

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

The meeting was re-convened by Moderator, John Cook, at 10:00 AM on Saturday June 17, 2023
There were 74 voters present

ARTICLE 3: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$981,000.00 to pay **SALARIES** in the Town of Alfred.

ARTICLE 4: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$363,000.00 to pay for **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** to include Workers Compensation, Unemployment, Payroll taxes, MainePERS and Medical Insurance.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted to appropriate \$12,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for the **CONTINGENCY FUND**.

ARTICLE 6: It was voted to appropriate \$23,080.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for the **TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$17,900.00 to pay for **TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE and UTILITIES**.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$28,270.00 to pay for **TOWN INSURANCE**.

ARTICLE 9: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$27,000.00 to pay for **LEGAL FEES**.

ARTICLE 10: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$13,125.00 to pay for the annual **AUDIT** of the Town's financial records.

ARTICLE 11: It was voted to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Designated Cable Franchise Fee to update and maintain the **CODE OF THE TOWN OF ALFRED**.

ARTICLE 12: It was voted to appropriate \$11,990.00 from the Designated Cable Franchise Fee for **RE-CODIFICATION** of the Town of Alfred's Codes.

ARTICLE 13: It was voted to appropriate \$39,000.00 from the Designated Cable Franchise Fee account to pay for **COMPUTER SUPPORT**.

ARTICLE 14: After questions and discussion, it was voted to appropriate \$122,827.18 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) for **TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS** including the installation of a Vertical Platform Lift.

ARTICLE 15: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$600.00 for the support of the **VETERANS COMMITTEE**.

- ARTICLE 16:** It was voted to appropriate from ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) \$150,000.00 to complete a full **REVALUATION**, which has not been conducted since April 1, 2005.
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town will raise by taxation and appropriate \$21,600 to pay for annual **ASSESSING**. After information of this article given by the town Treasurer, Fred Holt, a motion was made to reject this article as written. Motion was made to amend the amount raised by taxation and appropriated to \$10,800. Motion was seconded.
- It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$10,800 to pay for annual **ASSESSING** of all new properties and major improvements.
- ARTICLE 18:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,545.00 for the support of the **ALFRED HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**.
- ARTICLE 19:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$480.00 for the support of the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**.
- ARTICLE 20:** It was voted to appropriate \$60,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund to be placed in the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** of which \$40,000 will be reserved for repairs/paving of Old Kennebunk Road.
- ARTICLE 21:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,945.00 for the support of the **ALFRED PLANNING BOARD**.
- ARTICLE 22:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$920.00 for the support of the **ALFRED CONSERVATION COMMISSION**.
- ARTICLE 23:** It was voted to appropriate \$2,255.00 from the Designated Animal Control Fund for the operation of the **ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT**.
- ARTICLE 24:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$150,041.00 to pay the **ALFRED WATER DISTRICT** for the provision of water necessary for public fire protection.
- ARTICLE 25:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$12,000.00 to pay for **STREET LIGHTS** and Maintenance.
- ARTICLE 26:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$124,850.00 for the maintenance and operation of the equipment of the **ALFRED FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**.
- ARTICLE 27:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$38,800.00 for the utilities and maintenance of the **ALFRED PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**.
- ARTICLE 28:** It was voted to appropriate \$31,086.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for **PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS/DISPATCH SERVICES**.
- ARTICLE 29:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,000.00 to pay for Hepatitis B, TB, and other **IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICALS** required for Fire, Rescue "on call" personnel, Transfer Station Employees and the Animal Control Officer.
- ARTICLE 30:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$9,993.00 to be used by the **ROSS CORNER FIRE COMPANY** for operations and maintenance.

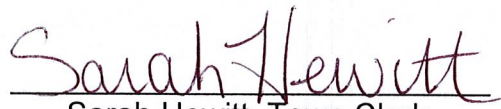
- ARTICLE 31:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$228,820.00 for the support of the Town's **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** program.
- ARTICLE 32:** It was voted to appropriate \$575.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **CARING UNLIMITED.**
- ARTICLE 33:** It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **KIDS FREE TO GROW.**
- ARTICLE 34:** It was voted to appropriate \$1,400.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of the **SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING.**
- ARTICLE 35:** It was voted to appropriate \$300.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **SOUTHERN MAINE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.**
- ARTICLE 36:** It was voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION.**
- ARTICLE 37:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$362,560.00 to pay for the annual payment of the contract for **PLOWING AND SANDING ROADS.**
- ARTICLE 38:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$125,000.00 to pay for costs of the **SAND AND SALT STOCKPILE.**
- ARTICLE 39:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$300,000.00 to pay for **YEAR-ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE.**
- ARTICLE 40:** It was voted to appropriate \$455,932.00 from the Unassigned Fund and to appropriate \$44,068.00 of the State Local Road Assistance Program money (for a total of \$500,000.00) to pay for **PAVING PREPARATION WORK/ PAVING PROGRAM** as approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 41:** After discussion, it was voted to approve the Municipal Officers' **Order of Discontinuance** of a portion of Stone Road, dated May 9, 2023 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate \$0 to pay damages as stated in the aforementioned Order, as the abutters have waived any claim for damages.
- ARTICLE 42:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the support of the **ALFRED FESTIVAL DAY.**
- ARTICLE 43:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$16,245.00 for the support of the **ALFRED PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS.**
- ARTICLE 44:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$986.00 to be used to support the **SHAKER VALLEY SNO-TRAVELERS CLUB** for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public.
- ARTICLE 45:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$575.00 for the support of the **BROTHERS BEACH TOWN PARK COMMITTEE.**

- ARTICLE 46:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$11,735.00 for the maintenance of **CEMETERIES AND MOWING** of municipal commons areas.
- ARTICLE 47:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$6,900.00 to pay for the **FIELD CARE/TREE PROGRAM**.
- ARTICLE 48:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$3,500.00 to pay for the Town's **GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**.
- ARTICLE 49:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$23,025.00 for the support of the **PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**.
- ARTICLE 50:** It was voted to appropriate \$41,121.00 from the Unassigned Fund to make the final payment on the **SELF- CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND COMPRESSOR LEASE**.
- ARTICLE 51:** It was voted to authorize the municipal officers to accept any and all funds and real or personal property from any source, including, but not limited to fines, fees, gifts, sales, grants and reimbursements, and to appropriate said funds into various municipal accounts and to use said property in accordance with the purposes for which the funds were received or the gift of property was made.
- ARTICLE 52:** It was voted to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S. §2953.
- ARTICLE 53:** It was voted to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of Town-owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
- ARTICLE 54:** It was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen upon request of the Treasurer, to allow the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of a tax lien on a specified property for a specified year with reference to the Tax Lien Certificate recorded at the York County Registry of Deeds, in circumstances where the Board of Selectmen determine that the foreclosure may be disadvantageous to the Town?
- ARTICLE 55:** It was voted to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for homestead property formerly owned by persons 65 years or older if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- ARTICLE 56:** It was voted to pay abatement of taxes from the Unassigned Fund and set interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8% per year.
- ARTICLE 57:** It was voted to use the estimated excise tax and other revenues, as approved by the Selectmen, to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- ARTICLE 58:** It was voted to fix the date of October 1, 2023 when first payment of taxes will be due and payable and April 1, 2024 when second payment of taxes will be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest of 8% per annum to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date(s) with interest to begin October 2, 2023 on first payment and April 2, 2024 on the second payment, and if the Town will forgive interest for members of the Tax Club if payments are made to date.

ARTICLE 59: It was voted to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §506

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Sarah Hewitt, Town Clerk