

*Town of St. Albans*

**2023**

**TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT**

*March 4, 2023*

**TOWN OF ST. ALBANS  
WARRANT FOR  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**

County of Somerset

State of Maine

To: Revelin Goewey, Resident of the Town of St. Albans, Maine in the County of Somerset.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of St. Albans in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the St. Albans Town Hall, in said Town on Saturday, the fourth day of March A.D., 2023 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

**Art. 1.** To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To see if the town will vote to establish Friday, September 29, 2023, as the date when taxes shall be due and payable or 30 days after commitment, whichever is later, and to see if the town will fix the rate of 8% interest on all taxes unpaid after said date.

**Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 3.** To see if the town will vote to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

**Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 4.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers 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, 2024, to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

**Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 5.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., section 506.

**Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and convey by municipal quitclaim deed any tax-acquired property, or dispose of any tax acquired property by any means and on any terms they, in their discretion, may deem advisable and in the best interest of the Town, subject, however, to the following conditions:

(1) The Municipal Officers may, in their discretion, retain any tax-acquired property for potential municipal use,

(2) If the Municipal Officers decide to sell any tax-acquired property, they must first offer it to the former owner(s), if they currently occupy the property, for a period of 60-days and for a sum not less than all taxes, interest, and costs actually accrued against the property and all taxes and interest that would have been assessed and accrued had the property not become tax-acquired.

(3) Thereafter, the Municipal Officers may sell any tax-acquired property by publicly advertised sealed bid to the highest bidder, provided the bid is for a sum not less than as above described and provided the Municipal Officers reserve the right to reject any, and all bids.

**Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 7.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of equipment, vehicles, or furniture no longer necessary to town operations that the Municipal Officers deem appropriate and in the best interest of the town. **Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 8.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to apply for and/or accept on behalf of the Town any grants; funds or property, Federal, State or otherwise; payments in lieu of taxes, personal or private donations or any other such revenues when Municipal Officers deem them to be in the best interest of the Town. If said applications are approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the applications, receipt, implementation, management and completion of projects. Grant approval is subject to citizen approval of any, and all matching funds, if required by a grant application. **Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**Art. 9.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations and to allocate any other funds from grants designated to snowmobiling to the Sno-Devils Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season for the benefit and use of the public, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. (Prior to the release of the check, the Sno-Devils Snowmobile Club shall submit their prior year's income, expense report, and membership list to the Town Manager). **Selectmen recommend favorable action.**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Art. 13.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Administration/Gen. Gov't:**

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$272,733.87	\$229,998	\$230,209.01	\$191,718	\$191,041.56

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$272,733.87 from taxation and/or operational revenue. Includes-Salaries; office and cleaning supplies; dues/training; internet/phone; town report; tax billing; legal fees; election expenses; tax audit; heat; electricity; computers & equipment; administration salaries; janitor salary.**

**Art. 14.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Contractual Service**

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$48,850	\$32,325	\$34,803.02	\$31,078	\$29,197.53

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$48,850 from taxation and/ or operational revenue.**

**Art. 15.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Town Hall.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
<b>Town Hall</b>	\$7,000	\$3,100	\$2,941.31	\$25,643	\$23,525.61

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$7,000 from taxation and/or operational revenue. (Includes-Flags, Building Repair, Furniture, Holiday Decorations)**

**Art. 16.** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from "**Unappropriated Surplus**" as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2023. (Expenditures from this account must be approved by the Treasurer with concurrent approval by the Board of Selectmen).

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
<b>Contingency</b>	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$8,015.94	\$10,000	\$5123.95

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$11,000 from Unappropriated Surplus.**

**Art. 17.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Selectmen/Assessor's** account.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Selectmen	\$7750.80	\$7,200	\$7,643.70	\$ 4,199	\$4,198.35
Training	\$ 300	\$300	\$45	\$300	\$ -0-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$8050.80</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$7,688.70</b>	<b>\$ 4,499</b>	<b>\$ 4,198.35</b>

**Selectman recommend \$8,050.80 (stipend \$7,200, FICA/Medicare 550.80 and training \$300) and Budget Committee recommend \$8,376.75 (stipend \$7,500, FICA/Medicare \$573.75 and training \$300) from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 18.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Code Enforcement** and the **Planning Board**.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Code Enforcement	\$16,968	\$13,028	\$14,238.11	\$12,000	\$12,841.22
Planning Board	\$175	\$175	\$30	\$225	\$20
Totals:	\$17,143	\$ 13,203	\$14,268.11	\$12,225	\$12,861.22

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$17,143 from taxation and/or operational revenue and Plumbing Permit Revenue.**

**Art. 19.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for annual memberships dues.

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$5,500	\$ 3,200	\$2,929	\$2,900	\$2,856

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$5,500 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**OVERLAY**

**Art. 20.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from “**Overlay**” to pay **tax abatements and applicable interest** granted during the 2022 fiscal year.

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$10,075.29	\$ 9,500	\$968.15

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$9,500 from Overlay.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 21.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Fire Department**.

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$149,053.20	\$81,956	\$98,387.84	\$76,248	\$89,436.37

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 149,053.20 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**PUBLIC WORKS/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 22.** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Public Works/Highway Department**.

Actual	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$432,538.49	\$352,289	\$357,296.67	\$361,700	\$282,938.67

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$432,538.49 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

**Art. 23.** To see that the Town will approve up to \$55,000 transfer from the **Public Works/DOT Reserve** for **special roads expenditures for Pond Road shoulder improvements, engineer contract for upcoming Fish Bridge Project to be reimbursed by MDOT, and other roads as decided by priority by the Select Board.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Pond Road	\$25,000	\$18,000	\$10,450	\$109,574	\$109,500
Bridge Eng.	\$30,000	\$ -0-	\$ -0 -	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$55,000.**

\*\*\*Note\*\*\* LRAP funds were received from MDOT in the amount of \$46,620 in 2022 and was transferred into the Maine DOT Highway Reserve account.

**OTHER SERVICES**

**Art. 24.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Mid Maine Solid Waste and Recycling Contract**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
MMSWA	\$ 116,500	\$115,900	\$115,899.98	\$111,875	\$110,207.54

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$116,500 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 25.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for an **Emergency Management Director.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Equipment	\$500	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Dues/Training	\$1,000	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Stipend	\$645.90	\$689	\$538.25	\$764	\$538.25
Total:	\$2,145.90	\$689.00	\$538.25	\$764	\$538.25

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$2,145.90 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 26.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Animal Control Officer.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$3,897.90	\$2,875.00	\$3155.70	\$2693.00	\$3010.34

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$3,897.90 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 27.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Somerset Humane Society.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$3,500.00	\$3,415.00	\$3147.85	\$3,148.00	\$3,410.21

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$3,500.00 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 28.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **streetlights.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,085.93	\$6,000	\$5,391.19

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$6,500 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**Art. 29.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Assessor's Agent Contract and the first year of the Quarterly Review.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Assessor's Contract	\$19,700	\$15,600	\$17066.60	\$17,000	\$16,133.26
Quarter Review	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$11,500	\$11,250.00
Sales Analysis	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Totals:	\$19,700	\$15,600	\$17,066.60	\$28,500	\$27,383.26

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$19,700 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**DEBT/INTEREST**

**Art. 30.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to make the lease payment, which includes principal and interest, on the **Fire Truck Lease** for 2023.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Payment	\$28,844.18	\$32,491	\$28,844.18	\$30,044	\$28,844.18

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$28,844.18 from taxation and/or operational revenue.** (Ten-year lease with Santander Leasing Co. at 2.74% interest, to be paid in full August 2025 and town will own truck).

**Art. 31.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Debt Service** for the **2019 Road Paving Project**, which includes principal and interest.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Payment	\$92,691.43	\$94,311.43	\$94,311	\$95,897	\$95,897

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$92,691.43 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

\*\*\*Note Final Payment in 2026 in amount of 87,531.42\*\*\*

**Art. 32.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Debt Service** for the **sand salt shed bond payment in 2023**, which includes principal and interest.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Payment	\$25,329.49	\$25,464.06	\$25,328.59	\$25,329	\$25,329.44

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$ 25,329.49 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* final payment in 2024 - \$25,329.57

**Art. 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus for **Debt Service** for a **Tax Anticipation Note for 2023**, if necessary.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$ 1,975	\$ 1,975	-0-	\$1,975	- 0-

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$1,975 from unappropriated surplus.**

### PUBLIC SERVICE

**Art. 34.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following **town properties**.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Town Landing	\$ 2000	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$1490	\$2849.86
Park by Dam	\$1,100	\$ 650	\$834.51	\$650	\$548.44
Lake Quality Testing	\$750	\$ 600	\$1020.56	\$600	\$-0-
Dams	\$2500	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Totals:	\$6350	\$1250	\$1855.07	\$2740	\$3398.30

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$6350 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Art. 35.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following **Community Services**:

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Summerfest	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Historical Society	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Chamber Dues	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Hartland Library	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Dexter Library	\$860	\$910	\$910	\$600	\$600
Totals:	\$9,110	\$8,660	\$8,660	\$8,284	\$5,850

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$9,110.00 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Art. 36.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following **Health & Human Service Organizations:**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Food Bank	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Spectrum Generations	\$1,000	\$544	\$544	\$544	\$544
KV Transport	\$350	\$ 300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Senior Citizens	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$500	\$500
Hospice Volunteers	\$500	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
KVCAP Community	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Salvation Army	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Great Moose Lake Assoc	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Life Flight of Maine	\$511	\$-0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Spirit's Place	\$500	\$-0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Totals	\$5,011	\$2,794	\$2,794	\$3,194	\$3194

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends 5,011.00 from taxation and/or operational revenue. Requests for budget appropriations available upon request**

**CEMETERY/VETERANS**

**Art. 37.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Cemeteries and Veteran's Memorial.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Cemetery General Care	\$20,000	\$15,880	\$16,235	\$14,000	\$15000
Special Cemetery Work	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$7,331.06	\$7,000	\$880
Crocker Cemetery	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Veteran's Flags/Markers	\$1,000	\$775	\$775	\$775	\$784.71
Totals:	\$32,400	\$25,055	\$25,741.06	\$23,175	\$18064.71

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$32,400 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

**Art. 38.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Assistance** and in addition to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept and expend funds returned by the State of Maine Department of Human Services for General Assistance.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$13,609	\$10,000	\$ 6583

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$15,000 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**INSURANCE**

**Art. 39.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Town Insurance.**

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
	\$166,600	\$123,371	\$152,021.51	\$101,953.00	\$120,095.09

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$166,600 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**CAPITAL RESERVES**

**Art. 40.** To see what sum the Town will vote transfer from unappropriated surplus for payment to the **Fire Hall Capital Reserve Account**.

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$15,000.**

**Art. 41.** To see what sum the Town will vote transfer from unappropriated surplus for payment to the **Public Works Capital Reserve Equipment Account**:

2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$85,000.00.**

**Art. 42.** To see the sum of \$7,500 from the Sale of 2000 Sterling the Town will vote to transfer to the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,500.**

**RECREATION**

**Art. 43.** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Recreation Department/Youth Baseball for the year 2023**.

	2023 Request	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Big Indian Baseball	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,250
ITCC	\$3,250	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,750</b>	<b>\$4,250</b>	<b>\$4500</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,750 from taxation and/or operational revenue.**

**OTHER**

**Art. 44.** To see what sum the town will vote to apply from **FY 2023** estimated **operational revenues** to offset the **FY 2023** appropriations.

Revenue Sources	2023 Request	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Excise Tax	400,000.00	421,927.57	412,919.65
State Revenue Sharing	329,124.37	355,424.66	271,028.44
Veteran's Reimbursement	1,200.00	1,286.00	1,236.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	13,750.00	14,073.80	14,550.46
Misc. Department accounts	100,000.00	182,219.36	172,110.51
DOT Highway Reserve	46,660.00	46,620.00	46,880.00
homestead reimbursement	177,000.00	177,783.00	177,089.00
BETE reimbursement	4,500.00	4,906.00	5,423.00
palmyra fire contract	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
<b>Recommended Appropriation</b>	<b>1,079,734.37</b>	<b>1,211,740.39</b>	<b>1,108,737.06</b>

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$1,079,734.37 from operational revenue to offset FY2023 appropriations.**



**Art. 45.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from the PW Capital Reserve account for the purchase of a **Loader for the Public Works department as part of their 5-year plan.**  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this transfer.**

**Art. 46.** To see if the Town will approve \$30,000 from unappropriated surplus, for the cost of **demolition of the structure located at 179 Hartland Road (final cost and expenses will be billed to current owner on a Supplemental Tax Bill to reimburse the town for all expenses).**  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$30,000.**

**Art. 47.** To see if the Town will approve \$30,000 from unappropriated surplus **road engineering consulting on Ballard Road.**  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$30,000.**

**Art. 48.** To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of St Albans by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters and accepting registrations of any person eligible to vote on Saturday, March 4, 2023, in the forenoon from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

**A person who is not a registered voter of St. Albans may not vote at town meeting.**

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place seven (7) days at least before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

Given under our hands at St. Albans, Maine, this \_\_\_st day of February 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Crocker, Chairwoman

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Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chair

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Emillie Lemire, Selectwoman

St. Albans Board of Selectmen

**CONSTABLE'S RETURN**

State of Maine  
Somerset County  
St. Albans, Maine

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the St. Albans Town Hall, St. Albans Post Office, Indian Lake Market, and St. Albans Convenience Store, in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 being at least seven (7) days before said meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident, Town of St. Albans