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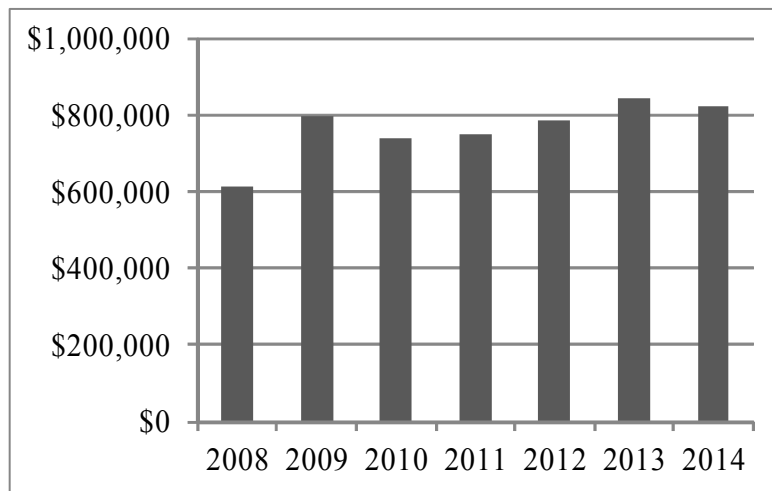
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Art.	Description	Surplus & Dedicated Funds	To Be Raised	Amount Voted
5	Salaries		38,292	
6	Election Workers		3,150	
7	Payroll Taxes		3,172	
9	Fire Department Budget		12,000	
11	Fire Department Paving	2,500		
12	Fire Department Capital	12,500		
13	Ambulance Services (Bath)		6,500	
14	Scholarship Fund Disbursement	2,000		
16	Roads		80,900	
17	Recycling		6,750	
18	Solid Waste		28,500	
19	Septage		2,500	
20	Utilities		4,500	
21	Town Property Maintenance		5,000	
22	Town Capital Improvement	10,000		
23	Animal Control Services		427	
24	Assessing		2,000	
25	Revaluation Fund	10,000		
26	Auditor's Report		7,500	
27	Insurance		9,000	
28	Legal Services		4,000	
29	Administration		9,000	
30	Annual Report		3,000	
31	Dues		1,500	
32	Contingency		2,000	
33	Planning Board		2,500	
34	Zoning Board of Appeals		100	
35	Conservation Commission		450	
36	Shellfish Conservation	500		
37	LEMA		100	
39	Education Committee		250	
40	Non Profit Contributions	12,293		
42	Tax Reduction from Surplus	-		
	TOTAL	49,793	233,091	
	Prior Year	41,293	228,744	
	Variance	8,500	4,347	

Total from Surplus & Dedicated \$ 49,793

To Be Raised			\$	233,091
County Taxes	Amount to be Raised		\$	161,298
	<i>Previous Years</i>			
Municipal Revenue Sharing	2013	845,305	\$	(8,900)
	2012	787,064		
	Subtotal	\$ 49,793	\$	385,489
	2011	750,544		
Education Expense	2010	741,809	\$	435,221
	2009	797,379		
Total Amount to be Raised	2008	612,647	\$	823,710

Amount to be Raised, 2008-2014



Warrant for Town Meeting

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Chris Cummings, Constable for the Town of Arrowsic,
County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Arrowsic Fire Station on Wednesday, the 18th of June A.D. 2014, at six-thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

ELECTIONS

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

Peter Goodwin nominated and voted in with 8 votes

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

Linda Warner 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

Suzannah (Sukey) Heard nominated and voted in unanimously with 10 votes

Art. 4. To elect:

A Treasurer

Mary McDonald was nominated and voted in unanimously

A Tax Collector

Elizabeth Rollins was nominated and voted in unanimously

Any other Town Officers

None

Note: FY 13-14 amounts reflect expenditures through 4/28/2014

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,292 to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers: *Note: Salaries include employee FICA & Medicare taxes (7.65%).*

	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Selectman Chairman	4,358	5,618	5,618
Selectmen (2 @ \$3,313)	6,867	7,175	7,175
Town Clerk	3,962	4,467	4,467
Treasurer	3,962	4,467	4,467
Tax Collector	3,962	4,467	4,467
Registrar	400	487	487
LEMA Director	108	108	108
Shellfish Committee	0	0	0

Shellfish Warden	541	541	541
Codes Enforcement Officer	2,905	3,113	3,113
Constable	541	541	541
Animal Control Officer	541	541	541
Fire Chief	2,815	3,032	3,032
Deputy Chief	1,083	1,354	1,354
Captain (1 @ \$200)	217	217	217
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	34,426	38,292	38,292

Passed

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150 to pay the following wages to Town Election Workers.

	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Registrar	300	450	450
Deputy Registrar	250	250	250
Election Wardens	450	450	450
Election Clerks	1,300	1,300	1,300
Election Counters	700	700	700
Total	3,000	3,150	3,150

Passed

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,172 to pay the payroll taxes on all of the salaries and wages paid (7.65%).

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,000	2,823	3,172	3,161	3,172

Passed

Art. 8. 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.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
12,000	12,365	12,000	4,397	12,000

Passed

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Fire Protection for FY 14-15.

Passed

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any unexpended Fire Department operating expenses remaining at the end of the fiscal year into the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund.

Passed

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500 from the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of paving or pouring a pad in front of the fire station. Current balance: \$29,495.

Passed

Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. Current fund balance: \$29,495. Selectmen recommend: \$12,500

Passed

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to provide the Town with Ambulance Service for the ensuing year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
7,500	2,943	6,500	4,015	6,500

Passed

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to expend the following amount 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 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
1,000	1,000	3,000	3,000	2,000

Jeremy Blaiklock spoke to report that this year the Scholarship Committee has awarded a \$1200 to Rachel Detwiler.

He also spoke and let the residents know that this year the annual yard sale for the Scholarship Fund will be June 28th.

Karen Robbins asked if we were dispersing the \$2000 or \$1200. Jeremy Blaiklock responded that they were only dispersing the \$1200.

Passed

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.

Passed

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,900 for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties for the ensuing year, including snow removal. The amount to be raised takes into consideration the use of Town excise taxes and the MDOT Block Grant to cover Road expenses.

Road Commission Proposed Budget 2014-2015

General Maintenance	2,500
Culverts	1,500
Roadway Grading/Rebuild	10,000
Asphalt and Gravel Maintenance	3,000
Road Sign Replacement	1,000

Paving	75,000
Emergency	1,500
Snowplow	80,000
Total	174,500
Appropriations:	
Excise Tax	(85,000)
MDOT Block Grant	(8,600)
Amount to be Raised:	80,900

	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Budgeted	172,260	171,500	174,500
Excise Tax	89,594	72,235	85,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,372	8,628	8,600

Jim Stump spoke to Paving of Old Stage Road, the Committee continues to discuss what needs to be done and Old Stage needs repaving but it is not an imminent need. He also spoke on the Snow Plowing bids; solicited bids from 5 contractors, sent packages to 4 and 2 have replied with competitive bids. The committee will decide at next meeting who will receive the contract.

Passed

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,750 to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
7,150	6,222	6,750	5,068	6,750

John Hinds spoke about the recycling in Town and urged people to reduce, reuse and recycle. He reminded the residents that it cost \$95 per ton to dispose of trash and only \$5 per ton to dispose of recyclables. He also introduced Paul Schlein and Ros Arienti as new members of the committee. John has resigned as chair but will continue to serve on the committee.

Passed

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500 to cover the costs of solid waste disposal.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
28,900	26,713	27,000	22,116	28,500

Passed

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for disposal of septage waste for the ensuing fiscal year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	2,953	2,500	611	2,500

Passed

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for Municipal utilities for the coming year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
4,500	3,403	4,000	3,692	4,500

Bill Savedoff spoke about the savings to the town in the last three years since the town switched to a more environmentally sound and efficient furnace which uses propane. Bill spoke to the savings received since Matt Bachman started a co-op that got the town as well as residents better rates for propane.

Passed

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for improvements and maintenance expenses of Town properties.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
5,500	3,111	5,000	1,405	5,000

A motion was made to allow Mary McDonald to speak since she is not a resident of the Town. Motion was seconded and all were in favor of allowing Mary to speak throughout the meeting.

*Karen Robbins asked if will be mostly spent.
Mary McDonald responded that Yes is will be spent.*

Passed

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from **surplus** to contribute to the Town Capital Improvements Fund for future capital improvement projects. Current fund balance: \$30,590.

Roz McLean asked What is the capital improvement fund?

Sukey Heard responded & described the town's 5 year plan for maintenance and repairs.

Passed

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$427 for the purpose of providing animal control support services including housing and sheltering of stray animals.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
320	320	320	160	427

There was a question from the floor regarding the very specific amount of \$427.

Sukey responded that it is a \$1 per resident assessment.

Passed

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for assessing expenses, including an Assessor's Agent for the ensuing year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,000	1,500	2,000	1,500	2,000

Jim Stump asked what does the assessor do for his fee?

Sukey responded and described the assessor's duties. Nancy Brown Stump asked if this is the total fee. Sukey replied that yes it is. Michael Kreindler asked if this includes updates of town maps. Sukey replied that that is a separate warrant article.

Passed

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from **surplus** to add to the dedicated fund for the future revaluation of town properties by a licensed assessor. Total cost is estimated to be \$35,000. Current fund balance is \$10,000.

Fred Hill asked if there will be a bidding process for assessment? He is concerned about using Bill Van Turner claiming that the town of Phippsburg had a bad experience with him. David Weiss also commented that we should think hard about who we use. They

suggested we put the revaluation out to bid. The moderator recognized Mary McDonald. She spoke to the fact that Georgetown has had good experiences with this assessor.

Passed (one negative vote)

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for FY 13-14 Auditor’s Report and associated services.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
7,500	7,300	7,500	7,300	7,500

Passed

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Insurance for the coming year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
9,000	8,666	9,000	8,797	9,000

Passed

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to provide Legal Services.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	9,818	4,000	15,793	4,000

Bill Savedoff spoke and recapped the RSU1 lawsuit. The status of the lawsuit is that we are waiting for the Judge’s Summary Judgment.

Nancy Brown Stump asked where do the two \$15,000 amounts, approved by the residents, show up? Mary McDonald responded that the amounts come out of the surplus funds and they show up under 2013 actual expenditures in the warrant.

Tim Harkins spoke and stated he would be happy to speak to interested residents after the close of town meeting.

Passed

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 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 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
8,500	7,753	8,500	8,150	9,000

Karen Robbins asked why did The Arrow change from being an independent publication and became a town administration instead of a non-profit? Bill Savedoff spoke about the history and cost of The Arrow. Michele spoke to the history of the change from independent to a town concern. Bill spoke to setting up an Ad Hoc committee if people are interested in deciding the future of The Arrow. Quinn Blaiklock spoke and stated whenever she receives any articles from residents that they all get equal say in the Arrow.

Passed

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for printing the Annual Report for the upcoming year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,000	2,538	3,000	0	3,000

Passed

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for professional dues including for the Maine Municipal Association in the coming year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
1,250	1,269	1,310	1,298	1,500

Passed

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	0	2,000	200	2,000

Passed

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,500	397	2,500	501	2,500

*Nancy Brown Stump asked why the requested amount is higher than actual amount?
Roger Heard spoke and clarified that the request covers any legal expenses planning board may incur.*

Passed

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	100	0	100

Passed

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 for the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Conservation Commission.

FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
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Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
450	325	450	262	450

Passed

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 from the **dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund** for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
500	220	500	457	500

Passed

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 12-13		FY 13-14		FY 14-15
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	100	0	100

Passed

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to enact an ordinance entitled “Education Committee Ordinance” as it appears below:

Authority: This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001 *et seq.*

Ordinance Purpose: To establish an education committee for the Town of Arrowsic to address the diverse educational needs of Arrowsic residents.

Education Committee Composition:

Five Appointed Members: The Select Board shall appoint five members to the Education Committee. The initial terms of office are one one-year position, two two-year positions and two three-year positions. All terms will be three years thereafter to provide rolling terms of office for members.

Vacancies in membership shall be filled in the same manner and for the balance of the term of the original appointment.

Officers of the Education Committee shall be a Chairperson and Secretary selected annually by the members of the Education Committee, on or about the Committee's first meeting of each year.

The Chairperson, in addition to duties imposed by law, shall convene the committee on a regularly scheduled basis, preside over the meetings, and be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings, shall provide a copy to the Select Board and perform all other duties imposed by law.

A majority of the members of the Education Committee shall constitute a quorum and shall be sufficient to direct the activities and decisions of the committee. Sub-committees may be created by vote of the Committee and may be populated by non-Education Committee Arrowsic residents.

The Education Committee duties and responsibilities shall be to:

Promote educational experiences that allow all students to develop their knowledge, skills and critical thinking in a way that results in their ability to fully participate in the global community of the 21st century.

Oversee Town interests as related to education of Town residents.

Render to the Select Board a summary of services received from the School Unit of which Arrowsic is a member.

Evaluate from time to time the performance of the School Unit of which Arrowsic is a member.

Facilitate communications among stakeholders of Arrowsic Education such as and not limited to the School Unit, parents, residents or taxpayers.

Perform other duties as allowed by law.

Separability: If any section, subsection, sentence or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after enactment.

Bill Savedoff spoke regarding the history and need for an Education Committee.

Ernie Forgione spoke of concerns regarding the creation of a committee.

David Weiss spoke of concerns of the committee speaking for the town.

Phine Ewing spoke to the need of getting support from the town residents.

Jim Stump spoke in favor of the committee stating that it gives residents an opportunity to talk about schools and education.

Jeremy Blaiklock spoke and stated that as part of RSU1 we should have a school/education committee.

Tim Harkins spoke on the role of the School Advisory Group.

Karen Robbins spoke in favor of the committee since 50% of our tax dollars go to the schools.

Passed (one negative vote)

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Education Committee.

Passed

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** the sum of \$12,293 to fund the following non-profit organizations.

	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Maine's First Ship (new)	0	0	100
Bath Food Bank (new)	0	0	300
Bath Freight Shed Alliance (new)	0	0	100
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	625	625	625
Bath Area Family YMCA	300	300	300
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath-Brunswick	600	500	500
Citizens for Squirrel Point	100	100	100
Coastal Trans	300	300	300
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Inc.	500	500	500
Family Focus	300	300	300
Friends of the Doubling Point Light	100	100	100
Greater Bath Elder Outreach Network	100	100	100
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	0	100	100
LifeFlight Foundation	0	100	100
Maine Public Broadcasting	0	250	250
MCM Community Action	325	325	325
New Hope for Women	0	200	200
Patten Free Library	6,839	6,839	6,839
The Range Light Keepers	100	100	100
Senior Spectrum (Meals on Wheels)	350	350	350
Sweetser	512	504	504
Tedford Shelter	100	200	200
Totals	13,151*	11,793	12,293

Motion was made by Fred Hill and seconded by Jeremy Blaiklock to change America's First Ship to Maine's First Ship. Motion passed.

*Karen Robbins asked why do we not fund The Arrow as a private publication?
Jessica Tissione of MCM Community Action was given permission to speak. She gave a recap of services provided to citizens of Arrowsic and thanked the residents for their support.*

Passed

Art. 41. 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 2013. (Actual 13-14 \$1,183).

Passed

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees. (Actual 13-14 \$0).

Passed

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** for reducing the amount of money to be raised by taxes. Selectmen Recommend \$0.00

*David Weiss spoke and called that an unnecessary article.
Michele Gaillard spoke and explained that the selectmen had decided to consider the need every year, and that this year the selectmen choose not to recommend using the surplus in this way. This article is an example of an open article.*

Passed

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$215,253 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

*Sukey Heard spoke to the town's need for \$233,091 if all articles are passed and our current levy limit according to state formula is \$215,253.
Mary McDonald spoke to the reduction in state funding. We lost \$11,000 in state funding this year.
Karen Robbins suggested that Articles 43 and 44 be reversed in the future,
Malcolm Persen asked what would happen if we voted this down?
Sukey Heard spoke and stated that we would have to cut expenses.*

Passed

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance as set forth below (New wording is underlined):

‘Dwelling: A place of abode, a structure occupied as a residence as distinct from a store, office, or other building.

Single Dwelling: A place of abode for a single family in one principal structure.

Multiple Dwelling: A place of abode for two or more families in one or more principal structures.

NOTE: Refer to the definition of “Residential Dwelling Unit.”

And

‘Residential Dwelling Unit: A room or group of rooms designed and equipped exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family at a time, and containing cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities. The term shall include

mobile homes and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units. NOTE: Refer to the definition of “Dwelling.”

Jim Stump spoke and said he was confused by the article.

Roger Heard spoke and described the purpose of Art 45.

Michael Kreindler spoke to the need for this amendment to the ordinances.

Passed

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife and blueback herring resource closed to harvesting during the 2015 season for conservation purposes.

Jim Stump asked when is the culvert going in and who is installing it?

Karen Robbins spoke and reported that they had just put out the request for bids and that they will award the contract on July 23rd.

Passed

Art. 47. 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	8,900
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	8,600
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	1,100
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	275
Snowmobile Registration Revenues	Estimated	100
Homestead	Estimated	6,000
State grants or other funds not included above		Unknown

Jim Stump asked why we were not reimbursed for open space?

Sukey Heard spoke and replied that it is not part of state laws.

Passed

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to continue to allocate all revenues from the sale of shellfish licenses, and any fines received for violation of the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, to the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund, to be used by the Shellfish Conservation Committee for shellfish management, conservation, and ordinance enforcement.

Passed

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund. Current fund balance: \$69,431.

Passed

Art. 50. 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.

Passed

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to accept and expend the following monies for FY 2014-2015: miscellaneous contributions, donations, grants and reimbursements.

Passed

Art. 52. 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.

Passed

Art. 53. 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.

*Nancy Brown Stump asked if there were any properties this year?
Sukey Heard responded that there were not.*

Passed

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the Undesignated Surplus.

Passed

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes.

Passed

Art. 56. 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.

Passed

Art. 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Annual Interest on all taxes paid 60 days after posting.

Selectmen recommend 4.0% (State Maximum Allowed—7%)

Moved to amend wording: To see what percentage the town will vote to authorize for Annual Interest on all taxes unpaid 60 days after posting.

Moved and approved.

Passed.

Malcolm Persen and Ernie Forgione asked why we only charge 4%?

Sukey Heard replied that we do not want to put an undue hardship on people who are already struggling to pay their taxes.

Passed

Art. 58. To see what date the Town will select for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen recommend Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Selectmen:

Michele Gaillard Suzannah Heard William Savedoff

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner
Town Clerk