



MINUTES

TOWN WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Thursday, September 2, 2021

To: Rylee Cushman, a Resident of the Town of Hermon, Penobscot County and State of Maine,

Greeting: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hermon, in said County of Penobscot, qualified by law to vote in said town affairs of the Election and Town Meeting described in this Warrant.

To the Voters of Hermon – District 2, Maine State Senate District 32, and Maine House of Representatives District 23:

You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting in this Municipality will be held at the Hermon Public Safety Bldg on Thursday, the 2nd day of September A.D. 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 1 through 6

The Town Clerk opened the meeting at 7:00PM. 45 voters were in attendance.

ART. 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for a Meeting Moderator. Ronald Murphy nominated Timothy Pease. Steven Thomas seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of Mr. Pease moderating the meeting Mr. Pease willingly accepted the nomination and signed the Moderator's Oath. Town Clerk then turned the meeting over to Mr. Pease.

ART. 2: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to appropriate from Fund Balance up to \$108,193 for the Newburgh Road Expansion Project including the shoulder at narrow section of Newburgh Road approximately 900 feet to include milling, loam/seeding, binder and surface with striping payable to Hopkins Paving in the amount of \$75,193 and to pay a portion of the MDOT Coldbrook Signal Share up to the amount of \$33,000 over three invoices until project is 100% completed?

YES or NO

Mr. Pease read Article 2. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 2. Ronald Murphy moved to approve Article 2 as written. John Snyder seconded the motion. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion. Article 2 passes.

ART. 3: : Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer from the School Repair Reserve Account (HERM07) to the Town of Hermon Public Works Road Construction Fund account # 13-02-12-10 in the amount of \$79,424.90 to cover overages for the Hermon High School Parking Lot/sidewalk/drainage project?

YES or NO

Mr. Pease read Article 3. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 3.
Anthony Reynolds moved to approve Article 3 as written. Ronald Murphy seconded the motion.
A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion. Article 3 passes.

ART. 4: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer from the School Repair Reserve Account (HERM07) to the Town of Hermon School Account Payable Account in the amount of \$10,000 to cover overages for the Hermon High School and Elementary School roofing projects? Note this is in response to bids being received and lowest bidder adjusted their number to near our estimated amount.

YES or NO

Mr. Pease read Article 4. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 4.
Ronald Murphy moved to approve Article 4 as written. Phillip Richardson seconded the motion.
A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion. Article 4 passes.

ART. 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer from the Legal Reserve Account (HERM03) to the Town of Hermon Legal Fee account line 10-01-20-01 (LEGAL SERVICES) in the amount of \$54,250 for the purpose of entering into a contract with SNODGRASS CPA and Consultants to perform the following functions: (1) network security attack and penetration testing, (2) Hardware and software inventory analysis, (3) School and Municipal domain resource review and (4) Fiber Optic network resource review?

YES or NO

Mr. Pease read Article 5. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 5.
Steven Thomas moved to approve Article 5 as written. Ronald Murphy seconded the motion.

Steven Thomas made an opening statement.

Anthony Reynolds asked if Howard Kroll would read a letter written by Superintendent Jim Chasse.
Vote was taken to allow Howard Kroll to speak as Mr. Kroll is not a resident. A show of hands was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kroll read a letter from Mr. Chasse.

Other questions and comments were given by residents.

A written vote was taken. 35 Yes and 10 No. Article 5 passes.

ART. 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 and to authorize the Town Council or its designee to sign the Amended Agreement between the Employer and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Note:

The provisions of the new law permit any PLD employee who has declined membership in the Plan to have another opportunity to join the Plan prospectively effective November 1, 2021. PLD employers will need to take action before November 1, 2021 for the provision to apply to their employees who have been employed in an eligible position for 5 or more years. It also allows PLD employees to have an annual open enrollment opportunity during their first five years of employment beginning in 2022. Employee contributions for those who join the Plan under this provision are paid with after-tax dollars.

YES or NO

Mr. Pease read Article 6. He then asked for a motion to approve Article 6. Ronald Murphy moved to approve Article 6 as written. Phillip Richardson seconded the motion. A show of hands was unanimous in favor of the motion. Article 6 passes.

Mr. Pease asked for a motion to close the Special Town Meeting. Ronald Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Pease adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Cushman, Town Clerk**

Attest Original/True Copy: _____, Clerk