

MAPLETON TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm Frank Nunez (Deputy Clerk)

GREETINGS: Frank Nunez

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mapleton, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 17th day of March, A.D. 2025, at three o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 2 by ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening;

And to notify and warn the inhabitants to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 17th of March, A.D. 2025, at seven o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act on Articles 3 through 29 set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To elect *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Frank Called for a Motion on electing Wesley Lavigne as the moderator for the remainder of the town meeting. Robert Bagley motioned and David Maxcy seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.

Article 2. To elect *by majority on secret ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: Two (2) Select Board Members for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years; and Two (2) Sewer District Trustees, one (1) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years.

Results of Ballot:

Select Board: Matthew Greg 30-0

Select Board: Scott Young 30-0

Assessor: Leigh Smith (Write in default as other write in already holds a position on this board)

Sewer Trustee: John Hoffses (Write in Majority)

Sewer Trustee: Joshua Buck (Write in Majority)

Article 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled Dog Nuisance Ordinance be enacted? (An attested copy of this ordinance is available from the municipal clerk).

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley asked for elaboration of this article, more information provided by Sandra Fournier (Town Manger).

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled The Mapleton Zoning Ordinance be enacted? (An attested copy of this ordinance is available from the municipal clerk).

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 5. To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much, and what date.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: 7.5% effective November 1, 2024

David Maxcy motioned for this article to pass. Robert Bagley Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A, interest rate may not exceed more than 4% less than the delinquent interest tax rate.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: 3.5%

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2025 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$37,503

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Any unused appropriation of the Planning Board and Zoning Board accounts will be carried over to the next year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$1,147

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$129,019

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Mapleton Sewer District.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$5,000

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$22,774

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Any unused appropriations will be carried over to the next year.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$11,500

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$230,677

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 251,930
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 45,000
Surplus Use	\$ 65,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$ 780,620</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$1,142,550

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,071,402 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2025, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Select Board, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2025 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 357,517
Highway	\$ 345,236
Fire	\$ 122,490
Recreation	\$ 51,875
Property Services	\$ 48,300
Public Safety	\$ 10,188
Community Services	\$ 895
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 134,901</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$1,071,402

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

David Maxcy commented, praising the road crew for the quality of job they do.

Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Robert Bagley motioned to combine articles 18 thru 29. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

David Maxcy commented – if new people were present then they should not combine the articles, but as it was only regulars the combining of articles is acceptable.

Robert Bagley motioned for the articles to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2025 budget from January 2026 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations - 50% to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club - provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Tax-Acquired real estate sales shall follow the Maine statutes 36 M.R.S §942 and §943, as amended.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Article 29. To see if the Town, in accordance with the Maine statutes, 36 M.R.S. §506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval

Meeting was adjourned by Wesley Lavigne at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Nunez
Deputy Clerk