

2018 CHAPMAN TOWN MEETING MINUTES

At 7:00 pm Town Clerk Susan Bragdon greeted the audience, opened the meeting and read the following statement:

GREETINGS:

As directed, I Sue Bragdon, Clerk of the Town of Chapman, in the county of Aroostook and the State of Maine, have had Betty Ireland warn and notify the residents of the Town of Chapman who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Clubhouse in Chapman on Monday, the 26th of March 2018 at 7:00 pm in the afternoon and then and there to act on Articles 1 through 31, set out below:

Art. 1 To elect, *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Susan Bragdon asked for a nomination for Moderator. Patricia Sutherland made a motion for Michael Ireland with Susan Maynard seconding the motion. Bragdon asked for three (3) people to come forward to write their choice for moderator on a ballot. Three (3) people came forward and all voted for Michael Ireland. Bragdon declared "Michael has been duly elected to serve as Moderator for this meeting and asked Michael would you please sign your oath. I now turn the meeting over to Michael Ireland."

Michael Ireland read the following articles and asked for action from the audience of 29

Art. 2 To elect, *by majority on written ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A Section 2525: One (1) Select Board Member/Assessor for a term of three (3) years and one (1) Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years.

Patricia Sutherland made a motion with Terrence Hanlon seconding the motion to vote on written ballot for the Select Board Member/Assessor for a term of three (3) years and the Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years. Registered voters were directed to the back of the room to vote by written ballot.

Milford Maynard received 9 votes for Select Board Member/Assessor for a term of three (3) years. Terrance Hanlon received 9 votes for Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years.

Art. 3 Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Chapman, Maine; Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance" be enacted? Note: An attested true copy of the full text of this ordinance is available from the office of the town clerk, online at www.mapleton.me, and will be available at the Town Meeting.

Isaac Nelson explained to the audience the details of the ordinance and why it should be enacted. Nelson made a motion to accept the ordinance as written with Larry James seconding the motion. Registered voters were directed to the back of the room to vote by written ballot. There were twenty one (21) YES votes and six (6) NO votes for the Ordinance entitled "Town of Chapman, Maine; Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance".

Art. 4 To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all other necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 4 as written with Larry James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 5 To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept article 5 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 8% effective November 1, 2018

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 6 as written with Larry James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 3%

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 7 as written with Milford Maynard seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on 2018 taxes paid before a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: 1% for 20 days from date of bill (each additional percent adds \$2,200 to the General Government appropriation in Article 8)

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 8 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 9 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$13,806 at 1% on Article 7, \$16,006 at 2%, \$18,206 at 3%

Terrence Hanlon made a motion to accept Article 9 as written with Patricia Sutherland seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 10 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$17,779

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 10 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 11 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$900

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 11 as written with Milford Maynard seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 12 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$6,618

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 12 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 13 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$9,069

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 13 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 14 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$1,500

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 14 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 15 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$62,000

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 15 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 16,500
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 18,700
All Other Revenue	<u>\$191,391</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$226,591

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 16 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,479 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2018, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Select Board, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised as follows:

	2018 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 60,148
Highway	\$111,949
Fire	\$ 22,157
Recreation	\$ 9,493
Property Services	\$ 7,042
Public Safety	\$ 1,227
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 24,463</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$236,479

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Susan Maynard made a motion to accept Article 17 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Jane James made a recommendation to have a sign in sheet to keep track of the children’s residency. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$174,350 established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

If the preceding articles are not changed, then vote to take no action on this article. Otherwise, SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 18 as written with David Gardiner seconding to motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 19 as written with Terrence Hanlon seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues from recreation fees to reduce recreation expenses and to place any remaining fundraising revenues into the recreation reserve account, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 20 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 21 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2018 budget from January 2019 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 22 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 23 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations and the Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 24 as written with Andrew Sutherland seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper reserve funds are available.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 25 as written with Jonathan Roark seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 26 as written with Jonathan Roark seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property. **SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval**

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 27 as written with Jonathan Roark seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 28 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 29 as written with David Gardiner seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 30 as written with Jane James seconding the motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Art. 31 To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: Approval

Patricia Sutherland made a motion to accept Article 31 as written with David Gardiner seconding to motion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Moderator Michael Ireland adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Bragdon
Town Clerk*