

WARRANT FOR 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Judson Butterman, Constable, Town of Washington.

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Community Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 29, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 through Article 21, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 22 through 51 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Liane chapman was nominated and elected by ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The town clerk duly swore her into office. Liane appointed Thomas Ford as deputy moderator.

Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.

The polls were closed at 8:00 pm by moderator Liane Chapman. Ballot clerks, Barbara Carney, Kathleen Ocean, Carol Sloane, Nancy Barker, Johnnie Searle, Rhonda Hamilton, Elizabeth Grinnell, Deborah Hill, Walter Metcalf, Eli Berry, Alma Jones, and Linda Luce sorted and tallied the ballots. The meeting was then adjourned to 10:00 am Saturday, March 30th, 2013 at the Prescott school.

The following is list of ballots cast:

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST: 132

Wesley F Daniel. Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor: 109

Write-Ins: 5

Blanks: 18

To fill remaining term of RSU 40 School Board Member Cynthia Rosen through March 28, 2015

Sean Donaghy: 116

Write-Ins: 1

Blanks: 15

Article 3: Shall an Ordinance entitled "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE ORDINANCE EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VEHICLE EXCISE TAX" be adopted.

Explanation: Adoption of this Ordinance will exempt military members serving on active duty overseas or deployed for more than 180 day from paying excise tax on vehicles.

YES: 114 NO: 16 BLANKS: 2 Article 3 passes.

Article 4: Shall an Ordinance entitled "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, BOARD OF APPEALS ORDINANCE" be adopted.

Explanation: Adoption of this Ordinance will establish Board of Appeals procedures and guidelines in a single ordinance and supersedes all Board of Appeals procedures in other ordinances, many of which provided inconsistent procedures and guidelines.

YES: 98 NO: 30 BLANKS: 4 Article 4 passes.

Article 5: Shall the Town of Washington Voting Method Ordinance adopted November 5, 2002, be repealed ?

Explanation: In August 2012 The Maine Supreme Judicial Court determined in a the case of Dennis Blanchet et al. vs. the Town of Waldoboro that the municipal voting process is controlled under the provisions of Titles 21-A and 30-A unless a town charter provides otherwise. The town ordinance

adopted in 2002 was therefore illegally enacted.

YES: 81 NO: 43 BLANKS: 8 Article 5 passes.

Article 6: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, LAND USE ORDINANCE" Article IV, Section 8, Violations, 3rd sentence be amended to the phrase underlined below:

Any person, firm or corporation owning or having control of any building or premises or part thereof violating any provision of this Ordinance, or failing to take the required corrective measures, or complying with a stop work order after receiving written notice of violation, shall be guilty of a civil violation and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §4452

Explanation: This amendment is requested by the Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer and makes failure to comply with a Stop Work Order a violation of the ordinance.

YES: 95 NO: 34 BLANKS: 3 Article 6 passes.

Article 7: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article II, Sec 1 [Note] be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

Mineral extraction activities which are exempt from this Ordinance may need ~~a conditional use permit under provisions of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Washington,~~ Planning Board approval, as well as the provisions of Article XI of the Site Plan review required by the Land Use Ordinance, and must comply with other rules and regulations of the Town.];

Explanation: Conditional use permits are no longer an option from the Planning Board

YES: 94 NO: 36 BLANKS: 2 Article 7 passes.

Article 8: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article II, Sec 1, Paragraph A be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

Permits are not required for mineral extraction activities not exceeding 20,000 square feet of surface area, or the removal or handling of less than 1,000 cubic yards of material, if for the owner's personal use and not sold. ~~All sites which offer extraction material for sale shall obtain a permit from the planning board, in twelve consecutive months per parcel or parcels in common scheme of development (see definitions).~~ [Amended from 5,000 square feet and less than 200 cubic yards March 25, 2004]

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee, exempts gravel operations from requiring permits if for the owner's personal use, but requires planning board approval for all mineral extractions for materials which are to be sold.

YES: 88 NO: 41 BLANKS: 3 Article 8 passes.

Article 9: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article III, Section 5-E Definitions, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

Small mineral extraction operations: (S) Excavations that are less than 1 acre in size but more than 20,000 square feet, or extract more than 1,000 cubic yards within any 12 consecutive month period ~~Excavation projects (20,000 square feet-1 acre) and extract 1,000 cubic yards within any 12 consecutive month period.~~

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and sets a new definition for a small mineral extraction operation.

YES: 88 NO: 36 BLANKS: 8 Article 9 passes.

Article 10: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article IV, Sec 4, Permit Required, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

B. Conditional use permits Planning Board approval, as well as the provisions of Article XI of the Site Plan review required by the Land Use Ordinance, if applicable, must be obtained prior to making application under this ordinance.

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and requires Planning Board approval under the provisions of both the Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review before making a mineral extraction application. In addition, Conditional use permits are no longer an option from the Planning Board

YES: 86 NO: 37 BLANKS: 9 Article 10 passes.

Article 11: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article IV, Sec 4, Permit Required, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

E-1 Any operation that was in active and legal existence as of the adoption of the Washington Land Use Ordinance in April 1988 and subsequently recognized as not requiring a permit under said ordinance and that has not undergone any expansion in area since said date may apply to the Washington Planning Board for a Certificate of Legal Operation that shall document the operation's footprint of up to 5 acres and its operations and shall require annual compliance inspection. Said Certificate shall be the permit for said operation. Said permit is not transferable as defined in Article V, Section 5 (H) with the exception of the transfer of the permit to a member of the immediate family. Any operation that did not obtain a Certificate of Legal operation or a permit from the Planning Board after March 23, 2002 must obtain a permit from the Planning Board based on a review of the provisions of this ordinance and the Town of Washington Land Use Ordinance as adopted and amended to date.

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and requires that any mineral extraction that does not have a Certificated of Legal Operation dated prior to March 23, 2002 must obtain and mineral extraction permit from the Planning Board.

YES: 65 NO: 59 BLANKS: 8 Article 11 passes.

Article 12: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 2, Paragraph C-5 be amended to read as follows: (Underlined text will be added)

Location of existing, inactive, reclaimed areas, and proposed mineral extraction activities and structures on the property.

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and requires the applicant to provide the location of any inactive and reclaimed areas.

YES: 88 NO: 37 BLANKS: 7 Article 12 passes.

Article 13: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 2, be amended to add as Paragraphs X and Y as follows:

X. Reclamation Plan which includes enough detail to address the provisions of Article VI, §2 Performance Standards, B and compliance with Maine Erosion and Sediment Control BMPS Section I, 1

Y. Erosion Control plan for all portions of the proposed operation which are not internally drained

Explanation: This amendment is recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and adds new requirements to the application for a mineral extraction permit.

YES: 90 NO: 36 BLANKS: 6 Article 13 passes.

Article 14: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 2, be amended to add as Subparagraph f as follows:

f. CEO shall advise the Planning Board regarding the classification of the proposed pit and application fee to be paid.

Explanation: Recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee.

YES: 87 NO: 35 BLANKS: 10 Article 14 passes.

Article 15: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 5, Paragraph B-3 be amended to add as the last sentence as follows:

The list of abutters shall be verified by the Code Enforcement Officer

Explanation: Recommended by the Mining Ordinance Review Committee and requires the Code Enforcement to ensure all abutters are notified.

YES: 100 NO: 27 BLANKS: 5 Article 15 passes.

Article 16: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 5, Paragraph C-1 be amended to allow the Planning Board 60 days after completion of the public hearing process to issue its decision on an application.

YES: 94 NO: 32 BLANKS: 6 Article 16 passes.

Article 17: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article V, Sec 5, Paragraph D Required, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

D. Operation Conditions and Limitations

Before any mineral extraction activity begins, and as a condition of the permit, the applicant shall apply for and receive all applicable permits as may be required by Town, state or federal regulations, laws or ordinances regulating such developments, including a ~~Conditional Use Planning Board approval~~, as well as the provisions of Article XI of the Site Plan review required by the Land Use Ordinance.

Explanation: Conditional use permits are no longer an option from the Planning Board

YES: 91 NO: 34 BLANKS: 7 Article 17 passes.

Article 18: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article VI, Sec 1, Paragraph A, be amended to read as follows: (Underlined text will be added)

A. Mineral extraction activities shall conform to all applicable State laws and local ordinances or regulations. Where the provisions of this section conflict with specific provisions of the Land Use Ordinance, the more restrictive standards shall prevail. It is anticipated that the application will be reviewed concurrently with this Ordinance and the requirements of the Land Use Ordinance.

YES: 91 NO: 36 BLANKS: 5 Article 18 passes.

Article 19: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article VII, Sec 2, Paragraph K, be amended to delete any and all requirement for a application limit of 7 years and any and all requirements for reapplication after 7 years.

YES: 50 NO: 73 BLANKS: 9 Article 19 fails to pass.

Article 20: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article VIII, Sec 1, Paragraphs B and C, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

B. The annual compliance inspection (ACI) shall be conducted by the CEO ~~prior to the anniversary date of the permit~~ yearly during the months June thru October

1. The CEO shall ~~issue a Report of Inspection Compliance (RIC), provided he determines that the permit holder has not deviated from the approved plan. If the CEO determines that the permit holder has substantially deviated from the approved plan, the CEO shall issue a Report of Inspection Non-compliance (RIN). Reports shall be written and provided to the Planning Board, the Selectmen, and permit holder. The CEO shall issue an IMMEDIATE STOP WORK ORDER FOR A SPECIFIC VIOLATION, EXCEPT FOR REMEDIAL ACTION, until such time as compliance is achieved. provide the selectmen, site owner and site operator with a report outlining any violations of this ordinance and remediation required.~~
2. ~~The CEO shall thereafter re-inspect the site to determine if compliance has been achieved. If he determines compliance has been achieved, he shall issue a RIC, as above. If he determines that compliance has not been achieved, he shall issue a Second Step Report of Non-compliance (SSRN). The permit holder shall again pay the fees, as required by this subsection for this second compliance inspection.~~
3. ~~The Planning Board, after receipt of the SSRN, shall provide notice and hearing pursuant to Article V §5-B(2) and (3), to determine whether the permit holder is in compliance with his approved permit; and if not, the Planning Board shall revoke the permit, and request that the Selectmen take remedial action, as is permitted by town ordinance or State law.~~
4. ~~The applicant can terminate the process above at any time prior to revocation by demonstrating compliance with his approved permit at a subsequent compliance inspection, which he requests, and payment of inspection fees, followed by the issuance of a RIC by the CEO.~~
5. ~~Mineral extraction may not be resumed until such time as compliance is achieved. After ninety days, if compliance is not achieved, the mineral extraction permit automatically expires.~~
6. ~~Any appeal of the action of the Code Enforcement Officer or of the Planning Board shall be taken to the Board of Appeals within 30 days.~~
7. ~~Any decision of the Planning Board to revoke a mineral extraction Town permit shall be recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds within 30 days of the date such decision becomes final.~~

C. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to see that the inspection is done conducted as required by this section and ensure payment the annual mineral extraction inspection fee as established by the Board of Selectmen. Failure to pay the annual inspection fee may result in a "Stop Work Order" being issued.

Explanation: Recommended by the Mining Ordinance and CEO and streamlines the inspection process.

YES: 88 NO: 35 BLANKS: 9 Article 20 passes.

Article 21: Shall the "TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE, MINING ORDINANCE" Article VIII, Sec 3, Paragraph C, be amended to read as follows: (Lined through text will be deleted and underlined added)

C. The Washington Planning Board may after notice and hearing, withhold approval or revoke any previous approvals, given to any applicant, owner or operator who is found in violation of this ordinance. The Code Enforcement officer shall issue a "Notice of Violation" outlining any violations and if the order is not complied with, the Code Enforcement officer shall refer the violation(s) to the Board of Selectmen for legal action

Explanation: Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and removes the ability of the Planning Board from any enforcement by relieving the Planning Board of the ability to revoke permits. The enforcement will now rest with the Board of Selectmen.

YES: 88 NO: 37 BLANKS: 7 Article 21 Passes.

Article 22: To elect seven citizens of the Town of Washington to serve on the Budget Committee. **Thomas Ford was sworn in as Deputy Moderator and requested nomination for seven (7) members to serve on the Budget Committee.**

The nominations were as follows:

Motions were made and seconded. Jesse Casas, Kathleen Ocean, David Martucci, David Williams, Hank Aho, Dorothy Sainio, and Wendy Carr. Jim Bowers was nominated but respectfully declined.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 23 passes.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 application fees; the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees; and the Code Enforcement Officer be paid one-half of any permit application fees and one-half of any inspection fees collected in addition to his/her annual stipend.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 application fees; the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees; and the Code Enforcement Officer be paid one-half of any permit application fees and one-half of any inspection fees collected in addition to his/her annual stipend.

3 opposed.

Article 24 passes by majority.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to pay up to the State wages pay rate for compensation of personnel and labor costs, and to allow the selectmen to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year.

A motion was made and seconded to pay up to the State wages pay rate for compensation of personnel and labor costs, and to allow the selectmen to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year.

Dorothy Sainio asked about the current State wage rates. Selectman Wesley Daniel read rates from current State list and provided Town rates.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 25 passes.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2013 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2014 to the date of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2013 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2014 to the date of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 26 passes.

Article 27: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date.

*(Selectmen and Tax Collector recommend 2013 taxes will be due and payable on October 1st)
(Maximum allowed by State Law: 7.0%)*

A motion was made and seconded to fix the date of taxes due to October 1st at a rate of interest to be 7%.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 27 passes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8%.

Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 12% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 8%.

A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8%.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 28 passes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

A motion was made and seconded authorize the Municipal Officers to make a determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner and to negotiate the sale to the former owner at a price that the Selectmen deem most advantageous to the Town. If offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may begin the auctioning process. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the Town's Road Reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner and to negotiate the sale to the former owner at a price that the Selectmen deem most advantageous to the Town. If offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may begin the auctioning process. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the Town's Road Reserve account.

1 opposed.

Article passes by majority.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a quitclaim deed on behalf of the Town to convey the parcel of real estate described below to John F. Medeika, a former owner of the said real estate, in exchange for the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred fifty and 83/100 dollars (\$16,550.83) which is the amount that is owed and would have been owed to the Town for unpaid property taxes assessed on this real estate since 2009:

Beginning at a stake on the shore of Medomak Lake (also known as Washington Pond) on a point of land which is the first point westerly of the dam; then South 30° East one hundred (100) feet to an iron stake; then South 37° West one hundred (100) feet to an iron stake at an angle; then South 50° West one hundred (100) feet to an iron post at a corner; then North 32° West ninety-five (95) feet, more or less, to an iron post on the shore of said Medomak Lake; then easterly two hundred (200) feet, more or less, by the lake, to the point of beginning.

Also conveying a right of way from Route 105 to said lot over other land now or formerly of Louise L. Ames.

Reference is made to the deed from John F. Medeika to the CONN ASSET PRESERVATION TRUST, dated December 31, 1997, and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 2190, Page 259.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to sign a quitclaim deed on behalf of the Town to convey the parcel of real estate described below to John F. Medeika, a former owner of the said real estate, in exchange for the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred fifty and 83/100 dollars (\$16,550.83) which is the amount that is owed and would have been owed to the Town for unpaid property taxes assessed on this real estate since 2009:

Selectman Wesley Daniel amended the article to include legal fees plus legal fees not yet incurred was moved and seconded.

Norman Casas questioned the background of the Article. Ann Dean, Tax Collector explained the history of the tax collection on this property from 2009 to present.

Ann Dean requested that the vote be cast by written vote. A motion was made and seconded to conduct a written vote with 38 YES and 15 NO. Ballots were distributed by the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk and counted by Carole Sloane and Walter Metcalf. The Article passed with 42 Yes and 23 No with 1 blank.

Article 32: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 32 passes.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$1,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$1,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 33 passes.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2012 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the 2012 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 34 passes.

Article 35: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2013 and 2014 for taxes not yet due or assessed.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2013 and 2014 for taxes not yet due or assessed.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 35 passes.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 36 passes.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

A motion was made and seconded to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of

the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 37 passes.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to renew a long term \$250,000 municipal line-of-credit with Machias Savings Bank in lieu of a Tax Anticipation Note.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to renew a long term \$250,000 municipal line-of-credit with Machias Savings Bank in lieu of a Tax Anticipation Note.

I opposed.

Article 38 passes by majority.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to approve of Veterans Way as the road name for the road leading to Map 9/Lot 9, just west of Davis Stream Bridge on Augusta Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve of Veterans Way as the road name for the road leading to Map 9/Lot 9, just west of Davis Stream Bridge on Augusta Road.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 39 passes.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2013 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2013 tax commitment by \$359,400.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	200,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	65,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,000.00
Building and Plumbing Permits	1,250.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	1,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	18,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,400.00
Other Town Fees Collected	8,000.00
Unexpended 2012 Appropriations	44,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	15,000.00
General Fund Interest	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	358,650.00

Deputy Moderator, Tom Ford pointed out the discrepancy in the totals. He also explained that these revenue figures were only an estimate.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to revise figures to \$358,650.00.

Dorothy Sainio was concerned about the possibility of not receiving State Revenue sharing. Selectman Don Grinnell explained that if this happened there would be a special town meeting called to discuss.

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2013 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2013 tax commitment by \$358,650.00.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 40 passes.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$71,484.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Tri-county Solid Waste Management Organization	29,934.00
Legal Fees	5,000.00
Administration	36,550.00
Advertising	500.00
Audit of Town Books	4,600.00
Computer Annual Fees	8,500.00

Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	2,400.00
Mileage	1,600.00
Office Equipment	3,000.00
Office Supplies	1,750.00
Postage	2,000.00
Printing and Photocopies	400.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Billing	1,300.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Workshops and Training	2,500.00
Tax Map Interface Program	1,000.00
Lien Costs	<u>2,500.00</u>
Subtotal	36,550.00

Total 71,484.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$71,484.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 41 passes.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,786.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	16,670.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,833.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	7,883.00
Volunteer Insurance	400.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	27,786.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$27,786.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 42 passes.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$115,400.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	99,400.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	250.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	21,500.00
Treasurer	12,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer	18,600.00
Registrar of Voters	1,000.00
Ballot Clerks	1,000.00
EMA Director	500.00
Health Officer	200.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	2,750.00
Deputy Fire Chief	2,250.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary - Appeals Board	250.00
Assessor's Agent	4,500.00
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00
Deputy Animal Control Officer	500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	8,000.00
Constable	100.00
Moderator of March town meeting	200.00

School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00	
Custodial Services	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	Sub-total	99,400.00
FICA Payroll Expenses		<u>16,000.00</u>
	Total	115,400.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$71,484.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Dorothy Sainio asked if all wages could remain the same as last year. Kay Santorinos questioned the duties of the constable and whether \$100. was sufficient compensation. Selectman Wes Daniel explained that constable duties only involve posting warrants in which mileage is also paid. Steve Ocean asked for specific salary differences from last year. Selectman Don Grinnell showed the differences that were listed in town report.

1 opposing vote.

Article 41 passes by majority.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$346,868.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	12,000.00
Truck Lease Payment	22,249.00
Used Truck Payments	7,400.00
Truck Fuel	16,000.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	1,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	3,000.00
P400	11,000.00
P500	3,500.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	5,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	2,750.00
Loader and Backhoe Maintenance	7,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,969.00
Garage Utilities	3,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,000.00
Road Maintenance and Plowing Labor	81,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	10,000.00
Road Salt	50,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	1,000.00
Paving of Town Roads	70,000.00
Driver Drug Testing	<u>500.00</u>
	Total 346,868.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$346,868.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Selectman Don Grinnell explained the high costs of paving and the deteriorating condition of the town roads. The intent is to pave 2 miles of road per year starting with Bill Luce Rd this year. Cheryl Moscato was concerned that the pavement would be spread too thin. Don explained the paving procedure that Mike Marriner recommended would not use reclaim. Duane Vigue spoke about the research that the selectmen have done on paving options. Dorothy Sainio asked if the jobs would be put out to bid. No guarantee that roads would last 10 years.

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Article 44 passes by majority.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance	3,500.00
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A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.
Motion carries unanimously. **Article 45 passes.**

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,933.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	7,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	7,500.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	18,000.00
Hose Testing	2,500.00
Union Ambulance	9,733.00
ISO Hydrology Survey	5,000.00
Dredging Fire Pond	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total	57,933.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$57,933.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.
Kay Santorinos asked if the town had considered using a different Ambulance service and whether Union Ambulance coverage was sufficient.
Janet Martucci, a Union Ambulance EMT, answered that Union Ambulance has in-house staff 6am to 6pm and on-call responders from 6pm to 6am.

Motion carries unanimously. **Article 46 passes.**

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	15,000.00
Building Maintenance	9,500.00
Cemetery Maintenance	10,000.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	40,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.
Carole Sloane questioned whether or not street lights were needed. Selectman Duane Vigue said that he would look into the option. Dorothy Sainio asked why cemetery trust fund interest wasn't used to maintain cemetery. Don Grinnell explained the small amount of interest that accrues would not cover expenses.
Motion carries unanimously. **Article 47 passes.**

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Conservation and Parks Committee	500.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00
Midcoast Regional Planning Commission	0.00
Ordinance Review Committees	<u>500.00</u>
Total	1,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.
Motion carries unanimously. **Article 48 passes.**

Article 49: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Cemetery Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	1,000.00
Recreation Committee Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	4,000.00

A motion was made and seconded vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 49 passes.

Article 50: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,607.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Line-of-credit Interest and Bank Fees	250.00
Lincoln County Humane Society	1,062.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues	50.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	7,445.00
Coastal Trans	700.00
New Hope for Women	750.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Pine Tree Chapter American Red Cross	1,400.00
Spectrum Generations	920.00
Penquis Community Action Program	<u>1,225.00</u>
Sub-total	7,445.00

Total 9,607.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$9,607.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Kay Santorinos asked why we use Lincoln County Shelter instead of Knox. Selectman Wes Daniel explained that Lincoln County charged substantially lower contract fees.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 50 passes.

Article 51: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$56,168.00 from the 2012 Urban/Rural Initiative Program for road improvement.

Selectmen recommend as advisory lines:

Capital Improvement of Town Roads	26,168.00
Paving of Town Roads	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	56,168.00

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$56,168.00 from the 2012 Urban/Rural Initiative Program for road improvement.

Motion carries unanimously.

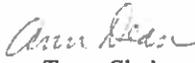
Article 51 passes.

Given under our hands on this 6th day of March, 2012:

Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman

Donald L. Grinnell
Selectman

Duane P. Vigue
Selectman

Attest: 
Ann Dean, Town Clerk