

2020 MAPLETON TOWN MEETING MINUTES

At 3:00 pm Susan Skidgell opened the Meeting by reading the following statement:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mapleton, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 16th day of March, A.D. 2020, at three o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 3 by ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening;

True attested copies of the warrant were posted at the Mapleton – Castle Hill – Chapman town office, Mapleton One Stop and the Post office. All being public and conspicuous places for the Town of Mapleton.

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

At 3:00 pm Bonnie Steeves nominated Penny Kennedy as Moderator with Nadiene Brewer seconding the motion. No further nominations were made. Skidgell asked for at least three written ballots to be cast. 3 ballots were cast. After the voting ceased, the ballots were counted. All the ballots were for Penny Kennedy. Kennedy opened the polls and read Article 2 and 3.

Art. 2 To elect *by majority on secret ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: One (1) Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years; and One (1) Sewer District Trustee for a term of three (3) years.

Art. 3 To vote *by majority on secret ballot*, “Shall the Town of Mapleton authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?”.(MRSA Title 28-A§123.2)

At 7:00 pm Kennedy swore in Wesley Lavigne as Deputy Moderator. Lavigne read the following articles and asked for action from the audience of 14 residents.

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen’s Recommendation on Article 4 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands.

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Motion to accept the Selectmen’s Recommendation on Article 5 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 9% effective November 1, 2020

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 6 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 5%

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 7 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2020 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 8 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$36,142

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 9 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$6,500

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 10 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$35,304

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 11 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Mapleton Sewer District.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 12 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$27,120

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 13 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$11,500

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 14 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$142,239

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 15 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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	\$ 71,175
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 37,000
Surplus Use	\$ 65,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$557,245</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$730,420

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 16 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$787,636 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2020 PROPOSED
General Government	\$296,415
Highway	\$250,071
Fire	\$ 91,350
Recreation	\$ 44,680
Property Services	\$ 24,289
Public Safety	\$ 4,592
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 76,239</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$787,636

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 17 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$474,377 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, SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept t to take no action on Article 18 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 19 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 20 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 21 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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 2020 budget from January 2021 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 22 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 23 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands

Art. 24To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations - 50% to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club - provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 24 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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 funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 25 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 26 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 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: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 27 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 28 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 29 as written: Robert Bagley

Second: David Maxcy

No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 30 as written: Robert Bagley
Second: David Maxcy
No discussion. Motion passed by a 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 31 as written: Robert Bagley

Lavigne announced the results of the election and are as follows:

Selectmen (3-year term) David Dunlavey 51 votes, Kim Archer 40 votes

Assessor (3-year term) David Maxcy won by 7 write ins

Sewer District Trustee (3- year term) Amos Dean 50 votes and Jeffrey Cray 38 votes

Article 3 passed 76 yes to 19 no

No further business was discussed. A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Bagley and seconded by David Maxcy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan R. Skidgell
Deputy Clerk*