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**Town of St. Agatha
2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**AROOSTOOK, ss
STATE OF MAINE**

TO: Amy Ouellette, a resident in the Town of St. Agatha, 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 St. Agatha, in said County, qualified by law to vote in said town affairs to meet at the St. Agatha Town Office, in said town on **Tuesday the 12th day of June A.D. 2012 at 7:45 am in the morning**, then and there to act on Article 1 & 2. The **polls will open at 8:00 am** and will close at 8:00 pm. (The moderator will be elected 15 minutes prior to the opening of the polls) And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** in said town on **Tuesday the 19th day of June A.D. 2012 at 7:00 pm**, then and there to act on the remaining articles being set out below to wit:

- Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
- Article 2 To elect all necessary Town Officers as is required to be elected by secret ballot (MRSA Title 30-A, § 2528). (1 School Board Member for a 3 year term -currently held by Jean Martin and 1 Board of Selectmen Member for a 3 year term – currently held by Dale Chamberland)
- Article 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials not elected by secret ballot for the ensuing year.
- Article 4 To elect in open meeting those officials not required to be elected by secret ballot. Budget Committee - to choose four (4) members of the budget committee each for a term of three years. (Currently held by the following individuals: Donald Daigle, Duane LaBrie, Vacant (previously Mark Chamberland), and Ken Lerman).
- Article 5 Shall the Town adopt the proposed ordinance entitled “Disbursement Warrant Ordinance”? *Copy attached.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

- Article 6 Shall the Town enter into a 25 year lease with the State of Maine, by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation for the purpose of operating and maintaining the boat landing and swimming area located in St Agatha on Route 162? *A copy of the lease is available for review at the St Agatha Town Office during normal business hours.*

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 7 To see if the Town of St Agatha will vote to convey, without consideration, its interest in the assets of NARIF (Northern Aroostook Regional Incineration Facility) to VRF (Valley Recycling Facility).

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 8 To see if the Town of St Agatha will vote to dissolve NARIF and to authorize the Town Manager to file the Articles of Dissolution with the Maine Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to use \$15,808 of overlay to cover the over expensed abatement line for FY 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 10 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Department**. 2012 2013

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$166,928	\$171,565
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$166,928	\$171,565

Article 11 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Development Department**. 2012 2013

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$13,725	\$11,825
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$13,725	\$11,825

Article 12 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Department**. 2012 2013

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$212,468	\$209,006
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$212,468	\$209,006

Article 13 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation & Parks Department**. 2012 2013

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$26,312	\$26,334
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$26,312	\$26,334

Article 14 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fitness Center Department**. 2012 2013

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$25,390	\$25,618
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$25,390	\$25,618

Article 15	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Protection Department.	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$16,221	\$16,246
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$16,221	\$16,246

Article 16	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Volunteer Fire Department.	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$28,400	\$22,656
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$28,400	\$22,656

Article 17	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Intergovernmental Department.	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$81,523	\$76,708
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$81,523	\$76,708

Article 18	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following agencies in the Human Services Department.		
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Aroostook Agency on Aging	\$270
Ste. Agathe Historical Society	\$2,000
Maine Acadian Heritage	\$100
World Acadian Congress	\$820
ACAP	\$150
American Red Cross	\$300
St. John Valley Associates	\$3,000
St. John Valley Soil & Water Conservation District	\$224
Northern Maine Vet's Cemetery (Caribou)	\$100
Memorial Day – Legion Decoration at Cemeteries	\$150
St. John Aroostook RC & D	\$88
Chambers of Commerce (Madawaska & Fort Kent)	\$300
St. Agatha Food Pantry	\$500
Long Lake Public Library	\$2,000
Senior Citizen Lunch Program	\$4,250
Veteran's Memorial at Town Office	<u>\$300</u>
Total	\$14,552

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$14,339	\$14,552
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$14,339	\$14,552

Article 19	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Project & Reserves Account.	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$123,200	\$102,000
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$123,200	\$102,000

Article 20 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Debt Service Account.**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$27,626	\$29,922
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$27,626	\$29,922

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2013 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	<i>Estimated</i>	\$50,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes		\$215,000
Watercraft Excise Taxes		\$1,500
Fitness Center Revenues		\$9,550
Recreation Revenues		\$8,000
Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees		\$7,500
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits		\$500
Election Fees (Sinclair)		\$1,250
Ambulance Lease		\$750
Sewer Administration		\$2,500
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)		\$15,800
Veteran's Exemptions		\$300
Tree Growth Reimbursement		\$450
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)		\$125
Dog Licensing Fee (Town) to reduce Animal Control		\$250
General Assistance Reimbursement		\$500
Coping & Faxes		<u>\$200</u>
Total		\$314,175

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Reserve Accounts the following amounts for the noted reason:.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Local Roads	debt payment '06 paving	\$10,138
PW Truck	2009 plow truck loan payment	\$18,328
Economic Dev.	Welcome to Our Town ad	\$750
General Gov't Capital	Town Office computer upgrades	<u>\$1,400</u>
Total		\$30,016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the **Pelletier Island Association.**

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$9,550 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenue from sewer fees to operation and debt service of the **Sewer Department**.

Estimated revenues for FY 2013: \$168,923

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 26 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, through the Recreation Director or Town Manager, to offer new programs not included within this year's budget, so long as receipts from these programs fully cover their costs?

Article 27 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 of \$10,000 during any fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the snowmobile registration refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and grooming grant funds received to the Red Arrow Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining the local snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 29 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to set the date that real and personal property taxes will be due in two equal payments on before October 31, 2012 and April 30, 2013, and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013 respectively.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 31 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.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of, surplus town owned personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 33 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed five years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

- Article 34 To see if the Town will vote that orders of the Board of Selectmen for the closing of roads in winter under 23 MRSA §2953 shall be final determinations of said closing.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for Federal, State, and private foundation grant funds for various projects to benefit the Town, such as for housing, roads or general economic and community development purposes; and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend such grant funds for their intended purpose only, provided that the grants do not oblige the Town to provide matching funds or other contributions that have not been previously approved by the voters.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 36 Shall the Town of St Agatha vote to approve Community Development Block Grant applications for the following programs and dollar amounts:

Program: <u>Housing Assistance Grant</u>	Amount: <u>up to \$300,000</u>
Program: <u>Community Enterprise</u>	Amount: <u>up to \$150,000</u>
Program: <u>Public Facility</u>	Amount: <u>up to \$300,000</u>
Program: <u>Business Assistance/ED</u>	Amount: <u>up to \$120,000</u>

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development 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. Furthermore, the Town of St. Agatha is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG

program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$373,014** established for the Town of St. Agatha by State Law in the event that the FY 2013 municipal budget approved by 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 balloting process).

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

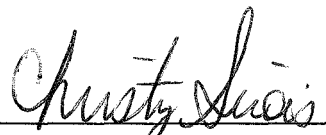
Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters will be at the Town Office during regular business hours from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, and also to receive applications for the purpose for those desiring to qualify as voters.

Dated and signed at St. Agatha, Maine this 11th day of April 2012.

ST. AGATHA BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Danny Bechard


Dale Chamberland

A True Copy 
Attest: Christy Sirois, Town Manager


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