

## Warrant

Aroostook:

To Dwayne Dow, Constable of the Town of Wade, in the County of Aroostook and the 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 Wade, in said County qualified by law to vote on town affairs to meet at the **Washburn Civic Center, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock** in the evening to act on the following articles to wit:

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To choose all necessary town officers and set compensations of each for the ensuing year.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

(a) Selectman - 3 Year Term - Compensation: \$1,000.00/Year.

(b) Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Constables

(c) Library Board Director

**Art. 3.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Expense.

**Recommended: \$46,490.00**

**Art. 4.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

**Recommended: \$250.00**

**Art. 5.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Subsidy to the City of Presque Isle.

**Recommended: \$ 14,885.00 to the City of Presque Isle.**

**Art. 6.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Department.

**Recommended: \$172,043.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation:** Any unused money to go to the Purchase Equipment Fund at the year end.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$7,899.00** and appropriate to the following organizations in the Town of Washburn.

<b>Washburn Fire Department</b>	<b>6,175.00</b>
<b>Washburn Memorial Library</b>	<b>493.00</b>
<b>Washburn Recreation Department</b>	<b>1,231.00</b>

**Art. 8.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Insurance.

**Recommended: \$13,100.00**

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$7,500.00** to go to the Purchase Equipment Fund.

**Recommended: \$7,500.00**

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$29,010.00** for payment on the new 2022 Western Star Plow Truck

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,768.00** to support the following Aroostook County services:

**Recommended:**

<b>Aroostook Area on Aging</b>	<b>200.00</b>	
<b>Aroostook County Action Program</b>	<b>113.00</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>Aroostook Humane Society</b>	<b>481.00</b>	
<b>Sister Mary O'Donnell Shelter</b>	<b>300.00</b>	
<b>American Red Cross</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>Maine Veteran's Cemetery</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>Washburn</b>
<b>August Festival (Rotary Club)</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>NMDC 470.00</b>
<b>American Legion</b>	<b>125.00</b>	
<b>Salmon Brook Historical Society</b>	<b>200.00</b>	
<b>Central Aroostook Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>MPBN</b>	<b>50.00</b>	

**Lifelight 229.00**

- Art. 12.** To see if the Town vote to raise **\$7,500.00** to go towards the Building Payment. Interest and Principal.  
**Recommended: \$7,500.00**
- Art. 13.** To see what time the Town will make taxes due and payable.  
**Recommended: Taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation of tax bill.**
- Art. 14.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town to borrow in anticipation of taxes if necessary.
- Art. 15.** To see what action the Town will take in regards to allowing a discount on taxes and charging interest on those taxes paid after a certain date.  
**Recommended: 2% discount on those paid within 30 days of presentation of bill and to follow State of Maine Treasury Department recommendation of charging 8.5% on those paid after November 1.**
- Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative 30 days to repurchase the property for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; if the former owner does not repurchase the property the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process in 36 MRS § 953-C, provided that if the former owner does not timely request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales to someone other than the former owner(s), excess sale proceeds as defined in 36 MRS § 943-C,

shall be returned to the former owner.

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount equal to 2/12ths of the 2024 budget from February 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025. This will allow the Town to operate during the two (2) months prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

**Art. 18.** Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine Legislature:

(30-MRSA-5682) Amounts Unknown

Civil Emergency Funds

Veterans Exemption Refund

State Tax Relief

Tree Growth

LRAP

State Aid to Education

State Revenue Sharing

General Assistance

Administrative Block Grant

Homestead Reimbursement

State Parks Sharing

State/Federal Grants or Other Funds

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will grant the Selectmen the authority to expend from the Purchase Equipment Fund.

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town vote to allow the Town Selectmen to accept any grant money received to use as specified in the grant.

**Given under our hands at the Wade Town Office this day of February \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

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Selectman Andrew White

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Selectman Donna Turner

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Selectman Dwayne Dow

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Attest: Elizabeth Brown

Town Clerk

Town of Wade