

SPECIAL TOWN WARRANT - MINUTES

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 **Monday, the 23rd day of June, A.D. two thousand twenty-five at 7:00 pm** to act upon Articles 1 - 11.

7:00 pm – Town Clerk, Stacy Patterson, opened the Special Town Meeting.

Attendance: 90-100 people

Art. 1. To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting, by written ballot.

- Roger Chadwick nominated George Robison. One vote cast for George Robison as Moderator. Clerk officiated the oath.

Art. 2. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,805** for the **Waterville Area Humane Society** (outstanding balance for an animal seizure case).

- Wayne Mitchell made a motion to take no action. Seconded by Norma Walker. After much discussion, voted 11 YES 47 NO. Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$35,805 and for the town to re-coup the amount from the animal owner. Seconded by Brian Fletcher.
- 64 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 3. Shall the ordinance entitled "**Town of Burnham Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance**" be enacted?

- Greg Hughes made a motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Brian Fletcher.
- 63 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 4. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,723.41 for **Unity Ambulance Corps** to cover the whole town for Ambulance Service and to have one person from the Town of Burnham appointed to the Board of Directors.

- Bruce Cook made a motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Brian Fletcher.
 - Alex Huff made a motion to allow Butch Russell from Unity Ambulance to speak. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 54 YES 1 NO.
 - Roger Chadwick made a motion to vote by secret ballot. Seconded by Allyson Chadwick. 47 YES 9 NO. Motion carried.
- Secret Ballot Vote Results – 31 YES 48 NO. Motion defeated.

Art. 5. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,861.71 for **Unity Ambulance Corps** to cover one half of the town for Ambulance Service, if a NO vote on Article 4.

- Alexander Huff made a motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Bruce Cook.
- Brian Fletcher made a motion to allow Daniel Swain, Clinton Town Manager, to speak. Seconded by Brian Croft. 50 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.
- Original motion vote - 13 YES 35 NO. Motion defeated.

Art. 6. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,320 for **Clinton Fire Department/Ambulance Transport** to cover the whole town for Ambulance Service, if a NO vote on Article 4.

- Robert Charles King made a motion to take no action. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 49 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 7. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow the "**Rules and Regulations of the Burnham Town Cemeteries**" to be updated and voted on by the Select Board rather than at Town Meeting.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Seconded by Clayton Turner. 24 YES 14 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 8. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow the Cemetery Sexton and Select Board to **set the rates for lot sales, as well as the opening and closing of graves** as needed, rather than at Town Meeting.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 30 YES 14 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 9. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow the Cemetery Sexton and Select Board to **update the Job Descriptions for Sexton and Cemetery Committee** rather than at Town Meeting.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 26 YES 16 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 10. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to install a **concrete pad** (50' x 60") in front of the **Sand & Salt Shed** (for the purpose of loading trucks without wasting sand and salt).

- Kyle King made a motion to raise and appropriate \$15,000, for a paved pad sized 50' x 60'. Seconded by Greg Hughes. 43 YES 3 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 11. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to pay the **tipping fee** for municipal solid waste generated by residents of the Town, which could otherwise be disposed of at the town's Transfer Station, but is instead collected curbside and transported directly to the town's contracted disposal facility.

- Michael Bolster made a motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by James Huff.
- Sherri Thornton made a motion to vote by secret ballot. Seconded by Brian Croft. 38 YES 8 NO. Motion carried.
- Secret Ballot Vote Results – 24 YES 39 NO. Motion defeated.

9:44 pm – Roger Chadwick made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kyle King. Vote was unanimous. Given unto our hands this date: June 9, 2025.

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 June 2025, being a least seven days before the meeting.

Constable or Resident of Burnham, Maine