

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
Monday, October 30, 2023

TO: Renee Patterson, a resident of the Town of Cutler, County of Washington, and State of Maine,

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, in the County of Washington and State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the Bay Ridge School, 2066 Cutler Road, in said Town, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 at 6:00 pm, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLES FOR TOWN OF CUTLER**

**MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

**ARTICLE 01:** To choose, by written ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 02:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following:

**SELECTBOARD RECOMMEND:**

Administration	\$ 57,600.00
Office Personnel	63,500.00
M.M.A. Health Insurance	14,783.00
S.S. & Payroll Taxes	8,000.00
Selectboard Members	15,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3,500.00
Assessors	300.00
Code Enforcement Officer	6,500.00
Fire Chief	1,200.00
Harbor Masters	3,000.00
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	1,200.00
Recreation Director	500.00
Health Officer	300.00
Transfer Station Member	300.00
Assessing Agent	4,000.00
Planning Board Members	3,000.00
Appeal Board Members	150.00
<b>Total - Raised &amp; / or Appropriated:</b>	<b>\$182,833.00</b>

Selectboard recommend \$140,000.00 be appropriated from excise taxes and the remaining to be appropriated from the general fund (\$42,833.00).

**ARTICLE 03:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and /or appropriate for the following:

**SELECTBOARD RECOMMEND:**

Town Road Maintenance *	\$ 10,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	7,050.00
Town Property Maintenance	20,000.00
General Assistance *	100.00
Street Lights	8,300.00
Solid Waste Disposal	13,000.00
Ambulance	26,200.00
Animal Control Account *	100.00
Snow Removal	100,400.00
Winter Road Salt	7,900.00
Legal Defense Fund *	5,000.00
July Fourth Committee Fund*	1,000.00
Cutler Library Committee Fund*	600.00
Park & Recreation Fund *	100.00
Town Boat Landing Maintenance*	9,500.00
Sand / Salt Shed Maintenance*	500.00

**Total - Raised & / or Appropriated: \$209,750.00**  
(\*Carry Account)

**Selectboard recommends \$209,750.00 be appropriated from the General Fund to fund this Article.**

**ARTICLE 04:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department, said monies to be paid to the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department to be used for operating expenses at the discretion of the Cutler Volunteer Fire Department and at the approval of the Town of Cutler Selectboard.

**ARTICLE 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the contingency account, said account to be used for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures.

**ARTICLE 06:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$129,753.00 to pay the County Tax.

**ARTICLE 07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,750.00 for the 10th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Town Road Paving of the Little Machias Road, Destiny Bay Road & Ackley Road.

**ARTICLE 08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,160.00 for the 10th of 10 Municipal Loan Payments for the 2014 Sand / Salt Storage Building Project.

**ARTICLE 09:** To see if the Town will vote to ratify and direct that the initial loan payment of \$21,031.01 made during FY2023 for the 10-year Holmes Bay Shore Access Road (Ackley Road) Loan authorized by Article #28 of November 1, 2022 Town Meeting shall be taken from the General Fund.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to update the authorization provided for the Destiny Bay Road Construction Loan provided under Article #30 of the November 1, 2022 Town Meeting as a result of necessary delays in the road construction project to:

1. authorize the select board to return all loan proceeds and terminate both loan agreements;
2. ratify and direct that the initial loan payment of \$45,476.80 made during FY2023 shall be taken from the General Fund;
3. authorize the select board to expend from the General Fund an amount necessary to cover administrative costs associated with terminating the loan; and
4. authorize the select board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish the actions above.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will vote to update the authorization provided for the Little Machias Bay Shore Access Road Construction Loan provided under by Article #29 from the November 1, 2023 Town Meeting as a result of necessary delays in the road construction project to:

1. authorize the select board to return all loan proceeds and terminate both loan agreements;
2. ratify and direct that the initial loan payment of \$28,597.29 made during FY2023 shall be taken from the General Fund;
3. authorize the select board to expend from the General Fund an amount necessary to cover administrative costs associated with terminating the loan; and
5. authorize the select board to execute any documents necessary to accomplish the actions above.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes and to accept overpayment of taxes as prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 506.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 4% annually on all unpaid real estate and personal property taxes for the 2023 tax assessment.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 1.00% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner decline to redeem the property after 30 days' notice, to authorize the Selectboard to advertise for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute, upon specific town meeting approval, a quit claim deed to the highest responsible bidder; and further to allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the town.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of gifted and/or Town purchased property in any manner in which the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to transfer up to 10% from any approved budget line to any other approved budget line as it may be required from unanticipated line overages?

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectboard to apply for and accept all municipal revenue sharing (to reduce the tax commitment), local road assistance, state aid to education, civil emergency funds, snowmobile reimbursement, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veteran's exemption reimbursement, property tax relief, Covid relief funds, State grants

or any other funds / gifts and to appropriate the same.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2023– 2024 annual budget during the period from July 1, 2023 to the 2023 annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 20:** To elect, by written ballot, the following Municipal Officials for the ensuing terms:

One Schoolboard Member for a 3-year term (Christine Moulton's position)

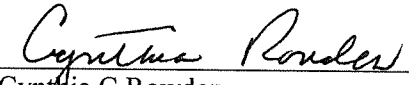
One Selectboard Member / Assessor for a 3-year term (Kimberly Davis' position)

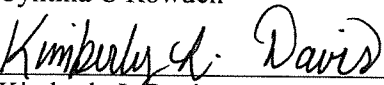
One Selectboard Member / Assessor for a 1-year term (Justin Crosman's position)

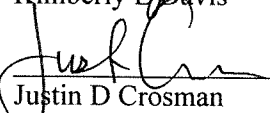
Notice is hereby given the Registrar of Voters will be at the Bay Ridge School on October 30, 2023 from 5:30 pm in the evening until 6:00 pm in the evening to hear and decide upon the voter registration applicants, and correcting any error in or change of name or address on the voting list and accept the registration of any person who became 18 years of age on election day or the day prior to it. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands at Cutler this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

TOWN OF CUTLER SELECTBOARD


  
Cynthia C Rowden

  
Kimberly L Davis

  
Justin D Crosman

A true copy of the Warrant

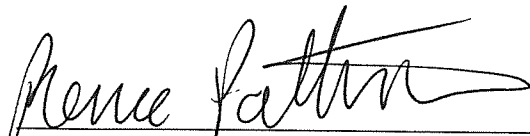
Attest:

  
Renee Patterson, Resident of Cutler, Maine

**RETURN OF THE WARRANT**

Date: October 20, 2023

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Cutler, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named by posting this day two copies of the within Warrant, one at the Cutler Post Office and one at the Cutler Town Office and Library Building, the same being two conspicuous places in said Town.

  
Renee Patterson, Resident of Cutler, Maine