

# TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2022

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss.

**TO:** Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley, in said county:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Carrabassett Valley qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the **Town Office on Wednesday March 9th, 2022 at eight (8:00) o'clock in the morning**, then and there to act on Article One.

The polls will open as soon as Article One has been acted upon and will remain open to vote on Article Two until six (6:00) o'clock in the evening. **We will reassemble at the Outdoor Center at Seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening** to vote on all other articles, beginning with Article Three.

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session during regular Municipal Office Hours. Registrations will not be accepted during the evening meeting.

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

**Article 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required to be elected by secret ballot.

**Article 3.** Shall the Town vote taxes due as October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes as 6% percent per year and the date such interest commences as October 3th, 2022.

## **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 4.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of any Town owned tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable and execute release deeds in the name of the Town for such property.

## **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 5.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the March 2023 annual Town Meeting.

## **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 6.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$650,066** for General Government and Employee Benefits and related requirements as follows:

General Government Salaries	\$183,910
Town Office Operating Expenses	96,550
Assessing	50,500
Code Enforcement	69,791

Planning Board Expenses	10,850
Donations/Contributions & Contingency	21,350
Employee Benefits	<u>217,115</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$650,066</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 7.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$536,971** for the Town Protection and Town Insurance Accounts as follows:

Police Department	\$95,745
Communications and Sugarloaf Security	161,362
Fire Department Expenses	124,225
New Mountain Fire Department Expenses	21,000
NorthStar Emergency Medical Services	77,154
Animal Control and Shelter Services	1,685
Town Insurances:	<u>55,800</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$536,971</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$393,001** for Recreation Programs and Facilities as follows:

Recreation Department	\$ 80,700
Operation of the Anti-Gravity Complex (AGC)	241,601
Recreation Facility Reserves	7,000
J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club	22,000
Mountain Bike Trail Accounts	23,000
Outdoor Center Misc. Operations	1,200
Narrow Gauge Pathway Maintenance	<u>17,500</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$393,001</b>

**Also,** to approve transferring any remaining balance in the Narrow-Gauge Maintenance Account in 2022 to the Narrow-Gauge Pathway Reserve and to approve expending these funds for capital maintenance projects on this Pathway.

*(Note: Offsetting AGC Revenues of \$25,000 and \$80,000 for a total of \$105,000 are being requested in warrant article #21.)*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 9.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** to be placed into the Recreational Endowment Reserve Fund and to place revenues from the Cell Tower Lease (estimated to be \$17,000) into this Reserve Fund and to see if the Town shall vote to expend the following amounts from this Fund for the following purposes:

Town Matching Funds for the Junior Golf Program	\$ 3,505
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Town Matching Funds for Mountain Bike Club Grants and Donations \$15,000  
*(For Trail Planning, and Development)*

Town Matching Funds for the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club for Trail Projects \$ 7,000

*(To match Club Grants and funding to maintain and improve the ATV trail network and purchase needed equipment)*

Town Matching Funds to assist the Non-Profit 'Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trails, Inc.' develop a multi-use people powered trail that, if successful, would extend from Kingfield to Coburn Gore \$ 2,500

Town Matching Funds to assist the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association in stocking the Outdoor Center Pond with fish.

\$400

**Total: \$28,405**

*(Note: Based on past practice, all expenditures from the Recreational Endowment Fund require at least a one-to-one match from the fund recipient and this will be required for each of these programs and projects. As of 12/31/20 there was \$364,458 in this Reserve Fund).*

#### **Budget Committee Recommends Approval**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to approve a \$300,000 U.S.D.A. Grant to assist in the development of mountain bike trails in Carrabassett Valley.

*(Note: This grant will provide funding for trail development in the so-called 'Stoney Brook' Trail Pod on State of Maine land that was part of the Crocker Mt. Conservation Project. The Town is required to provide a \$66,000 match that will come from the Town/Club mountain bike account that is funded equally by the Town and CRNEMBA (the local mountain bike club)).*

#### **Select Board and Recreation Committee Recommend Approval**

**Article 11.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the recommendations of a Town Lot Forest Management Plan and to expend revenues received from the proceeds of the implementation of the plan for costs associated with forest management activities and maintenance and improvements to the Outdoor Center/Public Lot roads and trails. It is anticipated that there will be a deficit in Public Lot Fund in 2022 upon the completion of the multi-year trail bridge replacement project. Most of this deficit will be reimbursed in 2023 with timber harvesting revenues from the Public Lot.

*(Note: It is anticipated that approximately \$118,000 of these funds will be expended in 2022 for the continued Outdoor Center/Public Lot trail bridge replacement project. It is also expected that wood harvesting activities in 2023*

*will generate approximately \$110,000 in revenue. As of 12/31/21 there was \$19,336 in the Public Lot Reserve Fund).*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$26,100** to operate the Airport and **\$10,000** for the Airport Reserve Fund; and to also place anticipated 2022 Airport Lease Revenues (Est. \$5,200) and anticipated Federal Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant funds (\$9,000) and 2022/23 Federal Airport Rescue Grant funds (up to \$22,000) into the Airport Reserve Fund and to use these funds for the Town's share of Airport Projects.

(Note: Some of these funds may be needed as expenditures related to the Airport Taxi-Lane Project. If the F.A.A. provides future grant opportunities for other projects to the Town the voters of the Town will be asked to consider approval of these projects).

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into leases and related contracts to allow new airport hangar development at the Airport.

(Note: With the completion of the current Airport Taxi Lane construction project, space for up to ten T-hangars and three airport "box hangars" will be provided for private airport hangar development. If approved, the Select Board may enter into agreements with a private developer and/or a private association to develop the T-hangars and assign land leases. An association or individual airport hangar owners will pay annual land lease fees to the Town. There will be no public funding for construction of these private hangars.

**Select Board Recommends Approval**

- Article 14.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$79,800** for maintenance and plowing of Town roads, parking lots, street lights, and signage and to approve transferring anticipated M.D.O.T. funding (est. \$3,700) and unexpended Carriage Road maintenance funding into the Town's Highway Reserve Fund to be used for improvements to Town Roads.

Street Lights	\$1,700
Airport Trailhead (plowing, grading)	6,000
Road Plowing Contracts	55,000
Summer Road Maintenance	3,500
Clean-up Day	300
Street and House Signs	1,300
Carriage Road Maintenance	<u>12,000</u>
	<b>\$79,800</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 15.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$422,545** for maintenance, operation and related reserves for the following Town facilities and related services:

Town Buildings and Grounds	\$23,180
Town Park Pavilion Project	5,000
Town Office Building Expansion Reserve	5,000
Operation of the Library	73,415
Operation of the Community Center Facility	37,650
Community Center Building Capital Maintenance Reserve	5,000
Transfer Station Operation	228,200
Recycling Program	20,000
Maintenance of the Information Center	6,000
Golf Course Reserve Fund (to be matched by Sugarloaf)	\$10,000
Golf Course Club House Repair	5,000
Cemetery Maintenance	2,500
Seasonal Lighting	<u>1,600</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$422,545</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 16.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$367,704** for Obligated Debt and to accept and expend additional payments of \$80,779 from Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation and \$11,025 from Carrabassett Valley Academy as their contractual share of Town debt service.

(Note: The Sugarloaf payments are related to debt service for golf course projects and the CVA payment is for debt service related to the 2016 new roof and lighting project at the Anti-Gravity Center).

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 17.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$55,600** for the following Organizations:

Flagstaff Area Business Association:	\$20,000
Greater Franklin Development Corp:	8,600
Maine Huts & Trails (for trail maintenance):	5,000
CV Network (Elder Services)	2,000
Sugarloaf Ski Club (for scholarships)	<u>20,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$55,600</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 18.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$145,000** for Transportation Services:

Western Maine Transportation Services (Sugarloaf Explorer:)	\$70,000
Reserve to fund a Bus Wash:	<u>75,000</u>
	<b>\$145,000</b>

(Note: \$145,000 is the same amount appropriated last year. Accumulated surplus funds in the WMT Explorer Account will help pay for 2022 operations. The intent

is to match funding (\$75,000) with Sugarloaf over a two-year period and build and operate a needed bus wash facility for both the Explorer and Sugarloaf buses).

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 19.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the following Town programs and services:

Town Scholarship Fund	8,000
Town Comprehensive Plan	15,000
General Assistance (to people in need)	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to carry the following Account Balances forward (as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021) and to expend these funds for said purposes:

<b><u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u></b>	<b><u>2022 REQUEST</u></b>
Surface Water Management Plan	\$ 1,504
Police Department Training	3,843
Town Police Car Reserve	10,722
Fire Department Training Center	1,980
Outdoor Adventure Camp	9,986
Mountain Bike Race	1,616
Recreation Scholarship Fund	544
Alden MacDonald Jr. Golf Program	10,424
AGC After School Program Grant	3,373
AGC New Equipment (Town and CVA Funds)	8,816
Mountain Bike Trail Signage	7,126
Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance	829
Northern Forest Center Grant (Mt. Bike Trails)	18,820
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Planning	113
Wyman Mt. Bike Trails T.I.F.	191
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Development Funds	117,628
Community Building Capital Maintenance	19,110
Airport Fuel	25,154
Carriage Road Maint. (Transfer to Town Road Reserve)	12,000
Town Buildings Repairs/Improvements Account	14,412
Transfer Station Equipment (Transfer to T. Station Res.)	13,612
Information Center (Bldg. Improvements)	4,102
Town Scholarship Account	12,460
Cemetery Maintenance and Improvements	1,230
CVOA 50-yd Shooting Range	2,416
ATV Club Matching Funds	16,621
New Events (50/50 match with Sugarloaf)	2,000
Maine Huts & Trails Trail Development (matching funds)	19,397
History Committee Project	10,336
New Town Comprehensive Plan Project	30,000
Employee Housing Study	16,000
New Town Website	7,000

Airport AWOS Related Project	3,450
American Rescue Plan Act Funding	<u>32,112</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$438,927</b>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will accept the categories of funds listed below and provided by the Maine State Legislature:

State Revenue Sharing	Estimated at	\$15,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	"	15,000
Local Road Assistance Program	"	3,700
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	"	<u>250</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$33,950</b>

**And;** to see if the Town will vote to expend the following revenues from the following accounts to reduce the property tax commitment:

Unappropriated Surplus	\$125,000
State Revenue Sharing	15,000
Excise Tax Collections	195,000
Boat Excise Tax Collections	1,500
Interest on Taxes and Lien Fees	6,200
Cash Investment Earnings	5,000
Town Clerk Fees	5,500
Building and Plumbing Fees	10,000
Ambulance Service Rent	11,000
CVA AGC Reimbursement	25,000
AGC Revenue	80,000
Pool and Lesson Fees	4,000
State Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement	15,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees (net)	32,000
Library and Community Center Revenues	600
Transfer Station Revenue (metal)	1,500
Police Department Revenues	<u>1,200</u>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee** **\$533,500**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with Snowfields Productions (operator of WSKI-TV Channel 17) to expend up to 30% of Town revenues received from Cable TV Franchise Fees to provide a Town of Carrabassett Valley marketing and promotional program on terms and conditions the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to expend \$100,000 from the Town's Undesignated Surplus as a contribution to the Carrabassett Valley Academy (CVA) 'Podium Project'.

(Note: Please see a description of this project in the Town Report. The public benefit is to support economic development and recreation in Carrabassett Valley by assisting the Town's two largest employers and by providing recreational enhancements for youth ski programs and other benefits).

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will expend up to \$320,000 from the Town's Fire Department Equipment Reserve to purchase a "mini pumper" Fire Truck.

(Note: There is currently \$396,292 in this Reserve Account)

**Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept, and expend Federal, State and other sources of grants and revenues for Town purposes during the fiscal year 2022 and to authorize the Select Board to enter into agreements to implement grant awards. This does not include any monetary local match the Town may need for these grants.

**Board of Selectmen Recommend Approval**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Overlay for abatements and over drafts.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**



Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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Robert Luce

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John Beaupre

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Karen Campbell

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Lloyd Cuttler

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John Reynolds, Jr.

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Carrabassett Valley

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Attest: A true copy  
Wendy Russell  
Town Clerk

## CONSTABLES RETURN

Pursuant to the within warrant, directed to me, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Carrabassett Valley, in the County of Franklin and State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named by posting on the 15th day of February 2022 attested copies of the within Warrant at the Carrabassett Valley Town Office, Ayotte's Store, and the Sugarloaf Administration building all being public and conspicuous places in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

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Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley