

Town of Portage Lake
Special Town Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 5, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Portage Lake Municipal Building

Aroostook, ss

State of Maine

The meeting was held at the Portage Lake Municipal Building on Wednesday the fifth (5th) of September, 2012, at six o'clock (6:00) in the evening, then and there, to act on the following articles to wit:

There were 12 resident voters, and 3 non-residents present.

ART. 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Motion made and seconded to nominate Frank Hallett as moderator.

Moved and seconded to cease nominations. All in favor.

Two written ballots are cast for Frank Hallett, who is elected moderator to preside over said meeting. (Frank Hallett repeats the oath as moderator.)

ART. 2 To see if the Town will vote to authorize \$10,000 from the SURPLUS account for the audit of 2008-2011 being done by Feltch & Company, LLC. (Auditing fee is \$2,500 per year audited)

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS RECOMMENDS

YES

Motion made in the affirmative, seconded.

Discussion:

Judy Moreau: When you say "2008", which part of 2008 are you going to audit? The front half of the book or the second half of the book. (shows 07-08 town report and 08-09 town report) This book in the front, or this book in the back? Or are you going to use this book in the front or this book in the back? Do you know what I'm saying?

Frank Hallett: For the record would you state your name please?

Judy Moreau: Judy Moreau. The front half of this book would be 2008. I just want to know what book you are going to begin with.

Kathy Gagnon: I'm not sure I have the right answer, but what she is trying to... In 2008, we were in a split year; we were in a fiscal year, so I believe what she is asking is are we going to do 2008-2009 or are we going to do 2007-2008. Does that make it clearer, or did I just confuse people.

Barb Pitcairn: We are going back 4 years.

Dave Pierce: My guess would be everything that happened in 2008, whatever book it's in, whatever happened in that annual year. That would be my guess, it is that year. I don't think it matters what book it is in, I think it's a full year. I know things are derived from one year to the next and they follow over and carry through, but I think it's...

Judy Moreau: The front half of the book is for the year previous; the back half of the book is for that year. So are you going with the warrants for 2008 or the front half of the book that is in the 2008 book that is 2007?

Christy Dicker: I would say not any part of 2007 unless for some reason it becomes necessary that the auditor feels he needs to go back further.

Judy Moreau: The only reason I'm asking is I wanted to know where he was going to get a starting point from. When you say 2008, there's two different...

John Gagnon: Well it states to "account for the audit of 2008", so that is 2007 on to 2011, the way that it is read.

Barb Pitcairn: He'll be doing.... We changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year in 2010. He will be doing the full year of 2008, which may consist of 2007 because that year ended in 2008, and 2009, 2010, 2011, up to date. We are paying for 4 full years; it doesn't matter if it is calendar year or if it is a fiscal year. That's how I understand it, and that's what we are going to be paying for.

Judy Moreau: What made you decide to go back to 2008?

Barb Pitcairn: We had to have a starting point, and that's the starting point that he suggested; that we go back at least 4 years.

All in favor. Motion carries as read.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine M. Routhier