

2015 WARRANT

AROOSTOOK, §

STATE OF MAINE

To: Corrine M. Routhier, resident of the Town of Portage Lake, County of Aroostook, and State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Voters of the Town of Portage Lake, in said County, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building in said town on **Thursday the twenty-sixth (26th) of March, 2015, at two o'clock (2:00) in the afternoon until seven o'clock (7:00) in the evening**, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ART. 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting

ART. 2 To elect by secret ballot the following Officer(s):

One (1) Selectperson for a term of three (3) years

One (1) Portage Lake Schoolboard member for a term of three (3) years

And to notify and warn said voters to assemble at the Portage Lake Municipal Building on **Friday, the twenty-seventh (27th) of March, 2015, at six-thirty (6:30) in the evening**, then and there, to act on the following Articles to wit:

ART. 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

ART. 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Town of Portage Lake's annual budget during the period from January 1, 2015 to the annual March Town Meeting.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS

YES

ART. 5 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to accept gifts, donations, and grants on behalf of the Town, should such items become available.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS

YES

ART. 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to file applications for the 2015-2016 State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs; and if said applications are approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds and exercise such authority as needed to implement such programs.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS

YES

ART. 7 To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on taxes paid within 30 days of the mailing date and set an interest rate of 7% on taxes unpaid 60 days after the date of tax commitment.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS

YES

ART. 8 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.

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS

YES

- ART. 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to bring writs of entry for recovery of such parcels of land as have been acquired by the Town by reason of non-payment of taxes, the time of redemption having expired.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
- ART. 10 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax lien after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the town.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
- ART. 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to publish the proposed sale of any Town acquired property and Town owned personal property over \$500, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
- ART. 12 To see what money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to appropriate from surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet emergencies that occur during the calendar year.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS \$25,000
- ART. 13 To see if the Town will vote to deposit into the Public Works Road Reserve account all monies received for the 2015-2016 year from the Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP).
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 14 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from anticipated revenue sources for the purpose of reducing the 2015 tax commitment.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
- ART. 15 To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,336 in addition to the balance of \$6,664 carried forward for a total budget of \$28,000 for the General Administration operating account, and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,313 in addition to the balance of \$187 carried forward for a total budget of \$75,500 for Town Officers, Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,500 for real & personal property assessing, property map revisions and registry fees.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account on the Town books in anticipation of the next 10 year total town property revaluation.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

ART. 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,596 in addition to the balance of \$5,404 carried forward for a total budget of \$28,000 for Municipal Building operating expenses and to allow the rental fees and any reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

ART. 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$550 in addition to the balance of \$450 carried forward for a total budget of \$1,000 carried forward for the Planning & Appeals Boards.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

ART. 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,802 in addition to the balance of \$1,698 carried forward for a total budget of \$12,500 for Code Enforcement activities, and to allow plumbing & building permit fees, fines received in the calendar year, and any other reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

ART. 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for abatements and \$15,000 for discounts on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of tax bills.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

ART. 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for annual membership dues for:

Maine Municipal Association	\$1,463
Northern Maine Development Corporation	\$1,425
Maine Welfare Directors Assn.	\$30
Aroostook Municipal Assn.	\$30
ME Muni. Tax Col. & Treasurer's Assn.	\$50
ME Town & City Clerk's Assn.	\$50
Maine Tourism	\$145
Maine Acadian Heritage Council	\$100

SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS YES

ART. 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$672 in addition to the balance of \$3,328 carried forward for a total budget of \$4,000 for the General Assistance Program and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS YES

ART. 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$54,395 in addition to the balance of \$2,605 carried forward for a total budget of \$57,000 for the following Insurance accounts, and to allow any reimbursements or dividends to be used for the same:

Property & Casualty/Liability Ins.	\$11,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,892
Workers Compensation	\$ 4,612
FICA/MED(Employer)	\$10,500
Employees Health Ins.	\$24,600
Income Protection Plan Ins.	\$ 1,248
Volunteer Insurance	\$ 130

SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

- ART. 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,337 in addition to the balance carried forward of \$5,663 for a total budget of \$28,000 for the Portage Lake Fire Department operating account, and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS YES
- ART. 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,125 for the Animal Control operating account, and to allow any dog license fees to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$78,572 in addition to the balance of \$6,928 carried forward for a total budget of \$85,500 for the Public Works operating account, and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Vital & Municipal record preservation, and to allow all the fees collected from vital record transactions to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,758 for Northern Aroostook Solid Waste Association.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,440 in addition to the balance of \$2,060 carried forward for a total budget \$4,500 for the operation of the Transfer Station, and to allow any revenue from tire & shingle disposal fees and the sale of scrap metal to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,383 in addition to the balance of \$117 carried forward for a total budget of \$9,500 for contracted services for road side mowing, grader work, special culvert work and miscellaneous expenses related to this account.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$181 in addition to the balance of \$1,819 carried forward for a total budget of \$2,000 for the maintenance of the Portage Lake Municipal Cemetery, and to allow lot sale revenue to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,810 in addition to the balance of \$690 carried forward for a total budget of \$2,500 for Portage Lake Beautification.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 35 To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,673 in addition to the balance of \$1,327 carried forward for a total budget of \$15,000 for upkeep and maintenance of the Campground, Public Beach, Boat Landing, Seaplane Base, Pavilion and Parks, and allow revenues from camping permits, donations and other reimbursements to be used for the same.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES

- ART. 36 To see if the Town will vote to carry over the balance of \$2,250 for Scholarships for Portage Lake graduating students.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,377 in addition to the balance of \$873 carried forward for a total budget of \$8,250 for street lights.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,800 for Ashland User Fees:
Ambulance Service \$13,395.41
Library \$ 1,574.29
Recreation \$ 1,762.10
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the following reserve accounts:
Portage Lake Fire Department Reserve Account \$10,000
Public Works Equipment Reserve Account \$10,000
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 40 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from anticipated motor vehicle excise revenue for the Road Reserve account.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 41 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$500 from anticipated boat excise revenue for the Town's share of matching funds for the Portage Lake Association's application for a cost share grant to aid in the identification and education of invasive aquatic plants in, or on, Portage Lake.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND YES
- ART. 42 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the following Portage Lake Organizations/Clubs:
Portage Lake Tourism Committee \$1,500
Portage Lakers Snowmobile Club for Town's portion of cost share grant \$2,500
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
BUDGET COMMITTEE MAKES NO RECOMMENDATION
- ART. 43 To see what amount, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Portage Lakers ATV Club to help with trail blazing new trails, creating new trail maps, purchase of banners and two new trail signs. The ATV Club is requesting \$4,000.
SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION
- ART. 44 To see if the Town will vote to expend to the Portage Lakers Snowmobile Club all money reimbursed by the State for snowmobile registrations and to authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for and accept Snowmobile Trail Grant funds on behalf of the PLSC for the purpose of maintaining and improving trails for use by the public.
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDS YES
NO BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION

ART. 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,810 for the following requested financial assistance:

American Red Cross	\$200
Aroostook Agency on Aging	\$295
Aroostook County Action Program	\$78.20
Central Aroostook Humane Society	\$743
Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce	\$100
Catholic Charities of Maine	\$100
Homeless Services of Aroostook	\$587
Martha & Mary's Soup Kitchen	\$100
Maine Public Broadcasting Corp.	\$100
Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery	\$100
VFW Post #9699	\$100
LifeFlight Foundation	\$100
Maine Families Aroostook	\$200

ART. 46 To see if the Town will vote to expend \$11,000 from Surplus to re-surface two sides of the municipal building with vinyl siding to be more energy efficient.

ART. 47 To see if the Town will vote to expend \$11,770 from Surplus to purchase and install energy efficient lighting in the municipal building, with a 48% rebate from Efficiency Maine to go back into the Surplus account when the project is complete.

ART. 48 To see if the Town will vote to expend \$7,000 from Surplus to lower the ceilings in the municipal building multi-purpose room.


ART. 49 To see if the Town will vote to expend \$5,000 from Surplus for restorations to the old Seaplane Base.

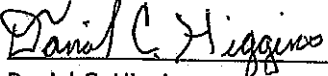
ART. 50 To see if the Town will vote to expend \$3,500 from Surplus to purchase and install 6 roll-up sides for the Pavilion.

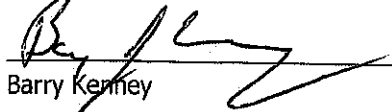
ART. 51 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from the general checking account \$109,994.86 to the Stumpage bank account so the bank account equals the 2014 audited Stumpage account balance of \$167,976.61. (see General Ledger Designated Accounts report).

ART. 52 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Uniform Building Code as part of the Portage Lake Land Use Ordinance.

Dated: Wednesday, February 18, 2015


 David M. Pierce, Chairman



 Daniel C. Higgins


 Barry Kenney

Return on the Warrant

Town of Portage Lake, Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Town Hall Office, the bulletin board outside of Coffin's Store, the Post Office and Dean's Motor Lodge in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 11th of March A.D. 2015, being at least seven days before the meeting.


Corrine M. Routhier
Resident of Town of Portage Lake

PORTAGE LAKE ICE OUT

1925	May 10	1957	May 2	1989	May 5
1926	May 26	1958	May 28-L	1990	April 30
1927	April 30	1959	May 9	1991	May 5
1928	May 16	1960	May 8	1992	May 11
1929	May 10	1961	May 15	1993	May 3
1930	May 7	1962	May 10	1994	May 12
1931	May 1	1963	May 11	1995	May 4
1932	May 8	1964	May 6	1996	May 3
1933	May 7	1965	May 4	1997	May 6
1934	April 30	1966	May 9	1998	April 30
1935	May 12	1967	May 7	1999	May 3
1936	May 3	1968	May 2	2000	April 30
1937	May 13	1969	May 11	2001	May 5
1938	April 28	1970	May 13	2002	April 27
1939	May 13	1971	May 13	2003	May 7
1940	May 11	1972	May 19	2004	April 27
1941	May 2	1973	May 7	2005	May 7
1942	May 4	1974	May 21	2006	April 25
1943	May 19	1975	May 15	2007	May 10
1944	May 8	1976	May 2	2008	May 4
1945	April 14-E	1977	May 12	2009	April 29
1946	May 11	1978	May 12	2010	April 21
1947	May 18	1979	May 3	2011	April 23
1948	May 5	1980	May 4	2012	April 17
1949	May 1	1981	May 1	2013	May 1
1950	May 7	1982	May 9	2014	May 9
1951	April 29	1983	May 1		
1952	May 8	1984	May 8		
1953	May 5	1985	May 6		
1954	May 2	1986	April 28		
1955	May 3	1987	April 20		
1956	May 12	1988	April 28		

E - Earliest L - Latest

TOWN SERVICES DIRECTORY

Portage Lake Town Office 435-4361
Fax 435-6229
Town Manager's Office 435-4361
Municipal Garage 435-4361
Fire Department - **EMERGENCY** 911
Fire Department - Information 435-4361
Ambulance Service - **EMERGENCY** 911
Ashland Recreation Center 435-6893
Maine State Police- **EMERGENCY** 911
Sheriff's Department 1-800 -432-7842

TOWN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed for lunch 11:30am to 12:30pm

CODE ENFORCEMENT: At the Municipal Building on Mon. & Thurs. from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

BOOK CENTER HOURS:

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Saturdays 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
May to October.

N.A.S.W.A. (Eagle Lake) HOURS:

Summer Hrs on Wednesdays
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Summer/Winter
Hours are Saturdays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FOOD STAMP REPRESENTATIVES: To make an appointment call their toll-free number 1 (800) 432-7340

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: Applications will be taken Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM at the Town Office

STATE OF MAINE DRIVERS EXAMINERS

are at the Ashland Municipal Building as appointments necessitate. Appointments are made through the Secretary of State.

PHOTO DRIVER LICENSE by the State of Maine Motor Vehicle Division is available at the Ashland Municipal Building. Call 435-2311 for scheduled days.

Ashland Community Library 435-6532
Monday 9-4 Wed & Fri 9-4 & 6-8

M.S.A.D. # 32

Superintendent's Office 435-3661
High School 435-3481

Katahdin Health Center 435-6341

ASHLAND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

LIBRARY is available to the entire community during the hours of 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM during regular school hours (September thru approximately the first week in June). Please know that this library is for your use as well as for our school students. The staff will be happy to assist you with your library needs.

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION: For more information contact Jim Kelley at 435-2441.

PORTAGE LAKERS ATV CLUB: For more information call Rena Mae Belanger at 435-2780.

PORTAGE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB: Opened May 1st thru September 30th. Green fees and membership information available by calling 435-8221.