

**TOWN OF MADAWASKA
2017 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 Knights of Columbus Hall in said Town on **Tuesday, the 26th day of June A.D., 2018 @ 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 **Wednesday, the 27th of June A.D., 2018 @ 7:00 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 one (1) member of the Finance Committee for a term of three years (currently vacant).

Article 4 To elect in open meeting one (member) of the Board of Trustees of the Madawaska Public Library for a term of three (3) years. (Term of Leonette St. Onge expires in 2018).

Article 5 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 6 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 amount of \$100,000 during any fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen through the Town Manager to establish a Madawaska Property Tax Club for the establishment of equal

monthly tax obligation payments and to authorize the Town Manager to establish rules and criteria for participation in said tax club program. Said tax payments shall be allowed to be made interest free so long as the tax payer keeps current with their monthly obligations and meets all established criteria contained therein.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 8 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

Article 9 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 will be due and payable (March 15, 2019) and to fix the rate of interest at 7% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2019.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 10 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 will be due and payable (March 15, 2019) and to fix the rate of interest at 7% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2019.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 11 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 12 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

2017-2018 snowmobile registration funds to the Madawaska Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 13 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 14 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 15 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 16 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 17 To see if the Town will vote to adopt an interim budget for the operation of the Town and to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/12th of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2017-2018 annual budget for each month during the period beginning July 1, 2018, and to make school appropriation payments according to the 2018-2019 school budget, until the adoption of an annual town operating budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to repurpose and reallocate the Equipment Transportation Account (established in 2013 to transport surplus military equipment) to the Police Car Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 19 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to approve 2017-2018 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

***Reminder polls will be open from 8 am – 8 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 26, 2018. The Board of Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be at the Madawaska Town Office for the purpose of registering and correcting the list of voters at the Madawaska Town Office during regular business hours from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Dated and signed at Madawaska, Maine this 13th day of June 2018.


A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY:

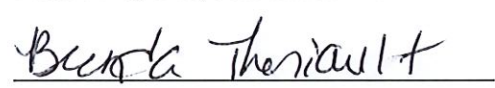

Amy Ouellette, Town Clerk

Madawaska Board of Selectmen


Brian Thibeault, Chairman


Don Chasse, Vice Chairman


Denise Duperre, Selectman


Brenda Theriault, Selectman

Alan Pelletier, Selectman

OFFICERS RETURN


Aroostook, ss

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 13th day of June, 2018


Ross Dubois, Constable