

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**SATURDAY, April 23, 2022**

To: Doug Thomas, a 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 Mount View High School Gym at 577 Mt. View Road in Thorndike, Maine, on Saturday, the **23RD DAY OF APRIL 2022**, 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 Table B ~ Elected Officials.

Article 3      To elect a Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in 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 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      Shall the Montville Budget Review Committee Ordinance be amended to increase the number of members from three to five?

Article 7      To elect the following members to the Montville Budget Committee:

Two members for a three-year term  
Two members for a two-year term

Article 8      To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Fire Chief, Road Commissioner and Emergency Management Director from an appointed to an elected position, to be enacted at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9      To see if the Town will vote to accept the secret ballot process of voting as set forth in Title 30-A M.R.S. § 2528 for the election of all town officials required by Section 2525 to be elected by ballot,

except the moderator, who shall continue to be elected as provided in Section 2524, subsection 2.  
[Information note: Adoption of the above means that the municipal officers and school committee members will be elected at the polls. An excerpt of said statute appears on pages 13 and 14 of this report.]

Article 10 If the town accepts the immediately preceding article, to see which, if any, of the following officials are also to be elected according to the secret ballot process of Title 30-A M.R.S. § 2528:

Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent  
Tax Collector  
Treasurer

Article 11 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 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the 2023 annual Town Meeting.

Article 12 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts.

Article 13 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to take a loan in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to fix the dates when taxes shall be due and payable. First installment due date: August 1, 2022. Second installment due date: November 1, 2022.

Article 15 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 year 2022 and 2023.

Article 16 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 17 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 4.0% per annum. (In accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §505.4, the state treasurer established 4.0% as the maximum interest rate allowed in 2022.)

Article 18 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 19 To see if the Town will 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. [Said statute appears on pages 14 and 15 of this report.]

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to create an Emergency Contingency Reserve Fund for the

purpose of responding to emergencies and utilizing the account to pay for unbudgeted items, as per the discretion of the Select Board.

Article 21 If preceding article is approved, to see what sum if any the Town will raise and appropriate for said Emergency Contingency Reserve fund.

Recommended \$2,500 from Unassigned Surplus

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to create a Municipal Grants Reserve Fund to be used for matching grants that may become available at any time, at the discretion of the Select Board.

Article 23 If preceding article is approved, to see what sum if any the Town will raise and appropriate for Municipal Grants Reserve Fund.

Recommended \$2,500 from Unassigned Surplus

Article 24 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 25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommended: \$2,500 from Taxation

Article 26 To see if the Town will 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 2022 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 27 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 continued on next page.

TABLE A

Account	2022 from Taxation	Unassigned Surplus	<b>2022 Totals</b>	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
<b>10 – ADMINISTRATION</b>					
<b>10 – General Government</b>					
110 – Town Officers	29,243.00		<b>29,243.00</b>	21,400.00	19,900.00
145 – Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector	1,500.00		<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00	255.00
155 – Deputy Town Clerk	4,000.00		<b>4,000.00</b>	3,500.00	3,603.75
160 – Administrative Assistant	15,000.00		<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00	14,985.00
180 – Registrar of voters	500.00		<b>500.00</b>	500.00	500.00
185 – Elections	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00	2,379.02
210 – Town FICA/Soc Sec	6,686.27		<b>6,686.27</b>	6,521.00	6,319.16
215 – Town Medicare	1,563.72		<b>1,563.72</b>	1,525.00	1,477.93
240 – Workers Comp	6,600.00		<b>6,600.00</b>	5,500.00	8,337.00
245 – Unemployment	3,600.00		<b>3,600.00</b>	3,600.00	2,026.00
260 – Liability Insurance	15,000.00		<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00	15,471.00
330 – Heating Fuel	3,500.00		<b>3,500.00</b>	3,500.00	2,640.91
410 – Advertising	550.00		<b>550.00</b>	550.00	757.22
420 – Audit Services	7,600.00		<b>7,600.00</b>	7,000.00	7,577.50
425 – Bank Fees	20.00		<b>20.00</b>	20.00	0.00



430 - Consulting Fees	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00	1,549.00
435 - Dues & Subscriptions	1,900.00		<b>1,900.00</b>	1,900.00	2,650.63
440 - Software Maintenance	7,000.00		<b>7,000.00</b>	7,000.00	6,776.26
442 - Assessing Agent	10,000.00		<b>10,000.00</b>	10,000.00	8,291.25
443 - Town Revaluation		36,500.00	<b>36,500.00</b>	7,000.00	6,791.97
445 - Miscellaneous	500.00		<b>500.00</b>	500.00	614.38
450 - Office Equipment	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	3,000.00	2,760.55
455 - Office Supplies	1,750.00		<b>1,750.00</b>	2,000.00	2,038.27
465 - Postage	2,500.00		<b>2,500.00</b>	2,000.00	1,774.98
470 - Printing & Publications	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00	994.00
475 - Training & Education	1,000.00		<b>1,000.00</b>	2,000.00	340.00
480 - Travel	8,700.00		<b>8,700.00</b>	1,000.00	659.20
<b>20 - Town Office</b>					
310 - Electric	200.00		<b>200.00</b>	200.00	197.71
320 - Phone/Internet	3,680.00		<b>3,680.00</b>	2,700.00	3,356.32
340 - Security System	790.00		<b>790.00</b>	360.00	393.00
610 - Mowing	1,800.00		<b>1,800.00</b>	1,800.00	1,750.00
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Office	3,000.00		<b>3,000.00</b>	11,500.00	12,782.09
<b>30 - Town Hall</b>					
310 - Electric/Heat	200.00		<b>200.00</b>	200.00	181.40
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Hall	7,000.00		<b>7,000.00</b>	4,000.00	19.50
<b>Final Totals</b>	154,382.99	36,500.00	<b>190,882.99</b>	148,776.00	140,150.00

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

Article 28 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	2022 from Taxation	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
<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>11,700.00</b>	11,700.00	11,700.00
140 - Tax Collector	<b>11,700.00</b>	11,700.00	11,700.00
150 - Town Clerk	<b>21,700.00</b>	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>55,100.00</b>	53,400.00	53,400.00

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## **HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS**

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the Town from the federal government for culvert purchase and installation, and related ditching. [Indicated in Table C.]

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter lease/purchase agreement for a term not to exceed 5 years to acquire a Roller, Rake, Truck and Trailer, together having a total purchase price not to exceed \$75,000, on such terms as they deem in the best interests of the Town; to raise and appropriate \$16,000 from a combination of Taxation and Equipment Reserve Funds to fund the down payment and lease payments due during FY 2022; and to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose.

Recommended \$3,500 from Taxation and \$12,500 from Equipment Reserve.

Article 31 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 C

Account	From Taxation	Undesignated Surplus	From Excise	LRAP/ Reserve	ARPA Funds	2022 Totals	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
<b>Public Works</b>								
<b>10 - Road Maintenance</b>								
170 - Wages	55,000.00					<b>55,000.00</b>	55,000.00	47,534.75
210 - Town FICA/Soc	3,410.00					<b>3,410.00</b>	2,170.00	3,035.44
Sec 215 - Town Medicare	797.50					<b>797.50</b>	508.00	709.86
310 - Electric	1,500.00					<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00	372.75
480 - Travel	See Admin						2,300.00	3,214.75
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor	49,000.00	41,500.00			25,000.00	<b>115,500.00</b>	90,000.00	126,431.56
850 - Gravel	10,000.00					<b>10,000.00</b>	70,000.00	75,368.04
855 - Culverts					15,000.00	<b>15,000.00</b>	11,000.00	19,381.00
860 - Paving	31,145.00			58,855.00		<b>90,000.00</b>	40,000.00	2,106.94
885 - Equipment Reserve Fund	5,000.00					<b>5,000.00</b>	7,500.00	7,500.00
890 - Grader Lease	14,939.00					<b>14,939.00</b>	14,938.95.00	14,938.95
891 - Loader Lease	9182.71					<b>9182.71</b>	10,600.00	9,182.18
<b>20 - Winter</b>								
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor	118,825.00		190,000.00			<b>308,825.00</b>	260,000.00	252,720.00
810 - Sand	45,000.00					<b>45,000.00</b>	40,000.00	37,529.00
815 - Salt	25,000.00					<b>25,000.00</b>	22,000.00	6,162.24
<b>Equipment</b>								
Miscellaneous	2,000.00					<b>2,000.00</b>	1,500.00	5,352.24
R/M Vehicles	15,000.00					<b>15,000.00</b>	10,000.00	13,312.23
<b>Garage</b>								
Sand/Salt Shed	1,000.00					<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000	0.00
Vehicles - Diesel	10,000.00					<b>10,000.00</b>	7,000.00	8,693.51
Final Totals	396,799.21	41,500.00	190,000.00	58,855.00	40,000.00	<b>727,154.21</b>	621,478.00	633,545.44

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## **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Article 32 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 33 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	Unassigned Surplus	<b>2022 Totals</b>	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
30 - Health & Sanitation						
<b>10 - Transfer Station</b>						
170 - Wages	7,500.00			<b>7,500.00</b>	6,000.00	6,951.23
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	465.00			<b>465.00</b>	1,000.00	463.88
215 - Town Medicare	108.75			<b>108.75</b>	300.00	108.59
000 - Hauling Recyclables					6,000.00	5,171.36
000 - Vehicle Fuel	500.00			<b>500.00</b>		
455 - Office Supplies	600.00			<b>600.00</b>	600.00	425.41
880 - Repairs/Maint - Garage	1,200.00			<b>1,200.00</b>	500.00	1,193.23
900 - R/M Vehicles					0.00	0.00
950 - Demolition Day	4,430.00	2,070.00		<b>6,500.00</b>	6,500.00	5,696.03
960 - Solid Waste Disposal	14,000.00	11,000.00		<b>25,000.00</b>	36,000.00	41,386.74
Compactor Lease	7,535.32			<b>7,535.32</b>	8,750.00	11,356.93
Recycling Trailer/Box Truck			10,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>	4,000.00	0.00
Equipment Repairs/Maint	500.00			<b>500.00</b>		
965 - Unity Recycling Art. 35	10,475.68			<b>10,475.68</b>	11,058.00	11,057.11
Final Totals	47,314.75	13,070.00	10,000.00	<b>70,384.75</b>	80,708.00	83,810.51

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

## PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Article 34 To see if the Town will amend the stipulations of Fire Equipment Reserve Account so that the end of the year balances for Fire Department FICA/Medicare Accounts are no longer automatically rolled into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account. End of the year Fire Station, Fire Equipment, Fire Operations, and Fire Wages account balances would continue to be rolled over into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account. To apply until amended or revoked.

Article 35 To see if the Town will enter into a 15-year LED Street Light Conversion Program with Central Maine Power.

Recommended: Pass

Article 36 To see what sum, if any, the Town will 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 continued on next page.

TABLE E

Account	<b>2022 from Taxation</b>	Reserved Funds	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
20 - Protection				

<b>10 - Fire Department</b>				
170 - Wages	<b>17,500.00</b>		25,000.00	11,367.03
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	<b>1,085.00</b>		1,405.00	390.25
215 - Town Medicare	<b>253.75</b>		470.00	91.32
710 - Fire Station	<b>3,500.00</b>		3,500.00	1,300.69
725 - Operations	<b>27,820.00</b>		24,750.00	25,276.04
740 - Fire Equipment Reserve	<b>5,000.00</b>	76,642.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
745 - Equipment	<b>9,500.00</b>		6,180.00	5,701.21
750 - Grants	<b>5000.00</b>	2,875.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>20 - Emergency Management</b>				
445 - Supplies	<b>750.00</b>		600.00	554.89
Final Totals	<b>70,408.75</b>		68,905.00	51,681.43

\*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 37 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the Town from the federal government for COVID-19 protection expenses.

Article 38 To see what sum, if any, the Town will 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	<b>2022 Total From Taxation</b>	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
<b>30 - Street Lights</b>	<b>550.00</b>	900.00	865.48
<b>10 - Animal Control Officer</b>			
445 - Miscellaneous	<b>1,700.00</b>	1,500.00	1,640.88
480 - Travel	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	319.50
<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	1,415.00
Final Totals	<b>3,850.00</b>	4,000.00	4,240.86

\*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 39 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.  
\$68,000 requested.

## RECREATION

Article 40 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for recreational activities and properties. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table G below in **bold.**) \* Table continued on next page.

TABLE G

Account	<b>2022 from Taxation**</b>	Requested 2022	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
70 - Recreation				
<b>10 - Program Donations</b>				
770 - Mt view BUM League Basketball	<b>100.00</b>	100.00	100.00	100.00



771 – Knox Booster Club	<b>200.00</b>	1000.00	200.00	200.00
000- Liberty Swim Lessons	<b>0.00</b>	1,200.00	0.00	0.00
773 – Liberty/Montville Farm Team	<b>200.00</b>	200.00	200.00	200.00
774 – Town of Liberty-Roberts Field Maint	<b>1000.00</b>	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
000 – North Star Riders	<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00	0.00
777 – Field Day	<b>1000.00</b>	1000.00	1,000.00	724.75
000 – Mt View Little League		100.00	0.00	0.00
000 - Base Ball Dugout	<b>0.00</b>	300.00	0.00	0.00
000 – North Star Riders Snowmobile club	<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00	0.00
000 - Walker BUM League	<b>0.00</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00
000 - Waldo County YMCA	<b>0.00</b>	50.00	0.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>2,500.00</b>	7,050.00	2,500.00	2,224.75

\*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 41 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for the Liberty Library.  
Requested \$3,000  
Recommended \$2,500

Article 42 To see what sum, if any, the Town will 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	<b>2022 from Taxation**</b>	Requested 2022	Budgeted 2021	Expended 2021
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	150.00	100.00
973 - Hospice of Waldo County	<b>300.00</b>	300.00	300.00	300.00
974 - Liberty AMVETS Food Pantry	<b>600.00</b>	800.00	600.00	600.00
976 - Lifeflight Foundation	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	\$516.00	\$516.00
977 - New Hope Mid Coast	<b>750.00</b>	750.00	750.00	750.00
978 - Spectrum Generations	<b>584.00</b>	585.00	584.00	584.00
979 - Waldo Community Action Partner	<b>1,911.00</b>	5,182.00	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 – SWCBC	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	500.00	500.00
000-Waldo County Bounty	<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00	0.00
000-Waldo County Pet food Pantry	<b>0.00</b>	250.00	0.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>5,245.00</b>	9817.00	6,311.00	6,261.00

\*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 43 To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the perpetual care and maintenance of Montville cemeteries. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table I below in **bold**.) \*

TABLE I

Account	2021 from Taxation	Budgeted 2020	Expended 2020
60 - Cemetery			
170 - Wages	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	273.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	<b>31.00</b>	75.00	16.93
215 - Town Medicare	<b>7.25</b>	25.00	3.97
610 - Mowing	<b>4000.00</b>	4,000	4,000.00
745 - Equipment	<b>250.00</b>	250.00	292.08
980 - Halldale Cemetery Donation	<b>250.00</b>	250.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>5,038.25</b>	5,100.00	4,585.98

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Article 44 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 45 Motion to adjourn.

Given under our hands this 28rd day of March, 2022 A.D.

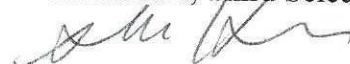
Cathy Roberts, First Selectperson



Robert LeRoy, Second Selectperson



Sharon Hibbard, Third Selectperson



A True Copy of the Warrant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk, Town of Montville, Maine