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MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE

TO: Christine Hill, a citizen, in the Town of Isle au Haut: GREETINGS:

In the Name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of said Town of Isle au Haut, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Revere Memorial Hall in said Town on Monday, April 29, 2019, at eight – thirty (8:30) a.m. in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Allen Meyer

Votes:17

Ross:1

Total:18

A motion was made and seconded to compensate town wage.

In Favor:22

Opposed:0

Total:22

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Rozalyn Santospago

Votes:21

Total:21

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the clerk \$4000.

In Favor:23

Opposed:0

Total:23

Article 3. To elect a First Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Peggi Stevens

Votes:26

Total:26

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the First Selectperson \$12,000

In Favor:26

Opposed:0

Total:26

Article 4. To elect a Second Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Daniel MacDonald

Votes:24

Total:24

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Second Selectperson \$4000.

In Favor:24

Opposed:0

Total:24

Article 5. To elect a Third Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Abigail Hiltz

Votes:25

Total:25

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Third Selectperson \$4000.

In Favor:24

Opposed:0

Total:24

Article 6. To elect a Treasurer until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Karen Teague

Votes:26

Blank:1

Total:27

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Treasurer \$8,000.

In Favor:27

Opposed:0

Total:27

Article 7. To elect a Collector of Taxes and Excise Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Lisa Turner

Votes:25

Total:25

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Collector of Taxes \$7,000.

In Favor:27

Opposed:0

Total:27

Article 8. To elect an Assessor of Taxes (Chairperson position) until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated:Abigail Hiltz

Votes:24

Total:24

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Assessor of Taxes (chair) \$1,500.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 9. To elect an Assessor of Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated:Christine Hill

Votes:24

Total:24

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Assessor of Taxes Town Wage.

In Favor:26

Opposed:0

Total:26

Article 10. To elect an Assessor of Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Dane Stevens

Votes:26

Total:26

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Assessor of Taxes Town Wage.

In Favor:27

Opposed:0

Total:27

Article 11. To elect a Road Commissioner until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Bill Stevens

Votes: 24

Total:24

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Road Commissioner \$500.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 12. To elect a Fire Chief until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Nominated: Luther Smith

Votes: 25

Total:25

A motion was made and seconded to compensate the Fire Chief \$1500

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Harbormaster compensation.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5000.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 14. To elect a Planning Board member for a three year period.

Nominated: Christine Hill

Votes:23

Total:23

Article 15. To elect a member of the School Board for a three year term.

Nominated: Rozalyn Santospago

Votes:23

Total:23

Article 16. To elect a member of the School Board for a three year term.

Nominated: Alison Richardson

Votes:25
Total:25

Article 17. To elect a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board from the Selectboard for a one year term.

Nominated:Dan MacDonald

Votes:23
Total:23

Article 18. To elect a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board for a two year term.

Nominated:Linda Greenlaw

Tucker Runge - Declined

Votes:23
Total:23

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to maintain and operate the Isle au Haut Elementary School for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:27
Opposed:0
Total:27

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements with other Towns or Schools for the 2019-2020 school year for the tuition of secondary students up to the legal limit established by the Maine Revised Statutes for the education of its secondary students.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into agreements, to the best advantage of the Town, with other towns, companies and /or individuals for the 2019-2020 school year for transporting elementary and secondary students.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:22
Opposed:0
Total:22

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$148,469.22 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction.
(School Committee Recommends: \$148,469.22)
This article includes elementary education, secondary education and gifted/talented accounts. Prior year \$182,435

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$10,522.21 for Special Education.
(School Committee Recommends: \$10,522.21)
This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year \$13,320

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:22
Opposed:0
Total:22

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$22,214.66 for System Administration.
(School Committee Recommends: \$22,214.66)
*This article includes school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts.
Prior year \$22,015*

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:24
Opposed:0
Total:24

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,400 for School Administration.

(School Committee Recommends: \$1,400)

This article includes the principal office account.

Prior year \$1,400

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:22

Opposed:0

Total:22

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$16,100 for Transportation and Buses.

(School Committee Recommends: \$16,100)

This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts.

Prior year \$20,850

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$31,046.80 for Facilities Maintenance.

(School Committee Recommends: \$31,046.80)

This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts.

Prior year \$32,790

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:24

Opposed:0

Total:24

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$30,000 for Capital Improvements.

(School Committee Recommends: \$30,000)

This article includes Capital Renewal, Renovation Repair & Maintenance Services account.

Prior year \$5,000

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:26

Opposed:0

Total:26

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$80,280.50 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 \$80,280.50**) and to see if the town will vote to raise \$75,621.50 as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, § 15688.

(School Committee Recommends: \$75,621.50)

Prior year \$81,680.53

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 (\$75,621.50) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$4,659.00) of state dollars.*

**This is an estimate. State subsidy has not been approved by the legislature.*

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 30. **(Written Ballot Required)** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$142,472.39 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (**School Committee Recommends \$142,472.39**) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$142472.39

Prior year EPS exceeded by \$118,255

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model.

Reasons: The additional local fund request exceeds the EPS funding model because the school spends more per pupil on regular education, special education, transportation, student and staff support, administration and facilities maintenance than the EPS formula recognizes.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the school's budget for educational programs.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:23
Opposed:0
Total:23

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$259,752.89 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30,

2020 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act , additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 A, \$15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy, school lunch revenues and other receipts for the support of schools.

(School Committee Recommends: \$259,752.89)

Prior year \$277,810

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 32. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds estimated below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

<u>Category</u>	<u>Anticipated Amount</u>
State Minimum Subsidy	\$4,659.00

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:27
Opposed:0
Total:27

Article 33. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant moneys in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 34. Shall the IAH School Board be authorized to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers, not to exceed the total spending allocation for the 2019-2020 school year, to balance accounts.

Reasons: Under Maine Law only the voters can give authority for the School Committee to transfer in excess of 5% between cost centers. By granting this authority now, it would eliminate the calling of a special town meeting, if necessary, to balance accounts.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:24
Opposed:0
Total:24

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount raised and assessed as the Town'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 Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, section 15688 to the extent of any unanticipated increase in the adjusted state contribution under the Essential Programs and Services Funding model.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for General Government Administration.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$110,00 from taxation for General Government Administration.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation and transfer from Boat Excise Tax for Town Landing.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$12,000 from taxation and transfer \$1,108 from boat excise tax fir town landing.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Landing Parking Lot fund.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5000 for the Parking Lot Fund.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 39. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for Isle au Haut Boat Services' operations for the year 2019.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Isle au Haut Boat Services.

In Favor:29
Opposed:0
Total:29

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the DOT Infrastructure Bank loan. (This loan funded the Easement purchased from Isle au Haut Boat Services to assure the Town shore access in Stonington.) Principal:\$9,083.06, Interest:\$2,000

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 41. To see if the Town will create a fund for the improvement of Broadband on Isle au Haut and what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Broadband fund.

There was a lot of discussion on this topic. Questions were asked and answered by members of the Broadband committee about how raised monies would be allocated. For now, the raised money will sit in an account until the town votes as to how to use them.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a fund for establishing broadband on IAH, and raising \$5000 for that fund.

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the previous motion, and raise \$10,000 for the fund.

In Favor:17
Opposed:8
Total:25

A motion was made and seconded to create a fund for broadband and raise \$10,000 for that fund.

In Favor:23
Opposed:3
Total:26

Article 42. To see what sum of money the Town shall raise and appropriate for the operation, overhead, and maintenance of the Lighthouse for the ensuing year.

Jeff Burke addressed the town and gave his opinion on the towns responsibility to maintain the lighthouse through taxes. The first town selectman brought up quotes from a previous town meeting, where it was stated that no town money would ever be used to keep up the lighthouse.

A motion was made and seconded to raise zero money for the lighthouse for the ensuing year.

In Favor:24
Opposed:1
Total:25

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Revere Memorial Hall.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$75,000 for revere memorial hall.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Revere Memorial Library.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for revere memorial library.

In Favor:25
Opposed:0
Total:25

Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for solid waste and disposal.

In Favor:26
Opposed:0
Total:26

Article 46. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Trucks and Plows.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for trucks and plows.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 47. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Truck Reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the truck reserve account.

In Favor:26

Opposed:0

Total:26

Article 48. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Snow Removal.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$16,000 for snow removal.

In Favor:27

Opposed:0

Total:27

Article 49. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation and transfer from Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees for Town Roads and Bridges.

A motion was made and seconded to raise \$30,000 from taxation and transfer \$8,477 from Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees for town roads and bridges, and retain any excess from account.

In Favor:25

Opposed:0

Total:25

Article 50. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the Fire Dept.

In Favor:27
Opposed:0
Total:27

A motion was made and seconded to break for lunch.

In Favor:10
Opposed:0
Total:10

Article 51. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Property.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Colwell Ramp Access.

In Favor:19
Opposed:0
Total:19

Article 52. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Maine Islands Coalition.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$800 for Maine Islands Coalition.

In Favor:17
Opposed:0
Total:17

Article 53. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Property Tax Revaluation, digitizing and organization.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate no monies for Property Tax Revaluation, digitizing and organization.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 54. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Emergency Medical Services.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate no monies for Emergency Medical Services.

In Favor:18
Opposed:0
Total:18

Article 55 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Bond and Interest on the Bond to Fund Purchase of the Coombs' Mountain house and property. Principal:\$9,250, Interest:\$5,890.40

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$15,140.40 for the bond and interest on the bond to fund the purchase of Coombs Mountain House.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 56. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Buildings (this includes the Miss Lizzie House, Head Harbor Schoolhouse and Coombs' Mountain House.)

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$7,000 for Misc. Buildings.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 57. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to support the Island Institute in sponsoring an Island Fellow.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to support the Island Institute and Island Fellow.

In Favor:18
Opposed:0
Total:18

Article 58. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Landing Building.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$400 for the Town Landing Building.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 59. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for American Red Cross.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$250 for American Red Cross.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 60. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Health Equity Alliance (formerly Downeast Aids Network)

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$100 for Health Equity Alliance.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 61. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Downeast Transportation, Inc.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$55.00 for Downeast Transportation, Inc.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 62. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Island Medical Center.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$500 for Island Medical Center.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 63. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Maine Public Broadcasting.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$150 for Maine Public Broadcasting.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 64. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Ambulance Corps.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1000 for Memorial Ambulance Corps.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 65. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Life-Flight of Maine.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$500 for Life Flight of Maine.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 66. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for WERU.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$150 for WERU.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 67. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for The Maine Seacoast Mission. The money raised would be specifically designated for the operation of the Sunbeam.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1000 for the Maine Seacoast Mission.

In Favor:20
Opposed:0
Total:20

Article 68. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Hancock County Homecare and Hospice (HCHC).

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$500 for HCHC.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward all unexpended balances with the exception of Interest, In Lieu of Taxes, Tree Growth, Veteran's Reimbursement, Homestead Tax Exemption and Supplemental Taxes which will go to the Undesignated Fund Balance.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to accept the funding of the categories listed below as provided by the Federal Legislatures and the Maine Legislatures:

ANP Payment in Lieu of Taxes

State Tree Growth Reimbursement

State Municipal Revenue Sharing

Veteran's Tax Benefit

State Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

DOT Local Road Assistance

DOT Transporting Highway Construction and Maintenance Materials

Public Library Per Capita Funds

General Assistance Reimbursement Funds

State Aid to Education

State Grants and other Funds

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:19

Opposed:0

Total:19

Article 71. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to issue notes for temporary loans and what rate of interest to pay.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the selectmen to issue notes for temporary loans at the lowest rate of interest possible.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 72. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken for taxes.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 73. To see if the Town will bond the Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector and the Lighthouse Committee Treasurer and to pay all Town Officials job related expenses.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 74. To see if the Town will set a date on which all local taxes shall be paid and decide a rate of interest for all taxes unpaid after that date.

A motion was made and seconded to set the date for taxes due as October 1, at a rate of 9% interest on all unpaid taxes, after that date.

In Favor:20

Opposed:0

Total:20

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Town of Isle au Haut by State law because the municipal budget approved for 2019 – 2020 articles resulted in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

A motion of so moved was made and seconded.

In Favor:19

Opposed:0
Total:19

A motion was made and seconded to have the minutes read.

In Favor:17
Opposed:1
Total:18

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read.

In Favor:11
Opposed:0
Total:11

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

In Favor:10
Opposed:0
Total:10

ATTESTED:

Rozalyn Santospago, Town Clerk, Town of Isle au Haut

