TOWN OF HARTLAND
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2017

At 9 am on Saturday, May 6, 2017, Christopher Littlefield, Town Manager, introduced Senator Paul Davis to do a presentation of a legislative sentiment to Brad Russell honoring his years of service to the Town of Hartland. The Town Manager also presented a plaque for years of service to Brad Russell from the Citizens of Hartland. Meeting was turned over to Triss Smith, Town Clerk to open the meeting by reading the warrant to the assembly.

To: Rusty Dickey, 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 Town Hall in said town, on Saturday, May 6, 2017 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. 4 voters came forward to cast a ballot for Michael Wiers as Moderator. Town Clerk sworn in 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 2017-2018 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 $35,000 of the undesignated fund balance to the following reserve accounts; Equipment reserve $ 25,000 and Fire Department reserve $10,000.

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.

There was discussion regarding the education of the Selectmen as Assessors. 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	$196,180

Town Office	$ 27,800
Assessing	$ 19,000
Office Equip/Tech	$ 12,500
Social Security	$ 19,000
Contingent	$ 10,000
Abatements	$ 6,000
TOTAL	$299,480

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $ 299,480

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	$ 33,350
Street Lights	$ 20,500
Dam	$ 3,000
Hydrant Rental	$100,000
Animal Control	$ 7,450
Insurance	$ 53,200
TOTAL	$217,500

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $217,500

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	$ 14,400
Tri Town Food Bank	$ 2,000
Hartland/St Albans Srs	$ 500
Food / Legion Bldg.	$ 200
TOTAL	$ 17,100

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $17,100

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	$ 3,500
Roads	$ 300,000
Snow Removal	$ 249,120
Town Truck	$ 6,000
Cemeteries	$ 25,148
TOTAL	$ 609,848

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $609,848

There was discussion on snowplow contract, Morrill Pond Rd & miscellaneous road work. 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	$130,875
Code Enforcement	$ 10,000
TOTAL	$140,875

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $140,875

There was discussion regarding recycle materials such as cardboard and the revenue generated from the sale of cardboard. 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:	
ITCC	$ 2,000
Library	$ 46,670
Pool	$ 13,800
TOTAL	$ 62,470

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $62,470

Motion made and second 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	$ 2,530
MMA	$ 2,420
SEDC	$ 100
Chamber Commerce	$ 200
First Park	$ 13,000
G M L A	$ 3,000
Street Flags	$ 500
TOTAL	$ 21,750

Selectman & Budget Committee Recommends $21,750

There was discussion regarding Hartland's position with First Park. 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	$ 5,910
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 $866,912 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 $38,450 in the preceding articles).

No action taken.

Art. 20: To see if the Town will vote to apply from the following accounts for the 2017/18 budget:

Request:	
Excise Tax	$ 200,000
Boat Excise	$ 3,500
Departmental Accounts	$ 20,000
Highway Assistance (For Capital use only)	$ 20,000
Other	$ 18,000
TOTAL	$ 261,500

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 trials for the benefit and use of the public.

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 22: Shall the town adopt the "2016 Town of Hartland Comprehensive Plan", which shall repeal and replace the Comprehensive Plan dated 1992? (An attested copy of the plan is on file at the town office).

Selectmen and Comprehensive Plan Committee Recommend Favorable Action

Resident Attorney Richard Tucker spoke regarding the comprehensive plan and the process that was used to write the plan. He had favorable thoughts to share with the assembly. Motion made and second to approve article as written.

Art. 23: Shall an ordinance entitled "Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Social Clubs" be enacted? (An attested copy of the ordinance is on file at the town office).
Selectmen Recommend Favorable Action

Motion made and second to approve article as written.

The Registrar will be in session for the purpose of maintaining the list of voters on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion made and second to adjourn at 10:25 am.

Given under our hands this 15 day of May, A.D. 2017

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