

TOWN WARRANT – 2025 - 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 **Friday, the fourteenth day of March, A.D. two thousand twenty-five 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 fifteenth day of March A.D., two thousand twenty-five, 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.

- Two votes cast for Brian Fletcher 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 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: Brent Chase for Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor/Kyle King for Highway Commissioner/Tiffany Howarth for MSAD #53 Director/Sherri Thornton for Cemetery Sexton
- Saturday March 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm: Town Meeting reconvenes at the Burnham Town Office.
- Present: 39 people
- Moderator Brian Fletcher appointed George Robison as Deputy Moderator.
- George Robison announced the election results.

Art. 3. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2025 taxes** which remain unpaid on November 1, 2025.

Recommended: At the rate of 7.5%

- Stuart Huff made a motion to charge 7.5% interest. Roger Chadwick seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 4. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow a **discount on all 2025 taxes** paid in full within 30 days from the date of mailing tax bills and to set a discount rate.

Recommended: YES – 5%

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to allow a 5% discount. Stuart Huff seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 5. 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 **2023:** \$83,822.38

Expended in **2024:** \$91,062.95

Recommended: Whatever necessary from Undesignated Fund.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take whatever necessary from the Undesignated Fund. Stuart Huff seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 6. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2024 tax liens**.

Recommended: At the rate of 7.5%

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to charge 7.5% interest. Brian Fletcher seconded. 25 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 7. 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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Stuart Huff seconded. 25 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 8. 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 **2024:** Nancy Edge, Anne Goodblood, Brian Levesque, and Sherri Thornton

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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to elect four committee members. Brian Fletcher seconded. 27 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.
- Roger Chadwick made a motion to elect the same four committee members. Kyle King seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 9. 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 2025**. All overdrafts to be shown in the Town Report.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Brian Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 10. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept **property tax payments** before commitment.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Brian Fletcher seconded. 25 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 11. 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

- Charlie King made a motion to accept the article as read. Kyle King seconded. 28 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 12. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the use of a portion of the **2024 excise tax receipts** to **reduce** the **2025 property tax commitment**.

Recommended: \$200,000.00 from 2024 Excise Tax collected

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to use \$200,000.00 from 2024 Excise Tax. Stuart Huff seconded. 26 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 13. 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

- Charlie King made a motion to accept the article as read. Kyle King seconded. 29 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 14. 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 **2023:** \$25,403.73

Expended in **2024:** \$33,959.33

Recommended: \$50,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$2,183.62)

- Charlie King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$50,000. Kyle King 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 pay to cover the **Firemen's Payroll** while fighting fires and attending training sessions.

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

Expended in **2024**: \$12,045.00

Recommended: \$15,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$3,526.87)

- Charlie King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Kyle King seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 16. 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 **2023**: \$0.00

Expended in **2024**: \$12,000.00

Recommended: \$15,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$97,982.43)

- Charlie King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Kyle King seconded. 22 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 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 2023:

Expenses: \$0.00

Directors Pay: 500.00

Capital Reserve: 0.00

Total: \$500.00

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$8,025.49)

Expended in 2024:

\$0.00

500.00

0.00

\$500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500 for the Director's Pay. Brian Fletcher seconded. 26 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 18. 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 **2023**: \$5,951.18

Expended in **2024**: \$5,505.30

Recommended: \$8,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$8,000. Brian Fletcher seconded. 20 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 **Insurance** for the ensuing year.

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

Expended in **2024**: \$13,208.00

Recommended: \$16,000.00

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

Art. 20. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Highways** listed below:

ROADS, BRIDGES & PATCHING

Expended in **2023**: 68,249.18

Expended in **2024**: \$59,710.95

Recommended: \$80,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$80,000. Charlie King seconded. After some discussion, both Kyle King and Charlie King withdraw their motions.
- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$70,000. Charlie King seconded. 17 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

BRUSH

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

Expended in **2024**: \$4,960.00

Recommended: \$15,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Charlie King seconded. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

MOWING

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

Expended in **2024**: \$6,200.00

Recommended: \$6,500.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,500. Charlie King seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 21. 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 \$153,524.47; take \$50,000.00 from (LRAP) Urban-Rural Initiative Program; and take \$65,372.91 remaining from 2024 Excise Tax collected.

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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$153,524.47, take \$50,000 from LRAP, and take \$65,372.91 from 2024 Excise Tax. Brian Fletcher seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 22. 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 **2023**: \$10,000.00

Expended in **2024**: \$9,210.00

Recommended: \$10,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$10,000. R. Chadwick seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 23. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter a 3-year contract, with a 2-year option, for the Town's **Trash Removal and Transport**.

Recommended: YES and put out to bid

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Stuart Huff seconded. 24 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 **2023**: \$115,414.42

Expended in **2024**: \$116,737.88

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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$105,000, take \$12,000 from the MRC Refund account, and take up to \$25,000 from the Undesignated Fund. 24 YES 0 NO. 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 **2023**: \$60.00

Expended in **2024**: \$280.00

Recommended: \$500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take \$500 from the Undesignated Fund. Brian Fletcher seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. 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 **2023**: \$257,008.72

Expended in **2024**: \$323,943.85

Recommended: \$343,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$343,000. Kyle King seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. 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 **2023:** \$835.00

Expended in **2024:** \$8,467.96

Recommended: \$0.00

(Carried Forward: \$9,807.49)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Kyle King seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. 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 **2023:** \$0.00

Expended in **2024:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- R. Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Kyle King seconded. 26 YES 0 NO. 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 **2023:** \$0.00

Expended in **2024:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

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

Art. 30. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter a 3-year contract, with a 2-year option, for the **Town's Mowing.**

[Note: Cemeteries, Municipal Building, Town Beach and Veteran's Memorial]

Recommendation: YES and put out to bid

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and put the town's mowing out to bid. Kyle King seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 31. 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 **2023:** \$12,652.97

Expended in **2024:** \$13,195.56

Recommended: \$16,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$16,000. Brian Fletcher seconded. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to increase the **Select Board's** yearly stipend.

Recommended: \$5,500.00 per Select Board member.

[Note: current Select Board member stipend - \$3,500.00 per year]

- Stuart Huff made a motion to increase the Select Board stipend to \$5,500 per year per member. Brian Levesque seconded. 16 YES 4 NO. Motion carried.
- After some discussion, Stuart Huff and Brian Levesque withdrew their motions, due to Stuart Huff being a current Select Board member.
- Brian Levesque made a motion to increase the Select Board stipend to \$5,500 per year per member. Kyle King seconded. 16 YES 4 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to establish a **Deputy Code Enforcement Officer's** budgeted stipend.

Recommended: \$3,000.00 per year

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate up to \$3,000 per year. Brian Levesque seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Officers' Salaries.**

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

Expended in **2024:** \$107,657.18

Recommended: \$122,000.00 plus registration agent fees

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$122,000 plus the agent fees. Brian Fletcher seconded. 20 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Office Supplies**.

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

Expended in **2024:** \$6,113.37

Recommended: \$6,500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,500. Brian Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Office Equipment** account.

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

Expended in **2024:** \$6,343.35

Recommended: \$6,500.00

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

Art. 37. 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 **2023:** \$38,617.67

Expended in **2024:** \$37,350.68

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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$35,000 plus revenues on liens. Brian Fletcher seconded. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 38. 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 **2023:** \$9,793.33

Expended in **2024:** \$9,994.79

Recommended: \$12,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$12,000. Kyle King seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 39. 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 **2023:** \$1,585.00

Expended in **2024:** \$11,185.75

Recommended: \$10,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$497.56)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$10,000. Kyle King seconded. 25 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 40. 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 **2023:** \$1,382.71

Expended in **2024:** \$855.00

Recommended: \$0.00

(Carried Forward: \$9,655.06)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Brian Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 41. 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 **2023:** \$6,052.00

Expended in **2024:** \$8,143.14

Recommended: \$13,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$13,000. Brian Fletcher seconded. After some discussion, both Roger Chadwick and Brian Fletcher rescinded their motions.
- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$13,000 and to take up to \$5,000 from the Undesignated

Fund. Brian Levesque seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 42. 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 **2023:** \$1,462.70

Expended in **2024:** \$759.20

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

(NOTE: Reimbursement from State at 70%)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000 plus revenues from the state. Brian Fletcher seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 43. 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 **2023:** \$570.00

Expended in **2024:** \$450.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. Brian Levesque seconded. 25 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Swimming Instruction

Expended in **2023:** \$800.00

Expended in **2024:** \$800.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Brian Fletcher seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee

Expended in **2023:** \$0.00

Expended in **2024:** \$478.42

Recommended: \$500.00

(Carried Forward: \$2,616.46)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500. Brian Fletcher seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 44. 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 **2023:** \$1,706.00

Expended in **2024:** \$1,740.00

Recommended: \$1,775.00

- Brian Croft made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,775. Roger Chadwick seconded. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 45. 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 **2023:** \$600.00

Expended in **2024:** \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. Kyle King seconded. Motion carried. 13 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF WATERVILLE AREA

Expended in **2023:** \$460.00

Expended in **2024:** \$460.00

Recommended: \$460.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$460. Brian Fletcher seconded. YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

JAWS OF LIFE – Unity Fire Dept.

Expended in **2023:** \$200.00

Expended in **2024:** \$200.00

Recommended: \$200.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$200. Charlie King seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

Expended in **2024:** \$1,000.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. Charlie King seconded. 18 YES 2 NO. Motion carried.

SEBASTICOOK REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Expended in **2023:** \$250.00

Expended in **2024:** \$250.00

Recommended: \$250.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$250. Charlie King seconded. 20 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.

SPECTRUM GENERATIONS

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

Expended in **2024:** \$800.00

Recommended: \$800.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$800. Brian Fletcher seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

UNITY OPEN DOOR

Recommended: \$300.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$300. Susan King seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

UNITY VOLUNTEER FOOD PANTRY

Expended in **2023:** \$600.00

Expended in **2024:** \$600.00

Recommended: \$300.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$300. Brian Fletcher seconded.
- After some discussion, motion and second were rescinded.
- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. Brian Croft seconded. 16 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

WALDO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS

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

Expended in **2024:** \$6,000.00

Recommended: \$6,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,000. Brian Croft seconded. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 46. 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 **2023:** \$435.00

Expended in **2024:** \$710.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. Stuart Huff seconded.
- Brian Croft made a motion to allow Ryan Jackson from WCAP to speak. Roger Chadwick seconded.
- 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 47. 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 \$120.00 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 **2023:** \$185.00

Expended in **2024:** \$865.00

Recommended: \$1,200.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,200 and to take up to \$500 from surplus. Brian Fletcher seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 48. 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

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to vote YES. Kyle King seconded. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 49. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control**.

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

Expended in **2024:** \$2,373.16

Recommended: \$2,422.16 (cost for animal housing contract) plus towns' share of dog licenses

(Carried Forward: \$5,529.47)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$2,422.16, plus town's share of dog licenses. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 50. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to donate to the cat sanctuary, **Spirit's Place**, in St. Albans, Maine.

Recommended: \$500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500. Sherri Thornton seconded. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 51. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$6,750.00) for professional consultant services in connection with the **Assessment Quarter Review**.

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

Expended in **2024:** \$6,500.00

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as written. Kyle King seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 52. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Veterans Memorial Park**.

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

Expended in **2024:** \$6,548.33

Recommended: \$5,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$8,268.68)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Brian Fletcher seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 53. 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, 2026, to March 21, 2026**.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to vote YES. Brian Fletcher seconded. 14 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 54. 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.

Expended in 2023: \$1,600.00

Expended in 2024: \$1,600.00

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Brian Fletcher seconded. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 55. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will raise and appropriate \$18,125.00 into the "**Revaluation Reserve Account**" in Fiscal Year 2025, for the purpose of covering the cost to conduct a town-wide property tax revaluation.
[NOTE: Projected Date of Revaluation – 2026]

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$36,250.00)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Brian Fletcher seconded. 16 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 56. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$272,000 to **shim the entire Pond Road** – from the Troy Townline, by Island Lane, to the intersection of South Horseback Road, by Patterson's Store (an area of 15,300' x 21').

Recommended: \$272,000

- Kyle King made a motion to take no action. Roger Chadwick seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 57. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$87,400 to **shim a section of the Pond Road** – from the Troy Townline, by Island Lane, to Hathorn Lane (an area of 3,462' x 21' wide), if a NO vote on Article 56.

Recommended: \$87,400

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$87,400. Brian Fletcher seconded. 5 YES 14 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 58. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,500 to **shim a section of the Pond Road** – from Waterman Lane to 172 Pond Road, the Edge residence (an area of 350' x 21' wide), if a NO vote on Article 56.

Recommended: \$12,500

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Clayton Turner seconded. 18 YES 3 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 59. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,020 to **shim a section of the Pond Road** – from 61 Pond Road, the Sigston residence, to 81 Pond Road, the Noonan residence (an area of 1,035' x 21' wide), if a NO vote on Article 56.

Recommended: \$30,020

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take no action. Clayton Turner seconded. 16 YES 3 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 60. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Ambulance Services**.

Recommended: Up to \$50,000

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$50,000, giving half to Clinton and half to Unity. Charlie King seconded.
- Roger Chadwick made a motion to allow Randy Caswell to speak. Allyson Chadwick seconded.
- Roger Chadwick made a motion to allow Kevin McGinnis to speak. Brian Croft seconded.
- After some discussion, Kyle King and Charlie King rescinded their motions.
- Kyle King made a motion to take no action. Charlie King seconded. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carries.

Art. 61. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will establish a non-lapsing **Cemetery Care Reserve Account** for the purpose of Repairing Gravestones.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to vote yes. Kyle King seconded. 15 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 62. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Cemetery Care Reserve Account**.

Recommended: \$20,000

- Wayne Mitchell made a motion to

Art. 63. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to change the position of a **Cemetery Committee Member** from an elected position to an appointed position.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to vote yes. Stuart Huff seconded. 13 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 64. Shall an ordinance entitled "**Town of Burnham Site Plan Review Ordinance**" be enacted?

Recommended: No recommendation

- Brian Croft made a motion the article as presented. Sherri Thornton seconded. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 65. Shall the following **amendment** to the "**Town of Burnham Electric Transmission Facilities, High-Impact Electric Transmission Lines and Corridors Ordinance**" be enacted?

1. Page 3 – Section 10. Additional Submission Requirements

Change "Burnham's Commercial Development Review Ordinance" to "Town of Burnham Site Plan Review Ordinance".

2. Page 4 – 2. Additional Performance/Safety Standards

Change last line in paragraph "Burnham's Commercial Development Review Ordinance" to "Town of Burnham Site Plan Review Ordinance".

Recommended: No recommendation

- Brian Croft made a motion to accept the article as read. Bruce Cook seconded. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

4:56 pm – Brian Croft made a motion to adjourn. Roger Chadwick seconded. Motion carried.

The Select Board hereby gives notice that the Registrar will be at the Municipal Building on **Friday, March 14, 2025**, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 1:30 p.m. until the close of polls.

Given unto our hands this **3rd day of March 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 March AD, 2025, being a least seven days before the meeting.

Constable or Resident of Burnham, Maine