

## RESULTS of 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- ARTICLE 1:** The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Andrew J. Bors at 8 o'clock in the forenoon on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 at the Conant Chapel. Mr. John Cook was nominated and elected Town Meeting Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2:** The Moderator opened the polls immediately after being sworn in and announced that the polls would remain open until 8:00 PM for the election of all necessary town officers. He also announced that at the closing of the polls, the town meeting would then be recessed until Saturday March 28, 2015 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Alfred Elementary School at which time the remainder of the warrant will be acted upon.
- Results of the election are listed following the disposition of the Articles.
- ARTICLE 3:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$532,878.87 to pay **SALARIES** in the Town of Alfred.
- ARTICLE 4:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$174,938.97 to pay for **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** to include Workers Compensation, Unemployment, Payroll taxes and Medical Insurance.
- ARTICLE 5:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$33,000.00 to pay for **TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.**
- ARTICLE 6:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$15,500.00 to pay for **TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE and UTILITIES.**
- ARTICLE 7:** It was voted to appropriate up to \$6,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for **PAINTING** (portion of) **TOWN HALL.**
- ARTICLE 8:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$25,921.00 to pay for **TOWN INSURANCE.**
- ARTICLE 9:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$9,400.00 to pay for the annual **AUDIT** of the Town's financial records.
- ARTICLE 10:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$11,500.00 to pay for **LEGAL FEES.**
- ARTICLE 11:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$3,000.00 to pay General Code Publisher Corporation to update and maintain the **CODE OF THE TOWN OF ALFRED.**
- ARTICLE 12:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,000.00 to pay for **INTEREST FOR TANS LOANS.**
- ARTICLE 13:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$9,895.00 to pay for **COMPUTER SUPPORT.**
- ARTICLE 14:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$13,000.00 to pay for the **ANNUAL ASSESSING** of all new properties and major improvements.
- ARTICLE 15:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$400.00 for the support of the **VETERANS COMMITTEE.**
- ARTICLE 16:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,275.00 for the support of the **ALFRED HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.**
- ARTICLE 17:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$300.00 for the support of the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**
- ARTICLE 18:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,200.00 for the support of the **ALFRED PLANNING BOARD.**

- ARTICLE 19:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the support of the **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE** after much discussion. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to move the question.
- ARTICLE 20:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,563.00 for the support of the **CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**
- ARTICLE 21:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$250.00 for the support of the **SHAKER WOODS COMMITTEE.**
- ARTICLE 22:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$300.00 for the support of the **TWELVE-TOWN GROUP.**
- ARTICLE 23:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$4,521.00 and to appropriate \$1,979.00 of the Designated Animal Control Fund for the operation of the **ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT.**
- ARTICLE 24:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$29,900.00 and to appropriate \$100,570.00 of the Unassigned Fund to pay the **ALFRED WATER DISTRICT** for public fire protection.
- ARTICLE 25:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$12,300.00 to pay for **STREET LIGHTS.**
- ARTICLE 26:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$53,120.00 for the maintenance, operation and equipment of the **ALFRED FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
- ARTICLE 27:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$25,735.00 for the utilities and maintenance of the **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.**
- ARTICLE 28:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$24,300.00 to pay for **DISPATCH SERVICES.**
- ARTICLE 29:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,000.00 to pay for Hepatitis B, TB, and other **IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICALS** required for Fire, Rescue "on call" personnel and the Animal Control Officer as required by the State.
- ARTICLE 30:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$8,743.33 to be used by the **ROSS CORNER FIRE COMPANY** for operations and maintenance.
- ARTICLE 31:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$55,060.00 for the maintenance, operation and equipment of the **ALFRED RESCUE DEPARTMENT.**
- ARTICLE 32:** After much discussion as to the need for a new ambulance and the desire for the Town to save for rather than bond the ambulance, a motion was to limit debate. Said motion was seconded; then it was so voted. The Town authorized the Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$230,000.00 on such terms and conditions as determined reasonable by the Selectmen with a term of not more than four (4) years, to be used for the purchase of an Ambulance and Power Cot and to appropriate the loan funds. Furthermore the Selectmen were authorized to borrow notes in anticipation of the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds.
- ARTICLE 33:** It was voted to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund as needed by any Town Department to be used for any lawful **EMERGENCY** purpose that the Town is unable to anticipate or project at this time, as approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 34:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the support of the **ALFRED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**
- ARTICLE 35:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$112,000.00 for the support of the **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**
- ARTICLE 36:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the support of the **AMERICAN RED CROSS OF SOUTHERN MAINE.**

- ARTICLE 37:** After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted to limit debate. It was then voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$400.00 for the support of the **BIDDEFORD FREE CLINIC**.
- ARTICLE 38:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$906.00 for the support of **CARING UNLIMITED**.
- ARTICLE 39:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the support of **DAY ONE**.
- ARTICLE 40:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$7,900.00 for the support of **HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSES**.
- ARTICLE 41:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$450.00 for the support of **KIDS FREE TO GROW**.
- ARTICLE 42:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$300.00 for the support of **SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE SERVICES OF SOUTHERN MAINE**.
- ARTICLE 43:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the support of the **SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING**.
- ARTICLE 44:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,100.00 for the support of **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS**.
- ARTICLE 45:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the support of **YORK COUNTY SHELTER**.
- ARTICLE 46:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$292,000.00 to pay for **PLOWING AND SANDING ROADS** and municipal parking lots.
- ARTICLE 47:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$105,000.00 to pay for costs of the sand and salt **STOCKPILE**.
- ARTICLE 48:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$120,000.00 and appropriate \$45,000.00 of the Unassigned Fund to pay for **YEAR ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE**.
- ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$187,464.00 of the Unassigned Fund and to appropriate \$42,536.00 of the Local Road Assistance Program money to pay for **PAVING PREPARATION WORK/ PAVING PROGRAM** as approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 50:** It was voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 of the Unassigned Fund to pay for **HIGHWAY SAFETY** and **GUARDRAILS**.
- ARTICLE 51:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$16,776.00 for the support of the **PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS**.
- ARTICLE 52:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,100.00 to be used to support the **SHAKER VALLEY SNOW TRAVELERS CLUB** for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public.
- ARTICLE 53:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$100.00 to support **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**.
- ARTICLE 54:** It was voted to appropriate \$3,488.00 of the Unassigned Fund and to appropriate \$12.00 of the Designated Old Cemetery Fund for the maintenance of the **PARISH CEMETERY**.
- ARTICLE 55:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,680.00 for the maintenance of the **OUTLYING CEMETERIES & MOWING**.
- ARTICLE 56:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$7,500.00 for the support of the **ALFRED FESTIVAL DAY**.

- ARTICLE 57:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$15,000.00 to pay for the Town's **GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**
- ARTICLE 58:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$20,885.00 for the support of the **PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY.**
- ARTICLE 59:** It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept any income from any source including but not limited to fines, fees, gifts, sales, grants and reimbursements and to appropriate said income into various municipal accounts in accordance with the purpose for which the funds were received.
- ARTICLE 60:** It was voted to appropriate up to \$76,575.00 from the Unassigned Fund to make the semi-annual payments on the **TRANSFER STATION BOND.**
- ARTICLE 61:** It was voted to appropriate \$38,300.00 of the Unassigned Fund and appropriate \$20,000.00 of the Capital Improvement Fund to make the semi-annual payment of the 2013 **PAVING BOND.**
- ARTICLE 62:** It was voted to appropriate \$8,932.20 of the Unassigned Fund to make the semi-annual payment of the **ZOLL LEASE.**
- ARTICLE 63:** It was voted to name the song "Simple Gifts" as the official **TOWN SONG.**
- ARTICLE 64:** It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2015 budget during the period from January 1, 2016 through the annual Town Meeting of March, 2016, except to allow 100% for the bills received for the following accounts: Insurance, Plowing and Sanding, Annual Audit and Emergency.
- ARTICLE 65:** It was voted to pay abatement of taxes from overlay and set interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3.00% per year.
- ARTICLE 66:** It was voted to use the estimated excise tax and other revenues, as approved by the Selectmen, to reduce the tax rate for the year 2015.
- ARTICLE 67:** It was voted to fix the date of October 1, 2015 when taxes will be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest of 7.00% per annum to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date with interest to begin October 2, 2015, and if the Town will forgive interest for October, November and December for members of the Tax Club if payments are made to date.

92 Voters were present. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.