

TOWN OF DENMARK
RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS AND MEETING
May 31, 2024 and June 1, 2024

To Betty LeGoff, a resident of the Town of Denmark, County of Oxford, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Denmark, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Municipal Building in said Town on Friday the 31st day of May, 2024 at 8:00 AM to open the Town Meeting, then and there to act on Article 1 to elect a Moderator; then to proceed to act on Article 2 to elect all necessary officers as required by law. The polls will be open for voting on Article 2, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, at which time the meeting will be recessed; the recessed meeting will be reconvened at the Municipal Building in said Town on Saturday the 1st day of June 2024 at 9:00 AM to act on the Articles in the Warrant beginning with Article 3.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. **James Stacy** was nominated. There being no other nominations, three written ballots were cast and James was elected Moderator. James appointed **Patty Drain** as Deputy Moderator to act in his absence.

Patty Drain opened the polls for voting on Article 2. To elect all necessary officers and officials as required by law. At 8 PM the polls were closed. **There were 96 votes cast.** The meeting was recessed until Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

At 9:00 AM on June 1, 2024, the Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the call and the following Municipal Election Results:

One Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term:

Michael Stacy 63 Votes

Member of the Board of Directors for MSAD 72 for a three-year term:

Rebecca Khiel 5 (write in) Votes

Alternate Member of the Board of Directors for MSAD #72 for a one-year term:

Deborah Johnson 2 (write-in) Votes

Three Members of the Planning Board for a three-year term:

Tom Carabine 68 Votes

Laurie Kruczek 82 Votes

Betsy Schneider 11 (write-in) Votes

Two Members of the Planning Board for a two-year term:

Bill Sanborn 90 Votes

Nathan Holbert 2 (write-in) Votes

Moderator **James Stacy** presided over the remainder of the meeting beginning with Article 3:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for conducting this meeting.

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff, school department administrators or staff and elected State officials, who are not residents of Denmark, to speak when recognized by the Moderator?

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 5. To elect members of the **Budget Committee** as necessary to fill any vacancies. *(Three vacancies.)*

a. Two members for a term of 3 years.

b. One member for a term of 2 years.

Rusty Stacy nominated **Lee Ann Shand** and **Nathan Holbert** for three-year terms and **Sean Watson** for the two-year term.

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 6. To elect three (3) members to a one-year term for the **Committee to Assist Select Board in Disposing of Tax-Acquired Property.**

Sean Watson nominated the current members **Michael Berube, Bertram Stacy and Paul Kiesman Jr.**

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$472,478** for **Administration Town Charges.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to pay the **Select Board Individual Stipends**, in the aggregate amount not to exceed **\$12,000** to cover the compensation of all Board members, such amount to be taken from the amount previously appropriated for Administration (Town Charges).

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$505,478** for the **Public Works Department.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$223,502** for the **Transfer Station.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

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It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$85,834** for the **Public Safety Department (Fire Department/Fire Responders).**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of **\$32,148** for **Ambulance Services.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$8,236** for the **E911 Officer Department.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$61,515** for the **Code Enforcement Department.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$40,635** for the **Tax Assessment Department.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3.0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$47,700** for **Town Insurances. (Property, Vehicle, Recreation, Volunteer)**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$52,500** for **Vehicle Fuel.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$20,000** for **Legal Counsel Services.**

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(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$6,400 for **Street Lighting, Bicentennial Park Lighting, and Recreational Complex Lighting.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done. 5-0)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$2,000 for **General Assistance.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$15,350 for the **Building and Repair Fund.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$13,833 for the expenses of **Town Boards (Planning/Appeals).**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$14,186 for **Denmark Youth Activities.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$6,000 from the **Assigned Fund "Fire Works"** raise by taxation \$2,000 for a total of \$8,000 for **Independence Day Fireworks** and to accept gifts from non-Town sources to offset this amount.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done. 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$3,048 for **Animal Control** expenditures.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

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ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$1,197 from the **Assigned Fund “Animal Control”** for the **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$300,000 from the **Unassigned Fund Balance**, \$100,000 from the **Assigned Fund DOT Block Grant** and raise by taxation and appropriate \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000 to cover the cost of **Road Improvements**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommends this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second, discussion and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$100,000 to the **Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Account**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommends this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second, discussion and voted. James declared the article carries.

If Article 28 passes vote on Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend from the **Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Account** for the **first of five payments for the purchase of a new 10-wheel plow truck package**.

Explanation notes only: The Public Work’s Director is recommending the Town trade in the 2014 6-wheel Mack plow truck and replace it with a new 10-wheel plow truck. A quote of approximately \$300,000 has been obtained for a new truck and plow package, this includes an allotted trade in value of approximately \$30,000. The Select Board, Budget Committee and the Town Manager recommend the Town finance the truck. The Town Manager has made an inquiry with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and a finance package for 5 years at the current rate of 3% would be an approximate \$25,565 in interest paid over the life of the loan. The cost of the truck and financial note/bond are not final figures.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommends this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved and second.

Sean Watson motioned to amend Article 29 to take \$200,000 for the purchase of the 10-wheel plow truck package from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Second. There was further discussion asking for a brief explanation on why the Select Board and Budget Committee voted to finance this. Russel Stacy answered saying it was then decided to leave \$600,000 in the unassigned fund balance in case more money was needed for the school budget. Nathan Holbert also commented saying that during the budget committee meeting both the school and county budget figures were high. **The amendment to Article 29 was voted. James declared the article carries.**

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ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$30,000** to the **Building Capital Reserve Account**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommends this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will take up to **\$5,000** from the **Perley Mills Forest Account** for expenditures for the **Perley Mills Community Forest**. *Perley Mills Community Forest Commission recommends this be done.*

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will take **\$1,600** from the **Perley Mills Forest Account** for payment to the Town of Denmark in lieu of real estate taxes. *Perley Mills Community Forest Commission recommends this be done.*

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to **\$5,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (surplus) without the necessity of a town meeting for **Emergency Municipal Fuel** expenditures, provided that such expenditures are approved at a regularly called meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$15,000** to meet **Unanticipated Expenses and Emergencies** that occur during the fiscal year, provided that such expenditures are approved at a regularly called meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$8,500** for **Agency Requests** as detailed below:

Tri County Mental Health	\$1,200
Community Concepts	\$1,000
Lakes Environmental Association	\$1,000
Camp Susan Curtis	\$1,000
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$600
Androscoggin Home Health	\$500
Life Flight Foundation	\$600

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Seniors Plus	\$500
S.W. Oxford County Nutrition	\$500
Safe Voices	\$500
Eastern Slope Regional Airport	\$500
American Red Cross	\$500
Cancer Resource Center	\$100

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$500** for the **Salvation Army.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-1.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$7,000** for the **Denmark Public Library.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$2,500** for the **Denmark Arts Center Programs & Events.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$1,000** for the **Denmark Historical Society.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will raise by taxation and appropriate **\$5,000** for any expenditures which may arise from reviewing and amending the **Town’s Water Extraction Ordinance.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*
It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to the first **\$5,000** of funds received from State Tree Growth Reimbursement to a **Town Conservation Reserve Account** for the future purchase of conservation lands, promotion of conservation education, and conduct conservation projects by the Town independently or in partnership with conservation organizations.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

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It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to apply **\$335,000** (\$235,000 Excise Tax, \$100,000 Revenue Sharing) in Estimated Anticipated Revenues and any additional Unanticipated Revenues against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the **Restricted Fund Balance “DOT Block Grant”** all funding received from the **Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)**, also known as the DOT Block Grant.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board in consultation with the Public Works Director, to perform winter maintenance on eligible public easements (on record) with the assurance that said winter maintenance may be carried out efficiently and safely, as the Board deems appropriate.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all monies received from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for snowmobile registration fees reimbursement, received in the fiscal year to the Denmark Dragers Snowmobile Club for trail maintenance.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of Town equipment and materials with a value of \$30,000 or less and deemed obsolete or surplus by the Select Board on such terms as they deem proper; to place any sale proceeds in a Capital Reserve Account for the Department that maintains and uses said personal property; and to appropriate and expend said capital reserve funds for the purchase of equipment for said Department. Such expenditures shall be approved at a properly called board meeting.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

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BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 11, 2024 as the date when the first one-half of property taxes become due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start on October 12, 2024 and the date of April 11, 2025 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start on April 12, 2025 and that an interest rate of 8.5 % per annum be charged on unpaid taxes. (This is the maximum rate that can be charged)

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to pay no interest on abated taxes or overpayment of taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506 (A).

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pay tax abatements granted with overlay funds or, if necessary, from the Unassigned Fund.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, and to pay no interest thereon.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer of the Town to waive the foreclosure of any tax lien mortgage before the right of expiration or the right of redemption, after consultation with and upon the consent of the Select Board in accordance with 36 MRSA § 944.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward any unexpended account balances at the end of the fiscal year as it deems advisable, provided that any such transfer is approved at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

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ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to cover overruns in the fiscal year budget with overlay funds. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, to transfer funds between department appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of Fiscal Year appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to cover all overruns of Town accounts, as of the close of the Fiscal Year, from the Unassigned Fund. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to accept monies from State, Federal and other sources on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such monies, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contract and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to authorize the Select Board to appropriate such monies where they deem is in the best interest of the Town.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for State, Federal and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contract and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) *(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)*

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It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to execute and deliver release deeds at their discretion for the purpose of removing from the public record tax lien certificates that have not been discharged through inadvertence.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes thereon, (1) in accordance with Title 36, Section 943-C of the Maine Revised Statutes, as may be amended, or (2) should the Select Board be unable to list or sell the property pursuant to Section 943-C, in any manner reasonably calculated by the Select Board to establish the fair market value of the property. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as calculated pursuant to Section 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. Prior to disposing any tax acquired property the Select Board shall consult with the assistance from the Committee to Assist Select Board in Disposing of Tax-Acquired Property.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to close the following roads, or portions thereof, to winter maintenance during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April for a period of ten (10) years.

1. Beaver Pond Rd from first house on right to the boat launch.
2. Walker Falls Rd from the ¾ mile marker to the Brownfield Town Line.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote that orders of the municipal officers for the closing of roads in winter under 23 MRSA § 2953 shall be final determinations of said closings.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.)

(Budget Committee Recommend this be done 5-0.)

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 63. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 5.15 Wireless Communication Facilities and Communications Towers (and other Sections)**. Synopsis is below.

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An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance section, redlined with the proposed revision or amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town's website.

- *The amendments bring the existing tower ordinance in line with mandates of the Federal Communications Commission Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
- *Adds tower height restrictions in Resource Protection and Shoreland Districts per Maine Department of Environmental Protection rule.*
- *Bans tower beacons and lights.*
- *Provides technical analyses and standards tests to prove a need for a tower.*
- *Provides standards for site access, safety, and layout.*
- *Provides permitting, operational, abandonment, and decommissioning standards.*
- *Definitions are added.*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 64. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 5.18 Metallic Mineral Exploration and Mining**. Synopsis is below.

An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance section, redlined with the proposed revision or amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town's website.

- *Removed language that is otherwise provided for in state regulations.*
- *Included water quality standards design to protect surface water and groundwater resources.*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 65. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 7.1. Resource Protection District**. Synopsis is below.

An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance section, redlined with the proposed revision or amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town's website.

- *Amended the definition of Resource Protection as ordered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection – in both Section 7.1. text and the Definitions Section 9.2.*

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ARTICLE 66. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 8. Administration.** Synopsis is below.

An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance section, redlined with the proposed revision or amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town’s website.

- *The duties of the Code Enforcement Officer are included and clarified, and ordinance enforcement procedures are specified and organized.*
- *Use permit provisions are added.*
- *Amendments are made to permit submission and review time periods.*
- *Amended fee requirements are included.*
- *Added permit processing measures*
- *Expanded regulations for inspections, violations, and penalties.*
- *Amended expiration provisions for Section 8.8. Board of Appeals variance and Section 8.9. Planning Board permits.*
- *Modified the Substantial Start definition and added a Substantial Completion definition in Section 9.2. Definitions.*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 67. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 5.19. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).** Synopsis is below.

An attested copy of the full text of this ordinance section, redlined with the proposed revision or amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town’s website.

- *Added Section 5.19 “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)” to conform to State of Maine mandates and provisions of LD 2003 “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions”. The Act requires that every community in Maine amend their Zoning Ordinances relaxing standards so as to permit increased housing opportunities. Those mandates vary from community to community. The changes provided herein are as they apply to the characteristics of Denmark.*

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- *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are attached or detached dwelling units being 500 SF to 1,000 SF in size and on a lot with a principal dwelling unit.*
- *An ADU is permitted on almost every lot in Denmark without regard to some zoning ordinance provisions that would limit or prevent them.*
- *ADU rental periods must be at least 60 consecutive days and may not be used as a short term rental.*
- *Building permits are required for ADUs.*
- *The Use Table is modified to include ADUs.*
- *A second Single Family Dwelling Unit may be constructed on a lot that is at least twice the size of the zoning minimum lot size.*
- *Sanitary sewage disposal for all ADUs and Dwellings must conform to the requirements of the State Of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules*
- *Miscellaneous amendments are made throughout the Zoning Ordinance to conform to and are related to the provisions of the Act.*
- *Definitions are added and modified.*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 68. Shall the Town vote to accept the following resolution regarding the Fire Department.
Resolution on Formalizing the Town of Denmark Municipal Fire Department.
(Please see note below for definition of Municipal Fire Department.)

Whereas on March 13, 1976 the voters of Denmark voted to accept the Denmark Volunteer Fire Department as the Denmark Municipal Department;

Whereas since that time there have been many changes to the State guidelines and requirements of Municipal Fire Departments;

Whereas since that time there have been many changes to the structure of the department and needs of the department;

Whereas as the years progressed, the administration and operation piece of the municipal department was never formalized; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Select Board:

- 1. recommend the adoption of a Town of Denmark Municipal Fire Department Ordinance.*
- 2. recommend review of job descriptions for the fire department personnel.*
- 3. recommend review of the Town Personnel Policy to incorporate fire department personnel.*
- 4. recommend review of department operations.*

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5. *recommend the Select Board form a committee, to include, one Select Board representative, the Town Manager and no less than four public members who may be current or past members of the Fire Department. Said committee will work together to accomplish the goals and objectives as set forth and approved by the Select Board at a future Select Board meeting.*

It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

Mover: Denmark Select Board

***Definition from Maine Municipal Association: Municipal Fire Departments** a municipal fire department (whether staffed by employees or volunteers) may not maintain and control its own bank accounts. Because the department is a part of the municipality, all funds appropriated for its budget by the legislative body must be held by the municipal treasurer and invested and disbursed in accordance with the laws governing all municipal funds. Municipal fire departments may not accept gifts of property without approval of the legislative body or gifts of money without the approval of the municipal officers. (See 30-A M.R.S. § 5652 - § 5655). If a separate group such as a fire department "auxiliary" or fire association conducts fundraisers to benefit the department, that group controls its funds and the money may not be used by the fire department unless it is accepted by the municipal officers under 30-A M.R.S. § 5652 as a supplement to the fire department's existing budget as approved by the legislative body.*

Presentation: The Select Board will be conducting a presentation on the proposed Future Public Work's Garage prior to the adjournment of the Town Meeting. After the presentation there will be time for open discussion. Below is a synopsis of the presentation:

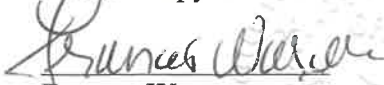
- A committee was formed in July 2021 comprised of experienced town residents.
- There is a proposed building design and plot plan, utilizing the lot where the existing town garage is located.
- The Town has performed soils testing.
- The Town has sent out Request for Quotes/Information to reputable construction firms.
- Types of funding will be discussed.

Betty LeGoff gave a presentation of information the committee had comprised so far and what the Select Board and committee recommend.

There will be an informational brochure sent with a letter of Town Assessment and Property Valuations to the public and a future Public Hearing scheduled.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Second and voted.

A True Copy: Attest


Frances Warner
Town Clerk

