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Warrant for Town Meeting

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Chris Cummings, Constable for the Town of Arrowsic, County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Arrowsic Fire Station on Wednesday the 12th of June, a.d. 2013, at six-thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

ELECTIONS

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Peter Goodwin nominated and voted in with 6 votes

Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Jennifer Hall- nominated and voted in unanimously

Art. 3. To elect by ballot, for a three-year term:

Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor,

Surveyor of Lumber and Bark, Fence Viewer

Michele Gaillard nominated and voted in unanimously with 7 votes

Art. 4. To elect:

A Treasurer

A motion was made to allow Mary McDonald speak since she is not a resident of the Town. Motion was seconded and all were in favor of allowing Mary to speak throughout the meeting.

Mary MacDonald nominated and voted in unanimously

Elizabeth Rollins nominated and voted in unanimously

A Tax Collector

Elizabeth Rollins nominated and voted in unanimously

A motion was made to allow Mary MacDonald speak since she is not a resident of the Town. Motion was seconded and all were in favor of allowing Mary to speak throughout the meeting.

Mary MacDonald nominated and voted in unanimously

Note: FY 12-13 amounts reflect expenditures through 4/22/2013

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers: *Note: Salaries include employee FICA & Medicare taxes (7.65%).*

Sukey explained voting on the Town levy limit and that ~~there-the Select Board will be proposing not to apply any of our is not a surplus this year~~ to defray taxes this year.

Passed

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the following wages to Town Election Workers. ***Passed***

FY 11-12

FY 12-13

FY 13-14

Registrar	300	300	450
Deputy Registrar	250	250	250
Election Wardens	450	450	450
Election Clerks	1,100	1,300	1,300
Election Counters	600	700	700
Total	2,700	3,000	3,150

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to expend to the Town Codes Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector fees collected to these respective individuals in the form of wages.

Passed

Art. 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the payroll taxes on all of the salaries and wages paid (7.65%). **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
3,092	2,974	3,000	2,823	3,172

Art. 9. To vote to allow the Town to accept and expend the following monies or materials for FY 13-14: miscellaneous contributions, donations, grants, and reimbursements.

Passed

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from **surplus** for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. **Passed**

Karen Robbins asked what is the current surplus. Mary said estimated \$261,000 at this time.

Kenneth Gunston asked where the funds are going for the improvement of the FD? Dale Carlton answered that the engine needs to be replaced soon and that is what it will go towards.

Art. 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide the Town with fire protection for FY 13-14. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
12,000	12,000	12,000	7,891	12,000

Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide the Town with Ambulance Service for the ensuing year. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
7,500	5,043	7,500	1,643	6,500

Bill Wiseman spoke to the abilities of our Fire Department in Town and how well trained and rapid the response ~~is to all emergencies~~ was to his recent emergency.

Art. 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to fund the dedicated Scholarship Account. **Passed**
 Scholarship Committee Recommends \$1,000

Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to expend from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy and deserving students from the Town pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution; to be selected by the Selectmen on the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
2,700	1,000	1,000	3,000	1,000

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund and to provide appropriate receipts thereof. **Passed**

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the ensuing year for assessing expenses, including an Assessor's Agent. **Passed**

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from **surplus** to build a dedicated fund for the future revaluation of town properties by a licensed assessor. **Passed**

Jeremy Blaiklock asked how much will a revaluation cost. Sukey answered approximately \$30,000.

Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FY 12-13 Auditor's Report and associated services. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
6,900	6,900	7,500	7,300	7,500

Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or draw from Excise Tax and the MDOT Block Grant for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties for the ensuing year, including snow removal. **Passed**

	FY 11-12	(4/22)	FY 13-14
Actual/Budgeted	114,511	128,833	171,500
Excise Tax	80,036	57,850	80,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,372	10,591	12,000

Road Commission Proposed Budget 2013-2014

General Maintenance	2,500
Culverts	1,500
Grading	20,000
Asphalt Repair; General Maint.	3,000
Road Sign Replacement	1,000
Paving	65,000
Emergency	1,500
Town Hall Snow Removal	500
Snowplow	76,500
Total	171,500

Appropriations:

Excise Tax	80,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,000
Amount to be raised:	79,500

Jim Stump spoke to the status of the roads in Town including paving projects and line painting for bicycles.

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
8,700	5,673	7,150	4,405	6,750

John Hinds spoke about the recycling in Town ~~as well as the current rates of recycling in Town being lower than in the past and urged people to reduce, reuse and recycle.~~

Art. 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of solid waste disposal. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
27,200	26,640	28,900	20,090	27,000

John spoke again about the recycling committee and openings that are available to be filled

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife and blueback herring resource closed to harvesting during the 2014 season for conservation purposes. **Passed**

Karen Robbins spoke about the grants received and the monitoring for this year. ~~The numbers are down around 4000 due to low water which does demonstrate a need for improvements of the alewife pathway waterflow~~Volunteers are recording information. She noted that numbers were down considerably which that demonstrates a need to replace the culvert under Route 127.

Art. 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of septage waste for the ensuing fiscal year. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request

2,000 1,955 2,000 2,500 2,500

Art. 24. To see which organizations the Town will support for the coming year. ***Passed***

	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	625	625	625
Bath Area Family YMCA	300	300	300
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath-	600	600	500
Citizens for Squirrel Point	0	100	100
Coastal Trans	300	300	300
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded	500	500	500
Family Focus	300	300	300
Friends of the Doubling Point Light	100	100	100
Greater Bath Elder Outreach	100	100	100
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (new)	0	0	100
LifeFlight Foundation (new)	0	0	100
Maine Public Broadcasting	250	0	250
MCM Community Action	325	325	325
New Hope for Women (new)	0	0	200
Patten Free Library	7,417	6,839	6,839
The Range Light Keepers	100	100	100
Spectrum Generations	350	350	350
Sweetser	572	512	504
Tedford Shelter	150	100	200
Totals	12,989	13,151	11,793

Note: Organizations no longer receiving Town donations are omitted in columns FY 11-12 and FY 12-13

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to fund Article 24. ***Passed***

Selectmen recommend \$11,793.

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues in the coming year. ***Passed***

		Maine Municipal Association		
FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)	FY 13-14	
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
1,200	1,231	1,250	1,269	1,310

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of State funding listed below, as provided by the Maine State Legislature. ***Passed***

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	Estimated	14,177
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	12,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	320
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	250
Snowmobile Registration Revenues	Estimated	100
State grants or other funds not included above	Unknown(s)	
Homestead	Estimated	7,000

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent expenses for the ensuing year. *Passed*

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
2,000	100	2,000	0	2,000

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration expenses such as bank service charges, office supplies, postage, printing, software, payroll processing, small dues and training, small repairs, travel reimbursements, Arrow and web-site expenses for the ensuing year.

Passed

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
8,500	6,898	8,500	6,222	8,500

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the Annual Report for the upcoming year. *Passed*

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
1,700	1,257	3,000	2,000	3,000

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance for the coming year. *Passed*

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
9,500	8,544	9,000	8,666	9,000

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Utilities for the coming year. *Passed*

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
4,500	3,586	4,500	3,130	4,000

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
2,500	188	2,500	313	2,500

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
100	0	100	0	100

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Conservation Commission. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
450	301	450	200	450

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

Passed

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
500	553	500	220	500

Art. 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the miscellaneous expenses of the Education Review Committee. **Passed**

Selectmen recommend \$100.

Tim Harkins, Chair of the RSU 1 School Board and Arrowsic resident spoke about the Arrowsic SAG and how it fits in with the other SAGs in the RSU. He encouraged residents to attend board meetings and be as involved as possible so that there is an understanding and knowledge of how RSU decisions affect Arrowsic students.

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide Legal Services. **Passed**

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
2,000	0	2,000	6,920	4,000

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxes.

Selectmen recommend \$20,000.00. The Selectmen revised their recommendation to \$0 from the floor.

A motion to amend the recommendation from \$20,000 to \$0 was made and seconded. Motion on the amendment was Passed unanimously. Article 39 as amended was passed unanimously.

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for improvements and maintenance expenses to Town properties. ***Passed***

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
5,500	5,608	5,500	1,753	5,000

Art. 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing animal control support services including housing and sheltering of stray animals. ***Passed***

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
600	320	320	0	320

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency. ***Passed***

FY 11-12		FY 12-13 (4/22)		FY 13-14
Request	Actuals	Request	Actuals	Request
100	0	100	0	100

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from **surplus** to the Capital Improvements Fund for the replacement of the Town Hall roof. ***Passed***

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy of \$211,963 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

This article is by written vote

Passed 49 Yes 3 No 1 Blank

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance as set for below. ***Passed***

Underlined parts are new:

3.6 Structures

3.6.1.8 On a non-conforming lot of record on which only a residential structure exists, and on which it is not possible to place an accessory structure meeting the required water body, tributary stream or wetland setbacks, the code enforcement officer may issue conditional use and building permits to place a single accessory structure, with no utilities, for the storage of yard tools and similar equipment. Such accessory structure shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height, and shall be located as far from the shoreline or tributary stream as practical and shall meet all other applicable standards, including lot coverage and vegetation clearing limitations. In no

case shall the structure be located closer to the shoreline or tributary stream than the principal structure.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to correct misspelling in Table IV, Non-Native Invasive Plants on page 15 of the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: **Passed**

Table IV
Non-Native Invasive Plants

TREES

<u>Norway Maple</u>	<u><i>Acer platanoides</i></u>
<u>Common Buckthorn</u>	<u><i>Rhamnus cathartica</i></u>
<u>Glossy Buckthorn</u>	<u><i>Rhamnus frangula</i></u>
<u>Autumn Olive</u>	<u><i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i></u>
<u>Russian Olive</u>	<u><i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i></u>

SHRUBS

<u>Japanese Barberry</u>	<u><i>Berberis thunbergii</i></u>
<u>Burning Bush</u>	<u><i>Euonymus alatus</i></u>
<u>Tatarian Honeysuckle</u>	<u><i>Lonicera tatarica</i></u>
<u>Morrow's Honeysuckle</u>	<u><i>Lonicera morrowii</i></u>
<u>Japanese Honeysuckle</u>	<u><i>Lonicera japonica</i></u>
<u>Bittersweet (vine)</u>	<u><i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i></u>
<u>Multiflora Rose</u>	<u><i>Rosa multi~ora</i></u>

Rugosa Rose *Rosa rugosa*

Table IV
Non-Native Invasive Plants (continued)

PERENNIALS

<u>Purple Loosestrife</u>	<u><i>Lythrum salicaria</i></u>
<u>Yellowflag Iris</u>	<u><i>Iris pseudacorus</i></u>
<u>Garlic Mustard</u>	<u><i>Alliaria petiolata</i></u>
<u>Giant Hogweed</u>	<u><i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i></u>
<u>Black Swallow-wort</u>	<u><i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i></u>
<u>Pale Swallow-wort</u>	<u><i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i></u>
<u>Japanese Knotweed</u>	<u><i>Fallopia japonica</i></u>
<u>Phragmites</u>	<u><i>Phragmites australis</i> (non-native form)</u>

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund. **Passed**

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all revenues from dog license fees to a dedicated Animal Control Account and authorize the Selectmen to draw from that account for the purpose of funding animal control work in town. **Passed**

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees (Actual 12-13:\$0.00) **Passed**

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's legislated responsibilities for providing General Assistance in accordance with the Town's General Assistance Ordinance passed in 1992. (Actual 12-13:\$1,926) **Passed**

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary for tax abatements due to overpaid taxes. **Passed**

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. **Passed**

Karen Robbins asked if there were any properties to be disposed of at this time. There are none.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the Undesignated Surplus. **Passed**

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes. **Passed with one opposed**

Michael Kreindler asked if there was any way to get the tax year in sync with the fiscal year. Roger Heard said that with this being a small town there is a delicate balance that goes with keeping everything in order and the surplus serves the purpose of paying the bills until the taxes are collected.

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize balances in Town dedicated funds to postpone or eliminate the need to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Funds reduced in this way would be restored with incoming tax revenues. **Passed with two opposed**

Art. 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for annual interest on all taxes unpaid 60 days after posting. Selectmen recommend 4.0% (State Maximum Allowed—7%) **Passed**

Art. 57. To see what date the Town will select for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen recommend Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 6:30 pm. **Passed**

Selectmen:

Sukey Heard

Bill Savedoff

Michele Gaillard

Attest:

Jennifer Hall