

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

June 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building Opera House

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING

Somerset, ss.

To David Bucknam, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Opera House in the Skowhegan Municipal Building**, in said Town on Monday, the eleventh day of June, A.D., 2018 at seven o'clock in the evening, to transact all business as herein enumerated in the articles of the Town Warrant.

And, to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, A.D., 2018, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

Ken Lexier nominated, voted and sworn in as Moderator. David James sworn in as Deputy Moderator.

Motion and second to allow Department Heads who reside out-of-town to speak.

Passed

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

Motion and second to postpone Article 2 until June 12, 2018.

Passed

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, 569,299.00 for General Government. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
Finance Department	\$477,942.00	6/0	\$477,942.00	5/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$103,454.00	6/0	\$103,454.00	5/0
Assessing	\$107,599.00	6/0	\$107,599.00	5/0
Town Manager	\$154,543.00	6/0	\$154,543.00	5/0
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$14,258.00	6/0	\$14,258.00	5/0
Code Enforcement	\$154,725.00	6/0	\$154,725.00	5/0
Employee Benefits	\$284,370.00	5/1	\$284,370.00	3/2
Town Insurances	\$122,280.00	6/0	\$122,280.00	5/0
Economic & Community Development	\$150,128.00	6/0	\$150,128.00	5/0
General Government Total	\$1,569,299.00		\$1,569,299.00	

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,453,092.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/0/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$849,863.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$580,435.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,832.00 for Health and Human services. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Department	Budget Committee	Votes	Selectmen	Votes
General Assistance	\$226,540.00	5/1	\$226,540.00	5/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	6/0	\$1,292.00	5/0
General Assistance/Health Dept. Total	\$227,832.00		\$227,832.00	

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$555,347.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$858,821.00 for Solid Waste Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommends passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$471,792.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$655,458.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,413.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$467,657.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,681,132.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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: Paving/work planned for Greenwood Ave, Silver Street, Robinson Street, Dyer Street, McClellan Street, Forest Green Street, Willow Street, Stewart Hill Road and East River Road. Gem Street and Cleveland Street include the construction of a new sidewalk. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Economic & Community Development. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote decided that if an organization did not file a petition, their request would not be on the Warrant.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,294.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$120,294.00. (The Selectmen with a 3/2 vote recommend \$107,775.00 and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend \$120,294.00 from taxation.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$24,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,700.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 without a valid petition is \$8,200.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 4/2 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,782.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$7,782.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 41. 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 42. 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 43. 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 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 5/1 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2019 operational revenues in the amount of \$2,149,204.00 to offset the FY 2019 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 45. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$18,000.00, for the Police Department Reserve Account. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 46. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Public Works Roads and Sidewalks Reserve Account. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 47. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Parks & Recreation Reserve Account, Ballfield Compound Designation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 48. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to reduce the tax commitment. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$1,000,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 4/3 vote recommend \$600,000.00.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$7,818,782.00 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 \$542,743.80. The Selectmen's recommendations and the Budget Committee's recommendations would result in no increase. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 49 was passed-over. Budget as voted did not exceed the tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to fund the General Assistance over-expenditure for fiscal year 2018 with the General Assistance State Reimbursement. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 51. 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.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 52. 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:

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.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 53. 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.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 54. 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 2019. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to establish September 17, 2018 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, 2019 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 8% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 57. 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.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 58. 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.)

Motion and second as written.

Amended motion and second to make exceptions for people over 65 or incapacitated, that before foreclosure on their property it would have to go before the Town Council.

Amendment failed.

Original motion as written passed.

ARTICLE 59. 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 2019. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 60. 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.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the ban on the sale of fireworks. Enacted by referendum vote on June 12, 2012. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed 54/46

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Application, License and Permit Fees Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second to adopt the Application, License and Permit Fees Ordinance.

Passed

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second to adopt the Sex Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance.

Passed

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Skowhegan Building Safety Ordinance. Last amended at Town Meeting March 8, 2004. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second to adopt the amended Skowhegan Building Safety Ordinance.

Passed

ARTICLE 65. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Special Amusement Ordinance. Last amended at Special Town Meeting August 10, 2004. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second to adopt the amended Skowhegan Building Safety Ordinance.

Passed

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Pawnbroker/Precious Metals Dealers Ordinance. Last amended at Special Town Meeting August 8, 2000. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second to adopt the amended Pawnbroker/Precious Metals Dealers Ordinance.

Passed

ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town, pursuant to Title 23 §3030, will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation, for \$15,000.00, an easement interest in land thirty feet wide bounded on the south by Heritage Investments, LLC, on the west by the Inhabitations of the Town of Skowhegan and on the east by Court Street; to accept same as a public easement for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; to maintain said public easement in a manner consistent with other public easements in Town; said public easement to include the right to repair, install, replace, maintain and upgrade above and below ground utilities; said \$15,000.00 to be paid out of Sale of Town Property Reserve Funds. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a piece of property (a portion of Map 4, Lot 4-3) from Clarice B Dunlop for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 as the future site for the Public Safety Building. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Motion and second to allow Jeff Johnson to speak.

Passed

Motion and second to allow Ames & Associates to speak.

Passed

Amended motion and second to change the word “future” to “potential”.

Amended motion failed.

Original motion as written passed.

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to accept Ryan Lane as a Town Way. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Passed

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Somerset County Rural Cultural Plan. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Motion and second to allow Christina Cannon to speak.

Passed

Original motion as written passed.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Passed

Town Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.