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To Stanley Waltz, Constable, in the Town of Nobleboro, County of Lincoln, State of Maine.
GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Nobleboro, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting room of the Town Office at 11:45 am on the morning of Friday, the 18th day of March A.D. 2022 to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1 To choose, by written ballot, a moderator to preside at said meeting. Dick nominated Don means, Richard P second. Written ballots- 7 nominations for Don Means, all in favor, so moved.

Article 2 To vote on, by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the Town the following officers: One Selectman (to be Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, and Fish Stream Committee member) for a three-year term; Jon Chadwick won with 108 votes & Nathaniel House came in second with 57 votes

Two members of the School Board for three-year terms; There were no Petitions for candidates taken out. We had 2 candidates that won by a write in vote- Angela White 24 votes & Matthew Benner 25 votes.

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District for a two-year term. Robert Whear won with 148 votes.

Votes: 176 Voters came out to vote:

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Saturday, March 19, 2022 A.D.

Don Means opened the meeting at 10:00am, Nobleboro Central School Students led the Pledge of Legions—Skyler Kurr, Phin Hansbury, Kadin Zims & Michaela Dean, John Hedrick-Youth Pastor from Waldoboro led us in prayer.

Article 3 Shall the Town use the mortgage Lien method and to charge interest on unpaid 2022 taxes at the rate of 4% per Motion:

First: Stanley W, second: Billy B discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed- 0, so moved-Passed

Article 4 To authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes,

Motion:

First: Laurel M, second: Billy B discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed- 0, so moved-Passed

Article 5 Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 380,931. For the Administration of Local Government:

501	Town Administration	229,200.
502	General Administration	53,100.
504	Maintenance/Operation of Town Bldgs.	39,550.
510	Street Lights	6,000.
570	Animal Control	5,300.
580	Code Enforcement Officer	22,777.
600	Misc. Account	5,504.
777	Boat Landing	1,000.
850	Recreation Department	1,500.
985	Interest on Tax Anticipation Loan	1,000.
	Contingency Account	15,000.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 380,931.00

Motion:

First: Billie B., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, no oppositions, all in favor, opposed- 0, so moved-Passed

Article 6 Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of \$ 315,140. for Protection and Health:

Transfer Station	63,342.
Fire Department Operations	147,515.
Central Lincoln County Ambulance	74,283.
Fire Truck Capitol Account	30,000.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$315,140.

Motion:

First: Billie B. Second: Steve P., discussion- Aaron Bradbury wanted to discuss the budget for the FD. He is the EMS Captain & President of the Minehata FD. He explained operations expense particularly EMS Supplies we are in need of purchasing especially expired items. We are looking at trying to increase our amount by \$21,000. \$6500 of it is for outdated and expired items. Don-Moderator explained we cannot increase a line at Open Town Meeting only decrease, Aaron B-how do we get an increase? Dick-Special town meeting, the budget committee & selectmen recommended to lower the FD budget, Don-any further discussions. Bill Hill had a question on CLC Ambulance and the formula & where the figure came from? Dick & Richard P explained it is based on assessed value, call volume and evaluations. William S when will the first payment be due, Dick: April 1st. Further discussion? No more discussion, all in favor, opposed-1, so moved-Passed

Article 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for Adult Education \$6,185.06
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$6,185.

Motion:

First: Billie B. Second: Dale W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-2, so moved-Passed

Article 8 Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of \$475,687. for Roads and highways:

Maintenance of Roads	89,000.
Paving of Roads	200,000.
Plowing and applying sand	144,687.
Purchasing of Salt & Sand	<u>42,000.</u>

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 475,687.

Motion:

First: Billie B., Second: Stanley W., discussion- discussion-Stanley feels we need to look at increasing the budget for Hot Top our roads are getting worse and there should also be a town plan for the Road Work the Commissioner should go by. Any further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved, Passed

Article 9 Shall the Town raise and appropriate for the purpose of supporting the following outside agencies:

	Requested & Recommended	
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2285.	\$ 1346.
Highland Cemetery	1000.	1000.
Healthy Kids Program	2000.	2000.
Coastal Kids	500.	0.00
New Hope for Woman	830.	830.
Midcoast Conservancy	3000.	3000.
Chip	<u>1000.</u>	<u>1000.</u>
	\$ 10,615.	\$ 9,176.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$9,176.

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Peter L., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-8, so moved -Passed

Article 10 Shall the Town raise and appropriate to the sum of \$20,000. for the purpose to supporting the Skidompha Library.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$16,400.

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Stanley W., discussion-Peter G wanted to know how many years has the library been getting the \$16,400? Dick said 3-4 years, any further discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-8, so moved-Passed

Article 11 To allow the Selectmen to allocate 90% of the franchise fees that the town received in 2021 to LCTV and to allocate the State Snowmobile Refund to the Damariscotta Lake Snowmobile Club.

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Peter L., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-4, so moved -Passed

Article 12 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for Federal, State and County Grants and to administer the monies received from said Grant

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Dale W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-4, so moved -Passed

Article 13 To see if the town will vote to accept from Minnehata Fire Co., gift of money and certain items

Motion _____

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Bill B, discussion-Aaron B stated the charter raised money for Department equipment shortfalls, next focus is going to be on the Mills station repairs. We need to keep the Mills station for insurance rates to keep them down in that area, any further discussion, no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 14 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to regulate Alewife Fishing in all Streams

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$174,684. from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA) received by the Town from the Federal government for the projects listed below, said appropriation to be non-lapsing and to remain legally effective until all of said projects have been completed. Projects are:

*Conference Room and Town Office Technology Upgrades, Broadband, COVID
Essential Workers Pay for Fire Department and Town Office Employees, town office & conference room
Renovations.*

Town of Nobleboro Electronic sign, road building & maintenance/Storm drain repairs.

Motion- Bill B, Second-Stanley W,

*Discussion- Carol G would like a breakdown on ARPA. Dick-we are required to have a guideline of expenses in order to spend funds. Peter G-these funds are here to benefit the community, and do you have estimates on the projects? Dick-These are estimated figures Town office renovation-\$15k, Meeting Room \$\$7k, Town & FD Employees-essential worker's \$10,600, Broadband \$17,500, Electronic Sign \$28,000, Storm Drainage/Culverts \$12,000. William S- Thankyou for explaining but 2 questions 1) did the community have input & 2) can we put more money into other projects? Dick- We have had public meeting and input from the community from that and emails, we will also have additional special town meeting for remaining funds coming and how to spend them. Peter G- Concerned-broadband project and the research development needed for fiber to the town & state roads. There is a varied amount to do for the total project. So, the ultimate decision of remaining funds is up to the taxpayers? Dick-yes, it is. Richard P-We vote as selectmen on the expenditure on the funds, it is not a normal Budget Committee decision, we do not support infrastructure for private companies to increase taxpayers' property taxes
Josh H-I think the shortfall of the FD should replace the electronic sign. Bill Silver-motion to remove the Electronic Sign from article 15-ARPA funds, Jon- we all discussed the expenditure many times, selectmen approved the amounts, followed procedure, and decided. Michele H-point of clarification-approve recommendation, remove article and not authorize expenditure on electronic sign, Stanley- why do we need spend money on Broadband, why raising money for this when the governor is doing it for us. William Soares motion to remove electronic sign from article, Michele second, 26 votes to remove sign, opposed-22, no further discussion, so moved- amendment Passed.*

Article 16 Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the Town, an Interlocal Agreement with the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Newcastle, Bristol, and South Bristol, covering the future governance of the Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service.

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 17 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to Expend for Regular Instruction

School Committee Recommends	\$ 2,165,615.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 2,165,615.00

Motion:

First: Dale W, second: Bill B., discussion-Stanley wanted to know if Lincoln Academy is included in this. Angel W- yes, they are, no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 18 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 834,717.65
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 834,717.65

Motion:

First: Angela W., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 19 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$200.00

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Stanley W., discussion-what is this for? Angela explained it was a place hold at Midcoast Regionals in case we need it, no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 20 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 44,780.91
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 44,780.91

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Bill B., discussion-What is this article for? Angela- it is for sport stipends i.e.: coaches & referee's no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 21 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 237,493.25
Selectmen & Budget Committees Recommend	\$ 237,493.25

Motion:

First: Peter L., Second: Angela W., discussion-Stanley asked what was in this category? It is for online technology, subscriptions, and hardware. no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 22 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 107,728.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 107,728.00

Motion:

First Josh H., Second: Angela W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 23 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Administration

School Committee Recommends	\$ 222,427.82
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 222,427.82

Motion:

First: Angela W, Second: Dale W., discussion-Bill H asked what is the difference between article 22 & 23? Angela explained one is for AOS Admin and the other one is for NCS Admin, no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 24 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 337,000.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 337,000.00

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Dale W., discussion-Steve P- how long is our contract? Angela-5 years, no further discussion, all in favor, opposed-1 so moved -Passed

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 285,986.23
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 285,986.23

Motion:

First: Angela W, Second: Josh H., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0 so moved -Passed

Article 26 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Services and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 0.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 0.00

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-1 so moved -Passed

Article 27 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 4000.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 4000.00

Motion:

First: Angela W., Second: Dale W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-1 so moved -Passed

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION §15690

School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, §15690 (1 A-B))

Article 28 (Recorded Vote) To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$ 2,859,228.45) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, Section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 2,354,360.00
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 2,354,360.00

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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. To "appropriate" means to "devote (money or assets) to the special purpose"; in simpler terms: "to allow to be spend". To "raise" means that this portion of the appropriation will be satisfied by local tax dollars. The difference between the "appropriate" amount and the "raise" amount is the amount of state subsidy.

Motion:

First: Angela W., Second: Dale W., discussion-no discussion, 56- in favor, opposed-0 so moved -Passed

Appropriate of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, §15690 (3-A-B))

Article 29 (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$ 1,080,720.41) which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

School Committee Recommends:	\$ 1,080,720.41
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 1,080,720.41

Yes Votes 58; No Votes 10, discussion-no discussion, so moved- Passed

The School Committee Recommends: \$ 1,080,720.41 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs. To “appropriate” means to “devote (money or assets) to the special purpose”; in simpler terms: “to allow to be spend”. To “raise” means that this portion of the appropriation will be satisfied by local tax dollars. For this article, the “appropriate” amount, and the “raise” amount, are the same.

<u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u>	
Article # 28 Required Local (EPS)	\$ 2,354,360.00
Raise Amount:	
Article # 29 Additional Local Raise Amount:	\$ 1,080,720.41
Total Local Funds Raised:	\$ 3,435,080.41
Fund Balance Forward:	\$ 300,000.00
State Subsidy:	\$ 504,868.45
Total School Budget Request (Appropriation):	\$ 4,239,948.86

Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A))

Article 30 (Recorded vote.) To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends:	\$ 4,435,080.41
Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend:	\$ 4,435,080.41

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Bill B., discussion-no discussion,

Don Means amended article for total school budget from \$4,435,080.41 to \$4,239,948.86

Motion- Angela W. second: Peter L., no further discussion- 53 votes in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

ARTICLE 31 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

Article 31 In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such 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?

Motion:

First: Angela W., Second: Dale W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-1 so moved -Passed

Article 32 To select three members of the Budget Committee from the floor, one each from the Mills, Center & North for a 2-year term, and also three more members from Mills, Center & North for a 3 year-term.

Motion:

First: Stanley W., Second: Dale W., Don Means- amended article to Select seven members of the budget committee from the floor, Mills-one- 1 yr terms, & two 3-year terms, Center-two 3-year terms, North-two 3-year terms.
Stanley-motion to move continue all positions as is and extend them with the exception of Steve Plumb and move to have Jake Oliver take his position, Dick Chadwick second the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, opposed 0, so moved- Passed., current positions

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2022 Annual budget during the period of January 1, 2023, to the 2023 annual town meeting.

Motion:

First: Bill B., Second: Peter L., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0, so moved -Passed

Article 34 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following account with the combined sum of \$ 726,000. to be applied to reduce the 2022-year Tax Rate.

Excise Taxes	320,000.
Undesignated Surplus	370,000.
Local Road Assistance	<u>36,000.</u>
	726,000.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 726,000

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Stanley W., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-0 so moved -Passed

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and proper, and cause execution of quit claim deeds for the same If the property is to be sold except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Motion:

First: Dale W., Second: Steve P., discussion-no discussion, all in favor, opposed-1 so moved -Passed

Other Comments:

Dale Wright-Chair of Budget Committee/Road Commissioner wanted to take a minute to thank Selectmen, Budget Committee & Town Staff for all their work.

Dick Spear-Selectmen Chair wanted to thank everyone for coming out today, it has been a long time! He wanted to thank all the committee's and their members for all they do i.e., Broadband & Bill Silver on the BB Presentation, Comprehensive Plan and Marianne Pinkham for all she does, Budget Committee, Planning Board, Appeals Board, School Board, Fire Dept, Stanley Waltz-CEO & Angela White for all you do and for continuing on the School Board.

Richard Powell would like to make a motion to recall Article 15 as there is confusion over the vote and the amendment. Don Means executed the recall and Sue Isabel tried to explain the confusion in the count but with a lot of back & forth over whether it should be recalled or not it was determined not to do it, Don Means did explain to the public that a recall can be done anytime during a meeting whether people left or not, Article 15 amendment will remain as voted-remove electronic sign,

Peter G-question on Article 34-is the money to lower or reduce? Dick- Reduce taxes, there would be no tax increase this year because of the surplus, excise & road assistance.

Don Means, can I have a motion to adjourn-Dick Chadwick motion to adjourned at 11:50pm

Submitted; Susan Pinnetti-Isabel-Assistant to Selectmen, Deputy Clerk, Office Manager
3/28/2022