

## Town Meeting

3-9-2024

9:00 am - 2:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thibideau. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Laura Greeley made a presentation on the part of the Select board. The Spirit of America Award was announced. Myrick Cross was given the award posthumously.

Tyler Hydiniak made a presentation to Steve Bennett to thank him for his service on behalf of the town.

Senator Curry spoke regarding updates of happenings at the State Capital. He spoke regarding a bill that has been submitted regarding power lines and eminent domain.

Representative Scott Sirway spoke, introducing himself. He is working on a feasibility study to run the power lines underground. He is working collaboratively with Senator Curry. He also spoke about the ambulance service. They are working for insurance to reimburse for ambulance service.

Paul Flynn spoke as he is running for office. He is currently a select board member in the town of Albion.

Elise Brown, running for county commissioner. She would serve district 3 and is from Liberty. She reviewed the role of the Waldo County Commissioner.

Xxx reviewed the process of a town meeting.

Jim Waterman requested covering article 24 -28 out of order.

Article 24 was approved. passed  
Article 25: was approved. passed  
Article 26: was approved. passed  
Article 27: was approved. passed  
Article 28: was approved. passed

Article 3: was approved as read. LD1 Steve Bennett reviewed what LD1 is and how it affects taxes.

Article 4: was approved. Passed.

Article 5: was approved. Passed

Article 6: was approved. There was a question regarding when the bills are sent and when the interest will start to accrue. Cindy Abbot clarified that the commitment is done in June and as soon as that is signed the bills go out. So, you should have from June until Sept to pay without interest. Passed

Article 7: was approved. Tyler Hadyniak asked about the "sum of money" but not how much that would be. He asked if there was a specified amount of money. Steve Bennett stated that

they would not know what the amount would be until they know what the overlay is. Rene Oulett offered a change of language for this to clarify. It was passed as amended.

Article 8: was approved. Passed

Article 9: was approved. A citizen asked if the town would receive any money for this. Phil Bloomstein clarified what the shed would look like and what it would contain. He spoke about how the broadband is being financed. Passed

Article 10: was approved. Question was asked about the book keeper. Ryan Willette clarified the book keeper's role. He stated that she was needed for this upcoming year to straighten out our bookkeeping. Laura Greeley clarified that the treasurer is an appointed position. Ron Price expressed concern about the treasurer being able to do the job in 6-10 hours per week. He expressed that there has to be a person experienced to do this job. He feels that the compensation is not equal to the job expectations. Jim Waterman questioned 50 versus 1600 needed. Laura Greeley clarified why the town clerk and treasurers have been changed. Questions were raised about lines 5-9. Laura Greeley clarified. Steve Bennett further clarified the personnel changes. Wilson Hess discussed elected versus appointed positions. It was suggested that an evaluative process be used at the town level for all staff and positions. It was asked how the salaries were determined. Laura Greeley clarified that there was an hourly number associated with the salary and that that was maintained. Cindy Abbot spoke about the changes to treasurer and clerk. Amendment passes.

Article 11: was approved. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of ambulance services. Ryan Willette clarified. Concern was raised about Unity Ambulance and their response times. Passed

Article 12: was approved. Passed

Article 13: was approved and passed

Article 14: was approved and passed

Article 15: was approved and passed

Article 16: Tyler Hadyniak asked for clarification, Ryan Willette clarified, approved and passed.

Article 17: was approved and passed

Article 18: was approved and passed.

Article 19: was approved and passed.

Article 20: was approved, an amendment was proposed. Discussion ensued. Laura Greeley clarified how the amounts were obtained. She stated that our donations were greater than towns surrounding us. Passed

Article 21: was approved, passed

Article 22: was approved, passed

Article 23: was approved, passed

Article 29: was approved, passed

Article 30: was approved, passed

Article 31: was approved, discussion ensued, passed

Article 32: was approved, discussion ensued, an amendment was proposed,

Article 33: was approved and passed.

Article 34: was approved and passed.

Article 35: was approved and passed.

Article 36: was approved and passed.

Article 37: was approved, a question was asked about and it was clarified that it is the money collected in 24, passed.

Article 38: was approved, passed.

Article 39: was approved, Laura Greeley clarified why this was being put in place, passed.

Article 40: was approved, Ryan Willette explained the purpose of this, Steve Bennett clarified, passed.

Article 41: Steve Bennett made a motion to adjourn and all approved.

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