

Special Town meeting minutes for 07/25/2023

Meeting called to order by Willie Ingraham at 6:00pm

Willie Called a nomination for moderator. Maryann Kinney was nominated and voted in as moderator.

Art 2 as originally written: To see if the town will vote to authorize expenditure of \$100,000 for road work. The town has experienced increased anticipated work due to the December storm. Budget needs to be increased to covered said repairs.

Willie Spoke that we have been working with FEMA for reimbursement. Per our point of contact with FEMA, we are looking to receive 100% refund for road expenses from the December storm. We must have the roads completed 100% to have them qualify. There was a motion made to change the amount in the article from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Motion passed 21-2. Further discussion was had about fixing the roads necessary for FEMA completion as well as general road maintenance. Vicky Larrabee spoke her road was rough and really needed to be repaired. Amended article was voted on and passed 23-0. \$50,000 will be added to the road fund.

Art 3 as originally written: To see if the town will be in favor of making the payment to Bond. In error of omission to previous town meeting, a bond payment needs to be approved of \$152,035 to avoid penalties and fees.

Motion to amend article to state funds will be from taxation. New Article reads as follows: To see if the town will be in favor of making the payment to Bond from taxation. In error of omission to previous town meeting, a bond payment needs to be approved of \$152,035 to avoid penalties and fees. The amended article was passed 23-0. Article was passed 23-0.

Art 4 as originally written: To see if the town is in favor of adding \$20,000 to the budget for an outside assessor. The town has hired an outside assessor to review and commit yearly property taxes. The budget will cover the yearly fees, as well as extra time for any corrections to previous years to be made.

Motion to amend article to read as follows: To see if the town is in favor of raising and appropriating \$20,000 for an outside assessor for 2023 commitment from taxation. Voting for amendment passed 24-0. Amended article passed 24-0.

Art 5 as originally written: To see if the town approves of bringing back personal property taxes. In order to be compliant with the Maine constitution, we are required to bill personal property taxes. We will not be billing Personal property totaling \$500 or less.

Motion was made to amend to remove the last section of the article as it is not compliant with the Maine Constitution. New article is to read as follows: To see if the town approves of bringing back personal property taxes. In order to be compliant with the Maine constitution, we are required to bill personal property taxes. Amendment passed 10-8. Amended article passed 11-7.

Art 6: To see if the town approves the First selectmen salary to go from \$13,000 to \$4,500. First selectmen salary was set higher as he also did town property assessment. Salary will lower with new assessor being hired.

A motion was made to change the salary as written from 4,500 to \$8,000 as well as to delete the last information section of the article. Motion passed 13-1. New article will be as follows: To see if the town approves the First selectmen salary to go from \$13,000 to \$8,000. The amended article passed 13-1.

Art 7 as originally written: To see if the town is in favor of using the remaining ARPA Funds of \$26,050.69 to install the electric sign.

Article passed 18-0 as originally written.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Thank you,
Ivy Larrabee
Clerk, Tax Collector