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Minutes of Annual Town Meeting May 11, 2013

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, May 11, 2013**

148 Voters Present

Town Clerk brought meeting to order at 8:00AM.
Public announcements were heard.
Town Clerk read the Warrant and Return on Warrant.

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

Nomination for Mark Greene made by Judy Paolini

Vote: Mark Greene – 9

Town Clerk swore in Moderator

No objections to Selectmen moving and seconding each article.

Motion made by Tom Hohn to move and 2nd Articles 4 – 57

2nd by Sam Whitener

Vote: U

Pledge of Allegiance – moment of silence

Motion made by Jim Wilber to allow the public to speak

2nd by Meredith Sweet

Vote: U -1

Moderator recognized new voters and guests

Article 2. To elect by written ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen (those elected shall also serve as the assessors and overseers of the poor) for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2013 to 06/30/2016.

Nomination for Marie Harmon made by Chris Papkee

Nomination for Samuel Whitener made by Robert Jordan

Vote: Marie Harmon - 72

Samuel Whitener - 66

Article 3. To elect by written ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2013 to 06/30/2016.

Nomination for Lisa Kimball made by Robert Jordan

Vote: Lisa Kimball – 14

Moderator swore in Selectman Elect and School Committee Elect.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

Vote: U -1

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff’s Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2013-2014.

Vote: U

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2013 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2013 and March 15, 2014 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 7% per year.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds provided that such grants, funds and other revenues do not require expenditure of Town funds not previously appropriated.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2013-2014.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Vote: U

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers and/or Appointees.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Selectmen (3 at \$3,299)	\$ 9,897
(Chair)	\$ 2,030
Parklands/Beaches	\$ 791
Wharves/Floats/Public Buildings	\$ 3,000
Public Safety	\$ 0
Solid Waste	\$ 0
Assessing/Map Updates	\$ 1,071
Town Clerk	\$12,179
Treasurer	\$12,786
Tax Collector	\$12,179
Office Assistant	\$ 5,500
Admin. Assistant to Selectmen	\$ 2,795
Town Hall Employee Benefits	\$ 2,200
Code Enforcement Officer	\$10,585
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,025
Harbormaster	\$ 1,025
Town Meeting Moderator	\$ 100
Social Services Director	\$ 256
Recreation Director	\$ 4,223
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,786
Island Fellow Contribution	\$ 0
Town Administrator	\$ 9,000
Health Officer	\$ 256
TOTAL	\$98,684

Motion made by Bill Overlock to move the pending question

Vote: U

Vote on Article 13: Carries

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for professional assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Accountant	\$ 0
Town Annual Audit	\$ 8,000
Town Counsel	\$11,000
Tax Assessor	\$ 2,000
Additional Professional Assistance	\$ 6112
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$10,194
LICLOC	\$ 3,500
TOTAL	\$40,806

Vote: U -1

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Government Administration	\$95,550

Vote: U

Articles 16 through 26 Authorize Expenditures in Education Cost Center Categories.

Article 16. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$303,961

Vote: U

Article 17. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$33,125

Vote: U

Article 18. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$0

Vote: U

Article 19. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **OTHER INSTRUCTION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$0

Vote: U

Article 20. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$2,500

Vote: U

Article 21. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$28,000

Vote: U

Article 22. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$16,500

Vote: U -2

Article 23. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$30,490

Vote: U

Article 24. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$37,210

Vote: U

Article 25. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **DEBT SERVICE.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$0

Vote: U

Article 26. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$8,400

Vote: U

ARTICLES 27 AND 28 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 27. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend **\$349,420**) and to see what sum the Town of Long Island will raise as its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$332,665.

Explanation: 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 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.

Vote: U

ARTICLE 28 IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACCURATE RECORDED HAND COUNT

Article 28. Shall the Town of Long Island raise and appropriate **\$62,828** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$59,746** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School and Finance Committees recommend **\$62,828** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$59,746**: EPS does not fully support all the necessary costs of a K-12 educational program, such as:

(1) Special Education cost (2) transportation and bus costs and (3) escalating fuel and electricity 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 Program and Services Funding Act that will help achieve Long Island’s budget for educational programs.

Vote: Yes – 140 No – 0

ARTICLE 29 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 29. Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend **\$460,186** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 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?

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$460,186.

Explanation: This is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of **\$460,186**. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money

Vote: U

Article 30. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles? Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	\$34,766
School Nutrition Revenues	\$ 2,500
State School Nutrition Reimbursement	\$ 2,000
Tuition	\$ 8,672
General Purpose Aid (estimated)	<u>\$16,755</u>
Total	\$64,693

The School and Finance Committee Recommend Adoption

Vote: U

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Long Island Community Library operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	\$ 5,000
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Vote: U

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Insurance	\$ 25,210

Vote: U

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Police	\$ 30,681
Fire and EMS	\$114,423
Rescue Boat	\$ 8,660
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 3,500
TOTAL	\$157,264

Vote: U

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Public Works	\$107,600

**Motion made by Leah Doughty to amend Article 34 from \$107,600 to \$42,600
2nd by Patti Papkee**

Motion Withdrawn by Leah Doughty and Patti Papkee

Motion made by Tom MacVane to move the pending question

Vote: Fails

Motion made by Zachary Whitener to move the pending question

Vote: Carries

Vote on Article 34: Yes – 85 No – 60

The 2013 Francis “Tiny” Murphy Civic Award was presented by LICA President Dick Murphy to recipient Curt Murley.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, #35, WILL BE BY WRITTEN BALLOT

Article 35. Shall the Town vote to eliminate Municipal Trash Curbside Pickup after September 2, 2013? **Note: If this article fails, the Selectmen recommend a “No” vote on Article 36. If this article passes, the Solid Waste budget, Article 37, can be reduced by \$7,500.**

Motion made by Nancy Jordan to move the pending question

Vote: U -1

Vote on Article 35: No – 82 Yes – 36

Article 36. Shall an Ordinance entitled Chapter 12 Garbage, Wastes, and Junk – Sections 12-23. Collection responsibilities. – 12-24. Placement for collection; scavenging prohibited, Paragraph (a) Municipal collection., Paragraph (b) Nonmunicipal collection. – 12.26.5. Placement of certain wastes prohibited. – 12-28. Collection vehicles to be covered. – 12-29. Refusal to collect., be amended?

Sec. 12-23. Collection responsibility.

(a) Solid waste and garbage ~~will~~ will not be collected by the town from all residences and apartments in the town. The owner, occupant, or other authorized person shall be responsible for solid waste removal to the Town Transfer Station.

(b) “Authorized persons” shall refer to those approved to collect solid waste and garbage from an apartment or residence that is not their own through a permit available from the Town Hall for a fee of \$25.00.

(~~b~~ c) Solid waste and garbage shall not be collected by the Town from any commercial or business activity or building.

(Code 1968, §§ 305.8, 305.9; Ord. No. 155-76, 4-21-76; Ord. No. 63-78, §§ 2, 3, 2-6-78)4

Sec. 12-24. Placement for collection; scavenging prohibited.

(a) ~~Municipal collection. Suitable containers for collection shall be placed at the curb or on the esplanade between the sidewalk and the gutter not prior to 6:00 p.m. of the day before scheduled municipal collection. Containers placed in the public way on and after such time shall be considered as being intended for collection and, as such, shall be collected by none other than the authorized collector of the public works authority. All containers shall be removed prior to 8:00 p.m. on the day of scheduled collection. Such suitable containers shall be covered or securely tied as to prevent spillage, wind blown littering, or the ingress or egress of flies, rats or other vermin. No person except the occupant, owner of the premises, or the public works authority shall remove, take or otherwise disturb the waste matter, or any portion thereof so placed for removal.~~

(b) ~~Nonmunicipal collection.~~ The occupants or owners of every building shall place such suitable containers in a place convenient for the removal of the contents by the persons authorized to collect the same. Such occupants or owners shall place such containers only on or directly in front of the premises occupied or owned by them. No other person except the occupants, the owner of the premises, or an authorized collector shall remove, take or otherwise disturb the waste matter, or any portion thereof so placed for removal.

(Code 1968, §§ 305.10-305.12; Ord. No. 155-76, 4-21-76; Ord. No. 63-78, § 4, 2-6-78; Ord. No. 358-79, 12-3-79)

Sec. 12-26.5. Placement of certain wastes prohibited.

~~No person shall place any of the following wastes on the street for municipal collection. No person shall dispose of the following wastes without authorization:~~

Sec. 12-28. Collection vehicles to be covered.

~~No person shall transport any garbage or putrescible waste over any public way, street or place within the limits of the town except in properly constructed, watertight vehicles or in suitable containers. Vehicles and containers used to transport solid waste shall be so constructed as to prevent the spillage of such solid waste. Such vehicles and containers shall be covered except during the act of filling or emptying them and shall not be permitted to become foul or offensive. Such vehicles and containers shall not be permitted to become foul or offensive. Waste shall not be contained inside such vehicles for more than a period of 18 hours in order to prevent putrefaction of waste materials.~~

(Code 1968, § 305.16; Ord. No. 155-76, 4-21-76)

Sec. 12-29. Refusal to collect.

~~The public works authority. Authorized persons~~ may refuse to accept for collection any waste material which has been placed for collection in a manner which does not comply with the requirements of this article, which is prohibited hereunder or which is too large to fit into suitable containers ~~or which is over the length, width, weight or bulk requirements set forth in this article.~~

(Code 1968, § 305.17; Ord. No. 155-76, 4-21-76; Ord. No. 309-89, § 2, 1-30-89)

Vote: Fails – U

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Solid Waste	\$101,000

Vote: U -5

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Services	\$ 1,500

Vote: U

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Committee, including Community Center operation.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 25,251

Vote: U -1

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery operations.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 4,200

Vote: U

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Debt Service.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Capital Debt Service	\$ 70,482

Vote: U

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2013 and ending 30-June-2014, all revenues, grants, fees and designated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2013-2014 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Revenues, Fees & Grants	\$138,200
Audited 11-12 Government Surplus	\$ 56,334

Vote: U

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that it be used to maintain the mil rate established at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 6,000

Vote: U

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Service Referrals.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Service Referrals	\$ 0

Vote: U

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize 2012-2013 CIP Surplus to be transferred to CIP Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Vote: U

Article 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the CIP Reserve Fund and appropriate for 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 0

Vote: U

Article 47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 0

Vote: U

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital spending.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
	\$ 20,200

Vote: U

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Snow Plowing Reserve that can be used for snow plowing in FY 2014 should the FY2014 snowfall exceed 72". Any funds remaining in the reserve after the winter of 2014, will remain in the reserve.

The Finance Committee recommends:	\$ 3,000
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Vote: U -2

Article 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbor Master Boat Reserve.

The Finance Committee recommends:	\$ 1,000
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Vote: U -2

Article 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Teacher Deferred Compensation Fund.

The School Committee and Finance Committee Recommend:	\$ 1,500
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Vote: U

Article 52. Shall the Town vote to a) approve a Salt Shed Project at a cost not to exceed \$80,000; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$80,000 to meet the cost; c) and fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 Estimated 04/01/2013

1. Total indebtedness:
 - A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:

1. Cumberland County	\$137,018
2.. FEMA and Fire Truck	\$ 60,000
3. Town Hall Renovations and Garage roof	\$ 9,266
4. Trash Compactor, School Office, Wave Break	\$ 30,000
5. School bus, Town Hall Roof and School Floor	\$ 64,820
 - B. Bonds to be issued if this Article
Is approved: \$ 80,000

2. Costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4% for 20 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 80,000
Interest	<u>\$ 33,600</u>
Total New Debt Service	\$113,600

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Vote: Fails U -5

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to create a FEMA Legal Reserve Fund and to fund such Reserve with the balance in the FEMA Litigation Account approved for FY2013.

The Finance Committee Recommends: \$30,000

Vote: U -1

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept or amend the following Town of Long Island Municipal Fees to be effective July 1, 2013:

Annual Building Rentals

Garage Bays	\$2.50 per square foot
Marine Building	\$4.00 per square foot

Solid Waste

Trash Hauler Permit \$25

Note: If Article 35 fails, Selectmen recommend removing this fee item.

Motion made by Judy Paolini to amend rate for the Marine Building from \$4.00 per square foot to \$2.50 per square foot

2nd by Ed McAleney

Motion withdrawn by Judy Paolini and Ed McAleney

Ralph Sweet stepped in as Moderator

Motion made by Michael Floyd to amend rate for Garage Bays from \$2.50 per square foot to \$1.25 and amend rate for Marine Building from \$4.00 per square foot to \$2.00 per square foot

2nd by Chris Papkee

Motion made by Nancy Jordan to move the pending question

Vote: U -1

Vote on amendment: U -7

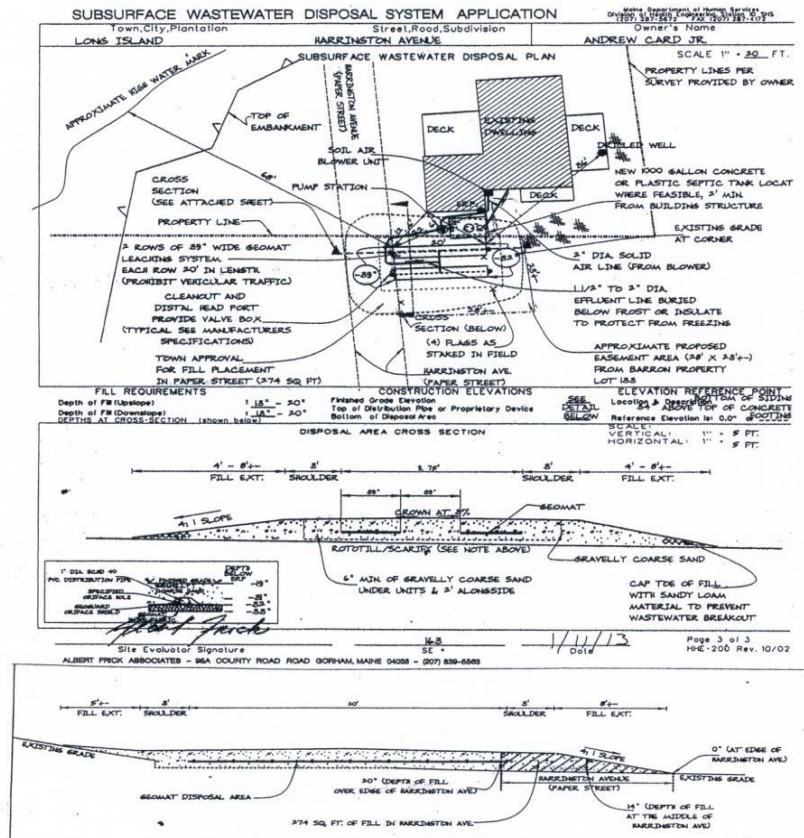
Vote on Article 54 as amended: U -4

Mark Greene resumed as Moderator

Article 55. Shall the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to solicit proposals for use/and or renovation of the Garage Bays, Generator Building and Marine Building and report back to Town Meeting in May 2014?

Vote: U

Article 56. Shall the Town vote to grant a Septic Easement onto Harrington Lane?
 (For Lot #134)



Vote: U-1

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lease certain parcels of Town owned or tax acquired property to the Year Round Housing Corporation for an annual fee of no less than, but not to exceed the amount that would otherwise be collected as tax revenue if the property were privately owned, for the purpose of allowing the Year Round Housing Corporation to build rental homes, rent to own homes, or other affordable housing that meets the criteria established by the Year Round Housing Corporation.

Explanation: This is a clarification of lease conditions and uses needed to qualify for Maine State Housing Authority grants for rental housing.

Ralph Sweet stepped in as Moderator

Discussion

Mark Greene resumed as Moderator

Vote: U

Motion made by Brenda Singo to adjourn

2nd by Nancy Jordan

Meeting adjourned 1:25PM

A True Copy Attested of the Minutes for the May 11, 2013 Town of Long Island Annual Meeting:

/s/

Brenda L. Singo – Town Clerk