

TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2023
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 8th, 2023 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 2nd, 2023 and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes as 6% percent per year and the date such interest commences as October 3rd, 2023.

Recommended by the Select Board

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 506, and to pay an interest rate of 0% on those prepayments.

Recommended by the Select Board

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024 to the March 2024 annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Select Board

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$450,481** for General Government Accounts as follows:

General Government Salaries	\$190,990
Town Office Operating Expenses	101,800
Assessing	53,000
Code Enforcement	71,791
Planning Board Expenses	11,550
Donations/Contributions & Contingency	<u>21,350</u>
Total:	\$450,481

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$614,814** for the Town Protection and Town Insurance Accounts as follows:

Police Department	\$103,545
Communications and Sugarloaf Security	182,000
Fire Department Expenses	142,525
Mountain Fire Station Expenses	28,350
NorthStar Emergency Medical Services	93,980
Animal Control and Shelter Services	1,814
Town Insurances	<u>62,600</u>
Total:	\$614,814

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$430,545** for Recreation Programs and Facilities as follows:

Recreation Department	\$ 85,700
Operation of the Anti-Gravity Complex (AGC)	256,745
Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program	12,000
Playground & Equipment Reserve	1,000
Pool Reserve	4,000
Town Park Reserve	5,000
J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club	22,000
Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance	10,000
Public Lots Mountain Bike Trail Development	15,000
Outdoor Center Misc. Operations	1,600
Narrow Gauge Pathway Maintenance	<u>17,500</u>
Total:	\$430,545

Also, to approve transferring any remaining balance in the Narrow-Gauge Maintenance Account in 2023 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 \$90,000 for a total of \$115,000 are being requested in warrant article #27.)

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,000** to be placed into the Recreational Endowment Reserve Fund and to place revenues from the Cell Tower Lease (estimated to be \$15,000) 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	\$ 1,838
Town Matching Funds for Mountain Bike Club Grants and Donations <i>(For Trail Planning, Maintenance and Development)</i>	\$15,000
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 make improvements to the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association Shooting Range	\$10,000
Town Matching Funds to assist the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association in stocking the Outdoor Center Pond with fish.	<u>\$450</u>
Total:	\$29,788

(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 12/31/22 there was approximately \$386,485 in this Reserve Fund).

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board 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 bridges.

(Note: As of 12/31/22 there was an approximate deficit of \$131,080 in the Public Lot Reserve Account which will be reimbursed through timber harvesting revenues in 2023 and 2024).

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$130,322** for Library Operations and Community Center Building Expenses:

Library Operations:	\$86,722
Community Center Building Expenses:	38,600
Community Center Building Reserve	<u>5,000</u>

Total: **\$130,322**

Also, to place all unexpended funds in the Community Center capital improvement and maintenance account into the Reserve Account at year-end.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$27,700** to operate the Airport and to also place anticipated 2023 Airport Lease Revenues (Est. \$6,200) and any Airport Coronavirus Relief or related grant funds received into the Airport Reserve Fund and to use these funds for the Town's share of approved airport projects.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept F.A.A. and State of Maine grants estimated to total \$114,000 and to expend the Town's 5% share, estimated to be \$6,000, from the Town's Airport Reserve Fund to complete an airport runway pavement crack sealing project and to authorize the Select Board to approve contracts and implement the project.

Recommended by the Select Board

Article 15. 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 (estimated to be \$3,700) and any unexpended Carriage Road maintenance funding into the Town's Highway Reserve Fund to be used for improvements to Town Roads.

Street Lights	\$1,600
Airport Trailhead (plowing, grading)	5,500
Road Plowing Contracts	55,000
Summer Road Maintenance	4,000
Clean-up Day	400
Street and House Signs	1,300
Carriage Road Maintenance	<u>12,000</u>
Total:	\$79,800

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$39,430** for maintenance, and operation of the following Town facilities and related services:

Town Office Building	\$10,000
Town Park(s)	15,930
Town Office Building Expansion Reserve	5,000
Maintenance of the Information Center	6,000
Cemetery Maintenance	1,000
Seasonal Lighting	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	\$39,430

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$145,000** for Transportation Services:

Western Maine Transportation Services (Sugarloaf Explorer)	\$70,000
Reserve Fund to fund a bus wash facility	<u>75,000</u>
Total:	\$145,000

(Note: \$145,000 is the same amount appropriated last year. Accumulated surplus funds in the WMT Explorer Account will help pay for 2023 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 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$253,450** for operation of the Transfer Station and Recycling Services;

Transfer Station Operation	\$225,450
Recycling Program	<u>28,000</u>
Total:	\$253,450

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$55,000** for the Golf Course and Golf Course Club House Reserves and to expend these funds for capital maintenance repairs and improvements:

Golf Course Reserve Fund (to be matched by Sugarloaf)	\$45,000
Golf Course Club House Repair	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$55,000

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$336,466** for Obligated Debt and to accept and expend additional payments of approximately \$70,885 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250,300** as the Town's share of Employee Benefits and related requirements:

Social Security	\$60,000
Employee Health Insurance	106,000
Maine State Retirement	47,500
Workman's Compensation	33,400
Unemployment Compensation	3,000
Health Insurance Pre-Tax Service	<u>400</u>
Total:	\$250,300

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22. 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 ski program scholarships)	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$55,600

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$36,500** for the following Town programs and services:

Town Scholarship Fund	\$8,000
Town Comprehensive Plan	22,500
General Assistance (to people in need)	2,000
Town History Project	<u>4,000</u>
Total:	\$36,500

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve up to **\$41,600** in expenditures from funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the following:

Police Department Communications Software as the Town's share of the new Franklin County Communication System:	\$6,600
Fire Department new equipment for the new fire truck:	25,000
Town Park improvements:	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$41,600

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following Account Balances forward (as of Dec. 31st, 2022) and to expend these funds for said purposes:

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2023 REQUEST</u>
Town Website	\$1,250
Surface Water Management Plan	1,504
Town Police Car Reserve	15,722
Fire Department Training Center	1,980

2023 Youth Camp	8,100
Outdoor Adventure Camp	21,281
Mountain Bike Race	5,000
Alden MacDonald Jr. Golf Program	1,714
AGC New Equipment (Town and CVA Funds)	6,567
Mountain Bike Trail Signage	4,931
USDA Mt. Bike Trail Grant	(38,216)
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Planning	7,331
Wyman Mt. Bike Trails T.I.F.	301
Town/Mt. Bike Club Trail Development Funds	69,797
Outdoor Center Bike Trail Development	9,711
Community Building Capital Maintenance	351
Airport Fuel	18,067
Airport AWOS Project	3,425
Town Buildings Repairs/Improvements Account	14,907
Information Center (Bldg. Improvements)	4,773
Town Scholarship Account	17,460
Cemetery Maintenance and Improvements	2,330
CVOA Shooting Range	2,416
ATV Club Matching Funds	16,621
Maine Huts & Trails Trail Development (matching funds)	4,833
American Rescue Plan Act Funds	64,537
History Committee Project	2,004
New Town Comprehensive Plan Project	45,000
Employee Housing Initiative	<u>531</u>
Total:	\$314,228

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 26. 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	\$30,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	"	18,000
Local Road Assistance Program	"	3,700
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	"	<u>250</u>
Total:		\$51,950

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to expend the following revenues from the following accounts to reduce the property tax commitment:

Unappropriated Surplus	\$150,000
State Revenue Sharing	30,000
Excise Tax Collections	200,000
Boat Excise Tax Collections	1,800
Interest on Taxes and Lien Fees	6,800
Town Clerk Fees	5,800
Building and Plumbing Fees	10,000
Ambulance Service Rent	11,600

CVA AGC Reimbursement	25,000
AGC Revenue	90,000
Pool and Lesson Fees	5,000
State Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement	18,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees (net)	32,000
Library and Community Center Revenues	800
Transfer Station Revenue (metal)	1,500
Police Department Revenues	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	\$589,800

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, 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 2023 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.

Select Board Recommends Approval

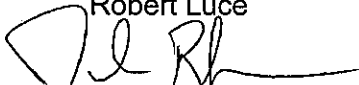
Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Overlay for abatements and over drafts.

Select Board Recommends Approval

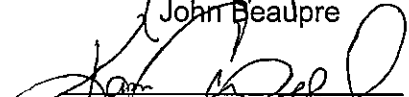
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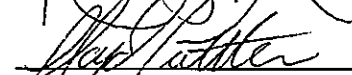
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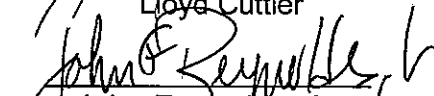
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Select Board
Town of Carrabassett Valley



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 21st day of February 2023 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.



Mark Lopez, Police Chief of the Town of Carrabassett Valley