

RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Town of Islesboro, Maine
Saturday, May 13, 2023

Registered Voters: 113

Also in attendance was State Representative Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr.

Clerks: Sharon McCorison, Tina Pendleton, David Dyer, Carrie Reed, Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Jane Wherren, Terry Sanderson

Counters: Donna Seymour, Jane Wherren, Carol Pierson

Before the meeting started Doug Welldon & Fred Porter spoke about the Islesboro Ambulance Association's recruitment slide show and the need for people to join the Islesboro Ambulance team.

Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr, state representative spoke briefly.

Deputy Clerk Tina Pendleton opened the meeting at 9:23 AM.

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

PAGE CLASON was elected as moderator by WRITTON BALLOT

5 YES, 0 NO

Article 2. **To elect the following Town officials:** The following officials were elected **BY WRITTEN BALLOT**

A. One Select Board member for a term of **three** years, to expire at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. [Currently Melissa Burn's seat.]

MELISSA BURNS was re-elected as Select Board member

53 VOTES MELISSA, 1 INVALID – TOTAL OF 54 VOTES

B. One Select Board member for a term of **three** years, to expire at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. [Currently Shey Conover's seat.]

SHEY CONOVER was re-elected as Select Board Member

52 VOTES – TOTAL OF 52 VOTES

<p>C. One Select Board member for a term of one year, to expire at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. [Currently Gabe Pendleton’s term.]</p> <p>Dylan Purington and Pete Anderson were nominated from the floor</p> <p>PETE ANDERSON was elected as Select Board Member</p> <p><u>52 - PETE ANDERSON, 45 - DYLAN PURINGTON, 2 INVALID – TOTAL 99 VOTES</u></p>
<p>D. One School Board member for a term of three years, to expire at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. [Currently David Dyer’s seat.]</p> <p>DAVID DYER was re-elected as School Board Member</p> <p><u>39 VOTES – TOTAL 39 VOTES</u></p>
<p>E. One School Board member for a term of three years, to expire at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. [Currently Skye Purdy’s seat.]</p> <p>SKY PURDY was re-elected as School Board Member</p> <p><u>42 VOTES – TOTAL 42 VOTES</u></p>

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget
A. Select Board	\$16,100.00	\$16,625.00
B. Municipal Building	\$36,900.00	\$40,400.00
C. Islesboro Mun. Broadband Subsidy	\$138,750.00	\$123,910.00
D. Planning, Assessing, Codes	\$97,200.00	\$135,010.00
E. Groundwater	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
F. Administration	\$344,665.00	\$285,284.96
G. Early Education	\$75,000.00	\$93,000.00
H. Consultants/Roads Committee	\$20,500.00	\$500.00
I. Board of Appeals	\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$740,415.00	\$695,029.96

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **PUBLIC SAFETY** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY24	
	FY23 Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Fire Protection	\$66,570.00	\$69,271.00
B. Public Safety	\$114,601.00	\$123,158.00
C. Emergency Management Training	\$880.00	\$880.00
D. Communication	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
E. Street Lights	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
F. Water Rescue	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$196,051.00	\$206,309.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **HEALTH & WELFARE** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY24	
	FY23 Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Ambulance	\$93,731.00	\$95,331.00
B. General Assistance	\$27,000.00	\$36,000.00
C. Health Center Operations	\$769,396.00	\$785,593.00
D. Island Fellow		\$7,000.00
E. Coastal Community Grant		\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$890,127.00	\$933,924.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **PUBLIC WORKS** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY24	
	FY23 Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Road Maintenance	\$161,500.00	\$157,000.00
B. Personnel & Vehicle Expenses	\$119,760.00	\$127,748.00
C. Snow Removal	\$261,000.00	\$259,750.00
D. Building Maintenance	\$91,200.00	\$69,985.00
E. Infrastructure Resiliency (Fellow)	\$7,000.00	Moved to 44-6
F. Energy Committee	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
TOTAL	\$691,460.00	\$664,483.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **WASTE REMOVAL** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24
		Proposed Budget
A. Septage Field	\$1,250.00	\$1,100.00
B. Transfer Station	\$226,364.00	\$245,855.00
TOTAL	\$227,614.00	\$246,955.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **RECREATION** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24
		Proposed Budget
A. Library	\$87,615.00	\$90,622.00
B. Museum	\$16,600.00	\$23,640.00
C. Harbors	\$70,440.00	\$50,000.00
D. Shellfish Conservation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
E. Recreation Programs	\$50,837.50	\$53,236.00
TOTAL	\$226,492.50	\$218,498.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24
		Proposed Budget
A. Waldo Comm. Action Partners	\$72.00	\$690.00
B. Hospice of Waldo County	\$500.00	\$500.00
C. New Hope for Women	\$1,655.00	\$1,985.00
D. American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$300.00
E. Spectrum Generations	\$300.00	\$300.00
F. The Lifeflight Foundation	\$566.00	\$583.00
G. Waldo YMCA	\$50.00	\$50.00
H. Waldo Pet Food Pantry (new)	\$0.00	\$250.00
I. Waldo County Bounty (new)	\$0.00	\$200.00
J. Outreach Worker	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,643.00	\$19,858.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 10 . To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **UNCLASSIFIED** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget
A. Memorial Day Celebration	\$600.00	\$600.00
B. Town Cemeteries	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
C. Health & Liability Insurances	\$319,162.00	\$342,850.00
D. Auditing Report	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
TOTAL	\$359,762.00	\$383,450.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget
A. Municipal Buildings	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
B. Soccer Field Improvement	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
C. Solar – Salt Building (buy out)	\$10,000.00	\$34,000.00
D. Solar – Town Office (buy out)	\$10,000.00	\$34,000.00
E. Dark Harbor Waste Water	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
F. Fire Engine	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
G. Health Center Electronic Tech.	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
H. Sea Level Rise/Engineering	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
I. Police Cruiser	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
J. Road Reconstruction/Paving	\$175,000.00	\$100,000.00
K. Public Works Equipment	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$285,000.00	\$281,000.00

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for each of the following **MISCELLANEOUS** purposes:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Purpose	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget
A. Debt Service/ IMB	\$267,037.50	\$265,537.50
B. Debt Service/Municipal Building Project/MMBB (Fall of 2023) \$1.75mil		\$45,000.00
B. Contingency	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$297,037.50	\$340,537.50

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the categories of **REVENUE** funds listed below and thereby decrease the amount to be raised by taxation:

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

FY23

<i>Source of Funds</i>	FY23 Budget	Proposed Budget
A. Excise Taxes (Estimated Revenue):	\$150,000.00	\$175,000.00
B. Non-Tax General Fund Revenues (Estimated Revenue):	\$169,210.00	\$180,605.00
C. Undesignated Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. State Revenue Sharing (Estimated Revenue):	\$72,090.00	\$90,767.11
D. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement (Estimated Revenue):	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$436,300.00	\$486,372.11

Select Board recommends a “Yes” vote.

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School Board Chair, David Dyer read a statement from Superintendent Dominic DePatsy who could not be in attendance.

ARTICLE # 14	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. Recommend <u>\$1,317,093.00</u>	
School Committee Recommends:	\$1,317,093.00
The Regular Instruction includes expenses directly related to K-12 classroom teaching and learning such as salaries for teachers, substitutes, instructional materials and supplies.	
Teaching salaries	\$946,593.00
Benefits and health insurance	267,705.00
Professional credits and development, dues, conferences, travel	24,275.00
Contracted services and copiers	16,100.00
Materials, books, supplies	36,760.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	4,700.00
Computer hardware and software	13,310.00
Secondary tuition classes and field trips	7,650.00
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,317,093.00

ARTICLE # 15		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education. Recommend <u>\$216,541.00.</u>		
School Committee Recommends:		\$216,541.00
Special Education includes expenses for direct classroom instruction and outside special education services.		
Teaching and coordinator salaries		\$130,132.00
Benefits and health insurance		33,187.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel		3,452.00
Contracted services and testing		46,950.00
Materials, books, supplies		2,820.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment		0.00
Computer hardware and software		0.00
Student tuition		0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$216,541.00

ARTICLE # 16		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. Recommend <u>\$45,680.00.</u>		
School Committee Recommends:		\$45,680.00
Career and Technical Education includes assessment expenses approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board directly related to student vocational education and debt service.		
Student Assessment Vocational		\$5,311.00
Vocational Assessment Debt Service		\$40,369.00
TOTAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		\$45,680.00

ARTICLE # 17		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. Recommend <u>\$134,214.00.</u>		
School Committee Recommends:		\$134,214.00
Other Instruction includes expenses directly related to extracurricular athletics and co-curricular activities.		
Stipends and salaries		\$82,634.00
Benefits		8,280.00
Dues and conferences		1,400.00
Officials		4,200.00
Supplies		7,700.00
Student travel		30,000.00
TOTAL OTHER INSTRUCTION		\$134,214.00

ARTICLE # 18	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. Recommend <u>\$194,782.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$194,782.00
Student and Staff Support includes expenses for direct support of classroom instruction and learning such as guidance, health services and technology services.	
GUIDANCE	
Teaching salaries	\$112,410.00
Benefits and health insurance	57,430.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	2,800.00
Contracted services, Pathways and testing	4,675.00
Materials, books, supplies	800.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	0.00
Computer hardware and software	0.00
Field trips and student travel	100.00
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$178,215.00
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES	
Health Contracted Services	\$10,400.00
Health Supplies and Dues	\$1,180.00
TOTAL STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES	\$11,580.00
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
Summer Tech Services, Web Master	\$4,767.00
Benefits	220.00
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$4,987.00
TOTAL STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT	\$194,782.00

ARTICLE # 19	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration. Recommend <u>\$163,416.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$163,416.00
System Administration includes all expenses system-wide for the School Committee, financial services and Superintendent's Office.	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Stipends	\$2,800.00
Benefits	223.00
Contracted services, legal services, liability insurance	9,175.00
Dues, conferences, advertising, supplies, travel	2,889.00
TOTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS	\$15,087.00
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
Financial contracted technical services	\$12,830.00
Audit	15,435.00

Financial system technology supplies	790.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$29,055.00
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	
Salaries	\$97,348.00
Benefits and health insurance	18,236.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	2,550.00
Contracted services	0.00
Computer hardware, software, equipment, furniture and supplies	1,140.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$119,274.00
TOTAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$163,416.00

ARTICLE # 20	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration. Recommend \$198,441.00.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$198,441.00
School Administration includes all expenses for the direct operation of the Principal's Office.	
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	
Salaries	\$136,888.00
Benefits and health insurance	50,503.00
Professional credits, dues, conferences, travel	4,450.00
Contracted and technical services	1,900.00
Printing and binding, periodicals, supplies	4,325.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	375.00
Computer hardware and software	0.00
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$198,441.00
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$198,441.00

ARTICLE # 21	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. Recommend \$58,188.00.	
School Committee Recommends:	\$58,188.00
Transportation and Buses includes all expenses for student transportation and bus purchases and bus maintenance.	
BUS OPERATION	
Salaries	\$30,758.00
Benefits and health insurance	3,847.00
Contracted services, testing, fees	900.00
Fuel, insurance, travel	16,183.00
Maintenance, parts, supplies	6,500.00

New Equipment	0.00
Lease/Purchase payment	0.00
Out of District transportation	0.00
TOTAL BUS OPERATION	\$58,188.00

ARTICLE # 22	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. Recommend: <u>\$308,916.00</u>	
School Committee Recommends:	\$308,916.00
Facilities Maintenance includes all expenses for operation of the plant.	
OPERATION OF PLANT	
Salaries	\$87,950.00
Benefits and health insurance	9,410.00
Property and liability insurances	16,811.00
Contracted, repair services	72,500.00
Utilities, fuel oil, propane	96,470.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment/repair, travel, supplies, fees	18,275.00
Contingency Fund	7,500.00
TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	\$308,916.00
TOTAL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$308,916.00

ARTICLE # 23	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service. Recommend: <u>\$196,965.00</u>	
School Committee Recommends:	\$196,965.00
School Construction Bond Interest	\$36,965.00
School Construction Bond Principal	\$160,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$196,965.00

ARTICLE # 24	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures Recommend <u>\$72,445.00</u> .	
School Committee Recommends:	\$72,445.00
All Other Expenditures includes the local expenses for the school food service program.	
FOOD SERVICE	\$72,445.00
Salaries	\$49,614.00
Benefits and health insurance	13,029.00
Contracted services, equipment, repairs, supplies, travel, fees	9,802.00
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$72,445.00
TOTAL ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$72,445.00

ARTICLE # 25		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
<p>To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommends <u>\$916,408.00</u>**) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, section 15688. (Recommend <u>\$840,371.52</u>**)</p>		
School Committee Recommends:		Approval as written.
<p>Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.</p> <p>**Preliminary estimate numbers from ED279 released March 28, 2023.</p>		

ARTICLE # 26		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
<p>To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town voters for non-state-funded school construction projects and non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.</p> <p align="right">Recommend</p> <p>\$196,965.00.</p>		
School Committee Recommends:		Approval as written.
School Construction Bond Interest		\$36,965.00
School Construction Bond Principal		\$160,000.00
Total Debt Service		\$196,965.00
<p>Explanation: Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the town's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by voters.</p>		

ARTICLE # 27		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
<p>To see if the Town will Raise <u>\$72,445.00</u> for the Food Service Program.</p>		
School Committee Recommends:		\$72,445.00

ARTICLE # 28	PASSED BY WRITTEN BALLOT 53 YES, 5 NO TOTAL OF 58
(Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend <u>\$1,236,939.48</u>) which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation by (Recommend <u>\$1,236,939.48</u>) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?	
The School Committee Recommends <u>\$1,236,939.48</u> for additional local funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by <u>\$1,236,939.48</u>: The State Funding Model does not fund all of the costs necessary to run island schools.	

Discussion was held by the school board after this vote explaining how they came to this number by adjusting the fund balance after speaking with the auditors. The voters were asked by the moderator if they wanted to move to revote on this article, there were no motions from the floor.

ARTICLE # 29	PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. Recommend <u>\$2,906,681.00</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 30	PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
To see if the Town will appropriate <u>\$0.00</u> for Adult Education and raise <u>\$0.00</u> as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 31	PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
Vocational Education Regional Day Programs “Shall the Regional Career and Technical Operating Budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 be approved in the amount of <u>\$5,890,152.00</u>?” Local share from this school district is: <u>\$5,310.66</u>.	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 32		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
Adult Vocational Education Regional Programs		
“To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate <u>\$224,863.00</u> for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and raise <u>\$92,500.00</u> as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.” Local share from this school district is: <u>\$1,946.69</u> .		
School Committee Recommends:		Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 33		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the School Bus Reserve Account.		
School Bus Reserve		\$3,000.00
School Committee Recommends:		\$3,000.00

ARTICLE # 34		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the Capital Improvement Reserve Account.		
Capital Improvement Reserve Account		\$135,000.00
School Committee Recommends:		\$135,000.00

ARTICLE # 35		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see what sum of money the Town will RAISE and APPROPRIATE for the Solar Project Reserve Account.		
Solar Project Reserve Account		\$20,000.00
School Committee Recommends:		\$20,000.00

ARTICLE # 36		<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend such sums of money as they deem necessary from the School Bus Reserve, Capital Improvement Reserve and Solar Project Reserve Accounts for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the School’s approved budget.		
School Committee Recommends:		Approval as written.

ARTICLE # 37	<u>PASSED BY VOICE VOTE</u>
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to transfer a sum of \$100,000.00 to cover losses sustained by the School Nutrition Fund over the past several years from the School's Undesignated Fund Balance. This transfer is reflected outside of the School's approved budget.	
School Committee Recommends:	Approval as written.

Article 38. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of the overdrafts which may occur in the Town's operation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 by appropriation from unassigned fund balance.

Article 39. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**
 To see if the Town will vote to set the following as the due dates for taxes:
First Tax Bill: Due date of September 30, 2023, with the rate of interest on unpaid taxes as of October 1, 2023 at Eight (8.00) percent annual rate.
Second Tax Bill: Due date of February 28, 2024, with the rate of interest on unpaid taxes as of March 1, 2024 at Eight (8.00) percent annual rate.

Article 40. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2022-23 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at June 30, 2023 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Article 41. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**
 To see if the Town will vote to accept pre-payment of real estate and personal property taxes not yet due or assessed. The Town does not apply interest on such collections.

Article 42. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Treasurer, on behalf of the Town and any of the Town's departments, to accept gifts, real estate, donations, and other funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town, and to grant the Select Board the further authority to expend such sums of money as they deem necessary from these donations for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Article 43.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% for FY2024 and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

Article 44.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contracts and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

Article 45.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any personal property regardless of how it was obtained and any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds, if applicable, for such property. Property to be disposed of shall be advertised and sold by sealed bid except for the purpose of clearing title or conveyance of real estate to a prior owner.

Article 46.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.

Article 47.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Bruce L. Claflin and Karen C. Claflin, Trustees of the Bruce and Karen Claflin Family Trust UDT dated June 20, 2000, on property located at 146 Hewes Point Road (a portion of Tax Map 40, Lot 37.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM

ATTEST: a True Copy

May 16, 2023



Tina L. Pendleton, Deputy Town Clerk