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**MINUTES OF
Annual Town Meeting July 25, 2012**

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

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

Mr. Goodall opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He asked the voters to accept the rules of procedure passed out at the check in table. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Selectboard Chair, Robert Henderson, Jr. addressed the crowd, explained Article 43, introduced Richard Harriman, town historian seated at the back of the auditorium with a display, and the town's new Animal Control Officer, Ross Boardman. He also stated that the new Pastor from the Randolph United Methodist Street will try to get to the meeting before it closes to meet people in town.

Mr. Goodall further explained Article 43. This will be a secret ballot vote at the end of the meeting when the total budget is determined. Marge Gilman a member of the budget committee explained that if the articles are passed with the Selectboard's recommendation, the mil rate will go up by 1 mil. If the Budget Committee's recommendation is passed, the rate will go up by ½ mil.

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: \$100,000.00 2012-2013 (2011-2012 \$139,350.61)

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014) 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 June to November beginning in 2013. Officials whose positions would otherwise be up for election in June 2013 will hold over in office until the annual election in November if this change is approved.

Recommendations:

AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 11/12 TAX YEAR

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 5 passed as written.

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 -	\$162,700.00	<i>Capital Debt -</i>	<i>\$165,081.43</i>
MSAD 11 -	\$810,704.00	<i>MSAD 11 -</i>	<i>\$787,692.31</i>
County Tax -	\$ 94,083.00	<i>County Tax -</i>	<i>\$ 88,402.72</i>

Article 6 passed as written.

Article 7. To see if the Voters wish taxes to become due Sept. 12, 2012 and March 12, 2013 with interest beginning on Sept. 13, 2012 and March 13, 2013 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 2012-2013 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2012-2013 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:

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Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 11 passed as written.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$108,248.00

Budget Comm. – \$108,000.00

Admin Wages	\$74,500.00	<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$73,290.33</i>	Admin Wages	\$74,500
Payroll Taxes	\$16,000.00	<i>Taxes</i>	<i>\$15,400.65</i>	Payroll Taxes	\$16,000
Admin Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 2,500.00</i>	Admin Supply	\$ 2,500
Admin. Contin.	\$15,248.00	<i>Admin. Contin.</i>	<i>\$14,481.58</i>	Admin Contin	\$15,000
(Broken down as)		<i>(Broken down as)</i>		(Broken Down as)	
ELECTIONS	\$3,500.00	<i>Elections</i>	<i>\$3,500.00</i>	Elections	\$ 3,500
POSTAGE	\$2,700.00	<i>Postage</i>	<i>\$2,557.77</i>	Postage	\$ 2,600
PRINTING	\$1,200.00	<i>Printing</i>	<i>\$1,056.76</i>	Printing	\$ 1,100
COMP. SUP	\$6,848.00	<i>Comp.Sup</i>	<i>\$6,521.52</i>	Comp.Sup	\$ 6,848
MISC.	\$1,000.00	<i>Misc.</i>	<i>\$ 845.53</i>	Misc.	\$ 952

Article 12 - Motion made to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$108,000.00. Motion seconded and passed with the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$108,000.00.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$313,085.00 \$295,000.00 from the General Fund \$18,085 from Taxation
Budget Comm. – \$285,000.00 from the General Fund

CMP-ST.LIGHTS	\$17,000.00	<i>CMP</i>	<i>\$16,340.84</i>
REGISTRY	\$ 1,800.00	<i>REGISTRY</i>	<i>\$ 1,300.00</i>
ASSESSOR	\$ 3,500.00	<i>ASSESSOR</i>	<i>\$ 3,300.00</i>
TRANSPORT	\$10,223.00	<i>TRANSPORT</i>	<i>\$ 5,315.08</i>
HYDRANTS	\$75,916.00	<i>HYDRANTS</i>	<i>\$73,316.00</i>
INSURANCE	\$11,215.00	<i>INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$10,790.00</i>
KVCOG	\$ 2,245.00	<i>KVCOG</i>	<i>\$ 2,245.00</i>
HATCH HILL	\$26,665.00	<i>HATCH HILL</i>	<i>\$27,622.50</i>
AUDIT	\$ 5,500.00	<i>AUDIT</i>	<i>\$ 8,750.00</i>
MMA DUES	\$ 2,242.00	<i>MMA DUES</i>	<i>\$ 2,242.00</i>
WORKERS COMP	\$ 7,000.00	<i>WORKERS COMP</i>	<i>\$ 6,052.40</i>
SNOW PLOW	\$73,988.00	<i>SNOW PLOW</i>	<i>\$72,536.60</i>
STREET SWEEP	\$10,124.00	<i>STREET SWEEP</i>	<i>\$10,123.17</i>
LEGAL	\$ 6,000.00	<i>LEGAL</i>	<i>\$ 531.10</i>
OFFICE MACHINE	\$ 1,500.00	<i>OFFICE MACHINE</i>	<i>\$ 552.55</i>
HEALTH INSUR	\$20,108.00	<i>HEALTH INSUR</i>	<i>\$</i>
MAP READER	\$ 700.00	<i>MAP READER</i>	<i>\$ 203.00</i>

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FF INSURANCE	\$ 440.00	<i>FF INSURANCE</i>	\$ 600.00
AMBULANCE	\$ 8,940.00	<i>AMBULANCE</i>	\$11,445.94
DISPATCHING	\$23,703.00	<i>DISPATCHING</i>	\$19,814.00
INCOME INSUR	\$ 1,237.00	<i>INCOME INSUR.</i>	\$ 1,175.88
ANIM. CONTRACT	<u>\$ 3,039.00</u>	<i>ANIM. CONTRACT</i>	<u>\$ 2,927.98</u>
TOTAL	\$313,085.00	Total	\$277,184.04

Motion made and seconded to accept the Selectmen's recommendation of \$313,085.00. There was discussion of health insurance and the fact that the Budget Committee recommended "0" on this particular item. Selectmen Robert Henderson and Edward Gorham spoke in support of health insurance for the full time (40 hour) office employees. Ed Gorham also stated that the lack of policy for health insurance was an issue for the Budget Committee so the personnel policy had now been updated and health insurance had been addressed.

Motion made, seconded and passed to cease discussion

Vote for the original motion to accept Selectmen's Budget failed.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$285,000.00. Article 13 passed with the Budget Committee's 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 \$16,971.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$16,971.00

Budget Comm. – \$16,971.00

Misc. \$16,477.00

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 – \$30,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$25,000.00

Misc. \$17,868.42

Wages \$891.47

Motion made and seconded for the Budget Committee recommendation of \$25,000.00. Article 16 passed with the Budget Committee recommendation of \$25,000.00

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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
<i>Misc. \$60,439.00</i>	<i>Wages \$53.43</i>

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
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Article 18 passed as written.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$69,700.00	Budget Comm. – \$60,500.00
Sewers - \$30,000.00	Sewers - \$23,000.00
Roads - \$36,200.00	Roads - \$34,000.00
Maint/Equip. - \$3,500.00	Maint/Equip.- \$3,500.00
<i>Sewers-wages-\$ 5,922.66</i>	<i>Misc. - \$17,077.34</i>
<i>Roads- wages-\$ 14,732.56</i>	<i>Misc. - \$19,848.75</i>
<i>Maint/equip - \$ 786.47</i>	<i>Misc. - \$ 2,713.53</i>

Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$60,500.00. Article 19 passed with the amount of \$60,500.00

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
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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	Budget Comm. – \$14,000.00
<i>Wages - \$9,734.45</i>	<i>Misc.-\$4,626.86</i>

Motion made and seconded to accept the Selectmen's recommendation of \$15,000.00. Motion failed.

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Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$14,000.00.

Article 21 passed with the Budget Committee recommendation of \$14,000.00

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

Misc. - \$11,000.00

Budget Comm. - \$11,000.00

From the General Fund

Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee recommendation of \$11,000.00 from the general fund. Article 22 passed with the Budget Committee's recommendation.

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 - \$750.00

Wages - \$580.96

Budget Comm. - \$750.00

Misc. \$2,712.86

Article 23 passed as written.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$13,000.00

Wages - \$3,568.54

Budget Comm. - \$13,000.00

Misc. - \$9,180.37

Article 24 passed as written.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to make the Veterans' Memorial account a dedicated account.

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 purchase of a Police Vehicle and equipment, not to exceed \$8,000.00

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$8,000.00

Budget Comm. - \$8,000.00

Motion was made and seconded. Constable Lumbert was asked to give clarification. He explained the cost of buying a car and equipment. He feels that it may be time for the town to invest in this due to the lack of time the State Police & Sheriff's Department have to patrol. Speeding on streets in town seems to be a major concern to townspeople. Discussion of the fact that there are only 7 miles of road in town with some coverage by the State and County, the town constable and the neighborhood watch this may be an unnecessary expense. A budget committee member explained that the committee felt it may be a good idea to try this for one year and see how it goes. Peter Coughlan explained that Constable Lumbert came to the Town

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and stated that he was getting many complaints about speeding in town and felt that this may be a feasible option for the town to try.

Motion was made and seconded to cease discussion. Motion passed.

Article 26 passed as written.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$24,700.00	Budget Comm. – \$24,700.00
Police - \$ 8,000.00	Animal Control - \$1000.00
Code Enforcement - \$15,600.00	Health Officer - \$100.00
<i>Police - \$ 6,895.90</i>	<i>Animal Control - \$2,110.16</i>
<i>CEO - \$15,600.00</i>	<i>Health Officer - \$ 100.00</i>

Article 27 passed as written.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$35,000.00	Budget Comm. – \$32,000.00
<i>FD Wages - \$15,306.50</i>	<i>Misc.- \$13,808.49</i>

Motion made and seconded to accept the Selectmens' recommendation of \$35,000.00. Article passed with Selectmens' recommendation. Motion failed.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$32,000.00. Article 28 passed with Budget Committee's recommendation of \$32,000.00

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses for the Emergency Management Equipment.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$2,000.00	Budget Comm. – \$2,000.00
<i>EMA Wages- \$1,305.00</i>	<i>Misc. – \$575.4</i>

Article 29 passed as written.

Article 30. 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. (\$1,235.01)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage	Budget Comm. – Passage
<i>\$811.13 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.</i>	
<i>Account Balance - \$3,384.63</i>	<i>Misc.- \$3,135.42</i>

Article 30 passed as written.

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
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Account Balance - \$38,791.71

Motion was made and seconded. There was discussion about response time when only three on the roster actually live in town and what the fire department will look like in 5 years or so. Resident Shirley Hanley suggested a feasibility committee to look into going with Gardiner for fire protection in the future.

Article 31 passed as written.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the property at 104 Kinderhook Street (Map 010 Lot 016) with funds from the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund, not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$32,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$32,000.00

Motion made and seconded. Discussion of flood plain area in town and how often flooding is a concern. A member of the Budget Committee stated that this was probably the best deal possible to get the fire department out of the flood zone at a reasonable cost. Bob Davis the Chairman of the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund spoke that this would fall under the rules of the Revolving Loan Fund and he assumed that the money would be paid back.

Article 32 passed as written.

Article 33. 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 – \$1,229.00

Budget Comm. – \$1,229.00

Misc. \$1,255.00

Article 33 passed as written.

Article 34. 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. \$825.00

Article 34 passed as written.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$13,150.00

Budget Comm. – \$13,150.00

Heating-\$6,000.00

Phone-\$2,100.00

Water-\$400.00

Electric-\$3,550.00

Sewer-\$ 400.00

Misc. -\$700.00

Heating-\$5,772.10

Phone-\$2,026.95

Water-\$356.00

Electric-\$3,388.99

Sewer-\$ 256.36

Misc.- \$671.40

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Motion made and seconded to enact the ordinance. Moderator explained that a yes vote will pass the ordinance, a no vote will result in non-acceptance of the ordinance. This exempts active duty residents from paying excise tax to the town while serving in another location. Question about how many people this may affect.

Selectman Hanley stated on behalf of all veterans that it is an injustice to all veterans as the current military members are well paid and should not be given this benefit. A veteran spoke up and stated that Mr. Hanley did not speak for "all veterans"

Article 41 passed as written.

Article 42. Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled "Discharge and Possession of Fireworks".

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – No Passage

Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Office

Motion made and seconded to enact the ordinance as written. Discussion of enforcement problems. Some residents expressed their wish to outlaw fireworks entirely. Moderator explained if the town wanted a complete ban on fireworks, the Board of Selectmen would have to asked to put this in an article for a town meeting and if they did not agree to do that, there would have to be a petition circulated with at least 10% of the number of voters at the last gubernatorial election. Selectboard member Bob Henderson explained the fine structure. It was felt that this ordinance would be better than having no ordinance. It was suggested that fireworks be handled with a permit system. If the ordinance is not passed it will revert to State law which is less restrictive. This ordinance is similar to the one the Town of Farmingdale has and they are finding problems with it. They may make some changes to theirs soon.

Article 42 passed as written. Ordinance enacted.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$416,046.81 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

The moderator asked if the budget passed exceeded the property tax levy limit. This was the case. If voting yes, everything voted for will pass. If voting no, the entire budget has to come back for another town meeting.

Article was voted on by written ballot. The results: Yes - 50/No - 2.

This meeting was adjourned at: 9:47 p.m.

There were 64 registered voters in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk