

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FRIDAY MAY 19TH, 2023

To **Joanna Ellis**, a resident of the Town of Beaver Cove in the County of Piscataquis 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 said Town of Beaver Cove, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Beaver Cove Town Office, in said Town on **Friday May 19th, 2023** at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles to witness:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

John Contreni elected

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Selectperson to finish three year term vacated by Earl Mann.

Joe Babbitt received 23 votes

Bill Manahan received 7

Joe Babbitt elected

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Selectperson to a term of three years. Jamie's Term is done.

Tim Keltz received 14 votes

Bill Manahan received 16

Bill Manahan elected

ARTICLE 4: To elect a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

Sally Farrand's Term is up.

Sally Farrand reelected

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Municipal Officers to appoint all Municipal Officials and employees required by general law, charter or ordinance and remove those officials and employees for cause, after notice of hearing. (Chapter 123 MRSA Sub 2601)

PASSED

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the Municipal officers, employees and the Town's Share of social security & unemployment taxes for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

• Selectperson 1 st year term	\$1,200.00
• Selectperson 2 nd year term	1,200.00
• Selectperson 3 rd year term	1,200.00
• Chair of Board	800.00
• Administrative Assistant	23,274.00
• Collector of Taxes	15,602.00
• Deputy Pay	600.00
• Public Works	4,499.00
• Roads Coordinator	1,200.00
• Emergency Management Coordinator	750.00
• Registrar of Voters	450.00
• Social Security, Town's Share	4,500.00
• Town Treasurer	10,816.00
• Clerk	7,484.00
• Unemployment	<u>400.00</u>

TOTAL: \$73,975.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$73,975.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the office expenses of administration of the municipal office and the operation of the Town for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

	PROPOSED 23-24 BUDGET	
• ASSESSMENTS		
LUPC ASSESSMENT	\$ 18,691.00	(ESTIMATE 11% increase)
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY ASSESSMENT	150,556.00	INCREASED BY \$16,871.00)
• COMMUNICATIONS	5,400.00	(INSTALL REMOTE ACCESS)
• COMPUTER	9,000.00	(3 NEW OFFICECOMPUTERS)
• COPIER	1,800.00	
• E-911	1,200.00	
• ELECTIONS, MEETINGS, ADS	3,000.00	
• MAPPING	1,000.00	
• OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	2,000.00	
• POSTAGE & COPIES	1,400.00	
• REFURBISHING	500.00	
• REGISTRY OF DEEDS	100.00	
• TRAINING & TRAVEL	1,200.00	
• UTILITIES	<u>9,000.00</u>	
	\$ 204,347.00	

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$204,347.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contractual Services:

• ANNUAL REPORT	1,400.00
• ASSESSOR	6,500.00
• AUDIT REPORT	<u>5,500.00</u>
	\$ 13,400.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$13,400.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of the Community Room, building fund and ground maintenance:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPPLY FUND	4,000.00
CLEANING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,000.00
COMMUNITY ROOM EXPENSES	600.00
GROUND MAINTENANCE	4,500.00
SECURITY SYSTEM	<u>1,800.00</u>
	\$ 13,900.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$13,900.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintaining a Building Maintenance fund by depositing a said sum into a CD to gain interest.

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$2,000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to replenishing the funds taken out of General Funds for overage in the Storm/Debris Account for cleanup from the storms.

*****This transfer from General Funds to pay the overage was approved March 13, 2023 at a Special Town Meeting. The amount Transferred was \$33,595.00**

TOTAL RECOMMENDED \$33,595.00

****DISCUSSION LED TO AMENENDING THE AMOUNT TO ZERO AMOUNT.
PASSED AS AMENDED IN ZERO AMOUNT**

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from General Funds to use toward reducing the Tax Commitment.

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$25,000.00

****DISCUSSION LED TO AMENDING TO ZERO AMOUNT.**

Allison explained this article was for transparency and accountability and to give the tax payers a choice as minimal people were at special Town Meeting that passed the transferring of \$33,595. From the general unappropriated funds.

PASSED AS AMENDED IN ZERO AMOUNT

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurances, General Assistance and dues:

• ASSOCIATION DUES & MANUALS	325.00
• CASUALTY & PROPERTY POOL INSURANCE	4,500.00
• GENERAL ASSISTANCE	750.00
• MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DUES	2,000.00
• MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	500.00
• SAM'S CLUB	100.00
• VOLUNTEER INSURANCE	100.00
• WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	<u>650.00</u>
	\$ 8,925.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$ 8,925.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to place the Maine DOT/Local Road Assistance Funds (estimated \$8000.00) into the Town's Road Reconstruction account and to expend these funds for reconstruction/capitol improvements of the road.

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$8,000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for roads, highways and bridges for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

• CALCIUM CHLORIDE/GRADING	27,000.00
• RECONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE	20,000.00
• SUMMER ROADS	25,000.00
• WINTER ROADS	112,000.00.
• SALT & SAND IN SHED	1,500.00
• DEBRIS/STORM CLEAN-UP	<u>10,000.00</u> (INC. BY 7,000.)
	\$195,500.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$195,500.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health and Safety during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

• FIRE CONTRACT, TOWN OF GREENVILLE	34,000.00
• POLICE CONTRACT, TOWN OF GREENVILLE	37,000.00
• EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$ 73,000.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$73,000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanitation during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

• LILY BAY TRANSFER STATION	23,000.00
• LANDFILL CLOSING COSTS	<u>1,820.00</u>
	\$24,820.00

TOTAL: \$24,820.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 18: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

SHAW PUBLIC LIBRARY	500.00
C.A. DEAN HOSPITAL AMBULANCE FUND	1,200.00
PINE TREE HOSPICE	625.00
LIFE FLIGHT	125.00
WOMAN CARE (Partners for Peace)	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2,650.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$2,650.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations for the maintenance of network of snowmobile trails open to the public for outdoor recreation at no charge in the Beaver Cove area. Appropriations to be at discretion of Select Board as they deem advisable.

PASSED

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and allocate in following y established funds:

Property Acquisition and Development Fund	\$5,000.00
Physical Plant Replacement	5,000.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED \$10,000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

TOTAL RECOMMENDED: \$7,500.00

Discussion was asked why not higher for situation as with the one we had with storm clean up. Could not amend high by law. Will look at increasing next year.

PASSED as written

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote that taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 30, 2023 or 30 days after Tax Commitment and charge 7.00% per annum interest on all unpaid taxes 30 days after Tax Commitment.

PASSED

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote that a Taxpayer who over pays an amount over five dollars of that finally assessed amount shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment is received at the annual rate of 1.00% and to appropriate such sums from undesignated surplus as are necessary to pay such abatements with interest.

PASSED

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of Town owned property with a value of \$1,000.00 or less on such terms and conditions, as they deem advisable.

PASSED

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to expend the following estimated revenue from the following accounts in order to reduce the property tax commitment for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024:

HOMESTEAD	3,979.00
BETE REIMBURSEMENT	.00
INTEREST ON BANKING	608.00
INTEREST ON TAXES	350.00
LILY BAY STATE PARK FEE SHARING	16,000.00
SURPLUS CARRY OVER	70,499.00
SCHOOL CARRY OVER	15,000.00
STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING	6,000.00
STATE SUBSIDY FOR EDUCATION	1,677.38.
TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEMENT	16,000.00
TRANSFERRED GENERAL FUNDS	25,000.00 AMENED
VETERANS	54.00
EXCISE TAX COLLECTIONS	<u>49,400.00</u>
	\$204,567.38

TOTAL RECOMMENDED:	\$204,567.38
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Because of Article 12 being amended to zero this article had to be amended removing the 25,000. making the final total \$179,567.38

PaASSED with amended total of \$179,567.38

ARTICLE 26: To see if Town will vote to authorize Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and/or dispose of any property/real estate acquired by Town for non-payment of taxes, thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable according to the laws of the State of Maine, and to execute quit claim deeds on behalf of the Town with respect to such real estate.

PASSED

ARTICLE 27: To see if voters will authorize the Select Board to accept and appropriate on behalf of the Town any gifts, donations, grants, including conditional gifts or donations or lease proceeds and to use these revenues for the purposes for which they were given or for which they were produced, unless otherwise directed for use by statute or Town Meeting vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit _____ established for the Town of Beaver Cove by statute in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in the tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

PASSED as written

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town of Beaver Cove will vote to adopt the amended Firearms Ordinance Arti-12.21. that was reviewed and approved by the Firearms Committee approved by Board on March 27, 2023. Copy of amendments follows:

TOWN OF BEAVER COVE, MAINE

THE WEAPON DISCHARGE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVER COVE

The inhabitants of the Town of Beaver Cove hereby ordain by the Town of Beaver Cove Annual Town Meeting that the following be enacted:

Section 1: That the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Town of Beaver Cove, Maine is hereby amended which shall be titled “ Firearms Discharge Ordinance for the Town of Beaver Cove”, the Article supersedes all previous revisions and reads as follows

ART-12.21 (2) Section A

No person, except a law enforcement officer in the performance of the Officer’s duties, shall discharge any firearm within the limits of the Town as described in Section B of this Article except (1) at military exercises, funerals, reviews or memorial events: (2) in proper defense of self, family and property, as permitted by statute: (3) for the destruction of a dangerous animal, or an animal destroying property: (4) as allowed by existing State & Federal Laws on a property owned by the person discharging the firearm or with the permission of the property owner where the firearm is discharged. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit hunting, which is in compliance with the State of Maine’s Hunting Laws (Title 12 MRSA).

Section B – Law Enforcement Officer Defined

For the purposes of this article, the term law enforcement officer shall include all officers so defined or described by the ordinances of the Town of Beaver Cove, Statutes of the State of Maine and Provisions of the United States Code

Section C – Firearms Defined

For the purpose of this article, the term firearm shall be defined by Title 12 MRSA, Part13:

Chap 901 (21) To Wit:

any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive

(This is the definition of firearm in the US.gov code)

Section D – Restricted Area

The limits to be restricted for the discharge of firearms shall be as follows: beginning at a point located on the west side of the Beaver Creek bridge crossing Lily Bay Road and then bounded on the South by Beaver Creek; on the East by Lily Bay Road; on the North by the Southern Boundary of Lily Bay State Park; and on the West by the shoreline of Moosehead Lake, extending back to the aforementioned Southern Boundary on Beaver Creek. Burnt Jacket and all other areas of the Town of Beaver Cove, including but not limited to Lily Bay State Park, and with the exception of the Municipal Lot, which includes the Town Office, all areas West of Lily Bay Road are specifically excluded from this Restricted Area. The Municipal Lot, which includes the Town Office is also specifically included in this Restricted Area and subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. The Town of Beaver Cove shall prominently post signage on regulating the discharge of firearms. Signs shall be posted and maintained at the entrances of all Town roads from Lily Bay Road.

Section E – Penalty

Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for a subsequent offense.

Section F – State Statute §11208 Shooting From or Over a Public Paved Way

1. Shooting or discharge of firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow over or near public paved way. A person may not:
 - A. Shoot at any wild animal or wild bird from any public paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of the public paved way or from within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
 - B. Discharge any firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow over a public paved way [PL 2013, c. 538, §25 (AMD).]

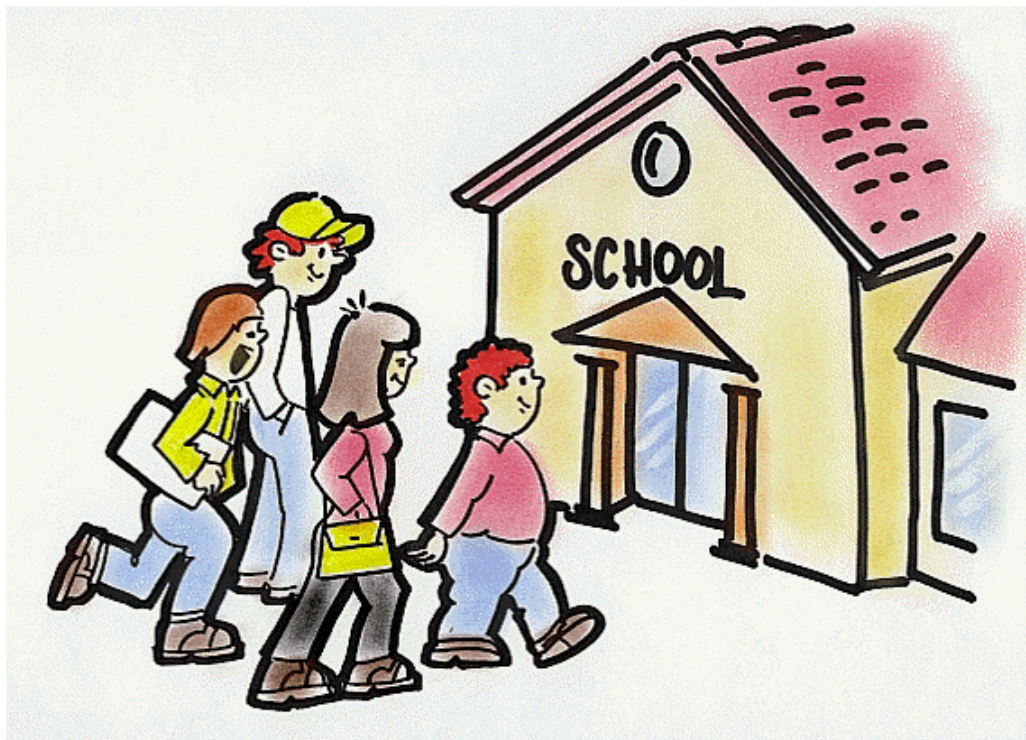
Within the boundaries of “Section D - Restricted Areas” for the Town of Beaver Cove, “public paved way” shall also include all Township maintained public roads.

Section G – Severability

Each of the provisions of this ordinance is severable and if any provision shall be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

a REGISTERED VOTER/RESIDENT asked about hearing it had been pushed through . Alison responded she would call that an inaccurate statement as there were several Firearm Committee meetings. Committee existing of 10 members with some meetings having more for attendance. Everyone from both sides gave up something, after a lot of discussion and hard work the end was agreeable to all.

FIREARM ORDINANCE PASSED MAY 19, 2023



ARTICLE 30 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$69,000.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$69,000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$3,400.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$3,400.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 32 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 33 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co Curricular Education.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 34 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 35 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$10,657.99
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$10,657.99

PASSED

ARTICLE 36 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 37 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$13,761.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$13,761.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 38 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 39 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 40 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures - School Lunch.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$0.00
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 41 To see what sum the Town of Beaver Cove will raise and appropriate funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described for the total cost of in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommended \$44,052.20) and

to see what the sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688.

STATUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS	\$44,052.20
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$44,052.20
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$44,052.20

PASSED

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 42 To see what sum the Town of Beaver Cove will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$36,089.41), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$36,089.41 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Beaver Cove School Committee.

The Beaver Cove School Committee recommends \$36,089.41 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$36,089.41. The EPS funding model is based on teacher/student ratios, this impacts small rural schools because they are required to provide the same level of educational services to a smaller population of students

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECCOMENDS	\$36,089.41
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$36,089.41

PASSED

ARTICLE 43 Summary Article:

To see what sum the Town of Beaver Cove will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$96,818.99
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$96,818.99

PASSED

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town of Beaver Cove will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 any unanticipated state school general federal, local or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	APPROVAL
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	APPROVAL

PASSED

A TRUE ATTEST COPY:

Town Clerk _____ Date _____