

**THE WARRANT**  
**TOWN MEETING OF FRENCHBORO**  
**JUNE 21, 2023**

State of Maine  
Hancock County, ss

To: **Sarah Saxby**, in the Town of Frenchboro, in the County of Hancock, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Frenchboro, in the said County, qualified by the law to vote in town affairs, to meet in said town at the Municipal Building, on the day of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

## Articles to Elect Town Officials

Article 1 To choose one moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Written Ballot required.**

**Robert Strong elected moderator.**

Article 2 To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the

Poor for a one-year term. Christopher Hodgkins' term expires 2023.

To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor

For a two-year term. Joseph Lunt's term expires 2023.

**Written Ballot required.**

**Jan Keiper motions: Cody Lunt be nominated for the one-year term; Seconded by Sarah Brake. Cody Lunt is elected to a one-year term.**

**Christopher Hodgkins motions: Joseph Lunt be nominated for the two-year term; seconded by Sarah Brake. Joseph Lunt is elected to a two-year term.**

Article 3 To choose one Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters for a one-year  
Term. Current clerk is Jan Keiper.

**Dan DeBord motions: Jan Keiper be nominated for the one year Town Clerk / Registrar of Voters; seconded by Mable Lunt. Jan Keiper is elected for the one year term.**

Article 4 To choose one Tax Collector for a one-year term. Current Tax Collector is Daniel Swain

**Dan DeBord motions to elect Daniel Swain for one year as tax collector; seconded by Eric Best. Daniel Swain is elected for the one-year term as tax collector.**

Article 5 To choose one Excise Tax Collector for a one-year term.  
Current Excise Tax Collector is Sarah Saxby.

**Mable Lunt motions: Sarah Saxby for the one-year term as Excise Tax Collector. Seconded by Dan Debord. Sarah Saxby is elected for the one-year term as Excise Tax Collector.**

Article 6 To choose one School Committee member for a one-year  
term, the term of Mable Lunt expires in 2023

To choose one School Committee member for a three-year term, the  
term of Christina Lunt expires in 2023

**Written Ballot required.**

**Mable Lunt motions: Sarah Saxby for the one-year School Committee member. Seconded by Eric Best. Sarah Saxby is elected for the one-year term for School Committee.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions: Christina Lunt for the three-year School Committee member. Seconded by Mable Lunt. Christina Lunt is elected to the School Committee for the three year position.**

Article 7 To choose one Fire Warden Committee Member for a one-year term, the term of Paul Saxby expires in 2023.

To choose two Fire Warden committee members for a two-year term.

**Joseph Lunt motions that Paul Saxby be nominated for the one-year Fire Warden term. Seconded by Dan DeBord. Paul Saxby is elected for a one-year term.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions that James “Mac” Reddy and Danny Saxby for the two two-year Fire Warden terms. Mac Reddy and Danny Saxby are both elected for the two-year Fire Warden terms.**

Article 8 To choose four Harbor Committee members for one-year term. The terms of Rod Bost, Joe Lunt, Danny Saxby, and Dan DeBord expire 2023.

**One member must be a Commercial Fisherman as set forth in the Frenchboro Town Dock, Float and Harbor Ordinance.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions that Paul Saxby, Joseph Lunt, Danny Saxby, and Dan DeBord be elected for one-year terms as Harbor Committee Members. The motion passes.**

Article 9 To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

**Joseph Lunt motions: Eric Best, Kirk Emerson, Chris Hodgkins, Danny Saxby be elected for the four one-year terms on the Planning Board. Seconded by Sarah Saxby. All four were elected to the Planning Board for one-year terms.**

**Joseph Lunt motions: Dan DeBord, Robert Strong, Paul Saxby, David W. Lunt and Myron Lenfesty be elected for one-year terms on the Appeals Board. Seconded by Eric Best. All five were elected to one-year terms.**

## **Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget**

Article 10 To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the compensation of Select Board Members for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,

**Select board recommends: \$6,000.00**

**Dan DeBord motioned to approve the article as read. Seconded by Mable Lunt. The article passes.**

Article 11 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for all other Administrative Salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

**Select board recommends: \$ 34,300.00**

**Sarah Saxby motioned to approve the article as read. Seconded by Mable Lunt. The article passes.**

Article 12 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

**Select board recommends: \$51,350.00**

**Eric Best motions to approve the article as read. Seconded by Sarah Saxby. The article passes.**

Article 13 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Municipal Building Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

**Select board recommends: \$ 12,000.00**

**Chris Hodgkins motions to approve the article as read. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

Article 14 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Public Works Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

**Select board recommends: \$57,600.00**

**Eric Best motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Chris Hodgkins. The article passes.**

Article 15 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Fire Department Operational Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same

**Select board recommends: \$ 3,500.00**

**Explanation: To be able to cover the costs of dispatch fees for 9-1-1, and enough funds for an emergency boat trip in the event of a fire.**

**Joseph Lunt motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

Article 16 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend in Unclassified Accounts:

**Select board recommends: \$2,200.00**

**Jan Keiper motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Joseph Lunt. The article passes.**

Article 17 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Road and Dock Bond Payments:

**Select board recommends: \$24,000.00**

**Eric Best motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Joseph Lunt. The article passes.**

## **Articles to Transfer Funds**

Article 18 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to appropriate from the General Fund Revenue sources to be used towards the 2022-2023 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

**Select Board recommends: All end of year General Fund Revenue source monies.**

Excise Tax

Auto 7,500

Boat 200

Auto Agent Fees 250

Real Estate Interest 2,500

Use of Surplus 30,000

Tree Growth 1,500

URIP Funds 3,500

Bank Interest 5,000

Lien Fees 250

Payment in Lieu of Taxes 16,300

Total Income: 67,000

Treasurer's Note: At the end of the Fiscal Year, the following revenue related entries are made: Boat Excise Income goes to the Town Wharf Reserve Income Account; Transportation and Urban Renewal Income goes to the Road Reserve Income Account; Teacher's House Income goes to the Teacher's House Reserve Income Account; Fire Department Income goes to the Fire Department Reserve Income Account; and Gravel Pit income goes to the Gravel Pit Reserve Income Account. These adjustments are all authorized by Town Meeting votes from previous years.

**Sarah Saxby motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Chris Hodgkins. The article passes.**

Article 19 To see what sum, if any, the voters will appropriate from the General Fund to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Explanation: All the unexpended monies and debit from FY 2022-23 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate has not yet been determined at the time of printing due to the audit. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in warrant.

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Joseph Lunt motions the article be approved as read. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

Article 20 To see if the town will vote to appropriate any non-dedicated funds received to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions the article be approved as read. Eric Best seconds the motion. The article passes.**

Article 21 To see if the town will vote to authorize the select board to appropriate funds from the overlay to offset abatements granted throughout the fiscal year 23/24

**Select board recommends passage.**

Eric Best motions the article be approved as read. Chris Hodgkins seconds the motion. The article passes.

**Note: Articles 10-17 authorize a total budget of \$ 191,950**

## **FRENCHBORO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

### **Articles**

**Note: Articles 22 through 32 authorize expenditures in cost center categories**

**Article 22** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 97,089**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 89,230*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Joseph Lunt. The motion passes.**

**Article 23** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 52,230**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 30,424*

**Christina Lunt moves the article be approved. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article is approved.**

**Article 24** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ -0-*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article is approved.**

**Article 25** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ -0-*

**Eric Best motions that the article be approved. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article is approved.**

**Article 26** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 17,906**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 16,243*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article is approved.**

**Article 27** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 11,765**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 11,128*

**Christina Lunt motions that the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Article 28** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 31,184**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 24,194*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Article 29** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ -0-*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Article 30** To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ 16,980**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 21,216*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Article 31** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ -0-*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Article 32** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ -0-*

**Note: Articles 22 – 32 authorize a total budget of \$ 227,154**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 192,435*

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article passes.**

**Note: Articles 33, 34 & 35 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget  
Hand Count**

**Article 33** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$73,500**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to

grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

School Committee recommends **\$56,705**

*Explanation: The Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**Hand Count**

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article passes with 14 votes for and 0 votes against.**

**Article 34** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

School Board recommends **\$ -0-**

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Frenchboro's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy.*

**Written Ballot Vote Required**

**Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Seconded by Eric Best. The article is approved 12 votes for and 0 against.**

**Article 35** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate

in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$155,449**) for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$155,449**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$155,449** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$155,449**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2023-2024 budget.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Frenchboro's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Frenchboro's budget for educational programs.*

Note: Articles 33, 34 & 35 raise a total town appropriation of **\$ 212,154**

Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 144,903

Chris Hodgkins motions that the article be approved. Christina Lunt seconds the motion. The article passes with 12 votes for and 0 votes against.

**Note: Article 36 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures**

***Hand Count***

**Article 36** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the School

Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends **\$ 227,154**

*Note: 2022-23 Amount was \$ 192,435*

Christina Lunt motions that the article be approved. Eric Best seconds the motion. The motion is approved 13 for and 0 against.

**Article 37** In addition to the amount in Articles 22 – 36, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2023-2024 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee recommends passage.

Note: Current Year Totals: \$ 24,573

Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Mable Lunt seconds the motion. The article is approved 12 for and 0 against.

**Article 38** To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the school committee to have the Frenchboro Elementary School remain open for the 2023-2024 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately five students.

School Committee recommends passage

Christina Lunt motions the article be approved. Mable Lunt seconds the motion. The article is approved .

## **Municipal Operational Articles**

**Article 39** To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, and expend grant funds for the purpose stated in the grant provided that the

acceptance of any funds requiring a match from Town funds would require town meeting approval.

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions the article be approved. Eric Best seconds the motion. The article is approved.**

Article 40 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property.

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions the article be approved. Mable Lunt seconds the motion. The article is approved.**

Article 41 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property with value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms as the Board deems advisable.

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Eric Best motions the article be approved. Chris Hodgkins seconds the motion. The article is approved.**

Article 42 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for Frenchboro by State law.

**Written Ballot Required**

**Select board recommends passage.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions the article be approved. Dan DeBord seconds the motion. The article is approved.**

Article 43 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after that date:

**Select board recommends November 1, 2023 and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.**

**Eric Best motions the article be approved. Chris Hodgkins seconds the motion. The motion is amended to read:**

**To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after that date:**

**Select board recommends November 1, 2023 and 8%.**

**Chris Hodgkins motions to accept the article as amended. Sarah Saxby seconds the motion for the amended article. The amendment passes.**

Article 44 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes:

**Select board recommends 3% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.**

Joseph Lunt motions to approve the article. Seconded by Dan DeBord. The article is approved

Eric Best moves that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Chris Hodgkins. The meeting is adjourned.