MAIDSTONE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

CTO: 7:02 P.M.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: David Atkinson, Moderator, Selectboard Members Scott Lovell, Bruno McKenzie, & Brad McVetty; Mary vonAlt, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; Bob Champagne-Willis, Town Treasurer, Del Tax Collector, Lister, Zoning Board and Planning Commission member; BCA members, Andy Champagne-Willis, Cheryl McVetty, Bruce Hobaugh, And Heather (Grana) Monahan; Sandy Gray, Lister, Auditor, & Health Officer; Donna Bouthillier, Auditor; Chris vonAlt, Zoning Board and Planning Commission member; Sam Graham, Assistant Town Clerk; and Amy Pear (Scribe) Town Clerk and Lister.

Also Present: Linda Sanborn, Sharon Atkinson, Kathy Lovell, Lloyd Tippitt, Linwood Mixer, Mike Brisbin, Jason McVetty, Shelby Tully, Sam Goreham and Carol Goreham.

We had one guests: Emily Vosinek.

Moderator David Atkinson opened the meeting by reading: "The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Maidstone Town Hall at 508 VT Route 102 in the Town of Maidstone on March 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to vote on the candidates for local election by Australian ballot. The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to transact the following business from the floor:"

Article 1: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in 2 (two) installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2024, and April 15, 2025, by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall before 3:00 pm on each of said due dates or by delivery to the Town Hall USPS postmarked on or before said due dates

Bruce Hobaugh made a motion to accept the article as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 2: Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked Town Road Rebuild Account within the Highway Fund?

Bruce Hobaugh made a motion to accept the article as written. Lloyd Tippett seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 2 carried unanimously.

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise \$2,000 for a donation to the Maidstone Lake Association to help support the Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program at Maidstone Lake?

Lloyd Tippitt made a motion to accept the article as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 3 carried unanimously.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List

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Bruce Hobaugh made a motion to accept Article 4 as written. Sam Goreham seconded the motion. There no discussion a vote was taken and Article 4 carried unanimously.

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise \$1,000 and put it in the earmarked Cemetery Fund?

Lloyd Tippitt made a motion to accept Article 5 as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 5 carried unanimously.

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise \$4,000 to set aside for the biannual purchase of official Maidstone Town Trash Bags?

Chris vonAlt made a motion to accept Article 6 as written. Bruce Hobaugh seconded the motion. Bob Champagne-Willis stated that this was added because we now purchase trash bags every two years and raise half of the money each year. There being no Further discussion a vote was taken and Article 6 carried unanimously.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise \$281,430 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed 2024 Budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6?

Bruce Hobaugh made a motion to accept Article 7 as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 7 carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Bruce Hobaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned.

Scott Lovell, Selectboard Chair