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**Town of St. Agatha
2014 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 10th day of June A.D. 2014 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 11th day of June A.D. 2014 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 (MRS A Title 30-A, § 2528). (1 School Board Member for a 3 year term—currently held by Niklas Berce, 1 School Board Member for a 1 year term—currently held by Jean Martin and 1 Board of Selectmen Member for a 3 year term—currently held by Danny Bechard)
- 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: Alan Michaud, Gerard Castonguay, Luke Derosier Jr. and Roger Bosse).
- Article 5 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$59,000 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the proceeds of such grant to be appropriated to finance a portion of the costs (including soft costs, legal and other professional fees) to complete the regional wastewater project with Frenchville that started last year and to demolish the old wastewater treatment facility and a number of out buildings on behalf of the Town, to take any and all other action as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish such grant and to accomplish the purposes for which such grant is intended.

Article 6 To see if the voters of the Town of St Agatha will authorize the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to borrow an amount not to exceed \$21,000 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the proceeds of such borrowing to be appropriated and used to finance a portion of the costs (including soft costs, legal and other professional fees) to complete the regional wastewater project with Frenchville that started last year and demolish the old wastewater treatment facility and a number of out buildings on behalf of the Town, and to issue the Town's general obligation bonds, which shall have a term not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law, with such other terms and conditions, including the rate of interest to be borne by such bonds and provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as may be approved by the Treasurer, and to further authorize the Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to take any and all other action, including designating such debt as bank qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b) and to sign such other documents and certificates as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish such borrowing.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 7 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Department.** 2014 2015

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$174,839 \$177,796

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$174,839 \$177,796

Article 8 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Development Department.** 2014 2015

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$7,725 \$6,200

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$7,725 \$6,200

Article 9 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Department.** 2014 2015

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$238,086 \$218,156

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$238,086 \$218,156

Article 10 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation & Parks Department.** 2014 2015

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$26,249 \$28,202

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$26,249 \$28,202

Article 11 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fitness Center Department.** 2014 2015

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$25,911 \$27,007

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$25,911 \$27,007

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$16,082	\$16,110
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$16,082	\$16,110

Article 13 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Volunteer Fire Department.**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$24,675	\$24,620
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$24,675	\$24,620

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$80,809	\$79,774
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$80,809	\$79,774

Article 15 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	\$2,000
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
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	\$14,614

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$15,114	\$14,614
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$15,114	\$14,614

Article 16 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Capital Project & Reserves Account.**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$108,800	\$108,300
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$108,800	\$108,300

Article 17 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Debt Service Account**.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$29,287	\$29,170
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$29,287	\$29,170

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2015 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	\$28,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$230,000
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$2,000
Fitness Center Revenues	\$13,850
Recreation Revenues	\$7,940
Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees	\$8,200
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits	\$1,200
Election Fees (Sinclair)	\$2,290
Ambulance Lease	\$750
Sewer Administration	\$2,500
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)	\$16,980
Veteran's Exemptions	\$725
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$700
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)	\$120
Dog Licensing Fee (Town) to reduce Animal Control	\$175
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500
Coping & Faxes	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$316,180

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 19 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>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	Local Roads	debt payment '06 paving	\$9,203
2015	PW Grader	debt payment	\$15,827
2015	Economic Dev.	Welcome to Our Town ad	\$700
Total			\$25,730

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the **Pelletier Island Association**.

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$13,850 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. *Last year \$9,953 was transferred.*

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 22 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 2015: **\$166,170**

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 23 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?

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 24 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 25 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 26 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 27 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, 2014 and April 30, 2015, and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2014 and May 1, 2015 respectively.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Article 28 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 29 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 30 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 31 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 32 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 2014 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 27th day of May 2014.

ST. AGATHA BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Danny Bechard



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Dale Chamberland

A True Copy

Attest: Lynn Tardif, Town Clerk

