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## Town of Sangerville Maine Annual Town Report For The Year Ending 2019

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**TOWN WARRANT  
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF SANGERVILLE  
FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 @ 6 P.M.**

Piscataquis, SS

State of Maine

**To: Lorna Gary, a resident of the Town of Sangerville, in said County of Piscataquis, State of Maine.**

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sangerville, in the County of Piscataquis and the State of Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Sangerville Fire Station on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

**Three residents took an Oath to be Ballot Clerks for the Town Meeting, they were Rebecca Packard, Gerald Peters, and Kathy Willey. Several non and new residents were present as well as 64 registered Sangerville voters.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Town Clerk, Dorene Foss and the Greeting was read.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Motion was made and seconded to nominate Paul Davis for Moderator. Three (3) ballots were cast and Senator Paul Davis was elected.**

**INVOCATION:** Pastor David Ray, Jr., Grace Bible Church

**Pastor David Ray, Jr. presented the Invocation**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited**

**ARTICLE 2:** To adopt the *Maine Moderator's Manual* published by the Maine Municipal Association as the authority on the rules and procedures for conducting the Annual Town Meeting.

**Motion made and seconded to accept Article 2 as written and adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To ascertain if non-resident speakers are present and whether or not Inhabitants wish to call on them, to be heard.

**Motion made and seconded to accept Article 3 as written to allow Non-Residents to be heard. Motion passed by a showing of hands.**

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect One Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term and to fix compensation.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4 as written. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dale Gray. No other nominations followed. Eleven (11) ballots were cast, all for Dale Gray and he was elected for another 3 year term to expire in 2022.**

**To set the Selectmen Stipend at \$800 per year.**

**Motion was made and seconded to set the compensation at \$800 per year. This passed by a showing of hands.**

**To Elect two School Committee Members for three-year terms.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept as written. Nominations came from the floor to elect Rebecca Packard and was seconded. Three (3) ballots were cast and Rebecca was elected for a three (3) year term to expire in 2022. No nominations were made for the second position.**

**To Elect one Sanitary District Trustee for a three-year term.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept as written. Nominations came from the floor to elect Richard Pellerin and was seconded. Three (3) ballots were cast and Richard was elected for a three (3) year term to expire in 2022.**

**BUSINESS ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will set a date when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable, and set a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. Recommended due date is August 31, 2019. (The maximum allowed is 9% per Title 36, M.R.S.A. § 505 4-A)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 9% is charged after August 31, 2019 on unpaid taxes.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the town will authorize prepayment of real estate and personal property taxes and pay no interest thereon. (MRSA 36§506).

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed on April 1, 2019 shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 5.0%.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5% per annum.  
(Note: This is referencing abated taxes.)**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will allow a discount of two percent (2%) on taxes paid in full before 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2019 and vote to allow for payments received on taxes to be applied to the taxpayer's oldest outstanding tax bill.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 8 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell cemetery lots, those revenues shall be put into the Perpetual Care Trust Fund Account.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 9 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of Real Estate and Personal Property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon. The revenue received from tax acquired property shall be used to pay the back taxes and any additional revenue shall be put in the general fund on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit-Claim Deeds for such property.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 10 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend only those funds necessary for the operation of the Town of Sangerville during the period from **January 1, 2020** to the **2020 Annual Town Meeting**.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 11 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept or to refuse any donations, or gifts on behalf of the Town

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants from private, state and federal agencies that do not require matching funds from the town or impose contractual obligations on the Town.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 13 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will allow the Municipal Officers to accept revenue generated from certain fines and fees related to dog licensing, and the Town's Dog Ordinance; and expend such, in the administration of dog control.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 14 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will allow the Municipal Officers to accept revenue generated from Plumbing Permits, and to expend these funds to the Licensed Plumbing Inspector as compensation.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town vote to give the monies, in the amount of \$688.48, raised from the State Snowmobile Registrations, received in 2019, to the Four-Winds Snowmobile Club?

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 16 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Officers to expend revenue from the overlay as necessary to account for fractional differences in computing the tax rate, abatements, if any, and the 2% discount for taxes paid in full before 5:00 P.M. – July 31, 2019.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 17 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

## **EXPENSE ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see what sum of money the Town of Sangerville will vote to fund approved articles 19 through 34, inclusive:

Excise	\$248,000
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$ 83,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 33,000
Dedicated revenue of animal control	\$ 2,700
Undesignated & Contingency amount	\$ 70,000
Other Revenue	\$ 76,050
Homestead Exemption (Estimated)	\$ 83,187

Total of **\$595,937**; the remainder to be raised through property taxes.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: a yes vote.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 18 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use up to **\$10,000** from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$10,000 must be authorized by the vote of a special town meeting.

(\$3,000 was used to settle an open Worker's Comp claim, approved at the Board of Selectmen's meeting of July 5, 2018. \$2,447.33 was overdraft from the 2018 Fire Dept budget, approved at the Board of Selectmen's meetings of January 2 & 23, 2019, to be covered by the 2018 contingency.)

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 19 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government**, not to exceed **\$271,531**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$271,531**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department**, not to exceed **\$54,000**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: \$54,000**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 21 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Welfare**, not to exceed **\$2,700**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$2,700**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 22 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Protection, including Street Lights and Hydrants**, not to exceed **\$47,500**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$47,500**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 23 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Library**, not to exceed **\$19,600**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$19,600**

(Increase is due to increase in minimum wage.)

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 24 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works**, not to exceed **\$414,195**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$414,195**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 25 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Health & Sanitation**, not to exceed **\$106,600**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$106,600**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 26 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Monument Lot**, not to exceed **\$1,300**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: \$1,300**

(This includes the additional mowing of the Town owned lots: Town Hall, Monument, Town Garage, corner of Douty Hill and Main Street, and by the "Welcome to Sangerville" sign on Route 23, for \$1,200.)

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 27 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Welfare**, not to exceed **\$5,000**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$5,000**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 28 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Parks & Recreation**, not to exceed **\$9,000**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: \$9,000**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 29 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemeteries**, not to exceed **\$14,400**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$14,400**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 30 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Social Services**, not to exceed **\$300**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$300**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 31 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Historical Society**, not to exceed **\$800**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$800**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 32 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Officers to accept revenues generated from the sale of forest products from town woodlots, and to distribute this revenue upon receipt, at a ratio of 20% for Sangerville Community Forest Reserve to pay the Consulting Forester and to implement the Forest Management Plan, and 80% for the Town Hall Renovation Reserve.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 33 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Reserves including Monument Lot, and Office Equipment, not to exceed **\$1,000**.

Monument Lot	\$500
Office Equipment	\$500

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$1000**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 34 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to pay the remaining Rosenbauer Fire Truck loan at Camden National Bank, to be paid from the Abbie Fowler Reserve (\$2575), the Road Improvement Reserve (\$2135), and the remainder from Undesignated Fund Balance. (Current balance is approximately \$21,000. Monthly payments for the year would total \$11,867 that is raised and appropriated through property tax, leaving approximately a \$10,000 balance.)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee**

**(This will close out the Abbie Fowler Reserve and the Road Improvement Reserve.)**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 35 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**



**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of Road Improvement.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 36 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned property with a value of \$5,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 37 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2008 GMC 5500 dump truck with sander/spreader/plow. (It is currently in need of transmission repair work.)

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 38 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 39:** Shall the Town of Sangerville vote to enact an ordinance entitled “Adult Use Marijuana Business Ordinance”?

*A “Yes” vote will authorize the Town of Sangerville to “Opt in” and allow adult-use marijuana establishments to operate in Sangerville, subject to the condition that the voters of Sangerville subsequently vote to enact an ordinance providing for the rules to regulate and permit such businesses. A “No” vote will mean adult-use marijuana facilities are not permitted in Sangerville.*

**(Public hearing was held on February 6, 2019 at 6:00PM.)**

**A copy of the proposed ordinance is included in the Annual Town Report, and is posted with the 2019 Town Warrant at the following locations: Town Office, Sangerville Post Office, AE Robinson’s, and Country Time Variety Store.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 39 as written.**

**The Moderator called for a written ballot.**

**Fifty-four (54) registered voters cast their ballots. (22) yes votes and (34) no votes**

**Motion failed.**

**The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion was carried.**

**This is a true recording of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting Minutes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Dorene Foss  
Sangerville Town Clerk**