

MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL BEDDINGTON TOWN MEETING
TOWN WARRANT

County of Washington

State of Maine,ss.

To Greg Pollard, resident of the Town of Beddington, in the County of Washington.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Beddington qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Building on April 6, 2019, at 9:00 in the morning for the following purposes to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting, and to be paid \$25.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ron Varin as Moderator of the meeting. There were no other nominations. Ron Varin was elected Moderator by written ballots 18 for Ron Varin, 3 for yes

Ron Varin was then sworn in as Moderator by Carol Varin, Clerk.

ARTICLE 2

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. For the election of such Officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of the Moderator and will close immediately after such Officers have been elected at which time the meeting will be resumed to act on the remaining articles.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Town Clerk. There were no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected Clerk by a show of hands, 21 for Carol Varin.

Carol Varin was then sworn in as Clerk by Ron Varin, Moderator.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Debra Pollard as First Selectperson. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Phil White as First Selectman. Debra Pollard was elected First Selectperson by written ballots, 18 for Debra Pollard and 3 for Phil White.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Marie Marini as Second Selectperson. There were no other nominations. Marie Marini was elected Second Selectperson by written ballots 18 for Marie Marini, 3 blank.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Jean Kaye as Third Selectperson. There were no other nominations. Jean Kaye was elected Third Selectperson by written ballots 18 for Jean Kaye, 3 blank.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Barbara Antunes as Tax Collector. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Cindy Gay as Tax Collector. Cindy Gay was elected Tax Collector by written ballots, 19 for Cindy Gay, 2 for Barbara Antunes.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected Treasurer by a show of hands, 21 for Carol Varin.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Alma Loughlin as School Committee Member. There were no other nominations. Alma Loughlin was elected School Committee Member by written ballots 17 for Alma Loughlin, 2 for Kristen Beal, 2 for Ellenor.

The three members of the Selectboard were then sworn in by Carol Varin, Clerk.

Carol Varin was sworn in as Treasurer by Ron Varin, Moderator.

Alma Loughlin was sworn in as School Committee Member by Carol Varin, Clerk.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the town will vote to fix a date on which assessed taxes for the ensuing year shall become due and payable. (Recommend August 1, 2019)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as written. Article 3 passed with a show of hands, 21 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to fix an annual rate of interest to be collected on taxes remaining unpaid after some specific date, and set said date. (Town recommends after 9/30/19, interest rate be set at 7 %).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4 as written. Article 4 passed with a show of hands, 21 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated fund balance a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2019. (Recommend \$3,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5 as written. Article 5 passed with a show of hands, 21 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (Recommend to raise \$40,000.00, which includes 8% for Town’s portion of payroll taxes.)

FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1 ST SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR/ADMINISTRATOR	(\$ 6,000.00)
2 ND SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR	(1,500.00)
3 RD SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR	(1,500.00)
 B. TAX COLLECTOR - CERTIFIED	 (\$4,000.00)
Agent - Bureau of Motor Vehicles	(600.00)
Agent - Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife	(600.00)
 C. TREASURER	 (\$4,100.00)
 D SCHOOL COMMITTEE:	
CHAIR PERSON	(\$ 200.00)
2 ND MEMBER	(150.00)

3 RD MEMBER		(150.00)
E. FIRE CHIEF		(\$1,000.00)
F. EMS OFFICER (APPOINTED)		(\$200.00)
G. HEALTH OFFICER		(\$200.00)
H. DOG CONTROL OFFICER: SET RATE		(\$ 200.00)
I. TOWN CLERK		(\$2,600.00)
J. REGISTRAR OF VOTER (Now a 2 year Appointment expires December 2020)		(\$600.00)
K CEO		(2,175.00)
K. PLANNING BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)
L. APPEALS BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)
M. TOWN TO PAY .50 CENTS PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.		
TOWN TO PAY \$25.00 TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS TO ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS		

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6 as written. An amended Article 6 was distributed by Marie Marini, as follows:

Amended Article 6

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (Recommend to raise \$40,000.00 which includes 8% for Town's portion of payroll taxes).

FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

<i>1ST SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR/ADMINISTRATOR</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>2ND SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>3RD SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR</i>	<i><u>\$1,500.00</u></i>
	<i>\$6000.00</i>

TAX COLLECTOR – CERTIFIED	\$4,000.00
AGENT – BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$600.00
AGENT – DEPT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	<u>\$600.00</u>
	\$5,200.00

TREASURER	\$3,800.00
TOWN CLERK	\$2,300.00
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	<u>\$600.00</u>
	\$6,700.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
CHAIRPERSON	\$200.00
2 ND MEMBER	\$150.00
3 RD MEMBER	<u>\$150.00</u>
	\$500.00

FIRE CHIEF	\$1000.00
EMS OFFICER (APPOINTED)	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$1,200.00

HEALTH OFFICER (APPOINTED)	\$200.00
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DOG CONTROL OFFICER (APPOINTED)	\$200.00
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PLANNING BOARD	
CHAIRPERSON	\$200.00
2 ND MEMBER	\$100.00
3 RD MEMBER	\$100.00
4 TH MEMBER	\$100.00
5 TH MEMBER	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$600.00

APPEALS BOARD	
CHAIRPERSON	\$200.00
2 ND MEMBER	\$100.00
3 RD MEMBER	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$400.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT \$2,175.00

FIXED SALARIES \$23,175.00

TOWN TO PAY .59 PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.

There was discussion.

The new selectboard feels that we've had tax increases and we need to cut our budget. This is a place to start. Many towns do not pay for planning board time, people donate their time.

It was noted that our biggest expense is County Tax.

It was noted that the meetings pay was eliminated in the amended article 6. The planning board holds roughly 18 meetings a year and they last for a couple hours. The chairperson is there ahead doing preparatory work. Meetings pay was started because it was hard to get people to take part in these boards, especially after working all day.

The clerk and treasurer pay in amended article 6 is less than in the original article 6. This is because it was a \$600.00 raise for each position in the original article 6 and the new board felt that was a lot at once. Instead the raise was limited to \$300.00 per position.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment to article 6 to increase the planning board pay \$400.00 for the chairperson and \$200.00 for all other members.

The amendment to article 6 passed in a show of hands 16 yes 0 no. Article 6, as amended, passed win a show of hands, 14 yes, 4 no.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for town Buildings. (Recommend to raise \$ 5,000 and carry the balance forward of \$42,514)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7 as written.

There was discussion that the building needs a roof, a furnace, exit signs, and lights.

Article 7 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts. (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 8 as written. Article 8 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2019 budget in fiscal year 2020 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 9 as written. Article 9 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Care of the Poor. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$5,429.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 10 as written. Article 10 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Care of the Cemetery. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$1,369 and raise \$1,952)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 11 as written.

It was noted that we have \$1952.00 in the cemetery account.

A motion was made and seconded to amend article 11 to carry the balance forward of \$1952.00. The amendment to article 11 passed in a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Snow Removal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$13,281, appropriate \$25,000 from surplus, and raise \$25,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as written. Article 12 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Administration. (Recommend to raise \$20,000.00, and appropriate \$5,000 from surplus.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 13 as written. Article 13 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate from overlay to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon. (Recommend \$2,000 from overlay)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 14 as written. Article 14 passed with a show of hands, 20 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Structural Fire Protection. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$5006, raise \$1,000 for a new forestry truck and \$1,500 for a new AED)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as written.

There was discussion about AED's.

The Town of Beddington did not pay for the AED that was kept at the Airline Snack Bar.

We raised \$1500.00 for an AED last year but it was not purchased.

A person needs to be certified to use an AED.

Bill Kintner from Deblois was allowed to speak. He said they have an AED in Deblois that actually talks you through the process of using it. Anyone using it should have taken a class.

Our fire chief has organized classes before and will do it again.

Bill Kintner also expressed that the Town of Deblois Fire Department needs more help from the Town of Beddington.

We could buy another AED and the selectboard can figure out where best to locate them in different parts of town.

Article 15 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be paid to the following charities:

(Recommend)

Washington County Children's Program	\$ 125.00
Washington -Hancock Community Agency	100.00
Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens	50.00
Community Health & Counseling	50.00
Eastern Agency on Aging	100.00
Red Cross	75.00
United Cerebral Palsy of NE Maine	50.00
Washington County Soil & Water Conservation	130.00
Cherryfield Ambulance	500.00
Down east Hospice	50.00
HEAL	25.00
Lamb House	25.00
Cherryfield Library	50.00

Lifelight Foundation
DELAS

\$100.00
\$20.00
\$1,450.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 16 as written.

There was discussion that this list has not really been thought about for years. The new selectboard will have a chance to consider these organizations.

Article 16 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money shall be raised and or appropriated for the purpose of funding in a scholarship to be administered by the Beddington School Committee. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$3,775.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 17 as written.

There was discussion that the School Committee administers a scholarship and we have some students in the last years of high school.

Article 17 passed with a show of hands, 17 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$2628, appropriate \$4,000 from surplus, and raise \$8,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 18 as written.

There was some discussion about the rising cost of solid waste disposal.

Article 18 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 19

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for power and heat for Town buildings and street lights.
(Recommend to raise \$5,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 195 as written. Article 19 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as written. Article 20 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, said property to be disposed of by bid, or by a real estate agent as deemed best by the selectmen, and to execute quit claim Deeds for such property according to the law in the State of Maine. The proceeds of the sale, lease, or other means of disposal shall be applied to all back taxes, interest, lien fees and costs involved in the sale; and any balance shall be placed in the General Capital Projects Fund to be established for future municipal projects. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. section 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 21 as written.

There was discussion about the tax acquired property on Beddington Lake. The words "or by a real estate agent" gives the selectboard permission to do that if it seems best. The last part of the article, starting with "Except that" is to comply with a new law passed in 2018.

Article 21 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board.
(Recommend carry balance forward (\$10,128))

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 22 as written. Article 22 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for 911 Street Signs, and 911 addressing issues. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 2,149)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 23 as written. Article 23 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to enter into contracts to accept State, Federal and Private Grants which the Board of Selectmen feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 24 as written. Article 24 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to donate the Snowmobile Funds received from the State of Maine to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club. (Recommend \$60)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 25 as written. Article 25 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 26

To see how the Town will pay the County Tax of \$90,047. (2018 Tax \$87,535)
(Recommend raise \$90,047)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 26 as written. Article 26 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law for the Town of Beddington. In the event that the Municipal Budget approved under

the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 27 as written. Article 27 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

BEDDINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPERATION BUDGET
FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLES 28 TO 30 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER
CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$87,890.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 28 as written. Article 28 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$ 4,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 29 as written.

There was some discussion of what is included in System Administration.

Article 29 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$12,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 30 as written. Article 30 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 31 RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Total Appropriated: \$57,172.20

Total Raised: \$55,339.80

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 31 as written. Article 31 passed with a show of hands, 15 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 32 RAISES LOCAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 32: (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$46,717.80), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$46,717.80, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends** \$46,717.80 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,972.15: transportation and tuition costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipal budget for educational programs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 32 as written. Article 32 passed by written ballots, 17 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 33 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section

15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends \$103,890.00.

(Town recommends for the fiscal year 2019 to raise \$42,141.29, carry the balance forward of \$13,044.00, appropriate \$38,704.71 from the property tax reserve, and appropriate \$10,000.00 from surplus for a total of \$103,890.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 33 as written.

A question came up whether the Town provides pre kindergarten public education. The answer was not known at the time.

Article 33 passed with a show of hands, 16 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 34 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 34: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 34 as written. Article 34 passed with a show of hands, 17 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 35

To adjourn:

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 35 as written. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM

