

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TO: Joy Robinson, Resident of the Town of Steuben, in the County of Washington,

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Steuben, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Town Office Building on Monday the Sixth of March, 2023 for the purpose of choosing a moderator to preside at said meeting and to elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot, MRSA Title 30 Section 2061, the polls being open from 8 am to 8 pm for this purpose; One Selectman for a 3-year term, One Overseer for a 3-year term and Two Local Advisory Committee Members for 3-year terms each.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting:

Article 2: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Services.
Selectmen Recommend **\$145,252** (\$65,252 from Taxes and \$80,000 from Surplus)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Cherryfield and the Town of Milbridge for the joint provision of emergency ambulance services within those communities and on terms deemed acceptable by the Steuben Board of Selectmen.

Article 4: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service.

Selectmen Recommend **\$224,500** (\$224,500 From Excise Tax)

Article 5: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Roads account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$330,000** (\$279,100 from Taxes, \$10,500 from Excise Tax, \$36,000 from State Local Roads Assistance Program and \$4,400 from Township #7 for Snowplow and Sanding Contract)

Article 6: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration account.
Selectmen Recommend **\$93,450** (\$93,450 from Taxes)

Article 7: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries & Wages.
Selectmen Recommend **\$197,560** (\$197,560 from Taxes)

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to additionally compensate the plumbing inspector with 50% of the Plumbing Permit Fees.

Selectmen Recommend this article.

Article 9: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Insurance and Payroll Tax accounts.

Selectmen Recommend **\$105,250** (\$105,250 from Taxes)

Article 10: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection accounts.
Selectmen Recommend **\$91,400** (\$91,400 from Taxes)

Article 11: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate from Taxes for the Health & Sanitation account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$151,800** (\$151,800 from Taxes)

Article 12: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$1,150** (\$1,150 from Taxes)

Article 13: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries & Monuments account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$1,500** (\$1,500 from Taxes)

Article 14: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Contingency account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$5,000** (\$5,000 from Taxes)

Article 15: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Account. 2022 Ending balance: \$0

Selectmen Recommend **\$30,000** for this Article (\$30,000 from Taxes)

Article 16: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreational Sports account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$1,500** (\$1,500 from Taxes)

Article 17: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Baseball Field account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$1,000** (\$1,000 from Taxes)

Article 18: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Henry D. Moore Parish House and Library Operating account.

Selectmen Recommend **\$12,000** (\$12,000 from Taxes)

Article 19: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

Selectmen Recommend **\$3,600** (\$3,600 from Taxes)

Article 20: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the WIC Program.

Selectmen Recommend **\$2,450** (\$2,450 from Taxes)

Article 21: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the YMCA.

Selectmen Recommend **\$750** (\$750 from Taxes)

Article 22: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for The Lamb House.

Selectmen Recommend **\$1,000** (\$1,000 from Taxes)

Article 23: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Downeast Community Partners.

Selectmen Recommend **\$3,933** (\$3,933 from Taxes)

Article 24: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Senior Citizen Dinner.

The Selectmen Recommend **\$1,500** (\$1,500 from taxes)

Article 25: To see if the town will vote to maintain control of the Tunk Stream Alewife Rights.
Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 26: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alewife Expense Account.

The Selectmen Recommend **\$25,000 (\$25,000 from taxes)**

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the estimated 2023 revenue in the amount of \$94,700 to reduce the 2023 tax commitment.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 28: To see if the town will vote to charge 8.0% annual interest on all unpaid taxes.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 29: To see if the town will vote to fix the date when taxes shall be due and payable as September 30, 2023, with interest starting on October 1, 2023.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 30: 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 MRSA § 506.

Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 31: To see if the town will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment, at the annual rate of 4%, pursuant to 36 MRSA, Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 32: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024 to the 2024 annual town meeting.

Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell unused equipment or other items with an estimate cash value of less than \$500 after advertising a public sale.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to have unexpended balances in the Town Accounts at the end of the year lapse to surplus except for those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to carry forward and expend.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State and other governmental units or private sources which may be received, from time to time in the form of Grants or any other source, during the period of March 11, 2023 until the next annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 37: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to dispose of tax acquired property in a manner which the Selectboard deems to be in the best interests of the Town, following board policy, except for property tax acquired from certain senior, low income tax payers who qualify for the sale process required pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 943-C.

Selectmen recommend this Article

Article 38: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State reimbursement for snowmobiles to the Narraguagus Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails.

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 39: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue to transfer and expend the 2023 Shellfish Revenues to the Shellfish Conservation Reserve account. 2022 Ending Balance: \$29,711

Selectmen recommend this article

Article 40: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue to transfer and expend the 2023 boat excise income to the Boat Ramp Reserve Account. 2022 Ending Balance: \$47,637.

Selectmen recommend this article

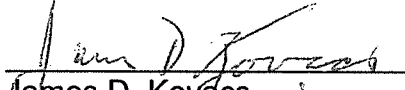
Article 41: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use the overlay to pay for abatements.

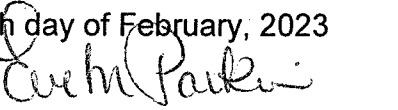
Selectmen recommend this article

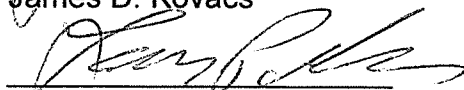
Article 42: To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to establish the "Steuben Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program and to fund the program with private donations and the undesignated profits from the sale of Alewife.


Article 43: Shall the town increase the property tax levy limit of \$735,376 established for the Town of Steuben by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Given under our hand this Twenty-Fourth day of February, 2023


James D. Kovacs


Eve Parkin


Larry Pinkham

A true copy Attest: 
Julie A. Ginn, Town Clerk