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Town of New Gloucester Minutes of Annual Town Meeting 2016

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TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 2, 2016

The Town meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m., by the Town Clerk, Paul R. First.

The Clerk led the Town Meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Ellie Espling and Michael Brakey presented a Legislative Sentiment to William Kiley, resident of New Gloucester, to whom the 220th Annual Report was dedicated.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

<i>Nomination of:</i>	<i>Gary Wood</i>
<i>Nomination by:</i>	<i>Barbara Seaver</i>
<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>Beverly Cadigan</i>
<i>No other nominations were made.</i>	
<i>Motion to close nominations:</i>	<i>Roger Levasseur</i>
<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>Jean Couturier</i>
<i>Those in favor of closing nominations:</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Opposed:</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Nomination of Gary Wood carried.</i>	
<i>3 votes were cast for Gary Wood.</i>	
<i>Gary Wood was elected Moderator.</i>	

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Moderator.

The Moderator explained procedures of the Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked for a motion to allow non-residents to speak.

Steven Libby moved and Jean Couturier seconded a motion to allow non-residents and Town staff to speak. The vote carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$388,979 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 2		Selectmen	Budget Committee
101	Selectmen	\$ 20,300	\$ 20,300
102	Administration	\$ 287,379	\$ 287,379
105	Elections	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
106	Assessing	\$ 37,600	\$ 37,600
108	Legal	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
130	Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
138	Fuel Overrun Allowance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
		\$ 388,979	\$ 388,979

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

- Motion:* Steven Libby moved that Article 2 have passage at \$385,979, a reduction of \$3,000 in Account 101 Selectmen, Budget Line 101-2-01 Audit
- Second:* James Fitch
- Discussion:* Roger Levasseur, Paul First and James Fitch commented on this article
- Vote:* It was voted that Article 2 have passage at \$385,979

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,024 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 3		Selectmen	Budget Committee
103	General Assistance	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500
131	Health Officer	\$ 500	\$ 500
132	Animal Control	\$ 13,374	\$ 13,374
135	Cemeteries	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
137	Interagency Requests	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,650
142	Water Treatment	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 61,024	\$ 61,024

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

- Motion:* Jean Couturier moved that Article 3 have passage at \$61,024
- Second:* George Colby
- Discussion:* None
- Vote:* It was voted that Article 3 have passage at \$61,024

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$422,995 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 4		Selectmen	Budget Committee
110	Emergency Medical Services	\$ 156,153	\$156,153
111	Fire Department	\$ 218,740	\$218,740
112	Emergency Management	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
114	Street Lights	\$ 7,850	\$ 7,850
115	Public Safety Dispatch	\$ 37,752	\$ 37,752
		\$ 422,995	\$422,995

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 4 have passage at \$422,995
 Second: George Colby
 Discussion: Joe Davis and Paul First commented on this article
 Vote: It was voted that Article 4 have passage at \$422,995*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$936,068 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 5		Selectmen	Budget Committee
116	Public Works	\$ 703,040	\$703,040
120	Solid Waste	\$ 233,028	\$233,028
		\$ 936,068	\$936,068

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

*Motion: George Colby moved that Article 5 have passage at \$936,068
 Second: Beverly Cadigan
 Discussion: Carlton Wilcox and Paul First commented on this article
 Vote: It was voted that Article 5 have passage at \$936,068*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$231,884 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 6		Selectmen	Budget Committee
104	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 73,337	\$ 73,337
113	Cable TV	\$ 11,750	\$ 11,750
123	Library	\$ 93,631	\$ 93,631
133	Parks & Recreation	\$ 53,166	\$ 53,166
136	Community Fair	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 231,884	\$231,884

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

Motion: George Colby moved that Article 6 have passage at \$231,884
Second: Jean Couturier
Discussion: Roger Levasseur, Harvey Price, Joe Davis, Paul First, Steven Libby and James Fitch commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 6 have passage at \$231,884

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$138,165 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 7		Selectmen	Budget Committee
107	Code Enforcement	\$ 65,051	\$ 65,051
122	Planning	\$ 70,689	\$ 70,689
124	Environmental Resources	\$ 850	\$ 850
126	Water Resources	\$ 300	\$ 300
129	Sabbathday Lake Testing	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,275
		\$ 138,165	\$138,165

The Budget Committee & Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 7 have passage at \$138,165
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 7 have passage at \$138,165

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$745,275 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 8		Selectmen	Budget Committee
109	Insurance	\$ 381,575	\$371,000
125	Social Security/Retirement	\$ 179,500	\$179,500
139	Debt Service	\$ 184,200	\$184,200
		\$ 745,275	\$734,700

*The Budget Committee recommend \$734,700.
The Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.*

*Motion: George Colby moved that Article 8 have passage at \$734,700
Second: Jean Couturier
Discussion: Roger Levasseur and Paul First commented on this article
Motion: Roger Levasseur moved to amend Article 8 to \$745,275
Second: Stephen Hathorne
Discussion: None
Vote: The motion to amend Article 8 passed
Discussion: Roger Levasseur and Paul First commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 8 have passage at \$745,275*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$247,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for the following:

144	TIF District	\$235,000 (Estimated; determined when tax rate calculated.)
145	Tax Abatements	<u>12,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$247,000</u>

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage as presented.

*Motion: George Colby moved that Article 9 have passage at \$247,000
Second: Jean Couturier
Discussion: Roger Levasseur and Paul First commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 9 have passage at \$247,000*

CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES:

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$9,500 from Capital Reserve Account (G1-410 – \$72,147) for the ensuing year for the following: Library Radon Mitigation.

Account 128

Library Radon Mitigation \$9,500 CR

TOTAL \$9,500

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 10 have passage at \$9,500
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 10 have passage at \$9,500*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,500 from Capital Reserve Account (G1-410 – \$72,147) for the ensuing year for the following: Library Foundation Repairs.

Account 128

Library Foundation Repairs \$8,500 CR

TOTAL \$8,500

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 11 have passage at \$8,500
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 11 have passage at \$8,500*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$825,000 from the TIF Account (G1-103 – \$1,118,434) for the ensuing year for the following: Morse Road Reconstruction Phase III.

Account 128

Morse Road Reconstruction Phase III \$825,000 TIF

TOTAL \$825,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Steven Libby moved that Article 12 have passage at \$750,000
Second: James Fitch
Discussion: Steven Libby and Joe Davis commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 12 have passage at \$750,000*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Capital Reserve Account (G1-389 – \$174,451) for the ensuing year for the following: Replace H2 Pick-up.

Account 128

Replace H2 Pick-up \$50,000 CR

TOTAL \$50,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 13 have passage at \$50,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Scott Doyle and Paul First commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 13 have passage at \$50,000*

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$26,000 from Capital Reserve Account (G1-389 – \$174,451) for the ensuing year for the following: Replace Buildings and Grounds Mower.

Account 128

Replace Buildings and Grounds Mower \$26,000 CR

TOTAL \$26,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 14 have passage at \$26,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Roger Levasseur, Paul First, Ted Shane and Joe Davis
commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 14 have passage at \$26,000*

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from taxation and other sources for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account (G1-389 - \$174,451) in the ensuing year.

Account 127

Highway Equipment Reserve Account \$100,000 Tax

TOTAL \$100,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 15 have passage at \$100,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 15 have passage at \$100,000*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,750 from taxation and other sources for the Bridge Capital Reserve Account (G1-405 - \$7,603) in the ensuing year.

Account 127

Bridge Capital Reserve Account	\$8,750 Tax
TOTAL	<u>\$8,750</u>

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 16 have passage at \$8,750
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, Paul First, Kathleen Potter, Ted Shane and Beverly Cadigan commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 16 have passage at \$8,750

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$26,875 from taxation and other sources for the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Account (G1-388 – \$165,449) in the ensuing year.

Account 127

Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Account	\$26,875 Tax
TOTAL	<u>\$26,875</u>

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 17 have passage at \$26,875
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Kathleen Potter, Roger Levasseur, Steven Libby, James Fitch, Michael Brakey and Joe Davis commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 17 have passage at \$26,875

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from taxation and other sources for the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (GI-391 - \$41,049) in the ensuing year.

Account 127

Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account	\$10,000 Tax
TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 18 have passage at \$10,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Beverly Cadigan, Scott Doyle and Paul First commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 18 have passage at \$10,000

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$105,000 from Capital Reserve. Account Fairgrounds Playground (GI-415 – \$25,245), Capital Reserve Account Fairgrounds (GI-407 – \$24,755), and \$55,000 in State of Maine Grant Funding for the following: Fairgrounds Infield Improvements

Account 128

Fairgrounds Playground Capital Account	\$25,245 CR
Fairgrounds Capital Account	\$24,755 CR
<u>State of Maine Grant Funding</u>	<u>\$55,000 Grant</u>
Total	\$105,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 19 have passage at \$105,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 19 have passage at \$105,000

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300,000 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for Municipal Paving Projects:

Account 149

Paving \$300,000 Tax

TOTAL \$300,000

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 20 have passage at \$300,000
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Roger Levasseur, Steven Libby and Ted Shane commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 20 have passage at \$300,000*

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend the following categories of State and Federal revenue funds during the ensuing year:

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. MDOT LRAP
3. MDOT MPI
4. Tree Growth Reimbursement
5. General Assistance Reimbursement
6. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
7. Snowmobile Registration Funds
8. Public Library State Aid
9. Emergency Management Assistance/Homeland Security Grants
10. Other State Aid (*pass-through funds and property tax relief*)
11. State and Federal Grants or Other Funds (*not included in items 1 – 10 above.*)

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

*Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 21 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 21 have passage as read*

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues to reduce the tax commitment: Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenue	
Building Inspection & Fees	\$ 23,000
Transfer Station Permits	\$ 3,000
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 6,500
Auto Excise Tax	\$ 950,000
Town Fees	\$ 17,000
Recreation Program Fees	\$ 27,250
Fines & Reimbursements	\$ 400
Clerk Fees	\$ 5,000
Rent Income	\$ 1
Copy/Fax Fees	\$ 750
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 22,000
Library Revenue	\$ 1,500
Investment Income	\$ 3,000
Capital Project Accounts Interest	\$ 2,400
Animal Control	\$ 2,000
Transfer Station Recycling	\$ 30,000
Real Estate Tax Interest	\$ 30,000
EMS Transport	\$ 110,000
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 184,000
Undesignated Fund	\$ 150,000
TIF (Fire Station Annual Debt & Morse Rd)	\$ 965,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund	\$ 75,000
Maine Pers Reserve	\$ 34,200
Total	\$ 2,642,001

The Board of Selectmen recommend passage.

Motion: Steven Libby moved that Article 22 have passage at \$2,567,001, due to reduction to TIF of \$890,000

Second: James Fitch

Discussion: None

Vote: It was voted that Article 22 have passage at \$2,567,001

Article 23. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT BUDGETED

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to accept revenue in excess of amounts budgeted on behalf of the town.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 23 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 23 have passage as read

Article 24. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and matching funds required for the authorized purposes.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 24 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 24 have passage as read

Article 25. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF MONEY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 25 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 25 have passage as read

Article 26. ACCEPTANCE OF *CONDITIONAL* GIFTS OF MONEY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the legal purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the legal manner specified by the donor.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 26 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 26 have passage as read

Article 27. RETURNING UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to return unexpended capital improvement funds to their corresponding capital reserve accounts.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 27 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: Beverly Cadigan commented on this article
Vote: It was voted that Article 27 have passage as read

Article 28. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR LATE TAX PAYMENTS
To see if the Town will vote to fix a date and terms when taxes shall become due and payable, and set an interest rate of 7.00 percent per annum. The 7% interest rate is authorized under Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505.4, as of January 1, 2008.

Recommendation: that the second Friday of October and April, Friday, **October 14, 2016** and Friday, **April 14, 2017** be established as the dates taxes are due and payable, and that interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum will be charged after such dates.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 28 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 28 have passage as read

Article 29. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR ABATED TAXES
To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate at three percent (3%) per annum to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 29 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 29 have passage as read

Article 30. ACCEPTANCE OF TAX PREPAYMENTS
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 30 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 30 have passage as read

Article 31. DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following foreclosed properties in such manner and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen finds to be in the best interests of the Town.

MAP	LOT	LOCATION	LAND/BUILDINGS
8	101-C	168 North Pownal Rd.	Mobile & Land
6	2-A	670 Lewiston Rd.	House & Land
6	33-A1	176 Snow Hill Rd.	Mobile
6	41-A	19 Outlet Rd.	House & Land
4	43	Penney Rd.	Land
9	2-6	167 Beaver Dam Rd.	Land
9	2-7	169 Beaver Dam Rd.	Land
9	2-8	171 Beaver Dam Rd.	Land
5	7-1	103 Outlet Rd.	Camp
10	13-C2	182 Bald Hill Rd. Lot C2	Mobile
7	34-B	46 Estes Rd.	House & Land
10	13-F3	182 Bald Hill Rd. Lot F3	Mobile
6	36-H	554B Snow Hill Rd.	Mobile & Land

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 31 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 31 have passage as read

Article 32. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of surplus town-owned personal property on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen finds to be in the best interests of the Town and to deposit proceeds from such sales in the corresponding capital reserve accounts or Undesignated Fund.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 32 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 32 have passage as read

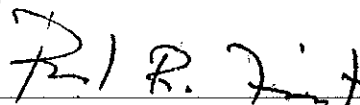
Article 33. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE PER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR "PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES"

To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation of \$5,000 from the Cable Grant Account (G1-203 - \$28,614) for the ensuing year for the following: unanticipated maintenance of cable TV production and broadcast equipment. All unused funds will be returned to Cable Grant Account (G1-203) at the end of the ensuing year.

Motion: Jean Couturier moved that Article 33 have passage as presented
Second: George Colby
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 33 have passage as read

George Colby moved and Jean Couturier seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:



Paul R. First, Town Clerk