TOWN OF HARTLAND
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2019

At 9 A.M. on Saturday, May 4, 2019, Senator Paul Davis greeted the assembly and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Triss Smith greeted the assembly and asked for a motion to nominate a moderator. There were 89 registered voters in attendance today.

To: Susan Frost, a resident of the Town of Hartland, Maine, County of Somerset

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hartland in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Hartland Fire Station in said town, on **Saturday, May 4, 2019** A.D. at **9:00** in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Motion was made and second to choose Henry Clauson as Moderator, no other nomination was made. Three voters came forward to cast a ballot for Henry Clauson as Moderator. Town Clerk administered oath of office to Henry Clauson and turned the meeting over to the Moderator.

Art. 2: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply $75,000 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2019-2020 tax mil rate.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply $10,000 of the undesignated fund balance to the Fire Department reserve account.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

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 made and second to approve article as written.

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 liens thereon, "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" and on such terms as they deem advisable to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

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 made and second to approve article as written.

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 made and second to approve article as written.

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 made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the ensuing year's taxes, if necessary.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Motion made and second; Discussion regarding meaning of Overseers of Poor; Article approve as written.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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	$ 9,000
Administration	$225,480
Town Office	$ 15,300
Assessing	$ 16,000
Office Equip/Tech	$ 24,000
Social Security	$ 22,100
Contingent	$ 10,000
Abatements	$ 6,000
TOTAL	$327,880

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $ 327,880

Motion made and second; Discussion about amending the total amount back to last year's budget of $285,800, Question as to why and what are the increases, Town Manager explained increase to legal fees, minimum wage, MEPERS retirement, Trio System software, upgrade computers in Town office, Amendment was voted down.; Final vote to approve article as written.

PROTECTION

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

Request:

Fire Department	$ 28,750
Street Lights	$ 20,500
Dam	$ 3,000
Hydrant Rental	$109,310
Animal Control	$ 7,450
Insurance	$ 81,200
TOTAL	$250,210

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $250,210

Motion made and second; Discussion about amending the total back to last year's budget of $229,800, Question as to why and what are the increases, Town Manager explained increase to Hydrant Rental, Health Insurance, Liability Insurance and Plow equipment insurance; Amendment failed; Final vote to approve article as written.

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	$ 10,400
Tri Town Food Bank	$ 2,000
Hartland/St Albans Seniors	$ 500
Food/Legion Bldg.	$ 200
TOTAL	$ 13,100

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $13,100

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

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	$ 26,080
Supplies/Services	$ 2,500
Roads	$ 301,000
Snow Removal	$ 245,500
Town Truck	$ 6,000
Cemeteries	$ 26,300
TOTAL	$ 607,380

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $607,380

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

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	$150,575
Code Enforcement	$ 9,000
TOTAL	$159,575

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $159,575

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

RECREATION

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

Request:	
I.T.C.C.	$ 10,000
Library	$ 54,570
Pool	$ 14,900
TOTAL	$ 79,470

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $79,470

Motion made and second; Discussion about amending the total back to last year's budget of $64,670, Amendment failed; Final vote to approve article as written.

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	$ 2,600
SEDC	$ 100
Chamber Commerce	$ 250
First Park	$ 13,000
G M L A	$ 3,000
Sexual Assault	$ 500
American Legion	$ 2,500
Street Flags	$ 1,000
TOTAL	$ 25,450

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $25,450

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

DEBT SERVICE

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

Request:	
ME Municipal Bond Bank	$ 21,000
Salt/Sand Shed	$ 5,910
TOTAL	$ 26,910

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $ 26,910

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 19: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of $857,646 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 need to be voted on, if the budget is increased more than $31,151 in the preceding articles).

Passed over this article.

Art. 20: To see if the Town will vote to apply from the following accounts for the 2019/20 budget:

Request:	
Excise Tax	$ 220,000
Boat Excise	$ 3,000
Departmental Accounts	$ 20,000
Highway Assistance (For Capital use only)	$ 20,000
Other	$ 15,500
TOTAL	$ 278,500

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

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 made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer and The Board of Selectmen, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, to borrow an amount not to exceed $1,152,483, of which $981,800 will be loan forgiveness, the proceeds to be appropriated to finance a portion of the cost of upgrades to the Town's Wastewater Treatment facility, and to issue the Town's general obligation bond and note in anticipation thereof, for a term not to exceed 30 years, under such other terms and conditions, including provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as may be approved by the Treasurer, and to further authorize the Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen, separately, to take any and all other actions and to sign such other documents and certificates as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish such borrowing, and to authorize such other action as the Town Meeting may approve.

ARTICLE 22 TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness

A. Total debt outstanding and unpaid:	$371,637
B. Total debt authorized and unissued:	$2,069,519
C. Total Debt to be incurred if this article is approved:	$170,683

Total Debt Authorized after Passage of Article 22: $2,611,839

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Estimated Interest rate:	2 %
Estimated term:	30 years
Total principal to be repaid:	$170,683
Total interest to be paid over term:	$52,300
Total cost of principal and interest:	$222,983

VALIDITY:

The validity of the note and the bond and of the voters' ratification of the note and bond may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Chris Littlefield

Chris Littlefield, Treasurer

Motion made and second; Question, who is going to pay this, rate payers or Town as a whole? Answer, Users and, the Tannery will pay the largest portion as long as they are still here; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 23: Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Hartland Animal Control Ordinance" be enacted?

** Draft Ordinance is available at the Town Office and will be provided as separate document at the Town Meeting.

Motion made and second; Discussion by the majority of residents does not want this ordinance as written, they want city limits incorporated so that out of city limits do not have same restrictions. Majority voted not to pass.

Art 24: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to negotiate and enter into a long term lease with Walden Renewables Development LLC or its designee for a solar energy facility (including, without limitation, solar panels, batteries, foundations, racks, wiring, inverters, above and below ground electrical lines, transformers, control houses, fencing and other ancillary equipment) on Town-owned property (Landfill site & land held by Hartland Redevelopment, LLC).

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 25: To ratify, confirm and approve Hartland Redevelopment LLC's exercise of the option from Irving Tanning Company to Hartland Redevelopment LLC by an agreement dated January 25, 2016, and to accept the transfer of the "LAND TO OPTIONED" on a CES plan dated 09/15/15 from Irving Tanning Company to Hartland Redevelopment LLC.

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 26: To authorize the future transfer of the "LAND TO OPTIONED" on a CES plan dated 09/15/15 held by Hartland Redevelopment LLC to Cal's Way LLC or the Town of Hartland, or either's designee, on conditions and terms negotiated by the Town Manager.

Motion made and second to pass over this article.

Art. 27: To authorize and direct the Town Manager to negotiate, draft and approve all documents, agreements and other instruments as he shall deem necessary and proper in connection with the transfers described above and in carrying out the purposes of these Articles.

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

Art. 28: To ratify, confirm and approve all prior actions undertaken and approved in connection with the project described in Articles 24, 25, 26, & 27.

Motion made and second; Final vote to approve article as written.

The Registrar will be in session for the purpose of maintaining the list of voters on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this 6 day of May, A.D. 2019

Minutes approved by Selectmen:

Judith Alton, Selectman

A True Copy
Attest:

Triss A. Smith, Clerk

John Hikel, Selectman

Harold Buker, Selectman