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SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 20TH, 2018

TO: Eric I. Blanchette, a resident of the Town of Frenchville in the
Aroostook County, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of
the Town of Frenchville in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at
the Frenchville Community Center in said town on Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 2018
A.D., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on articles numbered 1 and 2 as set
out below; the polling hours therefore to be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until six
o'clock in the evening.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Frenchville Community Center
in said Town on Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 2018 A.D., at seven o'clock in the
evening, then and there to act on articles numbered 3 thru all of said articles being set out below, to
wit:

Meeting Called to order by Town Clerk, Susette Zetterman on March 20, 2018 at 10:00 am.

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
Motion by Clarence Roy to nominate Aurel Lavoie as Moderator; and Travis Duval as Deputy
Moderator; seconded by Andrew McQuarrie and Ryan E. Pelletier. All in Favor. Motion carries. Susette
Zetterman, Town Clerk sears in Moderator and Deputy Moderator.

ART. 2. To elect all necessary Town officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot. (M.R.S.A.,
Title 30A, 2528)
Town Meeting called to order by Town Clerk, Susette Zetterman at 7:00pm. Town clerk
Motion by Craig Lawrence to nominate Travis Duval as Town Meeting Moderator; Seconded
by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Moderator opens Meeting.

• If registered, must have a pink card.

• Must use pink card to vote or speak. Hand votes will not be counted, only pink cards.

• Questions must be based on warrant. No other topics allowed.

• When recognized to speak, please state your name first.

• Discussion of each article limited to 5 min, may be extended at discretion of
Moderator.

Results from elections:
Board of Selectman: Clarence Roy (82 votes) elected for a 3 year term.
Board of Selectman: Percy Thibeault (64 votes) elected for a 3 year term
SAD #33 Director: Lana Cyr (99 votes) elected for a 3 year term.
SAD #33 Director: Melissa Paradis (101 votes) elected for a 3 year term.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to appoint:

A. One member to the Budget Committee (3 year term):
   • Aurel E. Lavoie

B. Three members to the Planning Committee (3 year terms):
   • Lloyd P. Paradis
   • Robert V. Paradis
   • Dale B. Roy

C. Three members to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term):
   • Carl Sousa
   • Ronnie Picard
   • Brian Roy

D. One member as the Animal Control Officer (3 year term):
   • Dean Lavoie

E. One Member to the Northern Aroostook Airport Authority Board (3yr):
   • Adam Paradis

F. One member as Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector (3 year term):
   • Robert C. Ouellet

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: DONA SAUCIER. SECONDED BY: PERCY THIBEAULT. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, receipts from state revenues, unexpended balances, accounts receivable, reserve balances and any other miscellaneous receipts for the support of Town operations.

Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommended by the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LA VOIE. SECONDED BY: WILFRED SAUCIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Town Office Operations:</td>
<td>184,455</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select People Wages</td>
<td>6,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tax Discounts (3%)</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

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<tr>
<td>Street Lights</td>
<td>26,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NARSB- Sludge Site</td>
<td>800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ambulance Service – Contract until- 2020</td>
<td>13,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Valley Recycling- Disposal Fees</td>
<td>64,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</strong></td>
<td><strong>309,955</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:</strong></td>
<td><strong>309,955</strong></td>
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MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AURLE LAVOIE.
SECONDED BY: BERTRAND MICHAUD. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**:

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<tr>
<td>Advertising, Auditor, Legal Services &amp; Town Report</td>
<td>11,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dues, Bank fees, Memberships &amp; MMA Convention</td>
<td>6,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assessor, Map Updates &amp; Tax Bills</td>
<td>6,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Development Block Grant Program</td>
<td>5,225</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:</strong></td>
<td><strong>29,025</strong></td>
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<td><strong>RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:</strong></td>
<td><strong>29,025</strong></td>
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MOTION TO APPROVE BY: VERNON LABBE.
SECONDED BY: DANIEL PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**:

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<tr>
<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>35,703</td>
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<td>Code Enforcement</td>
<td>4,554</td>
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<tr>
<td>Health Officer</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Animal Control</td>
<td>1,700</td>
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<td>Northern Aroostook Regional Airport Authority</td>
<td>11,920</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:</strong></td>
<td><strong>54,377</strong></td>
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ART. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**:

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Roads (November to April)</td>
<td>112,625</td>
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<td>Summer Roads (May to October)</td>
<td>79,350</td>
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<tr>
<td>Town Garage Maintenance</td>
<td>20,678</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment Maintenance</td>
<td>34,590</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paving</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment Reserve</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drug Testing</td>
<td>215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Benefits/Payroll Taxes</td>
<td>50,255</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:</strong></td>
<td><strong>313,713</strong></td>
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**RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:** 313,713  
**RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:** 313,713

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY:** VERNON LABBE.  
**SECONDED BY:** AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICES**:

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Senior Citizens –Le Club du Bonheur</td>
<td>3800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frenchville Historical Society</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce</td>
<td>300</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. John Valley Associates, Inc.</td>
<td>3000</td>
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<td>Aroostook Area Agency on Aging Inc</td>
<td>533</td>
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<td>Aroostook County Action Program Inc</td>
<td>220</td>
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<tr>
<td>American Red Cross</td>
<td>210</td>
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<td>St. John Valley Soil Conservation</td>
<td>229</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Luce Food Pantry</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maine Acadian Heritage Council Dues</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frenchville Snowmobile Club</td>
<td>600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Northern Maine Veteran’s Cemetery</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Lake Library</td>
<td>250</td>
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<tr>
<td>Veteran Flags</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Homeless Services of Aroostook</td>
<td>1. 1,630 on account currently</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heritage Park</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Life Flight Foundation</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>Maine Public TV &amp; Radio</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Misc. Donations</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>MSAD 33 School Food Pantry</td>
<td>250</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES:</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,492</strong></td>
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**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT. SECONDED BY: JEREMY PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

**ART. 10.** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

| Recreation Department       | 7,281                          |
| Boat Landing (90% reimbursement grant) | 1,290                        |
| **TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** | **8,571**                  |
| **RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:** | **8,571**                     |
| **RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:** | **8,571**                     |

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BERTRAND MICHAUD. SECONDED BY: WILFRED SAUCIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

**ART. 11.** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **COMMUNITY CENTER:**

| Community Center Maintenance and Operations | 12,570                          |
| **TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER:** | **12,570**                  |
| **RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:** | **12,570**                     |
| **RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:** | **12,570**                     |

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT. SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

**ART. 12.** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate for **SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

| Sewer Operations & Maintenance | 99,362                          |
| Total Sewer Debt Service       | 51,520                          |
MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JOHN EZZY.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

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<th>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE:</th>
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MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: JOHN EZZY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DEBT SERVICE:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Purpose of Loan:</th>
<th>Payoff Date</th>
<th>Payments Remaining</th>
<th>Annual Payments (avg.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Town Office Loan (5/1/07)</td>
<td>11/1/2027</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12,139</td>
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<td>Community Center (8/13/12)</td>
<td>08/13/2022</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>8,906</td>
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<td>Public Work 2003 International (11/26/14)</td>
<td>11/26/2018</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>10,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Work 2017 Western Star (8/12/16)</td>
<td>9/1/2021</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>25,363</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016 Road Project (11/3/16)</td>
<td>11/01/2034</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>104,266</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:</td>
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<td>161,175</td>
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MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JEREMY PELLETIER.
SECONDED BY: DANIEL PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 15 To See if the Town will vote to authorize the repair of the Public Works Garage and Fire Department Building with an estimated cost of $10,000 to be paid with funds from the Un-appropriated Surplus Account.

Recommendation from the Board of Select People: $10,000
Recommendation from the Budget Committee: $10,000

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JOHN EZZY.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.
ART.  16 To see if the Town will Authorize the Town of Frenchville to move funds from the Sewer Buy in for litigation and legal representation to current Sewer MOU signed by the BOS on September 11th, 2011. Allocation will be used for legal fees and additional administration costs. Requested amount not to exceed $40,000

    Recommendation from the Board of Select People: $40,000
    Recommendation from the Budget Committee: $40,000

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LAVOIE.
SECONDED BY: WILFRED SAUCIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART.  17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the repair/replacement of the Skating Rink Rec Building and with an estimated cost of $15,000 to be paid with funds from the Surplus Unappropriated Account.

    Recommendation from the Board of Select People: $15,000
    Recommendation from the Budget Committee: $15,000

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LVOIE.
SECONDED BY: WILFRED SAUCIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

**ARTICLE AMENDED TO READ:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the repair/replacement of the Skating Rink Rec Building and with an estimated cost of $15,000 to be paid with funds from the Surplus Unappropriated Account, pending voter approval of plan.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BERTRAND MICHAUD.
SECONDED BY: JOHN EZZY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART.  18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sludge removal at cell # 2 at Wastewater Treatment Plant. To be paid with funds from Sewer buy-in.

    Recommendation from the Board of Select People: $25,000
    Recommendation from the Budget Committee: $25,000

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LAVOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART.  19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer (year-end unexpended) amounts from the Public Works department’s 2017 appropriated amount to the department’s Capital / Equipment Reserve Account or unappropriated Surplus Account. (meaning; wheelers, other trucks, loaders, graders, etc.).

    (Current Reserve balance is $9,874.83)
    Recommended by the Board of Select People.
    Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: RON PICARD.
SECONDED BY: JEREMY PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART.  20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer (year-end unexpended) amounts from the Fire Department’s 2017 appropriated amount to the department’s Capital/Equipment Reserve Account or unappropriated Surplus Account. (meaning; fire trucks, safety/equipment, etc.).

    (Current Reserve balance is $3,185.40)
    Recommended by the Board of Select People.
    Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: DANIEL PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.
ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer (year-end excess revenues) amounts from the Public Works department’s 2017 appropriated amounts to the department’s Capital/Equipment Reserve Account (meaning; wheelers, other trucks, loaders, graders, etc.).

Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: WILFRED SAUCIER.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote that orders of the Board of Select People for the closing of roads in winter under 23 M.R.S.A. §2953 shall be final determinations of said closing.

Recommended by the Board of Select People.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LA VOIE.
SECONDED BY: WILFRED SAUCER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to use any monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program for the purpose of repayment on the MMBB loan for the 2016 Road Project.

Recommended by Board of Select People.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: JEREMY PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize that taxes and sewer fees become due and payable on demand; and, to see if the Town will vote to allow a Discount as follows:

3.00 % Discount if paid by August 31. And, that INTEREST be charged at the rate of 7.00% per annum from December 31st, 2018 to date of payment on unpaid taxes and sewer fees.

Recommended from the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: RON PICARD.
SECONDED BY: JEREMY PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 25. To see if Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to charge interest of 7.00% on abated taxes and sewer fees.

Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: DANIEL PELLETIER.
SECONDED BY: JOHN EZZY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

** ARTICLE AMMENDED TO READ: To see if Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to PAY interest of 4.00% (7.00% LESS 3.00%) on abated taxes and sewer fees.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JOHN EZZY.
SECONDED BY: BOB BOUCHARD. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Select People, to sell and dispose by advertisement to the highest bidder any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or sewer; thereon, or otherwise on such terms as they deem advisable, and to sign and execute a Quit-Claim deed on such property.

Recommended by Board of Select People.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: AUREL LA VOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.
ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to sell or dispose of any surplus personal property. Such terms shall be governed by the Town’s Comprehensive Bidding policy.

**Recommended by Board of Select People.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JOHN EZZY.**

**SECONDED BY: AUREL LAVOIE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2018 taxable year to the next town meeting date in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town.

**Recommended by Board of Select People.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LAVOIE.**

**SECONDED BY: JOHN EZZY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to apply, on behalf of the Town, for Federal Assistance under the Provision of Land & Water Conservation Act, Public Law 88-578, and the Municipal Recreation Fund MRSA Title 12, Section 602, § 14, for the development of the Frenchville Recreation Park and a Recreational Trail Grant Program; and, further authorize the Board of Select People to enter into the Land & Water Conservation fund and Municipal Recreation Project Agreement with the State of Maine and subsequent to Federal/State approval of the project. Local matching funds to be provided by in-kind services and un-appropriated reserves.

**Recommended by Board of Select People.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AUREL LAVOIE.**

**SECONDED BY: VERNON LABBE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer the Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund and Grooming Grant Fund received from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to the Frenchville Snowmobile Club. Such funds will be used to maintain snowmobile trails. Expenditures from this fund will be administered under the supervision of the Board of Select People. Estimated refund amount is $500.00 from the registration fees and $20,000.00 for Grooming Grant.

**Recommended by Board of Select People.**

**Recommendation from the Budget Committee.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: DANIEL PELLETIER.**

**SECONDED BY: PERCY THIBEAULT. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to use Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing application for 2018 C.D.B.G funds from the State. The application would be for the following programs: 2017 Community Development Planning Grant, Historical Preservation Grant, MDOT Gateway Grants, Boat Landing Grant, Community Development Block Grant Housing and Public Infrastructure applications and submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development; and/or USDA Rural Development; and if said programs are approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make 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 the Board of Select People.**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: DONA SAUCIER.**

**SECONDED BY: DANIEL PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**
ART. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce its tax commitment:

Revenues from Sewer Fees (2018) 120,600.00
Revenues from State Revenue Sharing (2018) 58,651.86
Revenues from Interest Income (2018) 7,500.00
Revenues from Excise Tax (2018) 270,000.00
Revenues from Local Road Assistance Program (2018) 24,856.00

481,607.86

Recommended by the Board of Select People: $481,607.86
Recommended by the Budget Committee $481,607.86

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AURLE LAVOIE.
SECONDED BY: PERCY THIBEAULT. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer from Un-appropriated Excise Tax, Revenue Sharing and Surplus to set the 2018 overlay, if needed, for the purpose of reducing and setting the 2018 net tax commitment.

Recommended by Board of Select People.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: WILFRED SAUCIER.
SECONDED BY: DONA SAUCIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote authorize to exceed the property tax levy limit of $TBA established for the Town of Frenchville by State Law (LD-1) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

(It is required that this article be voted by the written ballot process)

Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommended by the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: JEREMY PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

RESULTS OF VOTE: YES 27
NO 6

ART. 35. To see if the town will to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

State Aid to Education ......................... Estimate Unknown
State Revenue Sharing ...................... Estimate 58,651.86
BETE Reimbursement .......................... Estimate 22,500.00
BETR Reimbursement ......................... Estimate Unknown
Department of Transportation ................. Estimate Unknown
Local Road Assistance ........................ Estimate 24,856.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement ................. Estimate Unknown
Veteran Exemption Reimbursement .......... Estimate 2,000.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement .... Estimate 65,000.00
General Assistance ............................. Estimate 3,000.00
Aircraft Excise tax ............................ Estimate 1,500.00
Snowmobile Grooming Grant ................. Estimate 20,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Refund ............. Estimate 500.00
Court Collection Fees ......................... Estimate Unknown
Fire Department Grant ........................ Estimate Unknown
Anticipated Community Development Block Grant Estimate Unknown
Anticipated Recycling Grant .................. Estimate Unknown
Sewer Construction Funds .................... Estimate Unknown
Emergency Management Agency .............. Estimate Unknown
Public Library State Aide .................... Estimate Unknown
All other State and Federal funds not listed Estimate Unknown

This article does not request any money but merely gives the Town authority to accept checks from various State and Federal agencies.

Recommended by the Board of Select People.
ART. 36. To see if the townspeople will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2017 budget during the period of Jan. 1, 2018 to the annual town meeting in March 2018.

**ARTICLE AMENDED TO READ:** To see if the townspeople will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2018 budget during the period of Jan. 1, 2019 to the annual town meeting in March 2019.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: DONA SAUCIER
SECONDED BY: VERNON LABBE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to draw on the Un-Appropriated Surplus Reserve to unauthorized expenses and for emergencies not to exceed $15,000.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: PERCY THIBEAULT.
SECONDED BY: DANIEL PELLETIER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY VERNON LABBE. SECONDED BY DANIEL PELLETIER.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:16PM
The Board of Select People hereby gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session for the purpose of registering qualified applicants for voting and correcting the list of voters at the Town Office on the 20th day of March, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon until 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

**Given under our hands this 13th day of March, 2018.**

Board of Select People, Frenchville, ME

_____________________________________
Craig Lawrence, Chairman

_____________________________________
Yvon Dube, Vice- Chairman

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Clarence Roy, Select Person

_____________________________________
Andrew McQuarrie, Select Person

_____________________________________
Vacant, Select Person

A true copy:
Attest: ______________________________
Susette Zetterman
Municipal Clerk, Frenchville Maine

**Officer's Return**

March 20th, 2018 Annual Town Meeting & Elections

- **Town Office** - - - - - - - - 285 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- **Community Center** - - - - - 343 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- **Post Office 04745** - - - - - 386 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- **Paul's Gas** - - - - - - - - - 355 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- **Jim’s Convenience**- - - - - - - 269 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Frenchville of the time and place for the Annual Town Election / Meeting to be held on March 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2018 by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the above named places, all conspicuous public places within the Town of Frenchville, this 13\textsuperscript{th} day of March, 2018, which is at least 7 days prior to the Annual Town Election / Meeting date.

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Eric I. Blanchette
Resident, Town of Frenchville, Maine

ATTEST: ____________________________
Susette Zetterman,
Municipal Clerk, Town of Frenchville, Maine