

RETURNS OF TOWN OF MADAWASKA
2022 NOTICE OF ELECTION (June 14, 2022)
& ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (June 28, 2022)

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 14th day of June A.D., 2022 @ 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 28th of June A.D., 2022 @ 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.

MODERATOR: Bermaund Banville

PASSED

NOMINATION BY: Pierrette Soucy

SECONDED BY: Patricia Dufour

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATION: Linda Cyr

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Sharron Ouellette

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

- **ELECTED BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2025)**

Michaud, Christopher D. – 389 (Elected)

WRITE-INS:

Morneault, Josh – 1

Michaud, Bob- 1

Biden, Joe- 1

Chasse, Donald – 1

Daigle, Dan – 1

Houston, Jay – 1

Daigle, John – 1

- **ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE – (3 YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2025)**

Deschaine, Steven – 214 (Elected)

Guerrette, Nicholas – 195

WRITE-IN:

Houston, Jay – 1

Gagnon, Ben – 1

- **ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE – (1 YEAR TERM, EXPIRING June 2023)**

(To serve the remaining term of Louis Dugal, Resigned)

Gruber, Jacqueline – 213 (Elected)

Martinez, Amber – 167

WRITE-IN:

Braley, Mindy – 1

Carter, Jane – 1

Guerrette, Nicholas – 1

Trump, Donald – 1

Michaud, Bob- 1

Gendreau, Shirleen – 1

Ouellette, Lester – 1

- **ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE – (1 YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 2023)**

(To serve the remaining term of Mindy Braley, Resigned)

Thomas, Jean Ann – 381 (Elected)

WRITE-INS:

Martinez, Amber – 8

Michaud, Bob – 1

Houston, Jay

A motion for Non-Residents to speak at Tonight's meeting, Town Manager Gary M. Picard and Ed Bearor Town Attorney

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Denise Duperre

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 (one previously held Raymond Beaulieu, and one vacant).

No nominations for the Finance Committee at the meeting, the Board of Selectmen will need to appoint members.

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 Sandra Nadeau).

Nomination for Sandra Nadeau

MOTIONED BY: Manon Raymond

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Francis Gendreau

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$225,000.00 to a **Road Projects Reserve Account.** **Current Balance: \$277,857.16**

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

MOTIONED BY: Paul Lausier

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the **Recreation Facilities Reserve Account.** **Current Balance: \$15,000.00**

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

MOTIONED BY: Colin Jandreau

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the **Public Works Equipment Reserve Account.** **Current Balance: \$86,309.73**

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

MOTIONED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Julie Colbath

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Fire Truck Reserve Account. Current Balance: \$50,000.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Paul Desjardins

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Denise Duperre

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 to the Fire Department Capital Repairs Reserve Account. Current Balance: \$19,352.09

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Ross Dubois

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: \$64,031.00

EXPLANATION: The 2023 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 \$177,469.70.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Paul Desjardins

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Fire Station #2 Building Repairs Reserve Account. New Account.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: James Cyr

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Eric Cyr

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Public Works Garage Heating Building Repair Reserve Account. New Account.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Ross Dubois

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Public Library Capital Repair Reserve Account. **New Account.**

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Julie Colbath

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following general fund estimated revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2022-2023 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

US Dept. of Justice FY22 COPS	\$	32,000.00	
Veteran's Exemption	\$	6,000.00	
Interest & Penalties	\$	21,500.00	
Tree Growth Exemption	\$	6,500.00	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	983,372.00	
PILOT La Maison Acadian	\$	20,000.00	
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$	775,000.00	
Boats Excise Taxes	\$	2,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Fee	\$	12,000.00	
VRF Administration	\$	22,370.00	
Pollution Control Administration	\$	42,500.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$	5,000.00	
Building Permits	\$	2,000.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$	1,000.00	
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$	610,000.00	
Ambulance Contract – Frenchville	\$	13,000.00	YEAR 3 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – St. Agatha	\$	9,400.00	YEAR 3 OF 3
Ambulance Contract – Grand Isle	\$	8,067.00	YEAR 3 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 **\$2,669,209.00**

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN **\$2,669,209.00**

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: James Cyr

Article 14

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
Grader Rebuild Reserve:	\$	17,403.00
Safety Complex Roof Repair Reserve:	\$	<u>5098.16</u>

TOTAL TRANSFER FROM RESERVES \$ 272,501.16

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 276,953.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 276,953.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Ross Dubois

Jason Boucher amends the Safety Complex Roof Repair Reserve to reflect \$5098.16

Richard J Dionne seconds the amendment.

PASSED

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund (June 20, 2021 balance: \$2,077,613.00) to be used toward the FY 2022-2023 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised in property taxes.

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Kris Albert

Article 16

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 \$ 717,587.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 717,587.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

SECONDED BY: Kris Albert

PASSED

Article 17 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 \$ 204,416.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 204,416.00

MOTIONED BY: Keith Cyr

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Ross Dubois

Article 18 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 \$ 1,822,253.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,822,253.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Sue Cyr

Article 19 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 121,735.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 121,735.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Jamie Pelletier

Article 20 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 \$ 1,467,987.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 1,467,987.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Kris Albert

Article 21 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 \$ 565,139.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 565,139.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 22

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 \$ 160,674.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 160,674.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 23

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 \$ 969,342.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 969,342.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 24

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 20,127.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 20,127.00

MOTIONED BY: Keith Cyr

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

Article 25

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE \$ 765,782.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$ 765,782.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Giselle Dionne

Article 26

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 **\$1,035,301.00** 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	\$	1,035,301.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$	1,035,301.00

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 27

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: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 28

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

MOTIONED BY: Jamie Pelletier

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Charles Theriault Jr.

Article 29

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

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Kris Albert

Article 30 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: Mark Madore

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Paul Lausier

Article 31 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2023) and to fix the rate of interest at 4% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: James Cyr

Article 32 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, 2022, to June 30, 2023 will be due and payable by (March 15, 2023) and to fix the rate of interest at 6% per annum to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning March 16, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 33 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: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Eric Cyr

Article 34 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 2022-2023 snowmobile registration funds to the Madawaska Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

Article 35 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: Mark Madore

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

Article 36 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: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Mark Madore

Article 37 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: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Julie Colbath

Article 38 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: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 39 Shall the Town of Madawaska vote to approve 2022-2023 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: Mark Madore

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to transfer insurance revenues generated from Fire Department Calls to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Mark Madore

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

Article 41 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. Property shall be offered to those abutting, the terms of the sale shall be for up to \$1,446.00, shared proportionately with any buyer(s), with the closing, survey and all legal costs to be shared proportionately by willing buyer(s). Property shall be offered to each abutting landowner, with willing buyers responsible to secure the survey and legal work. Abutters not able to meet the terms of the sale will not affect the overall sale, with the property to be offered to those willing buyers proportionately as defined by this article.

Proceeds from the Sale of the property as described in this article will be set aside for the Town of Madawaska's Bicentennial Park Pavilion Project.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Mark Madore

Article 42 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 23, Lot 11, recorded in Book 655 and Page 314 at the Northern Aroostook Registry of Deeds. Terms of Sale will be highest bid, with a minimum bid set at \$30,000.00.

Proceeds from the Sale of the property as described in this article will be set aside for the Town of Madawaska's Bicentennial Park Pavilion Project.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Mark Madore

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keith Cyr

Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$150,000.00 from the Town's Undesignated Fund (June 20, 2021 balance: \$2,077,613.00) 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).

Current Balance: \$300,000.00

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 (2022 Town limit: \$353,863); and requires a determination by the legislative body that a financial emergency exists.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

SECONDED BY: Gisele Dionne

PASSED

Article 44 To see if the Town of Madawaska will vote to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803.

The Town of Madawaska agrees:

- a) To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for its non-participating employees with optional membership who previously declined to participate in MainePERS ("eligible employees") and to comply with the following requirements:
 - a. To offer by July 1, 2022 the opportunity to join MainePERS prospectively to all its eligible employees who were employed for more than 5 years as of November 1, 2021, to advise these employees that this will be their only opportunity to join, and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each eligible employee's election; and
 - b. Beginning in 2022, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years, and in 2022 eligible employees who had reached 5 years of employment between November 1, 2021 and November 1, 2022, the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision: and
 - c. To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and to remit them to MainePERS.
- b) To authorize Gary M. Picard, Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Employer and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Article approved as written

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Denise Duperre motions to dispense the reading of Article 44 and approve as written.
Keith Cyr seconds the motion.

PASSED

Article 45 To see if the Town of Madawaska will vote to change its plan for eligible emergency medical services employees effective July 1, 2022, for future service only.

The Town agrees to:

- a) Provide coverage for its emergency medical services 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 under Special Plan 3C for service rendered after June 30, 2022. Service rendered by emergency medical services employees before July 1, 2022 remains under Regular Plan AC.
- b) Continue to 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.
- c) Continue to provide Regular Plan AC to all other employees 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.
- d) Continue to exclude all other employees, including all temporary and seasonal employees and employees who work 20 hours per week or less from participating in the plan.
- e) To authorize Gary M Picard, Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Article/Motion approved as written.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MOTIONED BY: Ross Dubois

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Jamie Pelletier

Article 46 (~~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.***~~

No Action Taken

Article 47 To see if the Town of Madawaska will exercise its power of eminent domain to take the property interests described in the attached Condemnation Order and paying just compensation for all damages to the owner, Seritage SRC Finance LLC all as set forth in the attached "Order of Condemnation" Exhibit A.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Ross Dubois

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

Article 48 To see if the Town of Madawaska will exercise its power of eminent domain to take the property interests described in the attached Condemnation Order and paying just compensation for all damages to the owner, Seritage SRC Finance LLC all as set forth in the attached "Order of Condemnation" Exhibit B.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Paul Lausier

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

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

Article 49 To see if the Town will vote to approve a "Food Sovereignty Ordinance" as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, Chapter 8-F, the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.

EXPLANATION: MRS Title 7 § 284 authorizes a municipality to "opt-in" and locally adopt Maine Food Sovereignty under home rule authority via adoption of a Food Sovereignty Ordinance. This ordinance shall be governed in adherence to the Maine Food Sovereignty Act Title 7 § 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, and 286.

Ordinance and MRS Title 7, Chapter 8-F attached to the warrant.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

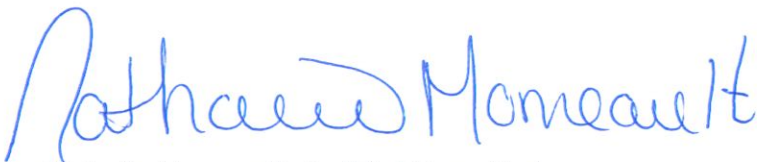
MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy

PASSED

SECONDED BY: Keren Morin

Adjournment at 7:06 P.M.

A True and Attested Copy:



Nathalie Morneault, Certified Town Clerk
Town of Madawaska

