

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 10th day of Jun 2023** 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)

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, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor for a 3-year term is Dale Miner
School Board Member for a 3-year term is Olin Thomas

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept, or act upon the report of its Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Clerk and Treasurer, and other Town Officers of the last year (**6 Month 2022 Transition**).
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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$56,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure:	\$66,962.40
2023 Appropriation	\$115,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$83,236.50

The Select Board recommends \$115,000.00.

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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$22,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure:	\$25,853.20
2023 Appropriation	\$45,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$58,391.87

The Select Board recommends \$55,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article 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 2023 approved rates are as follows:

- Select Board 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

There was a motion to amend and seconded to change Chairman to \$12,000 and other Selectboard members to \$10,000. Change was accepted.

There was a motion to amend and seconded to change the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer to \$28.00 an hour. Change 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$44,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure:	\$40,710.07
2023 Appropriation	\$88,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$71,917.60

The Select Board recommends \$96,000.00.

There was a motion to amend and seconded to change to \$103,000.00. Change was accepted.

Article 8: SELECT BOARD OFFICE COMPENSATION

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

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$42,060.00
2022 Transition Expenditure:	\$43,527.24
2023 Appropriation	\$91,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$80,938.15

The Select Board recommends \$96,000.00.

There was a motion to amend and seconded to change to \$102,000.00. Change 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$20,855.23
2022 Transition Expenditure:	\$20,388.34
Balance:	\$466.89
2023 Appropriation	\$42,336.13
2023 Expenditure	\$35,540.85

(\$908.08/month per employee in 2023)
(Est. \$1044.29/month per employee in 2024)

The Select Board recommends \$ 46,857.00 (four employees).

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 10: REVENUES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an estimated \$1,017,787.00 from the following nonproperty tax revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Est. FY24 State Revenue Sharing: \$184,600.00
Est. FY24 Homestead/BETE Reimbursements \$123,950.00

Est. FY24 Municipal Revenues:

- Building Permits \$12,000.00
- Plumbing Permits \$2,926.00
- Excise Tax \$290,000.00
- Agent Fees \$7,500.00
- Tree Growth \$28,046.00
- Solar Reimbursement \$22,765.00

Total Municipal Revenues \$363,237.00

Undesignated Fund Balance \$346,000.00

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct or authorize the Select Board 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 FY24 taxes.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 12: TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 **6%** per annum on all unpaid taxes or part there-of and establish property tax due dates of 2 October 2023 and 1 April 2024 for two equal payments. Interest will begin accruing the day after these due dates.
The Select Board recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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.
The Select Board recommends passage of this article
Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.
- Article 15: **DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. (Bid process to be used when deemed advisable.)
The Select Board recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.
- 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. The Select Board recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 real 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.
The Select Board recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 2024 from Overlay. Any balance not spent on tax abatements to be credited to the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account. The Select Board, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under 36 MRSA Section 710. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.
The Select Board recommends passage of this article.
Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 19: OVERDRAFTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,437.21 to cover overdrafts in the 2022 6 Month Transition budget. The overdrafts are as follows:

Art 2:	Admin Expenses	\$10,462.40
Art 3:	Bldg Operations and Maint.	\$3,353.20
Art 6:	Select Board Office Comp	\$1,467.24
Art 18:	Tri-Town Waste Operations	\$7,765.00
Art 20:	Cemeteries	\$1,299.91
Art 21:	Sand Pond	\$184.49
Art 32:	Cumberland County Dispatch	\$6,123.00
Art 37:	Street Lights	\$59.88
Art. 43:	Town Garage	\$2307.09
N/A	Fire Fighter Training	\$415.00
	Total Overdrafts	\$33,437.21

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,000.00
2023 Appropriation:	\$10,000.00
Current Balance	\$26,210.19

The Select Board recommends \$10,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

Article 21: TRI-TOWN WASTE OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$147,000.00 towards Tri-town waste operations. Reports on pages 57-58.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$45,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$52,765.00
2023 Appropriation	\$108,675.00
2023 Expenditure	\$86,128.78

Estimate based on $(\$133,615 \times 0.5 + (\$133,615 \times 0.5 \times 1.20))$.

The Select Board recommends passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Appropriation went up due to the increase in dumping rates. Article is 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 Select Board to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

2021 Balance	\$67,671.66
2022 Transition Appropriation	\$7,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$64,438.55
Balance	\$10,733.11
2023 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
2023 Balance	\$25,733.11

\$27,583.33 Due to Tri-Town Sep 2023 for TAN Loan The Select Board recommends passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

RECREATION & CEMETERY ARTICLES:

Article 23: CEMETERIES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the mowing, restoration, and care of existing cemeteries in Town.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$4,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$5,299.91
2023 Appropriation	\$9,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$4,680.00

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 24: SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000.00 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 59.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$1,644.49
2023 Appropriation	\$7,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$9,400.00

The Select Board and Sand Pond Beach Committee recommend passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 is 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

2020 Balance	\$1,896.99
2021 Collection from Tickets:	\$980.00
2021 from Operations Budget Surplus	\$1,839.19
Reserve Balance	\$4,716.22
2022 Transition Collections	\$680.00
2023 Collections	\$610.00
Current Balance	\$6,006.18

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 \$4000.00. Report on page 60.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,500.00
2023 Appropriation	\$3,000.00

The Select Board recommends passage of article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 is 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 requests an amount of \$59,261.00 annual cost for a fulltime staffed ambulance at the Steep Falls station. See Standish Rescue Report on page 61-62.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$24,538.72
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$24,538.50
2023 Appropriation	\$56,439.05

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend \$59,261.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 page 63-64.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$30,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$19,535.48
Balance Carried Forward	\$10,464.52
2023 Appropriation	\$60,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$50,000.00

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend \$75,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 31: FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for the future purchase of fire trucks.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$56,466.51
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$56,466.51
2023 Appropriation	\$85,000.00

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend \$85,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 32: FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for maintenance and repairs for the fire department vehicles. The unspent balance to be deposited in a Fire Truck Maintenance Reserve Account.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$10,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$10,000.00
2023 Appropriation	\$12,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$9,520.00

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 64.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5382.50
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$4495.14
2023 Appropriation	\$13,466.25
2023 Expenditure	\$13,466.25

<i>Fire Chief</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>
<i>Assistant Fire Chief</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>FICA/ Medicare:</i>	<i>\$966.25</i>
<i>2024 Appropriation</i>	<i>\$13,466.25</i>

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend to raise and appropriate \$13,466.25

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 34: FIRE STATION CAPTAINS

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

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$807.50
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$0.00
Balance	\$807.50
2023 Appropriation	\$1614.00
2023 Expenditure	\$1614.00

FY24 Recommendation

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

The Fire Chief recommends to raise and appropriate \$1614.75

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 35: FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town firefighters for their training hours and calls. The training is required by the Department of Labor.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$415.00
2023 Appropriation	\$22,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$15,973.67

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend \$30,000.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 36: CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,570.40 for our contract for FY24 with Cumberland County Dispatch for dispatching emergency fire and rescue calls. This is the amount requested by Cumberland County.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,772.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$11,895.00
Balance	\$-6,123.00
2023 Appropriation	\$18,328.60
2023 Expenditure	\$12,205.60
2023 Balance	\$6,123.00

The Select Board and the Fire Chief recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 37: NEW RADIO PURCHASE AND REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the maintenance, repair and purchase of new radios as needed.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$1,880.50
2023 Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Apr 2023 Expenditure	\$3,032.20

Select Board and Fire Chief recommends passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0.00 for the Radio Repeater Reserve Account.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$1,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$0.00

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend passage of this article.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 39: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$750.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$0.00
Balance	\$750.00
2023 Appropriation	\$1,500.00
2023 Expenditure	\$0.0

The Select Board recommends \$1,500.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$12,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$10,505.70
2023 Appropriation	\$30,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$27,042.81

C.N. Brown contract Diesel contract: 10/1/22-4/30/23 = \$3.929/gallon
2024 Estimate of 5000 gallons at approx. \$5.50/gallon

The Select Board recommends that \$30,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Motion to amend to \$16,000.00 Amendment is 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$3559.89
2023 Appropriation	\$8,000.00
Apr 2023 Expenditure	\$5,892.74

Averaging \$580.00/month

The Select Board recommends that \$8,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 65-65.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$400.00
2023 Appropriation	\$800.00

The Select Board recommends \$800.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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. Road Commissioner report can be found on page 67.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$50,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$42,646.00
2023 Appropriation	\$107,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$80,816.67

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend that \$125,000

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$87,500.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$87,148.12
Balance	\$350.88
2023 Appropriation	\$175,500.00
Est. 2023 Expenditure	\$178,373.12

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend \$200,000.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 45: ROAD MATERIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for aggregate.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$13,585.50

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

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 46: PLOW TRUCK LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town to use \$27,119.99 from the Capital Investment Plan's Town Vehicle Reserve Account to pay the fourth payment lease for the IH 2020 plow truck.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$27,119.99

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

Moved as read and seconded.
Article is accepted.

Article 47. SECOND PLOW TRUCK LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 for the Town Vehicle Reserve account to support the 5-year lease for the truck for snow plowing ordered in 2023. Delivery is expected in 2024. Anticipated annual lease of \$40,685.41 with a final buyout of \$65,000.00 in FY29.

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

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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 2023 was \$44,564.00.

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

Moved as read and seconded. Article is 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.

2023 Expenditures

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
Total 2023 Appropriation	\$100,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$0.00

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

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 50: SPENDING FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN WAYS IN FY24

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to spend from the undesignated fund balance for maintenance or improvement of Town ways in FY24.

Un-expended Prior FY Highway Maintenance Funds

2020 Balance	\$5,384.00
2021 LRAP Funds received	\$44,564.00
2023 LRAP Funds received	\$44,000.00
2023 Town Appropriation	\$100,000.00
Total Recommended for FY24	\$193,948.00

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend \$193,948.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Motion to insert the word "to" to the article. Article is accepted.

Article 51: TOWN GARAGE

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

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$7307.04
2023 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$14,003.67

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend \$20,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 52: ROAD CLOSURES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 is accepted.

Article 53: RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for River Road repair and improvements. This amount will be added to the River Road Reserve account. The Select Board anticipates replacement of the River Road Pigeon Brook crossing in FY24 or FY25.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$2,500.00
2023 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Est 2023 Expenditure	\$18,000.00
Current Reserve Account Balance	\$53,800.00

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

Moved as read and seconded. It is estimated that the bridge will cost \$200,000.00. Article is accepted.

Article 54: ROAD EMERGENCY REPAIR ACCOUNT

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Emergency Repair account. The Town spent \$62,000.00 from this account for winter storm Elliot repairs in December 2022.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$10,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$0.00

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner Recommend \$65,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

EDUCATION & PRESERVATION ARTICLES:

Article 55: 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 68.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$8,500.00
2023 Appropriation	\$17,000.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 56: 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 \$10,000.00. Report on pages 69.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$3,750.00
2023 Appropriation	\$7,500.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 57: 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 \$400.00. Report on pages 70-79.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$400.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 58: 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 pg.80

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$300.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 59: 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 81.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$300.00
2023 Appropriation	\$600.00

Moved as read and seconded. Motion to amend to \$300.00. Motion failed. Article is accepted At \$600.00

Article 60: 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. The request is 100 % of the fees be transferred to Sacopee TV (TV2). Report on pages 82-83.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES:

Article 61: 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 84-86.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,875.00
2023 Appropriation	\$3,750.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 62: 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 87-89.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$450.00
2023 Appropriation	\$900.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 63: OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE

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 90-92.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$1,750.00
2023 Appropriation	\$3,500.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 64: GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$9,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$8,080.21
2023 Appropriation	\$18,000.00
2023 Expenditure	\$13,587.55

The Select Board recommends \$20,000.00.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 65: 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 93-97.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$250.00
2023 Appropriation	\$500.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 66: 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 98. The Select Board Recommends \$1,000.00

2023 Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

ORGANIZATION ARTICLES:

Article 67: 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 \$1520.00. Report on page 99.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$762.50
2023 Appropriation	\$1525.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 68: 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 2024 dues. Southern Maine Planning & Development is requesting \$623.00. Report on pages 100-102.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$293.50
2023 Appropriation	\$605.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Do we have a request from Maine Public

Article 69: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Public Radio, Television, and Online programming. See page 103.

The Select Board Recommends \$100.00

2023 Appropriation	\$100.00
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Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 70: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to support the Grateful Undead for their efforts to make Baldwin an age friendly community. See page 104.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

PLANNING AND LAND-USE ARTICLES:

Article 71: PLANNING BOARD

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards Planning Board expenses. Report on page 54.

2022 Transition Appropriation	\$5,000.00
2022 Transition Expenditure	\$684.00
2023 Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Est 2023 Expenditure	\$1,259.00

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

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 72: 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 in the middle of a \$27,550 two-year effort with the Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development Commission to revise/update the Baldwin Comprehensive Plan and related ordinances.

2022 Comp Plan Acct Balance	\$5,500.92
2023 Reserve Acct. Addition	\$15,000.00
Est 2023 Expenditure	\$10,907.65

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends \$15,000.00

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES:

Article 73: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Contingency Reserve Account to replace the \$12,470.00 used by the Select Board to cover the shortage in the Tri-Town Waste Operations. *(hasn't happened yet but the shortage will happen in May or June)*

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 74: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the materials, construction, and labor to install a generator for the Baldwin Community Center. The generator was donated to Baldwin by Cumberland County Emergency Management.

Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 75: 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.

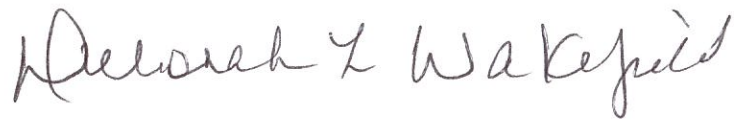
Moved as read and seconded. Article is accepted.

Article 76: Motion to Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m.

Town of Baldwin Select Board -

James Dolloff, Dwight Warren, and Robert Flint

Respectfully submitted by the Town Clerk, Deborah L. Wakefield

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Wakefield". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the town clerk.