**VEAZIE TOWN MEETING**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Clerk Mark Leonard called Town Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR TO PRESIDE AT SAID MEETING.**

A motion was made on the floor to nominate Julie Reed as Moderator. The motion was seconded. No other nominations were made. **VOTE TAKEN. JULIE REED WAS ELECTED MODERATOR.**

**ARTICLE 2: TO ELECT BY SECRET BALLOT ALL TOWN COUNCILORS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SEWER DISTRICT TRUSTEES AS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ELECTED.**

**IT IS HEREBY SPECIFIED THAT THE POLLS BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE ELECTION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS.**

**THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS WILL BE OPEN AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 TO ADD NEW REGISTRATIONS TO THE LIST OF VOTERS FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00PM**

**AND, TO NOTIFY AND WARN SAID INHABITANTS TO MEET AT THE VEAZIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2015 AT 8:00PM., THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON ARTICLES 3 THROUGH 30 AS SET OUT BELOW.**

A motion was made to accept Article 2 as written. The motion was seconded. **ARTICLE 2 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

The Moderator deputized Stanley N Marshall Jr. as Deputy Moderator. The Deputy Moderator called Town Meeting to order at 8:03 p.m., at the Veazie Community School for consideration of ARTICLES 3-30.

The Moderator read Article three to Article thirty as follows:

**ARTICLE 3: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $309,875.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 3 as written in the amount of 309,875.00. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 4: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $329,971.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 4 as written in the amount of $329,971.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 4 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 5: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $212,029.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 5 as written in the amount of $212,029.00. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 5 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 6: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $15,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 6 as written in the amount of $15,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 6 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 7: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $30,600.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 7 as written in the amount of $30,600.00. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 7 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 8: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $165,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 8 as written in the amount of $165,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 8 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 9: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE RESERVE ACCOUNTS.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $64,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 9 as written in the amount of $64,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 9 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 10: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE FOR FIXED/VARIABLE COST ITEMS.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

**$440,760.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 10 as written in the amount of $440,760.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 10 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO FIX A DATE WHEN TAXES ARE DUE AND TO SET AN INTEREST RATE, THE AMOUNT NOT TO BE COMPOUNDED, ON ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES NOT PAID ON OR PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30TH. INTEREST WILL COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 1ST ON ALL TAXES NOT PAID ON OR PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30TH.**

 **DUE DATE SUGGESTED: UPON RECEIPT OF TAX BILL**

 **INTEREST RATE SUGGESTED: 7.0%**

A motion was made to accept Article 11 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 11 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO FINANCE THE VOTED EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS:**

**TAX COLLECTOR REVENUE**

 **Total Tax Collector Revenue:.........................................................$321,120.00**

**TREASURER’S REVENUE**

 **Total Treasurer’s Revenue:.............................................................$225,139.00**

**TOWN CLERK REVENUE**

 **Total Town Clerk Revenue:.................................................................$2,150.00**

**RECOMMENDED NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & BUDGET COMMITTEE: $548,409.00.**

A motion was made to accept Article 12 as written in the amount of $548,409.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 12 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 13: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH THE INTEREST RATE TO BE PAID TO A TAXPAYER WHO IS DETERMINED TO HAVE PAID AN AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT FINALLY ASSESSED FOR 2014-2015 AT 3.0% PER YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT.**

A motion was made to accept Article 13 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 13 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

 **SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES**

 **Articles 14 through 24 Authorize Expenditures in Cost Center Categories**

**ARTICLE 14: TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$2,156,061.03**

A motion was made to accept Article 14 as written in the amount of $2,156,061.03. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 14 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 15:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$831,795.71**

A motion was made to accept Article 15 as written in the amount of $831,795.71. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 15 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 16:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM THE VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$24,817.59**

A motion was made to accept Article 16 as written in the amount of $24,817.59. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 16 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 17:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR OTHER INSTRUCTION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$42,796.76**

A motion was made to accept Article 17 as written in the amount of $42,796.76. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 17 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 18:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$200,143.67**

A motion was made to accept Article 18 as written in the amount of $200,143.67. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 18 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 19:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$100,517.54**

A motion was made to accept Article 19 as written in the amount of $100,517.54. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion.  **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 19 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

 **ARTICLE 20:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$165,920.93**

A motion was made to accept Article 20 as written in the amount of $165,920.93. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 20 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 21:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$144,300.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 21 as written in the amount of $144,300.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 21 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 22:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$263,026.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 22 as written in the amount of $263,026.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 22 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 23:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR DEBT SERVICE AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$287,644.91**

A motion was made to accept Article 23 as written in the amount of $287,644.91. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 23 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 24:** **TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FOR ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES INCLUDING SCHOOL LUNCH TRANSFERS.**

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**$30,000.00**

A motion was made to accept Article 24 as written in the amount of $30,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 24 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

 **ARTICLES 25 AND 26 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE**

 **PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 25: (Requires a recorded vote.)** To see what sum the Town of Veazie will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town of Veazie will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee recommends $2,867,950.82 be appropriated and $1,932,168.00 be raised.**

Explanation: The Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

A motion was made to accept Article 25 as written. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. 95 YES AND 5 OPPOSED. ARTICLE 25 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 26:** (**Requires a Written Ballot):** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the Town Council.

(**Town Council recommends** **$780,530.05)**, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **$721,369.54)**.

The Town Council gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **$780,369.54:** The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not provide funding to fully cover the actual costs of special education programming, student transportation, system administration, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programming. If student enrollment remains static or declines, and /or property valuations continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and/or higher local contributions.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

A motion to amend Article 26 was made to raise the amount by $60,684.00 which is 1.5% of $4,045,663.37 to make the new amount $841,214.05. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Article 26 as amended. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. 75 YES AND 23 OPPOSED AND 1 BLANK. ARTICLE 26 PASSED AS AMENDED**.

 **ARTICLE 27 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**Article 27:**  **(Requires a recorded vote**.) To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

 **Town Council recommends**: **$4,045,663.37**

A motion to amend Article 27 was made to change the amount to from $4,045,663.37 to $4,106,347.37. Motion was seconded. There was discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Article 27 as amended in the amount of $4,106,347.37. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. 75 YES AND 20 OPPOSED. ARTICLE 27 PASSED AS AMENDED**.

**ARTICLE 28 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OR GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**Article 28:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation: This article has no relation to previously voted articles pertaining to the general operating budget’s expenditures and revenues. The question authorizes the School Committee to expend any other receipts such as state and federal aid or grants to assist in the operations of the Veazie Community School. Examples would be Title I (federal reading intervention program), Special Education (local entitlement) and unanticipated state aid, including increases in municipal revenue sharing.

A motion was made to accept Article 28 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 28 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 29 AUTHORIZES THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET**

**Article 29:** Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 be approved in the amount of **$2,687,777.00.**

A motion was made to accept Article 29 as written in the amount of $2,687,777.00. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 29 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

**ARTICLE 30 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE**

**VOCATIONAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**Article 30:** Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 be approved in the amount of **$207,586.60** with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, and miscellaneous receipts in the interest and wellbeing of its adult education program, and shall the Town of Veazie raise **$1,565.55** as its share of the adult education budget for the career and technical education region?

A motion was made to accept Article 30 as written. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. **VOTE TAKEN. ARTICLE 30 PASSED AS WRITTEN**.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. **VOTE TAKEN**. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Leonard