

2022 CASTLE HILL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The Town Manager and Select board Members started the meeting by presenting the Boston Post Cane Award. This award was presented to Dana (Virginia) Allison. Select Board member Shari Cheney prepared a presentation for Mrs. Allison surrounded by her fellow Select Board Members and Town Manager. Sandra Fournier Town Manager then turned the meeting over to Christina Kidney Town Clerk.

At 7:25PM Christina Kidney Town Clerk opened the meeting by reading the following statement:

GREETINGS:

I, Christina Kidney, Clerk of the Town of Castle Hill, in the county of Aroostook and the State of Maine, have had Samantha Watt warn and notify the inhabitants of Castle Hill who are qualified by law to vote in the Town affairs to assemble 3:00 pm Tuesday, March 15, 2022 for the purpose of acting on Articles 1 – 29.

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

At 7:30PM Allen Michaud nominated Lynnelle Foster as Moderator with Maylen Kenney seconding the motion. No further nominations were made. Kidney asked for at least three written ballots to be cast. Three ballots were cast. After the voting was completed, the ballots were counted. All of the ballots were for Lynnelle Foster.

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, one (1) Assessor for a term of one (1) year, and one (1) Select Board Member for a term of one (1) year.

Selectmen: Herman Condon (3-year term) 21

Selectmen: Maylen Kenney (3-year term) 19

Selectmen: Gerald McGlinn: (1-year Term) 8

Assessor: Maylen Kenney (1-year term) 17

Assessor: Gerald McGlinn (3-year term) 3

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all other necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 3 as written: Maylen Kenney

Second: Gerald McGlinn

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 4. To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 4 as written: Shari Cheney

Second: Gerald McGlinn

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 5. 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 4% effective November 1, 2022

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 5 as written: Gerald McGlinn

Second: Allen Michaud

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 6. 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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 2%

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 6 as written: Maylen Kenney

Second: Allen Michaud

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2022 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 7 as written: Gerald McGlinn

Second: Allen Michaud

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$13,866

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 8 as written: Allen Michaud

Second: Shari Cheney

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$550

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 9 as written: Allen Michaud

Second: Maylen Kenney

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$5,597

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 10 as written: Maylen Kenney

Second: Allen Michaud

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$5,308

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 11 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Orpheus Allison
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$1,000

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 12 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Allen Michaud
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$56,464

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 13 as written: Maylen Kenney
Second: Allen Michaud
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 14. 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	\$ 35,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 15,173
Surplus Use	\$ 25,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$181,312</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$256,485

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 14 as written: Allen Michaud
Second: Orpheus Allison
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 15. To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$258,224 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2022 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 59,196

Highway	\$132,154
Fire	\$ 19,991
Recreation	\$ 7,937
Property Services	\$ 8,223
Public Safety	\$ 1,003
Community Services	\$ 178
Reserve Account	<u>\$ 29,542</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$258,224

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 15 as written: Allen Michaud
Second: Orpheus Allison
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Castle Hill by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 16 as written: Maylen Kenney
Second: Allen Michaud
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 17. 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. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 17 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Orpheus Allison
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues from recreation fees to reduce recreation expenses and to place any remaining fundraising revenues into the recreation reserve account, according to the Interlocal Agreement. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 18 as written: Maylen Kenney
Second: Allen Michaud
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

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. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 19 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Allen Michaud
No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2022 budget from January 2023 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 20 as written: Allen Michaud

Second: Shari Cheney

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 21 as written: Maylen Kenney

Second: Shari Cheney

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations and the Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club, provided that they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 22 as written: Shari Cheney

Second: Orpheus Allison

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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 reserve funds are available.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 23 as written: Shari Cheney

Second: Orpheus Allison

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 24 as written: Shari Cheney

Second: Allen Michaud

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property, except that the Municipal Officer shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 25 as written: Maylen Kenney
Second: Allen Michaud*

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 26 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Allen Michaud*

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 27 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Maylen Kenney*

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

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.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 28 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Allen Michaud*

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Article 29. To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 29 as written: Shari Cheney
Second: Allen Michaud*

No discussion. Motion passed by show of hands.

Deanna Mchatten announced poles were closed at 7:00PM. Votes were tallied by election staff.

Lynnelle Foster announced the results of the 2022 Mapleton Municipal Election.

No further matters were discussed. A motion to adjourn was made by Lynnelle Foster and seconded by Allen Michaud.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christina Kidney
Town Clerk*