

MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Town of New Gloucester May 6, 2019

The Town meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m., by the Town Clerk, Carrie Castonguay.

The Town Clerk announced to all the Historical Society has snacks and drinks available.

The Clerk led the Town Meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination of: Scott Cole

Nomination by:

Beverly Cadigan

Seconded by:

James Fitch

No other nominations were made.

Motion to close nominations:

George Colby

Seconded by:

Jim Fitch

Those in favor of closing nominations: All

Opposed:

None

Nomination of Scott Cole carried.

3 votes were cast for Scott Cole.

Scott Cole was elected Moderator.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Moderator.

The Moderator said residents may come to the microphone to ask questions. He said you must state your name and address. He said when voting on an article, please hold up the blue card you received when checking in.

The Moderator asked for a motion to allow non-resident Department Head to speak which includes the Town Manager, Town Planner, Librarian, Parks & Recreation Director, Public Works Director and Finance Director.

Steven Libby moved and James Fitch seconded a motion to allow non-resident Department Heads to speak which includes Town Manager Town Planner, Librarian, Parks & Recreation Director, Public Works Director and Finance Director. The vote carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$425,745 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 2		Selectmen	Budget Committee
101	Selectmen	\$ 17,100	\$ 17,100
102	Administration	\$ 323,000	\$ 323,000
105	Elections	\$ 9,395	\$ 9,395
106	Assessing	\$ 39,750	\$ 39,750
108	Legal	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
130	Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
138	Fuel Overrun Allowance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
		\$ 425,745	\$ 425,745

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

- Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 2 have passage at \$425,745*
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox and Steven Libby commented on this article
Motion: Carlton Wilcox moved to reduce Article 2 to \$419,657, which reduces 102 Administration by \$6,088 (MMA)
Second: Donald Libby
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Carrie Castonguay, Stephen Hathorne, Peter Bragdon, and Scott Morelli commented on the amendment
Vote: The amendment fails
Discussion: Patrick Gwinn and Paul Gillis commented on original motion
Vote: It was voted that Article 2 have passage at \$425,745

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,000 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 3		Selectmen	Budget Committee
103	General Assistance	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
131	Health Officer	\$ 500	\$ 500
132	Animal Control	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
135	Cemeteries	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
		\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Jim Fitch moved that Article 3 have passage at \$48,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox commented on this article
Motion: Carlton Wilcox moved to reduce Article 3 to \$43,000 which reduces the 135 Cemeteries budget to \$15,000
Second: George Carman
Vote: The amendment fails
Discussion: Frank Staton and Phil Blake commented on the original article
Vote: It was voted that Article 3 have passage at \$48,000

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$695,119 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 4		Selectmen	Budget Committee
112	Emergency Management	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
114	Street Lights	\$ 8,950	\$ 8,950
115	Public Safety Dispatch	\$ 40,757	\$ 40,757
117	Public Safety	\$ 643,112	\$ 643,112
		\$ 695,119	\$ 695,119

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Jim Fitch moved that Article 4 have passage at \$695,119
Second: George Carman
Discussion: John Kirby, Carrie Castonguay, Stephen Hathorne, Ellie Fellers, Peter Bragdon, Carlton Wilcox, Scott Morelli and Donald Libby commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 4 have passage at \$695,119

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,009,500 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 5		Selectmen	Budget Committee
116	Public Works	\$ 762,500	\$ 762,500
120	Solid Waste	\$ 247,000	\$ 247,000
		\$1,009,500	\$1,009,500

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Jim Fitch moved that Article 5 have passage at \$1,009,500
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox commented on this article
Motion: Carlton Wilcox moved to reduce Article 5 to \$984,800 which reduces 120 Solid Waste to \$222,300 (10%)
Second: Frank Staton
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Jim Fitch and George Colby commented on the amendment
Vote: The amendment fails
Discussion: Tim Joy commented on the original article
Vote: It was voted that Article 5 have passage at \$1,009,500

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$325,344 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 6		Selectmen	Budget Committee
104	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 66,624	\$ 66,624
113	Cable TV	\$ 13,720	\$ 13,720
123	Library	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
133	Parks & Recreation	\$ 139,000	\$ 139,000
		\$ 325,344	\$ 325,344

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Jim Fitch moved that Article 6 have passage at \$325,344
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Penny Hilton, Steven Libby, Patrick Gwinn, Carrie Castonguay, Peter Bragdon, Stephen Hathorne, Linda Chase, Donald Libby, Paul Gilles, Richard Cadigan, Joseph Davis, Laura Sturgis and Kathleen Potter commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 6 have passage at \$325,344

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$135,100 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 7		Selectmen	Budget Committee
107	Code Enforcement	\$ 65,600	\$ 65,600
122	Planning	\$ 69,500	\$ 69,500
		\$ 135,100	\$ 135,100

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 7 have passage at \$135,100

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 7 have passage at \$135,100

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,030,482 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 8		Selectmen	Budget Committee
109	Insurance	\$ 450,100	\$ 450,100
125	Social Security/Retirement	\$ 206,500	\$ 206,500
139	Debt Service	\$ 373,882	\$ 373,882
		\$1,030,482	\$1,030,482

The Budget Committee & Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 8 have passage at \$1,030,482

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 8 have passage at \$1,030,482

Article 9. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE FY19 RESCUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$12,500 from the undesignated fund balance to fund Rescue Department operations for the remainder of FY19.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 9 have passage at \$12,500

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Peter Bragdon and Carrie Castonguay commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 9 have passage at \$12,500

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$302,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for the following:

144	TIF District	\$ 290,000 (Estimated; determined when tax rate calculated)
145	Tax Abatements	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 302,000

The Select Board recommends passage as presented.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 10 have passage at \$302,000

Second: Barbara Seaver

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 10 have passage at \$302,000

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Cable Grant Account (G1-203-00, \$47,152) a sum not to exceed \$5,200 for the franchise contract renewal negotiation.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 11 have passage at \$5,200

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Carl Wilcox, Steven Libby and Carrie Castonguay commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 11 have passage at \$5,200

CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES:

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to return funds from accounts: G1-418-00 (\$16,199), Morse Road; G1-418-86 (\$59,824), Morse Road Paving; to G1-299-00 (\$600,290), TIF Reserve.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 12 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Carrie Castonguay commented on this article.

Vote: It was voted that Article 12 have passage as read

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to combine funds from accounts: G1-343-00, Fire Department Donations and G1-344-00, Rescue Donations; and rename the account Public Safety Donations.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 13 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Beverly Cadigan, Peter Bragdon, Steven Libby and Carrie Castonguay commented on this article.

Vote: It was voted that Article 13 have passage as read

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to combine funds from account: G1-414-00 (\$1,414), Woodman Hill Project; to G1-405-00 (\$90,918), Bridge Reserve Account.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 14 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 14 have passage as read

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 from Taxation for the Bridge Reserve Account (G1-405-00 -- \$90,918) in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 15 have passage at \$100,000

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Steven Libby, Tim Warrow, Ted Shane, Stephen Hathorne, Peter Bragdon and Charles Segars commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 15 have passage at \$100,000

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$220,000 from Capital Reserve Account and Taxation (G1-412-00 -- \$156,616; Taxation -- \$63,384) for Town-wide Revaluation in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 16 have passage at \$220,000

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 16 have passage at \$220,000

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$39,450 from Taxation for the purchase of Public Safety Turnout Gear (PPE) in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 17 have passage at \$39,450

Second: Donald Libby

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 17 have passage at \$39,450

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account and Taxation (G1-391-00 -- \$76,049; Taxation - \$25,000) for the purchase of a Loader in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 18 have passage at \$100,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Steven Libby and Ted Shane commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 18 have passage at \$100,000

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 -- \$150,124) for the purchase of a 1/2-ton Pick-up Truck in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 19 have passage at \$25,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Joseph Davis, Ted Shane, Frank Station and Steven Libby commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 19 have passage at \$25,000

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from Library Expansion Capital Reserve Account (G1-410-00 -- \$26,147) for Library Deck Construction/Repair in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 20 have passage at \$25,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 20 have passage at \$25,000

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 – \$150,124) in the ensuing year.

Public Works Capital Reserve Account	\$50,000 Tax
TOTAL	\$50,000

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 21 have passage at \$50,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 21 have passage at \$50,000

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the Public Safety Capital Reserve Account (G1-388-00 – \$442,324) in the ensuing year.

Public Safety Capital Reserve Account	\$50,000 Tax
TOTAL	\$50,000

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 22 have passage at \$50,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 22 have passage at \$50,000

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (G1-391-00 – \$76,049) in the ensuing year.

Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account	\$50,000 Tax
TOTAL	\$50,000

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 23 have passage at \$50,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 23 have passage at \$50,000

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Municipal Paving Projects.

Paving	\$265,000 Tax
TOTAL	\$265,000

The Select Board recommends passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 24 have passage at \$265,000
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Stephen Hathorne, Peter Bragdon and Ted Shane commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 24 have passage at \$265,000

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend the following categories of State and Federal Revenue funds during the ensuing year:

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. MDOT LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program)
3. MDOT MPI (Municipal Partnership Initiative)
4. Tree Growth Reimbursement
5. General Assistance Reimbursement
6. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
7. Snowmobile Registration Funds
8. Public Library State Aid
9. Emergency Management Assistance/Homeland Security Grants
10. Other State Aid (*pass-through funds and property tax relief*)
11. State and Federal Grants or Other Funds (*not included in items 1 – 10 above.*)

The Select Board recommend passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 25 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Scott Morelli and Amy Arata commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 25 have passage as read

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues to reduce the tax commitment: Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenue	
Building Inspection & Fees	\$ 41,325
Transfer Station Permits	\$ 2,400
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 7,000
Auto Excise Tax	\$ 1,125,000
Town Fees	\$ 17,000
Recreation Program Fees	\$ 92,630
Fines & Reimbursements	\$ 1,500
Clerk Fees	\$ 5,000
Rent Income	\$ 1
Copy/Fax Fees	\$ 125
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 28,000
Library Revenue	\$ 1,000
Investment Income	\$ 15,000
Capital Project Accounts Interest	\$ 6,000
Animal Control	\$ 1,750
Transfer Station Recycling	\$ 32,500
Real Estate Tax Interest	\$ 23,000
EMS Transport	\$ 97,500
Capital Res. Funds (Contingent Art. 12-19)	\$ 281,616
Undesignated Fund	\$ 550,000
TIF (Public Works Annual Debt)	\$ 72,500
Total	\$ 2,400,847

The Select Board recommend passage.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 26 have passage at \$2,400,847

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Mark Power, Steven Libby and Peter Bragdon commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 26 have passage at \$2,400,847

Article 27. DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the following foreclosed properties in such manner and on such terms as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

MAP	LOT	LOCATION	LAND/BUILDINGS
1	27	175 Pond Road	Land
4	30-F6	8 Jason Road	Land/Building
6	27-A	17 Swamp Road	Land/Building
7	17-A	182 Gloucester Hill Road	Land/Building
8	5-B	183 North Pownal Road	Land/Building
10	13-F3	Bald Hill Road	Building

Steven Libby stated Map 7 Lot 17-A should read 239 Gloucester Hill Road and Map 10 Lot 13-F3 should read 182 Bald Hill Road, Mobile

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 27 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 27 have passage as read

Article 28. Shall an ordinance entitled March 2019 Amendments to the Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance – Community Living Arrangements be enacted?

The following changes are proposed so as to bring the New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance into compliance with state law as required by MRSA Title 30-A, Section 4357-A.

Under Article 2, Definitions, The following revisions are proposed:

Community Living Arrangement - Per MRSA Title 30-A, Section 4357-A, A housing facility of eight (8) or fewer persons with disabilities that is approved, authorized, certified or licensed by the State. A community living arrangement may include a group home, foster home or intermediate care facility. In this instance "Disability" has the same meaning as the term "handicap" in the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 United States Code, Section 3602. As required by MRSA Title 30-A, Section 4357-A, Community living arrangements are considered the same as a single family residential use under this ordinance.

Under Section 4.4.3.B Rural Residential District Permitted Uses

The following uses are permitted subject to site plan review:

(...)

~~12. Community Living Arrangements~~

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 28 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Michael Rawlings-Sekunda and Scott Hastings comments on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 28 have passage as read

Article 29. Shall an ordinance entitled March 2019 Amendments to the *Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance – Live-in Health Care Facilities*, be enacted?

The following changes are being proposed to add a new, defined use, “live-in health care facility” to the town zoning ordinance. This will give the town the explicit ability and rules with which to regulate and review this type of use in the future. The proposed changes would allow smaller facilities (12 or less beds) in all zones with the exception of the Pineland Development Districts and Shoreland Zones. Larger facilities (greater than 12 beds) would only be allowed in the RC, RB, and UV zones. Specific performance standards in addition to the general ordinance requirements would be added to hold such facilities to a high standard of review and to ensure minimal impacts on abutters and the town as a whole. (see attached amendment)

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 29 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Scott Hastings, Michael Rawlings-Sekunda, Carol Gillis, Stephen Hathorne and Donald Libby commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 29 have passage as read

Article 30. Shall an ordinance entitled March 2019 Amendments to the *Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance – Similar Uses*, be enacted?

The following changes are proposed to add clarity and consistency to the ordinance and to bring the ordinance language into explicit alignment with how it is enforced in actual practice. The proposed language would require that any use not explicitly listed but deemed by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to be substantially similar to the explicitly allowed uses be reviewed by the Planning Board under the standards for site plan review. For example, currently barber shops and hair salons are only explicitly allowed in the village zone (around town hall and between Rte. 100, Gloucester Hill Rd, and Short Bennet Rd). Without a similar use provision the CEO would have to deny an application for a standalone hair salon in the Upper Village. A similar use provision allows the CEO to review the explicitly allowed uses and determine if the proposal is in keeping with those uses. The fact that other low volume, customer based uses, such as professional offices, small retail stores, and restaurants, are allowed might lead the CEO to state that a small, personal service based use, like a salon, is in keeping with allowed uses and send the application to the Planning Board for review. (see attached amendment)

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 30 have passage as presented

Second: Kathleen Potter

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 30 have passage as read

Article 31. Shall an ordinance entitled Town of New Gloucester Property Tax Assistance Ordinance, be enacted?

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 70 (seventy) years of age and over, whose household income is \$40,000 or less, who reside in the Town of New Gloucester. Under this program, the Town of New Gloucester will provide a tax credit to those individuals who qualify as New Gloucester resident beneficiaries of the State of Maine Residents Property Tax Program pursuant to Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes and meet the criteria established by this Ordinance. (see attached ordinance)

Ms. Castonguay said the recommendation is to fail this article due to incorrect statutes and citations in the ordinance.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 31 have passage as presented

Second: Kathleen Potter

Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Carrie Castonguay and Stephen Hathorne commented on this article

Vote: The motion on Article 31 failed

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 32 have passage at \$50,000

Second: George Carman

Discussion: Steven Libby and Stephen Hathorne commented on this article

Vote: The motion on Article 32 failed

Article 33. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT BUDGETED

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to accept revenue in excess of amounts budgeted on behalf of the town.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 33 have passage as presented

Second: Kathleen Potter

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 33 have passage as read

Article 34. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and matching funds required for the authorized purposes.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 34 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 34 have passage as read

Article 35. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF MONEY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 35 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 35 have passage as read

Article 36. ACCEPTANCE OF *CONDITIONAL* GIFTS OF MONEY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the legal purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the legal manner specified by the donor.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 36 have passage as presented

Second: George Carman

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 36 have passage as read

Article 37. RETURNING UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to return unexpended capital improvement funds to their corresponding capital reserve accounts.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 37 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 37 have passage as read

Article 38. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR LATE TAX PAYMENTS
To see if the Town will vote to fix a date and terms when taxes shall become due and payable, and set an interest rate of 9.00 percent per annum. The 9% interest rate is authorized under Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505.4, as of January 1, 2008.

Recommendation: that the first Friday of October and April, Friday, **October 4, 2019** and Friday, **April 3, 2020** be established as the dates taxes are due and payable, and that interest at the rate of eight percent (9%) per annum will be charged after such dates.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 38 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Donald Libby commented on this article
Motion: Donald Libby moved that Article 38 be amended to 9% Interest
Second: George Carman
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox and Steven Libby commented on the amendment
Vote: It was voted that the amendment of Article 38 passed

Article 39. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR ABATED TAXES
To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate at three percent (4%) per annum to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 39 have passage as 4% Interest
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 39 have passage as read

Article 40. ACCEPTANCE OF TAX PREPAYMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 40 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 40 have passage as read

Article 41. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY AND REAL PROPERTY
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of surplus town-owned personal and real property on such terms and conditions as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town and to deposit proceeds from such sales in the corresponding capital reserve accounts or Undesignated Fund.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 41 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 41 have passage as read

Article 42. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE PER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR "PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES"

To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation of \$5,000 from the Cable Grant Account (G1-203 – \$37,806) for the ensuing year for the following: unanticipated maintenance of cable TV production and broadcast equipment. All unused funds will be returned to Cable Grant Account (G1-203) at the end of the ensuing year.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 42 have passage as presented
Second: George Carman
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 42 have passage as read

Stephen Hathorne moved and George Carman seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Carrie Castonguay
Carrie Castonguay, Town Clerk