

**TOWN OF MADAWASKA
2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**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 said Town affairs to meet at the **Madawaska High School Cafeteria** in said Town on **Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 2020 at 6:30 pm**, then and there to act on Articles 1-43 set out below to wit.

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

Article 2 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 (Previously held by Joel Dechaine).

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 Susan Gendreau).

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$264,500.00 to a **Road Projects Reserve Account.** **Current Balance: \$62,088.68.00**

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the **Recreation Facilities Reserve Account.** **Current Balance: \$5,000.00**

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

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate \$200,000.00 from the **Ambulance Equipment Reserve Account** to the **Public Works Grader Rebuild Reserve Account.**
New Account Current Balance: \$0.00

**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: \$36,992.00

**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: \$0.00

**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: \$31,527.00

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

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$44,300.00 to the **Emergency Generator Transfer Switch Reserve Account** New Account Current Balance: \$0.00

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

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$43,750.00 to the **MDOT 2021 Sidewalk Project Match Reserve Account.** Current Balance: \$19,872.00

EXPLANATION: The 2021 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 \$130,000.

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

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000.00 to the **Safety Complex Roof Replacement Project Reserve Account.** New Account Current Balance: \$0.00

**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 2020-2021 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	\$	582,935.00	
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	\$	20,000.00	
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	\$	9,000.00	
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$	375,000.00	
Ambulance Contract – Frenchville	\$	13,000.00	YEAR 1 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – St. Agatha	\$	9,400.00	YEAR 1 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – Grand Isle	\$	8,067.00	YEAR 1 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	\$	<u>5,000.00</u>	

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE \$1,933,402.00

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$1,933,402.00

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 2020-2021 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

Health Reserve Account:	\$	5,761.00
Town Office Feasibility Study:	\$	20,000.00
Town 150th Reserve Account:	\$	510.00
Ambulance Equipment Reserve Account:	\$	<u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	\$	76,271.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 76,271.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 76,271.00

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 \$ 667,087.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 667,087.00

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 \$ 229,649.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 229,649.00

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 \$ 1,432,856.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,432,856.00

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 107,370.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 107,370.00

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 \$ 1,179,687.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,179,687.00

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 \$ 474,077.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 474,077.00

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 \$ 154,400.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 154,400.00

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 \$ 870,981.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 870,981.00

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 \$ 21,465.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 21,465.00

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 **\$939,487.00** and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to determine the due date for sewer bill payments and to set the rate of interest at 8% per annum on the unpaid balance of sewer bills.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 939,487.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 939,487.00

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 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they sell such property to anyone other than the former owners(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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2021) and to fix the rate of interest at 8% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2021.

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2021) and to fix the rate of interest at 8% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2021.

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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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 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 Frenchville Maine, found on Tax Map 11, Lot 013 D at the Frenchville Town Office, and as described in a Warranty Deed conveyed to THE INHABITANTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MADAWASKA by Gerald and Bernadette Thibeault dated October 28, 1985, and recorded at the Northern Aroostook Registry of Deeds, Book 661, Page 156. The terms of the sale will be by sealed bid, with an established minimum bid price of \$40,000 US Funds, in addition to the closing and

legal costs to be paid by the winning bidder. Sealed bids will be received and opened by the Board of Selectmen at a future Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Proceeds from the Sale of the property as described in this article will be set aside in a Public Works Capital Equipment Reserve Account

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to release without consideration to Philip S. Clavette, his successors and assigns, an abandoned sewer line easement which is located at 170 Main Street, Tax Map 5, Lot 161 in Madawaska, Maine.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to release without consideration to the United States of America and its assigns, an abandoned sewer line easement which is located at 93 Vital Drive, Tax Map 5, Lot 162, in Madawaska, Maine.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 41 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow an amount of money not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 plus interest for a period of ten (10) years at the best terms available, for-the-purpose of a Road Repair and Paving Project. Said project would commence in 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 42 To see if the Town of Madawaska will vote to change its Maine State Retirement plan for its eligible police officers effective November 1, 2020, for future service only.

The Town agrees to:

- a) Provide Special Plan 3C to its police officers who work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 (copy attached) for service rendered after June 30, 2020. Service rendered prior to July 1, 2020 remains under Regular Plan AC.
- b) Continue to provide Regular Plan AC to all other employees who work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 and to its elected/appointed officials. All other part-time, seasonal or temporary employees are excluded from participating in the Plan.
- c) To authorize Board of Selectmen Chairman, Doug Cyr to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

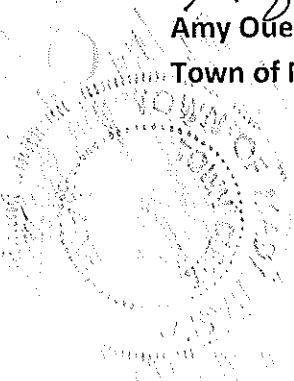
Article 43

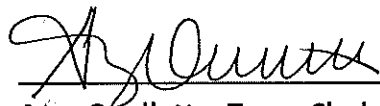
(Written ballot required by statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit for the Town of Madawaska by State of Maine Law in the event that the municipal budget under the foregoing articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

*****Action on this Article necessary only if the tax commitment is
is greater than the property tax levy limit.*****

Dated and signed at Madawaska, Maine this 25th Day of September, 2020

A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY:



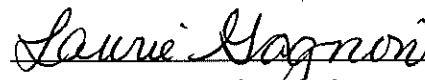


**Amy Ouellette, Town Clerk
Town of Madawaska**

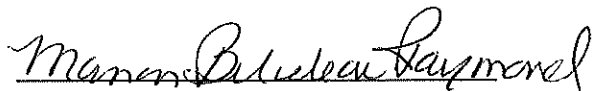
Madawaska Board of Selectmen



Douglas Cyr, Chairman



Laurie Gagnon, Vice Chairman



Manon Bilodeau, Selectmen

Jason Boucher, Selectmen

Daniel Daigle, Selectmen

**2020 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
TOWN OF MADAWASKA, MAINE**

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTNESS
AS OF**

September 25, 2020

I hereby certify that as of this date, the Town of Madawaska, Maine has no outstanding indebtedness, except as listed below:

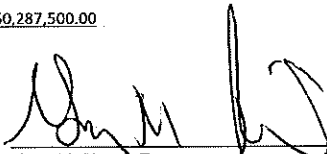
Date Incurred	Purpose	Original Amount	Term	Rate	Outstanding	Creditor
May-12	Sewer Dept. Upgrade	\$256,540.92	20 years	1.00%	\$217,384.44	Maine Municipal BB
Sep-11	CSO Paving Loan	\$950,000.00	10	3.95%	\$234,352.06	Maine Municipal BB
Nov-12	Sewer Dept. Upgrade	\$1,980,000.00	30	2.13%	\$2,158,085.79	Maine Municipal BB
Dec-17	Public Works Payloader	\$170,715.00	5	2.84%	\$72,163.12	KS StateBank
Apr-18	EMS Ambulance Unit	\$197,098.00	5	3.65%	\$84,590.74	Aroostook S & L
Oct-18	Public Works Pickup	\$35,863.65	5	4.42%	\$21,518.19	GM Financial
Nov-18	Downtown Revitalization	\$3,000,000.00	20	3.52%	\$3,926,257.64	Maine Municipal BB
Oct-19	Public Works Truck	\$53,050.30	5	3.85%	\$42,440.24	GM Financial
Feb-20	Public Works Plow Truck	\$153,869.00	3	4.45%	\$107,708.40	Mercedes Benz
Sep-19	Street lights LED upgrade	\$136,413.30	5	3.85%	\$152,565.60	Municipal Leasing Cons.
Nov-11	School Construction Bond	\$2,700,000.00	15	4.95%	\$1,323,959.49	Maine Municipal BB
Apr-20	Sewer Dept. Upgrade	\$6,105,000.00	28	1.38%	\$6,105,000.00	USDA Rural Development
Nov-19	Sewer Dept. Upgrade	\$695,000.00	30	1.00%	\$695,000.00	CWSRF MMBB

TOWN DEBT	\$4,641,595.99
POLLUTION CONTROL DEBT	\$9,175,470.23
SCHOOL DEBT	\$1,323,959.49
TOTAL DEBT	\$15,141,025.71

The Debt limit of the Town is: \$ 25,143,750.00

The Aggregate debt limit of the Town / School / Sewer Department is: \$50,287,500.00

Dated at Madawaska, Maine
September 25, 2020



 Gary M. Picard, Treasurer
 Town of Madawaska, Maine

(SEAL)

OFFICERS RETURN

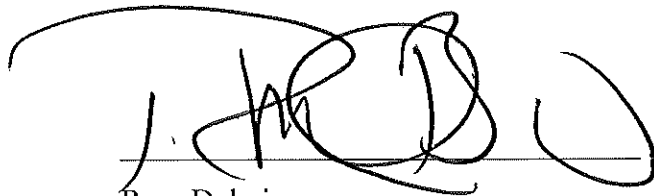
Aroostook, ss.

State of Maine

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town 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 Clerks Office, Twin Rivers Paper Time Office, the Madawaska Town Office, and the St. David Post Office.

A photocopy of the within warrant was posted at the Twin Rivers Paper Catalog Time Clock, Madawaska High School Cafeteria, Bobs Neighborhood Store, Ouellette's Garage, Larry Beaulieu Tire & Service Center, Bobs Service Center, Tim Horton's, McDonald's, Madawaska Post Office, Madawaska Police Station, and all conspicuous public places within the Town of Madawaska on September 25, 2020.

Dated at Madawaska this 25 day of September, A.D., 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ross Dubois', written over a horizontal line.

Ross Dubois

Police Chief