATE OF MAINE**

TO: Ross Dubois, a constable in the Town of Madawaska, 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 Madawaska, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Multi-Purpose Building in said Town on Tuesday, the 8th day of June A.D., 2021 @ 7:45 am, then and there to act on Articles 1 & 2. The polls for voting on Article 2 will be open at 8:00 am following the completion of Article 1 and will close at 8:00 pm. And to warn said voters to meet at the Madawaska High School Cafeteria in said town on Tuesday, the 15th of June A.D., 2021 @ 6:00 pm, then and there to act on the remaining articles being set out to wit.

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

Article 2 To elect all necessary officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot.
(Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528)

Article 3 To elect in open meeting those officials not required to be elected by secret ballot.

Finance Committee- to choose two (2) members of the Finance Committee for a term of three years (Previously held Ken Gendreau and Gary Dufour).

Library Board of Trustees – to choose one (1) member of the Madawaska Library Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years (previously held by Kim Deschenes).

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$364,500.00 to a Road Projects Reserve Account. Current Balance: \$91,241.66

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the **Recreation Facilities Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$10,000.00

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the **Public Works Equipment Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$61,309.73

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the **Fire Truck Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$25,000.00

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 to the **Fire Department Capital Repairs Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$52,706.72

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$48,000.00 to the **MDOT 2021 Sidewalk Project Match Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$61,263.13

EXPLANATION: The 2022 Town/MDOT Sidewalk Project is Approved Listed in the MDOT 3-Year Workplan. The Project is an 80% MDOT /20% Town Cost Share, the Town's Share Estimated to be \$135,000.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$55,000.00 to the **Safety Complex Roof Replacement Project Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$50,000.00

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,500.00 to the Recreation Department Tractor Replacement Project Reserve Account. **New Account.**

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following general fund estimated revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2021-2022 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

Veteran's Exemption	\$	6,000.00	
Interest & Penalties	\$	21,500.00	
Tree Growth Exemption	\$	6,500.00	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	627,834.00	
PILOT La Maison Acadian	\$	20,000.00	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$	700,000.00	
Boats Excise Taxes	\$	2,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Fee	\$	12,000.00	
VRF Administration	\$	21,930.00	
Pollution Control Administration	\$	42,500.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$	5,000.00	
Building Permits	\$	2,000.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$	1,000.00	
CEO Contracted Services	\$	0.00	
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$	375,000.00	
Ambulance Contract – Frenchville	\$	13,000.00	YEAR 2 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – St. Agatha	\$	9,400.00	YEAR 2 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – Grand Isle	\$	8,067.00	YEAR 2 OF 3
Contracted Fire Protection	\$	1,000.00	
Fuel Tax Refund	\$	5,000.00	
Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP)	\$	82,000.00	
Tent Rentals	\$	2,500.00	
Multi-Purpose Building Rental	\$	2,000.00	
Insurance premium Refund	\$	5,000.00	

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE \$1,971,231.00
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$1,971,231.00

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the following Reserve Accounts to be used as revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2021-2022 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

Ambulance Equipment Reserve Account: \$ 250,000.00

TOTAL TRANSFER FROM RESERVES \$ 250,000.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 250,000.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 250,000.00

Article 14 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
(Gov. Body, Town Admin, General Assist, Municipal Bldg., Elections)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 657,064.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 657,064.00

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 197,521.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 197,521.00

Article 16 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for
PUBLIC SAFETY
(Ambulance Dept, Police Dept, Fire Dept, EMA Dept)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 1,487,072.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,487,072.00

Article 17 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
MADAWASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 103,945.00

Article 18 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 1,184,755.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,184,755.00

Article 19 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
PARKS, RECREATION, MAINTENANCE & SAFETY COMPLEX DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 489,199.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 489,199.00

Article 20 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for
TOWN WIDE INSURANCES

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	153,867.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	153,867.00

Article 21 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
INTERGOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	883,116.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	883,116.00

Article 22 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for
SOCIAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	19,465.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	19,465.00

Article 23 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for
DEBT SERVICE

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	496,204.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	496,204.00

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Pollution Control (Sewer) Operation and Maintenance (O & M) and Debt Service Budget in the amount of **\$978,180.00** and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to determine the due date for sewer bill payments and to set the rate of interest at **6%** per annum on the unpaid balance of sewer bills.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	978,180.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	978,180.00

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to ratify funds collected from memberships, donations and other non-property tax revenue to fund and operate the **Community Gym**.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 26 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, 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 amount of **\$100,000** during any fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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 through the tax lien mortgage foreclosure process, 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. Except that if the Board of Selectmen sells property tax-acquired from certain qualifying senior, low income taxpayers they shall use the sale process required by Title 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they sell such property to anyone other than the former owner(s).

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 28 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 SEWER LIEN, after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back 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

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the date that real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2022) and to fix the rate of interest at 6% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the date that sewer-user bills for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2022) and to fix the rate of interest at 6% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of, surplus owned town personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen, to transfer funds received from the State of Maine for the 2021-2022 snowmobile registration funds to the Madawaska Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen to apply for snowmobile trail grants from the State of Maine on behalf of the Madawaska Snowmobile Club to maintain trails, and to transfer such funds to the Madawaska Snowmobile Club.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager, with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen to apply for ATV trail grants from the State of Maine on behalf of the Madawaska ATV Club to maintain trails, and transfer such funds to the Madawaska ATV Club.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to credit the Police Department receipts to include all fees and fines, parking violations, 25% of campsite rental fees, sex offender fees, dog violation fees, court officer/witness for service fees reimbursed by the State, and all funds received from the Department of Justice and other State and Governmental agencies as restitution, to the Police Car Reserve Fund , and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to draw from the Police Car Reserve Fund as may be deemed necessary to purchase a police vehicle and/or police equipment.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 36 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

Article 37 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to approve 2021-2022 Community Development Block applications for the following:

- Micro-Enterprise Program
- Housing Assistance Program
- Downtown Revitalization Program
- Business Assistance Program
- Economic Development Fund Loan Program
- Public Infrastructure Program
- Maine Department of Conservation Recreational Trails Programs
- Maine DOT Safe Routes to School Program
- Maine DOT Quality Community Program
- STK Foundation Grant
- USDA Rural Development Programs
- Maine COPS Hiring Program
- Federal Emergency Management Grants
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- Grants.Gov-EMS Programs
- Maine Community Foundation
- Economic Development Administration
- Northern Borders Regional Commission
- DECD- Business Friendly

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 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 38 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant project development application(s) for the following program(s) and dollar amounts:

Program: Downtown Revitalization Amount: \$300,000

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development 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. Furthermore, the Town of Madawaska is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to sell a piece of property located in Madawaska, Maine found on Tax Map 10, a section of the Undeveloped Cannan Street roughly 50 feet wide commencing at the easterly side abutting 25th Avenue and running in a westerly direction roughly 241 feet to the abutting the Undeveloped Reed Avenue. Terms of the sale shall be for up to \$1,446.00, with closing, survey and legal costs to be paid by the buyer.

Proceeds from the Sale of the property as described in this article will be set aside in the Town of Madawaska's Undesignated Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$300,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund (June 20, 2020 balance: \$1,838,454.00) into a Credit Reserve Account to provide for reserve funds which may be applied in periods of financial emergency to assist in continuing normal municipal operations without increasing the tax rate. Such account established in accordance of M.R.S.A 30-A § 5018 (3).

EXPLANATION: Title 30-A § 5018 (3) authorizes the establishment of such accounts by the Town's legislative body; limits the annual appropriation to such accounts to 5% of the current tax commitment (2021 Town limit: \$359,373); and requires a determination by the legislative body that a financial emergency exists.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 41 (Written ballot required by statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit for the Town of Madawaska by State of Maine Law in the event that the municipal budget under the foregoing articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

*****Action on this Article necessary only if the tax commitment is**

is greater than the property tax levy limit.***

Article 42 To see if the voters of the Town will grant a Water Pipeline Utility Easement to the Madawaska Water District on an undeveloped town road located at the end of Riverview Street on Tax Map 5, recorded in book 428 and page 218 at the Northern Aroostook Registry of Deeds.

Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to approve the "Town of Madawaska Maine 2nd Amendment Resolution". *Resolution attached to the warrant.*

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE / AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE WITH THE
TOWN CLERK AT THE MADAWASKA TOWN OFFICE

Article 43 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to amend the **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance?**

Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen

Article 44 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to amend the **Land Use Code** Section IV Administration (G) *Permits*

Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen

Article 45 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to Amend the **Land Use Code** Section III Definitions; *Structure?*

Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF Madawaska, Maine RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; The Second Amendment of the United State Constitution reads: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."; and

WHEREAS; The Constitution of the State of Maine, Arranged by the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and approved by the Maine State Legislature, Resolve 2013, chapter 75, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article X, Section 6; and

WHEREAS; The Constitution of the State of Maine, Article I, Section 16 states, "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."; and

WHEREAS; The Town of Madawaska Maine's Citizens wish to express its deep commitment to the rights of its citizens; and

WHEREAS; The Town of Madawaska Maine's Citizens wish to further express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of our citizens to peacefully keep and bear arms; and


HEREAS; The Town of Madawaska Maine's Citizen Board of Selectmen wishes to express its intent to stand as a sanctuary for the right to keep and bear arms within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Citizens of the Town of Madawaska Maine, do hereby resolve and declare its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms for its citizens.

Approved by the Citizens of Madawaska at the June 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting

Dated and signed at Madawaska, Maine this 26th Day of May, 2021

A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY:


Nathalie Morneault
Nathalie Morneault, Town Clerk
Town of Madawaska

Madawaska Board of Selectmen

Douglas Cyr
Douglas Cyr, Chairman

Laurie Gagnon, Vice Chairman

Manon Bilodeau Raymond
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Jason Boucher
Jason Boucher, Selectmen

Daniel Daigle, Selectmen

OFFICERS RETURN

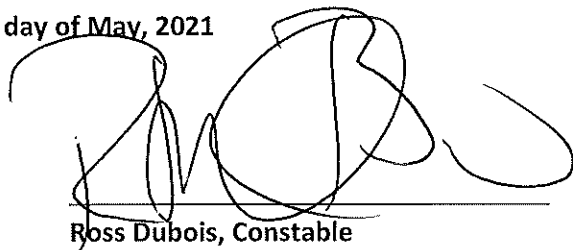
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State of Maine

I certify that I have notified the voters of Madawaska of the time and place of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING by posting a true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Town Clerk's office, Twin Rivers Paper Time Office, the Madawaska Town Office, and the St. David Post Office.

A photocopy of the within warrant will be posted at a variety of other locations throughout the community for the convenience of the public.

Dated at Madawaska this 26th day of May, 2021



Ross Dubois, Constable