

TOWN WARRANT - 2024

To Susan King, resident of the Town of Burnham, County of Waldo, State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Burnham, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Reynolds Corner Municipal Building, in said Town, on **Friday, the fifteenth day of March, A.D. two thousand twenty-four at 1:45 p.m.** to act upon articles 1 & 2. Polls are open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to **reconvene on Saturday, the sixteenth day of March A.D., two thousand twenty-four, at one o'clock in the afternoon**, at the Reynolds Corner Municipal Building, to act upon the remaining articles.

- Town Clerk, Stacy Patterson, opened Town Meeting at 1:45 pm.

Art. 1. To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

- Three votes cast for Susan King as Moderator. Clerk officiated oath.

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot the following officers: one **Select Board Member, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** for a three-year term; one **Highway Commissioner** for a one year term; one **MSAD #53 Director** for a one year term (remainder of a three-year term); and one **Cemetery Sexton** for a three year term.

- At 2:00 pm, polls opened for secret ballot vote until 7:00 pm when polls closed.
- Results of election: Ricky Basford for Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor/Kyle King for Highway Commissioner/Rachael Merrithew for MSAD #53 Director/Franz Spiegel for Cemetery Sexton (write-in)
- Saturday March 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm: Town Meeting continues at the Burnham Town Office.
- Present: 25 people
- Moderator Susan King appointed George Robison as Deputy Moderator.
- George Robison announced the election results.

Art. 3. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow municipal spending to **exceed the LD1 Tax Cap** that was put into effect in 2005. (Ballot vote required).

- R. Chadwick made a motion to vote on the article. R.C. King seconded.
- Ballot vote results: 12 YES 1 NO. Article passed.

Art. 4. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2024 taxes** which remain unpaid on November 1, 2024.

Recommended: At the rate of 7.5%

- S. Huff made a motion to charge 7.5% interest. B. Fletcher seconded. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 5. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow a **discount on all 2024 taxes** paid in full within 30 days from the date of mailing tax bills and to set a discount rate.

Recommended: YES – 5%

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. S. Huff seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Discounts** on taxes for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$74,330.27

Expended in **2023:** \$83,822.38

Recommended: Whatever necessary from Undesignated Fund.

- R. Chadwick made a motion to take whatever necessary from Undesignated Fund. S. Huff seconded. 20 YES 0 NO Motion carried.

Art. 7. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2023 tax liens**.

Recommended: At the rate of 7.5%

- R. Chadwick made a motion to charge 7.5% interest. B. Fletcher seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 8. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will authorize the select board, with a committee of four residents, to sell or otherwise **dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town** for nonpayment of taxes thereon, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the Quit-Claim Deed for said real estate to be sold as follows:

- A. The last owner(s) of record prior to foreclosure, shall have 30 days from the date of the foreclosure instrument to purchase the real estate from the town for the sum of all unpaid taxes, plus interest and costs.
- B. In the event the last previous owner(s) and/or successor(s) shall not exercise their option to repurchase the property under the terms described above, any bid submitted by them which is less than the sum of unpaid taxes, plus interest and costs, shall be automatically rejected.
- C. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon. Minimum bid shall never be less than the sum of all unpaid taxes, plus interest and costs. Any or all bids may be rejected.
- D. Select board to negotiate sale of tax acquired property following an unsuccessful bid process outlined above with the terms and conditions that they deem appropriate.
- E. Notwithstanding A. through D. above, the select board shall use the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. section 943-C, (Amended: Effective June 30, 2023) if they sell property tax-acquired from qualifying seniors, and former owners, to anyone other than the former owner(s). The amendment allows former owners of tax-acquired property to request an alternative sales process: any excess proceeds from the sale, after deducting certain taxes, costs, and fees, must be paid to the former owner of the property.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. S. Huff seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 9. To see what action the Inhabitants of the Town will take regarding electing four residents to serve as an **advisory committee**, with the select board, in disposing of **Tax Acquired Property**.

Elected in **2023**: Nancy Edge, Anne Goodblood, Brian Levesque, and Sherri Thornton

Recommended: Elect four (4) committee members at Town Meeting.

- R. Chadwick made a motion to elect four committee members. B. Russell seconded.
- R. Chadwick made a motion to elect the same four committee members as last year. K. King seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 10. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the select board to transfer from the unexpended balance of the current year any amount necessary to **cover overdrafts** which occur during the **fiscal year 2024**. All overdrafts to be shown in the Town Report.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. S. Huff seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 11. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept **property tax payments** before commitment.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. B. Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 12. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department to **sell excess fire equipment** no longer in use; all proceeds to go back into the Fire Protection account.

Note: List of all equipment for sale is to be posted in three public locations in town, thirty (30) days prior to sale.

Recommended: YES

- S. Huff made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. R.C. King seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 13. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the use of a portion of the **2023 excise tax receipts** to **reduce the 2024 property tax commitment**.

Recommended: \$200,000.00 from 2023 Excise Tax collected

- S. Huff made a motion to use \$200,000 from 2023 excise tax collected to reduce the 2024 property tax commitment. B. Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 14. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **carry forward** to the next year all unexpended funds from the **Fire Protection** and **Firemen's Payroll** accounts.

Recommended: YES

- R.C. King made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. S. Thornton seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Protection** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$26,896.19

Expended in **2023:** \$25,403.73

Recommended: \$25,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$5,557.95)

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$30,000. W. Mitchell seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for pay to cover the **Firemen's Payroll** while fighting fires and attending training sessions.

Expended in **2022:** \$8,842.50

Expended in **2023:** \$9,506.25

Recommended: \$10,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$5,571.87)

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$10,000. S. Thornton seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to go into the **Fire Department Equipment** account.

Expended in **2022:** \$0.00

Expended in **2023:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$10,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$99,982.43)

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$10,000. S. Thornton seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to be used as follows: \$0.00 for **Emergency Management** Capital Reserve Account; \$0.00 for the Director's Expense Account and \$500.00 for Director's Yearly Pay.

Expended in **2022:**

Expenses: \$0.00

Directors Pay: 500.00

Capital Reserve: 0.00

Total: \$500.00

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$8,025.49)

Expended in **2023:**

\$0.00

500.00

0.00

\$500.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500 for the Director's Yearly Pay. W. Mitchell seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting/Electrical Services** necessary for the Town for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$4,858.15

Expended in **2023:** \$5,951.18

Recommended: \$8,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$8,000. S. Huff seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Insurance** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$12,180.00

Expended in **2023:** \$12,484.00

Recommended: \$16,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$16,000. B. Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 21. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Highways** listed below:

ROADS, BRIDGES & PATCHING

Expended in **2022:** \$61,310.85

Expended in **2023:** \$68,249.18

Recommended: \$60,000.00

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$60,000. B. Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

BRUSH

Expended in **2022**: \$4,730.00

Expended in **2023**: \$5,000.00

Recommended: \$5,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. W. Russell seconded. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

MOWING

Expended in **2022**: \$6,000.00

Expended in **2023**: \$6,200.00

Recommended: \$6,500.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,500. B. Fletcher seconded. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 22. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$268,897.38 for payment of the **Road Resurfacing Note**.

Recommended: Raise and appropriate \$154,661.89; take \$50,000.00 from (LRAP) Urban-Rural Initiative Program; take \$46,884.90 remaining from 2023 Excise Tax collected; and take \$17,350.59 from Undesignated Fund.

[NOTE: Final payment – Sept. 15, 2027]

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$154,661.89, take \$50,000 from LRAP, take \$46,884.90 from 2023 Excise Tax, and take \$17,350.59 from the Undesignated Fund. R.C. King seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Tree Removal** on town roadways.

Expended in **2022**: \$10,000.00

Expended in **2023**: \$10,000.00

Recommended: \$10,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$10,000. R.C. King seconded. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022**: \$111,316.28

Expended in **2023**: \$115,414.42

Recommended: \$105,000.00 plus revenues; take \$12,000 from the MRC Refund account; and take up to \$25,000.00 from Undesignated Fund

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$105,000 plus revenues, take \$12,000 from the MRC account, and take up to \$25,000 from the Undesignated Fund. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- R. Chadwick made a motion to allow Elise Brown, a candidate for Waldo County Commissioner, to speak. K. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Recycling**, for reimbursement to residents of Burnham for yearly memberships paid to the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center. (NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2022**: \$120.00

Expended in **2023**: \$60.00

Recommended: \$500.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to take \$500 from the Undesignated Fund. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Snow Removal, Sanding and Salting** the Town's Roads for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022**: \$202,615.73

Expended in **2023**: \$257,008.72

Recommended: \$340,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$340,000. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Sand & Salt Shed** Capital Reserve Account.

Expended in **2022:** \$5.00

Expended in **2023:** \$835.00

Recommended: \$0.00

(Carried Forward: \$18,275.45)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of **Sayward and Collamore Lanes.**

Expended in **2022:** \$0.00

Expended in **2023:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer maintenance of the **Charles Taylor Lane.**

Expended in **2022:** \$0.00

Expended in **2023:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Towns' Share of Payroll Taxes/Health Insurance.**

Expended in **2022:** \$12,172.17

Expended in **2023:** \$12,652.97

Recommended: \$15,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Officers' Salaries.**

Expended in **2022:** \$98,416.97

Expended in **2023:** \$99,205.33

Recommended: \$110,000.00 plus registration agent fees

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$110,000.00 plus registration agent fees. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Office Supplies.**

Expended in **2022:** \$5,719.26

Expended in **2023:** \$6,243.77

Recommended: \$6,500.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,500. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Office Equipment** account.

Expended in **2022:** \$5,337.09

Expended in **2023:** \$8,416.96

Recommended: Take \$5,547.59 from ARPA (remaining balance) and take \$2,000.00 from Undesignated Fund

- R. Chadwick made a motion to take \$5,547.59 from ARPA and take \$2,000 from the Undesignated Fund. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Incidental Expenses** for the ensuing year. This includes the audit, cost of town reports, assessing, mapping, legal fees, and other miscellaneous expenses to the Town.

Expended in **2022:** \$36,108.49

Expended in **2023:** \$38,617.67

Recommended: \$35,000.00 plus revenues and costs on liens

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$35,000 plus revenues and costs on liens. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain and operate the **Municipal Building** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$12,189.55

Expended in **2023:** \$9,793.33

Recommended: \$12,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$12,000. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the **Exterior** of the **Municipal Building**.

Expended in **2022:** \$0.00

Expended in **2023:** \$1,585.00

Recommended: \$3,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$8,683.31)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$3,000. W. Russell seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the **Interior** of the **Municipal Building**.

Expended in **2022:** \$2,950.00

Expended in **2023:** \$1,382.71

Recommended: \$3,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$7,510.06)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$3,000. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town **Cemeteries** and Veterans Graves, wherever located, in the Town of Burnham for the coming year.

Expended in **2022:** \$5,800.00

Expended in **2023:** \$6,052.00

Recommended: \$13,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$13,000. W. Russell seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2022:** \$1,070.66

Expended in **2023:** \$1,462.70

Recommended: \$5,000.00 plus revenues from State of Maine Dept. of Human Services

(NOTE: Reimbursement from State at 70%)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000 plus revenues from the State of Maine. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for other **Recreational Activities** for the ensuing year.

Town Beach Maintenance

Expended in **2022:** \$690.00

Expended in **2023:** \$570.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Swimming Instruction

Expended in **2022:** \$800.00

Expended in **2023:** \$800.00

Recommended: \$800.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$800. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee

Expended in **2022:** \$1,000.00

Expended in **2023:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$500.00

(Carried Forward: \$2,474.88)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continued service of **Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.**

Expended in **2022:** \$1,706.00

Expended in **2023:** \$1,706.00

Recommended: \$1,740.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$ 1,740. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Art. 42. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the requests for the following agencies asking for **Donations.**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT – TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Expended in **2022:** \$600.00

Expended in **2023:** \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF WATERVILLE AREA

Expended in **2022:** \$460.00

Expended in **2023:** \$460.00

Recommended: \$460.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$460. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

JAWS OF LIFE – Unity Fire Dept.

Expended in **2022:** \$200.00

Expended in **2023:** \$200.00

Recommended: \$200.00

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$200. R. Chadwick seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

KENNEBEC BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Expended in **2022**: \$1,000.00

Expended in **2023**: \$1,000.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SEBASTICOOK REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Expended in **2022**: \$250.00

Expended in **2023**: \$250.00

Recommended: \$250.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$250. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SPECTRUM GENERATIONS

Expended in **2022**: \$764.36

Expended in **2023**: \$1,000.00

Recommended: \$800.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$800. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNITY VOLUNTEER FOOD PANTRY

Expended in **2022**: \$600.00

Expended in **2023**: \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. K. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

WALDO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS

Expended in **2022**: \$5,121.00

Expended in **2023**: \$6,000.00

Recommended: \$6,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,000. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 43. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for reimbursement, to families and/or individual residents of Burnham, fee memberships paid to the **Pittsfield Public Library** (NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2022**: \$450.00

Expended in **2023**: \$435.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 44. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for reimbursement to Burnham resident parents of children that wish to participate in the **Pittsfield Recreation Department Athletic** activities. The reimbursement will be for a maximum of \$100.00 per child. (NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2022**: \$185.00

Expended in **2023**: \$245.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to take \$1,000 from the Undesignated Fund. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 45. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to give Snowmobile Registration funds to the **Driftbusters Snowmobile Club** of Pittsfield, for the purpose of creating and maintaining snowmobile trails in Burnham.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote YES. Clayton Turner seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 46. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control**.

Expended in **2022:** \$2,221.68

Expended in **2023:** \$2,154.52

Recommended: \$2,148.16 (cost for animal housing contract) plus towns' share of dog licenses

(Carried Forward: \$4,889.47)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$2,148.16 plus the town's share of dog licenses. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 47. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) for professional consultant services in connection with the **Assessment Quarter Review**.

Expended in **2022:** \$6,000.00

Expended in **2023:** \$6,125.00

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote YES. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 48. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Veterans Memorial Park**.

Expended in **2022:** \$725.00

Expended in **2023:** \$8,785.00

Recommended: \$5,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$9,817.01)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. W. Mitchell seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 49. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the **select board to spend an amount**, whatever necessary, for the period **January 1, 2025, to March 15, 2025**.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote YES. B. Fletcher seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 50. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Bicentennial Events** in the Town in 2024.

Recommended: No Recommendation

(Carried Forward: \$15,000.00)

- S. Thornton made a motion to take \$2,074 from the Recreation Committee account. S. Russell seconded. After some discussion, S. Russell withdrew her motion. S. Thornton withdrew her motion.
- A. Wishart made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. S. Russell seconded. 16 YES 3 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 51. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to give up to \$1,600.00 from excise tax collected on Boat registrations to the **Friends of Lake Winnecook** for the purpose of supporting the Courtesy Boat Inspection & Lake Monitoring effects on Lake Winnecook.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote YES. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 52. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will establish a non-lapsing "Revaluation Reserve Account" for the purpose of covering the cost to conduct a town-wide **property tax revaluation**, and to raise and appropriate \$18,125.00 into the account in Fiscal Year 2024 provided that the select board shall have the authority to spend from the account for the purpose stated above without further vote of the town meeting.

[NOTE: Projected Date of Revaluation – 2026]

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$18,125.00)

- R. Chadwick made a motion to vote YES and raise & appropriate \$18,125. S. Huff seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 53. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **rebuild the road** at the **Transfer Station**.

Recommended: No Recommendation

- W. Mitchell made a motion to raise & appropriate \$20,000. S. Thornton seconded. After some discussion, W. Mitchell withdrew his motion, S. Thornton withdrew her second. W. Mitchell made a motion to raise & appropriate \$20,000 and to take up to \$10,000 from the Undesignated Fund. S. Thornton seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 54. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **rebuild the road** at the **Sand & Salt Shed**.

Recommended: No Recommendation

- R.C. King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$20,000 and to take up to \$10,000 from the Sand & Salt Shed Capital Reserve account. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 55. Shall the following **amendment** to the Town's **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance** be enacted?

Section 16 – Administration, Subsection C(5) – Permit Application - is amended to read:

38 M.R.S. 439-A(10) **Photographic record required.** A municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to this article must require an applicant for a permit for development within the shoreland zone to provide to the municipal permitting authority preconstruction photographs and, no later than 20 days after completion of the development, postconstruction photographs of the shoreline vegetation and development site.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote YES. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Art. 56. Shall the following **amendment** to the Town's **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance** be enacted?

Section 14 – Land Use Standards, Subsection B(4) – Principal and Accessory Structures – is amended to read:

(4) With the exception of General Development Districts located adjacent to coastal wetlands and rivers that do not flow to great ponds, and Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities Districts, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed a total of (20) percent of the portion of the lot located within the shoreland zone. This limitation does not apply to public boat launching facilities regardless of the district in which the facility is located.

For the purposes of calculating lot coverage, non-vegetated surfaces include, but are not limited to the following: structures, driveways, parking areas and other areas from which vegetation has been removed. Naturally occurring ledge and rock outcroppings are not counted as non-vegetated surfaces when calculating lot coverage for lots of record on March 24, 1990 and in continuous existence since that date.

Recommended: YES

- R. Chadwick made a motion accept the article as read and vote YES. S. Thornton seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

LATE ARTICLE. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will raise and appropriate to donate to **Spirits Place** (a cat sanctuary) in St. Albans, Maine.

Recommended: No Recommendation

- S. Huff made a motion to take no action. R. Chadwick seconded. 11 YES 8 NO. Motion carried.

4:19 pm – R. Chadwick made a motion to adjourn. R.C. King seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Select Board hereby gives notice that the Registrar will be at the Municipal Building on **Friday, March 15, 2024**, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 1:30 p.m. until the close of polls.

Given unto our hands this **4th day of March 2024**.

Stuart Huff, Chairman of the Board

Ricky Basford, Selectman

Brent Chase, Selectman

Burnham, Maine

Date: _____

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Burnham Municipal Building, Burnham Post Office and Patterson's Store in said town, being in public and conspicuous places in said town, on the _____ day of March AD, 2024, being a least seven days before the meeting.

Constable or Resident of Burnham, Maine