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AMOUNTS LISTED IN ITALICS ARE AMOUNTS SPENT DURING 15/16 TAX YEAR

**MINUTES OF
Annual Town Meeting July 27, 2016 7:00pm**

To determine taxes for the 12-month period: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the T. C. Hamlin School in said Town of Randolph, July 27, 2016 at seven o'clock in the evening to thereto act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 1 - Mary Denison was elected moderator by written vote. She was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from the State Revenue Sharing grants towards the reduction of appropriations.

Estimate: \$95,000.00 2016-2017 (2015-2016 \$91,349.11)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$95,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$95,000.00

Article 2 – Passed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will grant the selectmen authority to pay Town expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) until appropriations are approved for that period.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 3 – Passed.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds between expenditure accounts.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 4 – Passed.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for a period of not more than three(3) years, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 5 – Passed.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote for taxes to become due September 13, 2016 and March 13, 2017 with interest beginning on September 14, 2016 and March 14, 2017 at the rate of 7.00% A.P.R.

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Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 6 – Passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate at 3% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 7 – Passed.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 8 – Passed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans if necessary within the 2016-2017 taxable year, in anticipation of the 2016-2017 tax income, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town. Such loan or loans will be paid in full during said taxable year.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 9 – Passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with the value of \$5,000.00 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 10 – motion made to amend the amount of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 - Motion Passed.

Article 10 - Passed as Amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes or wastewater and to execute quit claim deed(s) for all such property. All sales and disposition shall be by bid.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 11 – Passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to waive the foreclosure of tax & wastewater lien mortgages pursuant to 36 MRSA §944 upon a

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finding that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 12 – Passed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2016-2017 from the Overlay.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 13 – Passed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend the money from the TIF Economic Development Incentive Program on authorized projects in the TIF Zone, with all unexpended funds carried to the following year and designated in the account titled "TIF Natural Gas Pipeline".

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Account Balance - \$72,221.75

Wages - \$240.00

Misc. - \$0.00

Article 14 – Passed.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt services previously approved by the Town.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,187,415.00

Budget Comm. – \$1,187,415.00

Capital Debt - \$119,400.00

MSAD 11 - \$979,034.00

County Tax - \$ 83,561.00

Town Office Roof \$ 5,420.00

Capital Debt - \$119,318.17

MSAD 11 - \$953,440.01

County Tax \$ 84,255.50

K'hook St. Bldg- \$ 6,350.00

Town Office Roof \$ 5,420.00

Article 15 – Passed.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administrative Services.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$133,715.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 133,715.00

Admin Wages \$91,700.00

Payroll Taxes \$18,000.00

Admin Supplies \$ 2,500.00

Admin. Contin. \$21,515.00

(Broken down as)

ELECTIONS \$ 3,900.00

POSTAGE \$ 2,050.00

Wages \$90,685.21

Taxes \$15,308.49

Supplies \$ 2,200.00

Admin. Contin, \$16,445.92

(Broken down as)

Elections \$3,371.93

Postage \$2,011.20

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PRINTING	\$ 1,200.00	<i>Printing</i>	<i>\$1,066.76</i>
COMP. SUP	\$13,365.00	<i>Comp.Sup</i>	<i>\$8,977.83</i>
		TRIO ELECTRONIC BMV UPGRADE	\$7,840.00
MISC.	\$ 1,000.00	<i>Misc.</i>	<i>\$ 1,018.20</i>

Article 16 – Passed.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Code and Law Enforcement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$27, 100.00	Budget Comm. – \$ 27,100.00
Police - \$ 9,000.00	Animal Control - \$ 0.00
Code Enforcement - \$18,000.00	Health Officer - \$ 100.00
<i>Police - \$10,483.63</i>	<i>Animal Control - \$ 368.46</i>
<i>CEO - \$16,324.00</i>	<i>Health Officer - \$ 100.00</i>

Article 17 – Passed.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of Fire Protection.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$36,000.00	Budget Comm. – \$ 36,000.00
<i>FD Wages - \$18,166.50</i>	<i>Misc.- \$19,833.50</i> <i>Flags - \$827.82</i>

Article 18 – Passed.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses for the Emergency Management Equipment.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$2,000.00	Budget Comm. – \$ 2,000.00
<i>EMA Wages- \$1,200.00</i>	<i>Misc. – \$636.31</i>

Article 19 – Passed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all unexpended funds from the Fire Department Account Balance to the Dedicated Account for Major Repairs/Equipment Account and the remaining balance of the Flag Fund to remain in the Fire Department/Flag/Donations sub account. (\$0.00) (\$582.12)

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage	Budget Comm. – Passage
<i>\$61.30 was transferred to the Dedicated Account.</i>	
Major Repairs/Equipment Account Balance - \$5,837.34	

Article 20 – Passed.

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00	Budget Comm. – \$ 5,000.00
Account Balance - \$58,791.71	

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Article 21 – Passed.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Contracted Services.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$303,845.00 from the General Fund
 Budget Comm. – \$303,845.00 from the General Fund

CMP-ST.LIGHTS	\$20,000.00	<i>CMP</i>	<i>\$20,216.98</i>
REGISTRY	\$ 2,350.00	<i>REGISTRY</i>	<i>\$ 1,963.00</i>
ASSESSOR	\$ 3,300.00	<i>ASSESSOR</i>	<i>\$ 3,300.00</i>
HYDRANTS	\$79,584.00	<i>HYDRANTS</i>	<i>\$79,584.00</i>
INSURANCE	\$11,200.00	<i>INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$11,270.00</i>
KVCOG	\$ 2,132.00	<i>KVCOG</i>	<i>\$ 2,117.00</i>
HATCH HILL	\$17,772.00	<i>HATCH HILL</i>	<i>\$26,580.00</i>
AUDIT	\$ 5,400.00	<i>AUDIT</i>	<i>\$ 5,400.00</i>
MMA DUES	\$ 2,372.00	<i>MMA DUES</i>	<i>\$ 2,336.00</i>
WORKERS COMP	\$ 5,500.00	<i>WORKERS COMP</i>	<i>\$ 4,998.70</i>
SNOW PLOW	\$62,000.00	<i>SNOW PLOW</i>	<i>\$62,000.00</i>
STREET SWEEP	\$ 9,400.00	<i>STREET SWEEP</i>	<i>\$ 9,400.00</i>
OFFICE MACHINE	\$10,000.00	<i>OFFICE MACHINE</i>	<i>\$ 1,567.93</i>
HEALTH INSUR	\$13,270.00	<i>HEALTH INSUR</i>	<i>\$ 7,339.72</i>
MAP READER	\$ 1,000.00	<i>MAP READER</i>	<i>\$ 878.35</i>
FF INSURANCE	\$ 442.00	<i>FF INSURANCE</i>	<i>\$ 408.00</i>
AMBULANCE	\$ 8,709.00	<i>AMBULANCE</i>	<i>\$17,732.48</i>
DISPATCHING	\$21,712.00	<i>DISPATCHING</i>	<i>\$19,274.28</i>
INCOME INSUR	\$ 1,489.00	<i>INCOME INSUR.</i>	<i>\$ 1,491.97</i>
MOWING CONT	\$14,995.00	<i>MOWING CONT</i>	<i>\$14,995.00</i>
PLOWING BLDG	\$ 5,300.00	<i>PLOWING BLDG</i>	<i>\$ 5,300.00</i>
ANIM. CONTRACT	\$ 2,818.00	<i>ANIM. CONTRACT</i>	<i>\$ 2,817.48</i>
CLEANING TO	\$ 2,600.00	<i>CLEANING TO</i>	<i>\$ 2,600.00</i>
RUBBISH	\$ 500.00	<i>RUBBISH</i>	<i>\$ 434.64</i>
TOTAL	\$303,845.00	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$303,501.38</i>

Article 22 – Passed.

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for Legal Fees.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,000.00

Account Balance: \$13,160.04

Legal Fees - \$11,839.96

Article 23 – Passed.

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Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to create a Dedicated account Named Dangerous Buildings. All judgments, fees and fines will be put back into this account.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 24 – Passed.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for remediation or removal of Dangerous Building.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,000.00

Article 25 – Passed.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$68,500.00

Budget Comm. – \$68,500.00

Sewers - \$40,000.00

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Roads - \$25,000.00

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Maint/Equip. - \$ 3,500.00

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Sewers-wages-\$ 5,365.00

Misc. - \$21,417.09

Roads- wages-\$ 5,300.00

Misc. - \$19,811.20

Maint/equip - \$ 125.00

Misc. - \$ 2,917.32

Article 26 - Passed

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize up to \$75,000.00 for the inspection and repair of Closson Street from the General Fund.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 27 – Passed.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for Public Works Vehicle Replacement.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$5,000.00

Budget Comm. –\$5,000.00

Account Balance: \$22,264.24

Motion was made to amend the article from \$5,000.00 to \$9,000.00. Motion – Passed.

Article 28 was passed as amended.

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of resurfacing and/or rehabilitating Town streets and sidewalks.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$30,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 30,000.00

Account Balance \$10,250.10

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Wages \$380.00

Misc. \$42,498.00

Article 29 – Passed.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues received from Maine Department of Transportation to the Capital Improvement Roads account and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purpose of Capital Improvement namely Roads.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,000.00

Account Balance: \$28,183.39

Wages \$540.00

Misc. \$8,514.41

Article 30 – Passed.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account Capital Improvement Sewers.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,000.00

Account Balance: \$34,471.60

Wages \$315.00

Misc. \$20,336.10

Article 31 – Passed.

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to enhance and maintain the three Randolph Cemeteries.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$7,500.00

Budget Comm. – \$7,500.00

Account Balance - \$50.36

Wages - \$1855.00

Misc. -\$9,443.45

Article 32 – Passed.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Buildings & Lands.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$24,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$24,000.00

Wages - \$1,360.00

Misc. - \$24,766.65

Article 33 – Passed.

Article 34. To see what action the Town will take regarding a proposal to conduct a Town-wide trash and other junk item pickup to be done in the Spring of 2018. All income, including permit fees, shall be returned to this account to be expended in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,500.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 1,500.00

Account Balance: \$444.46

Wages- \$0.00

Misc. \$4,116.01

Article 34 – Passed.

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Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Utilities for the Town Office, Fire Station, Barber Road Pump Stations & 104 Kinderhook Street

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,115.00

Budget Comm. – \$10,115.00

Heating-\$3,500.00

Phone-\$1,365.00

Water-\$440.00

Electric-\$3,900.00

Sewer-\$ 450.00

Internet-\$460.00

Heating-\$3,886.09

Phone-\$1,35.38

Water-\$440.00

Electric-\$3,795.62

Sewer-\$ 447.12

Internet- \$458.20

Article 35 – Passed.

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$6,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 6,000.00

Type and Amounts of payments;

Rent - \$2,100.00

Electric - \$ 860.54

Fuel - \$ 519.70

Misc. – \$2,142.00

Article 36 – Passed.

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue a Town newsletter mailed to Randolph households. The Selectmen will approve each edition of the newsletter prior to printing.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$700.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 700.00

Account Balance - \$723.53

Misc. \$799.80

Article 37 – Passed.

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to continue the Town website.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$850.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 850.00

Misc. \$850.00

Article 38 – Passed.

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingency.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 10,000.00

Misc. \$10,000.00

Article 39 – Passed.

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for a future Town Wide Revaluation.

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Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$15,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$15,000.00

Account Balance: \$30,000.00

Article 40 – Passed.

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Account for a future Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 1,000.00

Account Balance: \$2,000.00

Article 41 – Passed.

Article 42. To see what amount of compensation the Town will vote for the Board of Selectmen, who also serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$16,500.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 16,500.00

Wages - \$16,500.00

Article 42 – Passed.

Article 43. To see what amount of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Architectural Design and Bid Documents for the new Fire Station on Kinderhook Street.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$40,000.00

Budget Comm. – \$40,000.00

Article 43 – Passed.

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Benefits.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$1,500.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 1,500.00

Senior Spectrum \$200.00

K.V.C.A.P. \$200.00

Janice's Food Pantry \$400.00

Town Historian \$100.00

Chrysalis Place \$600.00

Article 44 – Passed.

Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club.

Gardiner Boys' & Girls' Club requested \$10,629.00

Recommendations:

Selectmen – \$10,629.00

Budget Comm. – \$ 10,629.00

Misc. \$10,629.00

Article 45 – Passed.

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Article 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of the Gardiner Public Library for use by the Town of Randolph.

Gardiner Public Library requested \$14,773.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – 14,773.00

Budget Comm. – \$14,773.00

Misc. \$14,343.00

Article 46 – Passed.

Article 47. Shall the Town adopt a new Animal Control Ordinance and repeal the “Dog Control Ordinance” enacted Jan. 2, 1991 and amended July 23, 2003.

Copies of the new ordinance are available at the Town Office and at www.randolphmaine.org.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 47 – Passed.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of members on the Budget Committee, which was established by a special town meeting in June 1959, from 15 to 9 members (removing the 3 Selectmen and 3 citizens). The citizen members to serve for a 3 year rotating term. The existing members shall serve out their current terms.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 48 – Passed.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$488,456.00 established for the Town of Randolph 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.

Recommendations:

Selectmen – Passage

Budget Comm. – Passage

Article 49 – Passed by written vote. 19 – 6.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. There were 33 registered voters in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk

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