Town of St Agatha 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

St Agatha, (Me.)
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Aroostook, ss
State of Maine

To: Theresa Albert, 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. 2018 at 7:45am in the morning, then and there to act on Article 1 & 2. The polls will open at 8:am and will close at 8:00pm. (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 13th of June A.D. at 7:00pm, then and there to act on the remaining articles being set out below to wit:

Article 1 To chose 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 Gerard Castonguay and 1 Board of Selectperson 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.

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Ryan Pelletier
All in favor

Article 4 To elect in open meeting those officials not require to be elected by secret ballot. Budget Committee to choose (4) members of the budget committee each for a term of three years (Currently held by the following individuals: Douglas Lerman, Kenneth Lerman, Duane Labrie, Don Daigle) and to choose (2) members for a 1 year term (Currently held by Ned Berce and Josh Babin) and to choose (1) member for a 2 year term (Currently held by Alan Michaud).
Motion by Christy Sirois to nominate the following: Dale Chamberland 3 year term, Don Daigle 3 year term, Josh Babin 1 year term, Doug Lerman 3 year term, Nik Berce 1 year term, Diane Berry 3 year term

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 5
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government Department

2017 2018
Recommended by the Budget Committee 207,556 209,660
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 207,556 209,660

Motion by Gerard Chasse
Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

Article 6
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Development Department

2017 2018
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7,330 7,345
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 7,330 7,345

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 7
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department

2017 2018
Recommended by the Budget Committee 254,873 238,585
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 254,873 238,585

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Diane Berry

Roland Paradis asked why the decrease. The Town Manager explained in the previous year the Public Works garage had new over head doors installed which would not be an expense in this current year.

All in favor

Article 8
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation and Parks Department

2017 2018
Recommended by the Budget Committee 41,110 42,650
Article 9
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Fitness Center Department

Recommended by the Budget Committee $24,575 $23,590
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $24,575 $23,590

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Gerard Chasse
All in favor

Article 10
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Public Protection Department

Recommended by the Budget Committee $18,922 $18,682
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $18,922 $18,682

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Robert Guerrette
All in favor

Article 11
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Fire Department

Recommended by the Budget Committee $30,031 $34,010
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $30,031 $34,010

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Gerard Chasse
All in favor

Article 12
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the
Intergovernmental Department

Recommended by the Budget Committee $100,522 $104,221
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $100,522 $104,221

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Roland Paradis

All in favor

Article 13

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Human Services Department 2017 2018

Recommended by the Budget Committee $14,389 $13,089
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $14,389 $13,089

Aroostook Agency on Aging $270
Ste. Agathe Historical Society $2,500
Maine Acadian Heritage $100
Aroostook County Action Program $150
American Red Cross $425
St. John Valley Associates $3,100
St. John Valley Soil and Water $269
Northern Maine Vet’s Cemetery $100
Memorial Day Decorations $150
Maine PBN $100
Chambers of Commerce $600
St. Agatha Food Pantry $525
Long Lake Public Library $2,500
Senior Citizen Lunch Program $2,000
Veteran’s Memorial $300

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 14

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Projects and Reserves Accounts 2017 2018

Recommended by the Budget Committee $83,000 $92,000
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen $83,000 $92,000

Motion by Christy Sirois
Ryan Pelletier asked what road projects we were considering this year.

All in favor

Article 15
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

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<td>Debt Service</td>
<td>$24,781</td>
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Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Article 16
To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Municipal Marina

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<td>Recommended by the Budget Committee</td>
<td>$0</td>
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Article 17
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund estimate revenue sources to be used toward the FY 2019 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by taxes.

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<td>State Revenue Sharing</td>
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<td>Vehicle Excise Taxes</td>
<td>$280,000</td>
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<td>Watercraft Excise Taxes</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>Fitness Center Revenues</td>
<td>$15,300</td>
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<td>Recreational Revenues</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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<td>Vital Statistics &amp; Clerk Fees</td>
<td>$7,750</td>
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<td>Building, Plumbing &amp; Sewer Permits</td>
<td>$1,300</td>
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<td>Election Fees (Sinclair)</td>
<td>$1,200</td>
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<td>Plowing (Ouellette Road Contract &amp; Wisdom School)</td>
<td>$17,400</td>
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<td>Veteran’s Exemptions</td>
<td>$525</td>
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<td>Dog Licensing Fee (Clerk)</td>
<td>$150</td>
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<td>General Assistance Reimbursement</td>
<td>$500</td>
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Article 18
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate all revenue from sewer fees to operation and debt service of the Sewer Department

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<tr>
<td>Copying &amp; Faxes</td>
<td>$100</td>
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<td>MEPERS (from reserve fund)</td>
<td>$15,000</td>
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<td>Lien Fees</td>
<td>$2,250</td>
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<td>Lien Interest</td>
<td>$750</td>
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<td>Real Estate Interest</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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<td><strong>$383,725</strong></td>
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Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Gerard Chasse
All in favor

Article 19
To see if the Town will 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 the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Diane Berry
All in favor

Article 20
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, at their discretion, to accept gift donation 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 anyway, and that such donations do not exceed a maximum gift of $10,000 during any fiscal year.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Gerard Chasse
Second by Christy Sirois
All in favor
Article 21  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 2018 and in April 2019 respectively and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning the first business day in November 2018 and May 2019 respectively.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 22  To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to see and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes 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 the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Christy Sirois

All in favor

Article 23  To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of surplus town owned personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

Article 24  To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fitness center revenue funds in excess of the $15,000 budgeted to the Fitness Center Reserve Account for future equipment purchase and/or repair. Last year $2,853 was transferred.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Diane Berry

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

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.
Article 26

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Robert Guerrette

All in favor

To see if the Town will 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 27

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Gerard Chasse

All in favor

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.

Article 28

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager to use the Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing 2018 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 DOT 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 Maine DOT; 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

Motion by Ryan Pelletier
Second by Christy Sirois
All in favor

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from the unappropriated surplus to offset any increase in Mil Rate for the Fiscal Year 2019.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Ryan Pelletier
Second by Christy Sirois

Ryan Pelletier requested a change in wording to the article. He proposed the article state “To see if the Town will authorize the Board to use unappropriated surplus as they deem necessary to set the mil rate.

Motion by Ryan to approve the article as amended
Second by Christy Sirois
All in favor

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from the unappropriated surplus for the purpose of fixing the boat landing retaining wall if the project exceeds the amount budgeted for in the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Christy Sirois
Second by Robert Guerrette
All in favor
Article 31  
To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the unappropriated surplus for the following amounts for the noted reasons:

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<th>Reason</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>Recreation Dept</td>
<td>Unanticipated Building Repairs</td>
<td>$9,387.77</td>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>Debt Service</td>
<td>Wrong amount budgeted for</td>
<td>$72.67</td>
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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Christy Sirois

Christy asked what the unanticipated building repairs for the rec center were. The Town Manager explained that during the installation of the metal siding the carpenter found structural integrity issues with the building that needed to be fixed before moving forward with the siding.

All in favor

Article 32  
To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the unappropriated sewer surplus for the following amounts for the noted reasons:

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<td>2018</td>
<td>Sewer</td>
<td>Repairs and administration</td>
<td>$30,944.00</td>
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Existing over draft as of May 4, 2018 for $25,297.39

Administration 144 hours left to work in FY18 at $25.3237/hour $3,646.61

Possible outstanding repair bills $2,000.00

Total needed from surplus: $30,944.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Guerrette

Second by Ryan Pelletier

All in favor

Motion to adjourn by Christy Sirois

Second by Roland Paradis

All in favor