

WARRANT FOR 2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, Constable, Town of Washington.

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.:

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 35 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Town Clerk Ann Dean opened town meeting and Scott Whittier, Commander of Farrar Ross-Post VFW post 9437 led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Charlotte Henderson who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore her into office and Charlotte appointed Walter Metcalf and Michael Mayo as deputy moderators. Walter Metcalf was sworn in as deputy moderator.

Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.

Linda Luce and Mildred Melgard checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8PM by Deputy Moderator Walter Metcalf. Ballot clerks Nancy Barker and Kathleen Ocean sorted and counted the ballots. The deputy moderator adjourned the meeting to 10am Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Prescott School.

**Michael Mayo was sworn in as Deputy Moderator.
The town clerk announced the results of Article 2 as follows:**

**The following is a list of ballots cast: Total 91
Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 3 year term:
Berkley Linscott: 55
Write Ins: 20
Blanks: 16**

**School Board Member for MSAD 40 (3 year term):
Staci Bowman: 48
Daniel Furrow: 38
Write-Ins: 1
Blanks: 4**

Town Clerk Ann Dean opened town meeting and Scott Whittier, Commander of Farrar Ross-Post VFW post 9437 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ann called for a moment of silence for Tom Ford, our long-time moderator who suddenly passed away shortly after last year's town meeting. Selectman Wesley Daniel presented Peg Hobbs the Spirit of America unsung hero award.

Article 3: To elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

Michael Mayo called for nominations for seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Budget Committee. The following citizens were nominated and elected unanimously: David Williams, Donald Grinnell, Kathleen Ocean, Henry Aho, David Martucci, Jesse Casas, and Wendy Carr. Dorothy Sainio and Peg Hobbs were elected as alternates.

All in favor of this slate.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 4 passes.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 applications fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 5 passes.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019, to the date of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019, to the date of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 6 passes.

Article 7: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date.

(Selectmen and Tax Collector recommend 2018 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2018) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%)

A motion was made and seconded to fix the date of October 1 that taxes will be due and payable at a rate of 8% interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after October 1st.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 7 passes.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 8% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 4%.

A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 8 passes.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 9 passes.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen shall dispose of the property by public auction. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

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Motion as amended carries unanimously. Article 10 passes as amended

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 11 passes.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 12 passes.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2017 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group. 2017 Refund=\$297.90

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Motion carries unanimously.

Article 13 passes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2018 and 2019 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2018 and 2019 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue. Dorothy Sainio asked why we voted twice, Ann Dean stated this won't happen next year.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 14 passes.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current. *72 members 2017.*

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 15 passes.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security Grants and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Fire Chief and other municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants for Emergency Services.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 16 passes.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

A motion was made and seconded to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only. Charlotte Henderson asked where the grant money goes that is not expended. Tom Johnston stated the granting agency would decide.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 17 passes.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2018 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account. *2018 Overlay = \$31,481.82 Dec 2017 Road M Reserve bal=\$168,051.34*

A motion was made and seconded to move the 2018 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 18 passes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2018 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account. *Dec 2017 \$3377.19*

A motion was made and seconded to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2018 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 19 passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments. Deputy Moderator calls for discussion. Guy Bourrie asked what are the terms of the moratorium and was given a copy of the Moratorium. David Martucci says moratoriums should be declared in an emergency. There is no emergency; there are still no rules by state and it's still illegal. We haven't adopted any amendments to our ordinance. David Martucci

proposed the following amendment “To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee to prepare amendments to the Land Use Ordinance regarding the regulation and licensing of Marijuana Retail Facilities and related businesses and to report such amendments to the Select Board at the earliest feasible date and for the Select Board upon receipt of said report to call a Town Meeting for the consideration of adopting such amendments.” Amendment was made and seconded. Chris Lascoutx asked if the point is that we can’t have a Moratorium without an ordinance. David replied that an emergency needs to exist before a Moratorium; no applications have come forward for new retail stores. David Martucci reread the proposed amendment. David Studer, Representative to the Regional Planning Commission, has been dealing with towns working on these different marijuana issues. The best recommendation he has seen is that the town should vote to ban any of these until or unless the state comes up with the rules and regulations. Donald Grinnell stated there might not be an emergency, however, the legislature won’t have anything until after elections. Should the legislature get its act together and the Governor signs off on it, and the law goes into effect, if someone was waiting and has an application it will be too late. Then when changes are made to the ordinances, that application is already pending. The ordinances may or may not be retroactive back to that, which is an issue with the courts. Donald Grinnell recommends we go forward with the Moratorium, it won’t hurt anything; perhaps the committee is a good idea. David Martucci, with all due respect to Mr. Grinnell, reminded everyone what happened with the solar array. We had a Special Town Meeting and it was voted to put a Moratorium in place and it is something we can do again. He thinks we need to be more proactive putting basic rules in place that will reflect their application when the State puts down their rules; we can license these facilities under State rules. Then we can regulate them under State rules. Chris Lascoutx says at end of day it will be up to the town. Do we really need to wait for the state? Janet Martucci asked for clarification from David Martucci. Is there a time limit? David responded Moratorium’s can only last 180 days and if progress is being made to solve the emergency and the emergency still exists the Selectmen could extended for one 180 day period. Tom Johnston spoke to law dealing with local licensing but rules haven’t been passed. MMA, our legal advisors, advise that we do something. Boils down to what the legislative body wants. Tom Johnston recommends that we defeat the amendment and enact a moratorium which would force us to get rules in place. Don Grinnell advised to have whole new amendment. Tom Johnston called the question.

Moderator explained procedurals. Question moved (*to eliminate the original language and replace it with the proposed amendment*).

Amendment defeated; 22 for 26 against.

Chris Lascoutx suggested combine moratorium with David Martucci’s proposed amendment without the deletion of the original article 20; New proposed amendment moved and seconded. Donald Grinnell suggested adding the lead in phrase “be it further ordained”; has been accepted as a friendly amendment to Article 20. Vote on proposed amendment (*to keep Article #20 and combine David Martucci’s amendment*). To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Establishments and to authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee to prepare amendments to the Land Use Ordinance regarding the regulation

and licensing of Marijuana Retail Facilities and related businesses and to report such amendments to the Select Board at the earliest feasible date and for the Select Board upon receipt of said report to call a Town Meeting for the consideration of adopting such amendments. **Amendment passed 3 opposed.**

Motion as amended carries unanimously Article 20 as amended passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept as Town property the West Washington Cemetery from the West Washington Cemetery Association and all cemetery operating and trust funds currently held by the West Washington Cemetery Association.

A motion was made and seconded to accept as Town property the West Washington Cemetery from the West Washington Cemetery Association and all cemetery operating and trust funds currently held by the West Washington Cemetery Association. Jesse Casas explained that the West Washington Cemetery Association has been in existence for almost a century. Jesse, himself, has been a member stating the association has been self-sufficient up until this point, they are barely getting enough money to mow the lawn etc. thanks all who have been on association. This is the last cemetery in town to be independent and praised the town's maintenance of town cemeteries. Article passes 1 opposed.

Motion carries unanimously Article 21 passes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to lease the Evening Star Grange parking lot to use jointly with the Evening Star Grange, in return for Winter Maintenance, for 2018 and 2019.

A motion was made and seconded to lease the Evening Star Grange parking lot to use jointly with the Evening Star Grange, in return for Winter Maintenance, for 2018 and 2019. David Williams asked how much will this cost the town. Wesley Daniel said it was difficult to figure but would not be plowed every storm. Tom Johnston said that he had been plowing until now and figured about a 1/2 hour labor with equip use. Pat Medieka said that the grange parking lot is used by library, fire department, and town functions. Guy Bourrie asked if it would be done by town labor vs subcontractor. No, it would be done by town with town equipment.

Motion carries unanimously Article 22 passes.

David Martucci made a motion that it is not necessary for the Moderator to read all of the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations. The Article includes the total and the moderator does not need to read every line item. The Moderator will read the body of the Article and then briefly summarize the figures below; motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Moderator, Michael Mayo, stated there is a sign-up sheet for the Land Use Ordinance Committee.

David Martucci gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and stated new members are welcome.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2018 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2018 tax commitment by \$468,077.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 245,000.00
Revenue Sharing	64,361.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,500.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
General Fund Interest	6,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	8,600.00
Unexpended 2017 Appropriations	68,516.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>53,000.00</u>
Total	\$468,077.00

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2018 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2018 tax commitment by \$468,077.00

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 23 passes.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 274,541.36 from property taxation for 2018 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$160,112.36
Knox County Communications	45,166.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	42,146.00
Union Ambulance	<u>27,117.00</u>
	\$274,541.36

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$274,541.36 from property taxation for 2018 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments. Tom Johnston moved to amend Article 24 to reduce the dollar value raised to \$264,111.24 due to the resubmitted assessment by Union Ambulance which would lower that assessment from \$27,117.00 to \$16,686.88; motion seconded. Amendment passes unanimously.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 24 as amended passes.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,030.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees		15,000.00
Administration		42,030.00
Advertising	750.00	
Computer Annual Fees	11,880.00	
Audit of Town Books	5,200.00	
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00	
MMA Dues	2,800.00	
Workshops and Training	2,200.00	
Mileage	1,300.00	
Office Equipment	4,000.00	
Office Supplies	2,500.00	
Postage	3,000.00	
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00	
Tax Maps	2,000.00	
Tax Billing	1,500.00	
Town Report Printing	3,000.00	
Money Order Fees	<u>400.00</u>	
	Subtotal	\$42,030.00
		Total \$57,030.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$57,030.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 25 passes.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,444.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$ 20,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	544.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	8,900.00
Volunteer Insurance	200.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	<u>800.00</u>
	Total \$ 30,444.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$30,444.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 26 passes.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$192,285.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines 192,285:

Salaries and Stipends		135,285.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00	
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,763.00	
Treasurer	12,772.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	22,000.00	
Deputy Town Clerk II	14,400.00	
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00	
Ballot Clerks	1,000.00	
EMA Director	750.00	
Health Officer	1,000.00	
Fire Warden (2)	300.00	
Fire Chief	4,000.00	
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00	
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00	
Secretary - Planning Board	1,250.00	
Secretary – Appeals Board	400.00	
Assessor’s Agent	5,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	15,000.00	
Constable	100.00	
Moderator of open March town meeting	200.00	
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00	
Custodial Services	<u>1,800.00</u>	
	Sub-total	135,285.00
	Town Portion of Employee Health Insurance	35,500.00
	FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>21,500.00</u>
	Total	192,285.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$192,285.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 27 passes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines: \$374,284.00

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	10,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Truck Fuel	18,000.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	2,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	3,000.00
P500	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	7,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	15,500.00
Garage Mortgage	13,000.00
Garage Utilities	4,000.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	126,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	12,000.00
Road Salt	20,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	88,000.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	600.00
Total	\$ 374,284.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$374,284.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 28 passes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance **2,000.00**

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 29 passes.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,623.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
	\$63,423.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$63,423.00 from property taxation for Public Safety. Dorothy Sainio asked about why there is no treasurer's report from volunteer fire department. Tom Johnston says there hasn't been a report for quite a while. The association is a public entity and anyone can attend a meeting 2nd Monday each month at 7pm. Tom will address this request with the association.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 30 passes.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	14,000.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	2,000.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	17,750.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	49,750.00

Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$49,750.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance. Dorothy Sainio asked about grounds and monument garden line. Don Grinnell, Budget Committee Member, said it was his recommendation because the garden conditions have gone downhill. Companies have come forward to donate plants. Dorothy Sainio asked about cemetery maintenance referring to page 17 in town report. Why is that cemetery money still there? Wesley Daniel responded that we can use that money but would like to keep for major expenses like tree removal or fence repair. Dorothy Sainio says that some of it could be used for cemeteries. Andrew Masters asked what the Cemetery Maintenance line was used for. Wesley Daniel responded it is used for cemetery maintenance cleanup and mowing. Donald Grinnell said the Davis Daggett sign was an additional expense that came out of trust fund. Guy Bourrie asked why we need to hire municipal complex snow removal when we have a road crew. Tom Johnston replied the fire station needs to be plowed out in case of emergency. It was determined that it wasn't cost efficient to keep plowed by town during a

storm. Dorothy Sainio motioned to amend the article by reducing the total by \$5,000.00 to read \$44,750.00, seconded. Tom Johnston points out trust funds take a while to build up and for example we can't use money the monies allocated for Pierpont to fix McDowell Cemetery (the town does keep money in reserve so the money allocated for a specific cemetery can be used if a tree felled, fence needing fixing, etc). David Martucci is opposed to reducing this line because the town does a great job maintaining our cemeteries. David Martucci also agreed with Donald Grinnell on the concept of keeping things up. Jesse Casas agreed with David; the town does a good job taking care of cemeteries. Andrew Masters asked if the town was locked into a contract. Wesley Daniel answered we are coming up on year two of the three year contract. Moderator called for vote on amendment. Bette Pelletier asked who was responsible if street lights are out. Wesley Daniel answered that we are responsible to let CMP know. Vote on proposed amendment - four approved, majority opposed: proposed amendment was defeated. Janet Martucci reminded us that Susan Calderwood used to work on the gardens as a volunteer for years. Dorothy Sainio suggested 4H Club in town may be willing to help with this. Sharon Turner suggested Master gardeners also could be tapped. Peg Hobbs said there are some volunteers willing to do the work just not all of it.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 31 passes.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Conservation and Parks Committee	300.00
Planning Board Expense	300.00
MidCoast Regional Planning Commission	600.00
Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Review Committee	300.00
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Total	1,500.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees. Andrew Masters asked if we would need to have a line for the new committee formed today. Tom Johnston explained that line cannot be increase due to state law.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 32 passes.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Recreation Committee	2,000.00
Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	10,000.00
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Total	16,000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts. Guy Bourrie commented that town parks have lots of trees down and wanted to know if \$2000 for Recreation Committee goes toward park cleanup. Wesley Daniel stated, in the past this money was not used for clean-up/maintenance of town parks, the Road Crew will clean up the felled trees at Crystal Lake. Sharon Turner asked why the headstone restoration fund is not listed here. Tom Johnston explained that the rollover account will allow money to be available in the following year if not used. Donald Grinnell explained all headstones were restored by the bicentennial and that West Washington cemetery will need a lot of work.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 33 passes.

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,799.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Library Association	15,000.00
Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	1,000.00
Washington Food Bank	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Humane Society	1,527.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	500.00
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake)	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-total	22,077.00

Social Agencies and Concerns	
New Hope for Women	750.00
Broadreach Services	750.00
Spectrum Generations	912.00
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1500.00
Penquis	2560.00
Gary Owen House	<u>250.00</u>
Sub-total	6,722.00

Total \$28,799.00

Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$28,799.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Janet Martucci asked about Scriber Scholarship Fund for people who want to be EMS responders if it is still in existence. Wesley Daniel answered it has 1,125.00 in the account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 34 passes.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to authorize spending up to \$150,138.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Motion made and seconded to authorize spending up to \$150,138.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 35 passes.

Given under our hands on this 28th day of February, 2018:

**Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman**

**Berkley Linscott
Selectman**

**Thomas N. Johnston
Selectman**

**Attest:
Ann Dean, Town Clerk**