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# Town of Blue Hill Annual Warrant 2016

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## 2016 WARRANT

State of Maine, County of Hancock

Town of Blue Hill

To: David N. Gulya, Jr., Constable of said Blue Hill, in said County.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the voters of Blue Hill, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the auditorium at the Town Hall, Blue Hill, on Friday, April 1 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 1** - To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. ~~David Scott Miller was voted in as Moderator.~~

Article 2 is to be acted on by written referendum ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. The meeting will reconvene Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the gymnasium at the Consolidated School, High Street, Blue Hill at 9:00 am and run until 11:30 am. or a time determined by the moderator. The meeting will reconvene at 12:30 pm and run until adjourned.

**ARTICLE 2** - Election of officers ~~Selectman: James Schatz. School Board: Janis Snow. Planning Board Members:~~

~~Henrietta Clows / Fernald Leach. Road Commissioner: William Cousins.~~

**ARTICLE 3** - To authorize the moderator, at his/her discretion, to dispense with the complete reading or re-reading of an Article and allow the Town to vote by written ballot upon written request by 10 or more voters.

Passed

**ARTICLE 4** - To authorize the moderator to continue his/her responsibilities until all articles have been reviewed and verified as to the outcome.

Passed

**ARTICLE 5** - To fix the Compensation of labor, trucks, and equipment for Highway and Road Commissioner.

2015 Left to discretion of Selectmen

Budget Committee recommends leaving to the discretion of the Selectmen

~~Passed left to the discretion of the selectmen~~

**ARTICLE 6** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 498,000 from Auto Excise; to raise and appropriate \$46,000 from URIP/Local Road Assistance for the Maintenance and Improvements of Highways and maintenance and construction of sidewalks.

	2015 <u>Appropriation</u>	2015 <u>Expended</u>	2016 Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
Maintenance	90,000	97,945	90,000	90,000
Paving	57,000	45,847	100,000	100,000
Snow removal	350,000	327,334	313,000	313,000
Sidewalks	20,000	9,765	20,000	20,000
Insurance	5,000	5,843	6,000	6,000
Ditching and Culverts	<u>15,000</u>	<u>14,927</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total	537,000	501,661	544,000	544,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 7** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800 from Property Tax for the placement and maintenance of 911 Program and Traffic Signs.

2015 <u>Appropriation</u>	2015 <u>Expended</u>	2016 Selectmen <u>Recommends</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
500	1,921	800	800

Passed

**ARTICLE 8** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$32,000 from **Highway Reserve** and \$118,000 from **Undesignated Funds** to support maintenance and paving projects on the portions of the following roads based on priorities established by the Road Commissioner and Selectmen:

Hinckley Ridge Road (the section from Tamworth Farm Rd. to Route 15)  
Parker Point Road  
Beech Hill Road  
Mountain Road

\*These activities are outside the scope of the 'regular' Highway Department Budget

Passed

**ARTICLE 9** - To see if the Town will vote to set the hourly rate of \$12 for the compensation for the Selectmen.

2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee	
<u>Rate</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
12.00 per hr.	12.00 per hr.	12.00 per hr.

Passed

**ARTICLE 10** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Selectmen salaries and wage benefits**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
40,000	38,542	40,000	40,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 11** -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,500 from **Property Tax** for **Health Insurance** (Selectmen, Road Commissioner, and salaried office staff).

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
40,600	32,034	48,500	48,500

Passed

**ARTICLE 12** -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Code Enforcement/ Plumbing Inspector Account**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
32,000	31,962	32,000	32,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 13** -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Planning Board**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
2,500	2,166	2,500	2,500

Passed

**ARTICLE 14** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$204,154 from **Property Tax** for the **General Government account**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
186,181	179,846	204,154	204,154

Passed

**ARTICLE 15** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 from **Property Tax** for **Workers Compensation**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
4,500	4,616	5,000	5,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 16** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Town Hall Account**.

2015	2015	2016	
Selectmen	Budget Committee		
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
38,116	42,406	40,000	40,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 17** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to a total of \$15,000 from Undesignated Funds for the Town Hall Improvement Reserve account.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 18** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,901 Undesignated Funds to cover the following overdrafts/shortfalls from the 2014 Budget accounts.

Capital Improvement for Cemeteries	\$2,455
Disposal of Septic Tank Sludge	\$2,792
911 Program/Traffic Signs	\$1,421
Workers Compensation	\$ 616
Town Hall Account	\$4,290
Municipal Audit	\$3,767
Treatment Plant	\$2,560

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$17,901

Passed

**ARTICLE 19** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500 from Property Tax for the Municipal Audit.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
8,500	12,267	8,500	8,500

Passed

**ARTICLE 20** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 from Property Tax for the Tax Assessing, Mapping, and Quarterly Review.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 21** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$67,000 for the Fire Department, to be funded by raising and appropriating \$53,494 from Property Tax and by raising and appropriating \$13,506 from funds received from the Peninsula Ambulance Corp.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 22** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$216 (to include payroll taxes) from Property Tax for Emergency Management Agency.

2015	2015	2016	2016
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
216	216	216	216

Passed

**ARTICLE 23** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500 (to include payroll taxes) from Property Tax for Forest Fire Suppression.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
2,500	0	2,500	2,500

Passed

**ARTICLE 24** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 from Property Tax for the Blue Hill Fire Truck Reserve Account.

2015	2015	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 25** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Animal Control Officer**.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
3,000	2,997	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		3,000	3,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 26** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 from **Property Tax** for **Streetlights**.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
10,000	9,409	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		10,000	10,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 27** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from the **Law Enforcement Reserve Account** to fund **law enforcement activities** (including the Constable) for the Town with unexpended or deficit balances to be put in the Law Enforcement Reserve Account.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
10,000	3,682	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		10,000	10,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 28** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,453 from **Property Tax** for the **Hancock County RCC-911 Dispatch**.

2015	2016	2016	
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Agency Request</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
5,146	5,453	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		5,453	5,453

Passed

**ARTICLE 29** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,387 from **Property Tax** for the **Peninsula Ambulance Corp.**

2015	2016	2016	
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Agency Request</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
33,387	33,387	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		33,387	33,387

Passed

**ARTICLE 30** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,000 from **Sewer Fees** for the **Disposal of Septic Tank Sludge**.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
12,000	14,792	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		12,000	12,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 31** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,019 from **Property Tax** for Blue Hill's share of operating the **Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Program**.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
184,746	184,746	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		189,019	189,019

Passed



**ARTICLE 32** – Shall an amendment to the 1995 Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between the Towns of Blue Hill and Surry for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities be enacted as follows pursuant to Section 11 of the Agreement and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Sections 2203 through 2205 and Section 3002?

Section 5 of the 1995 Inter-local Cooperation Agreement is hereby amended to add as new Subsection 5(I) the following powers of the Solid Waste Committee:

*"I. To negotiate, enter into, and execute on behalf of the Joint Solid Waste Disposal Facility and the Towns of Blue Hill and Surry, contracts with third parties for storage, transportation and disposal of solid waste and recyclable waste including, but not limited to, (a) contracts with other municipalities and entities to accept their solid waste for disposal; (b) contracts with Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Fiberight LLC, the Municipal Review Committee, or other waste disposal facilities or recycling facilities; (c) contracts regarding the closure of the Blue Hill and Surry solid waste; and/or (d) other solid waste management contracts authorized or requested by law. Such contracts shall have the same force and effect as if each one was presented for a vote, and passed, at a town meeting. The remainder of this 1995 Inter-local Cooperation Agreement shall not be affected by this Amendment and shall remain in full force and effect"*

**NOTE:** The purpose of this Amendment is to give the Committee the authority to handle the often complex negotiations involved in solid waste management, and to execute on behalf of both Towns appropriate contracts to effectuate those agreements, without the need to take every waste disposal contract to a vote at town meeting.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 33** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$22,000 for the Harbor Master Wages and Benefits Accounts (including all wages and taxes), routine maintenance, repairs and operational expenses of the South Blue Hill and Blue Hill Wharves from the Boat Excise Tax, Mooring Fees, and/or Dinghy Tie-up fees received in 2016 with unexpended or deficit balances to be put in the Marine Resource Reserve Account.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
22,000	20,502	22,000	22,000

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 34** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,000 from Property Tax for General Assistance and/or for the discretionary use by the Overseers of the Poor.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 35** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 from Property Tax for the Administration and Operation of the Town's Recreation Activities and the care, maintenance and support of the Town's Parks, Playground & Athletic Fields.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
27,500	26,094	30,000	27,500

Original request for budget committee recommendation. Amendment to Selectmen recommendation passed. Passed at \$30,000.

**ARTICLE 36** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,080 from Property Tax to maintain the Ruth Hayes Field.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 37** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,000 from Property Tax and \$6,000 from donations for the Upkeep and Capital Improvement of Cemeteries.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
38,000	40,455	38,000	38,000

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 38** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000 from Elm Tree/Street Tree Reserve for the Tree Program and the planting and maintenance of street trees with unexpended or deficit balances to be put back in the Elm Tree/Street Tree Reserve

2015	2016	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
3,000	525	3,000	3,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 39** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 from Property Tax for Memorial Day.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 40** - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from Property Tax for the East Blue Hill Village Public Library.

2015	2016	2016	
		Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
0	1,500	1,250	500

Motion to accept agency request, proposed amendment for the Selectmen's recommendation failed; original motion of \$1500. passed

**ARTICLE 41** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,275 from Property Tax for Hancock County Home Care & Hospice.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
11,275	11,275	4,500	4,500

Passed as budget committee recommended

**ARTICLE 42** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$550 from Auto Excise for Downeast Transportation.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
550	550	550	550

Passed

**ARTICLE 43** - To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 from Property Tax for the Down East Family YMCA.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
4,000	5,000	4,000	4,000

Passed as budget committee recommended

**ARTICLE 44** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,495 from Property Tax for the Eastern Agency on Aging.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,495	1,495	1,495	1,495

Passed

**ARTICLE 45** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from Property Tax for the Blue Hill Society for Aid to Children.

2015	2016	2016	
	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500

Passed

ARTICLE 46 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of monies from Property Tax for the Washington-Hancock Community Agency.

	2016	2016	
2015	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
3,545	6,052	3,545	3,545

First motion was budget committee recommendation; amended motion was agency request; amended motion passed \$6,052.

ARTICLE 47 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 from Property Tax for the Blue Hill Historical Society.

	2016	2016	
2015	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

Passed

ARTICLE 48 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of monies from Property Tax for the W.I.C. Program.

	2016	2016	
2015	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,280	1,520	1,280	1,280

First motion was budget committee recommendation; amended motion was agency request; amended motion passed \$1,520.

ARTICLE 49 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 from Property Tax for the Hospice of Hancock County.

	2016	2016	
2015	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,000	1,500	1,000	1,000

Passed \$1,000

ARTICLE 50 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of monies from Property Tax for the Blue Hill Public Library.

	2016	2016	
2015	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
76,000	80,000	76,000	76,000

First motion was budget committee recommendation; amended motion was agency request; amended motion passed \$80,000.

ARTICLE 51 - To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Property Tax for Hancock County Tax.

		2016	
2015	2015	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
289,143	289,143	283,022	283,022

Passed \$283,022

ARTICLE 52 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$159,548 from Undesignated Funds and \$50,000 from Waste Water Treatment Plant Surplus, to pay for the Principal and Interest due on Notes and Bonds.

		2016	
	2015	2015	2016
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen
			<u>Recommend</u>
			Budget Committee
			<u>Recommends</u>
USDA - Sewer ext.	102,394	102,394	102,394
Salt/Sand Building	45,132	45,132	0
USDA # 1	25,290	25,290	0
USDA # 2	6,868	6,868	0
USDA # 3	3,995	3,995	0
BHBT - High Street Bridge	18,317	18,197	13,334
Wharf/Safe Routes/Parking	31,643	22,000	0
MMBB 2015A Refi.			93,820
	233,639	215,102	209,548

Passed



**ARTICLE 53** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$223,500 for the Waste Water Treatment Operations from Pollution Control fees assessed in 2016.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
200,000	202,560	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		223,500	223,500

Passed

**ARTICLE 54** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2016 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2017 to the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Passed

**ARTICLE 55** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000 from **Undesignated Funds**, as they deem advisable to meet **unanticipated expenses and emergencies** that occur during fiscal year 2016.

2015	2015	2016	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
15,000	0	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
		15,000	15,000

Passed

**ARTICLE 56** - To see if the Town will vote to sell the tax-acquired property (land) depicted on the Town's Tax Map as "Map 027- Lot 088-C" to its former owner, DOUGLAS POND LLC., for the amount of all unpaid taxes, costs and interest in the sum of \$2851.60 due in certified funds to the Town no later than 4/10/16 and to authorize the Selectmen to take all reasonable steps to finalize the sale.

Note: Pursuant to the Town's current Ordinance regarding tax-acquired property, if the Selectmen determine not to keep such property for Town use, and said property has not been occupied by the former Owner(s) for less than 6 months, then the property must be placed out for public bid unless the Municipal Legislative Body votes otherwise.

Passed

**ARTICLE 57** - To see if the Town will vote to sell the tax-acquired property (land) depicted on the Town's Tax Map as "Map 32- lot 010-A" to its former owner, STEVE & DONNA ALLEN, for the amount of all unpaid taxes, costs and interest in the sum of \$3457.30 due in certified funds to the Town no later than 4/10/16 and to authorize the Selectmen to take all reasonable steps to finalize the sale.

Note: Pursuant to the Town's current Ordinance regarding tax-acquired property, if the Selectmen determine not to keep such property for Town use, and said property has not been occupied by the former Owner(s) for less than 6 months, then the property must be placed out for public bid unless the Municipal Legislative Body votes otherwise.

Passed

**ARTICLE 58** - To see if the Town will vote to approve and appoint the fairy tale: "The Rock, The Prince & The Mermaid or How the Tides Came into Being", written by Julie Nicholson, as the official fairy tale of Blue Hill.

Failed

**ARTICLE 59** - Shall the following amendment [changes indicated in bold] to the Town's Telecommunications Tower Ordinance be enacted? Section 8(C) is amended to read:

#### C. Setbacks

1. A new or expanded wireless telecommunications facility must be set back one and one half (1 1/2) times its height measured from the outer edge of the compound's fence from all property lines, structures or roads, except the tower's access road. The setback, as required under this subsection (8(C) (1), may be satisfied by including the areas outside the property boundaries, if secured by an easement. The height of the tower shall be measured from the base of the tower.

2. No wireless telecommunications facility shall be located within 1,500 feet of a municipal school, private compulsory school, or state-licensed child-care center or nursery school, at the time of application.

Passed

**ARTICLE 60** - Shall the town vote to repeal the ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Blue Hill, Maine" dated 3/18/06 and enact the new ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Blue Hill, Maine"?

Passed

**ARTICLE 61** - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506

Passed

**ARTICLE 62** - To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 7.00% annually on all tax liens and tax acquired property.

Passed

**ARTICLE 63** - To see if the Town will vote to fix the date when taxes shall become due, and to establish the rate of interest to be charged on remaining unpaid taxes after a certain date. (Selectmen recommend that taxes become due October 15, after which an annual interest rate of 7.00% will be charged on unpaid taxes.)

Passed selectmen's recommendation

**ARTICLE 64** - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept or reject any State or Federal Grants and any property or donations that may become available to the Town, or the Blue Hill/Surry Solid Waste Committee.

Passed

**ARTICLE 65** - To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$747,277.00 established for the Town by State law; in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

Passed 97 Yes 11 No

**ARTICLE 66** - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts of money, and the interest to be used for Perpetual Care of cemetery lots:

Kenneth & Donna Russell	Seaside	500.00
Douglas & Louise Stover	Mountain View	200.00
Deborah Carter	Mountain View	<u>250.00</u>
		950.00

Passed

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### EDUCATION ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 67** - To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to expend state and federal funds and other receipts to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Passed

**ARTICLE 68** - To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2017-2018 budget.

Passed

**ARTICLE 69** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration Services for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

-2310 School Committee Services

-2320 Office of the Supt. Services

-0000 Contingency

Authorized 2015-2016:	\$156,122.38
School Committee Recommends	\$161,118.38
Budget Committee Recommends	\$161,118.38

Passed \$161,118.38

**ARTICLE 70** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2700 Transportation Services for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Authorized 2015-2016	\$268,282.25
School Committee Recommends	\$262,281.55
Budget Committee Recommends	\$262,281.55

Passed \$262,281.55

**ARTICLE 71** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instructional Services for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

- 1000 Elementary Instructional Services

- 1200 Regular Secondary Program

- 4900 Gifted and Talented Program

Authorized 2015-2016:	\$3,275,362.45
School Committee Recommends	\$3,481,166.56
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,441,166.56

Moved budget committee recommendation 46yes / 74no- amended to school committee recommendation passed

**ARTICLE 72** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support Services for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

-2120 Guidance Services

-2220 Library Services

-2130 Student Health Services

-2210 Curriculum Development

-2213 Instructional Staff Training

Authorized 2015-2016:	\$179,483.59
School Committee Recommends	\$181,904.79
Budget Committee Recommends	\$181,904.79

Passed \$181,904.79

**ARTICLE 73** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2400 Office of the Principal Services for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Authorized 2015-2016: \$206,010.88  
School Committee Recommends \$202,281.70  
Budget Committee Recommends \$202,281.70

**Passed \$202,281.70**

**ARTICLE 74** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2600 Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Authorized 2015 - 2016: \$424,596.65  
School Committee Recommends \$327,230.88  
Budget Committee Recommends \$327,230.88

**Passed \$327,230.88**

**ARTICLE 75** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education Program for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

-2000 Special Education Instructional Program  
-2500 Office of the Director of Special Education Services  
Authorized 2015 - 2016: \$638,733.13  
School Committee Recommends \$703,763.39  
Budget Committee Recommends \$703,763.39

**Passed \$703,763.39**

**ARTICLE 76** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

-4300 Summer School  
-9100 Co-Curricular Activities  
-9200 Extra Curricular Activities  
Authorized 2015 - 2016: \$52,755.87  
School Committee Recommends \$46,855.87  
Budget Committee Recommends \$46,855.87

**Passed \$46,855.87**

**ARTICLE 77** - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

-3100 Food Service Operations  
Authorized 2015-2016: \$149,587.23  
School Committee Recommends \$152,041.23  
Budget Committee Recommends \$152,041.23

**Passed \$152,041.23**

**ARTICLE 78** - To see what sum the town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend: \$3,489,823.59) for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year and to see what sum the town will raise as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Appropriated 2015 - 2016: \$3,040,731.00  
School Committee Recommends \$3,389,823.59  
Budget Committee Recommends \$3,389,823.59

"Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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."

**Passed \$3,389,823.59.**

**ARTICLE 79** - To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Appropriated 2015 - 2016: \$1,898,089.65  
School Committee Recommends \$1,606,706.98  
Budget Committee Recommends \$1,566,706.98

(In order to maintain current educational programs and offerings, the school committee recommends raising the \$1,606,706 in additional funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model.)

"Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects or the non-state-funded portion of a school construction project that will help achieve the town's budget for educational programs."

**Motion to accept School Committee recommendation, 98 Yes 6 No Article passed \$1,606,706.98**



**ARTICLE 80** - To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Authorized 2015-2016: \$5,350,934.43

School Committee Recommends \$5,518,644.35

Budget Committee Recommends \$5,478,644.35

Motion to accept School Committee recommendation \$5,518,644.35, passed.

**ARTICLE 81** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to raise the sum of \$15,000.00 and apply it to the existing Secondary Tuition Reserve account, making that account \$35,000.00 for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends \$15,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$15,000.00

Passed

**ARTICLE 82 – PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE – TOWN OF BLUE HILL**

Shall the Town of Blue Hill be authorized to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$338,861 (which bonds may be made callable) through the State of Maine's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness Revolving Renovation Fund Program to renovate, improve and repair the Blue Hill Consolidated School?

A. Loan Forgiveness; Repayment. If this article is approved, the total loan amount is up to \$338,861. The State of Maine will forgive 30% (up to \$101,658). The Town will repay 70% (up to \$237,203) of the principal.

B. Interest Free Loan. If this article is approved, the State of Maine has agreed to permit repayment at zero percent (0.00%) interest.

**Treasurer's Financial Statement**

**Town of Blue Hill, Maine**

**1. Total Town Indebtedness**

A. Bond principal outstanding and unpaid	\$2,692,757.23
B. Bonds authorized and not yet issued	\$ 0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 237,203.00

**2. Costs:** The bonds proposed for this project would be issued through the State of Maine School Revolving Renovation Fund Program at zero interest. The estimated cost of these bonds over a term of five years will be:

Principal	\$237,203.00
Interest	0.00
Total Debt Service	\$237,203.00

**3. Validity:** The validity of 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 bond 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.

  
Jody A. Murphy, Town Treasurer

Passed as written

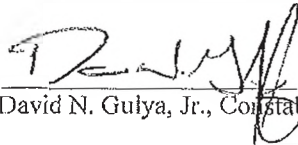
**ARTICLE 83** – Shall the town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature for educational purposes for the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year.


State Education Subsidy	\$100,000.00
School Lunch/Breakfast Subsidy	\$ 45,560.00
Title I	tbd
Local Entitlement Grant	tbd
Title IIA	tbd
Any Other Grants Which Become Available	unknown

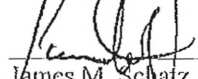
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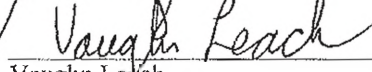
**END OF EDUCATION ARTICLES**

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session at her office April 1, 2016 for the purposes of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Attest:   
David N. Gulya, Jr., Constable

  
John R. Bannister

  
James M. Schaiz

  
Vaughn Leach  
Selectmen of Blue Hill

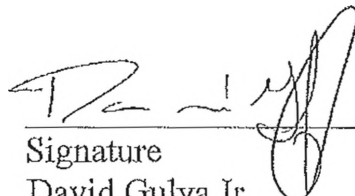
Meeting adjourned 3:10pm until April 4, 2016, 2pm  
Meeting called to order April 4, 2016 2pm  
Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.





RETURN ON THE WARRANT  
BLUE HILL, ME

Pursuant to within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Blue Hill, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant, at the bulletin board at the Town Hall, Tradewinds bulletin board in said Town, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016 being at least seven days before the said meeting.



Signature  
David Gulya Jr.  
Constable of Blue Hill