

TOWN OF HARTLAND

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2019

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 Irving Tanning Community Center, 62 Elm Street in said Town, on Monday, June 3, 2019 A.D. at 6:30 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Asked for nominations for Moderator, Henry Clauson was nominated with a second. Asked for any other nominations for Moderator, Debbie Cooper was nominated with a second. Asked for a vote for Henry Clauson as Moderator by show of hands, asked for a vote for Debbie Cooper as Moderator by show of hands, Henry received the majority of votes. Henry was sworn in as Moderator and meeting turned over to him.

Motion by Debbie Cooper for written ballots to be used on the articles, by show of hands this motion failed.

Article 2. (Board of Selectmen Alternate Article). Shall the voters of the Town of Hartland approve the Resolution of the Board of Selectmen titled “Board Resolution To Optimize The Solid Waste Management Plan To Fund Landfill Closure” and direct the Board and its advisors to prepare future plans that include a landfill capacity plan, a closure plan and a funding plan. Those plans will be presented to the public for review and action by the next regular Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting to be called by the Board of Selectmen (once the Town Manager reports that these specific plans are ready for review and approval by the Town).

The Board of Selectmen recommends passage.

Article 2 was read and motion with second to put before the assembly. Several people who live near the Landfill site spoke regarding the need for closure of the Landfill because of smell, the health issues that some are experiencing, the environmental damage and the future of Hartland. A few citizens spoke regarding the continued operation of the Landfill in order to fund the future closure and to allow the Tannery to continue usage of the Landfill. Question was asked about the cost of operation of the Landfill and how is the operations funded? Town Manager Littlefield

explained the operations are self-funded with the materials being brought in from out of Town sources. This revenue allows the operations without taxation. Question was asked about who regulates the operations, who monitors the operations and the cost to close the Landfill in the future? Town Manager Littlefield explained the Town has an Engineering Firm that provides regulatory advice and the State of Maine DEP is providing oversight and monitoring the Landfill. The Town has been in compliance without penalties. The future cost to fund closure is very hard to pin point not knowing the future cost of operations and potential revenue stream. A motion was made to allow a non-resident, Dana Colihan of Toxic Action Center, a Maine coordinator of an advocacy group from Washington DC, to speak regarding the toxics of the material being allowed into the Landfill. Motion was denied by the assembly. Motion was made to move the question. Article passes by majority vote of the assembly, 128 YES, 25 NO

Article 3. (Citizen Petition Article). Shall the voters of the Town of Hartland direct that the “Town Municipal Officers immediately, no longer accept any waste from other industrial, commercial or municipal entities, thereby temporarily reserving it to our municipal use only, and begin the process of permanently closing the landfill facility located on Pleasant Street, in order to protect the multiple eco-systems that sustain our lives, protect from property value blight, and most importantly protect the citizens from current and potential future health hazards.”

Article 3 was read and motion made with second to put before the assembly. Article failed by majority vote of the assembly, 42 YES, 108 NO

Article 4. If the preceding Article 3 passes, shall the voters of the Town of Hartland 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 \$3,190,559 through the issuance of a general obligation bond of the Town, and a note in anticipation thereof, under such terms and conditions, including provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as may be approved by the Treasurer, the proceeds to be appropriated to fund closure of the existing secure landfill cell and to fund the monitoring of the closed landfill, and further to authorize the Treasurer and 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?

Board of Selectmen recommends against passage.

Article 4 Passed over as not needed because Article 3 failed. Motion made to Adjourn 7:41PM

Explanatory Notes: If the Citizen Petition Article 3 and Article 4 pass, the Town will need to borrow \$3,190,559 to pay for the costs to close the existing operational area of the Town’s landfill and then fund monitoring of the closed landfill. Closure of the existing secure landfill alone would cost \$1,468,750 (estimated \$1.175 million plus a 25% contingency) for closure and \$1,721,809 million for long term monitoring, for a total closure and monitoring cost of \$3,190,559. This debt would be paid for by the Town’s General Fund using property taxes. It is estimated the tax rate will increase by \$1.85 per \$1000 for 20 years in order to fund Articles 3 and 4, if passed and adopted.

If Articles 3 and 4 do not pass, then the Town will continue its current plans to use the Landfill Enterprise Account to fund eventual closure of the Town's landfill in approximately 2039. Currently, the landfill's operations support Tasman Leather and the Town's residents. The Town landfill also accepts material approved by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for disposal.

ARTICLE 4: TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness

A. Total debt outstanding and unpaid:	\$771,637
B. Total debt authorized and unissued*:	\$3,422,002
C. Total Debt to be incurred if this article is approved:	\$3,190,559

Total Debt Authorized after Passage of Article 4: \$7,384,198

*Of the amount authorized, the Bond Bank has committed to forgive up to \$1,631,800, leaving a balance to actually be repaid by the Town of not more than \$1,790,202.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Estimated Interest rate:	3.5%
Estimated term:	20 years
Total principal to be repaid:	\$3,190,559
Total interest to be paid over term:	\$1,250,000
Total cost of principal and interest:	\$4,440,559

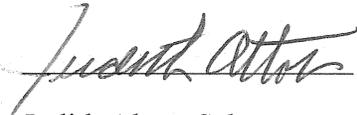
VALIDITY:

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, Treasurer

True Attested Copy of Minutes:

Town Clerk: *Jessie Smith*


Judith Alton, Selectman


Harold Buker, Selectman


John Hikel, Selectman

