

**Minutes of the SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE
TOWN OF UNITY
Friday, March 24, 2017
and
*Saturday, March 25, 2017***

Town Clerk opened secret ballot election on Friday, March 4, 2017 at 12:00pm. Clerk read greeting allowed and opened the floor for nominations for Moderator. Don Newell was nominated and seconded. Ballots cast, Don Newell elected as Moderator for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Polls remained up until 8pm, polls closed. Penny was elected as Selectman for a 3-year terms. Najean Shedyak was elected as School Board Director for 3 year terms and Pat Clark was elected as a Trustee to the Unity Utility District.

Saturday, March 25, 2017. Don Newell opens the Town Meeting at 10:10am and goes over rules of the meeting.

- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Maine Moderator's Manual 6th Edition as the rules of procedure for the meeting. Article 3 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appoint all necessary Town Officials. Article 4 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Snowmobile Registration Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used for grooming trails, with matching funds, under the supervision of the Selectmen and the Project Director. Article 5 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506. Article 6 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on all taxes if paid in full within 30 days after the tax bills are mailed. Article 7 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on all 2017 taxes which remain unpaid on December 1, 2017. Article 8 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.

- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon. The selectmen shall advertise the properties for sale by sealed bid and have the authority to accept or reject any or all bids, and to execute a Quit Claim deed for such property. The selectmen may attempt to sell the property back to the prior owner before advertising the properties for sale. Article 9 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2017 fiscal year. Article 10 was moved to take \$3,600 from Surplus, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to use up to \$5,000.00 from undesignated funds (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the current fiscal year, 2017. Article 11 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budget amount in each category of the annual budget during the period from February 1, 2018 to March 24, 2018. Article 12 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 for Broadreach Family Services for the ensuing year. Article 13 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$830.00 for New Hope for Women for the ensuing year. Article 14 was moved, seconded and floor opened for discussion. Motion was made to amend article to raise \$500 for New Hope for Women, motion was seconded. Discussion. Amendment passes by show of hands. Motion to move article 14 as amended, seconded and passes by show of hands.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750.00 for Seabasticook Regional Land Trust for the ensuing year. Article 15 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for Spectrum Generations for the ensuing year. Article 16 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for Maine Youth Alliance/The Game Loft for the ensuing year. Article 17 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Motion to amend article with zero funds. Motion was seconded and failed by show of hands. Motion to move question seconded and passed. Motion to pass article 17 as written and passed by show of hands.

- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,854.00 for Waldo Community Action Partners for the ensuing year. Article 18 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Motion to amend article to raise \$2000, seconded and amendment passes. Motion to move article 18 as amended, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Midcoast Maine Community Action for the ensuing year. Article 19 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Volunteer Regional Food Pantry for the ensuing year. Article 20 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the American Legion for flags for the ensuing year. Article 21 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Motion to move questions, seconded and passed. Article 21 passed by show of hands.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$480,000.00 for Summer Roads for the ensuing year. Article 22 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$215,000.00 for Winter Roads for the ensuing year. Article 23 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$84,360.80 for the Second Road Loan for the ensuing year. Article 24 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Sand and Salt Shed Maintenance. Article 25 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,893.18 for the Town's share of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center for the ensuing year. Article 26 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000.00 to pay the Rubbish Disposal Tipping Fee to Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. for the ensuing year. Article 27 was moved, seconded and passed by show of hands.

- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$39,505.36 for Solid Waste Pickup for the ensuing year. Article 28 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,630.00 for Landfill Maintenance and Monitoring for the ensuing year. Article 29 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,116.64 for Curbside Recycling Pick Up for the ensuing year. Article 30 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Article 30 failed by show of hands.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for Kanokolus Beach for the ensuing year. Article 31 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote that the revenues derived from the Fire Department charges, refunds, grants and contract payments shall become a part of the Fire Department Maintenance & Operations and the Firemen's Compensation Accounts in addition to funds appropriated by the Town. Article 32 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,800.00 for the Fire Department Salaries account for the ensuing year. Article 33 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,800.00 for the Fire Department Maintenance and Operations account for the ensuing year. Article 34 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Fire Truck Fund for the ensuing year. Article 35 was moved and seconded. Discussion. Motion to raise \$10,000 from TIF and seconded. Amendment passes. Motion to amend article 35 as amended, seconded and passed by show of hands.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,115.50 for the Firehouse Loan Payment for the ensuing year. Article 36 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for E-911 for the ensuing year: Article 37 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Constable for the ensuing year. Article 38 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.

Article 39. Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways” be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is posted together with this warrant and hereby incorporated into this warrant by reference). Article 39 was moved, seconded. Discussed. Motion to move questions, seconded and passed. Article 39 passed by show of hands.

Article 40. Shall an ordinance entitled "March 2017 Amendments to the Town of Unity Cemetery Ordinance” be enacted? (A copy of the amended ordinance is posted together with this warrant and hereby incorporated into this warrant by reference). Article 40 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Article 40 passed by show of hands.

Article 41. To see if the voters will allow a straw poll regarding a future ordinance banning one or all of the following recreational marijuana industries: retail stores, social clubs, manufacturing, cultivation, and testing. Article 41 was moved and seconded. Discussion. Motion was made to vote by secret ballot, motion was seconded. Don called the vote and ballots were brought forward. Results were 84 ballots cast.

Do you support a ban on recreational marijuana social clubs in Unity?	Y 62 N 22
Do you support a ban on recreational marijuana retail stores in Unity?	Y 35 N 49
Do you support a ban on recreational marijuana cultivation facilities in Unity?	Y32 N 52
Do you support a ban on recreational marijuana manufacturing facilities in Unity?	Y33 N 51
Do you support a ban on recreational marijuana testing facilities in Unity?	Y32 N 52

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000.00 for Town Official’s Salaries for the ensuing year. Motion to move Article 42 – 55, seconded motion was declined by moderator. Article 42 was moved, seconded, and passed by show of hands.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000.00 for Assessing Services for the ensuing year. Article 43 was moved, seconded, and passed by show of hands.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the ACO/CEO/LPI/EMA Incidental Account for the ensuing year. Article 44 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Article 44 passed by show of hands.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,497.50 for the Administration Account for the ensuing year. Article 45 was moved, seconded, and passed by show of hands.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Legal Fees for the ensuing year. Article 46 was moved, seconded, and passed by show of hands.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$39,497.26 for the Town Office Loan Payment for the ensuing year: Article 47 was moved and seconded. Motion was made to amend article 47 to raise \$29,497.26 and take \$10,000 from

the sale of the old town office to apply to payment and seconded. Amendment passes. Motion to move article 47 as amended, seconded and passed by show of hands.

- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,600.00 for Electricity for Town Lights for the ensuing year. Article 48 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,500.00 for Cemeteries for the ensuing year. Article 49 was moved, seconded. Discussion. Motion to amend article to raise \$11,900 and use \$3,100 of interest from perpetual care fund and seconded. Amendment passes. Motion to move article 49 as amended, seconded. Article 49 passed as amended.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,456.82 for the Small Community Septic Grant Program for the ensuing year. Article 50 was moved, seconded. Discussion and passed by show of hands.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,050.00 for the Septic Disposal Contract for the ensuing year. Article 51 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,730.00 for dues to Kennebec Valley Council of Governments for the ensuing year. Article 52 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,070.00 for the contract fee for the Humane Society of the Waterville Area for the ensuing year. Article 53 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,300.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year. Article 54 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.
- Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from TIF funds for a Community Grant Program. Article 55 was moved, seconded. and passed by show of hands.