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AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 08/09 TAX YEAR

**Minutes of
Annual Town Meeting July 29, 2009 7:00 pm
To determine taxes for the 12-month period: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010**

State of Maine

County of Kennebec, ss.

To: Greg Lumbert, Police Chief for the Town of Randolph

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the T. C. Hamlin School in said Town of Randolph, July 29, 2009 at seven o'clock in the evening to thereto act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Al Smith was elected moderator by secret ballot.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Peter K. Hanley introduced Mrs. Bette Seymour, a Randolph resident who was this year's Maine Mother of the Year.

A motion was made to take Article #35 out of order for the purpose of discussion and possible vote. Motion to proceed with Article #35 was Passed.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to \$417,000.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, in the form of a General Obligation Bond. For a term of up to 29 years to undertake improvements to the Town's wastewater treatment system, and to authorize the selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, a grant of \$333,000.00, from the same source, to be applied to the same purposes and any additional grants that may be available.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Wastewater Committee- Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Paul Hallee, a Randolph resident and member of the Wastewater Committee was recognized and discussed the specifics of the article. He explained that this project will affect the rate users and will be reflected in wastewater bills at approximately \$8.33 per quarter. This will not affect taxes. About 98% of residents are users of the system. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Ms. Aubrey Strause from the engineering firm of AE Com to speak. She explained briefly the grant/loan process and the reasons for the project.

Article 35 Passed as written.

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Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from the State Revenue Sharing grants towards the reduction of appropriations.

Estimate: \$130,000.00 2009-2010 (2008-2009 \$157,259.18)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 2 passed as written.

Article 3. To see if the Town will grant the selectmen authority to pay Town expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) until appropriations are voted for that period.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 3 passed as written.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds between expenditure accounts.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 4 passed as written.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt services previously approved by the Town.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Capital Debt - \$182,150.00

MSAD 11 - \$746,668.00

County Tax - \$ 81,077.00

Article 5 passed as written.

Article 6. To see if the Voters wish taxes to become due Sept. 10, 2009 and March 10, 2010 with interest beginning on Sept. 11, 2009 and March 11, 2010 at the rate of 9.00% A.P.R.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 6 passed as written.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans if necessary within the 2009-2010 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2009-2010 tax income, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town. Such loan or loans will be paid in full during said taxable year.

Recommendations:

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Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 7 passed as written.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, and to execute quit claim deed(s) for all such property. All sales and disposition shall be by bid.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 8 passed as written.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club.

Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club requested \$10,629.00

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Misc. \$10,629.00

Article 9 passed as written.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of Gardiner Public Library for use by the Town of Randolph.

Gardiner Public Library requested \$15,692.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$15,692.00

Budget Comm. – \$15,692.00

Misc. \$15,692.00

Article 10 passed as written.

Article 11. To see what amount of compensation the Town will vote for the Board of Selectmen, who also serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$15,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$15,000.00

Wages - \$15,000.00

Article 11 passed as written.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of resurfacing and/or rehabilitating Town streets and sidewalks.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$20,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$20,000.00

From the General Fund

Article 12 passed as written. Discussion of which streets were slated for re-paving this next year. Public Works Director John Crocker stated that only Maureen Avenue was scheduled to be re-paved.

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Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from Maine Department of Transportation to the Capital Improvement Roads account and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the purpose of Capital Improvement namely Roads.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00
From the General Fund

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

Article 13 passed as written.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$61,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$61,000.00

Sewers - \$24,000.00 Roads - \$34,000.00 Maint/Equip. - \$3,000.00
From the General Fund

Sewers-wages-\$ 8,521.70

Misc. - \$15,474.10

Roads- wages-\$11,846.49

Misc. - \$20,155.76

Maint/equip - \$ 827.20

Misc. - \$ 2,106.06

Article 14 passed as written.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for Public Works Vehicle Replacement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,000.00

Budget Comm. –\$1,000.00

Article 15 passed as written.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$25,100.00

Budget Comm. – \$25,100.00

Police - \$ 8,500.00

Animal Control - \$900.00

Code Enforcement - \$15,600.00

Health Officer - \$100.00

Police -\$ 7,763.51

Animal Control -\$1,896.67

CEO - \$15,600.00

Health Officer - \$ 100.00

Article 16 passed as written.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the three Randolph Cemeteries.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$13,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$13,000.00

Wages - \$14,467.76

Misc.-\$5,877.17

Article 17 passed as written.

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Article 18. To see what action the Town will take regarding a proposal to conduct a Town-wide trash and other junk item pickup. All income, including permit fees, shall be returned to this account, to be expended in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,500.00

Wages- \$951.12

Budget Comm. – \$1,500.00

Misc. \$3,598.26

Article 18 passed as written.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection and EMA Director.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$31,000.00

\$30,000.00 for Fire Department

Budget Comm. – \$31,000.00

\$1,000.00 for EMA Director

FD Wages - \$14,033.25

Misc.- \$13,240.28

EMA Wages - \$2,400.00

Discussion over the resignation of Ronald Cunningham on June 30, 2009. Selectman Peter K. Hanley stated that the town had hired a replacement for \$1,000.00 A resident asked if the position had been advertised and Mr. Hanley stated that it had not been advertised but he felt that the new EMA director, Mr. Christopher McLaughlin (an Augusta Firefighter) was a qualified candidate for the position.

Article 19 passed as written.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to create a new Dedicated Account for the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 20 passed as written.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Dedicated Account currently Fire Truck/Major Repairs/Equipment Account to a Dedicated Account named Fire Department Major Repairs/Equipment Account.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 21 passed as written. There was some discussion for clarification.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to move \$5,000.00 to the Dedicated Account named Fire Department Major Repairs/Equipment Account, and move the remainder to the Dedicated Account for the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

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Article 22 passed as written.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,125.00 from General Fund for the 5% match providing the Town receives a 2009 FEMA fire grant, if the grant is not awarded funds to be transferred to the Dedicated Account for Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

\$13,000.00 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.

Article 23 failed. Motion was made and seconded to not pass as the Grant was not awarded.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all unexpended funds from the Fire Department Account Balance to a Dedicated Account for Major Repairs/Equipment Account. (\$2,991.20)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

\$219.77 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.

Article 24 passed as written.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00

No money was appropriated last year.

Article 25 passed as written.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue a Town newsletter mailed to Randolph households. The Selectmen will approve each edition of the newsletter prior to printing.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$1,000.00

Misc. \$1,297.27

Article 26 passed as written.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue the Town website.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$721.00

Budget Comm. – \$721.00

Misc. \$721.00

Article 27 passed as written.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Utilities.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$13,700.00

Budget Comm. – \$13,700.00

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Heating-\$6,000.00	Phone-\$2,300.00	Water-\$400.00
Electric-\$4,000.00	Sewer-\$ 300.00	Misc. -\$700.00
<i>Heating-\$7,297.18</i>	<i>Phone-\$1,999.71</i>	<i>Water-\$356.00</i>
<i>Electric-\$3,201.06</i>	<i>Sewer-\$ 219.76</i>	<i>Misc. -\$676.72</i>

Article 28 passed as written.

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Benefits.

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$2,100.00 **Budget Comm. - \$2,100.00**

Senior Spectrum	\$100.00	Health Reach	\$800.00
Janice's Food Pantry	\$200.00	K.V.C.A.P.	\$200.00
Chrysalis Place	\$800.00		

Article 29 passed as written.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$6,500.00 **Budget Comm. - \$6,500.00**

Type and Amounts of payments;

<i>Rent - \$1,590.92</i>	<i>Electric - \$1,125.87</i>
<i>Fuel - \$ 396.33</i>	<i>Wages - \$2,500.00</i>
<i>Misc.-\$ 895.00</i>	

Article 30 passed as written.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Buildings & Lands.

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$20,000.00 **Budget Comm. - \$20,000.00**

<i>Wages - \$4,410.97</i>	<i>Misc. - \$17,140.53</i>
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Article 31 passed by a vote of 27-Yes/16-No.

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

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$5,000.00 **Budget Comm. - \$5,000.00**

Misc. \$3,204.79

Article 32 passed as written.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Contracted Services.

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$299,783.00 **\$264,000 from the General Fund \$35,783 from Taxation**
Budget Comm - \$290,000.00 **\$264,000 from the General Fund \$26,000 from Taxation**

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CMP-ST.LIGHTS	\$18,000.00	<i>CMP</i>	<i>\$16,569.35</i>
REGISTRY	\$ 1,600.00	<i>REGISTRY</i>	<i>\$ 2,034.99</i>
ASSESSOR	\$ 5,000.00	<i>ASSESSOR</i>	<i>\$ 3,500.00</i>
TRANSPORT	\$ 6,000.00	<i>TRANSPORT</i>	<i>\$ 5,959.62</i>
HYDRANTS	\$75,150.00	<i>HYDRANTS</i>	<i>\$73,316.00</i>
INSURANCE	\$12,252.00	<i>INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$11,748.50</i>
KVCOG	\$ 2,245.00	<i>KVCOG</i>	<i>\$ 2,245.00</i>
HATCH HILL	\$28,665.00	<i>HATCH HILL</i>	<i>\$28,665.00</i>
AUDIT	\$ 5,500.00	<i>AUDIT</i>	<i>\$ 4,750.00</i>
MMA DUES	\$ 2,268.00	<i>MMA DUES</i>	<i>\$ 2,154.00</i>
WORKERS COMP	\$ 9,000.00	<i>WORKERS COMP</i>	<i>\$ 9,006.50</i>
SNOW PLOW	\$73,980.00	<i>SNOW PLOW</i>	<i>\$72,536.65</i>
STREET SWEEP	\$10,124.00	<i>STREET SWEEP</i>	<i>\$ 9,924.67</i>
LEGAL	\$12,000.00	<i>LEGAL</i>	<i>\$ 243.20</i>
OFFICE MACHINE	\$ 2,000.00	<i>OFFICE MACHINE</i>	<i>\$ 3,500.00</i>
MAP READER	\$ 600.00	<i>MAP READER</i>	<i>\$ 600.00</i>
FF INSURANCE	\$ 900.00	<i>FF INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$ 669.15</i>
AMBULANCE	\$ 5,678.00	<i>AMBULANCE</i>	<i>\$ 5,677.31</i>
DISPATCHING	\$24,671.00	<i>DISPATCHING</i>	<i>\$16,675.00</i>
INCOME INSUR	\$ 1,111.00	<i>INCOME INSUR.</i>	<i>\$ 1,073.15</i>
ANIM. CONTRACT	\$ 3,039.00	<i>ANIM. CONTRACT</i>	<i>\$ 2,637.20</i>
TOTAL	\$299,783.00	TOTAL	\$273,485.29

Article 33 passed Budget Committee recommendation by a vote of 22-Yes/20-No. Difference between Selectmen recommendation and Budget Committee recommendation will be decided by Board of Selectmen.

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administrative Services.

Recommendations:

Selectmen - \$103,425.00

Budget Comm. - \$103,425.00

Admin Wages	\$72,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$15,500.00
Admin Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
Admin. Contin.	\$13,425.00
(Broken down as)	
ELECTIONS	\$3,000.00
POSTAGE	\$2,600.00
PRINTING	\$1,000.00
COMP. SUP	\$5,825.00
MISC.	\$1,000.00

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$75,234.82</i>
<i>Taxes</i>	<i>\$14,493.61</i>
<i>Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 2,373.77</i>
<i>Elections</i>	<i>\$ 3,071.51</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i>\$ 2,232.95</i>
<i>Printing</i>	<i>\$ 901.34</i>
<i>Comp.Sup</i>	<i>\$ 5,424.90</i>
<i>Misc.</i>	<i>\$ 797.20</i>

Article 34 passed as written.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to \$417,000.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, in the form of a General Obligation Bond. For a term of up to 29 years to undertake improvements to the Town's wastewater treatment system, and to authorize the selectmen to accept on

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behalf of the Town, a grant of \$333,000.00, from the same source, to be applied to the same purposes and any additional grants that may be available.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Wastewater Committee- Passage

Article 35 - was taken out of order and passed after Article 1 and before Article 2.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of 299,628.50 established for the Town of Randolph 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 property tax levy limit.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – No Passage

Article 36 passed by secret ballot as required by law after discussion for clarification Yes-23/No-19.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

There were 51 registered voters in attendance