

**Town of Alna**  
**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 25 & 26, 2022**

**To: Honor Sage, Civil Constable** of the Town of Alna, County of Lincoln, 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 Alna, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Alna Firehouse on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of March, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., then and there to act on Article one, and then by secret ballot on Article two and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., then and there to act on Articles three through forty-eight, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. **Jim Lothridge and Chris Cooper nominated. Jim Lothridge 34 votes/Chris Cooper 19 votes.**

**Article 2:** Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the twenty-fifth day of March 2022 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

**First Selectperson**, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a two-year term. **Ed Pentaleri 146 votes/ Blank or Write-ins 33 votes**  
**Road Commissioner**, for a one-year term. **Jeff Verney 134 votes/Blank or Write-ins 45 votes**

**Article 3:** To elect by paper ballot two **Cemetery Trustees**; one for a two-year term, and one for a three-year term. **Amy Stockford 2-year term 94 votes**

**Steven Graham 3-year term 88 votes**

**Article 4:** To elect all other town officials, or instruct the select board to appoint the same. **Passed.**

**Article 5:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.  
*(The select board recommends the Tax Lien method)* **Tax lien method adopted.**

**(Articles 6 through 10 passed together as one.)**

**Article 6:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.  
*(The select board recommends the Tax Lien method)* **Tax Lien method adopted.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who paid an amount more than that finally assessed, shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the over-payment at an annual rate of three percent. **Passed**

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A. **Passed.**

**Article 9:** To see when the Town wishes to have taxes due and payable, and at what rate of interest charges will be added to the unpaid taxes. *(The select board recommends the due date after July 1, 2022 at the Assessors' discretion, 4 percent interest commencing sixty days after the date of the tax bill)*

**Passed with select board recommendations.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to spend an amount not to exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2022-2023 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2023 to the March 2023 Annual Town Meeting. **Passed.**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations and to vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay interest on such loans. **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$1000 for interest.**

*(The Select board and Treasurer recommend an interest amount of \$1,000 for the TAN)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to sell and dispose of property acquired through nonpayment of taxes through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published in the Lincoln County News and the Wiscasset Newspaper, inviting interested persons to submit bids for the property, except that such a posting may be waived when the property is being redeemed by its former owner, and except that if the select board sells property tax-acquired from certain qualifying senior, low-income taxpayers, they shall use the sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C if they sell such property to anyone other than the former owner(s). **Passed.**

**(Articles 13 through 17 passed together as 1.)**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$519,163 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit. **Passed.**

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to instruct the select board to dispose of alewife rights in whatever manner they determine to be in the best interest of the Town for a period of up to five years. **Passed.**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2022-2023, from Capital Highway Accounts to General Highway Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner with the approval of the select board to spend a portion, or the entire sum, as they see fit, on paving or some other capital improvement, according to 23 M.R.S.A. §2701. **Passed.**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to apply for, accept and expend grants and other funds received from the State, Federal, and private funding sources for a specific purpose, and also authorize the select board to accept and expend gifts of money or items, provided the gift or the grant doesn't require a financial match or financial commitment on the Town's part. **Passed.**

**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used to pay for 2022 Principal and Interest due on the loan on the Town Office.

*(Select board recommends \$18,500)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$18,500. **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$18,500 for principal and interest payments.**

**Article 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account.

*(Select board recommends \$60,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$60,000. **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$60,000.**

**Article 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Computer Software and Support. *(Select board recommends \$12,500)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$10,000. **Passed with \$12,500 raised and appropriated.**

**Article 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Computer and Copier Hardware.

*(Select board recommends \$3,200)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$3,200.**

**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for a Contingency Account to cover any unexpected expenses for the ensuing year.

*(Select board recommends \$10,000)* **Motion to amend article to replace “raise and appropriate” with “appropriate from surplus”. Motion passed. Article passed as amended with authorization to appropriate up to \$10,000 for unforeseen contingencies.**

**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries & Stipends.

<b>Town Officials</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	\$20/hr, with \$27,000 cap	\$20/hr, with \$27,000 cap
Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector	\$18/hr, with \$20,000 cap	\$20/hr, with \$20,000 cap
First Selectperson/Assessor	\$6,785	\$3,665
Second Selectperson/Assessor	\$2,105	\$3,665
Third Selectperson/Assessor	\$2,105	\$3,665
Treasurer	\$5,000	\$5,000
Deputy Treasurer	\$500	\$500
Road Commissioner	\$1,235	\$1,235
EMA Director	\$15/hr calls, \$500	\$15/hr calls, \$500
Fire Chief	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fire Warden	\$100	\$100
Assistant Fire Chief	\$4,000	\$4,000
Fire Captains (3@ \$1500)	\$4,500	\$4,500
Code Enforcement Officer	\$2,700	\$2,700
Health Officer	\$125	\$125
Planning Board Chairman	\$435	\$435
Planning Board Secretary	\$100	\$100
Planning Board Members	\$20/meeting, \$15/site visit limited to \$1500	\$20/meeting, \$15/site visit limited to \$1,500
Civil Constable	\$125	\$125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,815</b>	<b>\$83,815</b>

*(Select board recommends the Town Officials’ Salaries & Stipends for a proposed total of \$83,815)*

**Motion made to amend selectperson’s salaries and raise total amount. Motion failed. Article passed as written with authorization to raise and appropriate \$83,815 for salaries and stipends.**

**Article 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for elections and town meetings.

*(Select board recommends \$5,000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$5,000.**

Note: Due to the availability of election grants, the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$0. No such grants are available this year.

**Article 24:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security and Medicare.

*(Select board recommends \$9,500)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$9,500.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$9,000.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to enter multi-year contracts (not to exceed 3 years) from Annual March Town Meeting 2022 to Annual March Town Meeting 2023, for the lease or purchase of goods & services when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town.

*(Select board recommends passage)* **Passed.**

**Article 26:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Building Maintenance Account.

*(Select board recommends \$15,000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$15,000.**

**Article 27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$45,160	\$51,204
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$8,550	\$10,148
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$10,965	\$22,720
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,500
Group Life Insurance Policy	\$7,117	\$7,768
Radios	\$4,100	\$4,100
1 Air Pack Replacement + Spare bottle	\$6,000	\$6,000
Air Bag Replacement	\$1,600	\$800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,492</b>	<b>\$104,240</b>

*(Fire Department recommends the aggregate total of \$104,240)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$104,240.**

**Article 28:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for eligible fire department volunteers.

*(Fire chief and select board recommend \$18,000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$18,000.**

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will authorize to be transferred to the operating account from the Firehouse Parking Lot Repair Reserve Account for the purpose of rebuilding and repaving the Fire Department parking lot.

*(Fire chief and select board recommend releasing the current balance of \$40,142.38.)* **Passed with authorization to release the current balance of \$40,142.38.**

**Article 30:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for additional costs of the Fire Department parking lot repair.

*(Fire chief and select board recommend \$10,000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$10,000.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$10,000.

**Article 31:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Account.

*(The Fire Department recommends \$35,000.)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$35,000.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$35,000. The reserve amount is \$70,000 as of January 31, 2022.

**Article 32:** To see whether the Town will vote to transfer up to \$5,000 from the sand and salt shed reserve account to the operating account, and authorize spending up to \$9,000 for roof repairs to the sand and salt shed, and to improve outside drainage around the building.

*(Select board recommends approval.)* **Passed.**

Note: The sand and salt shed reserve amount is \$28,138.90. The sand and salt building maintenance account currently has \$3,964.40.

**Article 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the tax assessment, commitment, and associated expenses.

	2021	2022	
Annual Valuation Update	\$9,000	\$10,500	J.E. O'Donnell & Assoc.
Tax Maps	\$1,000	\$1,000	J.E. O'Donnell & Assoc.
CAMA Database Access	\$1,500	\$2,000	J.E. O'Donnell & Assoc.
On-line Access	\$2,000	\$2,000	J.E. O'Donnell & Assoc.
CMP & MEPCo Revaluation		\$3,000	Bill Van Tuinen Assessment
Trio Module for Remote Access		\$200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$18,700</b>	

*(Select board recommends \$18,700.)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$18,700 for tax assessment, commitment, and associated expenses.**

**Article 34:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.

*(Select board and Road Commissioner recommend \$25,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$25,000. **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the General Highway Maintenance Account.**

**Article 35:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

*(Select board recommends \$97,750)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$97,750 for the solid waste contract.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$85,000.

**Article 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal Contract.

*Select board recommends:*

Snow Removal Contract \$193,000 Sand and Salt for Winter Roads \$47,000 (Total \$240,000)

**Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$240,000 for the snow removal contract and sand and salt for Winter roads.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$235,000.

**Article 37:** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a contract to provide for stray animals.

*(Select board recommends contracting with Midcoast Humane for \$1,030.)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$1030 to contract with Midcoast Humane for stray animals.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$1,028.05.

**Article 38:** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to contract for Animal Control services.

*(Select board recommends to contract with Lincoln County and raise and appropriate \$1000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$1000 to contract with Lincoln County for animal control services.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$600.

**Article 39:** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to contract for ambulance service.

*(Select board recommends to either continue contracting with Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service at an annual rate of \$36,371, or to commence contracting with Wiscasset Ambulance Service at an annual rate of \$17,881. In the event that the town chooses to contract with Wiscasset Ambulance Service, the total cost for ambulance service for the current fiscal year will be a total of \$25,534.42.)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,500.

**Voted by paper ballot. 42 votes cast for Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service and 90 votes cast for Wiscasset Ambulance Service. Article passed to contract with Wiscasset Ambulance Service, with authorization to raise and appropriate \$25,534.**

**Article 40:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Committee for Alna History.

*(The Committee for Alna History and the select board recommends \$800)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$800 for the Committee for Alna History.**

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$800.

**Article 41:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Midcoast Chapter American Red Cross	\$900	\$900
Wiscasset Public Library	\$4,300	\$4,300
Spectrum Generations	\$940	\$940
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	\$200	\$200
New Hope for Women	\$745	\$710
Healthy Kids	\$1,800	\$1,800
Lincoln County Television (LCTV)		\$1,300
Midcoast Humane (Neuter/Spay Fund)	\$250	\$250
Midcoast Maine Community Action		\$350
Sweetser	\$765	\$766
Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Dept.	\$4,254	\$4,254
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$709	\$709
MPBN	\$100	\$100
Friends of Head Tide Church	\$500	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,463</b>	<b>\$17,079</b>

**Motion made to amend the amount to raise and appropriate for the Wiscasset Public Library from \$4300 to \$4730. Amendment passed. Article passed as amended, with authorization to raise and appropriate a total of \$17,509 for the specified organizations.**

**Article 42:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Cemetery Corporation to use for completing Cemetery road work, and continued maintenance of gravestones.

*(The Cemetery Corporation and Trustees recommend \$5,000.)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Alna Cemetery Corporation.**

Note: The amount raised last year was \$10,000. The balance in the account is \$13,647.

**Article 43:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning Board administrative and professional support.

*(Select board recommends \$1,000)* **Passed with authorization to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Planning Board administrative support.**

Note: Appropriation last year was \$2000.

**Article 44:** To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2021 excise taxes to reduce the 2022 tax rate.

*(Select board recommends up to 90% of prior year's excise taxes.)* **Passed with authorization to appropriate up to 90% of 2021 excise taxes to reduce the 2022 tax rate.**

**Article 45:** Shall an ordinance titled "Town of Alna Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officials" (Select Board Version) be enacted? **Passed.**

Note: A copy of the ordinance is on file with the Alna town clerk.

**Article 46:** Shall an ordinance titled "Town of Alna Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officials" (Petitioner's Version) be enacted? **Dismissed.**

Note: A copy of the ordinance is on file with the Alna town clerk.

**Article 47:** To see whether the voters of the Town of Alna will appropriate and authorize a majority of the select board to expend a principal amount not to exceed \$525,000 to rebuild a segment of Cross Road between the east side of the CMP cut and the brook, reclaim and repave segments of Cross Road from Golden Ridge Road to 218 and from the brook to West Alna Road, shim and overlay the remainder of Cross Road with new pavement, and to complete all associated grading and ditching.

*(Select board recommends passage.)* **Passed.**

**Article 48:** If Article 47 passes, to see whether the Town will vote to authorize the select board, on behalf of the Town, to borrow up to a principal amount of \$525,000 on such terms as they deem in the best interest of the town for the purpose of rebuilding and repaving Cross Road, and to appropriate from surplus an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for principal and interest payments due on the loan/note through March 31, 2023.

*(Select board recommends passage of Article 48 if Article 47 passes.)* **Motion made to amend the article to read “borrow up to a principal amount of \$405,000 and appropriate \$120,000 from the General Highway Maintenance Account” (instead of “borrow up to a principal amount of \$525,000”). Amendment passed. Article passed as amended.**

Given under our hands at Alna, Maine, this 3rd day of March, 2022

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LINDA KRISTAN \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLIE CULBERTSON \_\_\_\_\_

Attested by:

LISA ARSENAULT, CLERK \_\_\_\_\_



Town of Alna  
Treasurer's Financial Statement  
General Obligation Bond/Loan  
Cross Road Paving Project

1. Total Current Town Indebtedness

		\$238,818.9
A.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	2
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
	Bond/Loans to be issued if this question	\$525,000.0
C.	is approved:	<u>0</u>
		\$763,818.9
	TOTAL	2

2. Cost

At an estimated net interest cost of 3.25% for long term financing for 10 years, the estimated cost of this bond/loan issue will be:

Principal		\$525,000.00
Interest		<u>\$83,989.53</u>
 Total Cost		 \$608,989.53
 Approximately Equal Annual Payments		  \$60,898.96

3. Validity

The validity of the bond/loan and of the voters' ratification of the bond/loan may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond/loan issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond/loan issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

This statement was prepared pursuant to 30-A MRSA § 5572 (2-A).

All estimates are projected to be current as of February 25, 2022

Dated: February 25, 2022

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Amy E Stockford Treasurer, Town of Alna