

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
KNOX, SS STATE OF MAINE**

To: Tara Elwell, a resident of the Town of St. George, in the County of Knox:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the citizens of the Town of St. George, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the St. George School, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 2024, at 7:00PM, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all delinquent taxes at the rate of 8.50% per annum, computed on a daily basis, and to establish two due dates for property taxes, with one-half of the tax amount due September 30, 2024, and one-half of the tax amount due March 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed. Any overpayment of taxes from one year applied to the next year at the request of the taxpayer will be treated as prepayment of taxes not yet committed.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate for overpayment of taxes for the year 2024 at 4.5% (the rate for delinquent taxes less 4%) in accordance with 36 MRS § 506-A.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office Administration

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Town Manager	\$115,000
Town Office Staff	247,000
Employee Benefits	148,000
Utilities	16,000
Property Maintenance	20,000
Equip Maintenance	3,600
Office Expense	16,000
Office Supplies	15,000
Software License Fees	16,000
Registry/Court Costs	4,000
Advertising	3,000
Town Report Printing	5,000
Audit	20,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,200
Dues/Memberships	6,500
Professional Services	24,000

Insurance	76,063
Elections Expense	5,000
Registrar of Voters	1000
Training/Workshops	2,000
Public Communication	5,000
Office Equipment Reserve	5,000
Sick Leave Reserve	<u>2,500</u>
	756,863

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Select Board/Assessors.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Select Board/ Assessors	\$9,360
Assessing Clerk	12,220
Board Secretary	5,123
Employee Benefits	7,415
Select Board Expenses	300
Certified Assessors	27,000
Property Map Updates	3,000
Software License Fees	6,000
Revaluation Reserve	<u>20,000</u>
	90,418

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

CEO/LPI	\$57,172
Planning Secretary	12,611
Planning Board	3,500
Board of Appeals	1,000
Board Secretary	6,000
Employee Benefits	34,440
Mileage Reimbursement	3,000
Dues/Memberships	1,000
Training/Workshops	1,000
Supplies	300
Software Fees	3,500
Planning Board Expense	500
Appeals Board Expense	500
Conservation Commission	11,025
Comprehensive Plan	<u>20,000</u>
	155,548

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety-Fire Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Fire Officers	\$28,000
Firefighters	46,500
FD/EMA Office Staff	16,000
Employee Benefits	9,950
Training	25,000
Gas/Oil	5,000
Utilities	14,000
Supplies	3,000
Dispatch	54,326
Property Maintenance	14,000
Equipment Maintenance	15,000
Vehicle Maintenance	15,000
Medical	1,000
Dues/Membership	2,000
Fire Scene Support	1,500
Equipment Purchases	25,000
Vehicle Acquisition Reserve	100,000
Water Hole Reserve	4,000
Personal Equipment	25,000
Emergency Management	500
Generator	<u>10,000</u>
	\$414,776

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety-EMS Department.

FT Paramedics/EMT's	\$302,224
Per Diems	281,868
Shift Pay	25,000
Employee Benefits	106,575
Training	5,000
Gas	5,000
Utilities	13,000
Supplies	7,500
Dispatch	54,326
Property Maintenance	8,000
Equipment Maintenance	2,000
Vehicle Maintenance	3,500
Medical Equipment	1,500
Dues/Memberships	3,000
Insurances	3,728
Uniforms	2,000
Medical Billing	6,500
Pharmacy	1,600
Mutual Aid Response	1,000
Health Costs (i.e. Vaccines)	500
Equipment Purchases	5,600
Ambulance Reserve	<u>125,000</u>
	964,421

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety-Animal Control.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Animal Control Officer	\$5,300
Employee Benefits	450
Mileage Reimbursement	400
Training/Workshops	300
Veterinary Expenses	300
Annual Kennel Fee	<u>4,000</u>
	10,750

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works-Roads & Property Management.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Personnel	\$46,440
Sexton	3,600
Employee Benefits	22,050
Utilities	900
Street Light Expense	12,000
Supplies	1,200
Property Maintenance	1,000
Equipment Maintenance	2,500
Fuel - Equipment	5,500
Vehicle Maintenance	500
Equipment Purchases	2,500
Cemetery Mowing	27,000
Cemetery (other maint.)	2,500
Contract Services	100,000
Roadside Mowing	4,000
Resurfacing	150,000
Signs/Painting	2,200
Winter Roads Contract	235,000
Salt/Sand	62,000
Salt/Sand Shed Maint.	2,000
Truck Purchase	<u>75,000</u>
	757,890

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works-Solid Waste.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Transfer Station Attendants	\$145,000
Employee Benefits	75,000
Equipment Maintenance	18,000
Tipping Fees	185,000
Universal Waste Fees	3,000
Special Waste Fees	3,500

Transportation	150,000
Utilities	7,000
Fuel-Equipment	7,500
Training	1,000
Supplies	3,500
Personal Equipment	1,200
Recycling Program	3,000
Composting Expenses	2,000
Licensing	1,000
Property Maintenance	3,500
Equipment Purchases	1,000
Septage Disposal Fees	3,200
Brush/Wood Waste Expense	10,000
Rebuild Compactor Building	<u>10,000</u>
	633,400

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

General Assistance	\$2,500
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ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social and Community Services.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

AIO	\$3,000
Knox County Health Clinic	2,000
Lifeflight	649
Maine Coast Heritage Trust	500
Neighbor to Neighbor	3,500
New Hope for Women	1,254
Penquis CAP	2,146
Rockland District Nurses	4,000
Spectrum Generations	3,150
Trekkers	2,500
Veterans' Graves	4,500
Cemeteries	7,000
Jackson Memorial Library	50,000
Shellfish Management	3,000
Community Development Corp.	12,000
Herring Gut Coastal Science Center	<u>1,500</u>
	100,699

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks and Recreation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Recreation Director	\$62,014
Employee Benefits	27,300
Children’s Recreation	9,100
Community Recreation	2,500
Seniors Recreation	4,500
Utilities	5,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000
Ball Field Maintenance	8,100
Tennis Court Reserve Fund	<u>7,000</u>
	126,514

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Harbors.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Harbor Master	\$54,823
Deputy Harbor Masters	800
Employee Benefits	26,550
Utilities	2,000
Property Maintenance	1,000
Floats & Landings	13,200
Harbor Channel Maintenance	6,000
Harbor Master Expense	500
Training/Workshops	1,200
Equipment Purchases	1,500
Municipal Boat Expense	2,000
Mileage Reimbursement	5,000
Pump Out Float	1,000
Fuel	300
Municipal Boat Reserve	25,000
Public Landing Reserve	5,000
Ramps & Floats Reserve	2,500
Debt Payment	<u>277,437</u>
	425,810

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Unclassified Accounts.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Family Health Contingent	\$60,000
Fuel Purchase-Town Tanks	55,000
Fireworks	10,000
Energy Efficiency Reserve	<u>20,000</u>
	145,000

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,578,346.00 from estimated revenues to be used to reduce the total commitment for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$695,000
Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	8,000
Boat Excise Tax	24,000
Mooring Fees	52,000
Animal Control Income	600
Planning Permit Fees	34,000
DOT Local Road Assistance	32,000
DOT Reimb-Rt 131 Winter Maint	68,000
Solid Waste Income	70,000
Interest & Costs	20,000
Interest from Investments	75,000
Recreation Income	2,500
Reimbursement for Fuel Tank Purchase	55,000
Ambulance Income	129,000
State Revenue Sharing	220,000
Homestead Reimbursement	155,000
Maine EMS Stabilization Program	<u>100,000</u>
	1,740,100

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Abatement Expense	\$10,000
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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 from Fund Balance to be used to reduce the total commitment for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer funds up to \$50,000 within the appropriations approved for 2024-2025 in order to cover line item overdrafts.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for the Town of St. George by State law, due to extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the municipal legislative body. ***NOTE: Must be specific and voted on by written ballot.***

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the various Federal & State Reimbursements and Grants, such as Municipal Revenue Sharing funds, Tree Growth Reimbursement, Veteran's Tax Exemption Reimbursement, Snowmobile Registration Refund, General Assistance Reimbursement, State Park Fee Sharing, State Property Tax Relief, Landfill Closure Cost Reimbursement, and Small Community Grant Program, as provided by the State Legislature to the Town in the fiscal year 2024-2025.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or foreclosure of tax liens, and execute quit-claim deeds for the same. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of personal property owned by the Town.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward and lapse certain municipal budget balances as of June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to approve \$122,170 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the Federal Government for the purpose of providing Emergency Medical Services.

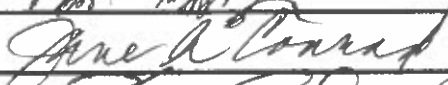
ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend funds up to 15% of the Unassigned Fund Balance as of the end of the most recent fiscal year to cover the cost of vital supplies, equipment and other items found lacking and needed for the protection of health, life and property during a proclaimed emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
The St. George Select Board

Van Thompson



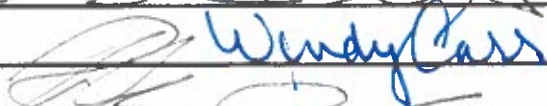
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