

Minutes

Town of Great Pond

Annual Town Meeting

Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Monday, September 10, 2018

18 registered voters in attendance:

Jan Dence	Brenda Honey
Joan Archer	Rosalie Daywalt
Reggie Archer	Mark Daywalt
John Wingert	Janice Moore
Jacquie Wingert	Lorraine Honey
Scott Flanders	David Honey Jr.
Beth Flanders	David Honey Sr.
Heather Stott	Peter Honey
Tom Stott	Lisa Butler

No guests were present.

The meeting was called to order by John Wingert, Select Board Chair.

1. To choose by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
John Wingert nominated and seconded, elected by one written ballot and sworn in.

2. To fix compensation for Municipal Officers:
Compensation to be raised or appropriated in Article 16: Administration

Selectmen per year	1000.00
Town Clerk per year	1000.00
Registrar of Voters per year	100.00
Treasurer per year	1000.00
Deputy Town Clerk or Treasurer per hour	10.00
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector per year	1000.00
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
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 made and seconded to approve this warrant article as written. Vote: 8-0

3. To fix compensation for Municipal Tax Collector at 4% of taxes collected.

Motion made and seconded to accept article 3 as written. Vote: 8-0

4. To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (John Wingert)

John Wingert nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made.

John Wingert elected by one written ballot.

5. To choose a Municipal Tax Collector/Treasurer

by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Joan Archer)

Joan Archer nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made.

Joan Archer elected by one written ballot.

6. To choose a School Trustee Member

by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (H. Susan Swaim)

It was noted that Sue was not present, however people felt she would be willing to serve.

Susan Swaim nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made.

Susan Swaim elected by one written ballot.

7. To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board

by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (John Swaim)

John Swaim Nominated and seconded. Beth Flanders nominated and seconded.

Written ballots were collected. John Swaim received 8 votes and Beth Flanders received 9 votes, winning the election.

8. To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board

by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Jacqueline Wingert)

Jacquie Wingert nominated and seconded. No other nominations were made.

Jacquie Wingert elected by one written ballot.

9. To choose a Sexton of the Great Pond Cemetery

by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Frank Chick)

Frank Chick nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations. It was remarked upon that he does a excellent job and that we would like to continue to have him mow the cemetery. Frank Chick elected by one written ballot.

10. 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 were made.

Scott Flanders elected by one written ballot.

11. 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 were made.
Jerry Whitney elected by one written ballot.

12. To see if the Town will vote to fix interest an interest rate for 2018 delinquent property taxes. Recommend: 7.00% (2017- 7% State limit 8%)
A motion was made and seconded to fix the interest rate for delinquent 2018 property taxes At 7%. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

13. 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%. A motion was made and seconded to pay interest in the same amount as in article 12: 7% interest to be paid on abated property taxes. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

14. 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 2019 with interest (if any) to begin on April 2.
The motion was made and seconded to approve article 14 as written. Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed.

15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of Property taxes not yet committed.
Recommended by selectmen. The motion was made and seconded to approve article 15 as written. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

16. 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. (2018: \$ 30,000.00 available \$28,800.00 spent.)
Recommend: Raise: \$ 30,000.00 The motion was made and seconded to raise \$30,000.00 by taxation. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

17. To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for updating the town maps. (2018: \$0 raised \$950.00 spent)
Recommend: Raise: \$ 200.00 The motion was made and seconded to raise \$200.00 by taxation. Vote: 10 in favor, none opposed.

18. To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the heating cost of the municipal building. (2018: \$ 2000.00 available, \$ 1677.57 spent.)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 322.43 Raise: \$ 2177.57 (Budget: \$2500.00)
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$322.43 and appropriate \$2177.57 from surplus. Vote: 5 in favor, none opposed.

19. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Town Hall Repairs. (2018: \$ 2000.00 available \$ 615.08 spent.)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 1384.92 Raise: \$ 615.08 (Budget \$ 2000.00) The motion was made and seconded to carry \$1384.92 and raise \$615.08 by taxation. Vote: 10 in favor, none opposed.

20. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Great Pond Planning Board. (2018: \$ 1390.00 available \$ 706.58 spent.)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 683.42 Raise: \$ 706.58 (Budget: \$1390.00)
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$683.42 and raise \$706.58 by taxation.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed.

21. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for legal services. (2018: \$ 3500.00 available \$ 3006.75 spent.)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 493.25 Raise: \$ 506.75 (Budget: \$ 1000.00)
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$493.25 and raise \$506.75 by taxation.
Vote: 11 in favor, none opposed.

22. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for general assistance. (2018: \$ 500.00 available \$ 0 spent.)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 500.00
Motion made and seconded to carry \$500.00. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

23. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote raise by taxation or appropriate for Union River Solid Waste Management. (2008 :\$ 6000.00 available, \$5562.00 spent)
Recommend: Carry \$ 438.00 and raise \$ 5562.00. Budget: \$ 6000.00.
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$438.00 and raise \$5562.00 by taxation.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed.

24. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote raise by taxation or appropriate for Great Pond Road Maintenance. (2008 :\$ 2000.00 available, \$ 2587.00 spent)
Recommend: Raise \$ 2000.00
The motion was made and seconded to raise \$2000.00 by taxation.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed. The suggestion was made to cut dead trees from the road sides.

25. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote raise by taxation or appropriate for The snow removal account. (2018: \$ 18,300.00 available, \$ 15,591.15 spent.)
Recommend: Carry \$ 2708.85, and raise \$ 15291.15. Budget: \$ 18000.00.
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$2708.85 and raise \$15291.15 by taxation.
Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

26. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote raise by taxation or appropriate for Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance. (2018: \$ 1306.89 available, \$ 835.00 spent.)
Recommend: Carry \$ 471.89, raise \$ 528.11. budget: \$ 1000.00.
The motion was made and seconded to carry \$471.89 and raise \$528.11 by taxation.
Vote: 12 in favor, none opposed.

27. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise by taxation or appropriate for E-911 Emergency Services Dispatch. (2018: \$ 600.00 available, \$ 611.90 spent.)
Recommend: Raise \$ 700.00. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$700.00 by taxation. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department. (2018: \$ 13500.00)
Recommend: Raise \$ 12094.00 The motion was made and seconded to raise \$12094.00 by taxation. There followed a long discussion regarding other town's response to raising funds for the fire department. People felt it unfair that some towns vote to reduce the amounts.
Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

29. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Local Road Assistance for road construction.
(2018: \$ 75,604.00 available \$ 66,520.00 spent.)
Recommend: Budget: \$ 9084.00 (Add Local Road Assistance money when received.)
The motion was made to carry \$2892.00 and appropriate \$6192.00 from surplus. Vote: 6-0.

30. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Road Construction Bond Repayment. (First municipal loan payment due November 30, 2018)
Recommend: Carry: \$ 45,841.00 Raise: \$ \$ 52,000.00 (\$31,139.31 is the amount due in November.) The motion was made and seconded to carry \$45,841.00 and raise \$52,000.00 by taxation.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed.

31. To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Airline Community School District #8 assessment; \$ 120,655.24 assessed to be reduced by \$ 15.02 interest income from School/Ministerial Trusts for a total of: \$ 120,640.22.

This assessment has already been passed at the Airline CDS#8 school budget meeting held on June 30, 2018.
Recommend: Must be passed. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$120,640.22 by taxation. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

32. To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Hancock County Municipal Taxes assessed. 2018-2019: \$12,533.82
Recommend: Must be passed. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$12,533.82 by taxation. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

33. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Eastern Agency on Aging.
(2018 \$50.00) Requested: \$ 100.00. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$50.00 by taxation. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

34. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for The Ellsworth Public Library.
(2018 \$175.00) Requested: \$ 175.00 The motion was made and seconded to raise \$175.00 by taxation. Vote: 5 in favor, none opposed.

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

(2018 \$100.00) Requested: \$ 100.00. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$100.00 by taxation. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion carries.

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

(2018 \$135.00) Requested: \$ 135.00. The motion was made and seconded to raise \$135.00 by taxation. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

37. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum for the replacement of the Sucker Brook culvert.

Recommend: (See informational sheet outlining options and cost estimates.) Information regarding procedures and costs is not available due to the slowness of response from people contacted for information. There are ideas of estimates from \$90,000.00 to \$110,000.00 depending on the solution chosen. More options will be explored.

The motion was made and seconded to table article 37. Vote: 11 in favor, none opposed.

A special Town Meeting will be called when there is information to be considered and voted upon.

38. To see if the Town will vote to 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 the Selectmen. The motion was made and seconded to accept article 38 as written. Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed.

39. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads due to weather or other causes.

pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953. The motion was made and seconded to accept article 39 as written. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed.

40. 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. The motion was made and seconded to accept article 40 as written. Vote: 10 in favor, none opposed.

41. 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 2019.

Recommend: \$5,000.00. The motion was made and seconded to accept article 41 as written. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.

42. Shall the Town of Great Pond vote to authorize the selectmen to accept and expend state

funds for the following categories (30-A,MSRA, Section 5682):
Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education,
(including federal pass-through funds and property tax relief),
Civil Emergency Funds, (Emergency Management Assistance), Snow-Mobile
Reimbursement, funds, gifts and/or donations. The motion was made and seconded to
accept article 42 as written. Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed

43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of any
real estate acquired by the Town due to non-payment of property taxes thereon by bid.
The motion was made and seconded to accept article 43 as written. Vote: 7 in favor, none
opposed

44. To see if the town will vote to accept the Town Report as amended.
The motion was made and seconded to approve the Town Report as amended.
Vote: 9 in favor, none opposed

45. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting. The motion was made and
seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: all in favor.