

**TOWN WARRANT  
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF SANGERVILLE  
MARCH 17, 2022**

Piscataquis, SS

State of Maine

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

**Sheril Peters, Kathy Willey and Brydie Armstrong served as Election Clerks, along with Deputy Town Clerk Sara Morey. Forty three (43) registered Sangerville voters.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Deputy Town Clerk, Sara Morey and the greeting was read.**

**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, 40 Douty Hill Road, on March 17, 2022 at 6:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

**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 cast and Senator Paul Davis was elected.**

**SILENCE:** A moment of silence will be observed – **A moment of silence was observed.**

**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 adopted 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 was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as written. The Article was voted on and 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 nomination came from the floor to elect Dale Gray and was seconded. No other nominations followed. Five (5) ballots were cast, all five (5) ballots for Dale Gray. Dale Gray was elected for another three (3) year term to expire in 2025.**

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

**Motion was made and seconded to set the compensation at \$800.00 per year. This passed with a showing of hands.**

**To Elect two (2) School Board Members for a three-year term.**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept as written. Nomination came from the floor to elect Lorie-Anne Johnson and was seconded. Three (3) ballots were cast, all three (3) ballots for Lorie-Anne Johnson. Lorie-Anne Johnson was elected for a three (3) year term to expire in 2025.**

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

**Motion was made and seconded to accept as written. Nomination came from the floor to elect Richard Pellerin and was seconded. Richard Pellerin was elected by a showing of hands for a three (3) year term to expire 2025.**

## **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, 2022. (The maximum allowed is 4% per Title 36, M.R.S.A. § 505 4-A)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 4% is charged after August 31, 2022, 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, 2022, 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 Board of Selectmen: 2% 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 29, 2022 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 ratify overdrafts occurred in the Town operations for 2021.

Fire Department	\$ 1,782.65
Public Works	\$32,201.49
Health & Sanitation	\$ 9,276.90
Monument Lot	\$ 506.05
	\$43,767.09
Less Contingency	-\$10,000.00
Total Overdraft	\$33,767.09

**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 cemetery lots, 30% of the revenue shall be put into the Perpetual Care Trust Fund Account.

**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 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 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 Municipal Officers to spend only those funds necessary for the operation of the Town of Sangerville during the period from **January 1, 2023**, to the **2023 Annual Town Meeting**.

**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 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 13 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

**ARTICLE 14:** 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 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 \$767.92, raised from the State Snowmobile Registrations, received in 2022, 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 29, 2022.

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

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Officers to enter into a fifteen (15) year contract with Central Maine Power to change street lighting to LED, saving an average of \$1,684.50 yearly.

**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 move Fire Department Equipment Reserve of \$8978 and Firehouse Improvement Reserve \$4328 to one (1) account Fire Department Reserve for a total of \$13,306.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief: a yes vote**

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

#### **EXPENSE ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum of money the Town of Sangerville will vote to fund approved articles 21 through 35, inclusive:

Excise	\$245,000
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$145,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 31,500
Dedicated revenue Smart Trust	\$ 3,050
ARPA (Second Tranche)	\$ 67,013
Misc. Revenue (Library)	\$ 17,650
Other Revenue	\$ 40,835
Homestead Exemption (Estimated)	\$100,000

Total of **\$650,048**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: a yes vote**

**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 if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use up to **\$15,000** 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 \$15,000 must be authorized by the vote of a Special Town Meeting.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$15,000**

**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 **General Government**, not to exceed **\$242,998**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$242,998**

**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 **Fire Department**, not to exceed **\$55,387**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief & Budget Committee: \$55,387**

**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 the Town will vote to appropriate from revenue for the purpose of **Animal Welfare**, not to exceed **\$3,200**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$3,200**

**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 **Protection, including Street Lights and Hydrants**, not to exceed **\$46,200**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$46,200**

**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 **Public Works**, not to exceed **\$461,171**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$461,171**

**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 if the town will vote to move **\$118,510** from the Public Works Equipment Reserve to the General Fund for the purpose of Paving.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$118,510**

**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 if the town will vote to appropriate from the first tranche **\$67,013** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescues Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the purpose of Paving.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee \$67,013**

**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 if the town will vote to appropriate from the second tranche **\$67,013** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescues Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the purpose of Paving.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee \$67,013**

**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 if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$220,000** for the purpose of Paving.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$220,000**

**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 **Health & Sanitation**, not to exceed **\$113,100**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$113,100**

**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 appropriate for **Monument Lot** from the **Monument Lot Reserve** 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.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Welfare**, not to exceed **\$4,000**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$4,000**

**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 appropriate for **Parks & Recreation, from the Recreation Reserve** not to exceed **\$9,234**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$9,234**

**Motion was made to amend the Article not to exceed \$1,500 and seconded. Motion to amend the Article was withdrawn and seconded. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 34 as written. Motion to vote by written ballot was made and seconded. Twenty Five (25) ballots were cast- Twenty Two (22) ballots were a yes vote, Three (3) ballots were a no vote. The Article was passed by a majority vote.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemeteries**, not to exceed **\$16,000**.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$16,000**

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

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see what sum of money of Town will appropriate for **Office Equipment, from the Office Equipment Reserve**, not to exceed **\$2,000**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee: \$2,000**

**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 and the fire department to donate Jaws of Life to Burnham Fire Department.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen & Fire Chief**

**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 vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned property with a value of \$10,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**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:** 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 condition that the funds to be used to defray Town school expenses and to appropriate said donation toward the town’s share of RSU 80 costs for FY 2022. (Estimated donation in 2022: **\$3,050**)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 39 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

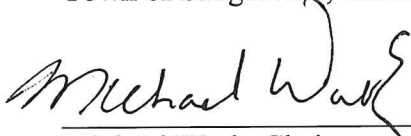
**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will approve Summer and Winter Maintenance for the **Turner Road** from the North Dexter Road (Route 23) 2,875 feet to the driveway for the property listed as Map 4, Lot 8-4, and the **Jackman Corner Road** from the North Dexter Road (Route 23) .6 of mile towards Parkman Townline.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 40 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**


**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will approve Summer Maintenance for the **Knowlton Mills Road** from the East Sangerville Road to the intersection of the Burrough Road.

**Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 41 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.**

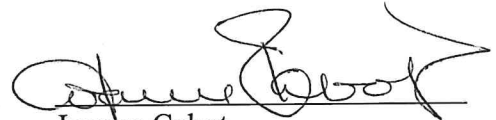
Here of, fail not, have you there and then this warrant with your doings thereon. Given under our hands in the Town of Sangerville, Maine this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, two thousand twenty-two.



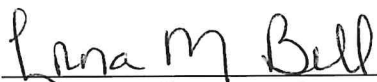
Michael Wark, Chair



Dale Gray



Joanne Cabot



Lorna M Bell, Town Manager

Return of the Warrant  
A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:   
Sara Morey, Deputy Town Clerk