

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

DUE TO CHANGES TO ARTICLES 4 & 5 TO SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND *MARCH 21, 2017*

TO: Eric I. Blanchette, a resident of the Town of Frenchville in the
Aroostook County, State of Maine.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Frenchville in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Frenchville Community Center** in said town on **Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 2017 A.D., at ten o'clock in the forenoon**, then and there to act on articles numbered 1 and 2 as set out below; the **polling hours** therefore to be from **ten o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon**.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Frenchville Community Center** in said Town on **Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 2017 A.D., at seven o'clock in the afternoon**, then and there to act on articles numbered 3 thru all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To elect all necessary Town officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot. (M.R.S.A., Title 30A, 2528)
- ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to appoint:
- A. Four members to the Budget Committee (3 year terms):
 - Vernon M. Labbe
 - Kevin Lavoie
 - Daniel M. Pelletier
 - One empty seat to replace Ricky Gervais

to recommend at the next Town meeting the necessary appropriations for the next ensuing year; or, authorize the Board of Select People to do so.

B. Two members to the Planning Committee (3 year terms):

- Maurice Dube
- Jamie Voisine

C. Three members to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Carl Sousa (1 year term)

- One empty seat to replace Ann Marie Guerrette (3 year term)
- Adam L. Paradis (3 year term)

D. One member as the Health Officer (3 year term)

- Donna Picard, RN.

ART. 4. A. To see if the Town will vote to allow retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana social clubs to operate in the Town of Frenchville as set forth in 7 M.R.S.A. Section 2442.
Recommended by Board of Select People.

B. (Skip if Article #4A is not approved) To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance regulating retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana social clubs in the Town of Frenchville as set forth in 7 M.R.S.A. Section 2442.
Recommended by Board of Select People. (Sample Ordinance Attached)

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance to “Recall by the process of petition and subsequent Election Town vote and any elected official: “Who is willfully in dereliction of His/Her duties as an elected official, Who by circumstance is unable to perform His/Her duties as an elected official or Who in the opinion of the voters has by reason of a conflict of interest failed to put the best interest of the Town above that of their personal interest.”
Recommended by Citizen Petitions received on 3/7/2017.
(Sample Ordinance Attached)

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, receipts from state revenues, unexpended balances, accounts receivable, reserve balances and any other miscellaneous receipts for the support of Town operations.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Town Office Operations:	182,044
Select People Wages	5,200
Tax Discounts (3%)	15,000
Street Lights	24,000
NARSB- Sludge Site	833
Valley Recycling- Disposal Fees	74,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	\$301,077
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$301,077
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$301,077

ART. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

Advertising, Auditor, Legal Services & Town Report	11,200
Dues, Bank fees, Memberships & MMA Convention	4,600
Assessor, Map Updates & Tax Bills	5,800
Community Development Block Grant Program	5,400
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	\$27,000
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$27,000
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$27,000

ART. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Department	35,803
Code Enforcement	4,400
Health Officer	500
Animal Control	1,705
Northern Aroostook Regional Airport Authority	10,219
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT:	\$52,627
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$52,627
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$52,627

ART. 10. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Winter Roads (November to April)	112,025
Summer Roads (May to October)	76,050
Town Garage Maintenance	20,123
Equipment Maintenance	34,380
Paving	4,200
Equipment Reserve	10,000
Drug Testing	370
Benefits/Payroll Taxes	51,282
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:	\$308,430
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$308,430
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$308,430

ART. 11. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Senior Citizens –Le Club du Bonheur	3800
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Frenchville Historical Society	500
St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce	600
St. John Valley Associates, Inc.	2500
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging Inc	533
Aroostook County Action Program Inc	220
American Red Cross	210
St. John Valley Soil Conservation	229
St. Luce Food Pantry	1000
Maine Acadian Heritage Council Dues	150
Frenchville Snowmobile Club	500
Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery	150
Long Lake Library	250
Veteran Flags	400
Homeless Services of Aroostook	0 (1630 reserved on acct)
Heritage Park	400 (elect. & maint.)
Life Flight Foundation	400
Maine Public TV & Radio	100
United Way of Aroostook	500
Other Donations	500
Ambulance Service	16,717
Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce	0
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES:	\$29,659
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$29,659
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$29,659

ART. 12. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

Recreation Department	10,041
Boat Landing (90% reimbursement grant)	1,285
TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT:	\$11,326
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$11,326
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$11,326

ART. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Community Center Maintenance	13,202
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER:	\$13,202
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$13,202

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$13,202
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- ART. 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate for **SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

Sewer Operations & Maintenance	96,920
Sewer Debt Service	52,281
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT:	\$149,201
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$149,201
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$149,201

- ART. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE:	\$5,000
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:	\$5,000
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:	\$5,000

- ART. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **DEBT SERVICE:**

Purpose of Loan:	Payment #	Payments Remaining	Annual Payments
Town Office Loan (5/1/07)	10	10	12,923
Community Center (8/13/12)	5	5	9,188
Public Work 2003 International (11/26/14)	3	1	10,500
Public Work 2017 Western Star (8/12/16)	1	4	25,363
2016 Road Project (11/3/16)	1	17	104,970
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:			\$162,944
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE:			\$162,944
RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:			\$162,944

- ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the repair of the Public Works Garage and Fire Department Building with an estimated cost of \$15,000 to be paid with funds from the Surplus Unappropriated Account.

Recommendation from the Board of Select People: \$15,000
Recommendation from the Budget Committee: \$15,000

- ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize \$10,000 of repairs and renovations to the Community Center in order to partially satisfy the Fire Marshall's list of citations presented to the Town Manager on November 17, 2016. To be paid with \$3,000 from the Community Center Reserve Account and the remaining \$7,000 from the Surplus Unappropriated Account.

Recommendation from the Board of Select People: \$10,000
Recommendation from the Budget Committee: \$10,000

- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize establishing a road crossing on US Route 1 in front of St. Joseph Memory Care, Inc. with an estimated cost of \$8,000 to be half funded by St. Joseph Memory Care, Inc. and half by the town using funds from the Surplus Unappropriated Account.

Recommendation from the Board of Select People: \$4,000
Recommendation from the Budget Committee: \$4,000

- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to purchase a new plow truck for the Public Works Department and to enter agreements in order to borrow or lease for the amount not to exceed \$175,000 at terms and conditions that would be most advantageous to the Town.
Recommendation from the Board of Select People: \$175,000
Recommendation from the Budget Committee: \$175,000
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to transfer \$11,500 from the Sewer Buy in Account for the purchase and installation of a security fencing to be located at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
Recommended from the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer **(year-end unexpended)** amounts from the Public Works department's 2016 appropriated amount to the department's Capital / Equipment Reserve Account or Unappropriated Surplus Account. (mean wheelers, other trucks, loaders, graders, etc.).
(Current Reserve balance is \$32,035.81)
Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer **(year-end unexpended)** amounts from the Fire Department's 2016 appropriated amount to the department's Capital / Equipment Reserve Account or Unappropriated Surplus Account. (mean trucks, equipment, etc.).
(Current Reserve balance is \$3,270.90)
Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer **(year-end excess revenues)** amounts from the Public Works department's 2016 appropriated amounts to the department's Capital/Equipment Reserve Account (mean wheelers, other trucks, loaders, graders, etc.).
Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote that orders of the Board of Select People for the closing of roads in winter under 23 M.R.S.A. §2953 shall be final determinations of said closing.
Recommended by the Board of Select People.
- ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to use any monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program and URIP Reserve Funds, if needed, for the purpose of repayment on the MMBB loan for the 2016 Road Project.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
- ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize that taxes and sewer fees become due and payable on demand; and, to see if the Town will vote to allow a Discount as follows:
3.00 % Discount if paid by August 31.
And, that INTEREST be charged at the rate of 7.0% per annum from December 31st, 2017 to date of payment on unpaid taxes and sewer fees.
Recommended from the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

- ART. 28. To see if Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to charge interest of 7% on abated taxes and sewer fees.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Select People, to sell and dispose by advertisement to the highest bidder any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or sewer; thereon, or otherwise on such terms as they deem advisable, and to sign and execute a Quit-Claim deed on such property, and further authorize the Board of Select People the authority to negotiate a payment plan with the taxpayer prior to foreclosure on said property.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to sell or dispose of any surplus personal property. Such terms shall be governed by the Town's Comprehensive Bidding policy.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
- ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2017 taxable year to the next town meeting date in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
- ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to apply, on behalf of the Town, for Federal Assistance under the Provision of Land & Water Conservation Act, Public Law 88-578, and the Municipal Recreation Fund MRSA Title 12, Section 602,§ 14, for the development of the Frenchville Recreation Park and a Recreational Trail Grant Program; and, further authorize the Board of Select People to enter into the Land & Water Conservation fund and Municipal Recreation Project Agreement with the State of Maine and subsequent to Federal/State approval of the project. Local matching funds to be provided by in-kind services and un-appropriated reserves.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
- ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer the Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund and Grooming Grant Fund received from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to the Frenchville Snowmobile Club. Such funds will be used to maintain snowmobile trails. Expenditures from this fund will be administered under the supervision of the Board of Select People. Estimated refund amount is \$ 500.00 from the registration fees and \$ 20,000.00 for Grooming Grant.
Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.
- ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to use Community Development Reserve funds for the purpose of filing applications for 2017 C.D.B.G. funds from the State. The application would be for the following programs: 2017 Community Development Planning Grant, Historical Preservation Grant, MDOT Gateway Grants, Boat Landing Grant, Community Development Block Grant Housing and Public Infrastructure applications and submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development; and/or USDA Rural Development; and if said programs are approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such

programs; and, fund our local matching share through un-appropriated reserves and/or in-kind services.

(Current Reserve balance is \$ 10,408.15)

Recommended by Board of Select People.

Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

ART. 35. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce its tax commitment:

Revenues from Sewer Fees (2017)	(120,600.00)
Revenues from State Revenue Sharing (2017).	(52,047.37)
Revenues from Interest Income (2017)	(7,500.00)
Revenues from Excise Tax (2017)	(270,000.00)
Revenues from Local Road Assistance Program (2017)	<u>(24,856.00)</u>
	\$475,003.37

Recommended by Board of Select People:

\$475,003.37

Recommendation from the Budget Committee:

\$475,003.37

ART. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to transfer from Un-appropriated Excise Tax, Revenue Sharing and Surplus to set the 2017 overlay, if needed, for the purpose of reducing and setting the 2017 net tax commitment.

Recommended by Board of Select People.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote authorize to exceed the property tax levy limit of **\$TBA** established for the Town of Frenchville by State Law (LD-1) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.
(It is required that this article be voted by the written ballot process)

Recommended by the Board of Select People.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

ART. 38. To see if the town will to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

State Aide to Education	Estimate	Unknown
State Revenue Sharing	Estimate	52,047.37
BETE Reimbursement	Estimate	16,800.00
BETR Reimbursement	Estimate	Unknown
Department of Transportation	Estimate	Unknown
Local Road Assistance	Estimate	24,856.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimate	Unknown
Veteran Exemption Reimbursement	Estimate	2,000.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	Estimate	65,000.00
General Assistance	Estimate	3,000.00
Aircraft Excise tax	Estimate	1,500.00
Snowmobile Grooming Grant	Estimate	20,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Refund	Estimate	350.00
Court Collection Fees	Estimate	Unknown
Fire Department Grant	Estimate	Unknown
Anticipated Community Development Block Grant	Estimate	Unknown
Anticipated Recycling Grant	Estimate	Unknown
Sewer Construction Funds	Estimate	Unknown
Emergency Management Agency	Estimate	Unknown
Public Library State Aide	Estimate	Unknown
All other State and Federal funds not listed	Estimate	Unknown

This article does not request any money but merely gives the Town authority to accept checks from various State and Federal agencies.

Recommended by the Board of Select People.

Recommendation from the Budget Committee.

ART. 39. To see if the townspeople will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2017 budget during the period of Jan. 1, 2018 to the annual town meeting in March 2018.

**Recommended by Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.**

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Select People to draw on the Un-Appropriated Surplus Reserve to unauthorized expenses and for emergencies not to exceed \$ 15,000.00.

**Recommended by the Board of Select People.
Recommendation from the Budget Committee.**

The Board of Select People hereby gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session for the purpose of registering qualified applicants for voting and correcting the list of voters at the Frenchville Town Office on the 21st day of March, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon until 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March, 2017.

Board of Select People, Frenchville, ME

John Ezzy, Chairman

Daniel Collin, Vice- Chairman

Craig Lawrence, Select Person

Jamie Voisine, Select Person

Yvon Dube, Select Person

A true copy:

Attest: _____

Danna M. Ayotte

Municipal Clerk, Frenchville ME

**POSTING OF REVISED ATTESTED COPY
DUE TO CHANGES TO ARTICLES 4 & 5.**

Officer's Return

March 21, 2017 Annual Town Meeting & Election

- Town Office ----- 285 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- Community Center ----- 343 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- Post Office 04745 ----- 386 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- Paul's Gas ----- 355 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME
- Jim's Convenience----- 269 US Rte 1, Frenchville ME

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Frenchville of the time and place for the Annual Town Election / Meeting to be held on March 21nd, 2017 by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the above named places, all conspicuous public places within the Town of Frenchville, this 13th day of March, 2017, which is at least 7 days prior to the Annual Town Election / Meeting date.

Eric I. Blanchette
Resident, Town of Frenchville

ATTEST: _____
Danna M. Ayotte, Municipal Clerk
Frenchville, ME