

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Joseph Doore, resident of the Town of Albion, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town of Albion, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Besse Building in said Town, on Friday, the 17th day of March A.D., 2023 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM Local Time to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, using the Australian system. The balance of the articles in the warrant are to be acted upon Saturday, March 18, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Albion Elementary School.
- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy not to exceed the rate established for the Town of Albion by State Law LD1, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. **(By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)**
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Assessor Agent to the Board of Assessors and Selectmen and to see what compensation shall be authorized for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$14,500)
- Article 5.** To see what wages the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor shall receive for their services for the ensuing year. Wages will be distributed evenly on a 10-month basis. An unexcused absence of a meeting will result in the pay being suspended until the next meeting attended.

(Budget Committee Recommends:
Selectmen: \$7,700 for chairman
 \$3,960 each for other two
Assessors: \$110 for chairman
 \$110 each for other two
Overseers of the Poor: \$110 each)
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and to see what wages shall be authorized for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends pay up to \$18.00 per hour with a ceiling of \$9,900)
- Article 7.** To establish compensation for Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$11,860)

- Article 8.** To establish compensation for the Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$16,500)
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to appoint a deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer and/or an assistant office clerk and establish compensation for the same.
(Budget Committee recommends pay up to \$18.00 per hour with ceiling of \$19,800)
- Article 10.** To establish compensation for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,210 Stipend for Road Commissioner; use State of Maine 2022 Labor Reimbursement & Private Equipment Rates as a guideline for the type of work being performed. All work to be approved by the Selectmen.)
- Article 11.** To choose one member of the Planning Board for a term of five years and two associate members of the Planning Board each for a term of one year.
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to pay members of the Planning Board and establish compensation.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2,500; \$35.00 for Chairman, \$18.00 per hour for Secretary and \$25.00 for all other members, which shall be for each meeting attended.)
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers for the ensuing year and negotiate compensation.
- Article 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers including Registrar, Addressing Officer, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, Planning Board, Assessor Agent, and Election Clerks.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$121,580)
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount necessary to be used for FICA/Medicare.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$15,000)
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of those tax titles held by the town which they deem advisable thirty (30) days after advertised notice and receiving sealed bids and to execute quit claim deeds on such property. Except that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow former owners of foreclosed properties to redeem those properties no later than six months after the lien expiration, upon payment of all outstanding taxes, interest and fees.
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 taxes that are not yet due or assessed.

- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest per annum on taxes unpaid after September 30, interest to be computed daily.
(Budget Committee recommends: 8 %)
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest per annum on tax liens, interest to be computed daily.
(Budget Committee recommends: 8 %)
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$25,000 to set aside in the existing property equalization fund.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$25,000)
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into contracts for goods and services on behalf of the Town of Albion.
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.
(Budget Committee recommends \$24,330 which includes a \$330 stipend for the Sexton. \$24,330 to be raised from taxation plus unexpended balance from 2022 of \$6558 for a total of \$30,888 plus proceeds from donations and sale of lots.)
- Article 25.** To elect three members to the Budget Committee for a term of three years and one member for a two year term. Also, to elect two alternates, each for a term of one year.
- Article 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for professional services and miscellaneous expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$60,000 from taxation)
- Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Highways and Bridges.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$127,000 from taxation, \$220,000 from General Fund and the funds from the Local Road Assistance Program money estimated at \$53,000)
- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate monies to be added to a fund for any necessary highway equipment.
(Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 from General Fund to be set aside toward the purchase of necessary highway equipment at a future date)
- Article 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for snow removal and sanding.
(Budget Committee recommends: Raise \$19,000 from Taxation and take \$436,000 from Excise Tax receipts)

- Article 30.** To see if the town will vote to accept and appropriate any grants, refunds, donations, and reimbursements for the designated departments.
- Article 31.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of the Poor.
(Budget Committee recommends: Raise \$1,000, plus the Libby Fund income estimated at \$8230.)
- Article 32.** To see what action the Town will vote with respect to recycling, one cleanup day, and to cover the cost of house-to-house pick-up, disposal fees and any other related costs.
(Budget Committee recommends: raise and appropriate \$125,000 from taxation, appropriate the Municipal Review Committee credit est. \$4,000, and take \$45,000 from General Fund to pay balance.)
- Article 33.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Albion Fire and Rescue Department.
(Budget Committee and Fire Chief recommend: Raise \$76,444 from taxation.)
- Article 34.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and to appropriate an amount to be added to the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund, and to see if the Town will approve year-end balances in the Fire and Rescue Department budget be transferred to this fund.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$25,000, including year-end balance from past year.)
- Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount to cover the costs of contracted services for rural patrol law enforcement, public safety answering point service and fire and rescue dispatch.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$40,000)
- Article 36.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the street lighting service furnished to the Town for the current fiscal year.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$5,000)
- Article 37.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance for Town buildings and employees.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$26,000)
- Article 38.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Besse Building.
(Budget Committee recommends: Raise \$16,000, plus rental fees.)
- Article 39.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs to the Besse Building.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$6,000 from General Fund)
- Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,470 for the Albion Public Library.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$6,470)

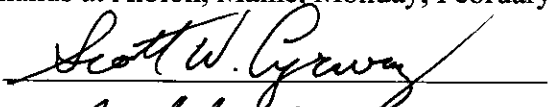
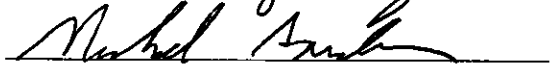
- Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 for the Albion Historical Society.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,250)
- Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$350 for Memorial Day expenses to be awarded to Washburn-Brann-Ward Post #195 for conducting ceremonies.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$350)
- Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to assign the full sum of money received from the Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Night Roadrunners Snowmobile Club.
(Budget Committee recommends: Full sum of money received, estimated at \$1,000)
- Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount to pay the required fee to the Waterville Humane Society and any other animal control expenses.
(Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,633, plus use monies generated from fees and penalties.)
- Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,760 and continue membership and pay dues to the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2,760)
- Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Albion annual budget during the period from February 1, 2024, to the Albion Annual Town Meeting date.
- Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 5%, by department, of the prior fiscal year's municipal appropriation to cover budget shortfall.
- Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to support recreation for the children in Albion through participation in the Fairfield Police Athletic League.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$13,000)
- Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$2,030 to support Spectrum Generations.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2,030)
- Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$1,000 for Hospice Volunteers in the Waterville area.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,000)
- Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$3,550 for the Family Violence Project.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$3,550)

- Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$7,000 for the support of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry through the Good Shepard Food Bank.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$7,000)
- Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$250 for the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program to provide transportation for our residents.
(Budget Committee recommends \$250)
- Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$702 for the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center to help cover costs for providing 24-hour coverage, 365 days a year to the citizens of Albion.
(Budget Committee recommends \$702)
- Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund for legal expenses during the fiscal year.
(Budget Committee recommends \$10,000)
- Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,090 for Delta Ambulance Services.
(Budget Committee recommends \$30,090)
- Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,500 to the Albion Bicentennial Fund for the expenditures related to the 2024 Albion bicentennial celebration, which shall remain a non-lapsing account until rescinded by the Town, and to further authorize the Selectboard to make expenditures from the account thereafter for this purpose without further vote of the town.
(Budget Committee recommends: \$7,500 to be raised from taxation plus unexpended balance from 2022 of \$6,128.84 for a total of \$13,628.84)
- Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500 from the General Fund for a Recreational Fund.
(Budget Committee recommends \$2,500)
- Article 59.** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Albion School withdrawal from M.S.A.D #49.
Selectboard recommends: \$20,000
Budget Committee recommends: \$44,080.44. \$10,000 raised from taxation, \$10,000 taken from the General Fund plus unexpended balance from 2022 of \$24,080.44 for a total of \$44,080.44

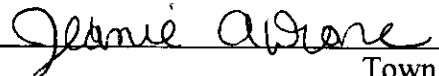
- Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Albion Fire and Rescue Department to expend any revenues received for ambulance services in fiscal year 2023 for the operating budget of the ambulance service, provided that any revenues exceeding \$43,456 shall be appropriated to the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund.
- Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to create a Reserve Account called the ARPA Reserve Account, to carry forward all unexpended ARPA Funds and place said remaining funds in the ARPA reserve account, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen the ability to expend from the ARPA Reserve Fund in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the ARPA Appropriation received by the Town.
- Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to enact the ordinance "Town of Albion Disbursement Warrant Ordinance." Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available in the Albion Town Office during regular office hours.
- Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to enact the ordinance "Town of Albion Utility Scale Solar Energy Facility Ordinance." Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available in the Albion Town Office during regular office hours.
- Article 64.** To see what sum of money the voters will vote to pay the Moderator and Deputy Moderator for their services at the meeting.
(Selectmen recommend \$75.00 for the Moderator and \$250.00 for the Deputy Moderator)

Hereof fail not to have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Albion, Maine, Monday, February 27, 2023.

Scott Cyrway 
 Michael Gardner 

A true copy.

Attest: 
 Town Clerk