

2023 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on July 19, 2023, 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 Wednesday, the 19th day of July, in the Year A.D. 2023, 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 nominates Gail Albert, Steve Hartin seconds. All in favor.

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 2026 (Incumbent: Chris Streinz)

Mona Briggs nominates Chris Streinz, Frank Schramm seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Town Officers with terms to expire June 30, 2024. 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 (*Christopher Beyer*)
Code Enforcement Officer (*Christopher Beyer*)
Solid Waste Committee Director (*Ken Libby*)
Cemetery Sexton (*Christopher Streinz*)

Chris Streinz made an amendment to Article 3; Terry Campbell be added to the Schoolboard with a one-year term. Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried. All in favor to accept Article 3 as written.

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 4 as it's written, Frank Schramm seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5

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

Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 5 as it's written, Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$22,000

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$22,000

Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 6, Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 7

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$2000

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 2750

Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 7 as written, Mona Briggs seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 500

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 500

Ken Libby motions to accept Article 8 as it's written, Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 9

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 750

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 1000

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 10

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 2000

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 2000

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 11

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 3,350

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 6,500

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 12

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 12,000

2023 - 2024 Appropriation
\$ 12,190

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 13

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 1,700

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$2,300

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 14

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 6,000

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 6,000

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 15

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

2022 - 2023 Appropriation
\$ 1000

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$1,500

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 16

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$ 2,400

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 2,400

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 17

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

<u>2022-2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>
\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100

See Article 18.

ARTICLE 18

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

<u>2022-2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>
\$3,000	\$3,000

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Articles 9 through 18. Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for SUMMER ROADS, and to carry forward any unspent balance at 06/30/2023 into the Road Improvement Reserve account.

<u>2022 - 2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>
\$5000	\$ 10,000

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Article 19. Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 20

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

<u>2022-2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>
\$1,800	\$1,800

See Article 25

ARTICLE 21

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

<u>2022-2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Appropriation</u>
\$33,000	\$33,000

See Article 25

ARTICLE 22

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$ 2,500

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 2,500

See Article 25

ARTICLE 23

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$ 2500

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 2650

See Article 25

ARTICLE 24

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$1300

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$750

See Article 25

ARTICLE 25

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

2022-2023 Appropriation
\$500

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$500

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Articles 20 through 25. Steve Hartin seconds. All in favor.

ARTICLE 26

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

2023-2024 Appropriation
\$ 5000

Chris Streinz motions to accept Article 26 as written, Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 27

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

	<u>2022-2023 Appropriation</u>	<u>2023-2024 Request</u>
ACAP	\$ 200	\$ 200

Aroostook Area on Aging	\$ 10	\$ 10
Patten Lumberman's Museum	\$ 500	\$ 500
Patten Playground Committee	\$ 500	\$ 500
Patten ATV Club	\$ 100	\$ 100
Veterans Memorial Library	\$ 500	\$ 500
	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Article 27 as written, Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$11,750 anticipated EXCISE TAX for the purpose of reducing the 2023 Tax Commitment.

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Article 28 as written. Steve Hartin seconds, motion carried.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$800 from anticipated INTEREST INCOME for the purpose of reducing the 2023 Tax Commitment.

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Article 29, Frank Schramm seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$500 from Fund Balance to fund General Assistance

Chris Streinz motions to approve Article 30 as written, Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried.

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.

Chris Streinz motioned to approve Article 31 as written. Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

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 approve Article 32 as written, Ken Libby seconds. Motion carried.

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.

Chris Streinz motions to approve Article 33 as written, Frank Schramm seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2023 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?

2023 Recommended: 8.0%, beginning 60 Days from Commitment Date.

Steve Hartin motions to approve Article 34, Mona Briggs seconds. Motion carried.

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)?

Excise Tax
State Revenue Sharing
DOT Local Road Assistance
DEP Grants/Funds

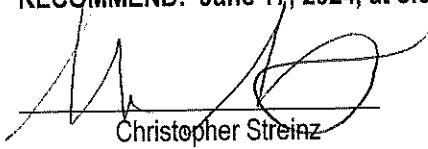
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
Tree Growth Reimbursement
General Assistance Reimbursement

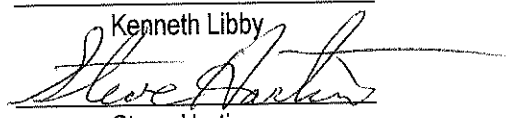
Chris Streinz motions to approve Article 35, Steve Hartin seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2024.

RECOMMEND: June 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Third Monday in June)


Christopher Streinz


Kenneth Libby
Steve Hartin
Selectmen, Town of Hersey

Ken Libby motions to approve Article 36 as written, Steve Hartin seconds. All in favor.

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 12th day of July 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Citizen of Hersey

A True Copy. Attest:

Billie Doody
Hersey Town Agent