

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF SANGERVILLE
APRIL 13, 2023**

Piscataquis, SS

State of Maine

To: Brydie Armstrong, a resident of the Town of Sangerville, in said County of Piscataquis, State of Maine.

Sheril Peters and Kathy Willey served as Election Clerks, along with Deputy Town Clerk Samantha Williams. Seventy- seven (77) registered Sangerville voters.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Town Manager, Lorna Bell 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 Doudy Hill Road, on April 13, 2023 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 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 Joanne Cabot and was seconded. A nomination came from the floor to elect Chris Rowell and was seconded. Sixty-one (61) votes were cast, twenty-six (26) ballots for Chris Rowell and thirty-five (35) for Joanne Cabot. Joanne Cabot was elected for another three year term to expire in 2026.

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

Motion was made and seconded to set the compensation at \$800.00 per year. This show of hands.

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

Nomination was made and seconded for Matthew Bell. No other nominations followed. Three (3) votes were cast. All three (3) ballots were for Matthew Bell. Matthew Bell was elected for a three (3) year term to expire in 2026.

To Elect one (1) Sanitary District Trustee for a three-year term.

Nomination was made and seconded for Toby Cleaves. No other nominations followed. He was elected for a three (3) term to expire in 2026 by a showing of hands.

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, 2023. (The maximum allowed is 8% per Title 36, M.R.S.A. § 505 4-A)

Recommended by the Select Board: 8% is charged after August 31, 2023, on unpaid taxes.

Motion was made and seconded by 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. (Title 36 M.R.S.A. 36§506).

Motion was made and seconded by 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 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, 2023, 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.)**

Motion was made and seconded by 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, 2023 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 by 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 Select Board 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 by 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 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. 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 by 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, 2024**, to the **2024 Annual Town Meeting**.

Motion was made and seconded by 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 Select Board to accept or to refuse any donations, or gifts on behalf of the Town.

Motion was made and seconded by 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 Select Board 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 by 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 Plumbing Permits, and to expend these funds to the Licensed Plumbing Inspector as compensation.

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

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to give the monies, in the amount of **\$860.60**, raised from the State Snowmobile Registrations, received in 2023, to the Four-Winds Snowmobile Club?

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the money raised from Maine Highland Credit Union dress down Fridays, in the amount of **\$169.00**, received in 2023, to the Sangerville Veterans Memorial Park?

Motion was made and seconded by 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, 2023.

Motion was made and seconded by 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 31, inclusive:

Excise	\$250,000
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$176,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 34,000
Dedicated revenue Smart Trust	\$ 2,000
Other Revenue	\$ 35,250
Homestead Exemption (Estimated)	\$ 70,000

Total of \$ **567,250** the rest to be raised through property taxes

Recommended by the Select Board: a yes vote

Motion was made and seconded by 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 Select Board 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.

(\$4,612.42 was overdraft from the 2022 Fire Dept. budget, and \$128.56 from the 2022 Cemetery budget for a total of \$4,740.98, approved at the Select Board meeting of February 14, 2023, to be covered by the 2022 contingency.)

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$15,000

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **\$309,320.15**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$309,320.15
((\$30,000 General Fund and \$279,320.15 raised)

Motion was made and seconded by 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 appropriate from the **Fire Department Reserve**, for **Fire Department** expenses, not to exceed **\$13,306**.

Recommended by the Select Board, Fire Chief & Budget Committee: \$13,306

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **Fire Department**, not to exceed **\$49,194.00**.

Recommended by the Select Board, Fire Chief & Budget Committee: \$49,194

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **Animal Welfare**, not to exceed **\$2,800**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$2,800

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **Protection, including Street Lights and Hydrants**, not to exceed **\$45,200**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$45,200

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **\$475,036.80**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$475,036.80

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

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the General Fund for the purpose of **Road Maintenance and Improvements**, not to exceed, **\$200,000**.

Recommended by the Select Board and Budge Committee: \$200,000

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **Health & Sanitation**, not to exceed **\$119,860**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$119,860

Motion was made and seconded by 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 Select Board & Budget Committee: \$5,000

Motion was made and seconded by 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 **Monument Lot Reserve** for Monument Lot expenses not to exceed **\$475**.

Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee: \$475

Motion was made and seconded by 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 from the **Monument Lot Reserve** for **Parks & Recreation** expenses, not to exceed **\$5,540**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$5,540

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

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **the Cemetery Trust Fund** for **Cemeteries** expenses, not to exceed **\$18,300**.

Recommended by the Select Board & Budget Committee: \$18,300

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

CAPITAL OUTLAY

ARTICLE 32: To see is the Town will vote to authorize the Municipals Officers to sign a two (2) year contract for Roadside Mowing for the years 2023-2024.

This would allow the town to save money by setting the prices for multiple years.

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

ARTICLE 33: 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 by to accept Article 33 as written. The Article was voted on and passed by a showing of hands.

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 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 2023. (Estimated donation in 2023: **\$2,000**)

Recommended by the Select Board

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

ARTICLE 37: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town of Sangerville Solar Array Energy Systems Ordinance** be enacted? (A copy of said ordinance is attached to the warrant and incorporated by reference)

Recommended by the Select Board and Planning Board

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

ARTICLE 38: In the event that Article 37 is not enacted, shall the **Moratorium Ordinance on Commercial Solar Arrays** be enacted? (A copy of said moratorium ordinance is attached to the warrant and incorporated by reference)

Motion was made to pass over and seconded. Article pass over.


THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

This is a true recording of the Annual Town Meeting April 13, 2023

Sangerville Board of Selectmen:

Michael Wark: 

Dale Gray: 

Joanne Cabot: 

True Copy Attest:

Samantha Williams
Sangerville Deputy Town Clerk



Town Manager

Lorna M Bell: 