

TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE, MAINE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE, AROOSTOOK, ss

STATE OF MAINE

TO: Rita Ricciardi, Resident in the Town of Eagle Lake, in the County of Aroostook and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that a special town meeting in the Town of Eagle Lake will be held at Powell Gymnasium located at 35 Carter Street, in Eagle Lake, on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** for the purpose of acting on the following articles, to wit:

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

Arthur Carroll motioned to nominate Norman Fournier as Moderator for tonight's Special Town Meeting, seconded by John Sutherland

Vote: Unanimously in Favor

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote authorize the Eagle Lake Board of Selectmen to move forward with a fire department substation / temporary emergency warming and cooling shelter on Sly Brook Road in Eagle Lake.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND PASSAGE**

*Note: Additional Town Meeting approvals will be needed to purchase the property for the Sly Brook Road Substation and move forward with financing the project.*

Motioned by John Peters to accept the article as written, seconded by John Dumond.

Vote: 66 in favor and 36 opposed.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept a Community Project Funding grant of \$250,000.00 and dedicate the funds to the Sly Brook Road Fire Department Substation / Temporary Emergency Warming and Cooling Shelter.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE**

Motioned by John Peters to accept the article as written, seconded by John Dumond.

Vote 78-16 in favor

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of approximately 2 acres of land located on Sly Brook Road for a new fire department substation and a temporary emergency warming and cooling center, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$27,900 from Town of Eagle Lake Undesignated funds for said purchase; and to authorize the board to negotiate and enter into any contracts and execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purchase.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE**

Motioned by John Peters to accept the article as written, seconded by Reno Corriveau.

Vote 74-20 in favor

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept a grant from the Stephan and Tabitha King Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00 and allocate a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Town of Eagle Lake's ARPA funds and dedicate the total amount to purchase a battery operated Jaws of Life unit to include a battery operated: spreader, cutter, ram unit and additional batteries and chargers at a total cost not to exceed \$30,000.00

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE**

Motioned by John Peters to accept the article as written, seconded by John Dumond.  
Vote 104-0 in favor

**Article 6.** To see if the Town of allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 10-year agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC to provide cable and internet services to the Town of Eagle Lake

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE**

Motioned by John Peters to accept the article as read, seconded by John Dumond.

The residents questioned the need for the agreement and the 10-year term. Eagle Lake resident Eliza Winters asked if an attorney read the agreement and John answered no. Eagle Lake Town Manager John Sutherland informed the crowd that this is a renewal of the existing contract. State of Maine statutes state that cable companies must have an agreement with the municipalities that their cable lines are in. Eagle Lake resident Tom Pelletier stated that the Town of Fort Kent's cable agreement states that they do not need to meet the State of Maine minimum of 18 houses per mile and the Town of Fort Kent receives a municipal fee from the cable company. John Sutherland replied that based on his conversations with Shelly Winchenbach, Director, Government Affairs for Charter Communications, the Town could request items like Fort Kent, but the subscribers will pay for them as part of their monthly bill. Scott Pelletier from Aroostook County has been negotiating with Charter on behalf of a number of other communities. The Town asked John to contact Scott and ask him what he is doing with Charter on behalf of the communities involved.

John Peters motioned that he withdraws his motion and John Dumond withdrew his second.

Motioned by John Martin to table article 6, seconded by John Peters.  
Vote: Unanimously approved.

With all of the articles read and voted on, Moderator Norman Fournier adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Signed at the Town Office of Eagle Lake on July 17, 2024 by a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Eagle Lake.

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Arthur Carroll, Chair Selectperson

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Apryl Gagnon, Vice Chair Selectperson

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Denise Martin, Selectperson

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Paul Nadeau, Selectperson

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Raymond Saucier, Selectperson

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A True Copy of the Warrant, attest:

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John Sutherland, Town Clerk

# TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the Bonded Indebtedness of the Town of Eagle Lake as of July 17, 2024:

<b>Total Town Indebtedness:</b>	
Bonds Outstanding:	\$ 741,359.00
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Bonds:	\$ 214,036.08
Loan Outstanding (LED Lighting Purchase)	\$ 29,061.44
Interest to be paid on Outstanding LED Loan	\$ 3,892.30
Loan Outstanding (Snowmobile Groomer)	\$ 9,463.03
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Groomer Loan	\$ 205.01
Loan Outstanding (Old Main Street Paving)	\$ 57,465.16
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Road Loan	\$ 3,367.09
Loan Outstanding (Tractor Loan)	\$ 19,423.57
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Tractor Loan	\$ 1,376.17
New Loan approved by voters	\$ 100,000.00
Interest on new Loan (5.15% for 3 years)	\$ 10,451.69
Total Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds & Loans:	\$ 1,190,100.54

**RETURN ON THE WARRANT**

AROOSTOOK COUNTY, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

Eagle Lake, Maine July 18, 2024

I, Rita Ricciardi, certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Eagle Lake of the time and place of the within Special Town Meeting by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at the Eagle Lake Post Office, the Norstate Federal Credit Union, Katahdin Trust, Bald Eagle Inc., R+M Variety and Eagle Lake Grocery all on Aroostook Road; Municipal Building on Devoe Brook Road; the Municipal Bulletin Board in Plaisted and at the Sly-Brook Municipal Bulletin Board on Sly-Brook Road, the same being conspicuous, public places within said Town of Eagle Lake on July 23, 2024, which is at least seven (7) days prior to said special town meeting on July 31, 2024.

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A Resident of the Town of Eagle Lake, Maine