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**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING ~ MARCH 24, 2012**

To Brenda Willette, a resident of the Town of Hudson in the County of Penobscot, 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 Hudson, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town Hall in said town on Friday, the 23rd day of March 2012, at 10:00 A.M., then and there to act upon *Art. 1* and by secret ballot on *Art. 2* as set out below:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Motion: Nominate Dale Pineo as Moderator.

By: Don Grant Seconded by: Rick Gilman

Nomination of: Dale Pineo Votes received: 3

Jill Gilman, Deputy Clerk declared and administered an oath of office to Dale Pineo, Moderator.

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot two Selectman and two Directors of MSAD/RSU 64 to serve for one three year term each.

For election of officers, the polls will open at 10:00AM on the 23rd of March 2012, and will close at 8:00 P.M. on the same day. After the polls close the meeting will recess until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday the 24th day of March, 2012, at which time the meeting will resume, the following articles will be acted upon:

Moderator, Dale Pineo opened the Town Meeting at 10:A.M.

Election results: 155 ballots cast.

Municipal Officer:

R. Kirby Ellis ~ 88
Michael S. Kelley ~ 69
Gregory Libby ~ 64
Melissa Smart ~ 71

MSAD/RSU 64:

Richard R. Gilman ~ 109
Write - ins:
Amy L. Bean ~ 18
Sharon Kelley ~ 11
Darlene Miles ~ 1
Rose Randall ~ 17
Beth Young ~ 1
David Young, Sr. ~ 1

Art. 3. To see if the Town will elect a Budget Committee of nine to confer with the Selectmen at the end of the 2012 fiscal year and to make recommendations for several appropriations, and said appropriations to be printed in the 2012 Annual Town Report.

Motion to nominate: Joseph Alexander, Wayne Collins, Roger Griffith, Larry Lilley, Hollis Moores, Dale Pineo, Sr., Stephen Storman, Ruth Trask and Derek Trench

By: Donald Grant Seconded by: Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 4. Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Hudson, Maine" be enacted?

Motion to accept article.

By: Donald Grant Seconded by: Terry Bellman

Moderator declared motion so moved.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Compensation.

(\$50,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise Taxes)

Motion to accept article.

By: Kirby Ellis Seconded by: Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration account.

(\$51,500.00 recommended by the Budget committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article with specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office upgrades.

(\$5,700.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Motion accept the article.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Deanna Thurston

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor's Agent.

(\$22,200.00 recommended by the Budget Committee: \$18,200.00 for Agent from Property taxes; \$4,000.00 for map upgrades from Fund Balance)

Motion to accept article.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Dan Heathcote

Kirby Ellis made a motion to amend the article to add a sum of an additional \$1,000.00 for map upgrades from Fund Balance.

Seconded by: Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Maureen Scranton made a motion to accept the revised article.

Seconded by: Donald Grant and Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement Officer. (\$11,844.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article with specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** George Scranton

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Constable. (\$200.00 recommended by the Selectmen from Excise Taxes)

Motion to accept.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Deanna Thurston

Moderator declared so moved. (five opposed)

Art. 11. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hudson Planning Board.

(\$300.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes) **Motion to accept as written.**

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Terry Bellman

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Security. (\$9,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article as read.

By: Larry Lilley **Seconded by:** Greg Libby

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Unemployment Compensation Insurance.

(\$899.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article as read.

By: Larry Lilley **Seconded by:** Terry LaCombe-Stevens

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Affairs.

(\$7,500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion accept the specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall maintenance, supplies and repairs.

(\$11,210.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion accept the specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Deanna Thurston

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department.

(\$36,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Greg Libby

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Firefighter Reimbursement Fund.

(\$5,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Dan Heathcote

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department Administration.

(\$5,300.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Station.

(\$7,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Donna Heathcote

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for G&H Ambulance Service.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion accept.

By: Dan Heathcote **Seconded by:** Terry LaCombe- Stevens and Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal control. (\$3,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article for amount specified.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Deanna Thurston

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights. (\$3,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article for amount specified.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Larry Lilley and Bob Duchesne

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maintenance Department.

(\$41,160.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article for amount specified.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Maureen Scranton

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for equipment maintenance.

(\$10,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee Excise taxes)

Motion to accept article for amount specified.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hudson road repairs.

(\$41,500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee; \$10,000.00 from Excise taxes; \$10,000.00 from Fund Balance; \$21,500.00 from the Urban Renewal Initiative program)

Motion to accept article with specified amounts.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Bob Duchesne

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal. (\$100,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise taxes and \$25,000.00 from Fund Balance)

Motion to accept article with specified amounts.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Terry LaCombe-Stevens

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for upkeep of the Cemeteries.

(\$750.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Dan Heathcote

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Garage.

(\$7,500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and operation of the Town Transfer Station.

(\$27,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Grant **Seconded by:** Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Septic disposal.

(\$500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept.

By: Deanna Thurston **Seconded by:** Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of the Poor.

(\$2,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept article with specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Deanna Thurston and Terry LaCombe-Stevens

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dirigo Boys & Girls State Programs.

(\$430.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Greg Libby

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Upward Bound program.

(\$160.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as read.

By: Larry Lilley **Seconded by:** Maureen Scranton

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for graduating High School Seniors from Hudson who have been Town residents for one year or more.

(\$1,500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Greg Libby

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Social Service Agencies.

(\$1,218.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Community Health & Counseling Service	\$ 92.00
Penquis Community Action Programs	\$752.00
Bangor STD Clinic	\$ 40.00
United Cerebral Palsy	\$ 40.00
Red Cross	\$ 75.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$150.00
Bangor Area Visiting Nurses	\$ 69.00

Motion moved to support.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks and Recreation.

(\$7,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property taxes)

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$959.00 of the money received from the State from registration of the Pushaw Lake Snowmobile Association for the maintenance of snowmobile trails on condition that those trails be open to the public in snow season for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge.

Motion to accept as read. (correcting for to from)

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Donald Grant

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts and lease agreements in accordance with approved budget appropriations as voted on at this Annual Town Meeting.

Motion to accept the article.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2012 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2013 to the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion to accept.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Terry Bellman and Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2012. (\$10,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance)

Motion to accept.

By: Deanna Thurston **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to borrow monies in anticipation of tax receipts on behalf of the Town.

Motion to accept the article.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Dan Heathcote

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey real estate acquired by the Town under tax liens on such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate. When negotiations with previous owners are unsuccessful, the selectmen shall advertise the availability of the property in the Town newsletter as well as other publications.

Motion to accept.

By: Sandi Duchesne **Seconded by:** Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or dispose of Town owned personal property with a value of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less. Any property over said amount will only be sold upon the approval vote of the Town.

Motion to support.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Larry Lilley

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass through funds that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following articles, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Motion to accept.

By: Kirby Ellis **Seconded by:** Terry LaCombe-Stevens

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass through funds that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following articles, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Motion to accept as read.

By: Larry Lilley **Seconded by:** Dan Heathcote

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will accept Cemetery Trust Funds to be used for the upkeep of the Town Cemeteries.

Motion to accept as written.

By: Maureen Scranton **Seconded by:** Brenda Willette

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506.

Motion to accept as read.

By: Larry Lilley **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will fix the date when property taxes shall be due.

(Suggested date: the mailing date of the property tax bill)

Motion to accept with suggested date.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Motion to amend: Sandi Duchesne, to read: suggested date thirty days after the mailing date of the property tax. **Seconded by:** Terry LaCombe-Stevens

Moderator declared so moved.

Motion by: Greg Libby to accept article as amended. **Seconded by:** Maureen Scranton

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on property taxes unpaid after their due date to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A.

(Suggested: interest rate of 7% annually)

Motion to accept article

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Greg Libby

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on prepaid abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A.

(Suggested: interest rate of 3% annually)

Motion to accept article.

By: Sandi Duchesne **Seconded by:** Maureen Scranton

Moderator declared so moved.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$168,777.00, established for the Town of Hudson by State law, in the event that the Municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

(This must be voted by written ballot)

Motion to accept article.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis

Written Ballot Results: **Yes:** 35 **No:** 1

Moderator declared so moved.

Addendum Article

Art. 52. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for U.S. flags for the town.

(\$1,000.00 recommended by the Municipal Officers from Property Taxes)

Motion of accept article with specified amount.

By: Donald Grant **Seconded by:** Kirby Ellis and Deanna Thurston

Moderator declared so moved.

Moderator adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gilman

Deputy Town Clerk, Hudson, Maine ~ March 25, 2012

Chair: Michael S. Kelley _____

R. Kirby Ellis _____

Donald G. Grant _____

Deanna M. Thurston _____