

2024 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on June 17, 2024, Aroostook County, ss.

TO: Frank Schramm, a citizen of the Town of Hersey, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hersey, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Patten Town Office Garage, located within the Town of Patten at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, the 17th day of June, in the Year A.D. 2024, there and then to act upon Articles 1 through 36; all of said Articles being set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over a Town Meeting:

Chris Streinz nominated Ed MacArthur to preside as Moderator. Stephen Hartin seconded the nomination. No other nominations. No Discussion. Article Carries

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor:

- (1) Member of the Board of Selectmen with a 3-year term to expire in 2027 (Incumbent: Kenneth Libby)

Ken Libby was nominated by Chris Streinz. Stephen Hartin seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Article Carries

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Town Officers with terms to expire June 30, 2025. The incumbents are in parenthesis.

Fair Hearing Authority (*Board of Selectmen*)
Road Commissioners (*Board of Selectmen*)
Animal Control Officer (*Jon Harvey*)
Fire Warden (*Ken Libby*) and Assistant (*Steve Hartin*)
Plumbing Inspector (*Bruce Hussey*)
Code Enforcement Officer (*Bruce Hussey*)
Solid Waste Committee Director (*Ken Libby*)
Cemetery Sexton (*Christopher Streinz*)

Frank Schramm motioned to get the article on the floor to make an amendment to the Town Officers. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Amendment: Ken Libby motioned to add Harlan Prescott as Fire Warden Assistant along with Steve Hartin. Denis Jutras seconded the motion. No discussion. Article Carries with the amendment

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the balances of the following Accounts as listed:

Road Improvement Reserve, Forest Fire Reserve Fund, Emergency Reserve, Tax Maps Reserve, and DOT Local Roads and to expend such funds for purposes as intended.

Chris Streinz motions to accept article as written. Frank Schramm seconded the motion. No Discussion. Article Carries

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to carry all other balances and all other overdrafts to Fund Balance.

Ken Libby motions to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. No Discussion.

Article Carries

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend for CONTRACT SERVICES

2023 – 2024 Appropriation

\$22,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$22,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for COMPUTER SOFTWARE HOSTING.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$2750

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 2750

See Article 26

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for TAX ABATEMENTS.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 500

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 500

See Article 26

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for ANIMAL CONTROL.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 1000

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 1000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for CEMETERY OPERATIONS.

2023- 2024 Appropriation

\$ 2000

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 2000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for FIRE PROTECTION.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 6,500

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 6,500

See Article 26

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for AMBULANCE CONTRACT.

2023- 2024 Appropriation

\$ 12,190

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

\$ 12,190

See Article 26

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for GENERAL GOVERNMENT. (General Government includes deed copies, lien fees, postage, payroll taxes, and office supplies, etc.).

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,300

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 1,700

See Article 26

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for AUDIT.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 6,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 6,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for ASSESSING.

2023 - 2024 Appropriation

\$ 1500

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$1,500

See Article 26

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for INSURANCE.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,400

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 2,400

See Article 26

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for NKVWDD.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$ 2,100

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$ 2,100

See Article 26

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for OFFICERS' SALARIES and ELECTION EXPENSE.

2023-2024 Appropriation

\$3,000

2024-2025 Appropriation

\$3,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SUMMER ROADS, and to carry forward any unspent balance at 06/30/20234 into the Road Improvement Reserve account.

<u>2023 - 2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$10,000	\$ 10,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SEPTAGE DISPOSAL.

<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$1,800	\$1,800

See Article 26

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for WINTER ROADS (This includes Plowing Contractor and Salt).

<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$33,000	\$33,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for SALT/SAND SHED RENTAL.

<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

See Article 26

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for CODE ENFORCEMENT and PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$ 2500	\$ 1,000

See Article 26

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for MEMBERSHIP DUES.

<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Appropriation</u>
\$750	\$750

See Article 26

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$500

2024-2025 Appropriation
\$500

See Article 26

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for LEGAL FEES.

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 5000

2024-2025 Appropriation
\$5,000

Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 6 through Article 26 as written. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. Discussion: Ken Libby asked if the Ambulance contract was staying the same. Article 23 lowered from last year, all others are the same amounts as last year's approved budget.

ARTICLE 27

To see what sum, if any, the Town shall vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for the following NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS.

	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>2024-2025 Request</u>
ACAP	\$ 200	\$ 200
Aroostook Area on Aging	\$ 10	\$ 10
Patten Lumberman's Museum	\$ 500	\$ 500
Patten Playground Committee	\$ 500	\$ 0*
Patten ATV Club	\$ 100	\$ 100
Veterans Memorial Library	\$ 500	\$ 500
	\$ 1,810	\$1,310

***The Town of Patten has taken over maintenance and the financial responsibility for Patten Community Playground. ***

Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. Discussion: S. Campbell inquired by the amount went down \$500. Town Agent Billie Doody informed the public that Patten was taking over responsibility for the Patten Playground. No Request from Patten for financial donation. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$12,250 anticipated EXCISE TAX for the purpose of reducing the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment.

Chris Streinz motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$1069 from anticipated INTEREST INCOME for the purpose of reducing the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment.

Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Harlan Prescott seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$500 from Fund Balance to fund General Assistance
Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: Instead of raising it in taxes, money is used from Fund Balance to cover GA (which has not been used in at 12 years) and rolls back and forth because it does not get used. All in Favor. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell, or dispose, of any real estate acquired by the Town of Hersey for nonpayment of taxes, or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds on the conveyance of such property.
Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Ken Libby seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts.
Chris Streinz motioned to accept the article as written. Frank Schramm seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carries

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed.
Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: S Campbell inquired about people paying ahead. Possible tax club for next year. All in Favor. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2024-2025 unpaid taxes as of a certain date and time. All checks will be credited as of the date the Town receives payment. If so, what rate of interest and what date?

2024-2025 Recommended: 8.0%, beginning 60 Days from Commitment Date.

Ken Libby motioned to accept the article as written. Stephen Hartin seconded the motion. Discussion: State Regulated rate. All in Favor. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 35

Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine Legislature (MRSA Title 30-A, Subsection 5682)?

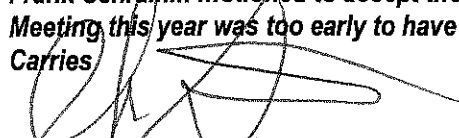
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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Excise Tax | Homestead Exemption Reimbursement |
| State Revenue Sharing | Veterans Exemption Reimbursement |
| DOT Local Road Assistance | Tree Growth Reimbursement |
| DEP Grants/Funds | General Assistance Reimbursement |

ARTICLE 36

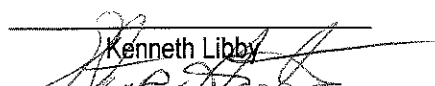
To see if the Town will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2025.

RECOMMEND: July 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (Third Monday in July)


Frank Schramm motioned to accept the article as written. Chris Streinz seconded the motion. Discussion: Meeting this year was too early to have proper financial information for the town. All in Favor. Motion Carries



Christopher Streinz



Kenneth Libby



Steve Hartin

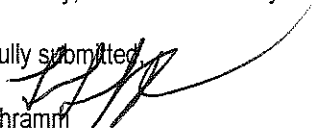
Town of Hersey
Selectboard

RETURN

Town of Hersey, County of Aroostook, State of Maine. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Hersey, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose herein named, posting this day attested copies of the Writ in Warrant, at the Patten Town Office, the Patten Post Office, Ellis's Family Market and Katahdin Trust the same being a public and conspicuous place.

Dated at Hersey, Maine this 10th day of June 2024

Respectfully submitted,


Frank Schramm
Citizen of Hersey

A True Copy. Attest:


Billie Doody
Hersey Town Agent