

WARRANT TOWN OF WEST GARDINER

To: Tina J. Marks
Resident of West Gardiner in the County of Kennebec

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of West Gardiner in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the West Gardiner Volunteer Fire Department in said Town on Saturday the 1st of April AD 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

John Clark – 3

ARTICLE 2. To elect all Town officers required by law and previous vote of the Town to be chosen by secret ballot. Namely: Select Board, Assessor, Board of Overseer – 3 Years and RSU #11 School Board Member – 3 Years in accordance with provisions of Title 30, Section 2061 of the Revised Statutes of 1964 and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof. The polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and close at 12:00 noon.

Select Board

Hickey, Gary II – 434
McGee, Steven – 285
Small, Erin - 40

MSAD

Holmes, Joshua - 69
Rogers, Molly - 235

The Business Meeting will open at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon, April 1st, 2023, at the West Gardiner Volunteer Fire Department then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

John opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Greg Couture spoke to thank all volunteers for their time to the Town.

Deb Couture spoke thanking all the Comprehensive Plan volunteers working on revising the Comprehensive Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to spend up to 25% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting or take any other action thereon.

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the payment of interest on tax anticipated loans.

Select Board Recommends: from Surplus

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Town Officials or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen recommend: \$210,996.00 (22) \$212,660.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Selectmen	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Administrative Assistant/ Excise Tax Collector/ Town Clerk	\$ 51,584.00	\$ 58,000.00
Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 42,952.00	\$ 43,400.00
Clerical Help	\$ 32,760.00	\$ 41,410.00
Office Support	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.00
Fire Chief	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Fire Department Officers	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Wardens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 6,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 15,500.00

CEO Alternate	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
E-911 Coordinator	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 3,850.00

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion on why such an increase to the Excise Tax Collector/Town Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector, and Clerical Help salaries.

DOL (Department of Labor) increased Salaried & Hourly positions that weren't meeting the annual guidelines they had.

Motion made to modify the FD Officers from \$3,000.00 to \$4,500.00

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion as there has been no increase in 10 years for the Officers.

Vote on amending article to increase \$1,500 for a total of \$214,160.00 from Excise Tax.

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Administrative Account and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any receipts to the Administrative Account and carry any money forward into accounts as may be deemed necessary or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 20,000.00 (22) \$ 45,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion as to why amount as doubled in appropriation. Carry Forward was greater last year than this year.

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the town website to be developed and maintained or take any other action thereon.

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 2,400.00 (22) \$ 2,400.00 (23)
From Excise Tax**

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Insurance Account or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$145,000.00 (22) \$ 130,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Fuel Account or take any other action thereon.

**Select Board Recommends: \$45,000.00 (22) \$ 45,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax**

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment on taxes not yet committed or take any other action thereon.

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes and set a date after which interest shall be charged or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: 4% per year starting October 1st.

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable.

Select Board Recommends: July 1, 2023

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to pay for tax abatements or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: From overlay

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, with such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: Sale by bid only after published notice in the local newspaper.

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of the cost of the Social Security plan as provided for in Chapter 395 of Public Laws of 1951.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 30,000.00 (22) \$ 30,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Support of Poor or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 3,000.00 (22) \$ 3,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Discussion was made that the amount was too low and proposed an increase of \$3,000.00 more for a total of \$6,000.00.

Vote on amended article to change the appropriation to \$6,000.00 - failed.

Back to voting on original written.

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Care of Cemeteries or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 27,000.00 (22) \$ 27,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for a Cemetery Equipment Account or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 0.00 (22) \$ 5,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the possible expansion of a Town Cemetery or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends \$ 0.00 (22) \$ 10,000.00 (23)

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Discussion was made about the possibly of purchasing a partial of land around a current Town Cemetery to expand a little but that was not possible any longer.

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Decoration of Soldiers Graves or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 1,400.00 (22) \$ 1,400.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society of Augusta or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 6,000.00 (22) \$ 6,500.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

PROTECTION AND SANITATION

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the West Gardiner Fire Department or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 25,000.00 (22) \$ 32,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for communications or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 55,000.00 (22) \$ 55,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the seventeenth (17th) of thirty (30) payments on the new fire station or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 30,000.00 (22) \$ 30,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to repair fire trucks or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 0.00 (22) \$ 10,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to purchase Personal Protective Equipment or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 7,500.00 (22) \$ 10,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for SCBA & Associated Equipment or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 27,300.00 (22) \$ 5,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to participate in the Gardiner Ambulance Service or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 65,100.00 (22) \$ 75,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the streetlights or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 1,400.00 (22) \$ 1,400.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 329,135.41 from 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 a Fire Department Freightliner Pierce Pumper truck.

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town of West Gardiner (1) approve a capital acquisition project consisting of the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner Fire Truck with associated accessories and equipment, and including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to fund the project, and authorize the Select Board to accept grant funds from FEMA in such amount as may be awarded, which amount is also appropriated to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$140,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$ 707,927.00
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan): \$ -0-
- c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved: \$ 140,000.00

2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.50% for a four (4) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal \$ 140,000.00
Interest \$ 19,765.00
Total: \$ 159,765.00

3.VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Town Treasurer

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Community Events that are held at the West Gardiner Fire Department or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 1,200.00 (22) \$ 1,200.00 (23)
From F.M. Lease

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to maintain the West Gardiner Transfer Station or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 135,000.00 (22) \$ 155,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax/Surplus/CD

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Transfer Station Facilities Maintenance account or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 10,000.00 (22) \$ 10,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the seventh (7th) of sixteen (16) payments on the new town garage or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 27,000.00 (22) \$ 24,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of roads during the winter months or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 110,000.00 (22) \$ 155,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion made to amend article to \$185,000.00 (\$25,000.00 appropriation & \$165,000.00 Excise Tax).
Motion was 2nd .

Amended article approved.

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of roads during summer months or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 55,000.00 (22) \$ 57,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for paving town roads or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 120,000.00 (22) \$ 120,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for mowing roadsides and cutting bushes or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 10,000.00 (22) \$ 5,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: Funds from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the first of seven payments for the New Highway Truck or take any other action thereon.

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 30,000.00 (22) \$ 4,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax**

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for a town highway equipment account or take any other action thereon.

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 15,000.00 (22) \$ 24,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax**

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Discussion – Gary Hickey, Road Commissioner, asked for an increase of \$6,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00 for equipment.

Motion made to amend the article to be \$30,000.00.
Motion 2nd .

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Highway Building account or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 0.00 (22) \$ 5,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Friendly Neighbors Senior Citizens Club or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 0.00 (22) \$ 5,600.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Cobbosseecontee Snowmobile Club or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 2,038.00 (22) \$ 1,926.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to recognize the West Gardiner Veterans to be added to the Veterans Monument at a later **date** or to take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 1,000.00 (22) \$ 1,000.00 (23)

Motion to amend article wording to include "date" after later.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as amended wording.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Gardiner Library or take any other action thereon.

Gardiner Library requests: \$ 35,873.00 (22) \$ 34,740.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the following requests or take any other action thereon:

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 10,451.00 (22)	\$ 11,366.00 (23)
Hospice Volunteers of K.V.	\$ 1,451.00 (22)	\$ 1,451.00 (23)
Family Violence Project	\$ 1,350.00 (22)	\$ 1,350.00 (23)
Chrysalis Place	\$ 1,000.00 (22)	\$ 1,500.00 (23)
Faith Food Pantry	\$ 1,500.00 (22)	\$ 1,500.00 (23)
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2,150.00 (22)	\$ 2,365.00 (23)
United Valley American Red Cross	\$ 3,200.00 (22)	\$ 3,200.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion about the local food banks and how they are seeing an increase of food given out as the cost of things are going up.

Motion was made to amend the total from \$11,366.00 to \$14,366.00 to affect the following requests:

Chrysalis Place from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00

Faith Food Pantry from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00.

Motion was 2nd.

Vote on amended article.

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley or take any other action thereon.

Boys & Girls Club Requests:	\$ 15,900.00 (22)	\$ 15,900.00 (23)
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Motion to approve article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion was asked what this appropriation was used for. The representative from the Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley, Ingrid S., spoke in regards to the question.

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Newsletter or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$3,000.00 (22) \$ 3,600.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the following requests or take any other action thereon.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Request	\$ 6,000.00 (22)	\$ 12,200.00 (23)
Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI)	\$ 1,000.00 (22)	\$ 7,200.00 (23)
DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester)	\$ 5,000.00 (22)	\$ 5,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept a legacy from which interest is to be used for Perpetual Care for the following burial lots:

Cheryl & John Adams	\$100.00
William Beaulieu	100.00
Margaret & Paul Fetter	200.00
Kate Martin	200.00
Jason & Hilliary Dudley	400.00
Lisa Smead	400.00
John Spencer	400.00

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Office building in need of upgrades or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 9,000.00 (22) \$ 10,000.00 (23)
From Excise Tax

Motion was made to amend article to read “raise or appropriate” instead of “From Excise Tax”
Motion was 2nd .

Vote on amended article

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the exterior repairs to the Auxiliary Hall or take any other actions thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 8,000.00 (22) \$ 8,000.00 (23)
From Surplus

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as written.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long-term lease of Town property to be used for a solar farm or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends Approval

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to accept West Ridge Road to Seth’s Way as a maintained Town Road after it is finalized and meets all town requirements or take any other action thereon.

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd .

Discussion on why this article is being addressed before it’s even completed. Why is it not being completed before it is asked to be taken over as a Town Road. Gary Hickey,

Road Commissioner, stated he does not believe we need another Town Road. We have too many roads to take care of now.

Motion made to passover article.
Motion was 2nd.

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Historical Society building or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 120,000.00 (22) \$ 75,000.00 (23)
From Approp./Surplus

Motion was made to amend the article to \$115,000.00 (\$50,000.00 Appropriation & \$65,000.00 Surplus).
Motion was 2nd.

Discussion talked about if this is in addition to last years' article approving \$120,000.00. Greg explained that last year's amount after the slab and radiant heat left a balance of \$91,000.00. This increase will allow for a "dry building" in which the costs have increased to purchase the supplies to do the building.

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to donate to the Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley towards the construction of a new building.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 25,000.00 (22) \$ 25,000.00 (23)

Motion to approve article as read.
Motion was 2nd.

Greg spoke about what this is for – helping with building costs. Last year the club approached the Town for another \$100,000.00 to help with the new building. The Board decided to break it up over the next 4-year period as to why this article is listed.

Discussion talked about why we are appropriating more money for the club when they said many years ago that they would be self-sufficient.

Hand count vote was taken – 98 approved the spending and 104 opposed the spending.

Article failed as written.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Cobbossee Lake Dam & New Mills Dam Repairs or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 0.00 (22)

\$ 5,000.00 (23)

Motion was made to amend article to be \$5,375.00.
Motion was 2nd .

Article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Commercial Solar Ordinance.

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Self-Storage Ordinance.

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Medical Marijuana Store Front Ordinance.

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities Ordinance.

Motion was made to move over article.
Motion was 2nd .

Article was passed over.

ARTICLE 64. Citizens Petition: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Minimum Residential Lot Size to 3 acres, 130,680 sq ft.

Motion was made to accept the article as read.

Motion was 2nd.

Discussion for this Citizen Petition was due to the concern of the town growing. Out growing the Fire Station and Transfer Station infrastructure. The new LD2003 law that becomes effective 7/1 talked about if the law passed the House & Senate along with the Governor, it would overwrite the ordinance we have in place.

Vote taken to accept the article as written: 77 approved the article as written & 104 opposed the article as written.

Article failed as written.

ARTICLE 65. Citizens Petition: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Minimum Frontage to 300 lineal and contiguous feet of road frontage or a 300 x 300 ft square inserted inside of said lot boundaries.

Article failed as written.

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of West Gardiner by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit or take any other action thereon. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot).

Motion was made to move over article.

Motion was 2nd.

Article was passed over.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion 2nd.

All in favor, non-opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM

The Registrar, Angela J. Phillis, hereby gives notice that she will be at the polls for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 8:00 a.m. in the morning until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of March, 2023.

Gregory A. Couture

Randall W. Macomber

Steven A. McGee
Select Board
Town of West Gardiner

ATTEST: _____
Tina J. Marks
Resident of West Gardiner