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# Minutes of Annual Town Meeting July 21, 2010 7:00PM

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AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 09/10 TAX YEAR

**Minutes of  
Annual Town Meeting July 21, 2010 7:00pm  
To determine taxes for the 12-month period: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

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

**Clifford Goodall was elected moderator of the Town Meeting by written ballot**

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: \$125,000.00 2010-2011 (2009-2010 \$124,457.36)

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, 2011 through June 30, 2012) until appropriations are approved for that period.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – Passage**

**Budget Comm. – Passage**

**Motion was made to amend Article 3. The moderator ruled that the motion to amend was not germane to the article. Motion was made to overrule the Moderator. Motion to overrule Moderator failed.**

**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**

**Motion was made and seconded. Discussion. 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 - \$166,150.00  
MSAD 11 - \$759,531.00  
County Tax - \$ 85,977.00**

*Capital Debt - \$181,926.20  
MSAD 11 - \$746,668.00  
County Tax - \$ 81,076.99*

**Article 5 passed as written**

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Article 6. To see if the Voters wish taxes to become due Sept. 10, 2010 and March 10, 2011 with interest beginning on Sept. 11, 2010 and March 11, 2011 at the rate of 7.00% 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 2010-2011 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2010-2011 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:

**Selectmen – Passage**

**Budget Comm. – Passage**

**Motion made and seconded – discussion - 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 raise and appropriate for Administrative Services.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$106,211.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$106,211.00**

<b>Admin Wages</b>	<b>\$74,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>
<b>Admin Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Admin. Contin.</b>	<b>\$14,211.00</b>
<b>(Broken down as)</b>	
<b>ELECTIONS</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>POSTAGE</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>PRINTING</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>COMP. SUP</b>	<b>\$6,211.00</b>
<b>MISC.</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$71,568.94</i>
<i>Taxes</i>	<i>\$15,249.47</i>
<i>Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 2,495.74</i>
<i>Adim. Contin.</i>	<i>\$13,394.62</i>
<i>(Broken down as)</i>	
<i>Elections</i>	<i>\$ 3,376.56</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i>\$ 2,389.17</i>
<i>Printing</i>	<i>\$ 969.24</i>
<i>Comp.Sup</i>	<i>\$ 5,804.66</i>
<i>Misc.</i>	<i>\$ 854.99</i>

**Motion made and seconded – discussion. Article 9 passed as written.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of not more than three (3) years, for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance and to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of not more than three (3) years, for the purpose of summer street

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sweeping/catch basin cleaning, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen- Passage**

**Budget Committee- Passage**

**Motion made and seconded – discussion – Amendment proposed to have this go out to bid – second on amendment to amend the article to add language stating at the end of the article “and this be put out to bid as soon as possible.” Request for interpretation of amendment. Moderator explained “As soon as possible” means as soon as legally possible since we have one more year on the existing snowplow/sweeping contract.**

**Motion for Amendment with wording at the end of the article passed.**

**Article 10 passed as amended.**

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Contracted Services.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$294,588.00    \$275,000 from the General Fund \$19,588 from Taxation  
Budget Comm – \$283,588.00 \$275,000 from the General Fund \$8,588 from Taxation**

<b>CMP-ST.LIGHTS</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<i>CMP</i>	<i>\$16,348.18</i>
<b>REGISTRY</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<i>REGISTRY</i>	<i>\$ 1,293.00</i>
<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<i>ASSESSOR</i>	<i>\$ 3,500.00</i>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<i>TRANSPORT</i>	<i>\$ 4,123.56</i>
<b>HYDRANTS</b>	<b>\$75,883.00</b>	<i>HYDRANTS</i>	<i>\$73,316.00</i>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$12,050.00</b>	<i>INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$11,872.00</i>
<b>KVCOG</b>	<b>\$ 2,245.00</b>	<i>KVCOG</i>	<i>\$ 2,245.00</i>
<b>HATCH HILL</b>	<b>\$28,665.00</b>	<i>HATCH HILL</i>	<i>\$28,665.00</i>
<b>AUDIT</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<i>AUDIT</i>	<i>\$ 5,150.00</i>
<b>MMA DUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,268.00</b>	<i>MMA DUES</i>	<i>\$ 2,176.00</i>
<b>WORKERS COMP</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<i>WORKERS COMP</i>	<i>\$ 8,651.40</i>
<b>SNOW PLOW</b>	<b>\$75,468.00</b>	<i>SNOW PLOW</i>	<i>\$73,987.35</i>
<b>STREET SWEEP</b>	<b>\$10,326.00</b>	<i>STREET SWEEP</i>	<i>\$10,123.17</i>
<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,280.00</b>	<i>LEGAL</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<b>OFFICE MACHINE</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<i>OFFICE MACHINE</i>	<i>\$ 1,188.10</i>
<b>MAP READER</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<i>MAP READER</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<b>FF INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<i>FF INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$ 802.98</i>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$10,580.00</b>	<i>AMBULANCE</i>	<i>\$ 5,677.31</i>
<b>DISPATCHING</b>	<b>\$21,500.00</b>	<i>DISPATCHING</i>	<i>\$24,607.00</i>
<b>INCOME INSUR</b>	<b>\$ 1,184.00</b>	<i>INCOME INSUR.</i>	<i>\$ 1,135.41</i>
<b>ANIM. CONTRACT</b>	<b>\$ 3,039.00</b>	<i>ANIM. CONTRACT</i>	<i>\$ 2,837.84</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$294,588.00</b>	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ \$277,699.30</i>

**Article 11 – Motion was made to go with the Selectmen's recommendation.**

**Amendment was proposed .....any of which totaling \$2,000 or more per year. Moderator ruled this motion to amend was not permitted due to contractual obligations.**

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**Amendment was clarified to state “any and all insurances” for the town to be put out to bid. Motion was seconded. Discussion.**

**Amendment failed.**

**Motion to go with the Selectmen’s recommendation failed.**

**Motion made and seconded to accept the Budget Committee’s recommendation.**

**Article 11 passed with Budget Committee’s recommendation of \$283,588.00 \$275,000 from the General Fund \$8,588 from Taxation**

Article 12. 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*

**Motion made and seconded. Discussion. Two thirds vote was taken to allow representative from Boys’ & Girls’ Club to speak. Explanation of how amounts were apportioned to each participating town. Randolph pays \$10,621.**

**Article 12 passed as written.**

Article 13. 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 13 passed as written**

Article 14. 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 General Fund**

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**Motion made and seconded – Discussion. Proposal for an amendment regarding employment procedures. Proposed amendment was ruled not germane to the article by the Moderator.**

**Article 14 passed as written.**

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Article 15. 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 General Fund**

**Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00**  
**From General Fund**

**Article 15 passed as written.**

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$59,000.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$59,000.00**

**Sewers - \$23,000.00 Roads - \$33,000.00 Maint/Equip. - \$3,000.00**  
**From the General Fund**

*Sewers-wages-\$ 7,079.02*

*Misc. - \$15,870.92*

*Roads- wages-\$ 9,448.17*

*Misc. - \$22,439.77*

*Maint/equip - \$ 931.19*

*Misc. - \$ 1,911.84*

**Article 16 – Motion and second – Discussion of employees in public works department. Moderator stated that the hiring practices of the Public Works Department not germane to the Article.**

**Article 16 passed as written.**

Article 17. 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 17 passed as written.**

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the three Randolph Cemeteries.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$15,000.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$13,000.00**

*Wages - \$13,901.17*

*Misc.-\$5,014.86*

**Article 18. Motion made and seconded to go with Selectmen recommendation. Discussion.**

**Article 18 failed with the Selectmens' recommendation.**

**Proposed amendment to be added to the end of Article 18 “using an advertised RFP (request for proposal) process for the current fiscal year.” Made, seconded. Discussion. Amendment failed.**

**Motion made and seconded to go with the Budget Committee recommendation of \$13,000.00. Article 18 passed with the Budget Committee proposal.**

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Article 19. 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- \$455.78*

**Budget Comm. – \$1,500.00**

*Misc. \$3,025.49*

**Article 19 passed as written.**

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$24,200.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$24,200.00**

**Police - \$ 8,000.00**

*Police -\$ 8,101.36*

*CEO - \$15,600.00*

**Animal Control - \$500.00**

**Health Officer - \$100.00**

*Animal Control -\$776.80*

*Health Officer - \$100.00*

**Article 20 passed as written. Discussion. Question as to incidents responded to by Greg Lumbert.**

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$30,000.00**

*FD Wages - \$17,250.00*

**Budget Comm. – \$30,000.00**

*Misc.- \$12,741.08*

**Article 21 passed as written. Discussion.**

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses the EMA Department.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$4,000.00**

*EMA Wages- \$997.50*

**Budget Comm. – \$4,000.00**

**Article 22 passed as written.**

Article 23. 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. (\$8.92)

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – Passage**

*\$2,991.20 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.*

**Budget Comm. – Passage**

**Article 23 passed as written.**

Article 24. 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.

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Recommendations:

**Selectmen - \$5,000.00**

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

**Article 24 passed as written.**

Article 25. 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 - \$1,985.00**

**Budget Comm. - \$1,985.00**

*Misc. \$1,978.63*

**Motion made and second... Discussion of "resolutions" published last year.**

**Resident Jim Todd applauded Mr. Peter Coughlan for his work and efforts in publishing the newsletter.**

**Moderator stated that the content of past newsletters was not relevant to this article.**

**Article 25 passed as written.**

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue the Town website.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen - \$695.00**

**Budget Comm. - \$695.00**

*Misc. \$721.00*

**Moved and seconded. Discussion and request for amendment to dis-allow political activities and/or opinions to be on the website. Moderator ruled this an unconstitutional infringement on the first amendment.**

**Motion was made and seconded to cease debate. Motion to cease was passed by 2/3 vote.**

**Article 26 passed as written.**

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Utilities.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen - \$13,100.00**

**Budget Comm. - \$13,100.00**

**Heating-\$6,000.00**

**Phone-\$2,200.00**

**Water-\$400.00**

**Electric-\$3,500.00**

**Sewer-\$ 300.00**

**Misc. -\$700.00**

*Heating-\$4,065.28*

*Phone-\$1,989.03*

*Water-\$356.00*

*Electric-\$3,203.03*

*Sewer-\$ 253.02*

*Misc.- \$611.88*

**Article 27 passed as written.**

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

Recommendations:



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**Selectmen – \$2,200.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$2,200.00**

**Senior Spectrum \$100.00**  
**Janice's Food Pantry \$400.00**  
**Chrysalis Place \$600.00**

**Health Reach\Hospice \$800.00**  
**K.V.C.A.P. \$200.00**  
**Town Historian \$100.00**

**Town Historian Richard Harriman was recognized for his work on the History of Randolph.**

**Article 28 passed as written.**

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

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$5,000.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$5,000.00**

**Type and Amounts of payments;**

*Rent - \$3,297.00*

*Electric - \$1,121.89*

*Fuel - \$ 284.90*

*Wages - \$1,875.00*

**Former GA Administrator, R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert asked to address the Board of Selectmen as to why she was not reappointed to this position in March.**

**Article 29 passed as written.**

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Buildings & Lands.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – \$20,000.00**

**Budget Comm. – \$15,000.00**

*Wages - \$2,351.12*

*Misc. - \$10,923.57*

**Motion made and seconded. Discussion. Clarification of difference by Board.**

**Article 30 passed the Budget Committee recommendation of \$15,000.00**

Article 31. 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. \$1,499.79*

**Article 31 passed as written.**

Article 32. 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*

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**Motion made and seconded – Discussion – amendment proposed to lower the amount of money to \$10,000.00. Moderator stated rule of procedure that to change money amount can only be proposed and voted on after the original article is defeated.**

**Article passed as written.**

Article 33. Shall the Randolph Land Use and Development Ordinance be changed so that the language in Section 6.5 on page 29 now would read "the 300 foot frontage standard applies only to commercial lots abutting Water Street and Windsor Street." This would allow residential lots to be built using the typical 150 foot frontage as on all other roads.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – Passage**

**Article 33 passed as written. Clarification provided by Planning Board Chairman Peter Coughlan on Articles 33 and 34.**

Article 34. Shall the Land Use District Map be changed so that Article #2 from Special Town Meeting on April 15, 2008 is retracted so that Lot #18 on Randolph Assessor's Map 10 returns to being in the "U" Zone. Lot #19 immediately to the east remains within the "C" Zone.

Recommendations:

**Selectmen – Passage**

**Article 34 passed as written.**

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$395,950.00 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 35 is no longer necessary by virtue of the fact that the Selectmen's Budget was not increased but was in fact decreased by \$8,700.00**

**Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Edward F. Gorham recognized and thanked Senator Earle McCormick for attending the meeting.**

**Moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

**There were 65 registered voters in attendance.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**