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Town of Northport Special Town Meeting Minutes
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2013

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

GREETINGS:
Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker opened the meeting at 6:02p.m. There were seven Northport residents in attendance.

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 Edna Drinkwater Elementary School on Wednesday; August 14, 2013 at 6:00p.m., then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 3.

Article 1. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
Tucker asked for nominations for Moderator. Motion by resident Dee Reid second by resident Alismarie Parsloe to nominate Joseph Moser as Moderator. All in favor, none opposed.
Tucker collected three written ballots, all for Moser as moderator, and swore him in as Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

Article 2. Shall the Town of Northport vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the following program and dollar amounts:

| Program: Swan’s Island Blanket Co. Economic Development (Capital Improvements) | Amount: $270,000.00 (Two Hundred Seventy Thousand dollars and no cents) |

And, to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Northport is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Moderator Moser read the article to those present and Bill Laurita, owner of Swan’s Island Blanket Company, explained what the article represented. Laurita stated that approximately three years ago he had applied for and was permitted this same type of grant that comes from federal tax dollars set aside for the specific purpose of promoting business growth and development. He continued by explaining that his first grant allowed him to expand his business with the construction of a dye house and employment of additional personnel, some of which are Northport residents. Laurita added that this grant would be for marketing, hiring more weavers, adding administration for sales and marketing. He concluded by informing attendees that this would be a matching grant and that he has provided evidence of the ability of the company to meet that requirement.

Moser opened the meeting to public comment and questions; being none he moved the question.
Motion by Jeanine Tucker second by Mark Humphreys to move the article as written, all in favor none opposed.
Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the date of interest on delinquent taxes from October 1, 2013; as voted on at Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2013; to 60 days after commitment.
Moser asked for explanation of the article. Tucker explained the reason for the article is because of the delay in setting the RSU budget and the inability to commit taxes until the budget is approved.
Motion by Jeanine Tucker second by Mark Humphreys to move the article as written, all in favor none opposed.

Motion by Dee Reid second by Alismarie Parsloe to adjourn at 6:09p.m., all in favor none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk