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Minutes of March 9, 2013 Town Meeting, Newburgh, Maine

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Cynthia Grant (Town Clerk) she read the greetings and then proceeded with article #1.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator by written ballot, to preside at said meeting, and fix compensation therefore.

There was a motion and second to nominate John Logan for $100.00 there were 5 votes cast all for John Logan.
John at that time called to act on articles #2 thru #4 and declared the polls open.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot a Selectman, Tax Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 3. To elect by secret ballot a Selectman, Tax Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 4. To elect a Director of MSAD #22 for a term of three years.

John Logan called the meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
At that time there was a motion and second to take a recess for 20 minutes to allow speakers to have the floor. The vote was in favor of this to happen.
Andrea Cushing spoke and also two representatives from MSAD#22 spoke about Frankfort joining the union, Also a plaque was presented to Liliane Deighen for her many years of service on the school board.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as Road Commissioners, and to fix compensation thereof.

Motion and Second to accept as written with no compensation. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $476.64 received from the State for snowmobile registrations, to the Newburgh Countryside Riders Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails.

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept all revenues provided by Capital Ambulance, to be transferred to Newburgh First Responders for training and education.

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries
ARTICLE  8. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum starting October 1, 2013.

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE  9. To see if the town will allow the Overlay Funds to be used for abatements and emergencies.

Board of Selectmen Recommends  Yes
Budget Committee Recommends  Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE  10. To see if the Town will vote to give a 2% discount (to be paid from Overlay Funds) on 2013 taxes paid in full within 30 days of date of mailing of tax bills.

Board of Selectmen Recommends  Yes
Budget Committee Recommends  No

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Failed

ARTICLE  11. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any and all donations, grants, revenues, reimbursements, State or Federal FEMA monies and any or all other federal, state, private, or international grants or reimbursements as provided by the Maine State Legislature, State of Maine divisions, departments or bureaus, and/or federal, local or private sources.

Board of Selectmen Recommends  Yes
Budget Committee Recommends  Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE  12. To see if the Town will transfer 50% from the Persistence Service Charges to the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department to be used for major equipment purchases (estimated at $2,500).

Board of Selectmen Recommends  Yes
Budget Committee Recommends  Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE  13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and/or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through non payment of taxes thereon, subject to advertising of same for three consecutive days in a local paper, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute a quit-claim deed for such property, except the Board of Selectmen may allow the immediate previous owner, or heirs one generation, up to 90 days to redeem such property by payment of all unpaid taxes on said property plus interest, lien costs and recording fees.

Board of Selectmen Recommends  Yes
Budget Committee Recommends  Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries
ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category during the period from January 1, 2014 until the Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to accept any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass through funds that may be provided by individual(s), businesses associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any previous or following articles, if the board of selectmen determine that the gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the town.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 16. To nominate and elect two (2) planning board members for terms of three years each.

Motion and Second to Nominate Adrian Smith. Motion Carries

There was a motion and second to revisit article # 16 Motion Carries

At that time there was A Motion and Second to nominate Marie Caldwell. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 17. To nominate and elect three (3) alternate members to the planning board for terms of one year each.

Motion and Second to nominate Dennis Bradley, Chris Fox, James Hopkins Jr. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote the following resolution or take action with respect thereto. That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time in anticipation of taxes for the taxable year commencing April 1, 2013 a total sum not to exceed $250,000 and for such purpose to issue and sell the promissory note or notes of the Town, said notes to be in such form, to bear interest at such rate and to be payable at such date out of the year in which they are issued as the Selectmen or a majority thereof may approve, and to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the year. The proceeds of such notes are to be used for and are hereby dedicated to purposes for which the Town may legally raise money or incur debt.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town of Newburgh will vote to exceed the maximum (LD1) property tax limit established by State Law.

Voted on by written ballot.

(note: current property tax levy limit is $37,510.68 established by State Law)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Yes
Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries
Motion and Second to allow the Town Manager to speak. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $162,612
Budget Committee Recommends $162,612

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $8,144
Budget Committee Recommends $8,144

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Municipal Building.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $35,436*
Budget Committee Recommends $36,497

Motion and Second to accept as written with the board amount of $35,436. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $1,500
Budget Committee Recommends $1,500

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Elections.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $1,600
Budget Committee Recommends $1,600

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

Motion and Second to allow the Town Clerk (Cynthia Grant) to speak. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor/Planning/CEO.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $14,798
Budget Committee Recommends $13,898 *

Motion and Second to accept as written with the Committee amount. Motion Carries
ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Safety/Fire Department Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $33,450
Budget Committee Recommends $33,450

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Safety/Fire Department Compensation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $6,459
Budget Committee Recommends $6,459

Fire Chief = $4306.00  Assistant Fire Chief = $2,153

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the First Responders Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $4,450
Budget Committee Recommends $4,450

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for First Responders Compensation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $3,768
Budget Committee Recommends $3,768

Assistant Rescue Chief = $1,077  First Responders Call Pay = $2,691

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion and second to amend the amount to $6077 Amendment Carries Motion Carries with amended amount.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Call Firemen Compensation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $2,692
Budget Committee Recommends $2,692

Motion and Second to accept as written with an amended amount of 10,000. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the former Town Office Building for the Fire Dept./Public Safety.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $1,450
Budget Committee Recommends $1,450

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

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ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $6,976
Budget Committee Recommends $6,976

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

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ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works for compensation and vehicle expenses.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $19,000*
Budget Committee Recommends $22,377*

Motion and Second to accept as written with the board amount. Then there was a motion and second to amend it to the committee amount of $22,377. Motion Carries for the amendment. Motion Carries for the full article with the amended amount.

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ARTICLE 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Roads.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $220,000*
Budget Committee Recommends $220,000*

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion and second to amend it to 250,000 Motion fails Motion Carries for the article with the recommended amount.

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ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $120,000*
Budget Committee Recommends $107,840

Motion and Second to accept as written with the Board amount. Motion Carries

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ARTICLE 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Waste Management/Solid Waste/Recycling.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $119,700
Budget Committee Recommends $114,200

Motion and Second to accept as written with an amount of 117,000. Motion Carries

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ARTICLE 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation/Culture Parks/Recreation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $4,547
Budget Committee Recommends $4,547

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

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ARTICLE 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Digitizing Tax Map Reserve Fund.
Board of Selectmen Recommends $1,800*
Budget Committee Recommends $ 0

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends $860
Budget Committee Recommends $860

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemeteries/Bldg/ Grounds.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $17,475
Budget Committee Recommends $17,475

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for
   a. Eastern Agency on Aging Requested: $ 500
   b. Red Cross Requested: $ 500
   c. Penquis CAP Requested: $3,729
   d. Spruce Run Requested: $ 200
   e. United Cerebral Palsy Requested: $1,000
   f. Community Health & Counseling Requested $ 457

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries for all amounts

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $4,000
Budget Committee Recommends $3,000*

Motion and Second to accept as written with Budget Committee amount. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of the Salt Shed.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $1,400
Budget Committee Recommends $1,400

Motion and Second to accept as written with the recommended amount. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the completion of the addition to Western Avenue Fire Station.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $7,500
Budget Committee Recommends $6,800*

Motion and Second to accept as written with the Budget Committee recommended amount. Motion Carries
ARTICLE 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Building Maintenance.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $10,000
Budget Committee Recommends $7,500

Motion and Second to accept as written with the Budget Committee recommended amount. There was a motion and second to amend the amount to 10,000 Motion Failed. Motion Carries on the original motion.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to add to the Towns Property Revaluation Reserve Fund.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $10,000
Budget Committee Recommends $10,000

Motion and Second to accept as written with the recommended amount.
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 47. To see if the town will vote to transfer the following from Knowlton Trust Fund to reduce the SAD #22 assessment to be raised from taxation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $7,060
Budget Committee Recommends $7,060

Motion and Second to accept as written with the recommended amount.
Motion Carries

ARTICLE 48. To see if the town will vote to transfer the following from Bickford School Trust Fund to reduce the amount to be raised for schools from taxation (estimated at $6006.80).

Board of Selectman Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 49. To see if the town will vote to transfer the following from the Bickford Road Trust fund account to reduce the amount to be raised for roads from taxation (estimated at $6,006.80).

Board of Selectmen Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES

Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 50. To see if the town will vote to transfer the following from the Building Reserve Fund to reduce the amount to be raised from taxation.

Board of Selectmen Recommends $40,000
Budget Committee Recommends $40,000
Motion and Second to accept as written with the recommended amount. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 51. To see if the town will vote to transfer the following from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) to reduce the amount to be raised from taxation.

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Motion and Second to accept as written with the Board recommended amount.

Motion and second to amend it to 100,000 motion failed

Motion and second to amend it to 60,000 Motion Carries

Article passed with an amount of 60,000

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Penobscot County Tax.

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Motion and Second to accept as written with a recommended amount of 121,411.65

Motion Carries

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum sufficient to meet the assessment for Education-MSAD #22.

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Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Tax Ordinance. (Copies available at the Town Office)

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Motion and Second to accept as written. Motion Carries

True Attest Copy: ________________________________________
Cynthia Grant, Town Clerk of Newburgh