

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**

To: Christopher Schmidt, resident of the Town of Montville, in the County of Waldo, 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 Montville, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Montville Town House, 418 Center Road, Montville, Maine, on Saturday, the **25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023**, at 10:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

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

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Article 2      To elect a Town Clerk and Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 22 Table B ~ Elected Officials.

Article 3      To elect a Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 22 Table B ~ Elected Officials.

Article 4      To elect a Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 22 Table B ~ Elected Officials.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectperson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Selectperson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Selectperson

Article 5      To elect the following members to the Montville Planning Board:

Two members for three-year terms  
One alternate for a three-year term

Article 6      To elect the following members to the Montville Budget Committee:

One member for a three-year term

Article 7      To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 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.

Article 8      To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts.

Article 9      To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take a loan in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to fix the dates when taxes shall be due and payable. First installment due date: 15 days after commitment. Second installment due date: November 1, 2023.

Article 11 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed for the years 2023 and 2024.

Article 12 To see what discount, if any, the Town will vote to allow on taxes paid in full (both installments up front) prior to commitment or within 15 days after commitment.

Recommended: 1% discount

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest on unpaid taxes beginning 60 days after each installment due date at a rate of 6.0% per annum. (In accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §505.4, the state treasurer established 8.0% as the maximum interest rate allowed in 2023.)

Article 14 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed may be repaid the amount of overpayment with no interest.

Article 15 To see if the Town 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 the non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice sixty (60) days before the sale by posting in public places in said Town, on Montville's website, and in the newspaper, except when the property is being redeemed by the owner or when required to use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property of residents 65 years of age or older.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a membership with Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) and to appropriate \$1,386.25 from surplus for membership dues in 2023.

Recommended: Pass

Article 17 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay tax abatements, discounts, and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

Recommended: \$20,000 from Overlay

Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommended: \$2,500 from Taxation

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to accept and/or carry over any Emergency Protective Measure Grants, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds, FEMA, DEP Solid Waste Diversion Program Grants, and other funds as may be available to be used toward the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget appropriations. Funds to be expended only for the purposes for which they were intended and in accordance with any formalized guidance from the grantor, at the discretion of the Select Board.

Recommended: Pass

Article 20 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general administrative operating costs and wages for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table A in **bold**.) \* Table on following page.

TABLE A

Account	2023 from Taxation	Unassigned Surplus	2023 Totals	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
<b>10 – Administration</b>					
<b>10 – General Government</b>					
110 – Town Officers	21,982.00		<b>21,982.00</b>	29243.00	27,743.00
145 – Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector	500.00		<b>500.00</b>	1,500.00	483.75
155 – Deputy Town Clerk	3,200.00		<b>3,200.00</b>	4000.00	2,887.50
160 – Administrative Assistant	15,833.00		<b>15,833.00</b>	15,000.00	14,715.00
180 – Registrar of voters	1,500.00		<b>1,500.00</b>	500.00	500.00
185 – Elections	3,000.00		<b>3,000.00</b>	2,500.00	2,643.78
210 – Town FICA/Soc Sec	2,852.93		<b>2,852.93</b>	3286.00	4131.54
215 – Town Medicare	667.22		<b>667.22</b>	788.00	966.45
240 - Workers Comp	6,600.00		<b>6,600.00</b>	6,600.00	8,174.00
245 - Unemployment	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	3,600.00	2,403.84
260 - Liability Insurance	16,000.00		<b>16,000.00</b>	15,000.00	14,846.00
330 - Heating Fuel	4,750.00		<b>4,750.00</b>	3,500.00	4,284.94
410 - Advertising	550.00		<b>550.00</b>	550.00	196.00
420 - Audit Services	7,600.00		<b>7,600.00</b>	7,600.00	7,493.50
425 - Bank Fees	20.00		<b>20.00</b>	20.00	0.00
430 - Consulting Fees	5,000.00	2,500.00	<b>7,500.00</b>	2,000.00	1,110.70
435 - Dues & Subscriptions	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	1,900.00	2,496.32
440 – Software Maintenance	10,000.00		<b>10,000.00</b>	7,000.00	9,806.92
442 - Assessing Agent	10,000.00		<b>10,000.00</b>	10,000.00	9,607.50
443 - Town Revaluation **	0.00	36,500.00	<b>36,500.00</b>	36,500.00	11,975.00
445 - Miscellaneous	500.00		<b>500.00</b>	500.00	491.84
450 - Office Equipment	4,000.00		<b>4,000.00</b>	2,500.00	1,677.43
455 - Office Supplies	1,600.00		<b>1,600.00</b>	1,750.00	1,820.66
465 - Postage	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	2,500.00	1,776.47
470 - Printing & Publications	1,500.00		<b>1,500.00</b>	2,000.00	1,092.50
475 - Training & Education	1,000.00		<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	395.00
480 – Admin Travel	1,000.00		<b>1,000.00</b>	8,700.00	5,047.50
490 - Emergency Reserve	1,000.00		<b>1,000.00</b>	2,500.00	0.00
495 - Municipal Grants Reserve	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00	1,938.03
000 – Electric Town Buildings	5,000.00		<b>5,000.00</b>	200.00	
<b>20 - Town Office</b>					
310 - Electric				200.00	217.52
320 - Phone/Internet	3,680.00		<b>3,680.00</b>	3,680.00	3,564.05
340 - Security System	600.00		<b>600.00</b>	790.00	528.00
610 - Mowing	1,800.00		<b>1,800.00</b>	1,800.00	1,700.00
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Office	1,500.00		<b>1,500.00</b>	3,000.00	478.54
<b>30 - Town House</b>					
310 - Electric/Heat	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	200.00	217.52
625 - Repairs/Maint – Town House ***	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	7,000.00	353.81
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>142,735.15</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>	<b>181,735.15</b>	<b>190,882.99</b>	<b>147,764.61</b>

\*Items in Table A may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

\*\* Town Revaluation line item has a carry-over amount of \$24,525.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

\*\*\* Repairs/Maint – Town House line item has a carry-over amount of \$7,000.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

Article 21 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elected Officials for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table B in **bold**.) \*

TABLE B

Account	<b>2023 from Taxation</b>	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
<b>15 – Elected Officials</b>			
<b>10 - Officials</b>			
120 - Board of Selectmen (*Intended as 1 <sup>st</sup> Select Person at \$4,000; 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Select Persons at \$3,000)	<b>10,000.00</b>	10,000.00	10,000.00
130 - Treasurer	<b>12,350.00</b>	12,350.00	11,700.00
140 - Tax Collector	<b>12,350.00</b>	12,350.00	11,700.00
150 - Town Clerk	<b>23,000.00</b>	21,700.00	21,700.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	<b>3,577.40</b>	3400.00	3416.29
215 - Town Medicare	<b>836.65</b>	775.00	798.96
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>62,114.05</b>	59,275.00	59,315.25

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### HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase public works equipment to be used for public works purposes, for a principal amount not to exceed \$22,804.50, and to fund the purchase through a lease/purchase agreement with Gorham Leasing Group LLC as an additional purchase under the same lease-purchase agreement originally authorized by Art. 30 at the 2022 town meeting for this purpose.

(Note: the 2021 town meeting authorized a lease purchase for the 2022 calendar year of up to \$75,000, of which only \$51,500 was used to purchase a truck, roller, and trailer).

Recommended: Pass

Article 23 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works and Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table C in **bold**.) \* Table on following page.

TABLE C

Account	From Taxation	Unassigned Surplus	From Excise	LRAP/ Reserve	ARPA/ FEMA Funds	2023 Totals	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
<b>Public Works</b>								
<b>10 - Road Maintenance</b>								
170 - Wages	63,000.00					<b>63,000.00</b>	55,000.00	40,900.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	3,906.00					<b>3,906.00</b>	3,410.00	2,535.89
215 - Town Medicare	913.50					<b>913.50</b>	797.00	593.06
000 - PW Travel	2,700.00					<b>2,700.00</b>		
310 - Electric						<b>0.00</b>	1,500.00	642.60
445 - Miscellaneous	2,000.00					<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00	3,429.48
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor	41,695	50,000.00			58,305.00	<b>150,000.00</b>	140,500.00	161,675.95
000 - ARPA Subs					43,938.00	<b>43,938.00</b>		
850 - Gravel	8,000.00					<b>8,000.00</b>	10,000.00	5,284.88
855 - Culverts	11,431.03				3568.97	<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00	11,431.03
860 - Paving	44,864.00			45,136.00		<b>90,000.00</b>	90,000.00	59,970.68
885 - Equipment Reserve Fund	2,500.00					<b>2,500.00</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00
890 - Grader Lease	14,938.95					<b>14,938.95</b>	14,939.00	14,938.95
891 - Loader Lease	9,182.18					<b>9,182.18</b>	9,182.00	9,182.18
892 - Roller Lease	6,110.14					<b>6,110.14</b>	6,110.14	6,110.14
893 - Equipment Lease	9,868.47					<b>9,868.47</b>	9,889.86	9,868.47
<b>20 - Winter</b>								
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor	100,825.00		208,000.00			<b>308,825.00</b>	308,825.00	267,361.00
810 - Sand	45,000.00					<b>45,000.00</b>	45,000.00	43,584.60
815 - Salt	25,000.00					<b>25,000.00</b>	25,000.00	17,526.24
000 - Fuel Surcharge	3,000.00					<b>3,000.00</b>		
<b>Equipment</b>								
R/M Vehicles	15,000.00					<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00	11,846.77
<b>Garage</b>								
Sand/Salt Shed	1,000.00					<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	0.00
Vehicles - Diesel	20,000.00					<b>20,000.00</b>	10,000.00	16,101.19
Final Totals	430,934.27	50,000.00	208,000.00	45,136.00	105,811.97	<b>839,882.24</b>	768,131.61	687,983.11

\*Items in Table C may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to charge a fee per load to help offset costs for Demolition Weekend.

- Recommended: Cars \$5.00 per load
- Recommended: Pick-up Trucks \$15.00 per load
- Recommended: Trailers (Noncommercial size) \$15.00 per load
- Recommended: Tires at the rate set by the disposal company

Article 25 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health and Sanitation Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table D in bold.) \*

TABLE D

ITEM	From Taxation	From Fees	Grant	2023 Totals	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
30 - Health & Sanitation						
10 - Transfer Station						
170 - Wage	8,100.00			<b>8,100.00</b>	7,500.00	5,261.38
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	502.20			<b>502.20</b>	465.00	360.30
215 - Town Medicare	117.45			<b>117.45</b>	108.00	84.29
445 - Miscellaneous					0.00	499.00
455 - Office Supplies	250.00			<b>250.00</b>	600.00	36.65
880 - Repairs/Maint - Garage	1,200.00			<b>1,200.00</b>	1,200.00	1,415.94
885 - Equipment (Box Truck)**			30,000.00	<b>40,000.00</b>	10,000.00	0.00
900 - R/M Vehicles	500.00			<b>500.00</b>	500.00	0.00
920 - Vehicles - Diesel	500.00			<b>500.00</b>	500.00	0.00
950 - Demolition Day	6,500.00			<b>6,500.00</b>	6,500.00	5,114.03
960 - Solid Waste Disposal ***	598.20	12,000.00		<b>12,598.20</b>	25,000.00	16,598.20
962 - Compactor Lease	7,535.00			<b>7,535.00</b>	7,535.00	7,529.54
965 - Unity Recycling	14,123.52			<b>14,123.52</b>	10,475.68	10,475.68
Final Totals	39,926.37	12,000.00	30,000.00	<b>81,926.37</b>	70384.43	47,375.01

\*Items in Table D may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

\*\* Equipment (Box Truck) line item has a carry-over of \$10,000.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

\*\*\* Solid Waste Disposal line item has a carry-over of \$8,401.80 in addition to the appropriation above.

**PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to recover emergency services costs from commercial insurance policies and utility companies via third party contract, in a cost recovery policy.

Recommend: Pass

Article 27 To see if the town will vote to allow all revenue from any cost recovery services to be added to the Fire Equipment Reserve fund at the end of each fiscal year, until amended or revoked.

Recommend: Pass

Article 28 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department and Emergency Management Expenses for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table E in bold.) \* Table on next page.

TABLE E

Account	2023 from Taxation	ARPA Funds	Undesignated Surplus	2023 Totals	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
20 - Protection						
<b>10 - Fire Department</b>						
170 - Wages	15,000.00			<b>15,000.00</b>	17,500.00	11,013.60
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	550.00			<b>550.00</b>	1,085.00	345.31
215 - Town Medicare	130.00			<b>130.00</b>	253.00	80.75
710 - Fire Station	3,500.00		1,808.33	<b>5,308.33</b>	3,500.00	1,691.67
725 - Operations	25,990.00			<b>25,990.00</b>	25,820.00	23,811.73
740 - Fire Equipment Reserve	5,000.00			<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00	5000.00
745 - Equipment	9,000.00			<b>9,000.00</b>	9,500.00	13,890.57
750 - Grants	3,500.00			<b>3,500.00</b>	5,000.00	4765.02
920 - Vehicles - Diesel	3,000.00			<b>3,000.00</b>	2,000.00	1,966.21
000 - Fire Station Floor		4000.00		<b>4,000.00</b>	4,000.00	0.00
000 - Fire Department Travel	2000.00			<b>2,000.00</b>		
<b>20 - Emergency Management</b>						
445 - Supplies	750.00			<b>750.00</b>	750.00	713.25
0 - Emergency Management Travel	415.00			<b>415.00</b>		
Final Totals	68,835.00	4,000.00	1,808.33	<b>74,643.33</b>	74,438.75	54,520.69

\*Items in Table E may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

Article 29 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection and Enforcement services for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table F in **bold.**) \*

TABLE F

Account	2023 Total From Taxation	ARPA	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
<b>30 - Street Lights</b>	<b>800.00</b>		550.00	773.36
<b>50 - Covid 19</b>		192.81	2000.00	1807.19
<b>10 - Animal Control Officer</b>				
445 - Miscellaneous	<b>1,700.00</b>		1,700.00	1,640.88
480 - Travel	<b>500.00</b>		500.00	344.00
<b>20 - Code Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>100.00</b>		100.00	0.00
<b>30 - Planning Board</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		1,000.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>4,100.00</b>	192.81	5,850.00	4,565.42

\*Items in Table F may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

Article 30 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for one third of The Town of Liberty Ambulance Service staff wages.  
 Requested \$72,500.00  
 Recommend: Pass

**RECREATION**

Article 31 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for recreational activities and properties. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table G below in **bold.**) \* Table on next page.

TABLE G

Account	2023 from Taxation**	Requested 2023	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
70 – Recreation				
<b>10 – Program Donations</b>				
770 - BUM League Basketball	<b>100.00</b>	100.00	100.00	100.00
771 - Knox Booster Club	<b>200.00</b>	1,000.00	200.00	200.00
772 - Liberty Swimming	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	1,200.00	0.00
773 - Liberty/Montville Little League	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	200.00	200.00
774 - Town of Liberty-Roberts Maint	<b>1,000.00</b>	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
777 - Field Day	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
000 – Northstar Riders				
Final Totals	<b>3,300.00</b>	6,100.00	3,700.00	2,500.00

\*Items in Table G may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

\*\* The figures in the "2022 from taxation" column in Table G are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Article 32 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Liberty Library.  
 Requested \$3,000.00  
 Expended in 2022 \$2,500

Article 33 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for local social service organizations. For more information on these organizations, see descriptions located in the annual town report. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table H below in **bold.**) \*

TABLE H

Account	2023 from Taxation**	Requested 2023	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
80 - Social Services				
<b>20 - Donation</b>				
970 - Belfast Area Child Care Serv	<b>250.00</b>	500.00	250.00	250.00
972 - The Game Loft	<b>100.00</b>	200.00	100.00	100.00
973 - Hospice of Waldo County	<b>300.00</b>	300.00	300.00	300.00
974 - Liberty AMVETS Food Pantry	<b>0.00</b>		600.00	600.00
976 - Lifeflight Foundation	<b>0.00</b>	510.00	0.00	0.00
977 - New Hope Mid Coast	<b>750.00</b>	900.00	750.00	750.00
978 - Spectrum Generations	<b>584.00</b>	644.00	584.00	584.00
979 - Waldo Community Action Partner	<b>1,911.00</b>	6,802.00	1,911.00	1,911.00
981 - American Red Cross	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	500.00	500.00
982 - Garry Owen House	<b>250.00</b>	250.00	250.00	250.00
000 - Waldo County Woodshed	<b>0.00</b>	1,000.00		
000 - Belfast Soup Kitchen	<b>0.00</b>	500.00		
000 – Waldo County Pet Food Pantry	<b>0.00</b>	250.00		
Final Totals	<b>4,645.00</b>	12,356.00	5,245.00	5,245.00

\*Items in Table H may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

\*\* The figures in the "2022 Donations from taxation" column in Table H are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.



**PERPETUAL CARE**

Article 35 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for the perpetual care and maintenance of Montville cemeteries. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table I on next page in **bold.**) \*

TABLE I

Account	2023 from Taxation	Budgeted 2022	Expended 2022
60 - Cemetery			
170 - Wages	<b>650.00</b>	500.00	637.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	<b>40.30</b>	31.00	39.50
215 - Town Medicare	<b>9.43</b>	7.25	9.24
610 - Mowing	<b>4,300.00</b>	4,000.00	4,300.00
745 - Equipment	<b>250.00</b>	250.00	40.76
980 - Halldale Cemetery Donation	<b>250.00</b>	250.00	250.00
Final Totals	<b>5,499.73</b>	5,038.25	5,276.50

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Article 36 To see if the Town, as a result of the budget approved in accordance with the Articles herein, will authorize a one-time exemption from the LD 1 Law governing annual Town expenditures to accommodate for the approved budget.

Article 37 Motion to adjourn.

Given under our hands this 1st day of March, 2023 A.D.

  
Cathy Roberts, First Selectperson

  
Sharon Hibbard, Second Selectperson

  
Doug Thomas, Third Selectperson

A True Copy of the Warrant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk, Town of Montville, Maine