



**TOWN OF ISLAND FALLS
68 HOULTON ROAD, ISLAND FALLS, ME 04747**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: JULY 16, 2020

TO: Lewis Conrad, a resident of the Town of Island Falls, in the County of Aroostook, and State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Island Falls, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Island Falls Municipal Building on Thursday, the 16th day of July, 2020 A.D., at 6:00 pm to act upon Articles 1-35 as set out below, to wit:

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Town Office on said 16th of July for the purpose of correcting the list of voters and hearing applications for the right to vote.

NOTE: The following articles are based upon careful analysis by the Selectmen, Budget Committee, and Town Manager.

ARTICLE 1

To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

MOTION TO ELECT KEITH MACKENZIE

ELECTED MODERATOR: KEITH MACKENZIE

Allow non-residents to speak all in favor.

Announcement of Results from Election in March: Two positions of Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for a three year term to end on March 31, 2023.

FRANK PORTER - 27 votes

ANTHONY BOWERS - 23 votes

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint/confirm all other Town Officers, including Road Commissioners, Registrar of Voters, Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, Fire Chief, Ambulance Director, and any other required Boards, Committee, and/or other officers.

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$183,174 for Administration, Planning Board, Contractual Services and Assessing Building Values, and Appointments for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$195,174 (CARRY \$4,110) expended: \$162,900

Selectmen Recommend: \$183,174

Budget Committee Recommends: \$183,174

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,805 for Town Office Operation, Town Hall, and Town Hall maintenance for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$55,855 expended: \$45,251

Selectmen Recommend: \$53,805

Budget Committee Recommends: \$53,805

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,700 for insurance for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$50,890 expended: \$33,691

Selectmen Recommend: \$43,700

Budget Committee Recommends: \$43,700

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for legal services for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$10,000 (Carry \$9,952) expended: \$48

Selectmen Recommend: \$15,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$56,310 for the Fire Department for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$51,255 expended: \$47,398

Selectmen Recommend: \$56,310

Budget Committee Recommends: \$56,310

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$148,100 for the Ambulance Service for 2020.

Ambulance Revenue:

2017: \$44,490.93; 2018: \$61,238.97 2019: \$43,759.42

2019 appropriated: \$142,950 expended: \$117,810

Selectmen Recommend: \$148,100

Budget Committee Recommends: \$148,100

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for Street Lights, Street Flags, Memorial Cemetery Flags, and Holiday Street Lights for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$17,500 expended: \$14,708

Selectmen Recommend: \$6,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,500

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for Hydrant Rental for fire protection for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$60,000

expended: \$58,881

Selectmen Recommend: \$60,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$60,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$261,595 for Public works, to include all road maintenance of Town Streets, building and grounds maintenance, parks, and cemetery maintenance for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$289,475 (CA \$40,700)

expended: \$238,402

Selectmen Recommend: \$261,595

Budget Committee Recommends: \$261,595

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,125 for Health and Sanitation, including assessment for NKVSWD for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$24,000

expended: \$20,097

Selectmen Recommend: \$21,125

Budget Committee Recommends: \$21,125

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for General Assistance for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$2,500

expended: \$1,968

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,809 for the Recreation Department for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$16,572

expended: \$15,243

Selectmen Recommend: \$12,120

Budget Committee Recommends: \$12,120

M to raise \$12,120/S/V YES 20 No 1

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will authorize payment on debt service for 2020. Lease to own equipment payment for \$9,032 (town truck) and LED Streetlights loan of \$7,634 – total debt service of \$16,666.

2019 appropriated \$9,035

expended: \$9,031

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,666

Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,666

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Tax Abatements granted for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$5,000

expended: \$8,476

Selectmen Recommend: \$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for unclassified donations for 2020 for 501(c) (3) Island Falls Historical Society.

2019 appropriated: \$2,500

expended: \$2,500

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 for the Katahdin Public Library for 2020.

2019 appropriated: \$11,000 expended: \$11,000

Selectmen Recommend: \$11,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$11,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000 for Capital Outlay for 2020:

| Fund: | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Fire Station Bldg. Reserve | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 |
| Fire Truck Reserve | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Ambulance Reserve | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Demolition Reserve | \$ 2,000 | \$11,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Bldg. Capital Reserves | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$20,000 |
| Roads Improvement Res. | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Tax Equalization | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 |
| 150 th Celebration 2022 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Fire Suppression Reserve | | | \$20,000 |

2019 appropriated: \$76,000 Reserved: \$76,000

Selectmen Recommend: \$95,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$75,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to turn over the amount of money received from the State Registration of Snowmobiles this fiscal year, to the Big Valley Snow Club for the purpose of building trails and bridges, and maintaining and grooming snowmobile trails within the Town, to be open to the public at all times, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may deem advisable for that purpose.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Island Falls by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the tax levy limit.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town:

1. To dispose of tax acquired property, in any manner in which the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property as real estate, unless sold to the original owner(s)
2. To keep any tax acquired property or portion thereof for the use of the Town when they deem it to be in the Town's best interests; and
3. To continue to lease Town owned property (camp lots) as they deem it to be in the Town's best interest and on such terms as they deem advisable in consultation with the lessees. For sales of property, notice will be posted at least 10 days in advance in two or more conspicuous places, with the sale price being not less than the town records show against said real estate, except when it is in the best interest of the Town to sell the property for less than the amount owed, due to the state of disrepair or dangerousness of the building(s).
4. And to grant general authority to the treasurer to waive foreclosures.
5. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 38 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm action taken by the Selectmen on unexpended balances and overdrafts to Surplus as shown.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to seek and accept grants for the benefit of the Town and to expend such funds for the purpose issued.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Program and Community Block Grant Application, to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the Selectmen to accept said funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to expend such funds to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Septic System Grant Application, and if said program is approved, to authorize the Selectmen to accept said funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and to exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to expend such funds to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506. Interest will not be paid on prepayments.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$25,000 from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that may occur during the fiscal year 2020.

2019 appropriate: \$25,000 Expended: \$0.00

Selectmen Recommend: \$25,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 2021 to the annual Town Meeting in March 2021.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid 2020 taxes at 8.00% to begin November 1, 2020 as per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4.

All payments received will be applied to oldest debt first.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2020 taxable year in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loan or loans to be paid during said taxable year.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to accept State Funds received for the ensuing year for municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education (to reduce the school assessment), Snowmobile Registration Money, Tree Growth Reimbursement, Veteran Exemption Reimbursement, BETE Reimbursement, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement, and State/Federal Grants or other Funds and approve expenditures for their designated purposes. (Explanation: if these funds are not appropriated it lapses into surplus and is unavailable for expenditure without further action by the voters.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 33

To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Eastern Maine Development Commission to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Island Falls and vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000 for the contracted services.

Selectmen Recommend: \$20,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for an LED informational sign in front of the Municipal building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$30,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,000

M/S/V YES

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will adopt ATV Ordinance.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Ordinance Committee Recommends: YES

M/S/V YES

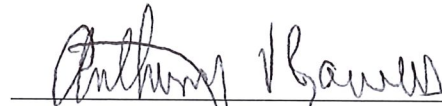
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M/S/V YES

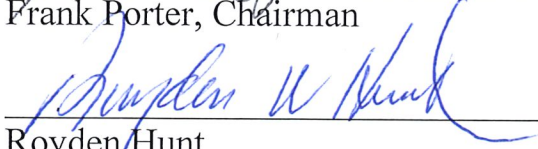
Given under our hands at said Town of Island Falls, Maine, this 22nd Day of July, 2020



Frank Porter, Chairman



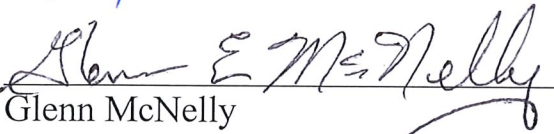
Anthony Bowers, Vice Chairman



Royden Hunt



Anthony Binotto



Glenn McNelly

Certified by Town Clerk, Kelly Ripley

