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# Waterford Town Meeting Minutes 2018

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 2 & 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Brenda J. Bigonski at 1 p.m. on Friday March 2, 2018 at the municipal building. The greetings and the return were acknowledged. William Haynes was nominated for moderator and was elected. He was sworn into office and opened the voting for Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. Voting continued until 5 p.m., 44 ballots were cast and John Bell was elected to serve another three-year term. H. Sawin Millett Jr. was sworn in a deputy moderator and will conduct the business meeting the following morning at 9 a.m.

Saturday March 3, 2018: The meeting was called to order by H. Sawin Millett Jr. The results of the voting were announced. Mr. Millett will follow the MMA's Moderator's manual. Representative Tom Winsor and presented Peter Leslie with a letter of recognition from both the Senate and House for his 30 years of service with the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Article 3: The Town voted to charge (7%) interest on taxes paid after December 1, 2018.

Article 4: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to temporarily borrow from the town's surplus accounts (checking and savings) to ensure that the Town has sufficient funds available to cover municipal obligations. All borrowed money will be returned to surplus within 60 days of the tax commitment.

Article 5: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to temporarily borrow from the Forestry & Equipment rotation accounts to cover temporary cash flow issues that might arise prior to the receipt of the current calendar year tax monies. All borrowed money will be returned to the appropriate accounts within 60 days of the tax commitment.

Article 6: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to permanently transfer surplus from some budgeted accounts to cover overdrafts in other budgeted accounts.

Article 7: The Town voted to grant the Selectmen the same authority granted to them in Articles 4, 5 and 6 for the period of January 1, 2019 through the Annual Town Meeting in March 2019.

Article 8: the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12<sup>ths</sup> of the budgeted amount of the 2018 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2019 to the March 2, 2019 Annual Town Meeting. An amendment to the year was made and voted on as it was wrong in the article.

Article 70: A motion was made and accepted to move Article 70 to be acted on at this point. Charles Tarbell spoke explaining the fireworks ordinance. After some discussion and several questions, the article for the ordinance was voted on and accepted. The wording of the ordinance will follow at the end of these minutes.

There was no Article 9

Article 10: The Town voted to establish the following accounts as reserve accounts and authorize the Selectmen to draw from these accounts to use those funds for the purpose that those accounts were established.

Bisbeetown, Elm Vale, Pulpit Rock and Woodlawn Reserve Accounts  
Garage Improvement, Winter Roads and equipment Rotation Accounts  
Sports and Recreation and Sand Lot Accounts  
Fire Department and Surplus Savings Account

Article 11: The Town 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 12: The Town 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 13: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned assets with a value of \$30,000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 14: The Town voted to accept uncommitted funds.

Article 15: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,481** and appropriate **\$1,089** prior years' revenue = **\$5,570**

Article 16: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$110** and appropriate **\$890** from carryover = **\$1,000**.

Article 17: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$5,000** for abatements on taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 18: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$16,893** and appropriate **\$607** from carryover = **\$17,500** for 1% discount on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of commitment.

Article 19: The Town voted to appropriate **\$4,500** from carryover for expenses related to a tax anticipation note.

Article 20: The Town voted to raise **\$2,984** from taxes and appropriate **\$1,017** from carryover = **\$4,001** for updating the tax maps for the ensuing year. An amendment was voted to change total by \$1.

Article 21: The Town voted to raise **\$13,187** from taxes and appropriate **\$11,983** = **\$25,170** for a certified Assessor for the ensuing year.

Article 22: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$513** and appropriate **\$138** from carry-over = **\$651** for support of the Bisbeetown Cemetery. An amendment was voted to change amount the amount recommend by \$1.

Article 23: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,070** and appropriate **\$130** from carry-over = **\$4,200** for support of the Elm Vale Cemetery.

Article 24: The Town voted to raise from taxes \$837 and appropriate **\$463** from carry-over = **\$1,300** for support of the Pulpit Rock Cemetery.

Article 25: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$651** and appropriate **\$949** from carry-over = **\$1,600** for support of the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Article 26: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$1,603** and appropriate **\$757** from carry-over = **\$2,360** for enforcement of State and Municipal Ordinances.

Article 27: The Town voted to raise and appropriate (\$0) for updating the comprehensive plan for the ensuing year.

Article 28: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$45,000** for support of the local fire protection.

Article 29: the Town voted to raise from taxes **\$10,600** for compensation on an annual basis to the Waterford Fire chief and assistant chiefs

Article 30: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$7,195** for support of the employee retirement accounts.

Article 31: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$75,182** for health insurance for the full-time employees of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 32: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$29,182** for FICA and Medicare for the ensuing year.

Article 33: The Town voted to appropriate from carryover **\$500** for unemployment benefits for the ensuing year.

Article 34: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$800** and appropriate **\$3,200** from carry-over = **\$4,000** for support of general assistance for the ensuing year.

Article 35: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$26,024** for support of Stoneham Rescue Services.

Article 36: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$4,900** for the Lake Conservation and LEA for the ensuing year.

Article 37: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$2,000** for support of the Waterford Historical Society for the ensuing year.

Article 38: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$16,000** for support of the Waterford Library Association for the ensuing year.

Article 39: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$7,350** for support of the following charitable organizations.

American Red Cross	\$	00.00
Androscoggin Home Health	\$	1,250.00
Community Concepts	\$	1,750.00
Lake Region Senior Services	\$	425.00
Life Flight of Maine	\$	500.00
Safe Voices	\$	300.00
Senior Plus	\$	500.00
Sexual Assault Prevention	\$	450.00
Sweden Church Pantry	\$	500.00
Tri-County Mental Health	\$	1,000.00
Western Maine Veterans	\$	175.00
Harrison Food Bank	\$	<u>500.00</u>
	\$	7,350.00

An amendment was voted on to include the Harrison Food Bank.

Article 40: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$208,668** for the care of Waterford's highway and bridges.

Article 41: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$117,857** for a winter supplemental to provide for the care of the roads during winter months.

Article 42: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$4,000** for winter sand for residents to take from the town garage.

Article 43: The Town voted to raise and appropriate (0) for winter supplemental account.

Article 44: The Town voted to appropriate from prior year balance of **\$196,778** \$297,057 from surplus, \$60,288 from URIP, surplus \$62,655 making a total of \$616,778 for continuing tarring, surfacing and /or surfacing Waterford's roads.

Article 45: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$50,000** for the Special Equipment Account for future purchase of equipment.

Article 46: The Town voted to transfer (\$0) from surplus savings to support the equipment rotation plan.

Article 47: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$20,211** for insurance for the ensuing year.

Article 48: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$11,000** for worker's compensation insurance for the ensuing year.

Article 49: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$8,665** for fuel, utilities and maintenance for the Town Garage for the ensuing year.

Article 50: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$17,913** and take \$8,387 from prior year balance, making the total **\$26,300** for the ensuing year.

Article 51: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$33,539** for office expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 52: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$4,005** and appropriate **\$23,495** from carryover from prior year making total of **\$27,500** for legal fees for ensuring year

Article 53: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$126,044** for town officials' salaries and to authorize the Selectmen to fix the salaries within this amount.

Article 54: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$3,932** and appropriate from carryover **\$68** making total **\$4,000** for Waterford Parks for the ensuing year.

Article 55: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$8,569** and take **\$77.00** from carryover from prior year making total of **\$8,569** for the Planning Board.

Article 56: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$3,725** and take **\$275** from carryover from the prior year, making a total of **\$4,000** for the removal of hazardous trees for the ensuing year.

Article 57: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$22,760** and take **\$10,160** from carryover from the prior year making a total of **\$32,920** for sports and recreation activities for the ensuing year.

Article 58: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$2,000** for maintenance and repair of the Sand Lot ballfield and park for the ensuing year.

Article 59: The Town voted to raise and appropriate (0) for the Fall Foliage Road Race.

Article 60: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$6,100** for street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 61: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$205,936** for the use and maintenance of the transfer station for the ensuing year. Waterford's share is 65% and Albany and Stoneham is 35%.

Article 62: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$18,562** to repay the forestry fund for the purchase of the dump truck in 2011.

Article 63: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$9,981** for a salary increase for the town employees for the ensuing year.

Article 64: The Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes **\$3,036** and appropriate **\$636** from the carryover making a total of **\$3,672** for speed enforcement in Town for the ensuing year.

Article 65: The Town voted to accept the following money from the Maine State Legislature (CY2017): Total \$149,384

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 33,190
Veterans Reimbursement	\$ 1,937
Highway Block Grant	\$ 60,288
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 53,578
Snowmobile Reg. Reimbursement	\$ 391

Article 66: The Town voted to allocate from the 2017 school tax surplus to lower the school portion of the mill rate in the amount is \$21,484.

Article 67: The Town voted to take \$53,578 from State Municipal Revenue Sharing and \$142,403 from 2018 revenue making a total of \$195,981 to help reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing year.

Article 68: The Town voted to accept funds received from Oxford County for mutual aid provided to the Town of Albany in the amount of \$20,900. It was voted to deposit the money in the fire account for future department purchases and voted to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should a piece of equipment become available.

Article 69: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations and grants offered to the Town when they deem them to be in the Town's best interest and authorized 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.

Article 70: This article was moved to follow article 8:

The meeting was adjourned after the moderator swore John Bell into office at 11:10 am.

Minutes submitted by Town Clerk



TOWN OF WATERFORD  
Use of Consumer Fireworks

1. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce fire danger, limit detrimental effects of firework noise that can cause harm to humans and animals and mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

I. Definitions

a. Consumer fireworks are as defined by State of Maine Statutes.

2, Use of fireworks is prohibited in the Town of Waterford when the Maine Forest Service declares the fire danger to be level 3 or higher.

3. Use of fireworks is allowed in the Town of Waterford on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Saturday after July 4<sup>th</sup> until 10 p.m.

4. On all other days, use of fireworks in the Town of Waterford requires a permit. The Town of Waterford Board of Selectmen, or their designate, shall establish and maintain a permitting process, including fees (if any), fines, forms and communication vehicles (e.g. town website),