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**Minutes of
Annual Town Meeting July 20, 2005 7:00pm**

To determine taxes for the 12-month period: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

State of Maine

County of Kennebec, ss.

To: Greg Lumbert, Police Chief for the Town of Randolph

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the T. C. Hamlin School in said Town of Randolph, July 20, 2005 at seven o'clock in the evening to thereto act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Al Smith was elected moderator by written ballot.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from the State Revenue Sharing grants towards the reduction of appropriations. Estimate: \$150,000.00. 2005-2006. (2004-2005 \$171,920.00)

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage. Budget Committee - Passage

Motion was made, seconded and passed to amend this article from the estimate of \$150,000.00 to \$170,000.00 ARTICLE 2 PASSED AS AMENDED.

Article 3. To see if the voters will grant the selectmen authority to pay Town expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) until appropriations are voted for that period.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage. Budget Committee - Passage

Article 3 passed as written.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$207,951.00 for the annual payments on debt services previously approved by the Town, (Capital Debt- \$188,000.00 & Fire Truck \$19,951.00).

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage. Budget Committee-Passage

Article 4 passed as written.

Article 5. To see what amount of compensation the voters will vote for the Board of Selectmen, who also serve as Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$17,500.00. Budget Committee - \$17,500.00

Article 5 passed as written.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$27,000.00. Budget Committee - \$27,000.00

Article 6 passed as written.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Police-\$7,500.00
Animal Control - \$3,000.00
Code Enforcement-\$15,600.00
Health Officer-\$100.00
TOTAL-\$26,200.00. Budget Committee - \$26,200.00

Article 7 passed as written.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the voters will raise and appropriate to continue a Town newsletter mailed (three times a year) to Randolph households. The Selectpersons will approve each edition of the newsletter prior to printing.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$1375.00. Budget Committee- \$1,375.00

Article 8 passed as written.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the voters will raise and appropriate to continue the Town website.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$785.00. Budget Committee- \$785.00

Article 9 passed as written.

Article 10. To see if the voters wish taxes to become due annually Sept. 09 and March 09, with interest at 7.75% A.P.R. to begin the day after taxes are due. Interest at 7.75% A.P.R., first half due Sept. 09, 05, with interest to begin Sept. 10, 05. Second half due March 09, 06 with interest to begin March 10, 06.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage Budget Committee- Passage

Article 10 passed as written.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans if necessary within the 2005-2006 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2005-2006 tax income, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town. Such loan or loans will be paid in full during said taxable year.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 11 passed as written.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the Randolph Maple Grove Cemetery.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$8000.00. Budget Committee- \$8,000.00

Article 12 passed as written.

Article 13. To see what action the Town will take regarding a proposal to conduct a Town-wide trash and other junk items pickup. All income, including permit fees, shall be returned to this account, to be expended in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$4,000.00. Budget Committee- \$4,000.00

Article 13 passed as written.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, and to execute quit claim deed (s) for all such property. All sales and disposition shall be by bid.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 14 passed as written.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of resurfacing and/or rehabilitating Town streets and sidewalks.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Total - \$25,000.00. \$12,500.00 from taxes and \$12,500.00 from General Fund. Budget Committee - \$25,000.00

Article 15 passed as written.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gardiner Boys & Girls Club.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$8,520.00. Budget Committee -\$8,520.00

Article 16 passed as written.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of Gardiner Public Library for use by the Town of Randolph.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$12,346.00. Budget Committee - \$12,346.00

Article 17 passed as written.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from State Aid Roads to the Capital Improvement Roads account and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purpose of Capital Improvement namely Roads. \$5000.00 from Taxes and \$5000.00 from General Fund.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$10,000.00. Budget Committee- \$10,000.00

Article 18 passed as written.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,491.00 from general fund for the 5% match providing the Town receives a 2005 FEMA fire grant.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 19 passed as written.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all unexpended funds from the Fire Department Account Balance to a Dedicated Account for Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment Account.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 20 passed as written.

Article 21. To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Dedicated Account Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment.

Recommendations: Selectmen: Passage. Budget Committee- Passage.

Article 21 passed as written.

Article 22. To see if the Town voters will vote to create a dedicated account to raise and appropriate \$18,400.00 dedicated for the purpose of adjusting and replacing the manholes on Windsor Street & Water Street.

Recommendations: Selectmen \$18,400.00. Budget Committee- \$3,300 from Capital Improvement Sewers & \$15,100.00 from taxation.

Article 22 passed as written.

Article 23. To see if the Town voters will vote to create a dedicated account to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for a Town wide re-evaluation.

Recommendations: Selectmen -\$40,000.00 for 2 yrs. Budget Committee- \$20,000.00 from General Fund, \$20,000.00 from taxation.

Article 23 passed as written.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the E-911 Ordinance of 1997, Section 7 to read,

(c) The responsibility for the initial purchase of signs and posts for new streets rests with the owner/developer. The Town shall be responsible for ordering the hardware and erecting the signs after receiving payment from the owner/developer for the hardware. Maintenance of the signs and posts shall rest with the Town thereafter. If applicable, an occupancy permit will not be issued until payment has been received from the owner/developer.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 24 passed as written.

Article 25. Shall the Town vote to accept an ordinance entitled "Mobile Home Installation Ordinance".

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage. Budget Committee- Passage

Article 25 passed as written.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the creation of the Randolph Neighborhood Watch Program, administered by the Police Chief, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. They are asking for \$2,100.00.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$2,100.00 Budget Committee- \$2100.00

Article 26 passed as written.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of not more than three (3) years, for the purpose of providing winter & summer road maintenance and repairs, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

Recommendations: Selectmen-Passage. Budget Committee-Passage.

Article 27 passed as written.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the General Government Services.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Total \$421,466.00. \$86,466.00 from Taxation and \$335,000.00 from General Fund. Budget Committee -Passage

Article 28 passed as written.

There were 84 registered voters in attendance.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken July 20, 2005

By _____

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk