

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF SANGERVILLE**

Piscataquis, SS

State of Maine

To: Richard Hall Jr. 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 **__Grace Bible Community Room** on **_March 29th, 2025_** at **_9:00 _O'Clock** in the morning, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

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

To Elect Four (4) School Board Members as follows:

- 1 Board Member for a one year term
- 1 Board Member for a two year term
- 2 Board Members for a three year term

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, 2025. (The maximum allowed is 7.5% per annum Title 36, M.R.S.A. § 505 4-A)

Recommended by the Select Board: 7.5% per annum is charged after August 31, 2025, on unpaid tax balances.

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed on April 1, 2025, shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 2.0%.

Recommended by the Select Board: 2% per annum. (Note: This is referencing abated taxes.)

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, 2025 and vote to allow for payments received on taxes to be applied to the taxpayer's oldest outstanding tax bill.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to increase the cost of a cemetery lot from \$150.00 each to \$200.00 each along with a recording fee for the deed of \$25.00 for a total of \$225.00; and from the sale of the lots 50% of the revenue shall be put into the **Perpetual Care Trust Fund Money Market Account.**

ARTICLE 10: Tax Acquired Property: To see if the town will authorize the select board on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of real estate and personal property acquired by the town for nonpayment of taxes thereon. In accordance with MRSA 943-C, Sale of Foreclosed Properties, paragraph 3, subsection A, the select board shall engage a real estate broker or licensed agent to list the property for sale at the highest reasonable price. The proceeds of the sale shall be used to pay all taxes and expenses due to the Town with the remainder of the sale profit being returned to the former owner.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend only those funds necessary for the operation of the Town of Sangerville during the period from January 1, 2026, to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept grants from private, state and federal agencies, including those, which might require matching funds from the town and enter into contractual obligations for these grants.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to give the **State of Maine Snowmobile Registration Fees to the Four Winds Snowmobile Club**. The estimated amount for 2025 is \$825.00.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend:

100% of the State Registration Fees to the Four Winds Snowmobile Club

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board 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 on July 31, 2025

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to fund approved **Articles 21 through 35, inclusive:**

Excise:	\$ Listed under Roads
Maine Revenue Sharing:	\$ 175,000.00
Local Road Assistance Program:	\$ Listed under Roads
Dedicated Smart Trust:	\$ 2,000.00
Other Revenue:	\$ 29,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 15,000.00
<u>Homestead Exemption (Estimated):</u>	<u>\$ 145,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 366,500.00

The Balance to be raised through Property Taxes.

Recommended by the Select Board: A Yes Vote

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use up to \$15,000.00 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 the excise of \$15,000 must be authorized by the vote at a Special Town Meeting. Listed as follows:

Fire Dept Grants	\$ 88.80
Animal Welfare	\$ 1,903.99
Municipal Garage	\$ 339.06
Road Equipment	\$ 85.00
Road Signs	\$ 515.45
<u>Cemeteries</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,972.30

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Government**, not to exceed **\$ 394,370.00** as follows:

Carry Forward from 2024:	\$ 10,900.00
To be raised:	\$383,470.00

Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee: \$ 394,370.00

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Fire Department**, not to exceed **\$ 79,880.00**; and to allow any unspent balance left in the account to be transferred over to a reserve savings account at the end of the fiscal year.

Recommended by the Select Board, Fire Chief and the Budget Committee
\$ 79,880.00

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Fire Department Reserve Savings Account. \$ 28,000.00**

As follows:

Carry Forward from the 2024 fiscal year:	\$10,000.00
<u>Solar Farm License Fees:</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Total	\$28,000.00

Recommended by the Board and the Budget Committee: \$28,000.00

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Animal Welfare**, not to exceed \$ 5,050.00 and to add any licensing fees along with late fees to the account during the year and carry those funds forward to the following year.

Recommended by the Board and the Budget Committee: \$ 5,050.00
Licensing Fees

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Protection**, including Street Lights and Hydrants, not to exceed **\$45,200.00**

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 45,200.00

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Public Works**, not to exceed \$ 758,875.00; and to allow any unspent balance left in the account to be transferred over to a **Road Improvements Reserve Savings** account at the end of the fiscal year.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 758,875.00

To Include:

Summer Roads	\$ 235,875.00
Winter Roads	\$ 264,000.00
Municipal Garage	\$ 4,500.00
<u>Road Paving</u>	<u>\$ 254,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 758,875.00

Balance Needed for Public Works \$ 758,875.00

Funding for this article is as follows:

Excise: - \$ 300,000.00

Local Road Assistance Program:	- \$ 39,828.00
<u>Carry Forward from 2024:</u>	<u>- \$ 200,000.00</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 539,828.00</u>
Balance to be raised:	\$ 219,047.00

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Health & Sanitation**, not to exceed \$ 131,581.20

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 131,581.20

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Municipal Welfare**, \$ 5,000. 00

Recommended by the Selectboard & Budget Committee: \$5,000.00

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from the **Monument Lot Reserve** for the Monument upgrade and beautification, not to exceed \$ 11,881.34; and to allow any unspent balance left in the account to be transferred over to a **Monument Reserve Savings** account at the end of the fiscal year.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$ 11,881.34

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the mowing of the **Monument Lot**, not to exceed \$ 1,050.00

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 1050.00

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Cemetery Expenses** not to Exceed \$ 20,050.00.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 20,050.00

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Parks and Recreation**, not to exceed \$ 10,140.00 ;and to allow any unspent balance left in the account to be transferred over to a **Parks and Recreation Savings** account at the end of the fiscal year; as follows;

Carry Forward from 2024 Fiscal Year Special Town Meeting:	\$ 2,000.00
To be raised:	\$ 8,140.00
Total	\$10,140.00
Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee \$ 10,140.00	

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate any additional revenue received from the vital records and license fees to be deposited in an account called the **Town Clerk Restoration Project** to help restore and protect the town vital records and carry forward and fees to the following year.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town vote to accept any and all funds from the State of Maine under the following categories:

- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Snowmobile Registration Money Reimbursement
- Tree Growth Reimbursement
- General Assistance Reimbursement
- Local Road Assistance and Excise Reimbursements
- Homestead and Veteran's Exemption
- State and Federal Grants
- State Aid to Education
- Other Funds (not listed in terms above)

These Proposed Revenues are used to help reduce the amount of taxes for taxpayer.

Recommendation by the Select Board: A Yes Vote.

CAPITAL OUTLAY ARTICLE

ARTICLE 32: To see is the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or the Town Manager to sign multi-year contracts with contractors if the contracts will save the town money.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town owned property with a value of \$10,000 or less, under such terms as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to accept an annual donation of funds from “**The Millard and Marjorie Smart Trust Fund**” and to accept the donor’s that the funds to be used to defray the Town school expenses and to appropriate said donation toward the town’s share of **RSU 80** cost for the FY 2025 (**estimated donation 2025 \$2000**)

ARTICLE 35: Eminent Domain Article: To see what sum the Town will appropriate toward action to confirm the Town’s rights to the South Sangerville Grange Road. From the Bailey Cemetery to the town wood lot, including but not limited to legal fees, sums paid directly to confirm those rights, or eminent damages.

In conversation with the town attorney, we do not have the information at the printing of this town report to put a dollar figure on this article but prior to posting the warrant seven days before town meeting, we will have a dollar amount not to exceed amended to this article.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve account to place up to \$440,000.00 raised at the 2024 annual town meeting for future renovation costs to the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the town will authorize the select board on behalf of the town to engage a surveyor to survey the property of the former landfill to resolve a property line dispute.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March, A.D. **2025**



Jeff Peters, Chair



Mike Gould



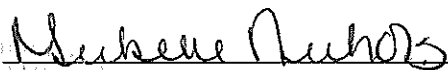
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The Board of Selectmen

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Sangerville qualified as therein expressed to be at the time, and place and for the purpose therein names, by posting this day an attested copy of the within Warrant at the following places:

Sangerville Town Office
The Sangerville Town Web site
The R. & D Emporium
The Sangerville Post office
The Sangerville Facebook page

Attest, a true copy:



Michelle Nichols, Town Clerk