

Town of Alna

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

March 20 & 21, 2015

To: Christopher Cooper, Resident of the Town of Alna, County of Lincoln and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Alna, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Alna Firehouse on Friday the twentieth day of March, 2015 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on articles one and two and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the twenty first day of March at 10:00 a.m. then and there to act on articles three through forty three all of said articles being set out below to wit:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the twentieth day of March 2015 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon and close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

Second Selectman, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

Third Selectman, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

Treasurer, for a one year term.

Road Commissioner, for a one year term.

School Committee Member, for a 3 year term

Article 3: To elect by paper ballot one **Cemetery Trustee** for a term of three years.

Article 4: To elect all other Town Officials or to instruct the Selectmen to appoint the same.

Article 5: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Article 6: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.
The Selectmen recommend the Tax Lien method

Article 7: To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who paid an amount in excess of that finally assessed, shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the over-payment at an annual rate of three percent.

Article 8: To see when the Town wishes to have taxes due and payable and at what rate of interest charges will be added to the unpaid taxes.

Note: The selectmen recommend the due date after June 1, 2015 at the Assessors' discretion, seven percent interest commencing forty five days after the date of the tax bill.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2015-2016 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2016 to the March 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice fourteen days before the sale by posting notice in the Lincoln County News, Wiscasset Newspaper, and the usual posting places in Town, except that such posting may be waived when the property is being redeemed by its former owner.

Article 12: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$450,223.00 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to dispose of alewife rights in whatever manner they determine to be in the best interest of the Town for a period of up to five years.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2015-2016, from Capitol Highway Accounts to General Highway Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner with the approval of the Selectmen to spend a portion, or the entire sum, as they see fit, on paving or some other capital improvement According to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2701

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants and other funds received from the State, Federal and private funding sources for a specific purpose and also authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend gifts of money or items, provided the gift or the grant doesn't require a financial match or financial commitment on the Town's part.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account.

Selectmen recommend \$30,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$30,000.00

Article 17: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town office hardware & software upgrades

Town Clerk and Treasurer recommend \$10,000.00

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries & Stipends. Selectmen recommend the following Town Officials' Salaries & Stipends for a proposed total of \$63,915.00

Town Officials	2014	2015
Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$24,645.00	\$25,900.00
Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
First Selectman/Assessor	\$6,285.00	\$6,285.00
Second Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Third Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Treasurer	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Deputy Treasurer	\$300.00	\$300.00
Road Commissioner	\$1,235.00	\$1,235.00
Fire Chief	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Warden	\$100.00	\$100.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fire Captains (3 @ \$500)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
First Responders Director	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
EMA Director	\$300.00	\$300.00
Animal Control Officer	\$12.00 per hr.	\$12.00 per hr.
Limited to:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer & Alternate CEO	\$18.00 per hr.	\$18.00 per hr
Limited to:	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Health Officer	\$125.00	\$125.00
Planning Board Chairman	\$435.00	\$435.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$800.00	\$800.00
Planning Board Members and Alternates	\$15.00 per mtg	\$15.00 per mtg
Limited to:	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Poster of Warrants	\$125.00	\$125.00
Elections and Town Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$64,660.00</u>	<u>\$63,915.00</u>

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security.

Selectmen recommend \$8,500.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$8,500.00.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to ratify and approve the actions of the Selectmen with regard to a Contract with Maine Municipal Audit Services that covers the fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017.

Selectmen recommend a yes vote

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to ratify and approve the actions of the Selectmen with regard to a contract with Achorn & Sons for mowing services that covers the fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Selectmen recommend a yes vote

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to ratify and approve the actions of the Selectmen with regard to a Snow Removal and Sanding Contract with Hagar Enterprises, Inc. for the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Selectmen recommend a yes vote

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts (not to exceed 3 years) from Annual March Town Meeting 2015 to Annual March Town Meeting 2016, for the lease or purchase of goods & services when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town

Selectmen recommend a yes vote

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used to pay for 2015 Principal and Interest due on the loan for Alna Fire Truck.

Selectmen recommend \$54,389.00

Note: This is the first full year of the loan Principle left on loan is \$222,742.86

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department,

	2014	2015
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$41,081.00	\$40,131.00
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$5,712.00	\$5,592.00
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$7,968.00	\$7,974.00
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Radios	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1 Air Pack replacement + spare bottle	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total	\$65,491.00	\$64,697.00

Fire Department recommends the aggregate total of \$64,697.00

Article 26: To see what sum if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sand and Salt Building Reserve Account

Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00. Balance in this account is \$24,675.18

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Re-Evaluation Reserve account

Selectmen recommend \$10,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00. Balance in this account \$34,017.04

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommends \$25,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$25,000.00.

Article 29: To see if the town will establish an interest-bearing reserve account called the North Old Sheepscot Reserve Road Account, to accumulate funds toward necessary future roadwork, transfer of any money from the account to an operating account to be decided by a vote of the town.

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend \$15,000.00

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,600.00 to be used to pay for 2015 Principal and Interest due on the loan for Road Improvement Project

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend approval

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$63,600.00. Principal left on loan is \$317,175.37

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

Selectmen recommend \$72,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$70,314.00

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal Contract.

Selectmen recommend

Snow Removal Contract	\$195,071.00
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Sand and Salt for Winter Roads	<u>\$ 45,000.00</u>
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Total	\$240,071.00
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Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$195,238.35

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Map Account to perform the annual tax map update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$625.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$625.00.

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Valuation account to perform the annual valuation update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$7,000.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$6,500.00.

Article 35: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a contract to dispose of stray animals.

Selectmen recommend to contract with Lincoln County Animal Shelter for \$709.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was 709.00

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Buildings Maintenance Account.

Selectmen recommend \$15,000.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Building Maintenance Reserve Account.

The Committee for Alna History and Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00 Balance in this account is \$22,638.82

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Committee for Alna History.

The Committee for Alna History and Selectmen recommend \$700.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$700.00.

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the restoration projects for the Historic Head Tide Church.

Friends of the Head Tide Church and the Selectmen Recommend \$200.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$200.00

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

ORGANIZATION	2014	2015
Mid Coast Chapter American Red Cross	\$750.00	\$750.00
LCTV	\$1,044.00	\$1,112.00
Wiscasset Public Library	\$5,140.00	\$5,140.00
Spectrum Generations	\$525.00	\$525.00
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	\$200.00	\$200.00
Mobius	\$260.00	\$260.00
New Hope for Women	\$710.00	\$710.00
Healthy Kids	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Lincoln County Animal Shelter (Neuter/Spay Fund)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Midcoast Maine Community Action	\$335.00	\$335.00
Sweetser	\$766.00	\$766.00
Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Department	\$4,254.00	\$4,254.00
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$100.00	\$709.00
Wiscasset Ambulance Service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Eldercare Network of Lincoln County	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Coastal Trans INC	\$0.00	\$400.00

Lincoln County Dental	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$0.00	\$200.00
Total	\$19,234.00	\$22,911.00

Article 41: To see if the Town will direct the Planning Board, or a special representative committee appointed by the Selectmen, to develop a draft ordinance to regulate the discharge of fireworks in the Town of Alna, to be brought before the next Annual Town Meeting for consideration

Article 42: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2015 Excise Taxes to reduce the 2015 Tax Rate

Selectmen recommend \$100,000.00

Note: The amount appropriated last year was \$90,000

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from fiscal year 2014 surplus to reduce the 2015 Tax Rate.

Selectmen recommend 80% of the 2014 Surplus

Given under our hands at Alna, Maine this 11th day of March, 2015.

David Abbott

Jonathan Villeneuve

David Reingardt

Attested by: _____
Christopher Cooper