

TOWN OF HARTLAND
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2018

At 9 A.M. on Saturday, May 5, 2018, Town Clerk, Triss Smith greeted the assembly and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Paul Davis, Representative Joel Stetkis and resident John Clark, asked to address the assembly. At 9:16 A.M. called the Town Meeting to order and asked for nominations for moderator. There were 45 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 5, 2018 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 Attorney Michael Wiers as Moderator, no other nomination were made. Three voters came forward to cast a ballot for Michael Wiers as Moderator. Town Clerk administered oath of office to Michael Wiers 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 \$50,000 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2018-2019 tax mil rates.

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, on such terms as they deem advisable and 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 to approve article 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	\$198,100
Town Office	\$ 16,400
Assessing	\$ 11,000
Office Equip/Tech	\$ 16,200
Social Security	\$ 19,100
Contingent	\$ 10,000
Abatements	\$ <u>6,000</u>

TOTAL \$285,800

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$ 285,800

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

PROTECTION

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

Request:

Fire Department	\$ 28,750
Street Lights	\$ 20,500
Dam	\$ 3,000
Hydrant Rental	\$103,000
Animal Control	\$ 7,450
Insurance	\$ <u>67,100</u>

TOTAL \$229,800

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$229,800

Discussion regarding does Town have contract for the fire hydrant rental from Water District, Town Manager Chris Littlefield advised no there is no contract and that the price did increase for this budget year.

Motion made and second 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 Srs	\$ 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	\$ 249,620
Town Truck	\$ 6,000
Cemeteries	\$ 26,300

TOTAL \$ 611,500

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$611,500

Discussion regarding the Snow removal budget in this article being in addition to Article 22, Town Manager, Chris Littlefield advised yes.

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	\$134,875
Code Enforcement	\$ 9,000
TOTAL	\$143,875

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$143,875

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.	\$ 4,000
Library	\$ 46,670
Pool	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 64,670

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$64,670

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

(Moderator paused the meeting to auction off pies for the Couples Club fund raiser.)

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	\$ 2,540
SEDC	\$ 100
Chamber Commerce	\$ 200
First Park	\$ 13,000
G M L A	\$ 3,000
Sexual Assault	\$ 500
Street Flags	<u>\$ 500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,340

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$22,340

Motion made and second 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	\$ 25,000
Salt/Sand Shed	\$ <u>5,910</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 30,910

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends \$ 30,910

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 19: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$858,070 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 \$32,051 in the preceding articles).

Article was passed over as it did not apply to this budget year.

Art. 20: To see if the Town will vote to apply from the following accounts for the 2018/19 budget:

Request:	
Excise Tax	\$ 220,000
Boat Excise	\$ 3,000
Departmental Accounts	\$ 20,000
Highway Assistance	\$ 20,000
(For Capital use only)	
Other	\$ <u>18,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 281,500

Motion made and second 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.

Discussion regarding the amount of money that is turned over to the Club, Administrative Assistant, Susan Frost indicated \$400 to \$600, depending on the number of snowmobile registrations.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply \$150,000 of the undesignated fund balance and \$50,000 from the equipment reserve account toward the purchase of the following equipment: 1 Ten Wheeler plow truck with plow and sander, 2 Six Wheel plow trucks with plows and sanders, 1 Piece of Equipment to plow/snow blow sidewalks, and 1 Loader.

Moderator asked for an affirmative motion, Discussion regarding the balance of Undesignated Fund balance, Will funding this article be used to maintain the roads? Question to Town Manager, Chris Littlefield, "Will you drive one of the plow trucks"? Does the Town have adequate space or garage to do repairs and maintenance to equipment if purchased? Do these funds include cost to operate the equipment? Are you hiring new employees to operate equipment? Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The Registrar will be in session for the purpose of maintaining the list of voters on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of May, A.D. 2018

A True Copy
Attest:

Triss A. Smith
Triss A. Smith, Clerk

Judith Alton
Judith Alton, Selectman

Shirley Humphrey
Shirley Humphrey, Selectman

Harold E. Buker
Harold Buker, Selectman

