

**TOWN OF MACHIAS, MAINE**

**WARRANT**

**2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TO: LARRY ARMSTRONG**, a resident of the Town of Machias, County of Washington, State of Maine

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Machias, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Rose M. Gaffney School Gymnasium on Wednesday, the Twenty Sixth day of July, AD 2023, at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on **Articles 1 thru 49. All articles being set out below, to wit;**

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$440,060.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$55,755.00** from the enterprise accounts listed below, for a total appropriation of **\$495,815.00** for the **Administration Account**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Administration</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Town Manager	\$76,721.00	\$83,396.00
Town Clerk	\$51,115.00	\$54,524.00
Finance Director	\$68,194.00	\$74,127.00
Administrative Assistant	\$36,587.00	\$39,013.00
PT/Per Diem	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Public Health Officer	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Northfield Stipend	\$1,309.00	\$1,424.00
Elections	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
BD of Select-People Secretary	\$8,662.00	\$9,529.00
Board of Select-People	<u>\$14,700.00</u>	<u>\$14,700.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$264,488.00</b>	<b>\$283,913.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$20,235.00	\$21,720.00
Health Insurance	\$71,415.00	\$83,355.00
Worker's Compensation	\$2,000.00	\$1,985.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$450.00	\$425.00
Retirement	<u>\$16,535.00</u>	<u>\$17,870.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$110,635.00</b>	<b>\$125,355.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Equipment Rental/Supplies	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equipment/Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Computer Licensing	<u>\$10,500.00</u>	<u>\$11,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Cleaning Supp.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Sewer	\$382.00	\$382.00
Water	\$400.00	\$400.00
Telephone/Cell	\$2,500.00	\$3,600.00
Building Maint./Repairs	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$13,782.00</b>	<b>\$13,882.00</b>
 <b>Other</b>		
Audit	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Drug Testing	\$550.00	\$550.00
Bank Charges	\$5,000.00	\$6,200.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing/Town Report	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Tax/Sewer Bills	\$350.00	\$350.00
Professional Dues	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Training	\$700.00	\$700.00
Postage	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Town Manager Expense	<u>\$3,900.00</u>	<u>\$3,900.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$34,300.00</b>	<b>\$36,500.00</b>
 <b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg./Gen Liability	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Public Officials Liability	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Blanket Bond	<u>\$365.00</u>	<u>\$365.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$6,865.00</b>	<b>\$6,865.00</b>
 <b>Contract Services</b>		
Cleaning	<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>
 <b>Capital Projects</b>		
Capital Projects	\$500.00	\$500.00
Computer/Software	<u>\$3,700.00</u>	<u>\$3,700.00</u>
	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL ADMIN.</b>	<b>\$457,870.00</b>	<b>\$495,815.00</b>
 <b>Enterprise Acct Fund Transfers</b>		
Tel-Center	\$15,875.00	\$17,145.00
Sewer Account	\$14,000.00	\$13,235.00
Ambulance	\$10,645.00	\$15,000.00
Transfer Station	<u>\$10,375.00</u>	<u>\$10,375.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Enterprise Acct Fund Trans</b>	<b>\$50,895.00</b>	<b>\$55,755.00</b>

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,550.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$13,550.00** from the ambulance enterprise account for a total appropriation of **\$27,100.00** for the **Public Safety Building**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Heat	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00

**Public Safety Building Continued****Utilities Continued**

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Water	\$900.00	\$900.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$22,400.00</b>	<b>\$26,100.00</b>

**Insurance**

General Libability	\$950.00	\$0.00
Building	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILD.**

<b>\$23,350.00</b>	<b>\$27,100.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$314,837.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$45,000.00** from the Ambulance Enterprise Account for a total appropriation of **\$373,387.00** for the **Fire Department**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**Fire Department**

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Fire Chief	\$10,000.00	\$10,870.00
Part-time Personnel	\$21,575.00	\$25,505.00
Stipends for Volunteers	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
Dispatchers	\$117,204.00	\$124,730.00
Overtime	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$216,779.00</b>	<b>\$229,105.00</b>

**Benefits**

FICA/Medicare	\$16,585.00	\$17,530.00
Health Insurance	\$28,974.00	\$30,290.00
Worker's Compensation	\$31,712.00	\$25,000.00
Retirement	\$3,520.00	\$3,742.00
Unemployment Compensation	<u>\$295.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$81,086.00</b>	<b>\$76,962.00</b>

**Supplies & Maintenance**

Office Supplies	\$400.00	\$400.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gas	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
Equipment Rental/Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Personal Protective Equip.	\$5,500.00	\$10,000.00
Airpacks	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$28,400.00</b>	<b>\$37,400.00</b>

**Utilities**

Telephone	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Heat	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
911 Lines	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Building Appropriations	<u>\$11,675.00</u>	<u>\$13,550.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$19,275.00</b>	<b>\$20,650.00</b>

**Other**

Training/Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Drug Testing	\$200.00	\$400.00
Ads/Notices	\$200.00	\$200.00
Boot Allowance	\$375.00	\$500.00

<b>Other continued</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
Uniforms/Clothing	<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$2,525.00</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
General Liability	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fleet	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00
Building	<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$6,420.00</b>	<b>\$6,420.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$354,485.00</b>	<b>\$373,387.00</b>

**NOTE:** The total Fire Department Appropriation is decreased by the **\$13,550.00** which is raised under the Public Safety Building Budget and decreased by **\$45,000.00** that is appropriated from the Ambulance Enterprise Budget for dispatching services.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$568,628.00** through taxation for the **Police Department**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople recommend. The Budget Committee does recommend.

<b>Police Department</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Police Chief	\$67,100.00	\$72,938.00
Officers	\$162,085.00	\$209,334.00
Reserve Officers	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
Animal Control Officer	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
School Resource Officer	\$19,665.00	\$19,665.00
Court Time	\$300.00	\$300.00
Overtime	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$273,150.00</b>	<b>\$329,837.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$20,896.00	\$25,233.00
Health Insurance	\$76,395.00	\$83,170.00
Worker's Compensation	\$14,990.00	\$16,135.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$475.00	\$578.00
Retirement	<u>\$13,752.00</u>	<u>\$33,475.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$126,508.00</b>	<b>\$158,591.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Gas	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
Equip & Supply	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$200.00	\$400.00
Tires	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$24,300.00</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equip/Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Software Licensing	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
Software Purchase	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Utility</b>		
Telephone	\$6,900.00	\$7,000.00
Building Repairs	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Building Appropriations	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$17,400.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Community Policing	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Prof Dues	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Training/Travel	\$2,000.00	\$7,500.00
Testing Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00
Evidence Collection Kits	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Uniforms	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Shoes/Boots	<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$9,450.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>		
Cleaning	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
General Liability	\$8,798.00	\$8,000.00
Fleet	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$12,298.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$476,806.00</b>	<b>\$568,628.00</b>

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$473,613.00** through taxation for the **Public Works Department**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Public Works Department</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Director	\$56,710.00	\$61,644.00
Fulltime	\$105,875.00	\$107,354.00
Overtime	\$7,000.00	\$11,000.00
Part-time	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$172,585.00</b>	<b>\$182,998.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$13,205.00	\$14,000.00
Health Insurance	\$69,155.00	\$75,600.00
Worker's Compensation	\$16,935.00	\$14,925.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$288.00	\$360.00
Retirement	<u>\$6,799.00</u>	<u>\$7,935.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$106,382.00</b>	<b>\$112,820.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$35,000.00	\$37,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$25,000.00	\$23,000.00

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance continued</b>		
Antique Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Equip Rental/Supplies	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Tires	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$70,600.00</b>	<b>\$70,600.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Contract Services	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
Advertising	\$250.00	\$250.00
Training/Travel	\$350.00	\$350.00
Testing	\$200.00	\$500.00
Boot Allowance	\$525.00	\$875.00
Clothing Allowance	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$17,725.00</b>	<b>\$19,375.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Heat	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$1,700.00	\$1,850.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	<b>\$8,850.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Liability	\$1,670.00	\$1,670.00
Public Official Liability	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fleet	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,200.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$12,670.00</b>	<b>\$12,870.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Supplies	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>		
Culverts	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Cold Patch	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Sand/Salt	\$45,000.00	\$55,000.00
Sidewalk	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Sewer & Storm Drain R&M	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>	<b>\$63,500.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>911 Signs</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	<b>\$442,262.00</b>	<b>\$473,613.00</b>

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select-People to issue notes not to exceed a period of 3 years in the name of the Town of Machias for the purpose of purchasing a new dump body for Public Works not to exceed the sum of **\$60,000.00**.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,300.00** through taxation for the **Assessing Department**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Tax Assessing Department Personnel</b>	<b>2022/2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023/2024 Budget</b>
Assessor	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,600.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00
Equip Maintenance	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Trio Software	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Other</b>		
Professional Dues	\$700.00	\$700.00
Tax Maps	\$0.00	\$600.00
Postage	<u>\$650.00</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSING DEPART.</b>	<b>\$25,900.00</b>	<b>\$28,300.00</b>

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,725.00** through taxation for the **Machias Valley Airport**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Machias Valley Airport Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>2022/2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023/2024 Budget</b>
Supplies/Lights	\$200.00	\$225.00
Land Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equip Maintenance - Beacon	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,225.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Heat	\$800.00	\$500.00
Telephone/Wifi	\$500.00	\$500.00
Apron Maintenance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg/Gen Liability	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Machias Valley Airport Equipment Maintenance</b>		
Aviation Fuel	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
<b>Other</b>		
Bush Hogging	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Capital Improve	\$500.00	\$500.00
Reserve/UDFB	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Grant Match	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL MACHIAS VALLEY AIRPORT</b>	 <b>\$20,100.00</b>	 <b>\$40,725.00</b>

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any remaining funds from the 2022-2023 Airport budget to the **Capital Projects - Airport Improvements Reserve** account and to authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend the funds for airport improvements. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,125.00** Through taxation for the **Town Activities and Facilities**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Town Planters	\$1,000.00	\$2,750.00
Christmas Lighting	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00
Fall Festival	\$250.00	\$250.00
Fireworks	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
4th of July	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Activities</b>	<b>\$6,950.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>

<b>Facilities</b>		
Bad Little Falls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Norman Nelson Park	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Station 1898	\$100.00	\$100.00
Playground	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Skate Park	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Boat Dock	\$300.00	\$500.00
Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
South Side Field	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Facilities</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>	<b>\$11,100.00</b>

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg/Gen. Liability	<u>\$525.00</u>	<u>\$525.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>

**TOTAL TOWN ACT. & FACILITIES** **\$18,375.00** **\$23,125.00**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$181,900.00** for the operation and maintenance of **Town Utilities**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Town Utilities</b>		
Fire Hydrants	\$156,200.00	\$156,200.00
Street Lighting	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Antique Lights Insurance	\$450.00	\$450.00
E-911 Signs	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$181,900.00</b>	<b>\$181,900.00</b>

**NOTIFICATION TO TAXPAYERS**

To notify the residents of the Town of Machias that the sum of **\$285,324.00** will be required to be raised in order to pay the **Washington County Tax Assessment**.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>County Tax Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
WC Tax	<u>\$256,355.00</u>	<u>\$285,324.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY TAX ASSESS.</b>	<b>\$256,355.00</b>	<b>\$285,324.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,850.00** for the **General Assistance Program**. State law mandates the Town assist individuals who meet the eligibility guidelines and income limits. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Heat/Electric	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Food	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Funerals	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Other Services	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$5,850.00</b>

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300.00** for a **Third Party Request** for the **Burnham Tavern**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **WIC - Nutrition Program**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Downeast Community Partners**, formerly the **Washington Hancock Community Agency**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Machias Area Little League**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,000.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Porter Memorial Library**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Veteran's Graves**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for a **Third Party Request for Eastern Area Agency on Aging**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$555.00** for a **Third Party Request for LifeFlight of Maine**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300.00** for a **Third Party Request for Community Health & Counseling**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Third Party Requests</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Burnham Tavern	\$300.00	\$300.00
Community Health & Counseling	\$300.00	\$300.00
WIC - Nutrition Program	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Downeast Community Partners	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Machias Area Little League	\$500.00	\$500.00
Porter Memorial Library	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Veteran's Graves	\$200.00	\$200.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$750.00	\$750.00
LifeFlight of Maine	<u>\$555.00</u>	<u>\$555.00</u>
<b>TOTAL THIRD PARTY</b>	<b>\$33,805.00</b>	<b>\$33,805.00</b>

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,335.00** for all **Other Departments**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>All Other Town Departments</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Plumbing Insp.	\$2,200.00	\$2,375.00
Code Enforcement	\$10,700.00	\$11,570.00
Planning Board	<u>\$2,707.00</u>	<u>\$4,390.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$15,607.00</b>	<b>\$18,335.00</b>

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$269,639.00** for the **Debt Service Account**. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Sewer Route 1	\$15,785.00	\$0.00
Public Works 445K (2019)	\$92,740.00	\$92,740.00
Phase III Sewer Project	\$20,515.00	\$20,515.00
Sewer Elm/Grove (2019)	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
MVA Improvement - 250K (2019)	\$54,800.00	\$54,800.00
Sewer Improve	\$24,265.00	\$24,265.00
Public Safety Building (2016)	\$22,890.00	\$22,890.00
Road Loan - \$231K (2016)	<u>\$26,429.00</u>	<u>\$26,429.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$285,424.00</b>	<b>\$269,639.00</b>

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$10,000.00** for a **Contingency Account**, and to authorize the Select-People to expend funds from this account as deemed necessary and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from 2022-2023 to be used in the 2023 to 2024 budget. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$4,000.00** for **Downtown Revitalization** work and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from the 2022/2023 appropriation and authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend said funds in the 2023/2024 Budget. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$3,000.00** for **sidewalks repair and maintenance** and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from the 2022/2023 Sidewalk Repair Account and to authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend said funds in the 2023/2024 Budget. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Capital Projects Summary</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Sidewalks Maintenance	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the monies received in the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Gen Asst. Reimbursement	\$3,990.00	\$3,990.00
Local Road Assistance	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
Snowmobile Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$450,000.00	\$485,000.00
State BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$110,000.00</u>	<u>\$123,506.00</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$581,240.00</b>	<b>\$629,746.00</b>

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the anticipated revenues in the amount of **\$538,910.00** from the **General Fund Appropriations** to offset taxes. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Airport Income	\$25,985.00	\$43,985.00
Automobile Excise Tax	\$275,000.00	\$295,000.00
Bank Interest	\$38,000.00	\$40,000.00
Boat Excise	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
Building Permits	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Clerk Fees	\$10,635.00	\$11,660.00
Animal Control	\$300.00	\$300.00
Fire Department Revenues	\$14,500.00	\$18,100.00

<b>Revenues Continued</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Categories - continued</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Northfield Excise Contract	\$1,673.00	\$1,895.00
Police Department Revenues	\$21,820.00	\$21,770.00
Public Works	\$51,800.00	\$51,800.00
Registration Fees	\$7,800.00	\$8,200.00
Rental Income	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
CC Service Fee	\$8,500.00	\$6,500.00
Tax Interest	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
In Lieu of Tax	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$491,513.00</b>	<b>\$538,910.00</b>

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds received from the State of Maine (**approximately \$163,780.00**). Reimbursement from the Homestead Exemption Program (**approximately \$155,780.00**), Tree Growth Reimbursement (**approximately \$5,000.00**), and Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement (**approximately \$3,000.00**). The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$65,000.00** to offset the Machias share of the **Bay Area Transfer Station** operating budget. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$103,600.00** to offset the **Ambulance Dept** operating budget. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following interfund transfers to offset taxes. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Interfunds</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Ambulance Department	\$67,320.00	\$73,550.00
Sewer Department	\$14,000.00	\$13,235.00
Telecommunications Department	\$15,875.00	\$17,145.00
Transfer Station	<u>\$10,375.00</u>	<u>\$10,375.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INTERFUNDS</b>	<b>\$107,570.00</b>	<b>\$114,305.00</b>

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the **Undesignated Fund Balance** the sum of **\$125,000.00** to offset the amount to be raised through taxation for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to have the fiscal year 2022/2023 taxes due in two increments: **one-half to be due on or before October 16, 2023, and one-half on or before March 15, 2024;** and to have interest charges at the annual rate of **8%** on any taxes paid after the due dates. Any amounts unpaid as of April 15, 2024 will be included in the annual report. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to grant a **2% discount** on any taxpayer's annual tax obligation when said taxpayer remits payment of his/her entire 2023 annual tax obligation with cash or check only (not available with credit card) by October 16, 2023 and to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount to cover the discount amount, which was **\$33,764.40** last year. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment (i.e. prior to the date of commitment) of taxes and to vote to pay **0%** interest on said payments. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Chapter 105 Section 506-A, at a rate of **4%** per annum. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at a rate of **8%** per annum, on all unpaid non-property tax accounts (i.e. sewer bills, airport tie-downs, miscellaneous fees, legally binding contract agreements, etc.) owed to the Town of Machias; **8%** interest representing the "highest conventional interest rate allowed to be charged" as currently determined by the Treasurer of the State of Maine for the forthcoming fiscal year. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, for the general account, and any and all enterprise accounts, unconditional gifts of property, money, and/or donations, which they feel, are in the Town's best interest to accept. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, unless state law determines the disposal process, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to all back taxes, interest, lien fees, and costs involved in the sale; and the balance unless specified by law shall be placed in a general Capital Projects Fund to be established for future municipal projects. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to dispose of Town owned personal property on such terms they deem advisable. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to close streets/roads or to post streets/roads, when appropriate or necessary. The Machias Board of Selectpeople and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpeople to expend available funds of approximately **\$145,000.00** from the **Fund Balance Restricted for Tax Increment Financing** accounts; Machias Savings Bank Maine Development Tax Increment \$115,000.00 and OMNIBUS Development Tax Increment \$30,000.00 for economic development activities in accordance with the approval of the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. The Board of Selectpeople recommend.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the Machias Revitalization Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program, as agreed on at the Special Town Meeting held on February 7, 2019.

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure on property in any manner in which the Select-People deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to increase, upon approval of the current year warrant articles or under extraordinary circumstances, it's 2023 property tax assessment above the property tax levy established by State Law (LD-1).

**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town of Machias will vote to appropriate \$250,000.00 from the Machias School Department's undesignated fund balance to offset the amount to be raised through taxation for the the Machias School Department. The Machias School Board, Budget Committee and Board of Select-People recommend.

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town of Machias will vote to join the Maine Public Employees Retirement Systems (MainePERS) as a Participating Local District effective September 1, 2023, and:

**A.)** To offer Special Plan 2C to its regular, full-time police officers, including its police chief effective September 1, 2023 and

**B.)** To exclude all other employees and appointed officials, including part-time, seasonal and temporary employees, and elected officials from participating in MainePERS and;

**C.)** To allow its eligible employees who are employed by the Town on September 1, 2023, who elect to join MainePERS, the option to purchase prior service upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so employees who wish to purchase prior service are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service; and

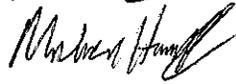
**D.)** To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for its non-participating employees with optional membership who previously declined to participate in MainePERS ("eligible employees") and to comply with the following requirements:

**1)** Beginning in 2024, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision: and

**2.)** To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and to remit them to MainePERS; and

**E.)** To authorize Town Manager or Select Board Chair to sign the agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

The Machias Board of Select-People and Budget Committee recommend

JACOB PATRYN /s/   
CAROLE PORCHER /s/   
SANDRA SINFORD /s/  
BENJAMIN EDWARDS /s/   
MICHAEL HINERMAN II /s/ 

A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Machias.

**Officer's Return**

Pursuant to the above warrant directed to me, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Machias, qualified herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, for the purposes therein named, by posting one attested copy of the warrant on the front of the Town Office Building and one attested copy at the Machias Bay Area Transfer Station, in said town, being a conspicuous place, on the 14th day of July 2023.

DATED: July 14, 2023

LARRY ARMSTRONG /s/  
Resident 