

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING RESULTS
STATE OF MAINE**

June 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building Opera House

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Ken Lexier – Moderator
David James – Deputy Moderator**

Allow Department Heads who reside outside of Skowhegan to speak at the meeting.

Passed

ARTICLE 2. To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, One Selectmen, for a three-year term; One Assessor, for a three-year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; One Coburn Park Commissioner, for five-year term; and Four Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three-year terms.

Article 2 postponed until June 13, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, 447,447.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with at 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

| Department | Budget Committee | Votes | Selectmen | Votes |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Finance Department | \$536,313.00 | 6/0/1 | \$536,313.00 | 4/0 |
| Municipal Building Maintenance | \$102,817.00 | 6/0/1 | \$102,817.00 | 4/0 |
| Assessing | \$107,746.00 | 6/0/1 | \$107,746.00 | 4/0 |
| Town Manager | \$157,519.00 | 6/0/1 | \$157,519.00 | 4/0 |
| Planning & Ordinance Administration | \$14,383.00 | 6/0/1 | \$14,383.00 | 4/0 |
| Code Enforcement | \$158,828.00 | 6/0/1 | \$158,828.00 | 4/0 |
| Employee Benefits | \$103,080.00 | 6/0/1 | \$103,080.00 | 4/0 |
| Town Insurances | \$120,280.00 | 6/0/1 | \$120,280.00 | 4/0 |
| Economic & Community Development | \$146,481.00 | 6/0/1 | \$146,481.00 | 4/0 |
| General Government Total | \$1,447,447.00 | | \$1,447,447.00 | |

Passed as written

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,380,715.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the

Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$872,457.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$572,604.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,513.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

| Department | Budget Committee | Votes | Selectmen | Votes |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| General Assistance | \$187,221.00 | 6/0/1 | \$187,221.00 | 4/0 |
| Health Department | \$1,292.00 | 7/0 | \$1,292.00 | 4/0 |
| General Assistance/Health Dept. Total | \$188,513.00 | | \$188,513.00 | |

Passed as written

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$577,494.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$825,085.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$437,915.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommends passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$613,450.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$232,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,849.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$463,425.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,667,944.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,400.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward in a separate account sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$141,984.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 22 and 23 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects: Shim and overlay Union Street, Dartmouth Street, Dennis Street, and Jones Street. South Factory Street and Spring Street will get a 2" mill and overlay. Rural roads will be the final mile of the Back Road 1 ½" surface coat and a 2 ½" overlay on Swain Hill Road. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Economic & Community Development. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

Note: Organizations were informed that although the Town of Skowhegan does not require that petitions be filed in order to request funds, it is the only way to make sure that the requested amount appears on the Warrant. The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote decided that any organization that did not file a petition or did not meet statutory petition requirements would not be included in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,775.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$107,775.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/3/1 vote recommend \$103,952.00 from taxation.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Coburn Park Commission. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$7,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/1/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Main Street Skowhegan. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$45,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1/2 vote recommend \$40,000.00 from taxation.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 for Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$23,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$4,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$4,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/3/1 vote recommend \$3,700.00 from taxation.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for KVCAP Child Development Program. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Family Violence. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$6,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Kennebec Behavioral Health. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$2,500.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend \$0.00.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,766.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,766.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 43. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,006.50 for Sexual Assault Crisis & Support. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,006.50. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/3/1 vote recommend \$0.00.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$15,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/2/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2018 operational revenues in the amount of \$2,097,359.00 to offset the FY 2018 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 9/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 46. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$750,000 in total, toward one or more of the following purposes:

- a. to reduce the tax commitment;
- b. to appropriate funds to the Public Works Roads & Sidewalks Reserve account;
- c. to establish, pursuant to 30-A MRSA § 5801, and appropriate funds to a new Public Safety Building Reserve account; and/or
- d. to appropriate funds to the Parks & Recreation Reserve account – Ballfield Compound Designation.

(The Selectmen with a 3/1 vote recommend \$500,000.00 to reduce the tax commitment, \$150,000.00 for roads & sidewalks and \$100,000.00 for a public safety building and the Budget Committee with a 5/4 vote recommend \$200,000.00 for roads & sidewalks, \$500,000.00 for a public safety building and \$50,000.00 for the ballfield.)

Motion for \$750,000 to reduce the tax commitment.

Amended motion (#1) for the Budget Committee's recommendation.

Amendment #1 Failed

Amended motion (#2) for the Selectmen's recommendation.

Amendment #2 Failed

Amended motion (#3) for \$475,000 to reduce the tax commitment, 25,000 for the Ballfield Compound, \$150,000 for Roads and Sidewalks and \$100,000 for the Public Safety Building.

Amendment #3 Passed

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$7,523,540.00 established for the Town of Skowhegan by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit. (The increase in property tax levy limit necessary to fund all preceding articles is estimated to be \$472,906.80. The Selectmen's recommendations would result in no increase, and the Budget Committee's recommendations would result in an increase of \$458,277.30) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

No Action Taken – Not Necessary

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2017 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), including the following:

Economic Development Program in the amount of \$120,000.00
Micro-enterprise Assistance Grant (Façade) in the amount of \$150,000.00

and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to apply as much of the yearly overlay as may be necessary to fund property tax abatements and applicable interest granted during fiscal year 2018. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to establish September 15, 2017 or 30 days after the commitment date of taxes, whichever comes later, as the date when the first installment of taxes shall be due and payable and March 15, 2018 as the date when the second installment of taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the rate of 7% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 3% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Passed as written

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by the most prudent means possible, any equipment, vehicles, furniture or other non-real estate town property that is no longer necessary to town operations. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes due thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to issue quit claim deeds for such property. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to release a reversionary clause, encumbering the current Skills, Inc. property at 5 Greenwood Avenue (Map 33, Lot 103), in exchange for the Town receiving 20% of the sale price when Skills, Inc. conveys the property to a for-profit individual or entity. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 1% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2018. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Property Maintenance Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written – Vote counted 44/43 (passed by one vote)

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments, Retail Marijuana Stores and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Passed as written

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to enter into the Inter-local Agreement with the Town of Canaan regarding Lake George Regional Park. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

No Action Taken – Not Necessary

Town Meeting Adjourned