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Waterford Town Meeting Minutes 2016

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TOWN MEETING MARCH 4 & 5, 2016

The polls were opened by Town Clerk, Brenda Bigonski at 1 p.m. on March 4, 2016. The greetings and return was acknowledged.

Article 1: William Haynes was nominated and elected moderator to preside over the election.

Article 2: Wyatt Andrews was elected Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a 3-year term. There were 17 votes. Judith Green was elected SAD 17 Director for a 3-year term.

H. Sawin Millett was sworn in a deputy moderator by William Haynes to preside over the business meeting on March 5, 2016.

The polls were closed at 6 p.m.

The business meeting was called to order by H. Sawin Millett at 9 p.m. March 5, 2016. The rules from the MMA moderator's manual will be followed. The results from the election were read.

Article 3: It was voted to charge the rate of (7%) on taxes paid after December 1, 2016.

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

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 authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12^{ths} of the budgeted amount of the 2016 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2017 to the March 2017 annual town meeting.

Article 7: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to make final determination regarding the opening and closing of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA section 2953.

Article 8: 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 9: It was voted to allow the Town to accept uncommitted funds.

Article 10: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$5,620** for enforcement of state and local animal control ordinances for the ensuing year. The amount includes the fee for Harvest Hill Animal Shelter.

Article 11: It was voted to appropriate from the carryover of **\$1,000** for the appeals board for the ensuing year.

Article 12: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for abatements for the ensuing year.

Article 13: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$17,500** for the 1% discount on taxes paid within (30) days of commitment.

Article 14: It was voted to appropriate from the carryover of **\$4,500** from 2015 for expenses related to a tax anticipation note.

Article 15: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,000** for updating the tax maps.

Article 16: It was voted to raise **\$15,376** from taxes and appropriate **\$9,794** from carry-over from 2015 total **\$25,170** for a certified assessor to update property valuations in preparation of the 2016 valuation.

Article 17: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$550** general maintenance and repair and upkeep of the Bisbeetown Cemetery.

Article 18: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,200** for general maintenance and the repair and upkeep of veterans and not-veterans gravestone in Elm Vale Cemetery.

Article 19: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$750** for general maintenance and repair and upkeep of veterans and non-veterans gravestones in Pulpit Rock Cemetery.

Article 20: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for general maintenance and the repair and upkeep of veterans and non-veterans gravestone in Woodlawn cemetery.

Article 21: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,435** for the enforcement of State and municipal ordinances.

Article 22: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$0** for the updating the comprehensive plan for the ensuring year.

Article 23: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$45,000** for local fire protection for the ensuring year.

Article 24: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$7,500** for compensation on an annual basis to the Waterford fire chief and assistant chiefs.

Article 25: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$3,120** for the employee retirement account.

Article 26: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$78,712** and take **\$1,742** and appropriate from carryover-**Total \$80,454** for health insurance for the full-time employees of the Town.

Article 27: It was voted to raise **\$25,092** from taxes and appropriate **\$908** from carry-over for FICA and Medicare for the ensuing year.

Article 28: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$132** and appropriate **\$368** from carry-over (total \$500) for unemployment benefits for the ensuring year.

Article 29: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$1,080** and appropriate **\$2,920** from carry-over (**Total \$4,000**) for general assistance for the ensuing year.

Article 30: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$26,024** for Stoneham Rescue Service for the ensuing year.

Article 31: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,900** for lake conservation (\$3,400 to the Keoka Lake Assoc & \$1,500 to Lakes Environmental Assoc).

Article 32: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** for the Waterford Historical Society for the ensuing year.

Article 32: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$16,000** for the Waterford Library Association.

Article 34: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$6,775**. Breakdown below

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice	\$ 1,250
Community Concept	2,500
Life Flight of Maine	500
Safe Voices	200
Seniors Plus	200
Reach	450
Sweden Community Church	500
Western Me Veterans Advisory	175
WREC	1,000

Article 35: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$224,589** for the care of Waterford's highways and bridges.

Article 36: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$118,214** as a winter supplemental to provide care of the roads during the winter months.

Article 37: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$0 to replace funds drawn from the checking account to cover overages in the 2015 winter supplement account.

Article 38: It was voted to raise **\$200,000** from taxes and appropriate **\$66,000** from carryover from 2015 (total \$266,000) for the ensuing year.

Article 39: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$50,000** and appropriate from savings **\$13,089** (total \$63,089) for the special equipment account for the future purchases of equipment and to vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should the need arise for a piece of equipment.

Article 40: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$19,051** for insurances for the ensuing year.

Article 41: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,818** for worker's compensation insurance for the ensuing year.

Article 42: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,665** for fuel, utilities and maintenance for the Town Garage.

Article 43: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$26,300** for fuel, utilities and maintenance for the municipal building for the ensuing year.

Article 44: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$33,539** for office expense for the ensuing year.

Article 45: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$15,560** and appropriate **\$24,440** from the rollover from 2015 for legal expenses (total \$40,000).

Article 46: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$120,172** for town officials' salaries and authorized the Selectmen to fix the salaries within this amount.

Article 47: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,000** for the care and maintenance of Waterford Parks.

Article 48: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,046** for the planning board for the ensuing year.

Article 49: It was voted to raise from taxes **\$575** and appropriate **\$3,425** for the removal of hazardous trees (total \$4,000).

Article 50: It was voted to raise **\$11,562** from taxes and appropriate **\$2,858** for sports and recreation activities for the ensuing year (total 14,420).

Article 51: It was voted to take **\$2,000** from savings for the maintenance and repair of the sandlot ballfield and park.

Article 52: It was voted to take \$10,000 from checking for the support of the annual road race and award of the Tony Waldeier scholarship.

Article 53: It was voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$5,500** for street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 54: It was voted to raise **\$109,870** from taxes and appropriate Albany and Stoneham's share (\$59,161) for the use and maintenance of transfer station.

Article 55: It was voted to take \$0 from surplus to help reduce the tax commitment.

Article 56: It was voted to raise and appropriate **\$23,658** to repay the forestry account for the purchase of the new dump truck voted on in 2011. There are two more payments.

Article 57: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$7,600 (3%) for a salary increase for town employees that the Selectmen will distribute as part of an annual performance and salary review.

Article 58: It was voted to allocate from 2016 revenues of \$508,107 to lower the mill rate. State Revenue sharing \$49,997 & others \$458,110.

Article 59: It was voted to accept funds \$20,400 received from Oxford County for mutual aid provided to Albany Township by the Waterford Fire Department and to deposit said money into a special equipment account for future department purchases and vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should a piece of equipment become available during the year.

Article 60: It was voted 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 purposes stipulated.

Article 6I: The ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance amending the Town of Waterford, Maine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance was enacted unimously. The following is a condensed summary of the major changes to the ordinance.

1. Change limitation of 30% of the footprint of the structure combined with height limitations based on setback from water. Section 12C
2. Change of limited clearing or removal of vegetation for very specific purposes such as invasive plant removal, emergency response or clean-up, and for allowed uses (re-vegetation standards often apply). Section 15R, 15C 10
3. Re-vegetation standards for violations and permitted uses have been specified. Section 15S
4. A requirement that regularly used camp sites have adequate space has been added. Section 15E2
5. Contractors doing excavation in shoreland zone are required to be certified through the state’s Contractor Certification Program. Section 16C

Article 62: It was voted to allow the MMA Property & Casualty Pool program to give the town a quote on our insurance.

After the Moderator, H. Sawin Millett swore Wyatt Andrews in as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Brenda J. Bigonski
Town Clerk