

WARRANT

To Connie Warren, a resident of the Town of Baldwin, in the County of Cumberland:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Baldwin qualified by law to vote in said town affairs, to assemble at the **Baldwin Community Center, Baldwin** in said town on the **7th day of May 2022** at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1: To choose or elect a moderator to preside at the said meeting.
David Strock was nominated and elected to be moderator

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3-year term)
- One School Board Director (3-year term)
- One Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Treasurer (3-year term)

Polls will close at 12:30 pm. Annual meeting will reconvene at 1:00 pm or shortly thereafter to act on the remaining articles.

Town reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and elected officials were announced as follows:
Selectman for a 3 year term is Robert Flint
School Board Member for a 3 year term is Wesley Sunderland
Town Clerk, Tax Col. & Treas. For a 3 year term is Deborah Wakefield

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept, or act upon the report of its Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Clerk and Treasurer, and other Town Officers of the last year (Calendar/Fiscal year 2021).
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted

OFFICE AND TAXES WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article 4: **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CONTINGENT)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for administrative expenses consisting of legal fees, interest, supplies, office equipment, insurances, workman's compensation, audits, assessing, and operational items not specifically covered by other appropriations.

2021 Appropriation	\$105,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$99,717.35
Balance:	\$5,282.65
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$56,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$28,188.95
2022 Balance	\$28,311.05

Selectmen recommend that **\$115,000.00** be raised and appropriated.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 5: **BUILDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building maintenance consisting of building insurance, phone, internet, electricity, alarm system, janitorial wages, and minor operational items and repairs pertaining to the Baldwin Community Center.

2021 Appropriation	\$45,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$32,218.49
Balance:	\$12,781.51
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$22,500.00

Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$13,566.26
Balance	\$8,933.74

Selectmen recommend that **\$45,000.00** be raised and appropriated.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 6: ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY & WAGES

To see what hourly rate the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers for the ensuing year. The 2020 approved rates are as follows:

- Selectmen annual stipend
 - Chairman: \$10,000.00
 - Other Select Board members: \$8,000.00 each
- Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector **\$23.00** per hour (combined)
- Road Commissioner **\$28.00** per hour

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 7: TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COMPENSATION

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office Compensation for the Town Clerk's office for the ensuing year. This article includes Town Clerk Wages, Assistant Clerk Wages, Ballot Clerks and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

2021 Appropriation:	\$80,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$79,298.42
Balance:	\$ 701.58
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$44,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$15,025.75
Balance	\$28,974.25

Selectmen recommend that **\$88,000.00** be raised and appropriated.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 8: BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE COMPENSATION

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office Compensation including the three Selectmen, Town Admin. Assistant, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

2021 Appropriation:	\$82,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$78,076.60
Balance:	\$3,923.40
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$42,060.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$22,547.54
Balance:	\$19,512.46

Selectmen recommend that **\$91,000.00** be raised and appropriated.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 9: **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 80% of the cost of health insurance for full time Town employees.

2021 Appropriation:	\$40,892.56
2021 Expenditure:	\$41,029.42
Balance:	(\$ 136.86)
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$20,855.23
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$10,461.84
Balance:	\$10,393.39

Selectmen recommend that **\$42,336.13** (\$5213.81 per employee for 2022 plus a 3% increase for 2023 of \$5370.22 per employee) to be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted

Article 10: **REVENUES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an estimated **\$910,636.00** from the following non-property tax revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Estimated State Revenue Sharing \$200,000.00

Municipal Revenues:

- Building Permits	\$45,196.00
- Plumbing Permits	\$5,212.00
- Excise Tax	\$371,764.00
- Agent Fees	\$10,418.00
- Tree Growth	\$28,046.00

Total Municipal Revenues \$460,636.00

Undesignated Fund Balance \$250,000.00

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct or authorize the Selectmen to hire sums of money as necessary to pay the current expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, these loans made in anticipation of 2022/23 taxes.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 12: **TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 13: **INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE TAXES**
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of 4% per annum on all unpaid taxes or part there of beginning 60 days after commitment to Tax Collector.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Taxes will be 2 tax commitments and 2 due dates.

Article was accepted.

Article 14: **INTEREST PAID ON OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**
To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes at 2% per annum, (up to 4% below the per annum rate charged on unpaid taxes.) in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506A.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 15: **DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. (Bid process to be used when deemed advisable.)

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was passed.

Article 16: **TAX PRE-PAYMENTS**
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payments of taxes not yet committed and pay no (0%) interest in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 17: **BACK TAXES**
To see if the Town will vote to direct the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply any tax payment received for any property tax to outstanding or delinquent taxes owed and in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill in accordance with 36 MSRA Section 906.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 18: **TAX ABATEMENTS**
To see if the Town will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during fiscal year of 2022/23 from Overlay. The Selectmen, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under 36 MRSA Section 710. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment. Any balance not spent on tax abatements to be credited to the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account (current balance of \$100,000.00)

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 19: OVERDRAFTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$274.24 to cover overdrafts in the 2020 budget. The overdrafts are as follows:

Art. 9: Health Insurance	- \$136.86
Art. 33: Fire Truck payment	-\$137.38

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 20: REVALUATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards the Revaluation Reserve Account.

2020 Balance	\$6,210.19
2021 Appropriation:	\$5,000.00
2022 Transition Appropriation:	\$5,000.00
Mar 25, Current Balance:	\$16,210.19

Selectmen recommend that \$10,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

Article 21: TRI-TOWN WASTE OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,675.00 towards Tri-town waste operations. Reports on pages 63-65.

2021 Appropriation:	\$90,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$89,713.64
Balance:	\$ 286.36
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$45,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$26,362.50
Balance	\$18,637.50

Estimate based on $((\$105,450 \times 0.5 + (\$105,450 \times 0.5 \times 1.07))$

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 22: TRI-TOWN RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Tri-town Waste Reserve account and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

2020 Balance	\$37,671.66
2021 Appropriation:	\$15,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$0.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$7,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$64,438.55
Balance	(\$4,812.89)

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

RECREATION & CEMETERY ARTICLES:

Article 23: CEMETERIES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000.00** for the mowing, restoration, and care of existing cemeteries in Town.

2021 Appropriation:	\$9,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$6,497.01
Balance:	\$2,502.99
2022 Transition Budget	\$4,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$36.99
Balance	\$3,963.01

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 24: SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7000.00** for the cost of patrolling, maintenance, and porta-potty rental for Sand Pond Beach during summer months. Any balance left over after June 30, 2023 will roll over into the Sand Pond Reserve account to be used for capital improvements. Sand Pond Beach report can be found on page 66.

2021 Appropriation:	\$6,515.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$4,675.81
Balance to Reserve:	\$1,839.19
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$0

Sand Pond Beach Committee recommends passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. There was a statement that requested the signs be higher. Article was accepted.

Article 25: FEE FOR SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to charge \$10/year per vehicle for access to Sand Pond Beach.

Sand Pond Beach Committee recommends passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 26: FEE DEDICATION FOR SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all the Sand Pond sticker fees to the Sand Pond Reserve account for capital improvements.

Sand Pond Beach Reserve Account Current Balance

2020 Balance	\$1,896.99
2021 Collection from Tickets:	\$980.04
2021 from Operations Budget Surplus:	\$1839.19
Reserve Balance	\$4716.22

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 27: SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council. The Sacopee Valley Recreation Council is requesting **\$3,000.00**. Report on page 67.

2021 Appropriation:	\$3,000.00
2022 Transition Appropriation:	\$1,500.00

Selectmen recommend passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 28: BALDWIN BELT BURNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
 To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all the snowmobile registration fees to the Baldwin Belt Burners Snowmobile Club.
 The request is 100% of the fees be transferred to the Snowmobile Club.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

Article 29: STANDISH RESCUE UNIT
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Standish Rescue Unit for services. Standish Public Safety proposes an amount of **\$56,439.05** annual cost for a full-time staffed ambulance at the Steep Falls station. See Standish Rescue Report on pages 71-72.

2021 Appropriation:	\$49,077.74
2021 Expenditure:	\$46,219.44
Balance:	\$2,858.30
2022 Transition Appr	\$24,538.72
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure:	\$12,269.25
Balance	\$12,269.47

Selectmen recommend passage of article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 30: FIRE DEPARTMENT
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for expenses. Any unexpended balance to be transferred to the Fire Department's Operating Reserve account. Fire Department report can be found on pages 69-70.

2021 Appropriation:	\$60,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$27,951.80
Balance:	\$32,048.20
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$30,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$4,416.55
Balance	\$25,583.45

Fire Department recommends **\$60,000.00**

Moved as read and seconded. Are the fire departments still servicing fire hydrants? Yes, they Are. Article was accepted.

Article 31: FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000.00** for the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for the future purchase of fire trucks.

Fire Department recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. We will be looking to purchase a new truck in 2027. Engine 4 needs to be replaced. Trucks should be replaced every six years. Article was accepted.

Article 32: FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000.00** for maintenance and repairs for the fire department vehicles.

2021 Appropriation:	\$10,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$10,000.00
Balance:	\$0
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$0

Fire Department recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 33: FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Chief compensation (including Town Fire Chief, and a Town Assistant Chief) for the ensuing year. Report on page 37.

2021 Appropriation:	\$10,765.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$10,759.76
Balance	\$5.21
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5382.50
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$1,986.18

FY23 Recommendation: \$13,466.25

Fire Chief	\$10,000.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$2,500.00
FICA/ Medicare:	\$966.25
2022/23 Appropriation	\$13,466.25

Select Board recommends to raise and appropriate **\$13,466.25**
(The stipend of \$8000 for Chief and \$2000 for assistant goes back to about 2015.)

Moved as read and seconded. Article was passed.

Article 34: FIRE STATION CAPTAINS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for three Fire Station Captains.

2021 Appropriation:	\$1,615.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$538.25
Balance	\$1076.75
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$807.50
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$0

FY23 Recommendation

Fire Station Captains =	\$1,500.00
FICA/ Medicare =	\$114.75
Total =	\$1,614.75

Fire Department recommends to raise and appropriate **\$1,615.00**

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 35: **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the Town firefighters for their training hours and calls. The training is required by the Department of Labor. Any unexpended balance to be transferred to a Fire Department Training Reserve Account.

2021 Appropriation:	\$22,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$11,594.02
Balance:	\$10,405.98
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$415.00

Fire Department recommends to raise and appropriate **\$22,000.00**

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 36: **CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCH**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,328.60** (\$12,205.60 for FY 23 + \$6,123.00 for remainder of 2022 Transition) to continue our contract for FY23 with Cumberland County Dispatch for dispatching emergency fire and rescue calls.

2021 Appropriation:	\$11,544.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$11,544.00
Balance:	0.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,772.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$0

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 37: **NEW RADIO PURCHASE AND REPAIR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** for the maintenance, repair and purchase of new radios as needed.

2021 Appropriation:	\$6,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$1,270.34
Balance:	\$4,729.66
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$823.00
Balance	\$2,177.00

Fire Department recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000.00** for the Radio Repeater Reserve Account.

Selectmen and the Fire Chief recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 39: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management.

2021 Appropriation:	\$1500.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$1076.51
Balance:	\$423.49
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$750.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$0

Selectmen recommend **\$1,500.00** to be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 40: FUEL

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a fuel account used only for the Municipal Road Crew and Fire Trucks.

2021 Appropriation:	\$20,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$8,156.22
Balance:	\$11,843.78
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$12,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$7,253.86
Balance	\$4,746.14

Town garage 2021 = 3915 gallons

West Baldwin Fire Department 2021 = 456 gallons

C.N. Brown contract Diesel cost: 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 = \$2.399

2022 Estimate of 5000 gallons at approx. \$5.50/gallon

Selectmen recommend that **\$30,000.00** be raised and appropriated

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 41: STREET LIGHTS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for streetlights for the ensuing year.

2021 Appropriation:	\$10,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$6,164.77
Balance:	\$3,835.23
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$1,609.05
Balance	\$1,890.95

Selectmen recommend that **\$8,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. We want to LED lights. Article was accepted.

Article 42: LIFE FLIGHT

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Life Flight services for the ensuing year. Life Flight has requested \$800.00 this coming fiscal year (a rate of \$0.50 per capita). Report on pages 73-74.

2021 Appropriation: \$800.00

2021 Expenditure: \$800.00

Selectmen recommend that **\$800.00** be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

ROAD ARTICLES:

Article 43: SUMMER ROADS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of roads and bridges. Any balance left over after June 30, 2023 will roll over into the Emergency Road Repair Reserve Account.

2021 Appropriation:	\$75,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$74,396.57
Balance:	\$ 603.43
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$50,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$664.64
Balance	\$49,335.36

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends that **\$107,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. The Road Crew were thanked for filling the potholes on River Road. Article was accepted.

Article 44: WINTER ROADS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal for the ensuing year. Any balance left over after June 30, 2023, will roll over into the Emergency Road Repair Reserve Account.

2021 Appropriation:	\$175,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$120,903.05
Balance:	\$54,096.95
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$87,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$68,561.06
Balance	\$18,938.94

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends that **\$175,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 45: ROAD MATERIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for aggregate to be purchased.

2021 Appropriation:	\$15,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$14,922.00
Balance:	\$ 78.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 46: PLOW TRUCK LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town to use **\$27,119.29** from the Capital Investment Plan's Town Vehicle Reserve Account to pay the third payment lease for the IH 2020 plow truck.

2021 Appropriation:	\$28,847.26
2021 Expenditure:	\$27,119.99
Balance:	\$1,727.27
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 47: **NEW PLOW TRUCK LEASE**
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town to enter into a 5-year lease for an **additional truck for snow plowing**. Lease to be paid from the Town Vehicle Reserve account. Anticipated annual lease cost of **\$37,500.00**.

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Residents ask why we lease and not buy. Answer was that Plow Trucks degrade a lot quicker and the maintenance is included with a lease.
Article was accepted.

Article 48: **LOCAL ROADS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)**
 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies received from Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance (LRAP) for capital improvements of Town ways. The amount received in 2021 was \$44,564.00.

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 49: **MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENTS OF TOWN WAYS**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to add to the monies received from the Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance for the **maintenance or improvements of Town ways**.

2021 Expenditures

2021 Town Appropriation	\$100,000.00
Total 2021 Expenditure	\$0
Total 2021 Balance	\$100,000.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 50: **USE OF 2021 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN WAYS IN FY23**
 To see if the Town will vote to approve the use of the unexpended 2021 funding (Articles 49 and 50 from the 2021 budget) **for the FY23 maintenance or improvement of Town ways.**

2021 Expenditures

2020 Balance	\$5,384.00
2021 LRAP Funds received	\$44,564.00
2021 Town Appropriation	\$100,000.00
Total 2021 for FY23	\$149,948.00

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 51: TOWN GARAGE

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Garage Maintenance.

2021 Appropriation:	\$10,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$3,805.97
Balance:	\$6,194.03
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$2,538.84
Balance	\$2,461.16

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends that **\$15,000.00** be raised and appropriated.
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 52: ROAD CLOSURES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953.

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 53: RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for River Road repair and improvements. This amount will be added to the River Road Reserve account.

2020 Balance:	\$31,300.00
2021 Appropriation	\$5,000.00
2021 Expenditure	0
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	0
Current Reserve Act Balance	\$38,800.00

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. The River Road has a continued reserve account voted to pave this road. We have a design and are working with the landowner and his property to improve said road. The Road Crew stated that a rough estimate of \$600,000.00 to start and that's just in the gravel. Many things will need to be done. Article was accepted.

EDUCATION & PRESERVATION ARTICLES:

Article 54: BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Brown Memorial Library. Brown Memorial Library is requesting **\$17,000.00**. Report on page 75.

2021 Appropriation:	\$17,000.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$8,500.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 55: **BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support the Baldwin Historical Society. Historical Society is requesting **\$7,500.00**. Report on pages 76.

2021 Appropriation:	\$7,500.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,750.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 56: **SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Saco River Corridor Commission for its continued water quality monitoring program. Saco River Corridor Commission is requesting **\$300.00**. Report on pages 77-87.

2021 Appropriation:	\$300.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$150.00

Moved to appropriate \$400.00 and seconded. Amount was Selectmen's mistake. Need money for new equipment for ecoli testing.

Article 57: **SACO RIVER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Saco River Festival Association. The Saco River Festival Association is requesting **\$300.00**. Report on page 88.

2020 Appropriation:	\$400.00
2021 Appropriation:	\$0
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0

2021 Appropriation: \$0 (The festival was cancelled for 2020 and 2021)

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 58: **SMOOTH FEATHER YOUTH**
 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Smooth Feather Youth. Smooth Feather Youth is requesting **\$600.00**. Report on page 89.

2021 Appropriation:	\$600.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$300.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 59: **SACOPEE TV (TV2)**
 To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc (formerly Time Warner, Inc.) to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV- formerly TV-2) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs. Report on pages 90-92.

The request is 100 % of the fees be transferred to Sacopee TV (TV2).

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES:

Article 60: SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Southern Maine Agency on Aging is requesting **\$3,750.00**. Report on pages 93-94.

2021 Appropriation:	\$3,750.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,875.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 61: HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSE / MAINE HEALTHCARE AT HOME
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Home Health Visiting Nurse. Home Health Visiting Nurse is requesting **\$900.00**. Report on pages 95-97.

2021 Appropriation:	\$900.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$450.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 62: OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE (formerly known as PROP)
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Opportunity Alliance. Opportunity Alliance is requesting **\$3,500.00**. Report on pages 98-100.

2021 Appropriation:	\$3,500.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,750.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 63: GENERAL ASSISTANCE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2021 Appropriation:	\$18,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$10,013.49
Balance:	\$7,986.51
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$9,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$866.95
Balance	\$8,133.05

Selectmen recommend that **\$18,000.00** be raised and appropriated.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 64: NORTHERN LIGHT HOME CARE & HOSPICE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. Northern Light is requesting **\$500.00**. Report on pages 101-104.

2021 Appropriation:	\$500.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$250.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

ORGANIZATION ARTICLES:

Article 65: HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter for their services of handling of Baldwin stray animals. The Harvest Hills is requesting **\$1525.00**. Report on page 105.

2021 Appropriation:	\$1,525.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$762.50

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 66: SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SMPDC)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission for 2022 dues of \$587.00. Southern Maine Planning & Development is requesting **\$605.00**. Report on pages 106-108.

2021 Appropriation:	\$587.00
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$293.50

Move to pay \$605.00 and seconded. Money to be used to update comprehensive. Planning. Article was accepted.

PLANNING AND LAND-USE ARTICLES:

Article 67: PLANNING BOARD

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards Planning Board expenses. Report on page 61.

2021 Appropriation:	\$2,000.00
2021 Expenditure:	\$ 622.45
Balance:	\$1,377.55
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Mar 25, 2022 Expenditure	\$285.00

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends raising **\$2,000.00**

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 68: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to add to the Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account. The Planning Board and the Select Board is embarking on a \$31,400.00 two-year effort with the Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development Commission to revise/update the Baldwin Comprehensive Plan and related ordinances. This effort will start in FY23.

2021 Reserve Acct. Balance:	\$5,500.92
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Select Board and the Planning Board recommends raising **\$15,000.00**

Moved as read and seconded. Resident asked where will the money go and was answered that it was to plans made available and updating. Article was accepted.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES:

Article 69: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend up to **\$30,000.00** of ARPA Reserve Account funds to repair the Community Center Water Treatment system.

The Select Board recommends approval of this article

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 70: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend up to **\$30,000.00** of ARPA Reserve Account funds for the relocation/repair/replace/upgrade of the radio repeater equipment on the Channel 8 tower. These funds to be used in conjunction with funds from the Radio Repeater Reserve Account. (see Article 72)

The Select Board recommends approval of this article

Moved as read and seconded. Fire Chief explained that we need to move to the lower level of the tower and inside the building for better accessibility. Article was accepted.

Article 71: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend up to **\$40,000.00** of ARPA Reserve Account funds for the repair of the roof on the Community Center.

The Select Board recommends approval of this article

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 72: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend **\$2,656.00** of the ARPA Reserve Account funds for Baldwin's share of premium pay for the three Tri-Town attendants, Joe, Mike, and Tim. Baldwin's share is one third of the total \$7,968.00. Premium pay is authorized for workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure. Payment to be made only after Hiram and Porter have voted to approve their share of the premium pay. Premium pay covers the period 15 Mar 2021 to 31 Dec 2021.

The Select Board recommends approval of this article

ARPA Reserve Funding:	\$171,298.51
Art 69: Water Treatment Repair	\$30,000.00
Art 70: Radio Repeater Repair	\$30,000.00
Art 71: Comm. Ctr. Roof Repair	\$40,000.00
Art 72: Premium Pay Tri-Town	\$2,656.00
ARPA Reserve Account Balance	\$68,642.51

Moved as read and seconded. Hiram and Porter already approved. Article was accepted.

Article 73: To see if the Town will vote to close out the Baldwin School Fund Reserve account since all remaining funds were distributed as scholarships in 2021.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 74: To see if the Town will vote to close out the Fire Department Insurance Reserve Account and transfer the balance to the **Radio Repeater Reserve Account**.

2021 Radio Repeater Acct Balance:	\$9,095.40
Fire Department Ins. Reserve Acct	\$4,631.00
From Article 38	\$1,000.00
FY23 Total After Transfer	\$14,726.40

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 75: To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$4,266.89** from the Tri-Town Reserve Account to the Contingency Reserve Account to repay the withdrawal made due to the early request from Tri-Town to pay off the scales/recycling contract.

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 76: To see if the Town will vote to approve the definitions of the reserve accounts that support the Town's Capital Investment Plan as spelled out in pages 114-116
Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 77: To see what sum the Town will vote to enable the Town to hire expertise to assist the Town in discussions concerning a Tax Increment Financing district (TIF) with a Credit Enhancement Agreement associated with the West Baldwin Solar Station project.

The Select Board Recommends \$30,000.00

Moved as read and seconded. Resident responded that these people already get their subsidized credit. What percent does Glenvale get from the town? 25% to 30%. Money won't be spent until all meetings are held. Article was accepted.

Article 78: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Through These Doors, an organization providing support to victims and survivors of domestic violence. See page 111.

The Select Board Recommends \$300.00

It was moved to \$1,000.00 and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 79: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Public Radio, Television, and Online programming. See page 112.

The Select Board Recommends \$100.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article was accepted.

Article 80: To be voted on by Secret Ballot.

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Baldwin 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 this property tax levy limit.

Moved as read and seconded. The vote was 3 yes's. Article passes.

Politician, Jim Libby introduced himself for State Senator-Standish

Article 81: Motion to Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:43 P.M.

Town of Baldwin Selectmen – James Dolloff, Dwight Warren, and Robert Flint

Respectfully submitted by the Town Clerk, Deborah L. Wakefield

