

2016 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

May 6th, 2016

Resided Pledge of Allegiance.

36 people in attendance.

Greeted the Town and opened the town meeting at 9:00 A.M located in the Hartland Town Hall. 36 people were in attendance.

Art. 1: To elect a moderator. **Nomination for Mike Wiers, moved and seconded. 3 ballots were cast, all for Mike Wiers.**

Before beginning State Representative Joel Stetkis asked to speak. Moved, seconded and all in favor. Joel spoke about the income tax being down and EBT cards that will charge customers with EBT cards if they buy cigarettes or alcohol.

Art. 2: To see if town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply \$50,000 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2016-20117 tax mil rates. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to apply \$65,000 of the undesignated fund balance to the following reserve accounts; 200th Birthday Celebration reserve \$30,000, Equipment reserve \$25,000 and Fire Department reserve \$10,000. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 4: To see if the town will vote to accept any or all funds or property from federal, state or private funding in the form of grants or donations, public or anonymous that the Municipal Officers deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or sewer bills theron, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of equipment, vehicles or furniture no longer necessary to Town operations that the Municipal Officers deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish Sept 15 \$ Mar 1 due dates on taxes, and set the interest rate at 7% that shall be applied after the due dates. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., sec 506. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectman to Borrow money in Anticipation of the ensuing year's taxes, if necessary. Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

Art. 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Art. 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following General Governmental accounts:

Request:	
Pay to Officers	\$ 7,000
Administration	\$150,000
Town Office	\$ 27,300
Assessing	\$ 19,000
Office Equip/Tech	\$ 12,500
Social Security	\$ 19,000
Contingent	\$ 10,000
Abatements	\$ 6,000
Total:	\$251,850

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

Art. 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Protection accounts:

Request:	
Fire Department	\$ 33,350
Street Lights	\$ 20,500
Traffic Guides	\$ 2,121
Dam	\$ 3,000
Hydrant Rental	\$ 98,500
Animal Control	\$ 7,450
Insurance	\$ 66,300
Total	\$231,221

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Art. 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to Raise and/or appropriate for the following Health & welfare accounts:

Request:

General Assistance	\$14,400
KV Transit	\$ 560
Somerset Hospice	\$ 300
Tri Town Food Bank	\$ 2,000
Hartland/St. Albans Srs	\$ 500
Food/Legion Bldg.	\$ 200
Crisis Counseling	\$ 500
Kennebec Health	\$ 100
Life Flight	\$ 500
Mid Maine Larcros	\$ 100
Total	\$ 19,160

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Art. 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Public Works accounts:

Request:

Labor	\$ 16,321
Roads	\$150,000
Snow Removal	\$217,120
Town Truck	\$ 6,000
Cemeteries	\$ 25,118
Total	\$414,559

Motion was given to accept, seconded. A resident asked about the jump in cost for specific accounts, Christopher Littlefield explained roads are a large percent of the cost. Resident also asked about the jump in snow removal and cemeteries. Chris explained the redistribution for the two accounts and resident accepted. No other discussion and article was accepted with the majority of the meeting voting yes.

SANITATION

Art. 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Health & Sanitation accounts:

Request:

Transfer Station	\$129,425
Code Enforcement	\$ 10,000
Total	\$139,425

Motion was given to accept, seconded. Resident asked why Treatment plant was not in last year's budget; Chris explained this year is the first year for the Treatment plant being in the budget. No other discussion, Article was accepted with the majority of the meeting voting yes.

RECREATION

Art. 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Recreation accounts.

Request:

ITCC	\$ 2,000
Library	\$ 46,670
Pool	\$ 11,300
Total	\$ 59,970

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Art. 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Public Service accounts:

Request:

KVCOG	\$ 2,500
MMA	\$ 2,420
SEDC	\$ 100
Chamber Commerce	\$ 200
Street Flags	\$ 500
First Park	\$ 13,000
G M L A	\$ 3,000
Total	\$ 21,720

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

DEBT & INTEREST

Art. 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following Debt & Interest accounts:

Request:

ME Municipal Bond bank	\$186,000
Salt/Sand shed	\$ 5,910
Total	\$191,910

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

Art. 19: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$880,635 established for Hartland 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. (This article only needs to be voted on if the budget is increased more than \$43,928 in the preceding articles.)

NO action taken.

Art. 20: To see if the Town will vote to apply from the following accounts for the 2016/17 budget.

Request:

Excise Tax	\$195,000
Boat Excise:	\$ 3,500
Departmental Accounts	\$ 20,000
Highway Assistance	\$ 16,000
(For Capital use only)	
Other	\$ 18,000
Total	\$252,500

Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.

Art. 21: To see if the Town will vote to allocate the snowmobile registration funds received from the State of Maine to Smokey's Angels Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of snowmobile trails for the benefit and use of the public. **Motion was given to accept, seconded and voted yes.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly DiMuzio,
Deputy Town Clerk
