

**Town of Atkinson  
2003 Town Warrant**

To: Debra Roberts, Constable of Atkinson, County of Piscataquis, 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 Atkinson, qualified by law to vote in said Town of Atkinson, to meet at the Atkinson Fire Hall on Monday, 24th day of March A.D. 2003 in the evening at 7:00 P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1** To choose a Moderator to reside over said meeting.
- ART. 2** To choose a Town Clerk and vote compensation  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2300.00
- ART. 3** To vote compensation for the First Selectman:  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2300.00
- ART. 4** To choose a Second Selectman for a term of (3) three years and vote compensation:  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
- ART. 5** To vote compensation for the Third Selectman:  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00
- ART. 6** To choose a Treasurer and vote compensation:  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$750.00
- ART. 7** To choose a Collector of Taxes and vote compensation:  
Budget Committee Recommends:  
Taxes at 2.5% of taxes collected &  
Excise Taxes at \$4.00 per copy
- ART. 8** To choose an Animal Control Officer and vote compensation:  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$600.00
- ART. 9** To choose a Constable and vote compensation:  
Budget Committee Recommends:  
\$15. 00 per Warrant Up to \$100. 00
- ART. 10** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road

Commissioner and vote compensation.

Budget Committee Recommends:  
\$200.00 and .25 per mile

**ART. 11** To vote on compensation for Planning Board Members:  
Budget Committee Recommends: No Compensation

**ART. 12** To vote on compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer,  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1000. 00 per year.

**ART. 13** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

ACCT 5101 Administration	\$16,000.00
ACCT 5103 Insurance	\$5,000.00
ACCT 5105 Salaries	\$18,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$39,000.00

**ART. 14** To see what sum of money the Town will vote and appropriate for

PROTECTION ACCOUNTS

ACCT 5201 Fire Protection	\$6,000.00
ACCT 5202 Animal Control	\$600.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$6,600.00

**ART. 15** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

SANITATION ACCOUNTS

ACCT 5301 Dover-Foxcroft Landfill	\$9,000.00
ACCT 5302 PERC	\$7,000.00
ACCT 5303 Septic Sludge Disposal	\$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$16,500.00

**ART. 16** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for:

HIGHWAYS

ACCT 5401 Summer Roads	\$12,000.00
ACCT 5402 Winter Roads	\$68,000.00
ACCT 5403 Highway Improvement	\$35,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$115,000.00

**ART. 17** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

UNCLASSIFIED

ACCT. 5903 Cold Smoke Riders Snowmobile Club \$331.70

Budget Committee Recommends: \$331.70

**ART. 18** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the

following revenues to reduce the 2003 tax commitment.

41 - Interest, charges for services, penalties, misc.	\$15,000.00
42 - State Revenues	\$60,000.00
44 - Excise Taxes	\$40,000.00
45 - Snowmobile Refund	\$331.70
47 - Surplus	\$14,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$129,331.70

**ART. 19** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

ACCT. 5601 General Assistance

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000.00

**ART. 20** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

Community Health and Counseling.

Agency Requests:	Home Health Services	\$294.00
	Mental Health	\$88.00

**ART. 21** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

Piscataquis County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Agency Requests: \$200.00

**ART. 22** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

the Eastern Agency on Aging.

Agency Requests: \$300.00

**ART. 23** To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise and appropriate for the American Red Cross.

Agency Requests: \$100.00

**ART. 24** To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise and appropriate for the United Cerebral Palsy Agency.

Agency Requests: \$350.00

**ART. 25** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Penquis Community Action Program.

Agency Requests: \$634.00

**ART. 26** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Womancare/Aegis Association.

Agency Requests: \$200.00

**ART. 27** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Pine Tree Hospice.

Agency Requests: \$300.00

**ART. 28** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

Agency Requests: \$100.00

**ART. 29** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each category of the Atkinson Annual Budget during the period from 1 February, 2003. to the March Annual Town Meeting.

**ART. 30** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at five (5) Percent for the fiscal year 2003.

**ART. 31** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. S2953.

**ART. 32** To see if the Town will vote to accept any/all monies (for trust

funds) paid during the year.

**ART. 33** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to offer for sale, by bid, any real estate that is acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

**ART. 34** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money with the consent and signatures of the Selectmen when necessary, to meet liabilities of the Town including notes for the current year, out of taxes raised in that year, and/or State Road Funds under provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, as amended.

**ART. 35** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge 6 % interest on unpaid taxes after November 1, 2003.

**ART. 36** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet due or assessed.

**ART. 37** To see if the Town will give a \$200.00 donation to each Junior, from Atkinson, going to Washington, D.C. in May for the Close-Up Program. All monies to come out of the Atkinson School Trust Funds.

**ART. 38** To see if the Town will vote to give a \$200.00 scholarship to each Senior, from Atkinson, graduating from High School, who is going to continue his/her education. Money to be given when student starts his/her second semester of school. All monies to come out of the Atkinson Trust Funds.

**ART. 39** To see if the Town will vote to give each full time College Student in their second year and up from Atkinson \$100. 00, to be paid in January, at the beginning of their second semester for up to 3 years of college.

**ART. 40** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Budget Committee of five (5) or more persons, to serve without pay.

**ART. 41** To see if the Town will vote to ratify overdrafts as the same occurred in Town Operations for the year 2002.

**ART. 42** To choose two persons to serve as Directors of M.S.A.D. #41 for three (3) years.

**ART. 43** To see what portion of the monies from the sale of the School the Town wishes to add to the School Trust Fund CD.

Hereof fail not and have you this warrant with your doing thereon. Given under our hands and seal, this 7 th day of March A.D. 2003.

CARL O. DOW  
DAVID R. KINNEY  
THOMAS E. HARVEY, SR.

ATTEST: Debra Roberts, Constable of THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, March 7th 2003, Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Atkinson, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein named. By posting this day and attested copy, of the within warrant, at Snow's A.G. and Atkinson Town Hall, the same being a conspicuous public place in said Town.

Debra Roberts  
Constable of Atkinson