

Results of Annual Town Meeting

July 26, 2023

Rose M. Gaffney Gymnasium

Town Clerk, Sandra N. Clifton, called the meeting to order on July 26, 2023 at the Rose M. Gaffney Gymnasium at 7:00 P.M. All those present rose for the Flag Salute. The Greeting and Officer's Return of Warrant were read.

ARTICLE 1: Nominations were accepted for the moderator and Sarah Dedmon received 3 votes and was sworn in.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 5: After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 6: Richard Larson complimented Public Works. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 7: After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 9: John Morse and Ross Pedersen spoke about the airplanes having a direct flight path over their house. A motion was made, seconded and Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 10: A resident asked how much money was left and were there any projects planned for the future. Finance Director, Meghan Dennison answered that there is very little left in the account. Town Manager, William Kitchen stated that a future project for the airport would be to put in a taxi lane. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 12: James Lenke asked if the Town has ever looked into solar lighting. Town Manager, William Kitchen answered that the Town had not looked into solar lighting at this point in time. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

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ARTICLE 21: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 24: A comment was made regarding putting the end date of the loan in the warrant in future years. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 25: A resident asked how much was left in the Contingency Account and what was it used for? Finance Director, Meghan Dennison answered that there was a few hundred dollars left. Town Manager, William Kitchen responded for example, that the fireworks cost more than anticipated, so money from the Contingency Account had to be used for that.

ARTICLE 26: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 27: Town Manager, William Kitchen explained that this money is set aside until we have enough for a project, such as sidewalk cutouts in the Downtown area. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 29: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 30: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 31: Richard Larson spoke about the Transfer Station the deficit at the Transfer Station. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 32: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 33: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

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ARTICLE 47: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 48: A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

ARTICLE 49: A resident asked if the townspeople really had a choice or if the Machias Police Department was already a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement Systems. Finance Director, Meghan Dennison replied that it was contingent upon the vote of the residents. The town has a match of 11.6% match. A motion was made, seconded and the Town voted to accept the Article as written.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:24 P.M.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY

Jandra N. Clifton
TOWN CLERK, MACHIAS, MAINE
DATE 8/2/2023