2015

Town of Northport Annual Town Meeting
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OFFICIAL WARRANT FOR THE TOWN OF NORTHPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
To be held on May 30, 2015 and June 1, 2015

To: Jeanine Tucker, Town Clerk of the Town of Northport in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:
In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northport in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to appear at the Northport Town Hall on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 8:00a.m., there and then to act upon Articles 1 and 2,
AND
To notify and warn said voters to meet at the Edna Drinkwater Elementary School on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00p.m. there and then to act upon Article 1; then 3 through 47 inclusive.

Article 1. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
On Saturday May 30, 2015 Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker opened the meeting by greeting those present at the Town Hall for the purpose of acting on Article 2. Motion was made by Dee Reid and second by Reeves Gilmore to nominate Alismarie Parsloe as Moderator of the election portion of the Town Meeting. Reid, Gilmore and Tucker cast written ballots for Parsloe and entered them into the record. Parsloe was sworn in as Moderator by Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker.

Prior to opening the meeting on Monday June 1, 2015 Select Board Chairman Drexell White spoke in appreciation of efforts put forth by various members of the community which has led to the successful withdrawal from RSU #20. White stated that it has been 50 years since the Town had ownership of the school and this withdrawal is a historical moment for the town. White expressed gratitude to the many people involved in the process and stated that the Town is very fortunate to have Sandy Wallace, Mark Lynch and Deb Riley continue as School Committee Members after serving on the Withdrawal Committee. White continued by explaining that the School Committee worked many late hours alongside of Superintendent Dr. Judith Lucarelli in order to establish the budget everyone was preparing to act on. White initiated a round of applause that also brought a few standing ovations.

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:04p.m. by greeting the 44 residents present at the Edna Drinkwater Elementary School for the purpose of acting on Articles 3 through 47. Motion was made by Herman Littlefield and second by Dee Reid to nominate Lee Woodward Jr. as Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Three written ballots were cast and entered into the record. Woodward was sworn in as Moderator. Woodward then moved to Representative Erin Herbig who introduced herself and informed the residents that she is currently on the Economic Development/Job Creation Committee. She explained that she is aware of concerns surrounding the State Budget and how it has not been finalized yet. She assured the residents of Northport that the budget will be finalized by the deadline and that everyone is working very hard to achieve that goal. She encouraged residents to e-mail her with any questions or concerns they may have. Resident Joy Metcalf asked Herbig if she responds to her e-mails; Herbig replied that she does. Both Metcalf and resident Bart Calder stated that they had not received replies to e-mails that they had sent. Herbig explained that she does do her best to respond to each e-mail, unfortunately she often receives hundreds a day and it is hard to answer each one. Herbig concluded her statement by acknowledging Town Staff for their excellent work. Woodward then announced that Toupie Rooney, E911 Addressing Officer and Northport First Responder, had a few words she wanted to say. Rooney addressed those present with a plea to please be sure they have house numbers in plain sight and that they are visible at night. She stated that as a First Responder she could not express enough the importance of making sure you can be found in the event of an emergency and highly
recommend that people take this concern to their neighbors to help spread the word. Rooney explained that if emergency personnel cannot find you, they cannot help you. Woodward announced that there were persons present that are not residents of the Town, but are representing the Town in some form and may need to speak on matters of the Town. Woodward asked those present if there were any objections to allowing the Town Administrator, Barbara Ashey, Finance Director Vicki Eugley and Superintendent Dr. Judith Lucarelli to speak, adding that 2/3 of those present would need to vote to allow it. No objections were raised and the three were unanimously granted permission to speak during Town Meeting.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot:
One (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year term.
One (1) School Committee Member for a three (3) year term.
One (1) Road Commissioner for a two (2) year term.

Woodward read aloud the results of voting May 30, 2015, results as follows: There were 138 voters that came to the polls. Drexell White was re-elected as Selectman with 113 votes and James Nealey received 2 write-in votes. A. Sandy Wallace was re-elected as School Committee Member with 105 votes, while opponent Todd Hall received 29 votes. Amon Morse III was re-elected as Road Commissioner with 116 votes and William Magruder received 6 write-in votes.

Woodward continued moving forward with the meeting by moving to Article 3.

Article 3. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. (Current salary – Selectmen $3,500.00 – Selectman Chair $4,000.00) Selectmen recommend no change.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor -none opposed. Article passed.

Article 4. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay the Road Commissioner, Road Workers, Trucks and Equipment for the ensuing year. (Selectmen recommend State Rates plus 10% for routine road maintenance. Major road reconstruction to follow the competitive bid process.)

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor -none opposed. Article passed.

Article 5. To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay members of the Planning Board. (Current pay $27.50 for each member per meeting attended; and $32.50 for the Chairman for each meeting attended.) Selectmen recommend no change.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Resident Joy Metcalf suggested the Board consider an increase in pay for the Planning Board for next year since the amount has been the same for many years. Majority in favor-1 opposed, Article passed.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to change the requirement of the Northport Scholarship Fund from “The Scholarship is for Northport residents who attend both their Junior and Senior years at Belfast Area High School, who are currently a Senior at Belfast Area High School, and who will be furthering their education at a post-secondary school” to “The Scholarship is for Northport residents who are graduating High School Seniors and will be furthering their education at a post-secondary school”.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor -none opposed. Article passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend $5,000.00 for the Northport Scholarship Fund for second semester Northport college freshmen.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor -none opposed. Article passed.
**Article 8.** To see what amount of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, carry forward and expend for the following accounts. Selectmen recommend the following:

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<tr>
<th>Department</th>
<th>Raise From Taxes</th>
<th>Estimated Carry Forward*</th>
<th>Estimated Revenue*</th>
<th>Total Appropriation*</th>
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<tr>
<td>A) Administration</td>
<td>$161,351.10</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$161,351.10</td>
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<td>B) Ambulance</td>
<td>$12,931.25</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>$12,931.25</td>
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<td>C) Animal Control</td>
<td>$8,000.00</td>
<td>$4,000.00</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
<td>$13,000.00</td>
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<td>D) Assessing Contract</td>
<td>$20,800.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$20,800.00</td>
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<td>E) Belfast Free Library</td>
<td>$3,500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$3,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>F) Cemetery Maint.</td>
<td>$9,600.00</td>
<td>$2,800.00</td>
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<td>$12,400.00</td>
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<td>G) Cemetery Development</td>
<td>$4,500.00</td>
<td>$9,913.50</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$14,413.50</td>
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<td>H) Code Enforcement Office</td>
<td>$22,500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$22,500.00</td>
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<td>I) Contingency Fund</td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>J) Emergency Management</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>K) Employee Benefits</td>
<td>$22,500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>L) First Responders Equipment</td>
<td>$5,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$5,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>M) First Responders Operating</td>
<td>$9,500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$9,500.00</td>
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<td>N) General Assistance</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$5,000.00</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td>O) Harbor Fund</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$15,000.00</td>
<td>$3,500.00</td>
<td>$18,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>P) Insurance</td>
<td>$22,000.00</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>$22,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Q) Legal</td>
<td>$25,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>R) Marine Reserve</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$63,240.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>S) Northport Vol. Fire Dept.</td>
<td>$39,300.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>T) NVFD Chief Stipend</td>
<td>$17,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>U) NVFD Truck Replacement</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>V) Office Operations</td>
<td>$34,500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$28,000.00</td>
<td>$62,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>W) Payroll Taxes</td>
<td>$24,600.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$24,600.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>X) Planning Board</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
<td>$800.00</td>
<td>$4,300.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Y) Roads &amp; Bridges</td>
<td>$125,000.00</td>
<td>$300,000.00</td>
<td>$220,000.00</td>
<td>$682,280.00</td>
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<td>Z) Sand/Salt Shed Loan</td>
<td>$34,055.88</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>$34,055.88</td>
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<td>AA) Septage Contract</td>
<td>$4,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>BB) Snow Removal &amp; Sanding</td>
<td>$200,000.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$200,000.00</td>
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<td>CC) Social Services</td>
<td>$7,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>DD) Street Lights</td>
<td>$1,600.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>$1,600.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>EE) Town Hall Operations</td>
<td>$24,900.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>FF) Transfer Station</td>
<td>$75,000.00</td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
<td>$45,000.00</td>
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<td>GG) Wyman Park</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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</table>

**Total:** $949,138.23 | $411,453.50 | $333,492.00 | $1,694,083.73

*based on estimated amounts.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Resident Gerry Reid asked how this budget compares to the previous one; Finance Director Eugley stated there is an increase of approximately $27,000.00. All in favor—none opposed. Article passed.
Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend funds for the Northport Village Corporation an amount of $25,000.00.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, Majority in favor-1 opposed, Article passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds from the Northport Volunteer Fire Dept. 2014 operating budget as of 6/30/2015 to the Fire Truck Replacement Special Reserve Account.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds designated for the Saturday Cove Improvement Project, as approved at Annual Town Meeting June 2, 2014, to the Marine Special Reserve Fund to be held for the Saturday Cove Improvement Project (the purpose of which is to accrue interest on the funds).  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds from the Code Enforcement Office operating budget as of 6/30/2015 to a Digital Mapping Special Reserve Fund.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf asked for an explanation of the item. White stated that this is a program that converts current mapping to an electronic format, which is more accurate and can be utilized in many ways. White added that this Article is an effort to start saving for the conversion rather than front all of the funds at once. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds from the Northport First Responders 2014 operating and equipment budget as of 6/30/2015 to the First Responders Equipment Special Reserve Fund.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of Mooring Fees collected as of 6/30/2015 to the Marine Special Reserve Fund.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to create a Shaw Brook Bridge Special Reserve Fund and to vote to raise and appropriate $75,000.00 for said Fund.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. Reid asked the Board what this fund is for. White explained that this is to start saving funds for replacing the Shaw Brook Bridge on Shore Road, which is expected to cost around $250,000.00. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of cemetery lots with 50% of the revenue to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Account and 50% to be placed in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Account.  
Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.
Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend such monies deemed necessary from the following Reserve Funds, or to take any action relative to same:

- Cemetery Capital Account
- Digital Mapping Special Reserve
- Fire Truck Replacement Account
- Fire Watch Fund
- First Responders Equipment Fund
- Marine Reserve Fund
- Town Wharf Fund
- Sand/Salt Shed Fund
- Shaw Brook Bridge Special Reserve
- Wyman Park Fund

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the balances of the following accounts as of 6/30/2015 and allow expenditures of same:

- Nature Conservancy
- Northport Needy Families
- Northport Warm Neighbors Fund
- Snowmobile Reimbursement Fund

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf asked what the Nature Conservancy account is. Finance Director Vicki Eugley explained that the Town receives $325.00 yearly to off-set taxes and the Town has to vote to accept. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to use $150,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the 2015/2016 tax commitment.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of 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 on same.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf stated that this verifies that people do not own their own property and are just paying rent to Town's and the State. She added that Towns and the State should not have the right to take property and people should be able to retain the property they own. Majority in favor-1 opposed, Article passed.*

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent 61 days after commitment; and March 2, 2016. (Selectmen recommend State authorized rate of 7%) 

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf asked where the 61 day time frame came from. Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker explained that not too long ago approval of the school budget was very delayed, which resulted in a late tax commitment. Tucker stated that this 61 day period allows some time before that first installment is due regardless of how late the commitment may be. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 22. To see if the Town will set a rate of interest for refunded taxes due to over assessments. (Selectmen recommend rate of 7%) 

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*
Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend overlay or Undesignated Fund Balance monies, to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. An explanation was requested; Tucker stated that there are times when people send payments for taxes ahead of the tax bill or a property sells before taxes are committed. She explained that this Article allows for acceptance of those funds. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to enter into an Alewife Harvesting Program, with or without the Town of Lincolnville, for the 2015-2016 season, and close the Duck Trap River and all its tributaries to any taking of alewives or blueback herring.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Chris Eldridge asked if the Town of Lincolnville has a similar Article; Eugley confirmed that they do. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following grants and revenue from the State of Maine and allow the Selectmen to use them as they deem necessary.

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<th>Grant</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Veterans</td>
<td>$1,289.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Snowmobile Registrations</td>
<td>$178.74</td>
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<td>Local Road Assistance</td>
<td>$37,280.00</td>
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<td>General Assistance</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Civil Emergency Funds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land Grants</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tree Growth</td>
<td>$1,236.38</td>
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<td>All Other Funds Available</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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</table>

All dollar amounts are estimates.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. The question was asked if the Town was losing Revenue Sharing funds; Eugley stated that the amount the Town receives changes every year and that the Town should receive approximately $52,000.00 All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to give the Northport Ridge Riders (a snowmobile club) funds that the State of Maine returned to the Town in the amount of $178.74 from snowmobile registrations, to be used to maintain snowmobile trails in Northport.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to accept and expend educational and other grants and donations, or gifts, for the reason specified in the grant, donation or gift.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town owned assets with a value of $3,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf asked what this Article covers; White explained that this Article allows the Board to dispose of equipment that is no longer used by the Town. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*
Article 30. Shall an ordinance entitled “Floodplain Management Ordinance” be enacted and repeal and replace any Municipal ordinance previously enacted to comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-488, as amended).

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf commented that this allows the Federal Government to dictate the use of property and that Flood Insurance is a Federal program, but should be the option of the property owner instead of a mandate. White explained that this Article represents changes that have come from the Federal Gov’t and State which the Town needs to officially accept. Ashey explained that the Floodplain maps have been updated and anyone in the flood zones can purchase insurance. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 31. Shall an ordinance entitled “Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” be enacted and repeal and replace any Municipal Shoreland Zoning ordinance previously enacted.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 32. Shall an ordinance entitled “Administrative Ordinance” be enacted and repeal and replace any Municipal Administrative ordinance previously enacted.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $1,081,914.22 established for the Town of Northport by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Written ballot required by statute.)

Motion was made and second to table as the levy limit has not been met or exceeded. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article tabled

School Budget Articles to Appropriate Monies for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. School Committee Recommends $1,421,602

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. School Committee Recommends $421,240

Motion was made and second to approve as written. The question was raised as to what percentage of students would receive these services. Superintendent Dr. Judith Lucarelli stated that she did not have the percentage, but it affects 31 out of 170 students. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. School Committee Recommends $6,705

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Metcalf asked what “other” includes; Lucarelli explained that this covers clubs such as robotics or a school wide musical and it is a line that is required by statute. She added that athletics would not be included in this line. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. School Committee Recommends $227,511

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.
ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. School Committee Recommends $138,584  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Gratitude was expressed for the School Committee and the effort they have put into the budget. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. School Committee Recommends $174,665  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. School Committee Recommends $107,000  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. School Committee Recommends $278,045  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Chris Eldridge asked what would be done with the funds requested, adding that it seemed like a lot of money. Lucarelli stated that the request includes startup funds for an anticipated construction project that will be put before voters for approval. She continued by explaining that it includes the cost for design and a savings account for the project. Lucarelli continued by informing those present that maintenance has been deferred on this building and there are things that need to be done this year. She also stated that this Article includes heating, electricity, furniture and custodial costs. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. School Committee Recommends $120,838  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. Reid asked how many years Northport would have to pay on the debt service; Lucarelli listed off the time schedule of all the debt service Northport would have to contribute to some extending to November 2025 and that the Town would have to vote on this every year. All in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Food Service Transfers. School Committee Recommends $40,000  
*Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion, all in favor-none opposed. Article passed.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Actions taken pursuant to the following articles must be taken by a recorded (paper ballot) vote.  
Woodward asked if there were any opposition to voting simultaneously on Articles 44 & 45 and then Articles 46 & 47. Woodward explained that each Article would be open for discussion, but he would move the vote for the Articles to be done two at a time. None were opposed. Woodward proceeded to the remainder of the articles.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town of Northport will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee Recommends $ 1,978,808) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services
Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. School Committee Recommends $1,781,946.

“Explanation: The school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Elizabeth Baker stated that it was very nice to have everything laid out so nicely at the Public Hearing a few weeks prior. The question was asked of how this budget compared to last year; Superintendent Dr. Judith Lucarelli explained that this budget is $700,146 lower than last year. Lucarelli went on to explain that items marked with an “X” in the right margin on the spreadsheet provided represented a one-time expenditure or revenue. Vote 42-1. Article passed.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. School Committee Recommends $49,581.

“Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.”

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion. Vote 42-1. Article passed.

ARTICLE 46. Shall the Town of Northport raise and appropriate $882,861 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by $922,947 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee recommends $882,861 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by $922,947.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Northport School Department budget for educational programs.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. No discussion. Vote 42-1. Article passed.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town of Northport will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. School Committee Recommends $2,936,190.

Motion was made and second to approve as written. Reid asked what sum this Article included; Lucarelli stated this is the combined sum of Articles 34 through 43. Vote 42-1, Article passed.
Lucarelli thanked everyone for coming to the Town Meeting and informed them that they are now considered the Northport School Department and that the school will remain the Edna Drinkwater School. Lucarelli introduced Todd Martin as the Northport Principal. Martin stated that he was looking forward to being part of the community and invited people to volunteer. Woodward explained that this sets the budget, but it still needs to be ratified by a vote on June 9th. Tucker informed everyone that the polls would be open from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Tuesday June 9th at the Town Hall.

Woodward closed the meeting at 8:33p.m.

A true copy of the June 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting minutes as approved by the Board of Selectmen June 22, 2015.

Attest:

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk