

Town of Great Pond  
County of Hancock  
State of Maine  
2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 12, 2016

1. Organization of Meeting

Choose by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.  
John Wingert nominated and seconded. No other nominations.  
John Wingert elected by one written ballot.

Accept or reject the Town Report as printed.  
Motion made and seconded to postpone this vote until the end of the meeting.  
Motion made and seconded to accept the Town Report as amended. Motion passed.

2. Fix compensation for Municipal Officers:  
Compensation to be raised or appropriated in Article 8: Administration

Selectmen per year	\$1000.00
Town Clerk per year	\$1000.00
Registrar of Voters per year	\$ 100.00
Treasurer per year	\$1000.00
Deputy Town Clerk or Deputy Treasurer per hour	\$ 10.00
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector per year	\$ 1000.00
Code Enforcement Officer Hourly Pay	100.00
School Board Member per meeting	\$ 10.00
Airline CSD Board of Trustees per meeting	\$ 10.00
Road Commissioner per hour	\$ 10.00
Election Clerks per hour	\$ 10.00
Planning Board Members per meeting	\$ 10.00
Board of Appeals Members per meeting	\$ 10.00
Animal Control Officer per hour	\$ 10.00
Cleaning Town Hall per hour	\$ 15.00

Motion made and seconded to fix compensation for municipal officers as listed.  
All in favor, motion passes.

3. Assessor error resulted in the tax rate being set too low, resulting in a deficit of \$34,000.00 and no surplus for the current year. Economies will limit rise in taxes this year, but an increase is inevitable. Bear this in mind as we proceed. The situation also creates a cash flow problem therefore we are asking that you authorize the Board of Selectmen to make a short term loan not to exceed \$25,000.00 to cover operating expenses if necessary.

Much discussion. Townspeople voiced reluctance to borrow money. Motion made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to borrow if necessary one time only. Motion passed.

4. To fix compensation for Municipal Tax Collector at 4% of taxes collected.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Motion passed.

Elections:

To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors  
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Les Hutchinson)

John Swaim nominated , seconded and declined the nomination.  
Heather Stott nominated and seconded. Elected by one written ballot.

To choose a School Committee Member  
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Sue Swaim)

Sue Swaim nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Sue Swaim elected  
by one written ballot.

To choose a School Trustee Member  
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (John Wingert)

John Wingert expressed his willingness to give up this position. Reginald Archer  
nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Reginald Archer elected by one written ballot.

To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board  
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (Jillian Glover)

Lisa Butler nominated and seconded. Tom Stott nominated and seconded.  
Written ballots collected and counted. Tom Stott 11, Lisa Butler 6.  
Tom Stott elected to the Planning Board.

To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board  
by written ballot for a term of 3 (three) years. (David Honey Jr.)

Lisa Butler nominated and declined the position.  
David Honey Jr. nominated and seconded. No other nominations.  
David Honey Jr. elected by one written ballot.

To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board  
by written ballot for a term of 1 (one) year. (Patrick Glover)  
Lisa Butler nominated and seconded. Beth Flanders nominated and seconded.  
Written ballots collected and counted. Beth Flanders 9, Lisa Butler 6.  
Beth Flanders elected to the Planning Board.

To choose an Animal Control Officer  
by written ballot for the term of 1 (one) year. (Scott Flanders)

Scott Flanders nominated and seconded. No other nominations.  
Scott Flanders elected by one written ballot.

To choose a Road Commissioner  
by written ballot for a term of 1 (one) year. (Jerry Whitney)

Jerry Whitney nominated and seconded. No other nominations.  
Jerry Whitney elected by one written ballot.

5. To fix an interest rate for 2016 delinquent property taxes.  
Recommend: 7.00%

Motion made and seconded to charge 7% interest on delinquent property tax.  
All in favor, motion passed.

6. To set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to  
36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

Recommend: 5%

Motion made and seconded to pay 5% interest on abated property tax.  
All in favor, motion passed.

7. Fix the dates when taxes will be due and payable.

Recommend: two payments 1/2 due 30 days from the Tax Commitment date and 1/2 due  
April 1st 2017 with interest (if any) to begin on April 2.

Motion made and seconded to accept article 7 as written. All in favor, motion passed.

8. Vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed.  
Recommended by selectmen.

Motion made and seconded to accept article 8 as written. All in favor, motion passed.

9. Vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the administration account.

This account covers office expenses and compensation for municipal officials.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 30,000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$30,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

10. To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for updating the  
town  
maps.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 100.00

Motion to table article 10 made and seconded. Motion 10 withdrawn from the warrant. All in favor.

11. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the heating cost of  
the municipal town hall.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 2000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$2,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

12. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for  
Town Hall Repairs.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 5000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$5,000.00 by taxation. Passed, 1 opposed.

13. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for  
the Great Pond Planning Board.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 1,000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$1,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

14. Vote to carry forward \$500.00 for legal services.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 500.00

Motion made to remove "carry forward" from the article.

Motion made and seconded to raise \$500.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

15. Vote to carry forward \$500.00 for  
General Assistance.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 500.00

Motion made to remove "carry forward" from the article.

Motion made and seconded to raise \$500.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

16. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for  
the Aurora Fire Department.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 8000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$8,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

17. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for  
Union River Solid Waste, Inc.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 6000.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$6,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

18. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the  
Maintenance of Great Pond Road.

Recommend: Raise: \$ 6000.00

Discussion of future plans to resurface the road. There will be a special town meeting to  
make definite plans in the near future. \$6000.00 should seal the cracks before winter.

Motion made and seconded to raise \$6,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

19. Add the Aid to Local Roads money from the state to the funds held over from previous years.  
Carry Forward \$75,720.00

Strike "carry forward." \$75,720.00 remains in the Local Roads account.

20. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation for snow removal.  
Recommend: Raise: \$ 15,000.00

Discussion. Townspeople suggested that the contract be put out to bid.  
Motion made and seconded to raise \$15,000.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

21. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the maintenance of Great Pond Cemetery.  
Recommend: Raise: \$ 1400.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$1,400.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

22. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation for E-911 services.  
Recommend: Raise: \$ 600.00

Motion made and seconded to raise \$600.00 by taxation. Passed unanimously.

23. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Ellsworth Public Library  
(2016 100.00) Requested: \$50.00 Removed

Motion made and seconded after much discussion, to remove articles 23 through 30 from the warrant until next year. All in favor.

24. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Airline Community Library  
(2016 100.00) Requested: \$100.00 Removed

25. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Washington Hancock Community Agency  
(2016 \$ 100.00) Requested: \$ 100.00 Removed

26. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the National Foundation for Cancer Research  
(2016 \$ 50.00) Requested: \$ 50.00 Removed

27. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the American Red Cross  
(2016 \$ 100.00) Requested: \$ 50.00 Removed

28. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Eastern Area on Aging  
(2016 \$ 0.00) Requested: \$ 50.00 Removed

29. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Hancock County Hospice  
(2016 \$ 0.00) Requested: \$ 100.00 Removed

30. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for Lifelight  
(2016 \$ 0.00) Requested: \$ 100.00 Removed

31. Raise by taxation and/or appropriation for the Airline Community School District #8 Assessment total of: \$ 97414.19 to be reduced by the School Ministerial Account interest of \$15.04 making the amount to be raised \$ 97399.15.

This assessment has already been passed at the Airline CDS#8 school budget meeting and validated by the Town at the election held on June 14, 2016.

Recommend: Must be passed.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 31. all in favor.

32. To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Hancock County Municipal Taxes assessed: \$13042.88

Recommend: Must be passed.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 32. all in favor.

33. Authorize the selectmen to spend at the existing prior year's budget rates between the end of the fiscal year until the annual Town Meeting and to continue all budgeted and customary expenses at the rate established at the annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by selectmen.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 33. All in favor.

34. Authorize the selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of Town Roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 34. All in favor.

35. Authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$200.00 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 35. All in favor.

36. Authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2017 to the limit of \$5000.00.

Recommend: Raise: \$5,000.00 STRIKE THIS OUT

Motion made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use undesignated funds as necessary in an emergency only. All in favor

37. Shall the Town of Great Pond vote to authorize the selectmen to accept and expend state funds

for the following categories (30-A,MSRA, Section 5682): Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education, (including federal pass-through funds and property tax relief), Civil Emergency Funds, (Emergency Management Assistance), Snow-Mobile Reimbursement, Veteran's Exemptions Reinbursement, Homestead Reimbursement, State Grants or other

(unknown)

funds, gifts and/or donations.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 37. All in favor.

38. Authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of any real estate aquired by the Town for non-payment of property taxes theron by bid.

Motion made and seconded to pass article 38. All in favor.

39. Vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting. All in favor.