

**Town of Alna**  
**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 21 & 22, 2014**

**To: Christopher Cooper, Resident** 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 first day of March, 2014 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on articles one and two and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the twenty second day of March at 10:00 a.m. then and there to act on articles three through forty four all of said articles being set out below to wit:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2:** Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the twenty first day of March 2014 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon and close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

**First Selectman**, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

**Treasurer**, for a one year term.

**Road Commissioner**, for a one year term.

**School Committee Member**, for a 3 year term

**Article 3:** To elect by paper ballot one **Cemetery Trustee** for a term of three years.

**Article 4:** To elect all other Town Officials or to instruct the Selectmen to appoint the same.

**Article 5:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

**Article 6:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.  
The Selectmen recommend the Tax Lien method

**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 in excess of 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.

**Article 8:** 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.

*Note: The selectmen recommend the due date after June 1, 2014 at the Assessors' discretion, seven percent interest commencing forty five days after the date of the tax bill.*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2014-2015 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2015 to the March 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice fourteen days before the sale by posting notice in the Lincoln County News, Wiscasset Newspaper, and the usual posting places in Town, except that such posting may be waived when the property is being redeemed by its former owner.

**Article 12:** Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$426,408.00 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.

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen 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.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2014-2015, from Capitol Highway Accounts to General Highway Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner with the approval of the Selectmen 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

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen 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 Selectmen 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.

**Article 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account.

Selectmen recommend \$30,000.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$30,000.00*

**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries. Selectmen recommend the following Town Officials' Salaries for a proposed total of \$64,660.00

Town Officials	2013	2014
Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$24,645.00	\$24,645.00
Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
First Selectman/Assessor	\$6,285.00	\$6,285.00
Second Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Third Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Treasurer	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Deputy Treasurer	\$300.00	\$300.00
Road Commissioner	\$1,235.00	\$1,235.00
Fire Chief	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Warden	\$100.00	\$100.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fire Captains (3 @ \$500)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
First Responders Director	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
EMA Director	\$300.00	\$300.00
Animal Control Officer	\$12.00 per hr.	\$12.00 per hr.
Limited to:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer & Alternate CEO	\$18.00 per hr.	\$18.00 per hr.
Limited to:	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Health Officer	\$125.00	\$125.00
Planning Board Chairman	\$435.00	\$435.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$800.00	\$800.00
Planning Board Members and Alternates	\$15.00 per mtg	\$15.00 per mtg
Limited to:	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Poster of Warrants	\$125.00	\$125.00
Elections and Town Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	\$64,660.00	\$64,660.00

**Article 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security.

Selectmen recommend \$8,500.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$7,000.00.*

**Article 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise by taxation, take from surplus or from some other source the sum of two thousand dollars, to be applied, together with five hundred dollars from the AVFD and approximately two thousand dollars in donated labor, services and materials, as the local match to secure a Planting and Maintenance Grant of \$4478 from the Maine Forest Service Project Canopy program which has been awarded to the AVFD for completion of the firehouse park landscaping.

Fire Department recommends approval

**Article 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used to pay for 2014 Principal and Interest due on the loan for Alna Fire Station Addition.

Selectmen recommend \$31,875.00

*Note: The amount raised in the 2013 fiscal year was \$31,875.00. Principle left on loan is \$121,563.22*

**Article 21:** To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to train and equip new first responders, any unused money to lapse into surplus at the end of the year.

Fire Department and Selectmen recommend \$7,000.00

**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department,

	2013	2014
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$37,531.00	\$41,081.00
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$6,644.00	\$5,712.00
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$7,546.00	\$7,968.00
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Radios	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1 Air Pack replacement + spare bottle	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Total	\$62,721.00	\$65,491.00

Fire Department recommends the aggregate total of \$65,491.00

**Note: The next three articles may be taken up together for discussion, then voted individually in the order presented.** *Fire department recommends approval, CAFS truck*

**Article 23:** To see if the town will vote to purchase a 2014 pumper-tanker equipped with a CAFS (compressed-air foam system) at a cost not to exceed \$295,000.00, using from the reserve account \$163,000.00 together with a loan of \$132,000.00 at 2.79% for a term of five years, approximate annual payment of \$28,315.00, and to authorize the selectmen to borrow that money and to enter into agreements as necessary.

*Note: if approved as written, fire truck reserve account balance carried forward will be \$855.52*

**Article 24:** If Article 22, above, fails, to see if the town will vote to purchase a 2014 pumper-tanker at a cost not to exceed \$278,000.00, using the balance in the reserve account together with a loan of \$115,000.00 at 2.79% for a term of five years, approximate annual payment of \$24,669.00, and to authorize the selectmen to borrow that money and to enter into agreements as necessary.

**Article 25:** If the town votes, above, *no* truck purchase, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars to add to the fire truck reserve account toward a future truck purchase.

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 for the Emergency Management Account

Selectmen and Emergency Management Director recommend approval

*Note: The amount raised last year was 0.00*

**Article 27:** To see what sum if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sand and Salt Building Reserve Account

Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00. Balance in this account is \$19,646.13*

**Article 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Re-Evaluation Reserve account

Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00. Balance in this account \$28,974.03*

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommends \$25,000.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$16,000.00.*

**Article 30:** To see what sum, if any, not to exceed \$50,000 the Town will vote to raise from taxation or from some other source to relocate a section of North Old Sheepscot Road.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,600.00 to be used to pay for 2013 Principal and Interest due on the loan for Road Improvement Project

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend approval

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$63,600.00. Principal left on loan is \$370,683.69*

**Article 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

Selectmen recommend \$70,314.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$71,036.00*

**Article 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal Contract.

Selectmen recommend

Snow Removal Contract \$161,095.00

Sand and Salt for Winter Roads \$ 34,143.35

Total \$195,238.35

*Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$182,895.00*

**Article 34:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Map Account to perform the annual tax map update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$625.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$625.00.*

**Article 35:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Valuation account to perform the annual valuation update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$6,500.00

*Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$6,500.00.*

**Article 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account

Selectmen recommend \$1,000.00

*Note: Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$3,000.00*

**Article 37:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Account.

Cemetery Trustees and Selectmen recommend \$10,400.00

*Note: The Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00.*

**Article 38:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Buildings Maintenance Account.

Selectmen recommend \$25,000.00

*Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,500.00*

**Article 39:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Building Maintenance Reserve Account.

The Committee for Alna History and Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$0.00. Balance in this account is \$17,612.46*

**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 Selectmen recommend \$700.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$7,000.00.*

**Article 41:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the restoration projects for the Historic Head Tide Church.

Friends of the Head Tide Church and the Selectmen Recommend \$200.00

*Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$200.00*

**Article 42:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	2013	2014
Mid Coast Chapter American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$750.00
LCTV	\$1,044.00	\$1,044.00
Wiscasset Public Library	\$5,074.00	\$5,140.00
Spectrum Generations	\$525.00	\$525.00
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	\$200.00	\$200.00
Mobius	\$0.00	\$260.00
New Hope for Women	\$710.00	\$710.00
Healthy Kids	\$1,300.00	\$1,800.00
Lincoln County Animal Shelter (Neuter/Spay Fund)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Midcoast Maine Community Action	\$335.00	\$335.00
Sweetser	\$622.00	\$766.00
Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Department	\$4,254.00	\$4,254.00
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$0.00	\$100.00
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$0.00	\$100.00
Wiscasset Ambulance Service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total	<u>\$17,814.00</u>	<u>\$19,234.00</u>

**Article 43:** To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2013 Excise Taxes to reduce the 2014 Tax Rate

Selectmen recommend \$90,000.00

*Note: The amount appropriated last year was \$80,000*

**Article 44:** To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from fiscal year 2013 surplus to reduce the 2014 Tax Rate.

Selectmen recommend 80% of the 2013 Surplus

Given under our hands at Alna, Maine this sixth day of March, 2014.

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David Abbott

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Jonathan Villeneuve

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David Reingardt

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Cooper