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Town Meeting June 13th, 2012

Elections

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Peter Goodwin nominated and voted in with 11 votes

Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Jennifer Hall nominated and voted in unanimously

Art. 3. To elect by ballot, for a three-year term:

- Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor,
- Surveyor of Lumber and Bark, Fence Viewer

William Savedoff nominated and voted in with 12 votes. Michele Gaillard took a few moments to thank Larry Wilson for all the years of service he has given the Town and what a great contribution he has made to Arrowsic. There was a round of applause and a standing ovation for Larry and he was given a picture of an owl that Josephine Ewing drew.

Art. 4. To elect:

- A Treasurer **Mary MacDonald nominated and voted in unanimously**
- A Tax Collector **Liz Rollins nominated and voted in unanimously**
- Any other Town Officers **NONE**

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers: *Note: Salaries include employee FICA & Medicare taxes.*

	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Selectman Chairman.....	2,978.....	4,358.....	4,358
Selectmen (2 @ \$3,250).....	4,331.....	6,867.....	6,867
Town Clerk.....	3,249.....	3,962.....	3,962
Treasurer.....	3,249.....	3,962.....	3,962
Tax Collector.....	3,249.....	3,962.....	3,962
Registrar.....	0.....	400.....	400
LEMA Director.....	108.....	108.....	108
Shellfish Committee.....	0.....	0.....	0
Shellfish Warden.....	541.....	541.....	541
Codes Enforcement Officer.....	2,707.....	2,905.....	2,905
Constable.....	541.....	541.....	541
Animal Control Officer.....	541.....	541.....	541
Fire Chief	2,815.....	2,815.....	2,815
Deputy Chief.....	1,083.....	1,083.....	1,083
Captain (1 @ \$200).....	217.....	217.....	217
Fire Department Volunteers.....	0.....	0.....	0
Planning Board.....	541.....	541.....	541
Road Commission.....	541.....	541.....	541
Recycling.....	541.....	541.....	541
Board of Appeals.....	541.....	541.....	541
Conservation Commission.....	0.....	0.....	0
Totals.....	27,773.....	34,426.....	34,426

PASS

Art.6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the following wages to Town Election Workers.

	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY12-13
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Registrar	600	300	300
Deputy Registrar.....	250.....	250.....	250
Election Wardens.....	450.....	450.....	450
Election Clerks.....	1,100.....	1,100.....	1,300
Election Counters.....	600.....	600.....	700
Total.....	3,000.....	2,700.....	3,000

PASS

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to expend to the Town Codes Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector fees collected to these respective individuals in the form of wages

PASS

Art. 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the payroll taxes on all of the salaries and wages paid.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUALS	REQUEST	ACTUALS	REQUEST
2,800	2,595	3,092	3,092	3,000

PASS

Art. 9. To vote to allow the Town to accept and expend the following monies or materials for FY 12-13: miscellaneous contributions, donations, grants, and reimbursements.

PASS

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from **surplus** for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund.

Question: How much in surplus? \$235,000 How much in fund? \$16,000 currently

PASS

Art. 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire protection for FY 12-13.

FY 10-11FY 11-12		FY 12-13		REQUEST
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

PASS

Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide the Town with Ambulance Service for the ensuing year.

FY 10-11FY 11-12		FY 12-13		REQUEST
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
8,500	4,606	7,500	3,250	7,500

PASS

Art. 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to fund the dedicated Scholarship Account.

Scholarship Committee Recommends \$1,000

Jeremy Blaiklock spoke for a moment about the award this year to Kristen Stuart for \$1000. **PASS**

Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to expend from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy and deserving students from the Town pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution; to be

selected by the Selectmen on the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

FY 10-11		FY 10-12		FY 11-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
800	800	2,700	1,000	1,000

PASS

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund and to provide appropriate receipts thereof.

PASS

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the ensuing year for assessing expenses, including an Assessor’s Agent.

PASS

Art. 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or draw from Excise Tax and the MDOT Block Grant for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties for the ensuing year, including snow removal.

	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Budgeted	159,000	184,600	172,260
Excise Tax	80,000	70,000	75,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,000	12,000	12,000

Road Commission Proposed Budget 2012-2013

General Maintenance	10,000
Culverts	2,000
Grading	15,000
Asphalt Repair; Roadside Fill	3,000
Road Sign Replacement	1,000
Paving	65,000
Emergency	1,500
Town Hall Snow Removal	500
Snowplow	74,260
Total	172,260

Appropriations:

Excise Tax	75,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,000

Amount to be raised: 85,260

Jim Stump spoke about the roads and gave the Town an update on projects.

PASS

Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
7,800	4,640	8,700	4,000	8,260

John Hinds proposed an amendment to lower the request to \$7150.

Amendment PASS with 1 opposed

Article with amendment PASS

Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of solid waste disposal.

FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
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REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
26,000	25,875	27,200	20,503	29,300

John Hinds proposed an amendment to lower the requested amount to \$28,900.

Amendment PASS with 2 opposed

Article with amendment PASS

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FY 11-12 Auditor's Report and associated services.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
6,900	6,900	6,900	6,500	7,500

PASS

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife resource closed to harvesting during the 2013 season for conservation purposes.

Karen Robbins spoke on the progress of the alewives in Arrowsic. This year has seen more than any other year they have been counted.

PASS

Art. 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of septage waste for the ensuing fiscal year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
1,600	3,173	2,000	1,750	2,000

PASS

Art. 23. To see which organizations the Town will support for the coming year .

	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13
Bath Area Family YMCA.....	250.....	300.....	300.....
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.....	625.....	625.....	625.....
Fields for our Future.....	0.....	0.....	1,000.....
American Red Cross.....	300.....	300.....	300.....
Sweetser.....	600.....	572.....	512.....
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath–Brunswick.....	500.....	600.....	600.....
Coastal Economic Development.....	325.....	0.....	0.....
Coastal Trans.....	300.....	300.....	300.....
Community Health & Nursing Serv. (CHANS).....	350.....	0.....	0.....
Five Rivers Art.....	100.....	100.....	100.....
Friends of Doubling Point Light.....	100.....	100.....	100.....
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Inc.....	500.....	500.....	500.....
Family Crisis Shelter.....	500.....	500.....	500.....
Family Focus.....	300.....	300.....	300.....
Maine Public Broadcasting.....	250.....	250.....	0.....
Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance.....	50.....	0.....	0.....
Patten Free Library	7,417.....	7,417.....	6,839.....
Senior Spectrum (Meals on Wheels).....	350.....	350.....	350.....
Tedford Shelter.....	150.....	150.....	200.....
The Range Light Keepers.....	100.....	100.....	100.....
Citizens for Squirrel Point	100.....	100.....	100.....
MCM Community Action.....	325.....	325.....	325.....
GBEON.....	100.....	100.....	100.....
Total.....	13,767.....	12,989.....	13,151.....

Question: Why weren't there any funds for MPBN? Larry stated that if the organization didn't make a request then they didn't get funds this year. Fred Hill proposed an amendment to lower the amount of Fields for our Future to \$750 from \$1000 and give MPBN the \$250. Kay Beveridge spoke on behalf of F4F and explained that it was a one-time request to show community support for the project. Fred requested that it be put on record that it would be a one-time request. Amendment voted down with 23 for and 36 against Article without amendment PASS with 1 opposed The Executive Director from MCM Community Action was in attendance and thanked the Town for its support and gave an update on services provided to Town residents.

Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to fund Article 23.

Question asked as far as the purpose of the article. The article PASSED for \$13,151 with 41 for and 5 against

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues in the coming year.

	FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
Maine Municipal Assn	1,200.	1,201	1,200	1,231	1,250

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of State funding listed below, as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	Estimated	14,177
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	12,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	320
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	250
Snowmobile Registration Revenues	Estimated	100
State grants or other funds not included above	Unknown(s)	
Homestead	Estimated	7,000

PASS

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,000	2,213	2,000	100	2,000

PASS

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration expenses such as bank service charges, office supplies, postage, printing, software, payroll processing, small dues and training, small repairs, travel reimbursements, Arrow and website expenses for the ensuing year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
8,750	9,227	8,500	4,590	8,500

PASS

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the Annual Report for the upcoming year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST

1,700	1,150	1,700	1,700	3,000
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PASS

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance for the coming year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
8,500	8,393	9,500	8,544	9,000

PASS

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Utilities for the coming year.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
4,000	5,085	4,500	2,483	4,500

PASS

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
2,500	2,443	2,500	188	2,500

PASS

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
100	0	100	0	100

PASS

Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Conservation Commission.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
400	370	450	75	450

PASS

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
500	486	500	553	500

PASS

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
100	0	100	0	0

PASS

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide Legal Services.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,000	536	2,000	0	2,000

PASS

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount from **surplus** not to exceed \$85,000 to reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxes.

PASS with 1 opposed

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual upgrading of Town tax maps.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
800	0	800	0	800

pass

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for improvements and maintenance expenses to Town properties.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
5,500	3,740	5,500	2,300	5,500

Question asked about major maintenance and Larry spoke about the Town's five year plan.

PASS

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing animal control support services including housing and sheltering of stray animals.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
400	250	400	320	320

PASS

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from the Town Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase and installation of a furnace for the Town Hall.

PASS

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
200	0	100	0	100

PASS

Art 44. CONTINUED PASS

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to affirm the following declaration: We, the residents of Arrowsic, Maine, reject the U.S Supreme Court's "Citizens United" ruling, and move to amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to Constitutional rights.

PASS with 1 opposed

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund.

PASS

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all revenues from dog license fees to a dedicated Animal Control Account and authorize the Selectmen to draw from that account for the purpose of funding animal control work in town.

PASS

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from surplus such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees (Actual 11-12:\$0.00)

PASS

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's legislated responsibilities for providing General Assistance in accordance with the Town's General Assistance Ordinance passed in 1992.

(Actual 11-12:\$982)

PASS

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary for tax abatements due to overpaid taxes.

PASS

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Question asked as to how many properties fall into this category. None at this time

PASS

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the Undesignated Surplus.

Amendment proposed to allocate all proceeds to Water Access Fund.

Amendment PASS with 38 for and 3 opposed

Amended article PASS with 1 opposed

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes.

PASS

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize balances in Town dedicated funds to postpone or eliminate the need to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Funds reduced in this way would be restored with incoming tax revenues.

A MOVE TO AMEND THE WORDING TO INCLUDE "IN SAME FISCAL YEAR" after word *restored* and before word *with*.

Amendment PASS with 1 opposed

Amended article PASS

Art. 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for annual interest on all taxes unpaid 60 days after posting. Selectmen recommend 4.0% (State Maximum Allowed—7%)

PASS

Art. 56. To see what date the Town will select for the 2013 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen recommend Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

PASS

ATTEST:

Summary of Warrant Articles

Article.....	Description	Surplus &	To Be	Amt
		Dedicated	Raised.....	Voted
		Funds		
5.....	Salaries.....		34,426.....	
6.....	Election Workers.....		3,000.....	
8.....	Payroll Taxes.....		3,000.....	
10.....	Fire Department Capital.....	5,000.....		
11.....	Fire Department Budget.....		12,000.....	
12.....	Ambulance Services (Bath).....		7,500.....	
13.....	Scholarship Funds.....	1,000.....		
14.....	Scholarship Fund Disbursement.....	1,000.....		
16.....	Assessor's Agent.....		3,000.....	
17.....	Roads.....		85,260.....	
18.....	Recycling.....		8,260.....	
19.....	Solid Waste.....		29,300.....	
20.....	Auditor's Report.....		7,500.....	
22.....	Septage.....		2,000.....	
24.....	Organizations.....	13,151.....		
25.....	Dues.....		1,250.....	
27.....	Contingency.....		2,000.....	
28.....	Administration.....		8,500.....	
29.....	Annual Report.....		3,000.....	
30.....	Insurance.....		9,000.....	
31.....	Utilities.....		4,500.....	
32.....	Planning Board.....		2,500.....	
33.....	Zoning Board of Appeals.....		100.....	
34.....	Conservation Commission.....		450.....	
35.....	Shellfish Conservation Commission.....	500.....		
36.....	Legal Service.....		2,000.....	
37.....	Tax Reduction From Surplus.....	85,000.....		
38.....	Town Tax Maps.....		800.....	
39.....	Town Property Maintenance.....		5,500.....	
40.....	Animal Control Services.....		320.....	
41.....	Town Hall Improvement.....	5,000.....		
43.....	Local Emergency Management.....		100.....	
	TOTAL	110,651.....	235,266.....	
	Total from Surplus & Dedicated Fund.....	110,651.....		
	To be Raised for Town Administration.....		235,266.....	
	Sagadahoc County Taxes, Town Share.....		156,969.....	
	State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....		-14,177.....	2011
	Offset Taxes from Surplus.....		-85,000.....	750,544
	Subtotal		293,058.....	2010
	RSU1 Education Allocation.....		494,006.....	
	Total Amount to be Raised		787,064.....	2009
				2008
				612,647