

2015

2015 Mapleton Town Meeting Minutes

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2015 MAPLETON TOWN MEETING MINUTES

At 3:00 pm Susan Skidgell opened the meeting by reading the following statement:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, Dennis Hoffses, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mapleton, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 16th day of March, A.D. 2015, at three o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act upon Articles 1 and 2 by ballot on as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon;

And to notify and warn the inhabitants to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town on Monday, the 16th of March, A.D. 2015, at seven o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act on Articles 3 through 31 set out below, to wit:

Art. 1 To elect *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting. . *At 3:00 pm Katie Buck nominated Wesley Lavigne as Moderator with Victoria Morrison seconding the motion. No further nominations made. Skidgell asked for at least three written ballots to be cast. 3 ballots were cast. After the voting ceased the ballots were counted. All the ballots were for Wesley Lavigne. Lavigne opened the polls and deputized Penny Kennedy to be the Deputy Moderator and read the following:*

Art. 2 To elect *by majority on written ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: Two (2) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years; and One (1) Sewer District Trustee for a term of three (3) years. Winners will be announced at the end of the Town Meeting.

At 7:00 pm Wesley Lavigne read the following articles and asked for action from the audience of approximately 21 residents plus staff.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept Article 3 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands

Art. 4 To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 4 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 7% effective November 1, 2015

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 5 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick gave clarification on the State

determined interest rate, ensuring that all had a clear understanding of Article 5, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 3%

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 6 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2015 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 7 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 8 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$27,787

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 8 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 9 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$1,200

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 9 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "What is Property Services? Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 10 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$36,026

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 10 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "What is Public Safety? "Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Mapleton Sewer District.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 11 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 12 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$149,715

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 12 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 13 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$13,500

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 13 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "How much did the town spend in 2014?" with "\$2,094" ensuring that all had a clear understanding of why the \$13,500 appropriation amount has not changed from the previous year, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 14 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$125,500

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 14 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 68,200
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 35,100
Surplus Use	\$ 65,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$529,743</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$698,043

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 15 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "any word on revenue sharing?" with "Augusta is still discussing this issue. We should have an answer May or June" He answered the question "is this the same dollar figure as last year?" with "yes" Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$673,167 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/15, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2015 PROPOSED
General Government	\$230,793
Highway	\$209,924
Fire	\$ 89,850
Recreation	\$ 29,620
Property Services	\$ 37,133
Public Safety	\$ 5,300
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 70,547</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$673,167

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 16 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick gave clarification on Article 16, ensuring that all had a clear understanding, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$404,086 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 the property tax levy limit.

If the preceding articles are not changed, then vote to take no action on this article. Otherwise, SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE.

Bob Bagley made a motion to take no action. Dave Maxcy second. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 18 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick gave clarification on Article 18, ensuring that all had a clear understanding, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues from recreation fees to reduce recreation expenses and to place any remaining fundraising revenues into the recreation reserve account, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

David Maxcy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 19 as written with Bob Bagley seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art 20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 20 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "How much do we get reimbursed?" with "50% of the expenses" ensuring that all had a clear understanding, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2015 budget from January 2016 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 21 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 22 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations and the Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program, 50% to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club, provided that they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 23 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 24 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on accept Article 25 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 26 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

David Maxcy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 27 as written with Bob Bagley seconding the motion. Selectman Barry Buck and Town Manager Jon Frederick answered the question "Is the language limiting where we have an Interlocal agreement?" with "no the selectmen agree that they may accept and expend grant funds for Mapleton or jointly with the other two towns." Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 28 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 29 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick gave clarification on Article 29, ensuring that all had a clear understanding, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 30 To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: PASSAGE

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 30 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

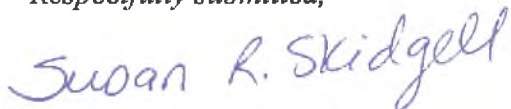
Art. 31 Shall an ordinance entitled "Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance for the Town of Mapleton, Maine" be enacted?

Bob Bagley made a motion to accept Article 31 as written with David Maxcy seconding the motion. Town Manager Jon Frederick gave clarification on Article 31, ensuring that all had a clear understanding, after which Motion passed by show of hands.

The moderator announced the winning election results of 30 votes for Barry Buck as Selectman, 30 votes for Grant Clark as selectman, 31 votes for Keith Doyen as Assessor and Bob Bagley with 31 votes as Sewer District Trustee.

Moderator Wesley Lavigne adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



*Susan R. Skidgell
Deputy Clerk*