



**Town of Sebago
TOWN WARRANT
Municipal Election
Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

To James E. Fuller, Resident, in the Town of Sebago, 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 Sebago, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Sebago Town Hall in said town on the 6th of June, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

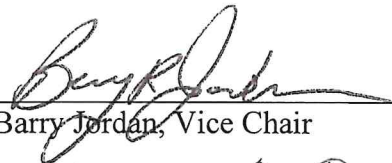
Article 2. To elect by secret ballot the following:

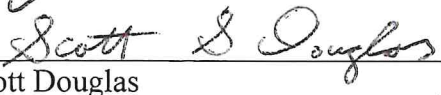
- 2 Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor – 3-year terms
- 2 Budget Committee Members – 3-year terms
- 2 Sebago School Board Member – 3-year term
- 1 Sebago Cemetery Trustee – 5-year term
- 1 Dr. Joseph Fitch Potter Trustee – 7-year term

Article 3. Motion to adjourn

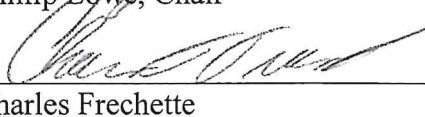
Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.


Municipal Officers of Sebago, Maine


Barry Jordan, Vice Chair

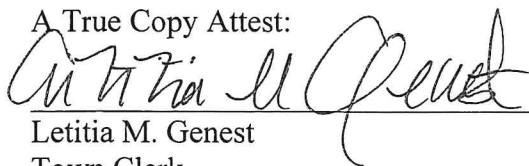

Scott Douglas


Phillip Lowe, Chair


Charles Frechette


Mark Roy

A True Copy Attest:


Letitia M. Genest
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SEBAGO
TOWN WARRANT
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
May 23, 2023**

To James E. Fuller, Resident, in the Town of Sebago, in the County of Cumberland:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sebago qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Sebago **at 6:00 pm., Tuesday, the 23rd day of May 2023, to act on** the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff, school department administrators or staff and elected State officials, who are not residents of Sebago to speak as appropriate when recognized by the Moderator.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenues \$862,906 to fund wages, salaries, stipends and other expenses related to General Government expenditures including:

Administration	\$523,539
Selectmen	\$17,070
Town Manager	\$78,560
Clerk/Tax Collector	\$143,060
Code Enforcement	\$65,727
Health Officer	\$7,000
General Assistance	\$12,115
Elections	\$5,500
Appeals Board	\$525
Planning Board	\$525
Service Providers	\$9,740

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenues \$668,059 for Public Safety expenditures:

Alarms	\$5,000
Animal Control	\$10,961
Rescue	\$78,200
Daytime Rescue	\$337,220
Fire	\$221,400
Dispatch	\$15,278

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$994,744 by taxation and other revenues for Public Works expenditures:

Roads	\$545,044
Snow Removal	\$449,700

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenues \$344,118 for Health and Sanitation expenditures:

Solid Waste	\$331,218
Bulky Waste	\$12,900

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$92,755 by taxation and other revenues for Town Properties expenditures:

Street Lights	\$7,000
Town Hall	\$24,100
Town Office	\$17,300
Town Garage	\$33,300
Veterans' Memorial Park	\$1,000
Sebago Cemetery	\$2,150
Associated Cemeteries	\$1,005
Small Cemeteries	\$1,000
Historical Society	\$5,900

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$106,880 by taxation and other revenues for Recreation and Community Organizations expenditures:

Sebago Days	\$6,000
Memorial Day	\$500
Recreation Department	\$28,615
Douglas Mountain	\$2,640
Town Beach	\$17,025
Softball	\$7,000
SYAA	\$7,800
Soccer	\$4,000
Basketball	\$4,000
Library	\$25,000
Food Pantry	\$4,300

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenues \$795,711 to fund to the Capital Investment Program reserves. If funding is reduced, it must be cut from the bottom up. (This account is funded by priority from the top down.)

Engine 4	V13	\$50,000
Rescue Boat, Motor & Trailer	V20	\$17,911
Ambulance	V06	\$111,966
Engine 3	V07	\$28,316
Public Works Work Truck	V17	\$11,871
6 Wheel Plow/Sander	V14	\$69,362
10 Wheel Plow/Sander	V01	\$77,411
Excavator	V19	\$0
4 x4 Backhoe	V04	\$0
Roll Off Truck	V16	\$10,782
10-Wheeler Truck	V03	\$26,477
Tank 1	V08	\$34,048
Utility 1-(Fire)	V09	\$17,777
Grader	V18	\$7,651
1 Ton Plow/Sander	V05	\$9,786
Engine 1	V12	\$58,055
Trail 2 (Fire Woods Vehicle)	V21	\$3,806
Tank 2	V11	\$36,351
Jaws of Life	P32	\$29,075
Stryker Stretcher	P33	\$19,539
Town Building Maintenance	P23	\$8,818
Town Hall Paving	P05	\$44,986
Compactor (TS)	P19	\$9,658
Generators	P25	\$7,524
Radio Repeater	P07	\$2,453
Transfer Station Enhancements	P11	\$4,820
Container for Transfer Station	P21	\$0
Road Materials	P22	\$0
Beach Restoration		\$19,971
Town Office Server (Computer)	P16	\$2,542
Route 114 Drainage Design	P20	\$3,138
Revaluation	P10	\$23,872
Cascade System	P26	\$3,049
SCBAs (Fire Dept)	P30	\$17,048
Bridges	P02	\$10,000
Cardiac Monitor	P24	\$17,648

(CIP Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer Capital Investment Program (CIP) funds from one item to another item.

(Selectmen, CIP Committee and Budget Committee recommend.)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to apply \$328,371 Excise Tax (balance as of 5/11/2023), \$148,451 State Revenue Sharing (balance as of 5/11/2023), BETE (\$10,698), Homestead Exemption (\$69,989) in Estimated Anticipated Revenues and any additional Unanticipated Revenues against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 12. Shall the Town reduce the amount authorized to be raised through taxation by \$200,000 and instead appropriate \$200,000 from the undesignated fund balance for general expenditure?

(Budget Committee and Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 13. For expenditures to service the Solar Bond Debt authorized by Article 26 of the June 2018 Town Meeting, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$31,500 (amount subject to final balance due on pay-off date) through taxes? *If this article fails, the debt service monies will be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance.*

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 14. For expenditures to service the Public Safety Building Bond Debt authorized by Article 10 of the May 2022 Town Meeting, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$156,657 through taxes? *If this article fails, the debt service monies will be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance.*

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$50,000 from the undesignated fund, as they deem advisable to meet unexpected expenses or emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Any use of this arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$50,000 from the undesignated fund, as they deem advisable to meet unexpected Personnel emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Any use of this arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$75,000 from the undesignated fund, as they deem advisable to meet unexpected Legal expenses that occur during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Any use of this arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$25,000 from the undesignated fund, as they deem advisable to fund Professional Services expenses for the Ordinance Review Committee that occur during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Any use of this arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward to the 2023-2024 fiscal year and assign funds balances accordingly, any appropriated but unexpended account balances at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year as they deem to be advisable, and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public Board of Selectmen Meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2022-2023 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2022-2023, provided that any such transfer is not more than five percent (5%) of the funds appropriated under the FY 2022-2023 municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public Board of Selectmen Meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to fund the Branch-Duckers Snowmobile Club with funds received from the State's snowmobile registrations refund.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2023-2024 from Overlay. *(Explanation: The Selectmen, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)*

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish an interest rate of 8% on delinquent property tax bills and establish property tax due dates on the first Tuesday in November 2023 and on the first Tuesday of May 2024 for two equal payments.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen for and on behalf of the Town, to execute quit claim deeds of the Town's interest in any real estate acquired by virtue of matured tax liens and to fix the terms and conditions thereof; except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner (s).

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell or dispose of surplus town-owned personal property (something that remains above what is used or needed), including vehicles and equipment, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. Town owned land would only be disposed of with voter approval at an Annual or Special Town Meeting.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept State and Federal grants, grants from non-profit organizations, donations,

real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds or other revenues, on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents and or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and or other funds for authorized purposes as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town during the fiscal year 2023-2024.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize winter maintenance (snow and ice control) and include two gradings, one in the spring and a second in the fall on the public easement roads, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 29.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 30.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$20,000 by taxation and other revenues for Planning Service expenditures.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$6,500 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the Federal government for the purchase of the third School safety light to be installed on Route 11 in East Sebago.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to change the term length for the Planning Board from a five-year term to a three-year term. Existing members will finish their current term.

(Selectmen so recommend.)

- Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to change the term length for the Zoning Board of Appeals from a five-year term to a three-year term. Existing members will finish their current term.

(Selectmen so recommend.)


- Article 34.** Shall the Town adopt a Moratorium Ordinance regarding “Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Facilities, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading”. (Copy attached)


(Selectmen so recommend.)

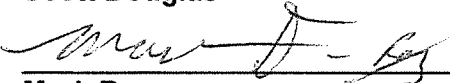
Article 35. Motion to adjourn.

Given under our hand on May 16, 2023

Board of Selectmen:


Philip Lowe, Chair



Scott Douglas


Mark Roy


Barry Jordan, Vice Chair


Charles Frechette

A true copy attest:


Letitia M. Genest, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SEBAGO, MAINE
MORATORIUM ORDINANCE REGARDING
COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS, COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY
FACILITIES, COMMERCIAL WATER EXTRACTION, AND SEPTAGE SPREADING**

The TOWN OF SEBAGO, Maine (the "Town"), hereby adopts a Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Facilities, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading (the "Moratorium Ordinance"), as follows.

WHEREAS, the Town, through its various committees, has identified four (4) uses that have the potential to have high environmental impact on and/or cause serious public harm to the Town's aquifers, surface waters, wildlife habitat, and other environmental resources of the Town: Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Facilities, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading (collectively referred to as "Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses"); and

WHEREAS, no specific regulation governing Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses exists under the Town of Sebago's Land Use Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing ordinances are inadequate to prevent the potential for serious public harm from the siting, installation, expansion, and operation of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the siting, installation, expansion, and operation of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses within the Town raise legitimate and substantial questions about the impact of such facilities on the Town, including but not limited to whether such facilities are incompatible with existing and permitted land uses in the Town; potential adverse environmental effects on the Town and its residents, including adverse effects on noise levels, scenic vistas, and water quality within the Town; potential worsening of traffic impacts, degradation of public roadways, and inadequate financial assurances that such facilities and operations will be properly constructed, maintained, operated, decommissioned, and that disturbed areas will be properly reclaimed; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing issues, the siting, installation, expansion, and operation of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses within the Town pose substantial adverse burdens upon the community and have the potential to result in serious adverse effects on the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs a reasonable amount of time to study the land-use implications of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses and to develop reasonable regulations governing their location, construction, operation, expansion, decommissioning and reclamation, and to secure voter approval for such regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to study the Town's ordinances to determine the land-

use and other regulatory implications of the siting, construction, operation, expansion, installation, decommissioning and reclamation of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses within the Town, and to consider what locations, approvals, and additional performance standards, if any, might be appropriate for these uses and related facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that such study, review and development of reasonable regulations will take at least 180 days from the Date of Applicability of this Moratorium Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority under Article VIII, Part Second, of the Maine Constitution and 30-A M.R.S. § 3001, and in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. § 4356, the Town may adopt a moratorium ordinance on the siting, operation, and expansion of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses and, on the processing, or issuance of permits, approvals and licenses for said uses; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing findings create a necessity, within the meaning of 30-A M.R.S. § 4356, for a moratorium on the allowance of Potentially High Environmental Impact Uses and the processing or issuance of development permits or licenses for said uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 4356 and its home rule authority, the Town enacts the following Moratorium Ordinance, as follows:

1. MORATORIUM. The Town does hereby declare a moratorium on the siting, installation, operation, permitting and approval of any new Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy Facility, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading, and the expansion of any such existing, actual, or operating uses within the Town of Sebago. To the extent that any of these enumerated uses are determined, pursuant to Section 4(C)(2) and (3) of the Town's Land Use Ordinance, to be "substantially similar" to any allowed use, they are nevertheless subject to this Moratorium Ordinance. No person or organization shall locate, operate, or expand any Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy Facility, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading, within the Town on or after the Effective Date of this Moratorium Ordinance. During the time this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, no person or entity shall engage in these enumerated uses, and no officer, official, employee, office, administrative board, or agency of the Town shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application or request for any type of license, permit, or approval related to Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Facilities, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading.
2. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Moratorium Ordinance, the following terms are defined as specified below:

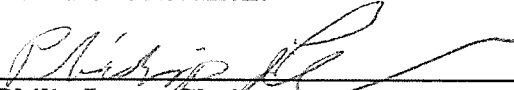
- (a) SEPTAGE SPREADING means: The spreading of any septage, as those terms are defined herein.
- (b) COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY means: a ground-mounted, electric generating facility that uses photovoltaic (PV) technology with a nameplate capacity of 125 kilowatts or greater for commercial purposes with an intention of generating power from the sun and converting such powering electricity for resale to or by a third party. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities specifically do not include any solar panel collection system or array undertaken by individuals for their personal use, whether or not the nameplate capacity exceeds 125 kilowatts.
- (c) COMMERCIAL WATER EXTRACTION means the taking, withdrawal, or removal of water from groundwater or surface water sources, including aquifers, springs, wells, lakes, ponds and streams, or the like, by the same individual or entity, or consortium or association of individuals or entities, regardless of the number of extraction facilities utilized, for ultimate sale.
- (d) EXPANSION means: an addition to the floor area of an existing building, an increase in the size of any other structure, or an increase in any portion of a tract of land dedicated to an existing use.
- (e) GRID-SCALE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT means: a wind energy development that occupies a land area in excess of 20 acres, or, that creates more than 3 acres of impervious area.
- (f) SEPTAGE means waste, refuse, effluent, sludge and any other materials from septic tanks, cesspools or any other similar facilities for human waste.
- (g) SMALL-SCALE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT means: any wind energy development that is not a grid-scale wind energy development and that has a total generating capacity of at least 100 kilowatts.
- (h) COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY SYSTEM means: a wind powered generator and all associated equipment, including foundation, base, tower, nacelle, turbine, vane, wire, inverter, batteries, or other components necessary to fully utilize the wind energy, utilized for commercial purposes with an intention of generating power from wind and converting such powering electricity for resale to or by a third party. Commercial wind energy systems may include Grid-scale wind energy developments, and small-scale wind energy developments, as those terms are defined herein, if used for commercial purposes.

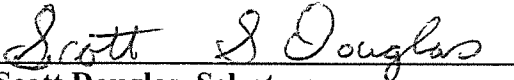
3. **DATE OF APPLICABILITY.** Notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. § 302 or any other law to the contrary, and regardless of the Effective Date, this Moratorium Ordinance shall govern and apply to all Commercial Wind Energy Systems, Commercial Solar Energy Facilities, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading uses in the Town of Sebago, and all proceedings and applications for said uses that were or are pending before the Town at any time on or after ~~FILL IN DATE HERE~~ May 23, 2023 (the "Date of Applicability"). To the extent allowed by 30-A M.R.S. § 3007(6), this Retroactive Moratorium Ordinance shall apply to and nullify the issuance of any final approval, license, or permit for a new or expanded Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy Facility, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading issued within 45 days of the Effective Date.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Moratorium Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in full force and effect (i) for a period of 180 days from the Date of Applicability (ii), until this moratorium is extended, repealed or modified by the Town as to one or more of the four uses subject to this Moratorium pursuant to applicable law, or (iii) until a new ordinance regulating Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy Facility, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading or amendments to existing Town ordinances addressing any one or more of these four such uses is adopted by the Town, whichever shall occur first.
5. **CONFLICTING OR INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS.** Any provisions of the Town's current ordinances and regulations that are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Moratorium Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent that they are applicable, for the duration of the Moratorium Ordinance hereby ordained, but not otherwise.
6. **EXTENSIONS.** This Moratorium Ordinance may be extended for additional 180-day periods by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sebago, after proper notice and hearing, if a majority of the Selectmen present and voting at such meeting find that: (i) the problems giving rise to the need for this moratorium still exist; and (ii) reasonable progress is being made to address and alleviate the problems giving rise to the need for this moratorium.
7. **SEVERABILITY.** To the extent that any section or paragraph of this Moratorium Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions herein shall remain valid.
8. **VIOLATIONS.** If any Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy Facility, Commercial Water Extraction, and Septage Spreading occurs or is located or operated in the Town, in violation of this Moratorium Ordinance, each day of any continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation of this Moratorium Ordinance and the Town shall be entitled to all rights available to it pursuant to 30-A

M.R.S. § 4452, including, but not limited to, fines and penalties, injunctive relief, and its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting any such violations.

Given under our hand on May 16, 2023

Board of Selectmen:


Philip Lowe, Chair



Scott Douglas, Selectman

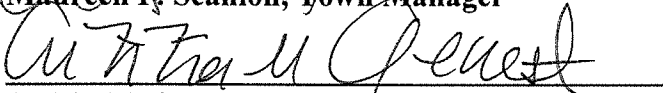

Mark Roy, Selectman


Barry Jordan, Vice Chair


Charles Frechette, Selectman

Attest:


Maureen R. Scanlon, Town Manager


Letitia M. Genest, Town Clerk

APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING ON _____

TOWN OF SEBAGO

WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE
SEBAGO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

TO: James Fuller, a resident of the Town of Sebago in the County of Cumberland and the State of Maine. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF SEBAGO: You are hereby notified that a budget validation referendum election will be held at Sebago Town Hall, 418 Bridgton Road (Route 107), Sebago, on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, for the purpose of voting on the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

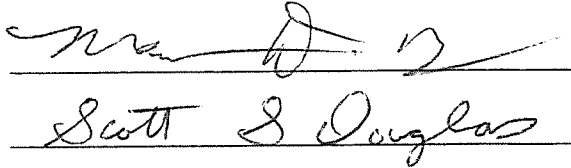
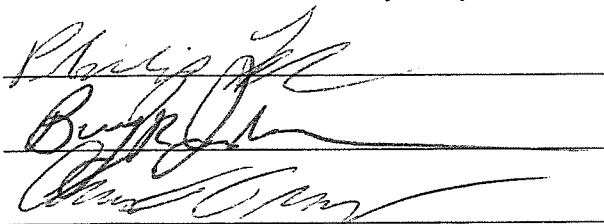
Article 1: Do you favor approving the Sebago School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Sebago School Department Budget Meeting?

The voting on Article 1 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands this day, May 16, 2023, at Sebago, Maine.



Scott S. Douglas

A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Sebago.

A true copy of the Notice of Election, attest



Letitia M. Genest, Town Clerk, Town of Sebago

**WARRANT TO CALL SEBAGO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. § 1485)**

**SEBAGO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
283 Sebago Road
Sebago, Maine 04029**

To: **James Fuller**, a resident of the Town of Sebago in the County of Cumberland and the State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Sebago, that a School Budget Meeting will be held at Sebago Town Hall. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on May 23, 2023 for the purpose of determining the budget articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 2: Regular Instruction: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction Programs for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$ 2,078,016.

ARTICLE 3: Special Education: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education Instruction.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$1,102,096.

ARTICLE 4: Career and Technical Education: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$0.

ARTICLE 5: Other Instruction: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$1,000.

ARTICLE 6: Student and Staff Support: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$179,017.

ARTICLE 7: System Administration: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$193,401.

ARTICLE 8: School Administration: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$197,872.

ARTICLE 9: Transportation and Buses: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$167,784.

ARTICLE 10: Facilities and Maintenance: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities and Maintenance.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$314,186.

ARTICLE 11: Debt Service and Other Commitments: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$131,000.

ARTICLE 12: All Other Expenditures: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$40,000.

ARTICLES 13 THROUGH 15 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13: State/Local EPS Funding Allocation: To see what sum the Town of Sebago will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The Sebago School Committee recommends raising \$2,519,592 and appropriating \$2,891,269.

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

The difference between the amounts raised and appropriated (\$371,677) is the state's contribution to funding Essential Programs and Services.

ARTICLE 14: Non-State Funded Debt Service: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

The Sebago School Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$ 0.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments of the Sebago School Department's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding for this long-term debt was previously approved by the Sebago School Department voters.

ARTICLE 15: (Written Ballot Required) Additional Local Funds: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690.

The Sebago School Committee recommends raising \$1,507,103 and appropriating \$1,513,103.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,473,103: debt service payments, further Pre-K developments, substantial increase anticipated for Special Ed and outsourced transportation costs, increase in deferred facilities repair and maintenance.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised over and above the Sebago School Department's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment of non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the Sebago School Department budget for educational programs.

The difference between the amounts raised and appropriated (\$6,000) is the sum of other expected revenue sources (\$6,000) and the budgeted use of the Sebago School Department's existing fund balance (\$0).

ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: Total School Budget Summary: To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$4,404,372.

ARTICLES 17 THROUGH 20 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS

ARTICLE 17: Expenditures of Grants and Other Receipts: Shall the Sebago School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs, and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 18: Use of Additional State Subsidy: In the event that the Town of Sebago receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its 2023-2024 budget, shall the Town authorize the School Committee to use the additional subsidy amount and expend beyond the amounts approved for expenditure in the preceding articles?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 19: Cost Center Budget Transfers: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 20: Capital Improvement Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to appropriate up to \$100,000 from the unassigned fund balance at 2022-2023 fiscal year-end to the existing Capital Improvement Reserve, and to authorize the School Committee to expend the reserve's funds, as it deems appropriate, for its designated purpose during the 2023-2024 fiscal year?

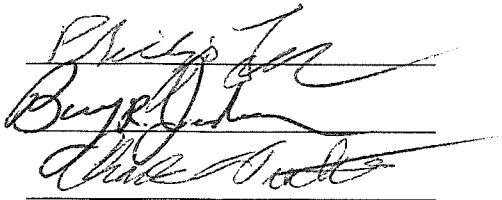
Explanation: The Capital Improvement Reserve is intended to set aside funds for future expenditure on capital improvements and acquisitions. The current available balance in the reserve is \$19,893. The unexpended balance of the reserve shall not lapse to the unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Approval of this Article does not affect the amount of taxes being levied.

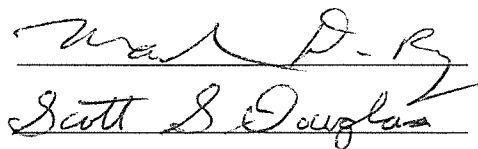
The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 21: Unanticipated Costs Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend up to \$100,00 from the existing Unanticipated Costs Reserve, as it deems appropriate, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

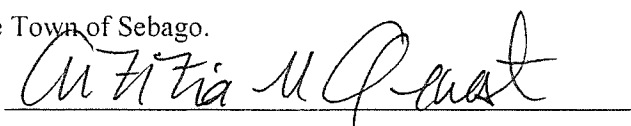
Given under our hand this day, May 16, 2023, at Sebago, Maine.





A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Sebago.

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Letitia M. Genest
Town Clerk