

CHAPMAN TOWN MEETING WARRANT

At 7:00 PM, Sandra Fournier, Town Manager opened the Annual Town Meeting by reading the following statement:

GREETINGS:

I, Sandra Fournier, Town Clerk of the Town of Chapman, in the County of Aroostook, and the State of Maine, had Betty Ireland notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chapman, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Clubhouse, in Chapman, on Monday, the 27th day of March, A.D. 2023, at seven o'clock in the evening and then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 30, as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To elect, *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

A motion was made by Pat Sutherland, seconded by Mickey Maynard to nominate Peter Powers as Moderator and to preside at said meeting.

No further nominations were made. Fournier asked for three (3) written ballot to be cast, collected, and counted. All ballots supported Peter Powers as Moderator.

Article 2. To elect, *by majority on written ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A Section 2525: One (1) Select Board Member/Assessor for a term of three (3) years and One (1) Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years.

Select Board / Assessor (3 Year Term): Patricia Sutherland, votes 17 (w)
Select Board (3-Year Term): Charles Beaulieu II, votes 17 (w)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman Adopted At Town Meetings on September 9, 2009. **SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Charles Beaulieu II to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all other necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Charles Beaulieu II to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 5. To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Terry Hanlon to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 8% effective November 1, 2023

Motion by Terry Hanlon, seconded by Patricia Sutherland to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 1%

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Terry Hanlon to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on 2023 taxes paid before a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 1% for 20 days from date of bill.

Motion by Terry Hanlon, seconded by Charles Beaulieu II to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$18,809

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Mike Ireland to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$18,795

Motion by Mickey Maynard, seconded by Mike Ireland to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$972

Motion by Isaac Braley, seconded by Mike Ireland to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$32,848

Motion by Isaac Braley, seconded by Terry Hanlon to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$7,575

Motion by Isaac Braley, seconded by Terry Hanlon to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$1,500

Motion by Terry Hanlon, seconded by Charles Beaulieu II to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$77,447

Motion by Isaac Braley, seconded by Mike Ireland to accept the Select Board's Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 67,617
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 19,001

Surplus Use	\$ 60,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$207,710</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$354,328

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Motion by Terry Hanlon, seconded by Isaac Braley to accept the Select Board’s Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$319,636 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2023, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Select Board, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised as follows:

	2023 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 80,361
Highway	\$165,908
Fire	\$ 27,284
Recreation	\$ 11,339
Property Services	\$ 11,388
Public Safety	\$ 1,368
Community Services	\$ 225
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 21,763</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$319,636

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Motion by Terry Hanlon, seconded by Charles Beaulieu II to accept the Select Board’s Recommendation as written. Motion passed by show of hands.

Motion by Patricia Sutherland, seconded by Isaac Braley to combine articles 18 thru 30 in one motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town’s General Assistance expenses.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2023 budget from January 2024 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations and the Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper reserve funds are available.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Article 29. To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or their designee to accept and to expend funds from the State, Federal, and County Governments related to the

American Rescue Plan Act program and if said funds are received, to authorize the municipal officers to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose(s) granted.

Motion by Mike Ireland, seconded by Terry Hanlon to approve articles 18 through 30. Motion passed by show of hands.

No further items were discussed. Peter Powers adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Renee Ellis
Deputy Clerk***