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Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon called the meeting to order at the Lamoine Town Hall at 9:55 AM.

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. **Marion McDevitt nominated Harvey Kelley. Kathleen DeFusco 2nd. A written ballot elected Mr. Kelley 4-0. Mr. Kelley swore his oath of office to Deputy Clerk Marckoon and opened the polls at 10:00 AM.**
2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:
 - a. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (2 positions, term to end town meeting 2010)
 - b. School Committee Member (1 position, term to end town meeting 2009)
 - c. School Committee Members (2 positions, to end town meeting 2010.)
 - d. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2010)

The polls closed at 8:00 PM, and the following results were reported:

Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (2 positions)

Fennelly, Richard Jr.	119
Tadema-Wielandt, Chris	117
Others	9

Tax Assessor

Fowler, E. Jane	153
Others	1

School Committee - 2 Years

Perkins, Faith	140
Others	7

School Committee - 3 Years (2 positions)

Maguire-Harding, Christina	126
Sargent, Nancy	106
Others	7

Total Registered Voters	1437
Total Ballots Cast	167
Turnout Percentage	11.62%

March 7, 2007 – Prior to the resumption of the annual open town meeting, Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon administered the oaths of office to the following:

Richard Fennelly, Jr., Selectman & Overseer of the Poor
 Chris Tadema-Wielandt, Selectman & Overseer of the Poor
 E. Jane Fowler, Tax Assessor
 Faith Perkins, School Committee Member (2 Years)
 Nancy Sargent, School Committee Member (3 Years)
 Christina Maguire-Harding, School Committee Member (3 Years)

Selectboard chair Jo Cooper presented certificates for service to Selectman Perry Fowler, and School Committee members Tammy Dickey and Cathi Goebel. Mrs. Cooper also acknowledged the service of Lamoine residents Nathaniel Jordan, Jason Richter, Chad Smart, Frank Gordon and Joshua Jones with the US Military during the war in Iraq. The attendees rose and applauded in their honor.

The Lamoine Conservation Commission presented an award to Doug and Beverly Coleman for their land conservation efforts.

Moderator Harvey Kelley called the open town meeting to order at approximately 6:10 PM.

Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen DeFusco and Ballot Clerk Cynthia Donaldson checked in 177 voters at the open town meeting.

Mr. Kelley established that he would operate according to the Maine Moderator's Manual.

It was moved and 2nd to allow non-voters/non-residents to speak at the moderator's discretion. The motion passed by a greater than 2/3rds majority on a hand vote.

Mr. Kelley announced the results of the election the previous day.

Article 3 -To see if the Town will vote to set October 31, 2007 as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 are due and payable, and to see if the town will vote to fix a rate of interest of 12.0% to be charged on taxes unpaid after November 1, 2007 and to see if the town will vote to fix the rate of interest for tax overpayment at 8.0% annually. **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 4 - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the town. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 5. - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property or fixtures deemed to be surplus and unusable to the Town and worth less than \$1,000 fair market value, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. A resident asked how the town would be notified. Town Treasurer Stu Marckoon said it would be advertised on the website and in the newspaper. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 6. - To see if the town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open for the use of the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. It was asked how much money was involved. Treasurer Stu Marckoon said about \$350. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 7. - To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2007/2008 taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 8. - To see if the town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 9. - To see if the town will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Lamoine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance", amending and replacing the Lamoine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance approved in May, 1993. The proposed amended ordinance is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk. **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. There was one person who requested a copy of the proposed ordinance. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 10. - To see if the town will vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Lamoine Harbor Ordinance", amending and replacing the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance passed November 19, 2003. The proposed amended ordinance is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk. **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. Audience questions included whether there is a difference in fees for residents and non-residence (there is no difference). Stu Marckoon reviewed the major changes in the ordinance. Glenn Crawford asked if the Harbor Master could clarify any possible liability that might result from inspecting moorings. Harbor Master David Herrick's wife informed the audience that Mr. Herrick was not yet present. Mr. Crawford moved and it was 2nd to table the matter until such time as Mr. Herrick arrived. The motion to table passed on a hand vote.**

Article 11. - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter an agreement with Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. in regard to a right of way over town owned property on tax map 1 lot 58. **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. Robert Alvarez said this was the 3rd proposal from Gott for a land transfer from the town, and he warned about giving the Selectmen authority to enter an agreement without town meeting having final approval. A short discussion about rights of way followed. Enid Neleski asked what lot was involved. Stu Marckoon said the landfill is part of the lot involved and explained the layout. He said the purpose was to change the old right-of-way around the old landfill. Selectman Brett Jones said he initiated the article out of concern over the present right-of-way. Carol Korty asked for how long a right-of-way would last. Selectman Jo Cooper said that would be negotiated. George Smith asked if change could be added to make any agreement subject to town meeting approval. Mr. Kelley said that amendment was too substantive to be allowed. Vote in favor of the article failed on a hand vote.**

Article 10 - (The motion to pass Article 10 was pulled off the table as the Harbor Master arrived. Mr. Herrick answered Mr. Crawford's question. The motion passed on a hand vote.)

Article 12 - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter an agreement with Stuart & Lisa Branch to obtain an easement for the purposes of improving

vehicular access at Bloomfield Park. **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 13 - To see if the town will vote to ratify the actions of the Board of Selectmen to transfer \$237,101.25 plus accumulated interest into a fund entitled "Capital Improvements Fund" – said funds being the final settlement from Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. to the Town of Lamoine following a series of gravel sales contracts from town owned land. *(The Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend Approval)* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. Mr. Alvarez moved amend the article by inserting the word "School" into the name of the fund. It was 2nd. There was considerable discussion about the amendment and the flexibility of the article in relation to any school project. A short discussion followed about the pending need for a salt/sand storage facility. The motion to amend failed on a counted hand vote of 69 yes to 79 no. There was a short discussion about the use of the word "final" in the article and why gravel sale funds were proposed to be in a separate fund instead of being used through the general fund to reduce property taxes now. Jon Morren moved the question. Several voters 2nd. Vote in favor was greater than a 2/3rds majority on a hand vote. The vote to pass the motion originally made passed on a hand vote.**

Article 14 - To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$4,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) for anticipated additional Code Enforcement expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. *(The Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend approval)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 15 - To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) for anticipated additional Administration Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. *(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend approval)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. Gerald Jordan asked what the unanticipated expenses were. Mr. Marckoon said it was for a handicapped accessibility project not budgeted last year. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 16 - To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Road Fund for anticipated additional Road Maintenance Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. *(The Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend approval)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. Mr. Jordan asked what the expenses were. Mr. Marckoon said more work needed to be done on Seal Point Road. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 17 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a dedicated fund, entitled the "Land Conservation Reserve Fund," to receive appropriated funds, donations and bequests, expenditures from which must be approved by the Lamoine Town Meeting for acquisition of land and easements in land in Lamoine for the purpose of shore access, public recreation, or preservation of scenic landmarks or habitats. Any land or easements in land to be purchased with funds from the Land Conservation Reserve Fund will be open to access by Lamoine residents. **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. Franco Colella said he was concerned the town would be providing funds for a special interest group. Fred Stocking, the chair of the Conservation Commission explained the origin of the question came from a planning survey that showed interest in having the town conserve land, especially public access to the shore front. There was a motion to cease debate on the motion. That motion passed on a hand vote. The original motion on the question passed on a hand vote.**

Article 18 - To see what sum the Town will authorize and appropriate to be placed in a dedicated fund entitled Land Conservation Reserve Fund. *(The Conservation Commission recommends \$1,000.00, The Budget Committee recommends \$0.00)* – **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$0. It was moved and 2nd to amend the motion to raise \$1,000. The motion to amend passed on a hand vote. There was a brief discussion on the merits of the article. The motion as amended passed on a hand vote.**

Article 19 - To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for school department personnel costs. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$930,576.03)*. **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate the recommended amount. Mr. Jordan asked about the per pupil cost. David Bridgham, the Union 92 Business manager explained how the state calculated that cost. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 20 - To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for school department operating costs. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$1,232,607.64)*. **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate the recommended amount. Mr. Colella asked about whether testing scores have improved. School Committee Chair Faith Perkins addressed the questions. Mr. Alvarez moved to cease debate. It was 2nd. A hand vote passed by a greater than 2/3rds majority. The original motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 21 - To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for school department capital improvements. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$0.00)*. **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$0. Mr. Bridgham noted the debt**

service on the recently approved bond does not start repayment until the fiscal year after next. The motion passed on a hand vote.

Article 22 - To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the *Essential Programs and Services Funding Act* and to see what sum the Town will raise as 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* in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend a total of \$1,718,171.08 with a local contribution of \$1,214,480.00 and a state contribution of \$503,691.08). **It was moved and 2nd to appropriate the recommended amounts. Mr. Colella asked what the consequences would be if the article did not pass. Mr. Bridgham introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby. Mr. Bridgham explained how the state legislative/funding process worked. Mr. Boothby said state law requires the funding figures be available by February 1st, and they're rarely ever ready by then. Selectman Richard Fennelly asked whether the town meeting ought to be held after the figures are available. Mr. Kelley said the figures often are not available until well into the summer. There was a short discussion about the state efforts to consolidate school administrations. The motion passed on a hand vote of 150 to 8.**

Article 23 - To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model.

(The school committee and budget committee recommend \$274,451.79 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model as enacted under LD # 1 by \$134,451.90 for the following reasons: the Essential Programs and Services funding formula, as implemented under LD #1, is structured to reward larger, more urban districts and penalize smaller and rural districts with the policy objective of persuading the smaller districts to consolidate. As student enrollment continues to remain static and/or decline, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations, requiring additional local support to provide educational programs. If local property valuations increase at a rate faster than the state average, this situation will only be made worse.) **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the recommended amount. Mr. Bridgham provided a detailed explanation of EPS. School Principal Val Perkins outlined the successes of the school. There was a lengthy discussion regarding revenue from tuition students. There was a motion to cease debate and several seconds. The vote in favor was greater than the 2/3rds majority by a hand vote. A written vote passed the motion 144-8.**

Article 24 - To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 from 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*, 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, local appropriations, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

(*The School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend \$2,163,183.67*). **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. The motion passed on a counted hand vote of 136 to 3.**

Article 25 - To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to reduce the real estate and personal property tax commitment by an amount not to exceed any additional amount the town may receive from the foundation allocation or debt service allocation once the Maine Legislature has established those amounts. (*The Budget Committee recommends a vote in favor*) **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 26 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and to set the salaries of the following elected officers whose salaries will be paid from the Administration Account of the General Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials.

Position	Recommended Salary (Budget Committee & Selectmen)
Selectman (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Selectman (non-chair, 4 positions)	\$1,000.00
Assessor (Chair)	\$1,500.00
Assessor (non-chair, 2 positions)	\$1,250.00

(*The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$144,016.67 and the salaries as outlined above.*) **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 27 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects at the Lamoine Town Hall. *(The Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend \$14,000, including \$11,500 for roof replacement and \$2,500 to add to funds previously raised and encumbered for a flooring project)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. There was a brief discussion about when the roof was last replaced, and using the capital improvements fund for this project. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 28 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, and to authorize expenditure of the state share of local plumbing fees to the Maine Department of Human Services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,950.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 29 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning and Appeals Boards. *(The Planning Board, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 30 - To see what sum the Town of Lamoine will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of social service organizations listed below, which made written requests for funding from the Selectmen, and met the criteria of the Town Meeting Donation Requests Ordinance adopted November 7, 2000.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Budget Cmte
Downeast Horizons	\$600.00	\$600.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$250.00	\$250.00
Community Health & Counseling Service	\$600.00	\$0.00
Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$600.00	\$600.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00	\$0.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$600.00	\$600.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$600.00	\$600.00
WIC Program	\$600.00	\$600.00
American Red Cross of Eastern Maine	\$100.00	\$100.00
Down East AIDS Network	\$600.00	\$600.00
Child and Family Opportunities	\$600.00	\$0.00
Faith In Action Community Connection	\$600.00	\$600.00
Hospice of Hancock County	\$150.00	\$150.00
Hancock County Home Care	\$579.00	\$0.00
Open Door Recovery Center	\$600.00	\$0.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$600.00	\$600.00
Total	\$7,979.00	\$5,300.00

(The Budget Committee recommends \$5,300.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$11,686.21) **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended by the budget committee. It was moved to amend the motion to increase the amount by \$600 for Community Health & Counseling. There was a discussion as to why the Budget Committee recommended no funding for some agencies – the Budget Committee said no funding was recommended for agencies that did not show up to their meeting. The motion to amend was withdrawn. It was moved and 2nd to amend the motion to include all requested amounts. There was considerable discussion about the merits of providing such funding. A hand vote on the motion to amend failed. The vote on the original motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 31 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks & Recreation. *(The Parks Commission recommends \$12,811.00. The Budget Committee recommends \$10,214.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article with the Budget Committee recommendation of \$10,214.00. Parks Commission Chair Kerry Galeaz provided an explanation of the paving project at Lamoine Beach Park and how it would be adjusted to meet the budget. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 32 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$6,345.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended by the Budget Committee of \$3,500.00. It was moved and 2nd to increase the appropriation to \$6,345.00. After a brief discussion, the amendment passed on a hand vote. The motion as amended passed on a hand vote.**

Article 33 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$47,565.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article with the recommended amount. Mr. Colella moved and it was 2nd to increase the appropriation to \$50,000. The motion to amend failed on a hand vote. The original motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 34 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay debt service (fire truck loan approved June 8, 2004). *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$27,430.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article with the recommended amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 35 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$158,575.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article with the recommended amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 36 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of Lorimer Road, Maxwell Avenue & Marlboro Beach Road. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$82,500.00).* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the recommended amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 37 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for addition to the Revaluation Reserve. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the recommended amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 38 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the Local Government Cable TV Channel(s). *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000.00 – operational funds to come from the Cable TV Franchise Fee)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the amount recommended. There was a brief discussion about how the Cable TV Franchise fee offsets the taxed amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 39 - To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for waste disposal including operation of the Lamoine Transfer Station, shipment to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, recycling contractor, monitoring of wells around the former landfill, and to authorize the Selectmen to continue the contract of disposal of septic sludge. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$91,342.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the amount recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 40 - To see which revenues the Town will vote to appropriate for inclusion in the non-education portion of the budget to offset local property taxes.

Revenue Fund	Amount	Fund Total
<i>General Fund</i>		
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$300,000.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,500.00	
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$7,500.00	
Interest on Investments	\$37,000.00	
Use of Surplus	\$100,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,500.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$1,600.00	
Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500.00	
Portable Classroom Rental	\$0.00	\$456,600.00
<i>Road Fund</i>		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$27,428.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$4,000.00	\$31,428.00
<i>Code Enforcement Fund</i>		
Local Plumbing Fees	\$3,500.00	
Code Enforcement Fund Transfer	\$3,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fees	\$9,500.00	\$16,000.00
<i>Animal Control Fund</i>		
Local Animal Control Fees		\$1,000.00
<i>Cable TV Revenues</i>		
Cable TV Franchise Fees		\$5,000.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		\$510,028.00

*Municipal Revenue Sharing will also reduce the tax commitment and is not included in the above figure. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend the revenue figures listed above.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article with the figures recommended by the Budget Committee. Explanations of the general fund and the fund balance were requested and provided. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 41 - To see if the Town will vote to establish and/or continue the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/06*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$22,446.27
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$10,545.81
Salt/Sand Shed Reserve Fund	\$47,279.00
Road Assistance Fund	\$26,357.95
Education Capital Fund	\$2,564.24
Animal Control Fund	\$641.83
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$17,952.39
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$4,078.25
Harbor Fund	\$4,354.68
Portable Classroom Maintenance Fund	\$5,883.10
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$5,524.43
Parks & Recreation Fund	\$3,473.75

*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/06 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing the above funds) **It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as recommended. It was asked whether the town would be building a salt/sand shed. Mr. Marckoon explained that a special town meeting will likely be needed soon. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

Article 42 - To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Harbor Fund for improvements at the Harbor area as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master to be paid from the Harbor Fund. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval as written).* **It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote**

Article 43 - To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, for the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed. (By state law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot). *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend approval.)* **It was moved and 2nd to indefinitely postpone approval of this article. Mr. Marckoon stated that with the budget approved this evening, this article was not needed. The motion carried on a hand vote.**

There being no further business to conduct, Moderator Kelley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk**