

Town of Great Pond
 County of Hancock
 State of Maine
 2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes
 September 11, 2017

Voters Present:

John Wingert
 Reggie Archer
 Joni Archer
 Jim Dence
 Jan Dence
 Tom Stott
 Heather Stott
 Janice Moore
 Beth Flanders
 Brenda Honey
 Lorraine Honey
 David Honey Jr.
 Jacqueline Wingert
 Scott Flanders
 Sue Swaim
 John Swaim
 David Honey Sr.
 Lisa Butler

Guests Present:

Crystal Shorey AVFD
 Bret Achorn AVFD
 Raymond Williams EPL

- 1 To choose by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
 John Wingert nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
 Elected by one (1) written ballot.

- 2 To choose a Town Clerk
 by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Joan Archer)
 Joan Archer nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
 Elected by one (1) written ballot.

- 3 To see if the town will vote to accept the Town Report as printed.
 Discussion of errors in the report: On page 19, the Great Pond Road Maintenance
 account states \$6291.71 expended. This amount was actually expended from Local
 Roads Assistance, the next account below.
 On page 20, the Town Animal Welfare Account amount of \$167.00 does not agree
 with the Auditors report on page 29. This is an error and starting this current fiscal
 year, this account will be discontinued and dog registration funds will be put into the
 general fund as income.
 Motion made and seconded to move this article to the end of the meeting.
 6 in favor, none opposed.

- 4 To fix compensation for Municipal Officers:
 Compensation to be raised or appropriated in Article 18: Administration

Selectmen per year	\$ 1,000.00
Town Clerk per year	\$ 1,000.00
Registrar of Voters per year	\$ 100.00
Treasurer per year	\$ 1,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk or Treasurer per hour	\$ 10.00
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector per year	\$ 1,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector per hour	\$ 10.00
School Board Member per meeting	\$ 10.00
Airline CSD Board of Trustees per meeting	\$ 10.00

Road Commissioner per hour	\$	10.00
Cemetery Sexton per hour	\$	16.50
Election Clerks per hour	\$	10.00
Planning Board Members per meeting	\$	10.00
Board of Appeals Members per meeting	\$	10.00
Animal Control Officer per hour	\$	10.00
Cleaning Town Hall per hour	\$	15.00

Motion to approve compensation for Municipal Officers made and seconded.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

- 5 To fix compensation for Municipal Tax Collector at 4% of taxes collected.
Motion made and seconded to pass this article.
Vote: 10 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 6 To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Scott Flanders)
Scott Flanders nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 7 To choose a School Committee Member
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Jacqueline Wingert)
Jacqueline Wingert nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 8 To choose a School Trustee Member
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Marion Hutchinson)
School Board members were nominated and discussion of conflict of interest
was discussed. Those nominations were withdrawn.
Heather Stott nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 9 To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Scott Flanders)
Scott Flanders nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 10 To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Beth Flanders)
Brenda Honey nominated and seconded. Lisa Butler nominated and seconded.
Ballots distributed and a vote taken: Brenda Honey 8 Lisa Butler 7
Brenda Honey elected to the Great Pond Planning Board.
- 11 To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Marion Hutchinson)
Reggie Archer nominated and seconded. Lisa Butler nominated and seconded.
Ballots distributed and a vote taken: Reggie Archer 9 Lisa Butler 7
Reggie Archer elected to the Great Pond Planning Board.
- 12 To choose an Animal Control Officer
by written ballot for the term of 1 (one) year. (Scott Flanders)
Scott Flanders nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 13 To choose a Road Commissioner
by written ballot for a term of 1 (one) year. (Jerry Whitney)
Jerry Whitney nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Elected by one (1) written ballot.
- 14 To see if the Town will vote to fix interest an interest rate for 2017 delinquent property taxes

Recommend: 7.00%

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as read. Vote: 8 in favor 1 opposed.

- 15 To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.
Recommend: 5%
Motion made and seconded to set the interest rate at 7% Vote: 7 in favor none opposed
- 16 To fix the dates when taxes will be due and payable.
Recommend: two payments 1/2 due 30 days from the Tax Commitment date and 1/2 due April 1st 2018 with interest (if any) to begin on April 2.
Motion to approve Property Tax due dates made and seconded.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 17 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed.
Motion made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 18 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Administration Account. This account covers office expenses and compensation for municipal officials.
Recommend: Carry: \$1200.00 Raise: \$ 28,800.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$1200.00 and raise \$28,800.00 by Taxation.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 19 To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for updating the town maps.
(Tabled last year.) Motion made and seconded to table. No objections.
- 20 To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the heating cost of the municipal town hall.
Recommend: Carry: \$300.00 Raise: \$ 1700.00
Discussion of purchasing fuel from Hometown Fuel at a low pre-buy price.
Motion made and seconded to carry \$300.00 and appropriate \$1700.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 21 To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Town Hall Repairs.
Recommend: Carry \$3000.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$2000.00. Discussion of work needed.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 22 To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Planning Board.
Recommend: Carry: \$750.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$750.00. Discussion.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 23 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for legal services.
Recommend: Carry \$500.00 Raise: \$ 3000.00
Motion made and seconded after discussion and explanation to carry \$500 and appropriate \$3000.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 24 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for General Assistance.
Recommend: Carry: \$ 500.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$500.00.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

- 25 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department.
Representatives from the fire department made a presentation regarding their increased budget needs and answered questions from the townspeople.
Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$13500.00 from surplus.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 26 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Union River Solid Waste Management.
Recommend: Carry \$400.00 Raise \$5600.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$400 and raise \$5600.00 from taxation.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 27 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Great Pond Road Maintenance.
Recommend: Raise: \$ 2000.00 { Correction: Recommend Carry \$2000.00}
Motion made and seconded to raise \$2000.00 by taxation. After discussion and change made to the article due to a misprint, this motion was withdrawn.
Motion made and seconded to carry \$2000.00.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 28 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Local Road Assistance (Road Construction.)
Recommend: Carry: \$69412.00 Raise: \$
Discussion regarding bond and sources for funding. \$50,000.00 of this account will be appropriated towards the road reconstruction project.
Motion made and seconded to carry \$69412.00.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 29 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for snow removal.
Recommend: Carry: \$750.00 Raise: \$14,250.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$750 and raise \$14,250.00 by taxation.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 30 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance.
Recommend: Carry: \$350.00 Raise: \$900.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$350 and appropriate \$900.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 31 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for E-911 services.
Recommend: Raise: \$ 600.00
Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$600.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 32 To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Hancock County Municipal Taxes assessed: \$ 12,146.91
Recommend: Must be passed.
Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$12,146.91.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- 33 To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Airline Community School District #8 assessment \$ 136,365.67 assessed to be reduced by \$ 30.11 interest income from Public Lot Trusts for a total of: \$ 136,335.56.
This assessment has already been passed at the Airline CDS#8 school budget meeting held on June 2, 2017.
Recommend: Must be passed.

Discussion of cost per pupil and the formula used to determine each town's share.
Motion made and seconded to raise \$136,335.56 by taxation.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

34 Debt Reduction Bond: \$15,000.00

Discussion regarding this bond and the road construction details.
Motion made and seconded to change the amount to contribute to this account from Surplus to \$37,000.00. All in favor.
Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$52,000.00 from Surplus.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

35 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Ellsworth Public Library.

(2016 \$00.00) Requested: \$ 36.00
Representative Raymond Williams from the Ellsworth Public Library spoke.
The letter from the library had requested \$162.00. Discussion of per patron requested amount. Motion made to raise the same amount as last year: \$0.
Motion made and seconded to raise \$36.00 from taxation.
Vote: 4 in favor, 8 opposed. The motion does not carry.
Motion made and seconded to raise \$175.00 from taxation.
Vote: 10 in favor, 2 opposed, the motion carries.

36 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Airline Community Library.

(2016 \$00.00) Requested: \$ 100.00
Motion made and seconded to raise the same amount as last year: \$0. Discussion.
Vote: 3 in favor, 6 opposed, the motion does not carry.
Motion made and seconded to raise \$100.00 by taxation.
Vote: 7 in favor, 2 opposed, the motion carries.

37 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Washington Hancock Community Agency.

(2016 \$00.00) Requested: \$ 135.00
Motion made and seconded to raise \$135.00 by taxation.
Vote: 7 in favor, 3 opposed, the motion carries.

38 To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Eastern Agency on Aging.

(2016 \$00.00) Requested: \$ 50.00
Motion made and seconded to raise \$50.00 by taxation.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

39 Authorize the selectmen to spend at the existing prior year's budget rates between the end of the fiscal year until the annual Town Meeting and to continue all budgeted and customary expenses at the rate established at the annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by selectmen.
Motion made and seconded to approve article 39 as written.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

40 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953.

Motion made and seconded to approve article 40 as written.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

41 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of 200.00 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Motion made and seconded to approve article 41 as written.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

42 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2018.
Recommend: \$5,000.00
Motion made and seconded to approve article 42 as written.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

43 Shall the Town of Great Pond vote to authorize the selectmen to accept and expend state funds, Local Roads Assistance, State Aid to Education, (including federal pass-through funds and property tax relief), Civil Emergency Funds, (Emergency Management Assistance), Snow-Mobile Reimbursement, Veteran's Exemptions Reimbursement, Homestead Reimbursement, State Grants or other (unknown) funds, gifts and/or donations?
Motion made and seconded to approve article 43 as written.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

44 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of property taxes thereon by bid.
Motion made and seconded to approve article 44 as written.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

45 To establish by ordinance a requirement that any work to be performed for the Town whose estimated cost will meet or exceed \$20,000.00 be put out for competitive bid by the Selectboard.
Motion made and seconded to change the amount in the article to \$10,000.00 and approve the amended article.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Article 3, postponed from the beginning of the Town Meeting:
To see if the town will vote to accept the Town Report as printed.
Motion made and seconded to accept the Town Report as amended.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

46 To see if the town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.
Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.
Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.