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Minutes of

Annual Town Meeting July 27, 2011 7:00pm

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

Clifford Goodall was elected moderator of Town Meeting by written ballot.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Goodall made announcements including the Display at the back of the room by the Historical Society on the History of Randolph. Also, there was a survey passed out during the meeting on the "Green Space" and suggestions on what to do with this space. He asked that this survey please be returned at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Goodall explained Article 43. Explained that 3 years ago the State Legislature passed a law which sets a cap on the amount of increase that a town can increase its tax levy in any one year. If the town is going to exceed that tax levy, the town has to vote to do so by written ballot. If the proposed budget in this warrant and all the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen pass, the tax levy will have been exceeded by \$36,000.00 and Article 43 will have to be voted yes in order to implement all the previous votes. If the budget committee's recommendations pass, the tax limit will still be exceeded but by \$15,000.00. The likelihood is, that at the end of the meeting, Article 43 will be voted on by written ballot. If this fails, we would have to go back and do some of the votes.

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: \$130,000.00 2011-2012 (2010-2011 \$136,547.72)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 2 passed as written.

Article 3. To see if the Town will grant the selectmen authority to pay Town expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) until appropriations are approved 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 if the Town will vote to change the annual municipal election from March to June beginning in 2012. Officials whose position would otherwise be up for election in March 2012 will hold over in office until the annual election in June if this change is approved.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 10/11 TAX YEAR

Article 5 passed as written.

Ed Gorham explained that the town was trying to consolidate two elections which will save money.

Article 6. 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 - \$165,500.00

Capital Debt - \$165,841.38

MSAD 11 - \$787,693.00

MSAD 11 - \$759,530.97

County Tax - \$ 88,403.00

County Tax - \$ 85,976.75

Article 6 passed as written.

Article 7. To see if the Voters wish taxes to become due Sept. 09, 2011 and March 09, 2012 with interest beginning on Sept. 10, 2011 and March 10, 2012 at the rate of 7.00% A.P.R.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 7 passed as written.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 8 passed as written.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans if necessary within the 2011-2012 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2011-2012 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 9 passed as written.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with the value of \$5,000.00 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 10 passed as written.

Article 11. 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

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Article 11 passed as written.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administrative Services.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$108,525.00

Budget Comm. – \$107,500.00

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|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
| Admin Wages | \$74,500.00 | <i>Wages</i> | \$73,982.12 | Admin Wages | \$74,500 |
| Payroll Taxes | \$16,000.00 | <i>Taxes</i> | \$15,998.59 | Payroll Taxes | \$16,000 |
| Admin Supplies | \$ 3,000.00 | <i>Supplies</i> | \$ 1,750.70 | Admin Supply | \$ 2,500 |
| Admin. Contin. | \$15,025.00 | <i>Admin. Contin.</i> | \$13,292.29 | Admin Contin | \$14,500 |
| (Broken down as) | | <i>(Broken down as)</i> | | (Broken Down as) | |
| ELECTIONS | \$4,000.00 | <i>Elections</i> | \$2,739.33 | Elections | \$ 3,500 |
| POSTAGE | \$2,500.00 | <i>Postage</i> | \$2,392.40 | Postage | \$ 2,500 |
| PRINTING | \$1,000.00 | <i>Printing</i> | \$ 949.79 | Printing | \$ 1,000 |
| COMP. SUP | \$6,525.00 | <i>Comp.Sup</i> | \$6,210.97 | Comp.Sup | \$ 6,525 |
| MISC. | \$1,000.00 | <i>Misc.</i> | \$ 999.80 | Misc. | \$ 975 |

Article 12 - Motion made to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$107,500.00 on Article 12. Motion seconded and passed with the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$107,500.00.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Contracted Services.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$303,952.00 \$275,000.00 from the General Fund \$28,952 from Taxation
Budget Comm – \$290,952.00 \$275,000 from the General Fund \$15,952 from Taxation**

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|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| CMP-ST.LIGHTS | \$17,000.00 | <i>CMP</i> | \$16,436.72 |
| REGISTRY | \$ 1,800.00 | <i>REGISTRY</i> | \$ 1,586.00 |
| ASSESSOR | \$ 3,500.00 | <i>ASSESSOR</i> | \$ 3,000.00 |
| TRANSPORT | \$10,000.00 | <i>TRANSPORT</i> | \$ 5,000.00 |
| HYDRANTS | \$75,916.00 | <i>HYDRANTS</i> | \$73,316.00 |
| INSURANCE | \$12,050.00 | <i>INSURANCE</i> | \$11,469.00 |
| KVCOG | \$ 2,245.00 | <i>KVCOG</i> | \$ 2,245.00 |
| HATCH HILL \$ | \$28,665.00 | <i>HATCH HILL</i> | \$28,665.00 |
| AUDIT | \$ 8,750.00 | <i>AUDIT</i> | \$ 5,150.00 |
| MMA DUES | \$ 2,254.00 | <i>MMA DUES</i> | \$ 2,209.00 |
| WORKERS COMP | \$ 7,032.00 | <i>WORKERS COMP</i> | \$ 5,089.10 |
| SNOW PLOW | \$72,537.00 | <i>SNOW PLOW</i> | \$73,987.35 |
| STREET SWEEP | \$ 9,925.00 | <i>STREET SWEEP</i> | \$10,123.17 |
| LEGAL | \$10,000.00 | <i>LEGAL</i> | \$ 6,476.76 |
| OFFICE MACHINE | \$ 1,500.00 | <i>OFFICE MACHINE</i> | \$ 1,381.55 |
| MAP READER | \$ 700.00 | <i>MAP READER</i> | \$ 668.00 |
| FF INSURANCE | \$ 714.00 | <i>FF INSURANCE</i> | \$ 713.76 |

AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 10/11 TAX YEAR

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|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| AMBULANCE | \$11,446.00 | <i>AMBULANCE</i> | <i>\$10,579.45</i> |
| DISPATCHING | \$23,703.00 | <i>DISPATCHING</i> | <i>\$20,340.18</i> |
| INCOME INSUR | \$ 1,176.00 | <i>INCOME INSUR.</i> | <i>\$ 1,167.21</i> |
| ANIM. CONTRACT | <u>\$ 3,039.00</u> | <i>ANIM. CONTRACT</i> | <i><u>\$ 3,039.00</u></i> |
| TOTAL | \$303,952.00 | Total | \$282,642.25 |

**Motion made to accept the Budget Committee recommendation of \$290,952.00.
Motion seconded and passed with Budget Committee recommendation.**

Article 14. 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

Misc. \$10,629.00

Article 14 passed as written.

Article 15. 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 \$16,477.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$16,477.00

Budget Comm. – \$16,477.00

Misc. \$15,692.00

Article 15 passed as written.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of resurfacing and/or rehabilitating Town streets and sidewalks.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$20,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$20,000.00

Misc. \$11,801.00

Wages \$414.06

Article 16 passed as written.

Article 17. 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.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

Misc. \$7,781.00

Wages \$133.52

Article 17 passed as written.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account Capital Improvement Sewers.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

Article 18 passed as written.

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Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$67,500.00

Sewers - \$30,000.00

Roads - \$34,000.00

Maint/Equip. - \$3,500.00

Sewers-wages-\$ 9,103.40

Roads- wages-\$ 15,942.14

Maint/equip - \$ 837.90

Budget Comm. – \$60,500.00

Sewers - \$23,000.00

Roads - \$34,000.00

Maint/Equip.- \$3,500.00

Misc. - \$12,387.07

Misc. - \$18,582.15

Misc. - \$ 2,745.46

Motion to accept Budget Committee recommendation of \$60,500.00. Motion seconded and passed with Budget Committee recommendation.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for Public Works Vehicle Replacement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,000.00

Budget Comm. –\$1,000.00

Article 20 passed as written.

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the three Randolph Cemeteries.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$15,000.00

Wages - \$10,308.39

Budget Comm. – \$14,000.00

Misc.-\$5,693.56

Motion to accept Budget Committee recommendation of \$14,000.00 Motion seconded and Article 21 passed with Budget Committee Recommendation.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to repay the Maple Grove Cemetery for over extended funds.

Recommendation:

Selectmen - \$11,000.00

Budget Comm. - \$11,000.00

Motion made and seconded. Discussion to explain this article: Selectman Gorham explained that this money was to replace money taken from the cemetery account when the town took over the cemetery. The Town was free to use the interest but not the principle. Selectmen Hanley explained that this was a mistake on the part of the Board and it must be replaced. This will be done in three (3) increments. Selectman Hanley ask to address the crowd. He explained that the money was used to clean stone (stone repair) and to cut some trees that were dead and limbs that were hazardous. Also, the entrance to the Maple Grove Extension was paved.

Article 22 passed as written.

Article 23. 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 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,500.00

Wages- \$544.89

Budget Comm. – \$1,500.00

Misc. \$3,746.45

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Article 23 passed as written.

Article 24. To see sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Buildings & Land.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$15,000.00
Wages - \$2,396.29

Budget Comm. – \$15,000.00
Misc. - \$13,514.22

Article 24 passed as written.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the Veterans' Memorial located at the Town Office, from the Veterans' Committee.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 25 passed as written.

Article 26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$23,700.00
Police - \$ 8,000.00
Code Enforcement - \$15,600.00
Police -\$ 6,555.00
CEO - \$15,600.00

Budget Comm. – \$23,700.00
Animal Control - \$ 0.00
Health Officer - \$100.00
Animal Control -\$1,589.96
Health Officer - \$ 100.00

Article 26 passed as written.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$30,000.00
FD Wages - \$17,520.50

Budget Comm. – \$30,000.00
Misc.- \$11,668.37

Article 27 passed as written

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses for the EMA Department.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,000.00
EMA Wages- \$997.50

Budget Comm. – \$2,000.00
Misc. – 2,905.34

Motion made and seconded to accept Budget Committee amount of \$2,000.00 Article 28 passed with Budget Committee Recommendation. Budget Committee Chair Michael Carrie explained that the Budget Committee felt that \$2,000.00 would be the appropriate amount.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all unexpended funds from the Fire Department Account Balance to a Dedicated Account for Major Repairs/Equipment Account. (\$811.13)

Recommendations:

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Selectmen – Passage

\$8.92 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 29 passed as written.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a Fire Truck. Not to exceed \$130,000.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$0.00

Budget Comm. – \$0.00

Motion made and seconded to go with Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations of \$0.00. Article 30 passed with \$0.00.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,000.00

Account Balance - \$28,791.71

Article 31 passed as written.

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town 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 – \$1,365.00

Budget Comm. – \$1,365.00

Misc. \$1,364.10

Article 32 passed as written.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue the Town website.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$825.00

Budget Comm. – \$825.00

Misc. \$795.00

Article 33 passed as written.

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Utilities.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$13,050.00

Budget Comm. – \$13,050.00

Heating-\$6,000.00

Phone-\$2,000.00

Water-\$400.00

Electric-\$3,550.00

Sewer-\$ 400.00

Misc. -\$700.00

Heating-\$5,313.21

Phone-\$1,977.06

Water-\$356.00

Electric-\$3,512.60

Sewer-\$ 352.64

Misc.- \$661.48

Article 34 passed as written.

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Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Benefits.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$2,200.00

Budget Comm. – \$2,200.00

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Senior Spectrum | \$100.00 | Health Reach\Hospice | \$800.00 |
| Janice’s Food Pantry | \$400.00 | K.V.C.A.P. | \$200.00 |
| Chrysalis Place | \$600.00 | Town Historian | \$100.00 |

Article 35 passed as written.

Article 36 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

Type and Amounts of payments;

Rent - \$6,182.00

Electric - \$176.00

Wages - \$0

Fuel - \$1,036.13

Misc. – \$31.16

Article 36 passed as written.

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingency.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

Misc. \$5,000.00

Board of Selectmen was asked what this money was used for. The Treasurer explained that this money is used for any accounts that are overdrawn or short or unexpected during the year. Article 37 passed as written. Payroll tax, Buildings & Lands, roads, Maintenance & Equipment and Cemeteries were the accounts that were overdrawn.

Article 38. To see what amount of compensation the Town 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

Wages - \$15,000.00

Article 38 passed as written.

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to a dedicated account to start the process of updating the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$8,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$8,000.00

Article 39 passed as written. Peter Coughlan, Chair of the Planning Board explained this article. The last Plan was dated 1997 and must be updated. This expires December of 2012 and takes two years to develop. A committee of volunteers must be set up. This money will be appropriated over two years.

Article 40. Shall an ordinance entitled “Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance” be enacted and an administrative PACE contract be signed with Efficiency Maine Trust?

Recommendations:

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Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 40 passed as written. Peter Coughlan explained that this is a requirement for residents of the Town to qualify for Efficiency Maine loans up to \$15,000.00. There is no obligation on the part of the town to do any paperwork.

Article 41. Shall the Ordinance Regulating the Storage and Disposal of Garbage and Junk be amended by adding the following in section B, below lower case (d):

(e)

Garbage dumpsters and other similar containers used to hold garbage which as a result of high temperatures expel strong odors of decaying materials shall be required to be made empty of garbage and sanitized and treated to eliminate all offensive odors. When the town CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) or LHO (Local Health Officer) determine that said emptying and sanitation steps are necessary, attempts to notify the owner or manager of the property shall be made by one of the two above officials. The property owner or manager shall cause the required necessary removal of the odors within 24 hours of being notified. Should the Town not be able to notify one of the above persons within 24 hours, the CEO or LHO shall have the garbage and odors removed and the Town shall bill the property owner along with the regular real estate tax bill to recover the money spent on solid waste garbage and trash removed.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 41 passed as written. Bob St. Pierre, Code Enforcement Officer explained that this just gives the town more leverage to the garbage and junk ordinance regarding dumpsters.

Article 42. Shall the Flood Plain Ordinance Article II be amended by the following:

Before any construction or other development (as defined in Article XIII), except small projects, (as defined in Article XIII) including the placement of manufactured homes, begins within any areas of special flood hazard established in Article I, a Flood Hazard Development Permit shall be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer. This permit shall be in addition to any other permits which may be required pursuant to the codes and ordinances of the Town of Randolph, Maine.

Also, remove the word *maintenance* and replace with Small Projects- means projects under \$500.00 or single projects consisting of painting, siding, or window replacement only, as defined in Article XIII.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 42 passed as written.

Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$420,208.27 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.

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Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – No Recomm.

The Treasurer explained that with the passage of this budget we are over by \$14,987.83 Use of the word “exceed” in this article means that it is effective only for this year’s budget. Article 43 passed by a written vote of 41 yes – 8 no.

Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. There were 52 registered voters in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk