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**MINUTES OF THE
2012 TOWN OF BEDDINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The meeting opened at 1:00 PM with Carol Varin, Town Clerk, reading the Resident's Return and the beginning of the Town Warrant below.

TOWN WARRANT

County of Washington

State of Maine,ss.

To Neil Butler, resident of the Town of Beddington, in the County of Washington.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Beddington qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Building on April 7, 2012, at 9:00 in the morning for the following purposes to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting, and to be paid \$25.00

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ron Varin as Moderator. There were no other nominations. Ron Varin was elected with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no. He was immediately sworn in by Carol Varin, Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. For the election of such Officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of the Moderator and will close immediately after such Officers have been elected at which time the meeting will be resumed to act on the remaining articles.

The Town Officers were elected as follows:

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Clerk. There were

no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no. She was immediately sworn in by Ron Varin, Moderator. The Board of Selectmen were nominated and seconded and there were no other nominations. They were elected by written ballots as follows:

1st Selectman, Neil Butler 13 votes Neil Butler, 1 Ron Varin

2nd Selectman, Ron Varin 14 votes Ron Varin

3rd Selectperson, Debra Pollard 13 votes Debra Pollard

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dottie Cardarelli as Tax Collector. There were no other nominations. Dottie Cardarelli was elected Tax Collector with a show of hands, 17 yes, 0 no.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected Treasurer with a show of hands, 17 yes, 0 no.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Steve Grossi for a three year term as School Committee Member. There were no other nominations. Steve Grossi was elected with written ballots. 15 votes Steve Grossi.

The Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector and School Committee Member were all sworn in by Carol Varin, Town Clerk.

The Treasurer was sworn in by Ron Varin, Moderator.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the town will vote to fix a date on which assessed taxes for the ensuing year shall become due and payable. (recommend August 1, 2012.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as recommended. Article 3 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to fix an annual rate of interest to be collected on taxes remaining unpaid after some specific date, and set said date. (Town recommends after 10/31/12, interest rate be set at 7 %).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4 as recommended. Article 4 passed with a show of hands, 17 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated fund balance a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2012. (recommend \$3,000.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5 as recommended. Article 5 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (recommend to raise \$29,500.00 and appropriate \$4,000.00 from undesignated fund balance , which includes 8% for Town's portion of payroll taxes.)

FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1 ST SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR/ADMINISTRATOR	(\$ 6,000.00)
2 ND SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR	(1,500.00)
3 RD SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR	(1,500.00)
B. TAX COLLECTOR - CERTIFIED	(\$ 4,000.00)
Agent - Bureau of Motor Vehicles, plus agent fees	(600.00)
Agent - Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife; plus agent fees	(600.00)
C. TREASURER	(\$ 3,500.00)
D SCHOOL COMMITTEE:	
CHAIR PERSON	(\$ 200.00)
2 ND MEMBER	(150.00)
3 RD MEMBER	(150.00)
E. FIRE CHIEF	(\$1,000.00)
F. EMS OFFICER (APPOINTED)	(\$200.00)
G. HEALTH OFFICER	(\$200.00)
H. DOG CONTROL OFFICER: SET RATE	(\$ 200.00)
I. TOWN CLERK	(\$2,000.00)
J. REGISTRAR OF VOTER (Now a 2 year Appointment expires December 2012)	(\$600.00)
K. PLANNING BOARD	
CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)

L. APPEALS BOARD

CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)

M. TOWN TO PAY .50 CENTS PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.

N. TOWN TO PAY \$25.00 TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS TO ELECTED AND APPOINTED Town Officers

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6 as recommended. Article 6 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for town Buildings. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$20,743.00, and to raise \$ 5,000.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7 as recommended. Article 7 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts. (recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 8 as recommended. Article 8 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2012 budget in fiscal year 2013 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 9 as recommended. Article 9 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Care of the Poor. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$5,552.15)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 10 as recommended. Article 10 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Care of the Cemetery. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$1,213.75, and to raise \$ 500.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 11 as recommended. Article 11 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Snow Removal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$17,079.08, appropriate \$20,000.00 from surplus, and raise \$16,000).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as recommended. There was some discussion about what it costs and how it compares with last year. Even with little snow we still used about the same amount of sand and salt. Article 12 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Administration. (Recommend to raise \$20,000.00, and appropriate \$15,000.00 from surplus.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 13 as recommended. There was an explanation that some of our bookkeeping categories, such as code enforcement officer, assessor and audit were shifted from Officer's Salary into Administration. Article 13 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Forest Fire Control. (Recommend to carry \$1,957.00 forward and release \$8,000.00 to the general fund)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 14 as recommended. Discussion followed. What if we have three or four fires and use up our \$500 deductibles, then what? The Town no longer has to pay the state for fires and we have insurance to \$50,000. We also have a contingency fund. If the town takes responsibility for a fire, the town is responsible for up to \$100,000.00. Once the state takes control, the town is no longer responsible. If there's a forest fire, the town fire department is there to help the state. Article 14 passed with a show of hands, 13 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Structural Fire Protection. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 8,843.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as recommended. Article 15 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate to be paid to the following charities:

(Recommend)

Washington County Children's Program	\$ 125.00
Washington -Hancock Community Agency	100.00
Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens	50.00
Community Health & Counseling	50.00
Eastern Agency on Aging	100.00
Red Cross	75.00
United Cerebral Palsy of NE Maine	50.00
Washington County Soil & Water Conservation	160.00
Cherryfield Ambulance	200.00
Down east Hospice	50.00
Down east Aids Network	25.00
Literacy Volunteers of Washington County	25.00
Cherryfield Library	25.00
Lifelight Foundation	\$100.00
DELAS	<u>\$20.00</u>
	\$1,155.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 16 as recommended. Article 16

passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money shall be raised and or appropriated for the purpose of funding in a scholarship to be administered by the Beddington School Committee. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$3,500.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 17 as recommended. Article 17 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 3,072.00, raise 8,000 and appropriate \$ 2,000.00 from surplus.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 18 as recommended. Article 18 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to join the Maine Municipal Association and pay yearly dues of \$ 1,093.00 (Recommend to raise \$ 1,093.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 19 as recommended. Article 19 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to give a Scholarship in the form of a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond to any student graduating High School. (Recommend to delete this account and release \$275.00 to surplus.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as recommended. Another motion was made to amend Article 20 to release the \$275 into the scholarship account. The amendment to Article 20 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no. Article 20, as amended, passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 21 as recommended. Article 21 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, said property to be disposed of by bid, and to execute quit claim Deeds for such property according to the law in the State of Maine. The proceeds of the sale, lease, or other means of disposal shall be applied to all back taxes, interest, lien fees and costs involved in the sale; and any balance shall be placed in the General Capital Projects Fund to be established for future municipal projects.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 22 as read. Discussion followed. We do have one old Patten lot that has recently foreclosed. It will be looked at when the roads dry out. Probably any proceeds from the sale of it would go into the building account. Article 22 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board. (Recommend carry balance forward \$ 12,385.00.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 23 as recommended. Article 23 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 24

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for 911 Street Signs, and 911 addressing issues. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 2,615.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 24 as recommended. Article 24 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to enter into contracts to accept State, Federal and Private Grants which the Board of Selectmen feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 25 as read. Article 25 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to donate the Snowmobile Funds received from the State of Maine to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club. (Recommend \$ 59.58).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 26 as recommended. Article 26 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 27

To see how the Town will pay the County Tax of \$66,011.00. 2011 Tax \$63,329.00
(Recommend raise \$66,011.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 27 as recommended. Article 27 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 28

To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen for cleaning up the lot (map10 lot 3) adjacent to the Community Building and to see what sum will be raised and or appropriated to accomplish it.

A motion was made and seconded to use the \$3000 funds in Article 5 if necessary to clean up the lot and do it in such a way as to allow the town to recover those funds.

Much discussion followed. It would cost \$5500 to \$6000 to pay to get the lot cleaned up and to get legal advice to recover the costs. It would be about ½ clean up cost, ½ legal cost. The town could use money from the undesignated fund balance. Could the town clean up the property and lien the landowners for the costs? Selectmen don't think that would be legal. Have the landowners been asked to sell? Could the town make the landowners an offer on paper to BUY the property? The town can't do that right now because we don't have an article to do that at this meeting. The landowners wanted to burn it all this week but the fire chief will not give them a burning permit until

the current high fire danger is past. The selectmen will work with the landowners to get the lot cleaned up at the landowner's expense. If progress stops, the town can go ahead and pay to get it cleaned up.

The original motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made and seconded to have Article 28 allow the selectman to spend up to \$6000.00 from the undesignated fund balance to clean up the lot and make sure that the costs will eventually be recovered.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 28 to also authorize the selectmen to look into purchasing the lot. The amendment to Article 28 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

Article 28, as amended, passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to add the definition of a Bunk House to the Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. “Bunk House – a building offering basic sleeping accommodations for workers, visitors or campers with no kitchen, water or toilet facilities.” (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 29 as read. Discussion followed that a definition of a bunkhouse is missing in our ordinance, the issue keeps coming up, and it needs to be clarified. Article 29 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law for the Town of Beddington. In the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 30 as written. Article 30 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLES 31 TO 33 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$ 29,180.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 31 as recommended. Article 31 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System

Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$ 4,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 32 as recommended. Article 32 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$23,440.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 33 as recommended. Article 33 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 34 RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Total Appropriated: \$33,657.87 Total Raised: \$ 32,915.52
School Board Recommendation \$32,915.52

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

NOTE: Per PL2009, Chapter 571, the amount recommended by the school board as the required local share for the FY 2012-2013 budget may be no less than 82.22% of the Title 20-A, Section 15688 amount, in order to receive the full amount of state subsidy.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 34 as recommended. Article 34 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 35 RAISES LOCAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 35: (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$3,032.13), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and

Services allocation model by \$1,965.75, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends** \$3,032.13 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,965.75: tuition costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipal budget for educational programs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 35 as recommended. Article 35 passed with written ballots, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 36 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 36: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

(School Committee Recommends \$56,620.00.) (Town recommends raise \$16,689.00, appropriate \$38,557.00 from designated fund balance and to appropriate \$20,000.00 from undesignated fund balance.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 36 as recommended. Article 36 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 37 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 37: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 37 as read. Article 37 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 38

To adjourn:

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 38. Article 38 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Given under our hands the 12th day of March, 2012

SELECTMEN OF BEDDINGTON

**Neil Butler
Ronald Varin
Debra Pollard**

