

TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE, MAINE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL 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:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Eagle Lake, in said County, qualified by law in Town affairs to meet at the Eagle Lake Town Office, located at 36 Devoe Brook Road, in Eagle Lake, on the 11th of June, 2024, A.D. for the purpose of acting on Articles 1- 2. (Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at Powell Memorial Gymnasium located at 36 Carter Street, in said Eagle Lake, the 12th day of June A.D., 2023 at 6:30 in the evening, for the purpose of acting on articles 3 through 45, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect all necessary Town Officers. Officers are required to be elected by secret ballot (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §2528). Positions include two (2) Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor for a three-year term, one (1) School Board Director for a three year term and one (1) Eagle Lake Water Board Trustee for a five year term.

Article 3. To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: July 01, 2024

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 8% per annum effective October 1, 2024

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on taxes that have received an abatement, if paid in full by October 1, 2024. (Title 36 M.S.R.A. §506-A).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 8% per annum

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of property taxes before said taxes are committed and to pay zero percent (0%) interest on said prepayments.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for snowmobile grants from the State of Maine in conjunction with Eagle Lake Winter Riders Snowmobile Club and transfer proceeds from such grants to the Eagle Lake Winter Riders Snowmobile Club, provided they deduct any amount due to the Town of Eagle Lake and agree to maintain trails for recreational use by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for ATV trail grants from the State of Maine in conjunction with the Eagle Lake Trailblazers ATV Club and transfer proceeds from such grants to the Eagle Lake Trailblazers ATV Club, provided they deduct any amount due to the Town of Eagle Lake and agree to maintain trails for recreational use by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if 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 other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$2,500 or less under such terms and conditions as they deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Value of property sold in 2023 \$ 1,965.72

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND PASSAGE

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 12. (Written ballot required by statute) To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Eagle Lake required by State of Maine law, in the event that the municipal budget approved results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax limit.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to reallocate funds from the 2023-24 Municipal Building / Rec Center, Municipal Snow Removal line to the Capital Equipment account.

Note: As of June 1, 2024, the amount totaled \$16,673.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for road capital improvement; under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town (See Treasurer Report).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$40,000 of its American Rescue Program Act (“ARPA”) grant funds toward the purchase of equipment and supplies during FY 2024-25 for the Eagle Lake Fire Department.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Note: A list of the items requested will be attached to the end of this warrant for your review.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve 2024-2025 Community Development Block grant applications for the following:

- Micro-Enterprise Program
- Housing Assistance Program
- Downtown Revitalization Program
- Business Assistance Program
- Economic Development Fund Loan Program
- Public Infrastructure Program
- Maine Department of Conservation Recreational Trails Programs
- Maine DOT Safe Routes to School Program
- Maine DOT Quality Community Program
- STK Foundation Grant
- USDA Rural Development Programs
- Maine COPS Hiring Program
- Federal Emergency Management Grants
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- Grants. Gov-EMS Programs

- Maine Community Foundation
- Economic Development Administration
- Northern Borders Regional Commission
- Aroostook County A.R.P.A. Funds
- Community Project Funding

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and/or USDA Rural Development; and/or Maine DOT; and/or Maine DOC; and/or Maine Community Foundation; and/or STK Foundation and if said program is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs; and, fund our local matching share through un-appropriated reserves and/or in-kind services.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for Federal, State and private foundation grant funds for various projects to benefit the Town, such as for housing, roads, or general economic and community development purposes; and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend such grant funds for their intended purpose only, provided that the grants do not oblige the Town to provide matching funds or other contributions that have not been previously approved by the voters.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 18. Shall changes to an ordinance entitled ‘Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Eagle Lake be enacted? Copies of the text for proposed changes to the ‘Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Eagle Lake’ are available from the Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose the Bauer CFSTT 2S Bauer SCBA Filling Station S\N 40863 and MFG date October 2003 and a Bauer Breathable Air Compressor; Model MIIV-E1 S\N 038140 MFG date June 2003 on terms and conditions that they deem in the best interest of the town and dedicate any amount received to the Eagle Lake Fire Department Equipment Reserve account.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for \$30,000 on behalf of Bald Eagle and if said program is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs; and allocate said funds to Bald Eagle Inc. under terms and conditions authorized by the Department of Economic and Community Development Block Grant Program.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 21. To see if the voters will vote to appropriate \$30,000 of unspent funds from the 23/24 Road Maintenance Line to the 24/25 Equipment Hire Line.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$30,000 of unspent funds from the 23/24 Road Maintenance Line to the 24/25 Equipment Hire Line.

Note: Funds will be used for work on Devoe Brook Road and Convent Road

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$185,780

Amount for Salaries and Wages for 2023: \$170,000

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Benefits:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$57,150

Amount for Benefits for 2023: \$56,150

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Auditor:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$14,500

Auditor Amount for 2023 \$8,500

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Economic Development and Planning:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$1,500

Amount for Economic Development and Planning for 2023: \$2,500

Article 27 To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, Local Plumbing Inspector, and Animal Control:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$8,100

Amount for Code Enforcement, Local Plumbing Inspector, and Animal Control for 2023: \$8,100

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Hydrants:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$ 92,500

Amount for Hydrants for 2023: \$92,500

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$ 5,000

Amount for Street Lights for 2023: \$5,000

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Incidentals

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$77,250

Amount for Incidentals for 2023: \$76,250

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Insurances:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$24,000

Amount for Insurances for 2023: \$22,500

Note: Insurances include: Building Insurance, Vehicle Insurance, and Bonds for Town Officers

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Bonds & Notes.

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$147,495

Amount for Bonds and Notes for 2023: \$146,495

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$49,925

Amount for the Fire Department for 2023: \$45,795

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance and Municipal Snow Removal (Municipal Building and Recreation Building, Sly Brook Road, and Town Roads).

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$188,500

Amount for Road Maintenance and Municipal Snow Removal for 2023: \$185,200

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance:

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$ 1,500

Amount for General Assistance for 2023: \$1,500

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Equipment Expense:
SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$6,850

Amount for Equipment Expense for 2023: \$6,850

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Recreation Building, Winter Trails, Tennis/BB, Beach and Parks, and Boat Landing:
SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$18,235

Amount for Recreation Building, Winter Trails, Tennis/BB, Beach and Parks, and Boat Landing for 2023: \$19,310

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Recreation Program.
SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$9,500

Amount for Recreation Program for 2023: \$9,500

Article 39. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the Summer Swimming Program:
SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$3,440

Amount for Summer Swimming Program in 2023: \$3,440

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the following reserve accounts:

- Fire Equipment Reserve \$ 20,000
- Capital Equipment Reserve \$ 10,000

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$30,000

Amount for Fire Equipment Reserve Account for 2023: \$40,000

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Unclassified
SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$9,290

Amount for Unclassified for 2023 \$7,290

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to utilize \$80,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of reducing FY 2024/2025 property tax commitment and setting the mil rate.

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$80,000

Amount from Undesignated Funds to reduce FY23-24 property taxes: \$70,000

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$93,925 for Municipal Solid Waste (NASWA).

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$93,925

Amount for Municipal Solid Waste for 2023: \$93,925

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service Inc. (ASI).

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$32,500

Amount for Ambulance Service (ASI) for 2023: \$31,500

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to apply the following anticipated revenues towards the FY 2024/2025 Budget thereby reducing appropriations and overall Tax Commitment:

• Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$225,000
• Motor Vehicle Agent Fee	\$ 3,000
• Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Boat Excise Tax	\$ 4,500
• Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Boat Agent Fee	\$ 1,000
• Dog License Agent Fee	\$ 100
• Building Permit Fee	\$ 2,000
• Clerk Fees	\$ 1,500
• Lien Cost	\$ 2,500
• Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,500
• Tree Growth Revenue	\$ 20,000
• General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 200
• Boat Landing Revenue	\$ 3,800
• Snowmobile Trail Grant	\$ 11,000
• Snowmobile Registration Revenue	\$ 700
• Veteran Reimbursement	\$ 1,200
• Interest on Taxes	\$ 9,500
• Interest on Deposits	\$ 1,500
• Fire & Rescue Appropriation	\$ 27,030
• Pond Brook Estates Revenue	\$ 70,000
• Faxes & Photocopy Revenue	\$ 100
• NASWA Administration Services	\$ 5,000
• North Woods Gate Fee	\$ 150
• Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$122,850
• Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)	\$ 15,750
• Audit Revenue from Eagle Lake Water and Sewer	\$ 6,000
• Plowing Revenue from Pond Brook Estates	\$ 6,000

Total Anticipated Revenues \$ 541,880

SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$541,880

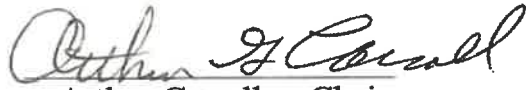
Total Anticipated Revenues for 2023: \$507,400

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the Bonded Indebtedness of the Town of Eagle Lake as of June 12, 2024:

Total Town Indebtedness:	
Bonds Outstanding:	\$ 741,359.00
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Bonds:	\$ 214,036.08
Loans Outstanding (LED Lighting Purchase)	\$ 29,061.44
Interest to be paid on Outstanding LED Loan	\$ 3,892.30
Loan Outstanding (Groomer Payment)	\$ 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 Paving Loan	\$ 3,367.09
Loan Outstanding (Tractor Loan)	\$ 19,423.57
Interest to be paid on Outstanding Tractor Loan	\$ 1,376.17
New Loan for to be Issued (If approved by Voters)	\$ 100,000.00
Estimated Interest on new Loan (5.15% for 3 years)	\$ 10,451.69
Total Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds & Loans:	\$ 1,190,100.54

Signed at the Town Office on May 22, 2024 by a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Eagle Lake.



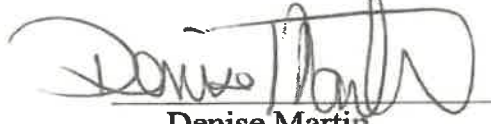
Arthur Carroll - Chair
Selectperson



Wendy Dube - Vice-Chair
Selectperson




Apryl Gagnon
Selectperson



Denise Martin
Selectperson

A True Copy of the Warrant attest:



John Sutherland – Town Clerk

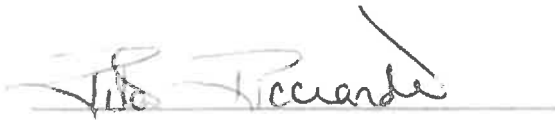
RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Aroostook County, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

Eagle Lake, Maine June 3, 2024

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Eagle Lake of the time and place of the Municipal Referendum and Elections by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at the Eagle Lake Post Office, Norstate Federal Credit Union, Katahdin Trust, B+C Pit Stop, Bald Eagle Inc. and Eagle Lake Grocery, all on Aroostook Road, the Municipal Bulletin Boards on Sly Brook Road and Plaisted, and the Municipal Building on Devoe Brook Road, the same being conspicuous, public places with said Town of Eagle Lake on June 3, 2024, which is at least seven (7) days prior to said Municipal Referendum on Elections on June 11, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Ricciardi", written over a horizontal line.

Rita Ricciardi
A Resident of the Town of Eagle Lake

Quantity	Description	Each Price	Line Total
6	FXM Turnout Coat and Pants	\$2,150.00	\$12,900.00
6	Nomex X-Long Hood	\$48.00	\$288.00
6	Cairns Helmet w/Faceshield	\$399.00	\$2,394.00
6	6" Leather Front Numbers	\$77.00	\$462.00
1	Seek Attack Pro Camera/w Truck Charger	\$3,884.00	\$3,884.00
6	Survivor X Flashlight with Charger	\$162.00	\$972.00
1	Alco-Lite 24 foot Ext. Ladder Ladder freight can be quoted at time Of order.	\$1,108.00	\$1,108.00
6	Globe Arctic Sole 14" Boot	\$645.00	\$3,870.00
6	Pro Tech Fusion Gloves	\$84.00	\$504.00
1	MSA Multi Gas Detector	\$1413.55	\$1413.55
12	ICOM F3400DS Portable Radio	\$873.60	\$10,483.00
1	Dual Power Tower light/w charger And spare battery	\$453.00	\$453.00
1	4' Fiberglass Ladder	\$119.99	\$119.99

Total: \$38,850.00