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To **Sally Farrand**, 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 31th, 2024** at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles to witness:

ELECTION ARTICLES

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Selectperson to a term of three years.
Alison Barkley Term has expired.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Selectperson to a term of 2 years.
Bill Manahan has resigned effective at the end of this meeting.

ARTICLE 4: To elect a representative to The School Committee for a term of 3 years
Allison St. Jean term has expired.

MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote that taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 30, 2024, or 30 days after Tax Commitment. All unpaid taxes after October 31, 2024 will be charged interest at 7.00% on all unpaid balances.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote that a Taxpayer who overpays an amount over \$5 of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus 3% annual interest from the date of overpayment is received, and to appropriate such sums from undesignated surplus as are necessary to pay such abatements with interest. (Statute 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A.)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will authorize the Select-Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the 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 and with respect to such real estate. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by M.R.S, Section 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell to anyone other than the former owners(s).

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the Select-Board on behalf of the Town to sell and to dispose of any surplus Town owned personal property under \$5,000.00 in value, on such terms as they deem advisable according to the laws of the State of Maine, and to accept any proceeds from such sales as unanticipated revenue which will become part of the Town's Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to accept any conditional or unconditional gifts, donations, or grants, and to appropriate these revenues for the purposes for which they were given.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate some or 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.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

APPROPRIATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

ACCOUNT	FY24 Request
Governance	\$ 4,400
Municipal Management	\$ 100,476
Operations	\$ 26,225

Buildings	\$ 23,000
Information Technology	\$ 12,500
Elections	\$ 450
Finance and Treasury	\$ 2,000
Assessments	\$ 190,040
Deeds	\$ 100

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$ 372,501.00**

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

ACCOUNT	FY24 Request
General Assistance	\$ 750
Outside Organizations	\$ 2,150

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$2,900**

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC SAFETY**

ACCOUNT	FY24 Amount
Fire Department	\$ 33,736
Police Department	\$ 36,601
Emergency Management	\$ 2,750

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$73,087**

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC WORKS**

ACCOUNT	FY24 Amount
Roads	\$ 241,668
Transfer Station	\$ 23,000
Landfill	\$ 1,820

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$266,488**

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **CULTURE AND RECREATION**

ACCOUNT	FY24 Amount
Community Room	\$ 600
Public Library	\$ 500

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$1,100**

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate non-tax municipal revenues for use toward Articles 11 through 15.

ACCOUNT	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget
BETE	\$ 1	\$ 1
Education Subsidy	\$ 1,729.09	\$ 1,920.35
Homestead Exemption	\$ 5,408	\$ 5,408
MDOT	\$ 9,832	\$ 8,200
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 5,936.89	\$ 6,000
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 46,154.33	\$ 49,000
State Park	\$ 46,221.09	\$ 22,000
Tree Growth	\$ 24,542.80	\$ 18,000
Veterans	\$ 51	\$ 51
Checking Interest	\$ 15,697.64	\$ 30,006
Interest on Taxes	\$ 350.66	\$ 200
TOTAL	\$ 161,332.50	\$ 140,786.35

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$ 140,786.35**

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate from the General Fund Balance to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 11 through 15.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$11,000**

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate from Municipal Carryover funds Balance to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 11 through 15.

ACCOUNT	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget
Income Carryover	-	\$ 57,107.35
Expense Carryover	-	\$ 25,000
Future Land Acquisition	-	\$ 15,000
School Carryover	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Total Carryover	\$ 85,499	\$ 112,107.35

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: **\$ 112,107.35**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to move up to 5% of budget lines that have unexpended appropriations to other budget lines, as they deem necessary, to avoid individual budget lines being over-expended.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

ARTICLE 20: To determine the sense of the Town Meeting with respect to potential policies governing the management of the General Fund Balance and other Town Assets.

Note- this Article is for non-binding discussion only. No vote is necessary.

SCHOOL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

FY23-24: APPROVED-	\$ 69,000
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 86,000
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$ 86,000

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

FY23-24: APPROVED-	\$ 3,400
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 3,400
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$ 3,400

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

FY23-24: APPROVED-	\$ 10,657.99
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 11,156.99
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$ 11,156.99

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

FY23-24: APPROVED-	\$ 13,761
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 13,761

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 13,761

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

FY23-24: APPROVED- \$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$ 0

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

FY23-24: APPROVED-	\$ 0
FY24-25: SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 0
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$ 0

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$ 52,837.35**) and to see what 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.

“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.”

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$52,837.35
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$52,837.35

ARTICLE 33: Shall The Town of Beaver Cove raise and appropriate **\$ 45,560.29** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$45,560.29** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee and board of directors?

The school committee and select board recommend **\$ 45,560.29** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 45,560.29**

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$45,560.29
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$45,560.29

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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.

ACCOUNT	23-24FY APPROVED	24-25 FY BUDGET
Required Local Allocation	\$ 44,052.20	\$ 52,837.35
Add'l Local Allocation	\$ 36,089.41	\$ 45,560.29
Fund Balance Forward	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,000
State Subsidy Allocation	\$ 1,677.38	\$ 1,920.35
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$ 114,317.99
	SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	\$ 114,317.99

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town of Beaver Cove will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 any unanticipated state school general federal, local or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	APPROVAL
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS	APPROVAL

