

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

The meeting was re-convened by John Cook at 10 o'clock am on Saturday June 15, 2024 at Alfred Elementary School. There were 44 voters present.

ARTICLE 3: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,016,200.00 to pay **SALARIES** in the Town of Alfred.

ARTICLE 4: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$325,000.00 to pay for **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** to include Workers Compensation, Unemployment, Payroll taxes, MainePERS and Medical Insurance.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted to appropriate \$15,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for the **CONTINGENCY FUND**.

ARTICLE 6: It was voted to appropriate \$23,860.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for the **TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$19,205.00 to pay for **TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE and UTILITIES**.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$29,120.00 to pay for **TOWN INSURANCE**.

ARTICLE 9: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$40,000.00 to pay for **LEGAL FEES**.

ARTICLE 10: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$18,300.00 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 \$49,000.00 from the Designated Cable Franchise Fee account to pay for **COMPUTER SUPPORT**.

ARTICLE 13: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$600.00 for the support of the **VETERANS COMMITTEE**.

ARTICLE 14: It was voted to appropriate \$15,500 from taxation and to appropriate \$55,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund (for a total \$70,500.00) to pay for annual **ASSESSING** of all new properties and major improvements.

ARTICLE 15: It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,495.00 for the support of the **ALFRED HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**.

- ARTICLE 16:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$480.00 for the support of the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**
- ARTICLE 17:** It was voted to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund to be placed in the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** reserved for the eventual purchase of a new ambulance.
- ARTICLE 18:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,945.00 for the support of the **ALFRED PLANNING BOARD.**
- ARTICLE 19:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$920.00 for the support of the **ALFRED CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**
- ARTICLE 20:** It was voted to appropriate \$2,665.00 from the Designated Animal Control Fund for the operation of the **ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT.**
- ARTICLE 21:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$152,964.00 to pay the **ALFRED WATER DISTRICT** for the provision of water necessary for public fire protection.
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$12,000.00 to pay for **STREET LIGHTS** and Maintenance.
- ARTICLE 23:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$129,650.00 for the maintenance and operation of the equipment of the **ALFRED FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT.**
- ARTICLE 24:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$39,950.00 for the utilities and maintenance of the **ALFRED PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.**
- ARTICLE 25:** It was voted to appropriate \$34,160.00 from the Unassigned Fund to pay for **PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS/DISPATCH SERVICES.**
- ARTICLE 26:** 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 27:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$11,160.00 to be used by the **ROSS CORNER FIRE COMPANY** for operations and maintenance.
- ARTICLE 28:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a **FIT TEST MACHINE** for the Public Safety Building.
- ARTICLE 29:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$260,370.00 for the support of the Town’s **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** program.
- ARTICLE 30:** It was voted to appropriate \$575.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **CARING UNLIMITED.**
- ARTICLE 31:** It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **KIDS FREE TO GROW.**

- ARTICLE 32:** It was voted to appropriate \$1,400.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of the **SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING**
- ARTICLE 33:** It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **SOUTHERN MAINE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.**
- ARTICLE 34:** It was voted to appropriate \$1,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund for the support of **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION.**
- ARTICLE 35:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$373,437.00 to pay for the annual payment of the contract for **PLOWING AND SANDING ROADS**
- ARTICLE 36:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$125,000.00 to pay for costs of the **SAND AND SALT STOCKPILE.**
- ARTICLE 37:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$400,000.00 to pay for **YEAR-ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE.**
- ARTICLE 38:** It was voted to appropriate \$449,180.00.00 from the Unassigned Fund and to appropriate \$50,820.00 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 39:** It was voted to appropriate and expend from the Unassigned Fund, the sum of \$37,088.00, which represents the amount to be paid by the Town of Alfred to the City of Sanford in full and final settlement of the lawsuit entitled, "City of Sanford v. Town of Alfred," which is currently pending in the York County Superior Court under Docket Number CV-23-135, as specified in the Stipulated Judgment and Final Order in said Lawsuit?
- ARTICLE 40:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$7,550.00 for the support of the **ALFRED FESTIVAL DAY.**
- ARTICLE 41:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$17,455.00 for the support of the **ALFRED PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS.**
- ARTICLE 42:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$966.00 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 43:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$1,380.00 for the support of the **BROTHERS BEACH TOWN PARK COMMITTEE.**
- ARTICLE 44:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$11,214.00 and approve \$6.00 from the Old Designated Cemetery Fund for a total of \$11,220.00 for the maintenance of **CEMETERIES AND MOWING** of municipal commons areas.
- ARTICLE 45:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$7,410.00 to pay for the **FIELD CARE/TREE PROGRAM.**

- ARTICLE 46:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$7,500.00 to pay for the **FORESTRY PROGRAM.**
- ARTICLE 47:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$3,500.00 to pay for the Town's **GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**
- ARTICLE 48:** It was voted to raise by taxation and appropriate \$23,711.00 for the support of the **PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**
- ARTICLE 49:** It was voted to enact an ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160 of the Alfred Code** to Comply with Public Law 2021, ch 672 (LD2003) and Public Law 2023, ch 192 (LD 1706) meant to increase housing units statewide by requiring municipalities to remove some regulatory barriers to housing.”
- ARTICLE 50:** It was voted to enact an ordinance entitled “**Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Alfred**” be enacted?
- 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, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon: (1) in accordance with Title 36, Section 943-C of the Maine Revised Statutes, as may be amended; or (2) should the municipal officers be unable to list or sell the property pursuant to Section 943-C, in any manner reasonably calculated by the municipal officers to establish the fair market value of the property. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as calculated pursuant to Section 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
- 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 4.5% 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, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

ARTICLE 58: It was voted to fix the date of October 1, 2024 when first payment of taxes will be due and payable and April 1, 2025 when second payment of taxes will be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest of 8.5% per annum to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date(s) with interest to begin October 2, 2024 on first payment and April 2, 2025 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 10:47 A.M.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Sarah Hewitt, Town Clerk