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**MINUTES OF
Annual Town Meeting July 23, 2008 7:00pm**

To determine taxes for the 12-month period: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009
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 23, 2008 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: \$160,000.00 2008-2009 (2007-2008 \$183,177.44)
Recommendations: Selectmen – Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 2 passed as written.

Article 3. To see if the voters will grant the selectmen authority to pay Town expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) until appropriations are voted for that period.
Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 3 passed as written.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds between expenditure accounts.
Recommendations: Selectmen – Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 4 passed as written.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt services previously approved by the Town.
Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage Budget Comm.- Passage
Capital Debt - \$183,700.00
MSAD 11 - \$760,016.00
County Tax - \$82,238.00

Article 5 passed as written.

Article 6. To see if the voters wish taxes to become due Sept. 12, 2008 and March 12, 2009 with interest at 11.00% A.P.R. to begin the day after taxes are due. The first half due Sept. 12, 2008, with interest to begin on Sept. 13, 2008. Second half due March 12, 2009 with interest to begin March 13, 2009.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage Budget Comm. - Passage

Article 6 passed as written.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans if necessary within the 2008-2009 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2008-2009 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 Comm. - Passage

Article 7 passed as written.

Article 8. 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 Comm. - Passage

Article 8 passed as written.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club.

Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club requested \$10,629.00

Recommendations: Selectmen-\$10,629.00 Budget Comm.-\$10,629.00

Article 9 passed as written.

Article 10. 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.

Gardiner Public Library requested \$15,692.00.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$15,692.00 Budget Comm.- \$5000.00 to be set aside for a voucher system to reimburse citizens who wish to use the library.

After discussion, Article 10 passed for the full amount of \$15,692.00 as recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 11. To see what amount of compensation the voters will vote for the Board of Selectmen, who also serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$15,000.00 Budget Comm.- \$15,000.00

Article 11 passed as written.

Article 12. 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- \$35,000.00 Budget Comm. – \$20,000.00

Article 12 passed Budget Committee recommendation of \$20,000.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from Maine Department of Transportation to the Capital Improvement Roads account and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the purpose of Capital Improvement namely Roads. \$2,500.00 from Taxes and \$2,500.00 from General Fund.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$5,000.00 Budget Comm.-\$2,500.00
(from general fund)

Article 13 passed Budget Committee recommendation of \$2,500.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,000.00 for a new furnace and insulation for the Town Garage.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 14 passed as written. __

Article 15. To see if the Town will appropriate \$2,500.00 to create a Dedicated Account for Public Works Vehicle Replacement.

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage Budget Comm. - \$1,000.00

Article 15 failed in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion made and seconded to vote on the article in the amount of \$1,000.00. Article 15 passed Budget Committee recommendation of \$1,000.00.

Article 16. 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 snowplowing and street sweeping/catch basins, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

Recommendations: Selectmen – Passage Budget Comm. – Not to Pass

After discussion, motion made and seconded to go for a one year bid. Motion failed. Article 16 passed as written.

Article 17. To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 MRSA § 3025, will vote to accept the dedication made by Chad and Linda Kempton of title in fee simple of roads named Nottingham Road, Nadia's Way and Maria's Way shown on the approved plans, and to accept and establish town ways on said strips of land. (3/10 miles)

Recommendations: Selectmen – Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 17 passed as written.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$25,100.00 Budget Comm. - \$25,100.00
Police - \$8,500.00 Animal Control - \$900.00
Code Enforcement - \$15,600.00 Health Officer - \$100.00

Article 18 passed as written.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the three Randolph Cemeteries.

Recommendations: Selectmen- \$13,000.00 Budget Comm.- \$13,000.00

Article 19 passed as written.

Article 20. To see what action the Town will take regarding a proposal to conduct a Town-wide trash and other junk item pickup. All income, including permit fees, shall be returned to this account, to be expended in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$5,000.00 Budget Comm.- \$1,500.00

Article 20 passed Budget Committee recommendation in the amount of \$1,500.00

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$30,000.00 Budget Comm.-30,000.00

Article 21 passed as written.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$13,000.00 from General Fund for the 5% match providing the Town receives a 2008 FEMA fire grant.

Recommendations: Selectmen- Passage Budget Comm. - Passage, if the grant is not awarded funds be transferred to the Dedicated Account for Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment Account.

Article 22 passed Budget Committee recommendation. If the grant is not awarded funds be transferred to the Dedicated Account for Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment Account.

Article 23. 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. (\$219.77)

Recommendations: Selectmen - Passage Budget Comm. - Passage

Article 23 passed as written.

Article 24. To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Dedicated Account Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$5,000.00 Budget Comm.- \$0

Article 24 passed Budget Committee recommendation of \$0. Money was not appropriated.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the voters will raise and appropriate to continue a Town newsletter mailed to Randolph households. The Selectmen will approve each edition of the newsletter prior to printing.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$1,635.00 for three per year

Budget Comm.- \$1,000.00 for two per year

Motion made and seconded to vote on Article 25 with the Budget Committee recommendation of \$1,000.00 for two newsletters per year. Motion failed. Article 25 passed Selectmen recommendation of \$1,635.00.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the voters will raise and appropriate to continue the Town web site.

Recommendations: Selectmen - \$821.00 Budget Comm. - \$0

Budget Committee recommends the web site be done by the Office Staff.

Article 26 passed Selectmen recommendation in the amount of \$821.00.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the General Government Services.

Recommendations: Selectmen – Total \$531,670.00

\$197,170.00 from Taxation and \$334,500.00 from General Fund

Budget Comm. - Total \$512,950.00

\$178,450.00 from Taxation and \$334,500.00 from General Fund

Motion was made, seconded and passed to open the floor for discussion of this article. After discussion, motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 27 in the amount of \$512,950.00 as recommended by the Budget Committee. Article 27 passed Budget Committee recommendation in the amount of \$512,950.00

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$244,230.97 established for the Town of Randolph by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Recommendations: Selectmen – Passage Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 28 was passed by secret ballot as required by law.

Yes-43/No-13.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m. There were 99 registered voters in attendance.

Minutes taken July 23, 2008

By _____
Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk