

**TOWN OF MADAWASKA
2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT RETURN**

**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 **Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019 at 6:30 pm**, then and there to act on Articles 1-33 set out below to wit. And to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Madawaska to meet at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** on **Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 8:00 am** then and there to act on **Article 34 (The polls will be open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm)**.

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

MODERATOR: Robert Bellefleur

NOMINATION BY: Donald Chasse

SECONDED BY: L. James Lavertu

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATION: Lester Ouellette

SECONDED BY: Thomas Kent

Moderator Bellefleur asked the congregation for a motion to give permission to allow Town Manager Gary Picard to speak during the meeting since he is a non-resident.

MOTIONED BY: Thomas Kent

SECONDED BY: Lester Ouellette

Article 2 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 by Dave Morin and Tom Kent), and one (1) member of the Finance Committee for a term of two years (Previously held by Mark Cyr).

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 Rachelle Defarges).

Motion by Donald Chasse to nominate David Morin for the 3 year Finance Committee Member position. Seconded by: Raymond Beaulieu. **All in favor.**

Finance Committee (3yrs): David Morin

PASSED

Motion by Donald Chasse to nominate Raymond Beaulieu for the 3 year Finance Committee Member position. Seconded by: David Morin. All in favor.

Finance Committee (3yrs): Raymond Beaulieu

PASSED

Finance Committee (2yrs): Position remained vacant

Motion by Raymond Beaulieu to nominate Sandra Nadeau for the 3 year Library Board of Trustees position. Seconded by: Joel Dechaine. 21 votes in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Barbara Morin to nominate Jessica Blalock for the 3 year Library Board of Trustees position. Seconded by: Jean Ouellette. 13 votes in favor. **MOTION NOT CARRIED.**

Library Board of Trustees (3yrs): Sandra Nadeau

Article 3

To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CAPTIAL RESERVES**

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	77,506.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	77,506.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,506.00 for Capital Reserves by: Ken Theriault Jr.

SECONDED BY: Beverly Madore

PASSED

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$264,500.00 to a **Road Projects Reserve Account.**

EXPLANATION: The Public Works Department Budget was reduced by \$224,500.00 for road projects and reallocated to the Road Projects Reserve Account.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	264,500.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	264,500.00

MOTIONED BY: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 5,000.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 5,000.00

MOTIONED BY: James Soucy
SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$35,000.00 to the Deferred Vacation Reserve Account.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 35,000.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 35,000.00

MOTIONED BY: James Soucy
SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following general fund estimated revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2019-2020 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

Veteran's Exemption	\$	4,000.00	
Interest & Penalties	\$	21,500.00	
Tree Growth Exemption	\$	6,000.00	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	240,000.00	
PILOT La Maison Acadian	\$	15,000.00	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$	700,000.00	
Boats Excise Taxes	\$	2,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Fee	\$	10,000.00	
VRF Administration	\$	18,000.00	
Pollution Control Administration	\$	42,500.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$	5,000.00	
Building Permits	\$	4,000.00	
Inspection Fees	\$	100.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$	2,500.00	
CEO Contracted Services	\$	8,800.00	
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$	375,000.00	
Ambulance Contract – Frenchville	\$	13,000.00	YEAR 3 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – St. Agatha	\$	9,400.00	YEAR 3 OF 3
Contracted Fire Protection	\$	1,000.00	
Fuel Tax Refund	\$	10,000.00	
Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP)	\$	85,000.00	
Tent Rentals	\$	2,500.00	

Multi-Purpose Building Rental \$ 2,000.00
Insurance premium Refund \$ 5,000.00

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE \$1,582,300.00
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$1,582,300.00

MOTIONED BY: Lester Ouellette
SECONDED BY: Joel Dechaine

PASSED

Article 8

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 Departments)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 732,983.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 732,983.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$732,983.00 for the
General Government Department by: James Soucy
SECONDED BY: Thomas Kent

PASSED

Article 9

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 \$ 234,727.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 234,727.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,727.00 for the
Development, Codes & Assessing Department by: Gisele Dionne
SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 10

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 1,444,281.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,444,281.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,444,281.00 for
Public Safety Departments by: Thomas Kent
SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

Article 11

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 \$ 113,242.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 113,242.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,242.00 for the
Madawaska Public Library by: Beverly Madore

SECONDED BY: Gisele Dlonne

PASSED

Article 12

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 \$ 1,182,321.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,182,321.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,182,321.00 for the
Public Works Department by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

PASSED

Article 13

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 \$ 465,257.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 465,257.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$465,257.00 for
the Parks, Recreation, Maintenance & Safety Complex

Department by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 14

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 \$ 173,836.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 173,836.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,836.00 for the
Town Wide Insurances by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Colin Jandreau

PASSED

Article 15 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	\$	937,002.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	937,002.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$937,002.00 for the Intergovernmental Department by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Colin Jandreau

PASSED

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	10,207.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	10,207.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,207.00 for Social Services Department by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Beverly Madore

PASSED

Article 17 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$	434,473.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	434,473.00

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$434,473.00 for Debt Service by: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 18 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 (Three Million Dollars and no cents) plus interest for a period of fifteen (15) years at the best terms available, for-the-purpose of a Road Repair and Paving Project. Said project would commence in 2019 with road preparation, including but not limited to: Culvert replacement, ditching, road base improvements as needed, with final paving to take place in 2020.

EXPLANATION: Final project size and scope will be variable based on bid pricing received. Proposed Project Details attached to the final page of this town warrant.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: James Soucy

SECONDED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

PASSED

Article 19

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 **\$843,027.00** 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 \$ 843,027.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 843,027.00

MOTIONED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 20

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

MOTIONED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

SECONDED BY: Beverly Madore

PASSED

Article 21

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

MOTIONED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

SECONDED BY: Beverly Madore

PASSED

Article 22

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. 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

MOTIONED BY: Beverly Madore
SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 23

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

MOTIONED BY: Mike Fortin
SECONDED BY: Beverly Madore

PASSED

Article 24

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2020) and to fix the rate of interest at 8% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2020.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Lester Ouellette
SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 25

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2020) and to fix the rate of interest at 8% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2020.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Thomas Kent
SECONDED BY: Gisele Dlonne

PASSED

Article 26 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

MOTIONED BY: Mike Fortin

SECONDED BY: James Soucy

PASSED

Article 27 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 2019-2020 snowmobile registration funds to the Madawaska Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Ronald Gervais

SECONDED BY: Gallant Raymond

PASSED

Article 28 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

MOTIONED BY: Ronald Gervais

SECONDED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

PASSED

Article 29 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

MOTIONED BY: Mike Fortin

SECONDED BY: Ronald Gervais

PASSED

Article 30 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

MOTIONED BY: Mike Fortin

SECONDED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

PASSED

Article 31 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

MOTIONED BY: Gisele Dionne

SECONDED BY: Thomas Kent

PASSED

Article 32 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to approve 2019-2020 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

MOTIONED BY: Beverly Madore
 SECONDED BY: Mike Fortin

PASSED

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to accept a private road currently known as Fairfield Street to become a town way. Acceptance shall be contingent upon a fully executed Deed of the subject property to the Town of Madawaska.

EXPLANATION:

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
 RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
 RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

MOTIONED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.
 SECONDED BY: Colin Jandreau

PASSED

Article 34 To elect all necessary officers as required by secret ballot. (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528)

Board of Selectmen (3-year term expiring June 2022)

****** An Article for the LD 1 Tax Levy Limit is not needed this year as the Town Budget has not exceeded the growth limitation factor. ******

**MOTION MADE TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL AFTER THE POLLS TOMORROW 6/11/19 AT
 8:00AM - 8:00PM BY: GISELE DIONNE
 SECONDED BY: MIKE FORTIN**

***** Reminder *****

Polls will open from 8 am – 8 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 11, 2019.

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 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Article 34 To elect all necessary officers as required by secret ballot. (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2528)

Board of Selectmen (3-year term expiring June 2022)

243 – Cyr, Douglas J. **(ELECTED)**

47 – Dionne, Jason A.

28 – Dionne, Kelsey

103 – Morneault, Joshua A.

A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY:



Amy Ouellette, Town Clerk

Town of Madawaska

