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**Town of St. Agatha
2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**AROOSTOOK, ss
STATE OF MAINE**

TO: Lynn Tardif, 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 11th day of June A.D. 2013 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 18th day of June A.D. 2013 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 Sandra SanAntonio and 1 Board of Selectmen Member for a 3 year term—currently held by Beurmond Banville)
- 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: Fernande Desjardin, Keith LaBrie, Mary Michaud, and Ned Berce.).
- Article 5 Shall the Town adopt the proposed ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Require the Issuance of Special Amusement Permits”? *Copy attached.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

- Article 6 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Department.**
- | | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE | \$171,565 | \$174,839 |
| RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN | \$171,565 | \$174,839 |
- Article 7 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Development Department.**
- | | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE | \$11,825 | \$7,725 |

	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$11,825	\$7,725
Article 8	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$209,006	\$238,086
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$209,006	\$238,086
Article 9	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation & Parks Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$26,334	\$26,249
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$26,334	\$26,249
Article 10	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fitness Center Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$25,618	\$25,911
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$25,618	\$25,911
Article 11	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Protection Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$16,246	\$16,082
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$16,246	\$16,082
Article 12	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Volunteer Fire Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$22,656	\$24,675
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$22,656	\$24,675
Article 13	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Intergovernmental Department .	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$76,708	\$80,809
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$76,708	\$80,809
Article 14	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 .		
	Aroostook Agency on Aging		\$270
	Ste. Agathe Historical Society		\$2,500
	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
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>\$450</u>
Total	\$15,114

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$14,552	\$15,114
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$14,552	\$15,114

Article 15 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Project & Reserves Account.**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$102,000	\$108,800
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$102,000	\$108,800

Article 16 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Debt Service Account.**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$29,922	\$29,287
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$29,922	\$29,287

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2014 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	\$45,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$225,000
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$2,000
Fitness Center Revenues	\$12,350
Recreation Revenues	\$8,000
Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees	\$8,200
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits	\$1,200
Election Fees (Sinclair)	\$1,250
Ambulance Lease	\$750
Sewer Administration	\$2,500
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)	\$16,224
Veteran's Exemptions	\$500
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$800
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)	\$150
Dog Licensing Fee (Town) to reduce Animal Control	\$200
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500
Coping & Faxes	<u>\$300</u>
Total	\$324,924

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 18 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:

Fiscal Year	Account	Reason	Amount
2014	Local Roads	debt payment '06 paving	\$9,685
2013		Brook Rd paving 2012	\$100,000
2014	PW Grader	debt payment	\$15,827
2014	Economic Dev.	Welcome to Our Town ad	\$750
2014	Fitness Center	equipment repair (treadmill)	\$1,480.26
2013	Sewer Reserves	Pump station pump new & rebuilt	\$3,881.50
2013	Community Dev.	Matching funds for a grant	\$3,500
Total			\$135,123.76

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the **Pelletier Island Association.**

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$12,350 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. *Last year \$5,367.50 was transferred.*

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 21 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 2014: \$165,590

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 22 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 23 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 24 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 25 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 26 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, 2013 and April 30, 2014, and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014 respectively.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 27 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 28 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 29 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?

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 30 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 31 Shall the Town of St Agatha vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager to use the Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing 2013 grant applications for the following programs

Community Development Public Facilities Grant
Community Development Public Infrastructure Grant
Community Development Housing Assistance Grant
Community Development Downtown Revitalization Grant
Economic Development Program
Economic Development Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant
Maine Department of Conservation Recreational Trails Grant
Maine Safe Routes to School Program
MaineDOT Quality Community Program
Community Building Grant Program
STK Foundation Grant

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development; and/or USDA Rural Development; and/or MaineDOT; 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 THE 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 13th day of May 2013.

ST. AGATHA BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Danny Bechard

Beurmond Banville

Dale Chamberland

A True Copy_____

Attest: Christy Sirois, Town Clerk

OFFICER'S RETURN

Aroostook, ss

I certify that I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of St. Agatha of the place and time of the Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the Town Office; Babin's Grocery; Lakeview Restaurant, St. Agatha Post Office, Our Father's Place and Acadia Federal Credit Union all being conspicuous and public places within the Town of St. Agatha on June ____, 2013.

Dated at St. Agatha, Maine this _____ day of June, 2013.

Christy Sirois, Resident of the
Town of St. Agatha