

**TOWN OF CHELSEA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION and  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Election**

**June 14, 2022 Tuesday  
8:00AM to 8:00PM  
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

**Business Meeting**

**June 16, 2022 Thursday  
6:30PM  
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

To: Brenda Arnold, a citizen of the Town of Chelsea, in the County of Kennebec:  
GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School** in said Town of Chelsea **at 8:00A.M.**, on **Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2022** there and then to act on **Article 1**, to elect a Moderator, and then the polls will be open from **8:00A.M. to 8:00P.M. to vote on Article 2**,

AND

to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School Gymnasium** in said Town of Chelsea **at 6:30P.M.** on **Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2022** there and then to act on **Articles numbered 3 through 53, to wit:**

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officer/Officials by secret ballot as set forth on the specimen ballot posted herewith:

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS/OVERSEER of the POOR**

- One Vacancy - Three Year Term

**RSU #12 SHEEPSCOT VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD of DIRECTORS**

- One Vacancy - Three Year Term

- One Vacancy – Two Year Term

- One Vacancy – One Year Term

**PLANNING BOARD**

- Two Vacancies – Three Year Term

- Three Vacancies – Two Year Term

- Two Vacancies – One Year Term

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

- Two Vacancies – Three Year Term
- One Vacancy – Two Year Term
- One Vacancy – One Year Term

## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- One Vacancy - Three Year Term
- Two Vacancies - Two Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two Year Term

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- One Vacancy – Three Year Term
- One Vacancy – Two Year Term
- One Vacancy – One Year Term

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be processed beginning at 8:00 A.M. and at the top of each hour thereafter.

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the ordinance entitled “**Solar Array Moratorium Ordinance**” be enacted?

**(An attested copy of this proposed ordinance is attached to this warrant notifying voters of the meeting. Copies are also available at the Town Office and on the Chelsea Website)**

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the ordinance entitled “**Wind Energy Systems Ordinance**” be enacted?

**(An attested copy of this proposed ordinance is attached to this warrant notifying voters of the meeting. Copies are also available at the Town Office and on the Chelsea Website)**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Quit Claim Deed from Sheepscot Valley Regional School Unit No. 12.

**(A copy of the deed is attached to this warrant. The current Town Office is located on property owned by Sheepscot Valley RSU No. 12. The deed from the RSU will provide ownership of the property to the town and a permanent location to construct the new Town Office.)**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$275,000** from the sale of the cell tower lease to the Town Office Building Reserve Account.

**(Voters approved the sale of the cell tower lease on March 23, 2022. The funds will be used to help lower the borrowing cost of constructing a new Town Office.)**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$266,919** for **General Government including contracted Town Office cleaning**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$229,660	\$229,660	\$250,219	\$243,281	<b>\$266,919</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$266,919</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$266,919</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$12,000** for **Legal Services**, the unexpended balance of which will be transferred into the **Legal Services Reserve Account** at the end of the **2022/2023** municipal fiscal year.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$23,600	<b>\$12,000</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$26,244** for the **Assessor and Tax Assessing**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$27,148	\$27,562	\$27,888	\$24,788	<b>\$26,244</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$26,244</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$26,244</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$6,400** for **Board and Committee Expenses**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$900	<b>\$6,400</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$6,400</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>Vote was 5 – 1</b>

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$55,733** for **Employment Taxes and Employee Benefits**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$30,523	\$41,866	\$43,845	\$42,052	<b>\$55,733</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$55,733</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$55,733</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$303,820** for **Winter Roads Maintenance**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$202,267	\$203,117	\$298,810	\$302,320	<b>\$303,820</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$303,820</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$303,820</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$640,700** for **Summer Roads Maintenance and Construction**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$484,712	\$602,592	\$688,759	\$600,213	<b>\$640,700</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$640,700</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$640,700</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$104,308** for **Fire Protection Services including Vehicle Debt Service**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$99,759	\$99,259	\$99,758	\$99,659	<b>\$104,308</b>

<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$85,474</b>
<b>Debt Service from Operations (Pumper/Tanker)</b>	<b>\$18,834</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$104,308</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$104,308</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$56,491** for **Ambulance Service**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$35,050	\$31,989	\$38,838	\$37,207	<b>\$56,491</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$56,491</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$56,491</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$27,235** for **Public Safety PSAP and 911 Dispatch**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$17,930	\$28,026	\$28,967	\$26,197	<b>\$27,235</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$27,235</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$27,235</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$33,800** for **Community Policing Program**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$33,800</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$33,800</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$28,395** for **Town Insurances**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$26,583	\$27,261	\$27,009	\$28,095	<b>\$28,395</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$28,395</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$28,395</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$11,261** for **Animal Control**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$8,234	\$9,284	\$10,494	\$10,944	<b>\$11,261</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$11,261</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$11,261</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$26,860** for **Code Enforcement**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$35,926	\$35,978	\$37,850	\$38,000	<b>\$26,860</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$26,860</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$26,860</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$28,110** for **Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal (Hatch Hill Transfer Station)**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$28,210	\$28,110	\$28,110	\$28,110	<b>\$28,110</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$28,100</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$28,110</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$13,896** for a **Recycling Program**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$9,165	\$7,650	\$10,650	\$10,350	<b>\$13,896</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$13,896</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$13,896</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$1,356** for **Street Lights**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$6,864	\$6,900	\$720	\$1,220	<b>\$1,356</b>

<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$762</b>
<b>Street Light Maintenance Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$594</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$1,356</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$1,356</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$53,000** for **Reserve Accounts**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$33,000	<b>\$53,000</b>

	<u>BOS and BC</u>
Fire Station Reserve	<b>\$10,000</b>
Fire Equipment Reserve	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Fire Truck Reserve	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
Municipal Building	<b>\$10,000</b>
Town Office Equipment	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
Salt/Sand Shed	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
Solid Waste	<b>\$10,000</b>
Revaluation	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$7,600** for **General Assistance**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$6,100	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$6,600	<b>\$7,600</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$7,600</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$7,600</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$4,500** for **Local Food Banks and Pantries** and authorize the Selectboard to disburse funds to eligible food programs as the Selectboard deem are in the best interest of the Town.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	<b>\$4,500</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee recommend	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$1,000** for the **Chelsea Grange**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	<b>\$1,000</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$500** for the **Chelsea Historical Society**.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	<b>\$500</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the town will vote to pass through funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations in an amount not to exceed **\$1,000** to the **All Seasons Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Selectboard may deem advisable, for said purpose.  
**(Each year Chelsea receives a portion of the registration fees from the State of Maine for snowmobiles registered in Chelsea. Historically Chelsea gives all or most of the money received to the local snowmobile club to assist in the maintenance of the trail system.)**

Selectboard Recommends: **YES** **Vote was 2 – 0 – 1(Pushard)**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$12,800** for the **Mowing and Maintenance of Cemeteries and Veteran Graves.**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$12,500	\$13,100	\$11,000	\$13,040	<b>\$12,800</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$8,120** for the **Mowing, Maintenance and Security of Public Grounds and Parks.**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$7,500	\$2,500	\$3,950	\$4,005	<b>\$8,120</b>

Selectboard Recommend	<b>\$8,120</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommend	<b>\$8,120</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$29,032** for **High School Transportation.**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$25,654	\$26,066	\$26,849	\$27,650	<b>\$29,032</b>

Selectboard Recommends	<b>\$29,032</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	<b>\$29,032</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$4,000** for a **Contingency Fund.**

**(The Selectboard feel it is in the best interest of the Town to appropriate some funds to take care of unforeseen, emergencies or unanticipated expenditures in 2022/2023)**

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	<b>\$4,000</b>

Selectboard Recommends	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
Budget Committee Recommends	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>Vote was 6 – 0</b>

**ARTICLE 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **STATE REVENUE SHARING** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2022/23** as detailed below or take any action thereon.

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022-23 Requested</u>
\$141,500	\$141,500	\$100,000	\$150,000	<b>\$300,000</b>

Selectboard Recommends	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>Vote was 3 – 0</b>
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**ARTICLE 34.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2022/2023** as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

<b>REVENUE TYPE</b>	<b><u>2019/20</u></b>	<b><u>2020/21</u></b>	<b><u>2021/22</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23 Anticipated</u></b>
A. Auto Excise Tax	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	<b>\$400,000</b>
B. Boat Excise Tax	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
C. Building Permits	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
D. Plumbing Permits	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,600	<b>\$ 2,600</b>
E. Motor Vehicle Agent	\$ 5,800	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	<b>\$ 7,000</b>
F. Interest on Liens	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
G. Lien Costs	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	<b>\$ 5,700</b>
H. Cell Tower Rental	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,300	<b>\$ 0</b>
I. GA Reimbursement	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
J. Local Roads Assistance	\$ 26,888	\$ 27,640	\$ 25,824	<b>\$ 25,824</b>
K. Animal Welfare Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
L. Recreation Agent Fees	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	<b>\$ 900</b>
M. Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,500	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
N. Interest on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
O. Investment Interest	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 10,000	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
P. Cemetery Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
Q. Snowmobile Reg. Fees	\$	\$ 994	\$ 1,000	<b>\$ 1,000 (Pass Thru)</b>
Q. Misc. Revenues(PILOT)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<b><u>\$ 5,000</u></b>
Total	\$496,388	\$497,840	\$493,324	<b>\$479,024</b>

Selectboard Recommends **\$479,024**

**Vote was 3 – 0**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit as established by State Law if the municipal budget approved under the above articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**(The vote must be by written ballot. The Town cannot operate without a vote in the affirmative by a majority of the voters present and voting. A negative vote on this question will result in another Town Meeting being called and another vote until a budget is approved)**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of taxes, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year’s taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be **zero percent**.

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount from **Undesignated Fund Balance** sufficient to cover overdrafts for the **2023/2024** fiscal year.

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use unappropriated revenues from previous fiscal year’s undesignated fund balances as necessary to offset the **2023/2024** tax commitment.

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an Overlay in an amount not to exceed the State of Maine limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover the cost of abatements during the fiscal year.

**(The Selectboard, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA Section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay can not be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)**

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the corresponding accounts.

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to accept grant monies from the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, Small Communities Grant, Maine Emergency Management Grant Program, MMA Grant Program, FEMA Grant Programs, and any other grant sources available in **2023/2024** and to authorize the Selectboard to expend same.

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to accept American Rescue Plan Funds from the State of Maine and Federal Government in **2022/2023** and to authorize the Selectboard to expend same as the Selectboard deems necessary and appropriate and in accordance with guidelines for the use of the funds.

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for **2022/2023** Community Development Block Grant and if a grant is received, to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend said grant funds and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to determine a date when **2022/23** taxes shall be due and payable and date after which interest will accrue.

**2022/2023 Recommendation:**

1<sup>st</sup> Half Due Date: **(Wednesday) October 12, 2022 or 30 days from commitment date whichever is later.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Due Date: **(Wednesday) April 12, 2023**

**(This article provides taxpayers as many as 30 days to pay the first half of their taxes because occasionally the commitment date of taxes is delayed for reasons beyond the Board of Assessor's control.**

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on **2022/2023** taxes unpaid as of the due date at **4% APR**. All payments will be credited as of the date the town receives them.

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of **3% APR** on abated taxes.

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable except that the Selectboard shall use the special sales process required by 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) and to execute quit claim deeds for such property if sold, or to retain such property for town use if the Selectboard decides this is more advantageous to the Town.

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and transfer funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales when applicable.

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to accept all funds collected through various fund-raising activities and donations and to authorize the Selectboard to expend the same.

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use the unexpended **2022/2023** balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to set the date and time of the next Town Meeting to approve the municipal budget for the **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024** fiscal year.

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing voter approved programs.

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter multiple year leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions that the Selectboard deems necessary and appropriate.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 25th DAY OF MAY 2022.**

**CHELSEA SELECTBOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Mills

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Pushard

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheri Truman

A true copy:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Mitchell  
Town Clerk

**Resident's Return**

KENNEBEC  
MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Town Meeting Warrant at the Chelsea Town Office, Chelsea Gas Station, Bell's Liquidation, and Soule's Auto Supply on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2022, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Arnold – Chelsea Resident