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**Town of St. Agatha
2015 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 9th day of June A.D. 2015 at 9:45 am in the morning**, then and there to act on Article 1 & 2. The **polls will open at 10:00 am** and will close at 6:00 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 **Wednesday the 10th day of June A.D. 2015 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, Douglas Lerman, Duane LaBrie and Kenneth Lerman).
- 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 \$20,000 from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands and the National Parks Service, 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 upgrades to the playground area at Parc du Lac a Mennon and the Main St Boat Landing 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.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 6 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 use surplus funds received from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) for payment of the Town's cost share for current and future employees who choose to enroll in said system. The funds were previously held by the system and used for the same purpose. MainePERS anticipates having the funds returned to the town by June 30, 2015. The estimated balance is \$110,721.

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.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$177,796 \$178,840

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$177,796 \$178,840

Article 8 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Development Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$6,200 \$5,650

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$6,200 \$5,650

Article 9 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$218,156 \$220,426

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$218,156 \$220,426

Article 10 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation & Parks Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$28,202 \$28,501

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$28,202 \$28,501

Article 11 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fitness Center Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$27,007 \$27,129

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$27,007 \$27,129

Article 12 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Protection Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$16,110 \$17,223

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$16,110 \$17,223

Article 13 To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Volunteer Fire Department.** 2015 2016

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE \$24,620 \$25,431

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$24,620 \$25,431

Article 14	To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Intergovernmental Department.	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
	RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$79,774	\$79,403
	RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$79,774	\$79,403

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
ACAP	\$150
American Red Cross	\$410
St. John Valley Associates	\$3,100
St. John Valley Soil & Water Conservation District	\$269
Northern Maine Vet's Cemetery (Caribou)	\$100
Memorial Day – Legion Decoration at Cemeteries	\$150
Chambers of Commerce (Madawaska & Fort Kent)	\$600
St. Agatha Food Pantry	\$525
Long Lake Public Library	\$2,000
Senior Citizen Lunch Program	\$4,250
Maine Public Broadcasting	\$100
Veteran's Memorial at Town Office	<u>\$300</u>
Total	\$14,574

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$14,614	\$14,574
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$14,614	\$14,574

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>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$108,300	\$93,000
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$108,300	\$93,000

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

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$54,200	\$44,129
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$54,200	\$44,129

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2016 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

State Revenue Sharing	\$29,104
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Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$230,700
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$2,000
Fitness Center Revenues	\$13,750
Recreation Revenues	\$8,000
Vital Statistics & Clerk Fees	\$8,250
Building, Plumbing & Sewer Permits	\$1,200
Election Fees (Sinclair)	\$1,040
Sewer Administration	\$3,450
Lien Fees	\$2,250
Lien Interest	\$750
Real Estate Interest	\$2,000
Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract & Wisdom School)	\$17,200
Veteran's Exemptions	\$725
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$700
Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)	\$150
Dog Licensing Fee (Town) to reduce Animal Control	\$175
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500
Coping & Faxes	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$322,194

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:

Fiscal Year	Account	Reason	Amount
2015	Community Festival	Summerfest Expenses	\$6,600
2016	Sidewalk	Replacement Project	Balance
			<i>(\$37,230 estimate)</i>
2016	Economic Devel.	Town/Businesses Ad.	\$750
2016	General Gov.	Server Replacement	\$5,000
2016	Recreation Depart.	Grant Match/Playground	Balance
			<i>(20,400 estimate)</i>

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds from the **Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)** for the **Sidewalk Improvement Project**.

ESTIMATE: \$58,430.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,604 for the **Pelletier Island Association**.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the \$13,750 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. *Last year \$9,797.50 was transferred.*

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 23 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 2016: \$170,750

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 24 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 25 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 26 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 27 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 28 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 or before the last Friday in October 2015 and in April 2016 respectively and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning the first business day in November 2015 and May 2016 respectively.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 29 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 30 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 31 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 32 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 33 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 2015 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

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 26th day of May 2015.

ST. AGATHA BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Danny Bechard



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Dale Chamberland

A True Copy

Attest: Lynn Tardif, Town Clerk



Lynn Tardif