

WARRANT FOR 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, 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 Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, 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, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 37 as set out below, to wit:

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

Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened town meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate David Martucci who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office and David appointed Walter Metcalf and Michael Mayo as deputy moderators. Walter Metcalf was sworn in as deputy moderator.

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

A motion was made and seconded to elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected. Tom Johnston asked the moderator to have the ballot box inspected and secured. David Martucci opened the polls.

Linda Luce, Mildred Melgard and Cathy Blake checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8PM by Deputy Moderator Walter Metcalf. Ballot clerks Katherine Grinnell and Jacquelyn Metcalf counted the ballots. The deputy moderator adjourned the meeting until 10am Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Prescott Memorial School.

Linda Luce and Mildred Melgard checked in 50 voters. Michael Mayo was sworn in as Deputy Moderator. The town clerk announced the results of Article 2 as follows:

**The following is a list of ballots cast: Total 67
Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 3 year term:
Wesley Daniel: 62
Write ins: 5**

Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened Town Meeting and Phil Meunier, Fire Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary thanked Hank Aho for designing and drawing the town report cover this year and spoke for many in the town that Hank and Glenice Skelton will be missed when they move to Union later this year. Selectman Wesley Daniel presented Kathy and Steve Ocean the Spirit of America Unsung Hero Award.

Article 3: To elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

Michael Mayo called for nominations for seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Budget Committee. The following citizens were nominated and elected unanimously: Walter Metcalf, Jesse Casas, David Williams, David Martucci, Kathy Ocean, Deborah deGroff, Donald Grinnell. Wendy Carr and Peg Hobbs were elected as alternates.

All in favor of this slate.

Article 4: 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 4 passes.

Article 5: 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 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

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; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

Deborah deGroff asked what the fees are. Mary Anderson stated for every plumbing permit there is a portion that goes to the state and a portion that goes to the plumbing inspector; the cost for the driveway entrance permit and E911 permit is \$25.00 each which goes to the coordinator. Deb Zeigler asked if that is his whole income. Mary Anderson explained that the CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) receives a salary; as the plumbing inspector he receives a percentage of each permit.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 5 passes.

Article 6: 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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020, to the date of the 2020 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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the date of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Deborah deGroff asked what the amount is of 3/12 of the budget. Tom Johnston stated it is three months 3/12 of every category. Whatever we raise today, next year we will be able to spend 3/12 before town meeting.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 6 passes.

Article 7: 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 2019 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2019) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%)

David Martucci made a motion for October 1, 2019 for the due date and 8% for the interest rate. Moved and seconded to use the recommendation from the Select Board and Tax Collector. Mr. Martucci's motion passed.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 7 passes.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

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 8% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 4%.

A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

Deb Zeigler asked why we collect 8% interest from the citizens if they are late but the town only pays 4% interest if they abate; why not 8%. David Martucci explained we can vote to do it or not. If taxes are abated and refunded to a citizen

we pay interest. He recommends we pay 4%, because it comes out of our pocket, tax money. Tom Johnston stated in looking out for the best interest of the tax payers, you can't earn 8% in the bank or 4%. So at 4% we're still paying a higher interest rate. He thinks it's reasonable to maintain the 4%. Cyd Zeigler stated if the town charges 8% they should pay 8%, it should be equal. David Martucci explained the difference between the two interest rates: 8% is for people who have not paid their taxes on time; 4% is if you have paid your taxes and later it's proven that the town overtaxed you, which is very rare, we refund those taxes with that interest rate. He believes it is in the best interest of the town to go with the lowest rate. Deb Zeigler stated she realizes we already voted on Article #7 to charge 8% but if we only give back 4% we should only charge 4%. Beth Connor asked if she understood what David Martucci stated – people who have gotten an abatement on their taxes will get refunded at 4% interest have not been charged 8% interest for late overdue taxes. The Select Board said that is correct. Robert Marks called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries, 4 opposed

Article 8 passes.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

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

Motion carries unanimously

Article 9 passes.

Article 10: 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 for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen shall dispose of the property by public auction. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

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Deborah deGroff asked if there is a bidding process prior to going to auction. Wesley Daniel stated the resident has 60 days to buy it back for the taxes due. If not, then the property goes to bid at public auction, not with sealed bids. Janet Martucci understands that they do not want to put it right out to public bid that

because if somebody is on hard times that they have the option to buy it back within 60 days. The moderator stated that only bidding is done at the public auction, no sealed bids before the auction. Lisa Sharp asked about the time frame of 60 days, what is the process before. David Martucci explained the process - taxes are due on a certain date; you don't pay; a lien is put on the property; 1 1/2 years before the lien matures; automatic foreclosure (the whole process takes 2 1/2 years). At that point the town decides what to do with it, what we are voting on in Article 10. Deborah asked why there is not a minimum bid set at the auction based on the appraisal price. Wesley Daniel stated the minimum bid is taxes plus costs. David stated that the town is not in the business of selling real estate; we would have to spend money for an appraisal. Our only interest is getting the taxes that we should have gotten plus any costs that we have incurred in trying to collect them. Steve Ocean asked about how many properties have gone to this point in the last couple of years. Wesley Daniel stated four years ago we auctioned off two properties; it does not happen often. Norman Casas called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries 2 opposed

Article 10 passes.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax 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 tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale. Deborah deGroff stated that Article 10 and Article 11 don't agree with each other. If we're not in the real-estate business in Article 11 you need to raise money. Tom Johnston explained that there are costs associated with auctioning off a property, you have to announce it in the newspaper, etc. This article authorizes us to make up part of the minimum bid and then spend that money for those advertisements. Without this article we aren't authorized to spend the money for advertisements which we are required to do.

Bob Birk called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries 2 opposed

Article 11 passes

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Deborah deGroff asked for an example of town-owned items. Wesley Daniel stated we had tables and chairs, a fire truck, old equipment they wanted to sell that was not worth over \$5,000.00.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 12 passes.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2018 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 2018 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.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 13 passes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2019 and 2020 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2019 and 2020 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Deborah deGroff asked if someone were to prepay taxes shouldn't they get a break. Wesley Daniel stated no, we don't do that.

Motion carries 1 opposed

Article 14 passes.

Article 15: 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.

Deborah deGroff asked if there is no break for people that prepay is interest charged to people on tax club plan. Mary Anderson stated no interest accrues while on the plan.

Motion carries 1 opposed

Article 15 passes

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

Janet Martucci asked what are the particular items that have been gotten through grants. Phil Meunier stated they received turn out gear through an MMA grant.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 16 passes.

Article 17: 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 17 passes.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2019 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

A motion was made and seconded to move the 2019 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 18 passes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2019 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2019 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account. Lisa Sharp asked what the approximate amount is in the account now. Tom Johnston stated \$3,377.00. Norman Casas asked if that includes having money in that account for the 3/12 (January-March). Tom stated that any money left in any account on December 31 and is not designated to go another account would go back into undesignated fund/surplus. The moderator explained that on December 31 any money in any account goes to surplus/undesignated account unless the town meeting has authorized it to go someplace else. This article is taking the money from one particular account and authorizing it to go into another account automatically on December 31. There was some discussion and clarification regarding Article 6. Dorothy Sainio stated that as First Selectman, years ago, she came up with Article 6; when the books close on December 31 and there is no

money the Selectman can use. Article 6 allows the Selectmen to conduct business even if they have to go to the bank to borrow money, this article allows them to do that and carry on with town business.

Robert Marks called the question. Debate terminated by vote.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 19 passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4000 from property taxes to rebuild the Soldiers Monument in the Village.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$4000 from property taxes to rebuild the Soldiers Monument in the Village.

Deborah deGroff asked how much is the price to fix the monument. Wesley Daniel stated that this is an estimate; if this passes it will be put out to bid. Robert Marks asked what are the repairs needed. Wesley stated that the top part needs to be replaced because it does not stick out over the edge far enough for water to keep away from the surface. Water is getting into the mortar and cracking it and the bottom base is starting to deteriorate. Lisa Sharp asked if it will look the same after the repairs. Wesley said it will look the same. Steve Ocean stated that he speaks in favor of this motion because he thinks it is great that we honor our soldiers that are from Washington and continue to maintain the monument.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 20 passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2500 from property taxes for a blinking yellow speed limit sign to be placed on Liberty Road for southbound traffic before entering the village.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2500 from property taxes for a blinking yellow speed limit sign to be placed on Liberty Road for southbound traffic before entering the village.

Sandy Bourrie asked if it is a warning light in the sense of a flashing light that tells you what the speed limit is or is it a light that tells you how fast you are actually going. Joan Hayward stated it is an entering village sign with what the speed limit is. Dorothy Sainio asked where it will be placed. Joan stated across from Sweet Seasons Restaurant. Dorothy suggested it go up further on Rt. 220. Wesley Daniel said DOT will get involved with the placement of the sign. Bette Pelletier suggested, if we have any input, the sign go further north up Rt. 220.

Motion carries 2 opposed

Article 21 passes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt changes to the Town of Washington Mining Ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt changes to the Town of Washington Mining Ordinance.

Deborah deGroff asked what the change is. Mary Anderson stated it is in the town report on page 107. David Martucci explained the town has enacted an ordinance for many years that regulates how mining is conducted in this town. For many years there was no ordinance and it was felt that some things were out of control so the operation of sand and gravel pits in this town are required to be permitted and to follow certain regulations. Lisa Sharp confirmed that the CEO was responsible for inspecting and the amendment states it is the responsibility for the pit owner to contact the CEO for an inspection. Lisa clarified that if this does not happen by October 1st the pit owner would get a stop work order. The Selectmen said, yes that is what would happen. Lisa asked if the CEO would keep track of the pits and owners. Tom Johnston stated that with this change it puts the responsibility on the pit owner to contact the CEO and pay the inspection fee which will allow more compliance with the mining ordinance. Deborah deGroff asked what the tax benefit, to the Town of Washington, is to have all these pits. Wesley Daniel stated that the pits are taxed at a higher rate than wild land. Robert Marks asked if the mining ordinance proposed amendment can be changed from the floor. The moderator ruled that proposed municipal ordinances have to be posted at the town office. Robert stated that the definition changes the concept of operator from someone who is mining hard rock, flat rock, sand or clay to any person extracting gravel. If that is the intent or the end result of adopting this amendment – it would, in fact, eliminate all sorts of processes. He is speaking out against adopting this ordinance because it leaves out most of what people are doing. The moderator stated the ordinance cannot be amended from the floor but it can be defeated. Robert stated if we adopt this we make a substantial change to what the mining ordinance covers, inadvertently. David Martucci asked the Moderator if we could vote on each section separately. The Moderator stated that would not be appropriate, you are voting on the amendment as posted; it is a unitary issue – take it as proposed or defeat it as proposed. Cyd Zeigler confirmed. Tom Johnston stated the intent was not to change the definition of Operator. Norman Casas stated he believes we should defeat this article and send it back to the Mining Ordinance Committee to get it straightened out. Lisa Sharp asked if we could vote on this before the next town meeting. Mary Anderson stated we can call a Special Town Meeting anytime.

Motion defeated unanimously

Article 22 did not pass.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to lease the Evening Star Grange parking lot to use jointly with the Evening Star Grange, in return for Winter Maintenance, until cancelled by either the Town or the Grange.

A motion was made and seconded to lease the Evening Star Grange parking lot to use jointly with the Evening Star Grange, in return for Winter Maintenance, until cancelled by either the Town or the Grange.

Deborah deGroff asked how much that would cost. Tom Johnston stated it would take a few minutes of truck and operator time to plow the lot but could not put a dollar value on it.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 23 passes

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2019 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2019 tax commitment by \$438,124.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	\$250,000.00
Revenue Sharing	63,224.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,800.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
General Fund Interest	10,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	9,000.00
Unexpended 2018 Appropriations	54,000.00
Transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance	30,000.00
Total	\$438,124.00

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2019 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2019 tax commitment by \$438,124.00.

Deborah deGroff asked how much excise is on cars and what is it based on. All excise tax is the same across the state per MSRP (Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price) of the vehicle. Tom Johnston stated that these amounts are what we expect to take in on those accounts this year and we are asking to be able to spend them in lieu of raising your property taxes by this amount.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 24 passes.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$289,104.53 from property taxation for 2019 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$160,725.20
Knox County Communications	47,944.00
Union Ambulance	38,000.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	<u>42,435.33</u>
	\$289,104.53

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$289,104.53 from property taxation for 2019 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Deborah deGroff asked if these lines have gone up, down, or stayed the same. Tom Johnston stated the Knox County Tax is up a little bit and Communications went up about 6%, Tri-County is up under 1%, Union Ambulance is up 127% (our original number was too low and we had to add to that-about \$10,000. Increase)

Motion carried unanimously

Article 25 passes.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,150.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	15,000.00
Administration	44,150.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	14,600.00
Audit of Town Books	5,500.00
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	2,800.00
Workshops and Training	2,000.00
Mileage	1,300.00
Office Equipment	4,000.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00
Postage	3,000.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	1,000.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	3,000.00
Money Order Fees	<u>450.00</u>
Subtotal	44,150.00
Total	\$59,150.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$59,150.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 26 passes.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,686.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$ 20,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	374.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	7,812.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$ 29,686.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$29,686.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carried unanimously

Article 27 passes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$197,235.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines \$197,235:

Salaries and Stipends	138,235.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00
Treasurer	12,772.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer	22,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer II	14,400.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	1,200.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	1000.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	4,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary – Appeals Board	400.00
Assessor's Agent	8,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3000.00

Code Enforcement Officer	15,000.00
Constable	100.00
Moderator of open March town meeting	200.00
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00
Custodial Services	<u>1,800.00</u>
Sub-total	138,235.00
Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	37,500.00
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>21,500.00</u>
Total	197,235.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$197,235.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 28 passes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines: \$391,284.00

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	10,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Truck Fuel	19,500.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	2,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	13,000.00
Garage Utilities	4,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	140,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	12,000.00
Road Salt	30,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	88,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$ 391,284.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations. David Williams made a motion to change the figure to the correct one from \$374,284.00 to \$391,284.00. Moved and seconded for correction of a typo. Motion carries unanimously; correction passes.

Lisa Sharp asked knowing the road crew changed their work week to 40 hours, is it a possibility for them to take on the cemetery maintenance in the summer. Tom Johnston answered the town crew has done, in the past, work like moving piles of snow with heavy equipment from the town office, helping to remove trees from a cemetery assisting a tree expert but those hours are taken from the accounts on Article 32. Lisa asked, Do we really need them for 40 hours in the summer to do road maintenance? Tom Johnston stated yes. For example the condition of our dirt roads are terrible and it will take a lot of hours to get those back into shape; a lot of brush cutting, ditching and some other items that have been put off over the years, maintenance to our roads that has not been done. We are looking at putting in the hours that we can into bringing our roads conditions up.

Sandy Bourrie asked what line supports the labor that's involved in maintaining the public access at Crystal Lake and Washington Pond. Wesley Daniel stated it comes from Road Maintenance Labor.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 29 passes.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance	2,000.00
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A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 30 passes.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,165.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,365.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	63,165.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$63,165.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 31 passes.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	14,000.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	1,000.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	17,750.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total	49,750.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance. Lisa Sharp asked why Municipal Complex Snow Removal went up. Tom Johnston stated that is about what it cost us last year. We've had a couple of serious snow years. Plowing includes fire department, library, town office, dry hydrant system across the road from the town office, school bus turn arounds, Crystal Lake and Washington Pond access as well as hand shoveling the walkways.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 32 passes.

Article 33: 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	300.00
Planning Board Expense	300.00
Midcoast Regional Planning Commission	600.00
Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Review Committee	<u>300.00</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. Robert Marks asked why the Appeals Board is not on here. Tom Johnston stated there hasn't been a separate line except for the secretary. If we need to do that we'll look at that with the budget committee.

Motion carries 1 opposed

Article 33 passes.

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$52,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Recreation Committee	2,000.00
Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
West Washington Cemetery Restoration	6,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	20,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	52,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$52,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Deborah deGroff asked what the Recreation Committee is. Peg Hobbs explained what the Recreation Committee money funds: little league, facilitate spring retreat, 5k fun run, primary focus little kids sports basketball, little league, soccer, canoe race; practice field across from the fire department and includes the little league field and buildings on that field. Steve Ocean commented that the Recreation Committee is totally volunteer driven and if you look at the budgets of other towns you'll see \$15,000.00, \$25,000.00 etc. Lisa Sharp stated she understands the lines for Fire Truck and Road Maintenance trucks but would like more information on the state of the trucks. Wesley Daniel stated one of them should have been replaced three years ago. If you vote on this today there should be about \$65,000.00 in that account. We may be able to find a truck with plow and sander that is three of four years old. There was going to be an article to buy a new tank truck but it was decided to keep the old one and raise money for a new one. Norman Casas asked if someone wanted to know how much money was in an account how they would do that. Wesley Daniel stated anyone is welcome to come into the town office and request that information, at any time. Lisa Sharp asked what is going on with the West Washington Cemetery Restoration. Wesley Daniel stated the town took over the cemetery last year from the West Washington Cemetery Association. We had money that was put in the checking account and some in trust. We cleaned up around the cemetery and took some trees down and now the stones need to be cleaned and restored. This \$6,000.00 will do half and possibly another \$6,000.00 to finish next year. Sandy Bourrie stated her property abuts the cemetery and asked if some of the funds will be used to repair the fence, stones and was there any agreement to clean up the stumps. Wesley stated, not at this time.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 34 passes.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,226.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Library Association	15,000.00
Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,756.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Midcoast Conservancy Dues	
(Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-total	22,306.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	
New Hope for Women	787.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Spectrum Generations	922.00
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1500.00
Penquis Community Action Program	1947.00
Life Flight of Maine	764.00
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>
Sub-total	<u>6920.00</u>
Total	\$29,226.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$29,226.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Norman Casas stated that Midcoast Conservancy and Medomak Valley Land Trust has merged so we may want to bump up our donation at a future date. Deborah deGroff asked about New Hope for Woman and would like them to receive more funds. Mary Anderson stated that most of the social agencies request the amount as they do a breakdown of how each town is helped throughout the year.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 35 passes.

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to authorize spending up to \$181,106.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

A motion was made and seconded vote to authorize spending up to \$181,106.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Norman Casas asked how that money is generated and is that a state program. Wesley Daniel stated yes it is a state program and this is money accumulated over the years; carried over if not spent.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 36 passes.

Sharon Turner read a letter from Kit Lascoux who is trying to initiate a neighbor to neighbor program identifying and supporting our vulnerable population which is a primary concern of Emergency Management. If you would like more information or to get involved please contact Kit, 458-4887.

Given under our hands on this 27th day of February, 2019:

Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Berkley Linscott
Selectman

Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman

Attest:
Mary Anderson, Town Clerk