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TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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 Friday March 25, 2016, at eight thirty (8:30) A.M. in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

It was so done and the meeting was opened at 8:30 A.M. by the Town Clerk

Article 1:

Nominations were made and seconded for Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nominated: Ted Hoskins

Votes Cast	17 in favor
	3 blanks
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

The Moderator was sworn in at the open meeting by the Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded his compensation be \$15.00 per hour.

Votes Cast	25 in favor
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	25

There was a discussion brought up where it was questioned if the Town was being run legally. How long are officials being elected for? When is the next Annual Town Meeting? People would like to see the Articles changed to read "until next Annual Town Meeting". People want to know what the account balances are currently and see a budget for 2015. It was suggested that officials who ran in 2015 be elected to be in office until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2:

Nominations were made and seconded for Town Clerk until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Karen Teague

Votes Cast	22 in favor
	3 blank
	1 no

	<u>1 Sue McDonald</u>
Total Votes Cast	27

The Town Clerk was sworn in at the open meeting by the Moderator.

There was discussion brought up how to compensate new officials and reelected officials. There was suggestion to pay officials 1/12 of their yearly wage. An Article should be in the next warrant to cover all officials that are elected at this Annual Town Meeting. There was a question as to whether we are electing officials retroactively or new ones.

A motion was made and seconded to end discussion.

Votes Cast	21 in favor
	<u>4 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	25

Belvia MacDonald was given a thank you for clearing up the books.

A motion was made and seconded to elect new officials. And, if new to the job, they would serve for no compensation until the next Annual Town Meeting. If reelected, officials will be compensated with the same wages given in 2014.

Votes Cast	19 in favor
	<u>2 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

A break was taken from 10:15 to 10:30.

A motion was made and seconded to take Articles 64 and 42 out of order.

Votes Cast	20 in favor
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 64:

A motion was made and seconded to change the date of the Annual Town Meeting to be on the last Monday in April of every year.

Votes Cast	22 in favor
	<u>1 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

There was a discussion before the motion was made on Article 42. What has already been paid to Isle au Haut Boat Services? It was discovered \$9,000.00 has already been paid. There was a comment made requesting more Sunday boats on holidays in the

winter. There was a question as to how much money that Town has and whether money the Town has been using has come out of DOT funds and Lighthouse funds.

Article 42:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Isle au Haut Boat Services operations for the year 2015.

Votes Cast	19 in favor 4 opposed <u>2 abstained</u>
Total Votes Cast	25

Article 3:

Nominations were made and seconded for First Selectman until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: John DeWitt; Matthew Skolnikoff

Votes Cast	16 J. DeWitt <u>13 M. Skolnikoff</u>
Total Votes Cast	29

Article 4:

Nominations were made and seconded for Second Selectman until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Tucker Runge (declined); Matthew Skolnikoff (declined); Dan MacDonald; Peggy Stevens (declined)

Votes Cast	19 D. MacDonald 1 M. Skolnikoff 4 blank <u>2 no</u>
Total Votes Cast	26

Article 5:

Nominations were made and seconded for Third Selectman until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Peggy Stevens; Tucker Runge (declined); Nate Clark

Votes Cast	18 P. Stevens 11 N. Clark 1 T. Runge <u>1 blank</u>
Total Votes Cast	31

Article 6:

Nominations were made and seconded for Treasurer until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Karen Teague

Votes Cast	26 K. Teague
	<u>1 blank</u>
Total Votes Cast	27

Article 7:

Nominations were made and seconded for a Collector of Taxes and Excise Taxes until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Lisa Turner

Votes Cast	27 L. Turner
	<u>1 no</u>
Total Votes Cast	28

There was a discussion brought up before Article 8. There was question as to whether Debra Schrader had resigned as Assessor. There was also question regarding all the information being on her computer in Texas and not available here. There was concern that a central place is needed where Town information can be kept.

Article 8:

Nominations were made and seconded for an Assessor of Taxes until the next Annual Town Meeting

Nominated: Debra Schrader; Bill Stevens

Votes Cast	23 D. Schrader
	2 B. Stevens
	<u>1 no</u>
Total Votes Cast	26

Article 9:

Nominations were made and seconded for an Assessor of Taxes until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Bill Stevens

Votes Cast	20 B. Stevens
	<u>1 crossed out</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 10:

Nominations were made and seconded for an Assessor of Taxes until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Tina Tully

Votes Cast	23 T. Tully
	<u>1 K. Chubbuck</u>
Total Votes Cast	24

A discussion was brought up regarding Articles 11 through 13. The Town's attorney recommended that the Articles be passed over because these should be appointed positions, not elected. There was a question whether a Selectman can be appointed to the Planning Board and if a Selectman can appoint himself.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Articles 11, 12 and 13 because they are appointed positions.

Votes Cast	24 in favor
	1 opposed
	<u>1 abstain</u>
Total Votes Cast	26

Article 14:

Nominations were made and seconded for Road Commissioner until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Bill Stevens

Votes Cast	<u>19 B. Stevens</u>
Total Votes Cast	19

Bill Stevens proposed that he works one more term as Road Commissioner and trains someone to take over. He suggested that a co-commissioner be elected at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 15:

Nominations were made and seconded for Fire Chief until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nominated: Luther Smith; Tucker Runge (declined); Rob DeWitt

Votes Cast	24 R. DeWitt
	1 T. Runge
	<u>0 L. Smith</u>
Total Votes Cast	25

A discussion was brought up regarding the personal use of Town vehicles. It was discussed that they have been used for personal use in the past and, at times, were not left in serviceable condition. There was also discussion regarding proper training of the Fire Chief and liability issues should something go wrong.

A lunch break was taken from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Article 16:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the School Board for a three year term.

Nominated: Karen Teague

Votes Cast	<u>19 K. Teague</u>
Total Votes Cast	19

Article 17:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the School Board for a three year term.

Nominated: Kirstin Barter; Kendra Chubbuck; Christine Hill (declined); Roz Santaspago

Votes Cast	7 K. Barter
	8 K. Chubbuck
	6 R. Santaspago
	<u>1 A. Richardson</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 18:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the School Board to fill the remaining year of a three year term.

Nominated: Patricia Barter (declined); Kirstin Barter; Roz Santaspago

Votes Cast	5 K. Barter
	6 R. Santaspago
	<u>11 A. Richardson</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 19:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the School Board to fill the remaining year of a three year term.

Nominated: Roz Santaspago; Kirstin Barter

Votes Cast	14 R. Santaspago
	<u>9 K. Barter</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 20:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board from the Board of Selectmen for a one year term.

Nominated: Dan MacDonald

Votes Cast	<u>20 D. MacDonald</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

Article 21:

Nominations were made and seconded for a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board for a two year term.

Nominated: Linda Greenlaw Wessel; Bob Gerber

Votes Cast	12 L. Greenlaw Wessel
	9 B. Gerber
	<u>1 blank</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 22:

A motion was made and seconded to maintain and operate the Isle au Haut Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Votes Cast	22 in favor
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 24:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$104,310 for K-12 Regular Instruction.

Votes Cast	21 in favor
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 25:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$71,459 for Special Education.

Votes Cast	20 in favor
	<u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

Article 26:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$200 for Student and Staff Support.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 27:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$12,416 for System Administration.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 28:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$975 for School Administration.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 29:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$29,422 for Transportation and Buses.

Votes Cast	20 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

A discussion was brought up requesting an explanation regarding Article 30. There was a question as to how the figure was obtained and whether this money had already been spent. Sue MacDonald explained that a large portion of this was an estimate of work they received from Ellard Taylor for repair work at the school. Not much has actually been completed at this time. This figure also includes building insurance, utilities and custodial salaries.

Article 30:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$33,233 for Facilities Maintenance.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 31:

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$65,937 for 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. And to raise \$65,937 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, §15690, subsection 1.

Explanation: 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 the amount of money determined by state law be the minimum amount that the town must raise in order to receive the full amount (\$7,845) of state dollars.*

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

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 32:

A motion was made and seconded for the Town to raise and appropriate \$157,078 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee

The School committee recommends \$157,078 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$157,078.

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 that will help achieve the town's budget for educational programs.

The school committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model.

Reasons: The additional local fund request exceeds the EPS funding model because the EPS funding model fails to adequately fund small schools. The school's teacher/student ratio is smaller than the EPS model as are most other costs such as transportation, building maintenance, special education, and system administration. EPS formulas are based on what works in larger schools – not what is realistic for a small, isolated island school.

Votes Cast	24 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	24

Article 33:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee to expend \$252,015 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, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, § 1569, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, high school tuition reserve account local appropriations, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 34:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Roof Reserve Account.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 35:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the categories of estimated funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Anticipated Amount</u>
State Subsidy	\$4,845
Special Education Local Entitlement	\$3,000

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 36:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the school committee to expend grant monies in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

A discussion was brought up regarding Article 37. There was a question as to whether there were unusual expenses for this year, such as legal fees and penalties.

Article 37:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$75,000 for General Government Administration.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 38:

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$2,000 from the Plumbing Permit Account to support the activities of the Planning Board.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 39:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$1,556.50 from Boat Excise Taxes to Town Landing.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 40:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,755.00 for Town landing.

Votes Cast	20 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

Article 41:

There was discussion regarding Article 41 and whether and expenses were incurred. There is \$10,000 in the account with no expenses or income for the past year.

Article 43:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Revere Memorial Hall.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

A discussion was brought up regarding Article 44. There is almost \$14,000 in the account, but a CD is erroneously included in that amount. \$3,810 is the figure that was spent in 2015.

Article 44:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$ 3,810.00 for Revere Memorial Library.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 45:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Isle au Haut Historical Society.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

A discussion was brought up regarding Article 46. It was suggested that there are more cost efficient ways to dispose of solid waste and recycling. Utilizing the mail boat was a suggested possibility.

Article 46:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$26,000 for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

Votes Cast	20 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

Article 47:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$2,000 from surplus to trucks and plows.

Votes Cast	20 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

A discussion was brought up before Article 48 regarding how much actual money was spent this past year. There was also discussion regarding when and how the Town trucks and plows should be maintained.

Article 48:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$11,309 for trucks and plows.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
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Total Votes Cast 22

Article 49:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for truck reserve.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 50:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$12,800 for Snow Removal.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 51:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$8,252.40 from Vehicle Excise Tax to Town Roads and Bridges.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 52:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$21,000 for Town Roads and Bridges.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Article 53:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$1,000 from Interest to Fire Department.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

A discussion was brought up regarding Article 54. The account currently has a negative balance. There is maintenance needed of the building. There is a need to charge fire extinguishers. At last check, the small truck started but the big truck did not.

Article 54:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for Fire Department.

Votes Cast	26 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	26

Article 55:

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

Votes Cast	24 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	24

Article 56:

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

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

Before discussion on Article 57, Bill Stevens read a letter from an Assessor on Swan's Island. They had a complete revaluation done by an outside company. The cost was 17,000 per year spread out over 5 years. There was discussion that using an outside company would be the most fair and impartial way.

Article 57:

A motion was made and seconded to have a Property Tax Revaluation and to raise and appropriate \$17,500.00 for it.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 58:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Municipal Owned Lands.

Votes Cast	20 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	20

Article 59:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for Miscellaneous Buildings.

Votes Cast	21 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	21

A discussion was brought up before Article 60 regarding how much money was spent in the past year. It was close to \$6,000, with a large portion of that spent on training a new EMT. Around \$2,000 was spent on supplies.

Article 60:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,400.00 for Emergency Medical Services.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

A discussion was brought up before Article 61. There is currently no Harbormaster. One is needed to police the channel. We need someone to make sure that the channel is clear for barges. Also, what is a fair wage?

Article 61:

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

Votes Cast	24 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	24

A discussion was brought up before Article 62. It was questioned why the Town owns a rental property and whether the rent should cover the monthly expenses. The Town had a meeting to vote on purchasing the house. The rent would have to be \$1,500 to cover expenses. There are problems with the well and the water is not drinkable. There was question as to whether ICDC would take over the house. The consensus was that this matter should be discussed further at another time.

Article 62:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$9,250 for Bond to Fund Purchasing the Debra Schrader property.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 63:

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$7,363 for Interest on Bond to Fund Purchasing the Debra Schrader property.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Articles 65 through 72:

A motion was made and seconded to combine Articles 65 through 72 and to raise and appropriate the amounts as requested or with last year's amounts.

Votes Cast	19 in favor <u>4 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 73:

A motion was made and seconded to retain any and all unexpended balances.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 74:

A motion was made and seconded 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 Grant
- General Assistance Reimbursement Funds

State Aid to Education
State Grants and other Funds

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 75:

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

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 76:

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken for taxes.

Votes Cast	22 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	22

Article 77:

A motion was made and seconded to bond the Town treasurer, Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, and the Lighthouse Committee Treasurer and to pay all Town Officials job related expenses.

Votes Cast	24 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	24

Article 78:

A motion was made and seconded to set July 1st on which all local taxes shall be paid and no interest to be charged for all taxes unpaid after that date.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

Article 79:

A motion was made and seconded to increase the property tax levy limit of \$256,989 established for Town of Isle au Haut by State law because the municipal budget approved for 2015-2016 articles resulted in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Votes Cast	23 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	23

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

Votes Cast	8 in favor <u>5 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	13

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

Votes Cast	7 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	7

A motion was made to adjourn.

Votes Cast	7 in favor <u>0 opposed</u>
Total Votes Cast	7

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM,

This is a true copy to the best of my ability.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Teague/Clerk

ATTESTED