

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**

To: Christopher Schmidt, resident of the Town of Montville, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine. **There were 115 registered voters present and checked in. There were multiple unregistered folks who came to speak about campaigns for this upcoming November Election, and those on committees. The Town Clerk, prior to the start of the Meeting, asked for volunteers to sign up to be a Road Warden on their street, by providing their name and phone number, and agreeing to check in with neighbors and the road conditions during storms. Also asked residents to sign up for helping do some work on the Nash Lot for the projects that are hoping to get started this year including woodland gardens between historical society School House, and the Nash Lot field, drainage around the schoolhouse and the field, woodland trails behind the town field, and building a pavilion.**

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 **30TH DAY OF MARCH 2024**, at 10:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

**Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by the Town Clerk.**

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

**Glenn Couturier was nominated, seconded, and received 3 written ballots. Glenn was sworn in to the Town Meeting Moderator position by Jodie Mehuren and took over the podium to conduct the rest of the meeting. Before continuing on with Article 2, Glenn took time to go over the rules and expectations of Town Meeting procedures.**

**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.

**Jodie Mehuren was nominated, seconded, and received 11 written ballots. Jodie was sworn in by the Moderator, to continue the Town Clerk and Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent duties for the ensuing year.**

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

**Terry Fischer was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations. Terry Fischer received 11 written ballots.**

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 – **Sharon Hibbard**  
2<sup>nd</sup>Selectperson – **Doug Thomas**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Selectperson – **Hannah Hatfield**

Hannah Hatfield was nominated and seconded for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Selectperson, she declined. Sharon Hibbard was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations. Sharon received 19 votes. Doug Thomas was nominated and seconded for 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectperson, Jeremy Holt was also nominated and seconded for 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectperson. While counting was going on, Peter Kassen, the Chair for the Planning Board Committee, spoke about an upcoming Planning Board Meeting that was concerning a potential unknown 10,000 square foot retail building to be located on Route 3. Meeting was for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Town Office. Final count for 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectperson, Jeremy Holt received 27 votes, Doug Thomas received 69 votes. Johnathan Thornhill nominated and seconded for 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectperson, Hannah Hatfield nominated and seconded, Jeremy Holt nominated and seconded. While counting was going on Cathy Roberts (1<sup>st</sup> Selectperson for 2023) introduced new Admin Assistant to the Board, Joyce Ryan. Michele Schmidt also stood up to talk about “McKenna and her camera, artists and their work” a project put on by The Penobscot Marine Museum. Final Count Totals, Jonathan Thornhill received 24 votes, Jeremy Holt received 14 votes, and Hannah Hatfield received 70 votes. Congratulations Sharon Hibbard, Doug Thomas, and Hannah Hatfield.

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

Three members for three-year terms

**Peter Kassen**

**Karin Look**

**Charles Fletcher**

One alternate for a two-year term

**First member - Peter Kassen was nominated and seconded, no other nominations, voted in by hand vote. Second Member – Karin Look was nominated and seconded, no other nominations, voted in by hand vote. Third Position – Charles Fletcher was nominated and seconded, no other nominations, voted in by hand vote.**

**Alternate – no nominations were made, so that part of article was passed over.**

**Congratulations Peter Kassen, Karin Look, and Charles Fletcher.**

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

Two members for three-year terms

**Bibi Whited**

**Jeremy Holt**

**Bibi Whited was nominated and seconded, Jeremy Holt was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made for first of two positions.**

**During counting Mike Ray spoke who is running as State Representative for our area, then Elise Brown spoke on her campaign run for County Commissioner. Paige Zeigler spoke in support of Mike Ray who would be replacing Zeigler as he terms out. Final count for Bibi Whited was 35 votes, and Jeremy Hold received 22 votes.**

**Jeremy Holt was nominated and seconded, John Billings was nominated and seconded for the second member of the Budget Committee. No other nominations. While counting, Timothy Parker spolke about his campaign run for County Commissioners. Final count for second member for Budget Committee, John Billings 38 votes, Jeremy Hold 43 votes.**

**Congratulations Bibi Whited and Jeremy Holt for being voted in to the Budget Committee for three years.**

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 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the 2025 annual Town Meeting.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.**

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.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.**

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.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote**

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to fix the dates when taxes shall be due and payable. First installment due date: August 1, 2024. Second installment due date: November 1, 2024. **Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

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 2024 and 2025. **Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

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

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. Discussion was started about amount, should it be raised? A lot of residents feeling economic crunch, taxes going up, folk advocating for more discussion on a later date to analyze what would be the long term outcomes. PASSED hand vote.**

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 8.5% as the maximum interest rate allowed in 2024.)

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

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 amount may be repaid the amount of overpayment with no interest.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. Discussion on why article had been altered. Selectboard said it was due to Maine State Statute change that required the new wording, this had been the way the Select Board had handled things in the past anyways. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 16 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, MEMA, DEP Solid Waste Diversion Program Grants, Community Resilience Partnership Grants, and other funds as may be

available to be used toward the Fiscal Year 2024 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.

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 17 To see if the voters will approve the grant of an Easement to UniTel, Inc. d/b/a Direct Communications to place a cement pad, cabinet and equipment on a 12-foot x 15-foot portion of the land of the Montville Town Office as depicted on Tax Map 25 Lot 25.

Recommend: Pass

*Note: UniTel, Inc. d/b/a Direct Communications is the communications company that will create the network for the Waldo Broadband Corporation to provide high speed internet capability to the residents of Liberty, Montville, Freedom, Palermo and Searsmont. The draft Easement and an aerial photograph depicting the location of the Easement area are available in the Town Office for any resident to review.*

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. Discussion on whether there will be any free services associated with this lease, the answer from UniTel/Direct Communications is no free service. Question also asked about how long the lease will be, and the answer was indefinite. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,678.00 out of Undesignated Fund Balance for the purposes of balancing 2023 budget overages.

*Note: List of under/overages can be found at the end of the Select Board's Financial Report.*

Recommend: Pass

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 19 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.

Recommend: \$20,000 from Overlay

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 20 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommend: \$2,500 from Taxation

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 21 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 A

Account	2024 From Taxation	<b>2024 Totals</b>	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
<b>10 – Administration</b>				
<b>10 – General Government</b>				
110 – Town Officers	21,982.00	<b>21,982.00</b>	21982.00	21982.00
145 – Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector	500.00	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	0.00
155 – Deputy Town Clerk	3,200.00	<b>3,200.00</b>	3,200.00	3,084.00
160 – Administrative Assistant	15,833.00	<b>15,833.00</b>	15,833.00	16,050.25
180 – Registrar of voters	1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00	1,500.00
185 – Elections	4,000.00	<b>4,000.00</b>	3,000.00	2,080.00
210 – Town FICA/Soc Sec	3,021.00	<b>3,020.95</b>	2,852.93	2,853.00

215 – Town Medicare	706.51	<b>706.51</b>	667.22	668.00
240 - Workers Comp	7,000.00	<b>7,000.00</b>	6,600.00	5,829.00
245 - Unemployment	2,500.00	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00	1,933.00
260 - Liability Insurance	18,500.00	<b>18,500.00</b>	16,000.00	17,326.00
310 - Electric	4,000.00	<b>4,000.00</b>	5000.00	3,562.58
330 - Heating Fuel	8,000.00	<b>8,000.00</b>	4,750.00	7,830.34
410 - Advertising	500.00	<b>500.00</b>	550.00	311.38
420 – Audit Services	8,100.00	<b>8,100.00</b>	7,600.00	8,034.00
425 - Bank Fees	20.00	<b>20.00</b>	20.00	0.00
430 - Consulting Fees	3,300.00	<b>3,300.00</b>	7,500.00	5,888.27
435 - Dues & Subscriptions	6,600.00	<b>6,600.00</b>	2,500.00	4,050.08
440 – Software Maintenance	10,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>	10,000.00	8,940.64
442 - Assessing Agent	10,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>	10,000.00	10,000.00
443 - Town Revaluation	0.00	0.00	61,025.00	35,053.75
445 - Miscellaneous	500.00	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	705.44
450 - Office Equipment	2,500.00	<b>2,500.00</b>	4000.00	7,368.85
455 - Office Supplies	1,600.00	<b>1,600.00</b>	1,600.00	1,485.34
465 - Postage	2,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00	2,118.40
470 - Printing & Publications	1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00	1,250.00
475 - Training & Education	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	3,440.00
480 – Admin Travel	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.000	914.60
490 - Emergency Reserve **	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00
495 - Municipal Grants Reserve **	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>20 - Town Office</b>				
320 - Phone/Internet	2,750.00	<b>2,750.00</b>	3,680.00	3,576.14
340 - Security System	550.00	<b>550.00</b>	600.00	516.00
610 - Mowing	2,875.00	<b>2,875.00</b>	1,800.00	1,800.00
625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Office	1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00	1,078.05
<b>30 - Town House</b>				
625 - Repairs/Maint – Town House	5,000.00	<b>5,000.00</b>	0.00	6,313.23
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>153,906.65</b>	<b>153,906.65</b>	206,260.15	191,042.34

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

\*\*Emergency Reserve Account Fund Balance as of 12/31/2023: \$7,500.00

\*\*Municipal Grant Reserve Fund Balance as of 12/31/2023: \$3,062.00

**Motion was made to move article, seconded. No Discussion. PASSED hand vote.**

Article 22 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>2024 From Taxation</b>	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
<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	12,350.00
140 - Tax Collector	<b>12,350.00</b>	12,350.00	12,350.00
150 - Town Clerk	<b>23,000.00</b>	23,000.00	23,000.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	<b>3,577.40</b>	3,577.40	3,577.36
215 - Town Medicare	<b>836.65</b>	836.65	836.45
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>62,114.05</b>	62,114.05	62,113.81

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

**Motion made to move article, seconded. Discussion opened up about pay to Selectpersons. Bob Price proposed amendment to article to change 10,000 to 16,000 for the Board of Selectmen, amendment was**

seconded. Discussion on the amendment ensued, Sharon Hibbard spoke up about declining the funds as where would the money come from other than taxation. Cathy Roberts spoke up about the need to look at this with the Budget Committee for the future. After discussion, Bob Price withdrew his amendment. No further discussion. PASSED by hand vote.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Article 23 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 24 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 C in bold.) \*

TABLE C

Account	From Taxation	From Stickers	Grant	2024 Totals	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
30 - Health & Sanitation						
<b>10 - Transfer Station</b>						
170 - Wage	8,100.00			<b>8,100.00</b>	8,100.00	6,563.49
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	502.20			<b>502.20</b>	502.20	438.34
215 - Town Medicare	117.45			<b>117.45</b>	117.45	102.55
445 + 455 - Supplies/Misc	250.00			<b>250.00</b>	250.00	221.92
880 - Repairs/Maint - Facility	5,500.00			<b>5,500.00</b>	1,200.00	1,856.07
885 - Equipment (Box Truck) Grant			5,275.00	<b>5,275.00</b>	40,000.00	34,725.00
900 - R/M Vehicles	500.00			<b>500.00</b>	500.00	369.40
920 - Vehicles - Fuel	500.00			<b>500.00</b>	500.00	259.27
950 - Demolition Day	6,500.00			<b>6,500.00</b>	6,500.00	6,068.08
960 - Solid Waste Disposal	6,650.00	12,000.00		<b>18,650.00</b>	21,000.00	19,719.45
962 - Compactor Lease	7,535.00			<b>7,535.00</b>	7,535.00	7,529.54
965 - Unity Recycling	17,766.36			<b>17,766.36</b>	14,123.52	14,123.53
Final Totals	<b>53,921.01</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>5,275.00</b>	<b>71,196.01</b>	100,328.17	91,976.64

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

Motion was made to move article, seconded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.

**HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS**

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for winter sand, for the duration of up to three years at the discretion of the Select Board acting in the best interest of the town.

Motion was made to move article and was seconded. There was no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.

Article 26 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 D in bold.) \*

TABLE D

Account	From Taxation	From Excise	LRAP	FEMA/Surplus	2024 Totals	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
<b>Public Works</b>							
<b>10 – Road Maintenance</b>							
170 - Wages	51,600.00			57,000	<b>108,600.00</b>	63,000.00	83,293.97
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	6,733.20				<b>6,733.20</b>	3,906.00	5,100.32
215 - Town Medicare	1,574.70				<b>1,574.70</b>	913.50	1,192.97
000 – PW Travel	2,700.00				<b>2,700.00</b>	2,700.00	2,700.00
445 - Miscellaneous	2,200.00				<b>2,200.00</b>	2,000.00	5,212.78
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subs	31,500.00			108,500.00	<b>140,000.00</b>	154,621.00	126,291.61
655 - Storm Repair	0.00				<b>0.00</b>	0.00	79,596.00
850 - Gravel	6,000.00				<b>6,000.00</b>	8,000.00	390.00
855 - Culverts	10,000.00				<b>10,000.00</b>	15,000.00	18,675.84
860 – Paving Reserve**	37,948.00		52,052.00		<b>90,000.00</b>	133,938.00	133,000.00
885 - Equipment Reserve**	1,000.00				<b>1,000.00</b>	2,500.00	2,500.00
890 - Grader Lease	14,938.95				<b>14,938.95</b>	14,938.95	14,938.95
891 - Loader Lease	9,182.18				<b>9,182.18</b>	9,182.18	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>	9,868.47	9,868.47
<b>20 - Winter</b>							
650 - Repairs/Maint - Subs	95,019.00	213,806.00			<b>308,825.00</b>	308,825.00	308,825.00
810 - Sand	45,000.00				<b>45,000.00</b>	45,000.00	64,501.84
815 - Salt	20,000.00				<b>20,000.00</b>	25,000.00	14,751.50
000 – Fuel Surcharge	3,000.00				<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00	1,723.35
<b>30 - Equipment</b>							
900 - R/M Vehicles	15,000.00				<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00	10,634.36
<b>40 - Garage</b>							
820 – PW Buildings	500.00			9,500.00	<b>10,000.00</b>	1,000.00	28.67
920 - Vehicles - Diesel	20,000.00				<b>20,000.00</b>	20,000.00	16,793.27
Final Totals	<b>389,874.64</b>	<b>213,806.00</b>	<b>52,052.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>830,732.64</b>	844,503.24	915,311.22

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\*\*Paving Reserve Fund Balance 12/31/2024: \$43,500.00

\*\*Equipment Reserve Fund Balance 12/31/2024: \$7,500.00

**Motion was made to move article and motion was seconded. Discussion: what will happen if we don't get FEMA money that is expected in the budget? Response: the funds were already Obligated from the Federal Government, so they will be incoming. It was also noticed that there was an error in Table C, \$57,000 was in the LRAP column but it should have been in the FEMA line, bottom line totals were all correct. Resident asked if they could create an amendment to the article to make it so the Select Board had to put all road work out to bid to Montville contractors, Moderator said that type of amendment would not be germane to the article. Select Board asked to meet with individual to make sure that that topic gets brought up in their Select board meetings, so they could re-visit discussion.**

## PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Article 27 To see if the Town will amend the stipulations of the Fire Equipment Reserve Account so that the end of the year balances for Fire Department Wages Account is no longer automatically rolled into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account. End of the year Fire Station, Fire Equipment, and Fire Operations account balances would continue to be rolled over into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account. To apply until amended or revoked.

**Montion was made to move article and seconded. Question was asked for clarification. John Y. replied, gave history. Sharon shared. Auditors questioned wages and why it was rolling to**

reserve equipment. John Y. saying wages under what they will need for the year. Question asked about how many calls were done in Montville? Mutual aid? John Y. did not give an answer. Each town pays for own FD. Karen tried to make an amendment to change article. Was decided not germane to article. Fire dept requesting to vote this down. Motion made to limit discussion, 2nded, discussion limited. Moved to vote, FAILED by hand count.

**BROKE for Lunch, meet back at 1:15 pm to resume meeting with Article 28.**

**RESUMED meeting at 1:21 pm after lunch break.**

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**.) \*

**Moved, 2nded, question asked about risk management. PASSED by hand vote.**

TABLE E

Account	2024 From Taxation	FEMA	<b>2024 Totals</b>	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
<b>10 - Fire Department</b>					
170 - Wages	18,500.00		<b>18,500.00</b>	15,000.00	17,703.46
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	1,147.00		<b>1,147.00</b>	550.00	784.29
215 - Town Medicare	268.25		<b>268.25</b>	130.00	183.49
710 - Fire Station	4,000.00		<b>4,000.00</b>	5,308.33	4,729.68
710 - Fire Station Floor	0		<b>0</b>	4000.00	5,823.20
725 - Operations	30,139.00	2,161.00	<b>32,300.00</b>	25,990.00	23,331.56
740 - Fire Equipment Reserve**	5,000.00		<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00
745 - Equipment	12,339.00	2,161.00	<b>14,500.00</b>	9,000.00	9,426.05
750 - Grants**	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	3,500.00	3,500.00
920 - Vehicles - Diesel	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	3,000.00	1,909.93
000 - Fire Department Travel	2,000.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00	2000.04
<b>20 - Emergency Management</b>					
445 - Supplies	750.00		<b>750.00</b>	750.00	533.38
480 - Emergency Management Travel	415.00		<b>415.00</b>	415.00	415.00
Final Totals	<b>78,558.25</b>	<b>4,322.00</b>	<b>82,880.25</b>	74,643.33	75,340.08

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\*\*MVFR Grants Reserve Balance 12/31/2024: \$8,913.00

\*\*MVFR Equipment Reserve Balance 12/31/2024: \$91,988.00

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

**Moved, 2nded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.**

TABLE F

Account	<b>2024 Total From Taxation</b>	Carry Over	<b>2024 Totals</b>	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
<b>30 - Street Lights</b>	600.00		<b>600.00</b>	800.00	569.72
<b>10 - Animal Control Officer</b>					
445 - Miscellaneous	1,700.00		<b>1,700.00</b>	1,700.00	1683.53
480 - Travel	500.00		<b>500.00</b>	500.00	275.50
<b>20 - Code Enforcement Officer</b>	100.00		<b>100.00</b>	100.00	0.00
<b>30 - Planning Board</b>		1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	0.00

Final Totals	<b>2,900.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>3,900.00</b>	4,100.00	2,528.75
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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 \$78,500.00

Recommended \$78,500.00

**Moved, 2nded, no discussion PASSED by hand vote.**

**RECREATION**

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to approved Snowmobile Clubs for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails in the Town of Montville, on condition that those trails be open during snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreements with said Clubs, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

**Moved, 2nded, no discussion, PASSED by hand vote.**

Article 32 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for recreational activities. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table G below in **bold.**) \*

**Moved, 2nded, why didn't the town receive a request for money from the liberty Swim folks? They had money left over from last year was the response. PASSED by hand vote.**

TABLE G

Account	<b>2024 From Taxation**</b>	Requested 2024	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
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
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 – North Star Riders Snowmobile Club (see Article 31)	<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00	0.00
Swim Lessons	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	2,200.00	1,200.00
Little League	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	200.00	200.00
Final Totals	<b>2,300.00</b>	5,600.00	4,700.00	3,791.80

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\*\* The figures in the "2024 from taxation" column in Table G are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at Town Meeting for the prior year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at Town Meeting.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Article 33 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for the Liberty Library.

Requesting \$4,000.00

Recommended \$3,000.00

**Amended to \$4000.**

**Moved, 2nded, amendment to give requested amount, seconded. No more discussion. Amendment PASSED. Moved amended article, 2nded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.**

Article 34 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 later in the annual Town Report. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table H, on next page in **bold**.) \*

TABLE H

Account	2024 From Taxation**	Requested 2024	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
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
977 - New Hope Mid Coast	<b>750.00</b>	900.00	750.00	750.00
978 - Spectrum Generations	<b>584.00</b>	643.50	584.00	584.00
979 - Waldo Community Action Partner	<b>1,911.00</b>	8,386.00	1,911.00	1,911.00
000 - Waldo County Woodshed	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00	1000.00	1000.00
000 - Belfast Soup Kitchen	<b>500.00</b>	500.00	500.00	500.00
000 - Waldo County Bounty	<b>200.00</b>	200.00	0.00	0.00
000 - Waldo County YMCA	<b>0.00</b>	250.00	0.00	0.00
000 - Waldo County Pet Food Pantry	<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>5,395.00</b>	13,379.50	6,905.00	6,905.00

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**Table H amendment under Waldo County Bounty to read \$200., amendment seconded. PASSED by hand vote. Article 34 as amended, moved, seconded, no discussion. PASSED by hand vote.**

## 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 in **bold**.) \*

**Moved, 2nded, PASSED**

TABLE I

Account	2024 from Taxation	From Surplus	Total for 2024	Budgeted 2023	Expended 2023
60 - Cemetery					
170 - Wages	650.00		<b>650.00</b>	650.00	770.00
210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec	40.30		<b>40.30</b>	40.30	47.75
215 - Town Medicare	9.43		<b>9.43</b>	9.43	11.18
610 - Mowing	2,400.00		<b>2,400.00</b>	4,300.00	2,400.00
745 - Equipment	250.00		<b>250.00</b>	250.00	346.93
980 - Halldale Cemetery Donation	250.00	250.00	<b>500.00</b>	250.00	0.00
Final Totals	<b>3,599.73</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>3,849.73</b>	5,499.73	3,575.86

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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.

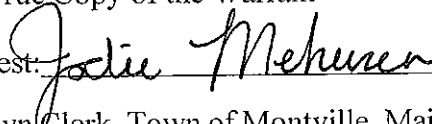
**Moved, 2nded, PASSED by hand vote.**

Article 37 Motion to adjourn. **Moved, 2nded, PASSED by hand vote.**

Given under our hands this 11th day of March, 2024

A True Copy of the Warrant

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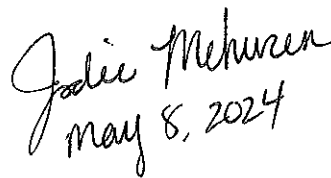


Town Clerk, Town of Montville, Maine

Cathy Roberts, First Selectperson

Sharon Hibbard, Second Selectperson

Doug Thomas, Third Selectperson

  
May 8, 2024