

TOWN OF MACHIASPORT
2021 Annual Town Meeting
Minutes

DATE: June 28, 2021

LOCATION: Fort O'Brien School

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

42 Residents and guests

Clerk read greeting and ARTICLE 1.

ARTICLE 1:	To elect moderator for town meeting. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen nominating Betsy Fitzgerald moderator. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 2:	To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected. Election results showed 22 votes for Jeffrey Davis, Selectman; 2 votes for Bob Mercer, Selectman and 25 votes for Kirby Murphy, School Committee.
ARTICLE 3:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$800,119. for Regular Instruction. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 4:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$328,627. for Special Education. David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 5:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$15,741. for Other Instruction. David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 6:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$977. for Student and Staff Support. David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 7:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$57,935. for System Administration. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 8:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$82,813. for School Administration. David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 9:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$58,536. for Transportation and Buses. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
ARTICLE 10:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$121,172. for Facilities Maintenance. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 11:	Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$ 68,677. for All Other Expenditures. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
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ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12:	Shall the Town appropriate \$1,002,568.56 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$804,980.84 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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? Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.
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Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

ARTICLE 13:	(Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$302,135.30 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$302,135.30 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?
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The school committee recommends **\$302,135.30** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$302,135.30**. The Machiasport School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in student to teacher ratios in the elementary school, school administration, guidance, library, system administration, maintenance, clerical costs, and the difference between the secondary tuition rate and the EPS tuition rate. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State. **Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Written ballot resulted in 17 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion carried.**

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 pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14:	Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$1,534,597 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools? David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.
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ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town 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? **Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZED THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,600** for adult basic education and raise as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult basic education program. **David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.**

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES RELATE TO THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF THE BUDGET:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge 6% interest per annum, or part thereof, on all unpaid property taxes effective three months after the taxes are committed, which shall also be the date on which taxes shall become delinquent. **Deb Nielsen seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize interest rate of 6%. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell manage or dispose of any real estate property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon. Sale to be by public sealed bid, and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property. The former owner shall have the right to reclaim said property by full payment of the lien and all charges prior to the date of the bid announcement. **Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the Selectmen as described. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell, manage or dispose of land, other than real estate property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, owned by the Town by any method. **David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to authorize Selectmen as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, trade, or sell town equipment through the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Capital Project Fund and the Fire Capital Equipment Reserve Capital Project Fund, so long as said funds are not overspent. **Barbara Maloy seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize Selectmen as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance and repair of Town Buildings and to **transfer any remaining balance to the Town Capital Building Reserve Capital Project Fund.**

		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
20-21	Town Building Maintenance and Repair		
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
	Deb Nielsen seconded motion of David Nielsen to raise and		

	appropriate funds as described above. Show of hands, motion carried.		
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ARTICLE 22:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General governmental and Administration costs such as:		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
20-01	Office Supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
20-03	Utilities	5,500	5,500
20-05	Telephone / Internet	2,500	3,800
20-07	Printing and Postage	3,500	3,600
20-09	Dues and Memberships	3,400	3,400
20-11	Registry of Deeds	3,300	3,300
20-13	Elections	1,700	1,700
20-14	Planning Board	1,000	1,000
20-43	Legal Fees	5,000	5,000
20-45	Audit and Accounting	5,000	5,000
20-47	Groundskeeping	4,000	2,500
20-53	Computer Costs	15,000	16,000
20-54	Publishing (newspaper)	1,200	1,200
20-55	Training and Travel	1,500	1,500
20-56	Other	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	<u>\$ 61,400</u>	<u>\$ 62,000</u>
	Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditures as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.		
ARTICLE 23:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following salaries:		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
20-21	Administrative Assistant / Town Clerk	\$36,949	\$37,968
20-23	Deputy Town Clerk	26,523	27,350
20-24	Treasurer	5,000	5,150
20-25	Selectperson / Assessor	3,643	3,643
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20-25	Selectperson / Assessor	3,643	3,643
20-30	Registrar of Voters	721	743
20-56	Health Officer	340	340
25-01	Fire Chief	3,090	3,090
30-07	Road Commissioner	3,090	3,090
45-11	Harbor Master	4,637	4,637
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	<u>\$91,279</u>	<u>\$93,297</u>
	David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.		

ARTICLE 24:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Highway accounts.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
30-41	Utilities	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
30-43	Phone Stipend	500	500
30-45	Repair and Maintenance	1,500	2,500
30-47	Other	2,500	2,500
30-01	Routine Road Maintenance	10,000	20,000
30-05	Brush Account	1,000	1,000
30-31	Plowing	53,000	53,000
30-33	Salt and Sand	58,000	58,000
30-35	Fuel – Vehicles and Off-road	7,000	7,000
30-51	Equipment Maintenance	40,000	40,000
30-53	Streetlights	6,000	6,000
30-55	Road Signs	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<u>\$185,500</u>	<u>\$196,500</u>
	Less Income Accounts:		
10-410	State Road Assistance	25,000	11,000
10-415	State Winter Road Contract	<u>61,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>
	Subtotal	<u>\$86,000</u>	<u>\$64,000</u>
	To be raised and appropriated:	<u>\$ 99,500</u>	<u>\$132,500</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$132,500 be raised and appropriated, and to transfer any remaining balance of the Equipment Maintenance Account to the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Capital Project Fund, and to carry any remaining balance of the Routine Road Maintenance Account to the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to authorize the expenditures as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.		
ARTICLE 25:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following specified purposes:		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
25-03	Fire Calls *	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,000
25-05	Repair and Maintenance *	4,000	4,000
25-07	Equipment *	3,500	3,500
25-08	Fire Department Training	3,000	3,000
25-09	Fire Department Fuel *	600	600
25-11	East Machias Contract	2,000	2,000
25-13	Ambulance Contract	14,000	14,000
25-20	Fire Department Other*	2,000	2,000
25-21	Code Enforcement Officer	2,864	2,864
25-23	Plumbing Inspector	607	607
25-27	Animal Control Officer	500	500
25-30	Animal Care	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
		<u>\$ 37,821</u>	<u>\$ 39,321</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$39,321 and to transfer any remaining balance of the Fire Department Accounts as shown above with an * to the Fire Capital Equipment Reserve		

	Capital Project Fund. David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.		
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ARTICLE 26:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Warden.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
45-01	Clam Warden	<u>\$ 23,550</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>
	Less Income Accounts:		
15-532	Clam License Revenue	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>
15-540	Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>5,500</u>	<u>0</u>
	Subtotal:	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>
	To be raised and appropriated - SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 27:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maritime Maintenance Account, and to carry over any remaining balance of this account to the 2022-2023 fiscal year.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
45-10	Conservation Maritime Maintenance	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
45-13	Repair and Maintenance	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
45-17	Maritime Utilities	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
45-21	Maritime Other	<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$ 3,300</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>

David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 28:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation account, and to carry over any remaining balance of this account to the 2022-2023 fiscal year.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
45-03	Shellfish Conservation	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:		

David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to raise and appropriate funds as described above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 29:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.		
60-41	General Assistance	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds As noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 30:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Washington County Council of Governments.		
60-25	Washington County COG	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$1,100</u>

Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to raise and appropriate Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 31:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Veteran's Graves.		
60-33	Veteran's Graves	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$1,100</u>
Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to raise and appropriate Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.			
ARTICLE 32:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.		
35-01	Solid Waste	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$32,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>
Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to raise and appropriate Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.			
ARTICLE 33:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing Services.		
20-41	Assessing Services	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,300</u>
Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.			
ARTICLE 34:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
20-27	Social Security	\$12,000	\$12,000
20-29	Medicare	3,000	3,000
20-31	State Unemployment	2,200	2,200
60-01	Town Insurance	20,000	22,500
60-09	Worker's Compensation	5,000	5,000
60-11	Health Insurance	<u>39,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$81,200</u>	<u>\$76,700</u>
Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.			
ARTICLE 35:	To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and authorize the expenditure to Washington County Government for payment of County Taxes assessed.		
55-01	County Tax	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$212,101</u>	<u>\$215,400</u>
David Nielsen seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.			
ARTICLE 36:	To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the following non-major capital project funds.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
208-02	Major Road Repair and Paving	\$135,000	\$150,000
208-05	Fire Capital Equipment Reserve	0	0
208-08	Municipal Complex	0	0
208-10	Highway Capital Equipment Reserve	0	0
208-15	Town Garage	5,000	25,000
208-20	Revaluation and Mapping	0	0
208-25	Liberty Hall	0	3,500
208-40	Computers and Electronics	0	0
208-50	Post Office	0	0
208-71	Maritime Maintenance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	<u>\$156,000</u>	<u>\$184,500</u>
Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Deb Nielsen to raise and appropriate			

Funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum the Town will take from the following revenue sources to apply against the Tax levy as to be shown on the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant as other revenue:

		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
05-222	Automobile Excise	\$180,000	\$250,000
05-333	Boat Excise	5,000	5,000
10-410	State Road Assistance	15,000	11,000
10-415	State Winter Road Contract	61,000	53,000
10-425	Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,000	3,000
10-435	Park Fees	1,400	700
10-430	Veteran's Exemption	1,500	1,000
10-440	Snowmobile Fees	150	100
15-500	Tax Interest	3,500	5,000
15-505	Lien Interest	7,000	6,000
15-510	Agent Fees	5,000	5,500
15-515	Checking and Savings Interest	22,500	17,000
15-525	Building Permits	600	1,200
15-526	GATR Lease	5,000	6,000
15-528	Vital Statistics	1,100	1,100
15-529	Postal Lease Revenue	24,000	24,000
15-530	Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000	5,000
15-532	Clam Licenses	18,000	18,000
15-540	Use of Unassigned Fund Balance – Article 36	0	183,500
15-540	Use of Unassigned Fund Balance – Article 45	0	3,850
		<u>\$358,750</u>	<u>\$599,950</u>

Barbara Maloy seconded motion of David Nielsen to apply revenues as noted Above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 38: To see what sum the Town will take from Municipal Revenue Sharing to apply against the Tax Levy as to be show separately on the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant.

		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
10-405	State Revenue Sharing	\$65,000	76,535

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:

Sue Almendinger seconded motion of David Nielsen to raise and appropriate funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature and private and federal grants and to authorize the Selectmen to approve any matching requirements from appropriate accounts, excluding surplus and designated special revenue funds.

David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to accept funds as described above. Show of hands, motion carried

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all monies for pre-payment of property taxes.

Sue Almendinger seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to accept funds as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to increase, upon approval of the current year warrant articles or under extraordinary circumstances, its 2021 property tax assessment above

the property tax levy established by State Law (LD-1).

Paula Aschettino requested to address the audience on the issue of LD-1. Bob Mercer seconded motion of Bev Mouradjian to allow Mrs. Aschettino to speak. Mrs. Aschettino advised she had researched LD-1 and felt it gave the town authorization to increase taxes with undue authority and the issue should go to referendum.

Sue Almendinger seconded motion of John Almendinger to increase taxes as necessary as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to overspend any original and approved warrant article budgetary line item by up to 10% of that line item as long as there are under-spent budgetary line items to transfer it from. Any required transfers are to be reflected in Selectmen's meeting minutes as approved prior to the end of the fiscal year or within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year. **Barbara Maloy seconded motion of John Almendinger to authorize Selectmen as noted above. Show of hands, motion carried.**

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the creation of a dilapidated property account, to cover costs associated with the removal of the same, and to **carry over any remaining balance of this account to the 2022-2023 fiscal year.** **David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to raise and appropriate funds as described above. Show of hands, motion carried**

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of a parcel of land abutting Fort O'Brien State Park, to the State of Maine for purposes of extending the park so long as the price offered is at least the amount assessed of (\$219,890). The sale of this property will eliminate forever the property tax collectible on this parcel.

David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to authorize the sale. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 45:	To see if the Town will vote to approve an increase in the 2020-2021 budget lines by a total of \$3850 with the funds to come through the utilization of the Unassigned General Fund Balance and applied as follows:		
20-05	Telephone and Internet	\$1,100	
20-54	Publishing	250	
25-25	FD Fuel & Electricity	1,000	
60-09	Worker's Compensation	1,500	
	TOTAL:		\$3,850.

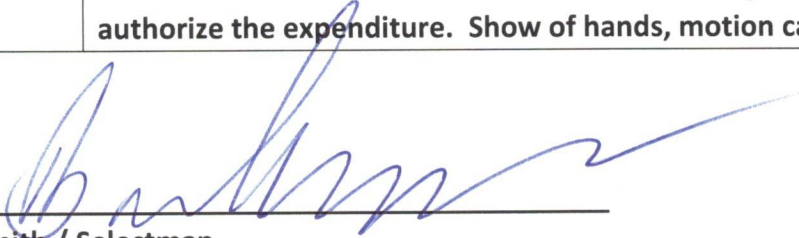
David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town is in favor of pursuing a walking arena to be located behind the Town Office, to encourage exercising even when weather conditions are not ideal. This facility could range from \$50,000 to \$100,00 depending on size and any potential grant awards.

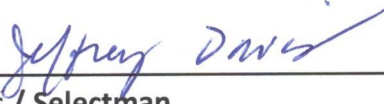
David Nielsen seconded motion of Barbara Maloy to authorize the pursuit of an arena. Show of hands, motion carried

ARTICLE 47:	To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Activity Account, and to carry over any remaining balance of this account to the 2022-2023 fiscal year.		
		<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
60-52	Activity Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:		
	David Nielsen seconded motion of Sue Almendinger to authorize the expenditure. Show of hands, motion carried.		



Brian Smith / Selectman



Jeffrey Davis / Selectman



Michael Hinerman / Selectman

ATTEST: 

Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk

