

**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13 & 14, 2017
MACHIAS TOWN OFFICE & MACHIAS HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM**

Town Clerk, Sandra Clifton, called the meeting to order on June 13, 2017 at the Machias Town Office at 8:00 A.M. The Greeting and Officer's Return of Warrant were read.

ARTICLE 1: Nominations were accepted for moderator and Jane Foss was elected and sworn in. Betsy Fitzgerald was later sworn in as Deputy Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Votes were cast by secret ballot (results are attached).

The meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. at the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium. Town Clerk, Sandra Clifton, began with a flag salute. Warren Gay called for a moment of silence for the accidental death of a former selectman. The meeting was then turned over to the Deputy Moderator, Betsy Fitzgerald.

ARTICLE 3: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Grady Dwelley, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 4: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made by Warren Gay and seconded by Grady Dwelley. Machias Fire Department member, Andrew Mulholland spoke regarding how important it is to retain the dispatch positions. Minutes save lives. Insurance may increase if dispatch is eliminated. Many people spoke in favor of keeping the dispatch positions. Ginny Brown stated that since Machias is the Shiretown, it seems they are expected to pay extra; other towns need to contribute. A motion was made by Warren Gay and seconded by Joshua Rolfe that Article 5 would be voted on by secret ballot, the motion failed to pass. Article 5 failed to pass.

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made by Joshua Rolfe and seconded by Warren Gay. Richard Larson spoke about the need for more revenue. There was some discussion regarding how much of the Town is non-profit. Article 6 passed as written.

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made by Joshua Rolfe and seconded by Warren Gay. Machias Police Chief, Grady Dwelley, spoke. He stated the 20% of calls come in between the hours of 11 P.M. and 7 A.M. when there is no State Police and no Sheriff's Department on duty. Response time will stretch from approximately 7 minutes to 30 minutes if this position is eliminated. Other residents also spoke in favor of keeping this position. Article 7 failed to pass.

ARTICLE 8: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 9: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 10: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 11: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 12: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 13: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 14: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 15: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

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ARTICLE 24: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 25: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written. There was some discussion regarding the amount of \$200 being a small amount. Town Manager, Christina Therrien, stated that the money was used to purchase flags for Veteran's graves and Machias Public Works Department takes care of the stones.

ARTICLE 26: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Grady Dwelley, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 27: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

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ARTICLE 30: A motion was made by Joshua Rolfe and seconded by Warren Gay. Joshua Rolfe made a motion to amend Article 30 be reduced by \$14,000. The Article passed as amended.

ARTICLE 31: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 32: On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Joshua Rolfe, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 33: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written. Wayne Wood spoke regarding the Revitalization Committee approaching businesses and taxpayers before making any decisions.

ARTICLE 34: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 35: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written. Denice Hopkins spoke regarding the large amount of dirt on the sidewalks.

ARTICLE 36: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

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ARTICLE 55: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written. Animal Control Officer, Robert Seelye, explained that the ordinance would be complaint driven and there would be no rush to judgment if someone complains. Police Chief, Grady Dwelley explained that enacting this ordinance would allow the town to be able to enforce animal complaints.

ARTICLE 56: On a motion by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Town voted to accept the article as written.

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Warren Gay spoke regarding Aubrey Carter and how he had been sick for a number of months, but he was feeling better and had returned home.

At 9:00 P.M. a motion was made to adjourn by Joshua Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay.