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# Waterford Town Meeting Minutes 2013

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Brenda J. Bigonski at 8 a.m. The greetings and the return were acknowledged.

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. The Town Clerk called for nomination for the moderator. William H. Haynes was nominated and was elected. He was sworn into office by the Town Clerk. The polls were opened for voting. Joan Fillebrown was the incoming ballot clerk.

Article 2: Call for the voting of Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and S.A. D. 17 Director. Each office is for a three year term.

Voting preceding throughout the day, polls were closed at 8 p.m. The votes were counted and the meeting was continued until Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

H. Sawin Millett was sworn in as a deputy moderator to preside over the rest of the meeting. He was sworn into office by the Moderator Bill Haynes.

The results of the voting the previous day were reported. A total of 56 votes were cast. Wyatt Andrews received 48 votes for Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. John Huffman received 5 votes.

Judith Green received 49 votes and Tony Butterall received 1 vote for SAD 17 director.

Mr. Millett explained the meeting will be conducted following the Maine moderator's manual. Board of Selectmen Chairman Randy Lessard publicly thanked the many volunteers that play an important role in the running of the Town's many activities. He also recognized the town's employees.

Article 3: It was voted to charge (7%) interest on taxes paid after December 1, 2013.

Article 4: It was voted to transfer surplus in some budget accounts to liquidate overdrafts in other budget accounts.

Article 5: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Article 6: It was voted to buy the tax collector's and treasurer's bond.

Article 7: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12<sup>ths</sup> of the budgeted amount of the 2013 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2014 to the March, 2014 annual town meeting.

Article 8: It was voted to authorize Selectmen to make final determination regarding the opening and closing of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA section 2953.

Article 9: It was voted to direct Selectmen to review all expenditures over \$1,000 and prior to the commitment of the expense. The Selectmen were directed to use their judgment with regards to expenses that may be exempt from this rule.

Article 10: It was voted to direct the Selectmen to require competitive bidding for all cumulative expenses that exceed \$5,000 and have the bidding completed prior to the commitment of the expense. The Selectmen are directed to use their judgment with regards to expenses that may be exempt from this rule.

Article 11: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned assets with a value of \$10,000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 12: It was voted to allow the Town to accept uncommitted monies.

It was voted to move Article 70 out of order: After an amendment was added, it was voted to change the position of Town Road Commissioner from elected to appointed by the board of seven (three Selectmen plus four town residents effective when the position becomes vacate.

It was voted to move Article 69 Tax Sands Resolution out of order: After much discussion on both sides, a tabling motion failed 43-45. The resolution passed 56-34, which read: *To adopt a resolution to protect the health and safety of local citizens, water bodies and other natural resources in relation to the possible transport of tax sands oil through Waterford, Me.* Among the 12 speakers, Portland Pipeline President Larry Wilson and John Quinn of the N.E. Petroleum Council spoke against the resolution and many citizens including Paula Easton, Lee Dassler of the Western Foothills Land Trust and Dyan Voohees, the energy director of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, spoke in favor of the article.

It was voted to break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. to return at 12.

Article 13: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$5,567 for the enforcement of State and Local Animal Control Ordinances. The amount includes the fee paid to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Article 14: It was voted to raise \$80 from taxes and appropriate \$920 from the carryover from CY 2012 for support of the Appeals Board.

Article 15: It was voted to raise \$3,000 from taxes and appropriate \$2,000 from carryover from CY 2012 for abatements on taxes.

Article 16: It was voted to raise \$14,000 from taxes and appropriate \$1,000 from the carryover from CY 2012 for a 1% discount on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of commitment.

Article 17: It was voted to appropriate from the carryover from CY 2012 \$4,500 for expenses related to a tax anticipation note.

Article 18: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 to update of tax maps.

Article 19: It was voted to raise \$5,225 from taxes and to appropriate \$5,225 from the revaluation fund for a certified assessor to maintain and update property evaluations.

Article 20: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$0 for a professional evaluation to be done at a later date.

Article 21: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the update to the tax cards.

Article 22: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the cemetery sexton for the ensuing year.

Article 23: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$800 for the general repair and maintenance and upkeep of veterans and non- veterans gravestones in Bisbeetown Cemetery.

Article 24: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,250 for the general repair and maintenance and upkeep of veterans and non-veterans gravestones in Elm Vale Cemetery.

Article 25: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$700 for the repair and general maintenance and upkeep of veterans and non-veterans gravestones in Pulpit Rock Cemetery.

Article 26: A motion was made and voted on to raise and appropriate \$1,300 for the general maintenance and the repair and upkeep of veterans and non-veterans gravestones in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Article 27: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$19,416 for the enforcement of state and municipal ordinances.

Article 28: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$0 for updating the comprehensive plan.

Article 29: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the Emergency Management Director for the ensuing year.

Article 30: An amendment was added to raise and appropriate \$45,000 for local fire protection for the ensuing year and to transfer the 2012 carryover of \$4,949 to the Fire Department's equipment savings account.

Article 31: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$5,500 to compensate on an annual basis the Waterford Fire Chief and assistant Chiefs.

Article 32: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,120 for support of the 457B retirement account for the Town employees for the ensuing year.

Article 33: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$66,573 to provide health insurance for the full-time employees of the Town.

Article 34: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$24,410 for FICA and Medicare for the ensuing year.

Article 35: It was voted to raise \$272 from taxes and appropriate \$228 from carryover from 2012 for support of the Unemployment Benefits account.

Article 36: It was voted to raise \$2,555 and to appropriate \$3,945 from the carryover from 2012 for support of the general assistance.

Article 37: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for support of state and local health ordinances.

Article 38: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$26,024 for support of Stoneham Rescue Service for the ensuing year.

Article 39: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$4,900 for support of lake conservation.

Article 40: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for support of the Waterford Historical Society for the ensuing year.

Article 41: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$16,000 for support of the Waterford Library Association for the ensuing year.

Article 42: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$7,234 for support of charitable donations for the ensuing year. An amendment was added in the amount of \$250 for the Western Maine Transportation, which was omitted from the list.

Androscoggin Home Care	\$1,332
Bridgton Senior Transportation	475
Community Concepts Inc	3,120
Reach	470
Safe Voices	200
Senior Plus	187
Tri-County Health Services	1,200
Western Maine Transportation	250

Article 43: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$222,447 for the care of the highway and bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 44: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$118,214 as a Winter Supplemental to provide for the care of the roads during the winter months.

Article 45: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the Winter Roads Emergency Reserve Account for the ensuing year.

Article 46: It was voted to raise \$150,000 from taxes and appropriate \$16,522 from carryover from 2012 for tarring, surfacing and/or resurfacing Waterford's roads.

Article 47: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Special Equipment Account for the future purchases of equipment and voted to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should a piece of equipment become available during the year.

Article 48: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$0 for future improvements to the municipal garage for the ensuing year.

Article 49: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$14,279 for insurances for the ensuing year.

Article 50: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$10,831 for Worker's Compensation Insurance for the ensuing year.

Article 51: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,650 for support of the Town's Informational Website.

Article 52: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$8,540 for fuel, utilities and maintenance for the Town Garage.

Article 53: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$24,970 for fuel, utilities and maintenance for the Municipal Office Complex for the ensuing year.

Article 54: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$34,991 for office expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 55: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for legal expenses incurred by the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 56: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$85,630 for Town officials' salaries and to authorize the Selectmen to fix the salaries within this amount.

Article 57: It was voted to raise \$4,300 for the care and maintenance of Waterford Parks for the ensuing year.

Article 58: It was voted to raise \$8,560 for the support of the planning board for the ensuing year.

Article 59: It was voted to raise \$2,200 and appropriate \$1,800 from carryover from 2012 for the removal of hazardous trees for the ensuing year.

Article 60: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$14,325 for support of the sports and recreation activities for the ensuing year. It was also noted that profits for the operation of the snack shack will be deposited in the sports and recreational savings account.

Article 61: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 62: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$169,550 for the use and maintenance for the transfer station for the ensuing year.

Waterford Share	(65%)	\$110,208
Albany & Stoneham	(35%)	59,343

Article 63: It was voted to take \$0 from surplus to help reduce the tax commitment.

Article 64: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$23,658 to repay the Forestry Account for the purchase of the new dump truck in 2011.

Article 65: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$6,162 (3%) for a salary increase budget for Town employees that the Selectmen will distribute as part of an annual performance and salary review.

Article 66: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,750 to upgrade the electrical services on the Town Common.

Article 67: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of a Watershed Survey on Bear Pond.  
(Note Maine DEP has approved a \$15,960 grant to support this survey.)

Article 68: It was voted to accept funds received from Oxford County for mutual aid provided to Albany Township by the Waterford Fire Department and to deposit the money into the department’s equipment account for future purchases and vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from this account should equipment become available during the year.  
\$20,000 for the 2013 year

Articles 69 and 70 were taken up earlier.

Article 71: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to post the closing of the Hawk Mountain trail daily between one half hour before sunrise and one half hour after sunset, an amendment to the original article, which called for “daily between sunset and sunrise.”

Article 72: It voted will authorizes the Selectmen to accept donations and grants offered to the Town when they deem them to be in the Town’s best interest and to authorize the Selectmen to agree to those terms and conditions that may be set as conditions of the grants or donations and to appropriate any accepted grants or donations for the purposes stipulated.

The Moderator swore in Wyatt Andrews as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for the next three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda J. Bigonski  
Town Clerk