



**TOWN OF PORTER
TOWN MEETING RESULTS / MINUTES
MARCH 14 & 15, 2025
4:00 pm at Porter Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Town Clerk, Maureen F. Scanlon.

Present: John Lowry, Robert (Rob) Heard, Julie Locke, Denise Day, Merri Hutchinson, Town Clerk and Recorder Maureen Scanlon

To Fred Iler, a resident of the Town of Porter in the County of Oxford:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Porter, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Porter Town Hall in said town on the 14th day of March, A.D. 2025 at 4:00 pm in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

John Lowry made a motion to nominate Rob Heard as Moderator. It was seconded by Denise Day. There were no other nominations from the floor. After a written vote was taken, Rob Heard was sworn in as Moderator of this meeting.

The Moderator then opened the polls at the Porter Town Hall. Moderator Rob Heard appointed Merri Hutchinson to act as Deputy Moderator, in his stead, during his absence from the polling place during the conduct of the Secret Ballot Election portion of this meeting. Merri Hutchinson was then sworn in as Deputy Moderator, with her temporary office ending when the election was adjourned. The polls remained open until 8:00 pm to vote on Article 2.

Article 2. To elect by Secret Ballot the following Town Officers:

One Selectperson, Assessor, Overseer	3-year term
One Director of S.A.D. 55	3-year term
Two Planning Board Members	3-year terms
One Road Commissioner	3-year term

There were 108 ballots cast. The successful candidates were as follows:

One Selectperson, Assessor, Overseer – John T. O'Donnell

One Director of S.A.D. 55 – Melissa A. Jordan

Two Planning Board Members – David Newman & Douglas A. Jones Jr.

One Road Commissioner – Bradley A. Sanborn

The meeting was recessed and re-assembled at the Porter Town Hall on March 15, 2025 at 9:00 am.

There were 39 registered Porter voters in attendance including the Selectmen.

The results of the Secret Ballot Election were read aloud by the Moderator.

The Moderator asked the legislative body to grant permission for both the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Maureen Scanlon and Treasurer Dawn Campbell to speak, in case questions arise, since they are not residents of Porter. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to allow both Maureen and Dawn to speak at this meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Article 3. To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Two Budget Committee Members	5-year terms
One George W. Towle Trust Fund Trustee	3-year term
One Elijah Fox Trust Fund Trustee	3-year term

Kathy Chaiklin nominated both Margaret Zack and Adrien Mills for the Budget Committee.

Denise Day made a motion to nominate Brent Day to the Budget Committee.

A hand vote was taken for each nominee. Margaret Zack received 21 votes, Adrien Mills received 0 votes and Brent Day received 20 votes. Margaret Zack and Brent Day were elected as the two Budget Committee Members by a majority vote.

Kathy Chaiklin nominated Cindy Berube for the George W. Towle Trust Fund Trustee. There were no other nominees for this position.

A hand vote was taken and Cindy Berube was elected as the George W. Towle Trust Fund Trustee by a majority vote.

Kathy Chaiklin nominated Jan Iler for the Elijah Fox Trust Fund Trustee. There were no other nominees for this position.

A hand vote was taken and Jan Iler was elected as the Elijah Fox Trust Fund Trustee by a majority vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2025 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2026 to the next annual town meeting.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 4 as written.

The motion to approve Article 4 as written carried unanimously.

TAX RELATED ARTICLES

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer the authority to use the Tax Lien Waiver Foreclosure process (Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 944).

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 5 as written.

The motion to approve Article 5 as written carried unanimously.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax-acquired property in any manner and upon terms that the Select Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and to execute municipal release deeds and other required closing documents for such properties; provided, however, that the Select Board shall use the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if it chooses to sell a tax-acquired property to a party other than the former owner, as defined therein.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 6 as written.

The motion to approve Article 6 as written carried unanimously.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use funds from undesignated fund balance, as they deem advisable, to reduce the tax commitment for fiscal year 2025.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 7 as written.

The motion to approve Article 7 as written carried unanimously.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish September 30, 2025 as the date when the 2025 real estate and personal property taxes will be due and payable, and to establish a rate of 7.50% interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date (the maximum allowable rate by the State is 7.50% per annum pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §505(4-A)).

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 8 as written.

The motion to approve Article 8 as written carried unanimously.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the ensuing year, not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest at a rate of 3% per annum on such prepayments made prior to commitment of those taxes. Prepayments not to exceed 90% of the previous year's tax. Said interest on prepayment of taxes shall be taken from undesignated fund balance as needed. (Title 36 M.R.S.A. §506)

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 9 as written.

The motion to approve Article 9 as written carried unanimously.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes at 3.50%. In accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, the interest rate can be no less than 4% below the per annum rate charged on delinquent taxes. Said interest on overpayment of taxes shall be taken from undesignated fund balance as needed.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 10 as written.

The motion to approve Article 10 as written carried unanimously.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply any tax payment received for any property tax to outstanding or delinquent taxes owed and in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill. (Title 36 M.R.S.A. §906)

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 11 as written.

The motion to approve Article 11 as written carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 10

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Officers' Salaries account for the ensuing year and to authorize the Select Board to transfer all clerk fees to the Town Officers' Salaries account to be expended from the same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$190,000 and transfer all clerk fees.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 12 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

There was a question from the floor regarding the need for an increase of an additional staff member. Brent Day responded that this position will not only allow for additional staffing in the Clerk's office, but will also provide assistance to the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board for a more streamlined process. He noted that there has been an increase in Planning Board duties being performed, which includes reviewing ordinances and State statutes for any necessary changes or updates.

The motion to approve Article 12 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried by a majority of the vote and three opposed.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Office account and to authorize the Select Board to enter all income received from the rental of space, photocopying fees & fax fees into this account to be expended from the same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$83,000 and add income from rental of space, photocopying fees & fax fees.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 13 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 13 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Insurance account (including Workers Compensation Insurance).

Budget Committee recommends raise \$11,500.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 14 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 14 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$23,100.32 for the Debt Payment account to be expended for the 2025 payment on the Maine Municipal Bond.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 15 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 15 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Contingent account to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2025.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 16 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 16 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept donations of items or monetary donations not to exceed \$1,000 per donation and made without conditions other than dedication of all monetary donations to be deposited into the undesignated fund. Any donation exceeding \$1,000, in value or funds, will require town approval at a special town meeting.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 17 as written.

The motion to approve Article 17 as written carried unanimously.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 18 as written.

The motion to approve Article 18 as written carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES - 12

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Planning Board account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 19 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 19 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Appeals Board account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 20 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 20 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Conservation Commission for management of the town cemeteries, the town ball field, the Veteran's Park, the Spec Pond swim area and other conservation activities as deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 21 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 21 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

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Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Roads account (to be spent on repairs and maintenance).

Budget Committee recommends raise \$220,000 and transfer the unexpended balance to the Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 22 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 22 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to review any and all road work to be done and, if they deem advisable, to let the work out to private contractor by hourly rate or by bid.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 23 as written.

The motion to approve Article 23 as written carried unanimously.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Winter Roads account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$330,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 24 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Brent Day made a motion to amend the article and reduce the amount to \$300,000 as recommended by the Select Board. There was a second to amend the article.

The motion to amend Article 24 to reduce the amount to \$300,000 carried unanimously.

There was some discussion on this article in respect to the actual expense for winter roads maintenance this past year. Brent Day reported that there was a decrease in the amount of sand/salt that was used this year which allowed for less funding from the taxpayers to be spent.

The motion to approve amended Article 24 in the amount of \$300,000 as recommended by the Select Board carried unanimously.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$150,000.

Select Board recommends raise \$147,697.14.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 25 as recommended by the Select Board.

Brent Day explained that the reason for the difference in dollar amounts between the Budget Committee and the Select Board is that Tri-Town Waste did not have their final budget numbers available for the Budget Committee to review during their meetings.

Brent also mentioned that the Tri-Town Waste Committee is looking into changing the current positions held by Select Board members from each of the three towns to appointed volunteer positions.

The motion to approve Article 25 in the amount of \$147,697.14 as recommended by the Select Board carried unanimously.

Article 26. Shall the Town of Porter (1) approve a capital improvement project consisting of road construction and repair to various town roads (the "Project"), including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 to fund the Project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 67,695.04
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ -0-
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 1,000,000

2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.7% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal	\$ 1,000,000
Interest	\$ 151,615
Total:	\$ 1,151,615

3. VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Town Treasurer

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 26 as written.

Brent Day explained why this article is capped at \$1,000,000.00 and reviewed the roads that are to be addressed and the breakdown of costs.

The motion to approve Article 26 as written carried unanimously.

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Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 27 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 27 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000 for the annual operating expenses of the Kezar Falls Fire Department.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 28 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 28 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,838.00 for the maintenance and operations cost for Sacopee Rescue to be disbursed in four (4) equal installments. The first installment payable on or before April 15, 2025, the second installment payable on or before June 15, 2025, the third installment payable on or before August 15, 2025, and the fourth installment payable on or before October 15, 2025.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 29 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

There was a question from the floor regarding the amount that is paid by each of the towns for this service. Sacopee Rescue Director and President Mark Bolton responded that the commitment for each town is the same amount.

The motion to approve Article 29 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Street Lights account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$12,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 30 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 30 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Hydrants account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$51,000.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 31 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

There was discussion regarding the need for this article. Brent Day explained that Porter was one of the lowest paying towns to Maine Water Company. They are increasing their rates for the town's nineteen hydrants this year. Unfortunately, in order for the rates to be lowered it would have to be addressed by the Public Utilities Commission; therefore, it is not negotiable at the town level. It is mandated by the State of Maine that the town must pay this fee. It was noted that all towns struggle with this article every year.

The motion to approve Article 31 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried by a majority of the vote (18 in favor, 5 opposed, and several abstaining from the vote).

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E-911 Communications Account to be expended for the dispatch of E-911 calls through the Maine State Police.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$8,550.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 32 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 32 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

HEALTH & WELFARE – 25

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,500.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 33 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 33 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

RESERVE FUNDS

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Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 34 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 34 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Old Porter Meetinghouse Reserve Fund to be expended for repairs and maintenance of the Old Porter Meetinghouse.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,500 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 35 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 35 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 36. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of revenue generated from vital record fees to the Records Restoration Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 36 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 36 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Revaluation Reserve Fund to be expended for the revaluation of property in the Town of Porter for tax purposes.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 37 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 37 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement Legal Expenses Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,500 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 38 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 38 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

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Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kezar Falls Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 39 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 39 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 40 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 40 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS - 70

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Bridge / Culvert Reserve Fund. Funds to be used for the repair of bridges, and culverts in excess of 24 inches in diameter.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 41 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 41 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 42. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Dam Reserve Fund. Said funds to be expended by the Select Board for the repair or replacement of the town's dams, including engineering, tests, permits, pursuing grants, etc.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 42 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 42 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund; said projects to be at the discretion of the Select Board.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$75,000, carry forward the unexpended balance, and transfer from the DOT Reserve Fund as needed.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 43 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 43 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sidewalk Reserve Fund to be expended for replacing, upgrading, or constructing sidewalks.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$7,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 44 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

There was a question from the floor asking when sidewalks will be installed in the Porter Village area (near the Porter Post Office) because there are none there. Brent Day responded that historically the funding for sidewalks is for the Kezar Falls area because it is a more densely populated area. There are no plans to raise funding to install sidewalks in the Porter Village area. There was some discussion on the winter maintenance of the existing sidewalks.

The motion to approve Article 44 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Tri-Town Waste Reserve Fund and authorize the Select Board to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for the capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 45 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

It was noted that this Article should no longer be needed next year. The Capital Improvements at the Transfer Station will be completed and the fees collected there will allow it to be self-sustaining. There was some discussion on the balance in this account being retained in the account for use if needed.

The motion to approve Article 45 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 46. To see if the Town will authorize the use of town-owned buildings by outside organizations, groups or individuals and to charge a fee and other requirements as outlined in the Facilities Use Policy for use of said properties to help cover town expenses. Fees collected to be deposited into the Office Account.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 46 as written.

There was a suggestion from the floor to share some of these funds with the town's General Assistance program. Brent Day explained that the current funding for general assistance is not being fully expended, therefore additional funding is not warranted. It was noted that this is due to the fact that the Oxford County poverty levels, that are set by the State of Maine, are so low that it is very hard to qualify for general assistance. There was a suggestion from the floor that a better use of the funds would be to put them into the town's undesignated fund balance. Treasurer Dawn Campbell reported that these fees are currently being used towards utility costs.

The motion to approve Article 46 as written carried unanimously.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 47 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The motion to approve Article 47 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to transfer 100% of the previous year's registration fees rebate from the state to the Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters. This money to be used for various purposes such as trail maintenance, construction or purchase of equipment and materials. These maintained trails to be open to the public during the winter.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 48 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters President Scott Day mentioned that even when the trails are closed to snowmobiles, they are open to the public for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, etc.

The motion to approve Article 48 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept the net income from the Stanley-Higgins Trust to be paid to the Stanley-Higgins Fund Committee for the purposes stated in such trust.

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 49 as written.

The motion to approve Article 49 as written carried unanimously.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommendations for the support of the agencies or organizations listed below:

Agency or Organization	Requested Amount	Budget Committee Recommendation
American Legion	\$500.00	\$500.00
American Red Cross	\$1,000.00	\$1000.00
Andwell Health Partners	\$500.00	\$500.00
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine	\$350.00	\$350.00
Center For Wildlife	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Community Concepts	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Friends of Porter 569	\$600.00	\$600.00
Grateful Undead	\$550.00	\$550.00
Harvest Hills	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Kezar Falls Circulating Library	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00
The LifeFlight Foundation	\$800.00	\$800.00
Maine Public	\$100.00	\$100.00
National Alliance on Mental Illness	\$500.00	\$0.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	\$300.00	\$300.00
Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society	\$500.00	\$500.00
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Saco River Festival Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sacopee Valley Recreation Council	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
SafeVoices	\$275.00	\$275.00
Seniors Plus	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Smooth Feather Youth	\$600.00	\$600.00
Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission	652.00	\$652.00
SW Oxford County Nutrition (Brownfield Food Pantry)	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Tri-County Mental Health Services / Spurwink	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTALS	\$30,277.00	\$27,777.00

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to approve Article 50 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

It was noted that funding for the Center for Wildlife (above) is zero because the Saco River Wildlife Center is located in Limington which makes it closer for Porter residents to go there for their services, when needed.

The motion to approve Article 50 as recommended by the Budget Committee carried unanimously.

Kathy Chaiklin thanked Brent Day for his years of service to the Porter community. There was a round of applause and thanks expressed to Brent from the audience.

Article 51. A motion to adjourn.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn at 10:40 am. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maureen F. Scanlon
Town Clerk