

2019 Annual Town Meeting
Friday March 29, 2019
6:30 pm at the Municipal Building

AROOSTOOK, s.s.

STATE OF MAINE

The election portion of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 3 pm on Thursday March 28, 2019 to act on the following two Articles:

- ART. 1 It was moved and seconded to nominate Margaret Pierce as the moderator. Two paper ballots were cast to vote Ms. Pierce in as Moderator.
- ART. 2 To elect by secret ballot the following Officer(s):
One (1) Selectperson for a term of three (3) years:
 Daniel Higgins Sr.: 37 votes
 Michelle Eastman: 33 Votes
One (1) Portage Lake Schoolboard member for a term of three (3) years
 Ginger Nelson: 59 votes
One (1) Portage Lake Schoolboard member for a term of 1 (1) year
 Tammy Curran: 66 votes

The meeting was recessed and reconvened on Friday March 29, 2019 at 6 pm to act on the following Articles to wit:

There were 22 resident voters and two non-resident voters present.

Margaret Pierce is unable to continue her duties as moderator of the remainder of the Town Meeting on Friday March 29, so she had appointed Joel Hall as deputy moderator. Joel is sworn in as Deputy Moderator.

- ART. 3 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 4 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectboard to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Town's annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the annual March Town Meeting. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 5 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectboard to accept any gifts, donations, grants and State funding or reimbursements on behalf of the Town, and exercise such authority as needed to implement grants. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 6 It was moved and seconded to allow a 2% discount on taxes paid within 30 days of the mailing date and set an interest rate of 9%, per 36 MRSA sec 505.4, on unpaid taxes 60 days after the date of tax commitment. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 7 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 506. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 8 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to allow the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure *before* the notice of foreclosure has been executed when it is in the best interest of the Town. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 9 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to sell or dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner which they deem to be in the best interests of the Town, after first offering the property to the previous owners for all taxes, fees and interest owed, and to bring writs of entry for recovery of any parcels of land that have been acquired by the Town by reason of non-payment of taxes, the time of redemption having expired, *excepting* that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRS § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owners. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 10 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to publish the proposed sale of any Town acquired property and Town owned personal

property over \$500, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. No discussion, motion carries.

- ART. 11 It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectpersons to appropriate \$25,000 from surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet emergencies that occur during the calendar year. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 12 It was moved and seconded to accept all monies received from the Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program for the coming year and deposit it into the Public Works Road Reserve account. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 13 It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$70,000 from anticipated motor vehicle excise revenue for the Road Reserve account. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 14 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Revaluation Account on the Town books for the next total town property revaluation anticipated for 2023. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 15 It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$50,000 from anticipated revenue sources for the purpose of reducing the 2019 tax commitment. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 16 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the following reserve accounts:
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| Portage Lake Fire Department Reserve Account | \$10,000 |
| Public Works Equipment Reserve Account | \$10,000 |
- No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 17 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Vital & Municipal record preservation and to allow all fees collected from vital record transactions to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 18 It was moved and seconded to raise the annual stipend for the Board of Selectpersons from \$1,000 per Board member to \$1,200 per board member. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 19 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$27,704 in addition to \$6,296 carried forward for a total budget of \$34,000 for the General Administration operating account, and to allow any reimbursements and fees to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 20 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$84,906 in addition to \$1,594 carried forward for a total budget of \$86,500 for the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Selectpersons. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 21 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,319 in addition to \$3,181 carried forward for a total budget of \$5,500 for real & personal property assessing and registry fees. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 22 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$23,659 in addition to \$1,341 carried forward for a total budget of \$25,000 for Municipal Building operating expenses and to allow the rental fees and any reimbursements to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 23 It was moved and seconded to carry forward the balance of \$11,252 for Town Hall Improvements and repairs. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 24 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$437 in addition to \$563 carried forward for a total budget of \$1,000 for the Planning & Appeals Boards. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 25 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$6,607 in addition to \$4,393 carried forward for a total budget of \$11,000 for Code Enforcement activities, and to allow plumbing & building permit fees, fines, and any other reimbursements to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.
- ART. 26 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$14,000 for discounts on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of tax bills, and to carry forward \$3,369 for tax abatement. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 27 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$3,394 for approximate annual membership dues for Maine Municipal Assn., NMDC, Maine Tourism Assn., Maine Acadian Heritage Council, and Greater Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion:

Judy Moreau: Ya, I just want to say there is that four letter word again-NMDC. Oooo. Thank you.
Motion carries.

ART. 28 It was moved and seconded to carry forward \$3,466 for the General Assistance Program and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 29 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$49,592 in addition to \$2,408 carried forward for a total budget of \$52,000 for the Insurance & Social Security accounts, and to allow any reimbursements or dividends to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 30 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$15,530 in addition to \$10,470 carried forward for a total budget of \$26,000 for the Portage Lake Fire Department operating account, and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 31 It was moved and seconded to carry forward \$2,068 for specific Police Patrol for the coming year.

Discussion:

Judy Moreau: Who gets the money, the State Police or the Sheriff's?

Larry Duchette: Sheriff.

Judy Moreau: Thank you.

Motion carries.

ART. 32 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,311 in addition to \$889 carried forward for a total budget of \$2,200 for the Animal Control operating account, and to allow any dog license fees and fines to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 33 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$61,085 in addition to \$18,915 carried forward for a total budget of \$80,000 for the Public Works operating account, and to allow any reimbursements to be used for the same.

Discussion:

Herb McPherson: I have a question for Larry, the railroad crossing on the east Cottage Road, you have told me before that it's a state railroad crossing. Has the town done anything as far as the Town to get them to do something on that road?

Larry Duchette: I call them all the time. For years.

Herb McPherson: It's not safe, you know? Twenty years ago, when B&A had it, that was supposed to have been redone. They put it on the back burner. There are a lot of people who live on that side of the lake and have to cross that four times a day sometimes.

Larry Duchette: We've asked and asked over and over again, and what they have done is they have fixed this crossing (indicating West Road) and they have fixed the one on Hathaway.

Herb McPherson: Oh, wow. There are a lot of taxpayers on the other side of the Hathaway tracks. When you get right down to it, I bet there are more year-round residents who pay taxes on the east road than the West Road.

Larry Duchette: I agree.

Motion carries.

ART. 34 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$39,660 for Aroostook Valley Solid Waste Disposal District (Ashland Transfer Station). No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 35 It was moved and seconded to carry forward \$1,879 for expenses related to the Portage Lake Transfer Station, including the annual licensing fee and maintenance of the old dump site. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 36 It was moved and seconded to carry forward \$4,625 for contracted services for road side mowing, grader work and miscellaneous expenses related to this account. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 37 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$571 in addition \$1,929 carried forward for a total budget of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Portage Lake Municipal Cemetery, and to allow lot sale revenue to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 38 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,696 in addition to \$304 carried forward for a total budget of \$2,000 for Portage Lake Beautification. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 39 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$784 in addition to \$816 carried forward for a total budget of \$1,600 for the Portage Lake Recreation Department.

Discussion:

Brian Cote: \$1,600, what are we spending it on?

Larry Duchette: This year, softball equipment, baseball equipment, new bases for the baseball field.

Brian Cote: A new net for the basketball court?

Larry Duchette: Yes.

Brian Cote: Ok.

Motion carries.

ART. 40 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$4,632 in addition to \$8,868 carried forward for a total budget of \$13,500 for upkeep and maintenance of the Campground, Public Beach, Boat Landing, Seaplane Base, Pavilion and Parks, and allow revenues from camping permits, donations and other reimbursements to be used for the same. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 41 It was moved and seconded to carry forward \$5,000 for continued restorations and improvements to the Seaplane Base.

Discussion:

Judy Moreau: Was there anything done last year down there?

Larry Duchette: No. Otis and his daughter had a program that she was participating in; they were supposed to spend the money but Otis go so busy he was unable to get there. We are hoping he will get there this summer.

Judy Moreau: Well, somebody with a key needs to get in there and yank out all of the old couches and TVs and this and that. Out of there.

Larry Duchette: We can make that happen.

Judy Moreau: That is a total disgrace. And I would think that perhaps maybe the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts could come in there and give you guys a hand and do a little cleaning in there.

Larry Duchette: I can approach them.

Judy Moreau: Thank you.

Steve Jandreau: What's the next project?

Larry Duchette: Paint the coordinates on the back side of the roof, paint the new deck. Clean out the inside, get rid of the bathroom and get rid of the chimney. Those are things that are on the list. But the frost is moving the building and the chimney is starting to deteriorate the roof.

Judy Moreau: Can't that chimney be repaired somehow?

Barry Kenney: You would have to start from the base up.

Larry Duchette: You'd have to start from the bottom and go all the way up. You'll never had any intensions of ever heating the building, will you?

Judy Moreau: No, but the idea being that it belongs to the building. You know, it's part of the building.

Larry Duchette: We could look at it, but it's starting to heave pretty bad and break apart.

Judy Moreau: I would imagine the whole thing is heaving.

Brian Cote: If the chimney falls down, it will pretty much ruin the building. Correct?

Larry Duchette: Not really. It would leave a gaping hole in which rain will go in and we will have to repair it.

Motion carries.

ART. 42 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$7,041 in addition to \$959 carried forward for a total budget of \$8,000 for street lights.

Discussion:

Brian Cote: Larry, did you get the light fixed?

Larry Duchette: Yes.

Brian Cote: OK. Thank you.

Judy Moreau: What about those LED?

Larry Duchette: The whole program is based around the Town taking the ones that you have down, a contractor will do that, pay to have everything disposed of. They put up the new ones and you have to hire an

outside contractor to maintain them. Right now, we are paying \$8,000 and we are collecting almost that much from the power company, so it's pretty much a wash.

Judy Moreau: Leave well enough alone.

Motion carries.

ART. 43 It was moved and seconded raise and appropriate \$18,832 Ashland User Fees:

Ambulance Service	\$15,076.70
Library	\$1,771.88
Recreation	\$1,983.25

No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 44 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$3,100 for the following requested financial social services assistance:

American Red Cross	\$500
Aroostook Agency on Aging	\$295
Aroostook County Action Program	\$78.20
Ashland Food Pantry	\$300
Catholic Charities of Maine	\$100
Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce	\$130
Homeless Services of Aroostook	\$587
Life Flight Foundation	\$391
Maine Families Aroostook	\$200
Martha & Mary's Soup Kitchen	\$100
Maine Public Broadcasting Corp.	\$100
Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery	\$200
VPW Post #9699	\$100

Discussion:

Barry Kenney: Who approaches us from the homeless services of Aroostook?

Larry Duchette: They do. We get a request from them every year.

Barry Kenney: I'd like to see us amend that to the same as what we give the Red Cross.

Larry Duchette: That's what they ask for, but I guess next year if you want me to see if they want more money, I can ask them.

Motion carries.

ART. 45 It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$500 from anticipated boat excise revenue for the Town's share of matching funds for the Portage Lake Association's cost share grant to aid in the identification and education of invasive aquatic plants in, or on, Portage Lake.

Discussion:

Brian Cote: Doesn't the Portage Lake Association have money set aside to do this? Why is the Town of Portage appropriating \$500?

Larry Duchette: We give this to them to help them get their grant. They get a grant every year, and they apply for it. We've been giving it to them for...

Brian Cote: Ya, but they have money in the bank.

Larry Duchette: They do.

Brian Cote: So why are we giving them \$500?

Larry Duchette: We are being proactive and protecting our lake.

Brian Cote: They've got money in the bank!

Larry Duchette: Correct.

Dave Pierce: Brian, they are trying to build the money in case there is an outbreak of some invasive species, so they need to keep building money because it could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Brian Cote: Oh, so this is like an equipment reserve.

Dave Pierce: It's like an equipment reserve.

Judy Moreau: have there been any of those plants found in Portage?

Larry Duchette: No.

Judy Moreau: What do they do if a float plane comes in?

Larry Duchette: Well, they can't check him because he will land on his own. But he should have a milfoil sticker that he pays for that goes on his plane, just like they do on a boat, contributing to the fund.

Judy Moreau: Ya, but if it's hanging off the float, it can...

Dave Pierce: That could happen. You just hope they don't come from a place that has milfoil.

Judy Moreau: You never know where they are coming from.

Brian Cote: It's not just milfoil, its hydrilla and algae and others.

David Pierce: There are actually invasive muscles, too, in some places.

Motion carries.

ART. 46 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Portage Lake Historical Society. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 47 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Portage Lake Snowmobile Club for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance of local snowmobile trails for public use, and to pay to the Portage Lake Snowmobile Club all snowmobile fees reimbursed to the Town from the State of Maine in the coming year. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 48 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Portage Lakers ATV Club for aiding in the maintenance of the local ATV trail system for public use. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 49 It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$3,166.37 for the Designated Legal Account to bring that account to a \$5,000 balance. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 50 It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$100,000 from the Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Account and up to \$50,000 from TIF Reserves to purchase a used fire truck to replace the 1984 pumper truck. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 51 It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$7,400 from TIF Reserves to purchase and install new computers and software in the Town Office. No discussion, motion carries.

ART. 52 It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$20,000 from TIF Reserves for a generator for the Municipal Building.

Discussion:

Judy Moreau: How big?

Larry Duchette: I've had two companies come in and size up the building, and this will cover everything from one end to the other for the entire building.

Brian Cote: How many KW?

Larry Duchette: I'd have to get the quote; I don't remember right off the top of my head.

Judy Moreau: Who's the company? Is it going to run on gas? Diesel? Propane?

Larry Duchette: LP. Propane.

Judy Moreau: OK. A little hint, something no one told me this. You know the top of your propane tank, the holes that are in there? Those have to be kept open or the thing won't run.

Larry Duchette: To breath, yup.

Judy Moreau: Nobody told me that, I had to find that out on my own.

Motion carries.

ART. 53 It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$50,000 from TIF Reserves for an extension of the fire hydrant on Sutherland Street to the intersection of Cottage Road and Sutherland Street to allow for easier access for Fire Department vehicles.

Discussion:

Dan Higgins: Although I think it's a good idea, Brian, but why don't we use the \$50,000 to pay for the used fire truck and to pay down our debt. And then once we have the roads paid for, then we can do a comprehensive plan for the fire hydrants. You can put one on Sutherland Street, then come down Station Road and put one by Dean's, and you can put one up by the church. I'd like to see us get out of debt some, or take the money and put it toward a used fire truck. That's all I've got to say.

Judy Moreau: Danny's recommendation is a great recommendation and should be heeded, however, what want to say is this is not on the wish list. So therefore, the TIF is done, and the money is ours and we can spend it. But I'd like to see it put on things that was originally on the wish list. We had to work really hard to get the fire truck to be put on the wish list. I think there is going to be a little of problems if you try to move

that thing down, because it's going to have to come down on the left side of the road, right? Pretty close to properties there.

Larry Duchette: They will dig a pit at the hydrant and dig a pit at east Cottage and they will drill underground. They won't disturb anybody's property or anybody's driveway.

Judy Moreau: OK, that's neither here nor there. But it's not an original wish list thing. So, I would like to see it go toward the purchase of the fire truck, the new one. Because you aren't saving yourself that many minutes or seconds or anything else by going up the road.

Dave Pierce: Do you have anything to say about this Brian?

Brian Cote: Two hydrants are better than one. We had a fire on West Cottage Road, I had three trucks sitting at the fire hydrant, I had one truck being filled up and two waiting to be filled up. If we had another hydrant, we would have cut our water time in half. This has been proposed by...well, not officially...but this has been a wish list of three fire chiefs that I know of.

Judy Moreau: Right, and it was voted on before.

Dan Higgins: Yes, but it is not covered underneath the TIF.

Brian Cote: It says right here, "\$50,000 from the TIF Account".

Larry Duchette: The TIF is just recognizing where the money is coming from. The Dept. of Economic Development wanted us to take the money out of TIF and put it into surplus, which we did. The only negative to this, is if they decide to, the tax man is going to add this to our valuation. Which isn't going to hurt us that bad.

Dan Higgins: Pay down our debt.

Brian Cote: It might make insurance policies cheaper for people, too. They are closer to the hydrant.

Ted Condon: I was just wondering what the distance is we are talking here, a hydrant on Sutherland Road to the Cottage Road?

Larry Duchette: It's going to be right on the corner of Cottage.

Ted Condon: I'm talking feet, how many feet is that?

Brian Cote: 664.

David Pierce: Part of the problem with that, too, is when we go to the end of that road, especially in the winter time and it's slippery or whatever, you have to jig the truck around and get it just right to get into that. And in the spring sometimes it's soft. It is just a pain in the butt to try to get in there. It takes more time.

Ted Condon: It was a damn poor thing to put it up at the end of Sutherland Street to begin with.

David Pierce: It's not a good set up. It would be a lot easier, especially for people who aren't really proficient on trucks, to be able to just drive by something and hook directly onto it.

Ted Condon: You should have the hydrant in the populated area where you think you are going to have the most fires. Why the hell did it go up there?

Brian Cote: The eventual outcome of the whole thing is to bring the hydrant down into the town square so we can take care of Dean's Hotel, or Coffin's Store.

Ted Condon: But do we have to run it from the Sutherland road or can we run it from the artesian?

Brian Cote: Well, we have an existing hydrant there, all you have to do is tap into it.

Ted Condon: Ya, but it seems like a lot of money to...

Herb McPherson: The reason that the hydrant is at the end of Sutherland Street is it was the closest access to Cyr's Pond. That was the cheapest we could get away with. There is also a tank behind the old town hall that's not being utilized at all; a railroad car with 15,000-gallon capacity.

Judy Moreau: You've got the pond, and you have one hydrant and you are going to bring it down to the corner of Sutherland Street and Cottage Road, and you plan on having one fire truck up here at the end of Sutherland Street filling up with water, and one down here; that pond ain't gonna do it.

Brian Cote: Yes, it is. There is plenty of water acreage in that pond. The truck is only going to haul 3,000 gallons. There is more than 3,000 in that pond.

Judy Moreau: I disagree with that, but that's OK.

David Farnum: Physically speaking, you are filling up at the hydrant that is fed by the pond, so it's just a gravity feed for the hydrant. You are going to tap into the same line for the other one. So, when you are filling up at the pond, will there be enough water pressure just out of that pond to feed the lower hydrant at the same time?

Brian Cote: Both trucks have the capability to pull. It's not gravity feed; we are going to suck.

Dave Farnum: Right. I was just wondering if the first one was going to preempt the water getting to the second one?

Brian Cote: Uh, 8-inch pipe, is that what it is?

Larry Duchette: Yes.

Brian Cote: You are going to have a hard time starving an 8-inch pipe.

Judy Moreau: It's still not on the wish list.

Dave Pierce: The TIF is actually done now. It is dissolved. So that's going into general fund money. So, really it doesn't matter; it doesn't have to be on the wish list now from what I understand.

Judy Moreau: I do believe they told us from Augusta that we had to spend the money, the remaining money from the TIF account, on articles that was on the wish list.

Larry Duchette: Or it will go back into our valuation. Which is fine. It isn't going to bother us that bad.

Dave Farnum: To clarify, it has to be spent on approved wish list if it comes out of the TIF. But if you transfer it to the general fund or surplus, it's no longer there to be spend on anything. The issue is whether or not there is a penalty. But once you transfer it, it's a done deal.

Brian Cote: In the TIF wish list, is there anything there at says "Fire Department", in general?

Judy Moreau: No.

Brian Cote: It specifies.

Larry Duchette: Yes, but the fire truck is useless without water. We are trying to solve that problem.

Judy Moreau: I'll tell ya, you are concerned about turning up there at the end of Sutherland Street...

Brian Cote: It's not the turn, Judy. It's the amount of time it takes us to fill the truck. Like if we had a hydrant on Cottage Road, and then five years from now we had one at the Town Square, we would have 3 hydrants. So that way when mutual aid comes in, everyone is spoken for on a hydrant.

Judy Moreau: So, you are going to have that fire hydrant on the corner of Sutherland Street connecting to Cottage Road. That fire truck is a big truck. You are going to be blocking up traffic.

Larry Duchette: Correct. Someone will be out there with a stop sign stopping people.

Judy Moreau: Who is going to do that?

Larry Duchette: Me.

Brian Cote: He's my safety inspector.

Judy Moreau: Ok. Call for the question.

Dan Higgins: Why not take the public works department, because Dave said the ground was a little soft up there. Well build the ground up with some ledge so you have a good firm base.

Brian Cote: I'm not following you on what you just said.

Dan Higgins: Let me explain. Let us get...Put it toward a new fire truck that you guys want to get or put it towards debt. We are carrying a lot of debt.

Larry Duchette: No, we are not.

Dan Higgins: What? What do you mean we're not?

Larry Duchette: There is \$250,000 left. In two and a half years it will be over with.

Dan Higgins: Well good, then in two and half years we can do his wish list with doing the hydrant on Sutherland Street then bringing it down Station Road and putting it by the Town Square.

Motion carries with a vote of 11 to 5.

ART. 54 It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$35,000 from Stumpage Reserves to abate the old asbestos floor tiles and install new flooring in the Big Room, Book Room and the Kitchen. No discussion, motion carries.

At this time, Dan Higgins is sworn in as Selectboard member and Tammy Curran is sworn in as the one-year School Board member.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine Routhier