To Ryan Lord, 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 6th day of June, 2025 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 7th day of June 2025 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 **Lee Ellen Follett** as Deputy Moderator to act in his absence.

ARTICLE 2. Lee Ellen Follett 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 151 votes cast. The meeting was recessed until Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

At 9:00 AM on June 7, 2025, 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: Andrew Kruczek 89 Votes

- Member of the Board of Directors for MSAD 72 for a three-year term: Tanya Bartlett 107 Votes
- Alternate Member of the Board of Directors for MSAD #72 for a one-year term: Kristen Stacy 41 (write-in) Votes
- Member of the Planning Board for a three-year term: Amy Imdieke 21(write-in) Votes
- Member of the Planning Board for a three-year term: Jim Stacy 4 (write-in) Votes
- One Member of the Planning Board for a two-year term: Amy Imdieke 7(write-in) Votes

One Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term: Amy Imdieke 13 (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.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff, school department administrators or staff, elected State officials who are not residents of Denmark and nonresident tax payers, 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. (*Two vacancies.*)

a. Two members for a term of 3 years.

Sean Watson nominated Russell Stacy and Luke Allocco for three-year terms. It was moved and second. All in favor.

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**.

Russell Stacy nominated the current members Michael Berube, Bertram Stacy and Paul Kiesman Jr. It was moved and second. All in favor.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$464,869** for **Administration Town Charges.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$514,468** for the **Public Works Department.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second.

Sean Watson asked to amend Article 9 to transfer and appropriate \$80,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance and raise by taxation and appropriate \$434,468 for the Public Works Department.

Luke Allocco second the amendment. Sean stated the reason is due to the school budget increase. Luke Allocco asked the Select Board and Town Manager if this is the appropriate means to help reduce the overall amount to raise by taxation. Betty answered yes. It could either be done this way

or reduce an amount appropriated elsewhere for another article as the School Board amount can not be reduced. The amended article was seconded and voted. The amended article carries.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$12,500** for paving at the **Public Works Complex.** (*Note: this will include paving in front of the public works garage and in front of the salt shed.*)

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$215,697** for the **Transfer Station.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$83,735** for the **Public Safety Department (Fire Department/First Responders).**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$25,000** for the purchase of Firefighter Turnout Gear for the **Public Safety Department (Fire Department/First Responders).** (Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) **It was moved, second.**

Andy Kruczek commented on the donations from Poland Spring and the Lions Club. The goal is to purchase ten sets of gear at \$50,000. Half was to be raised by taxation and half from donations.

Poland Springs has donated \$17,500 and the Lion's Club will donate \$15,000. Luke Allocco motioned to reduce the \$25,000 to \$17,500. It was moved, second and voted. The amended article carries.

The original motion and second was withdrawn.

ARTICLE 14. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$8,483 for the E911 Addressing Officer Department.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$64,375** for the **Code Enforcement Department**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$41,932 for the Tax Assessment Department.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$10,000** for expenditures associated with property revaluations. (Formerly referred to as the Real Estate Recount Fund) (Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) **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 \$10,000 to the **Dangerous Building Fund.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$53,400 for Town Insurances. (Property, Vehicle, Recreation, Volunteer)

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$44,500** for **Vehicle Fuel**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$25,000** for **Legal Counsel Services.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$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 3-1. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$4,000 for General Assistance.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$15,000 for the Building and Repair Fund.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$10,850** for the expenses of **Town Boards (Planning/Appeals)**.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent)

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

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$27,750 for the cost to re-vamp the Town's Zoning Ordinance, including re-organizing the sections, writing amendments, and review for legality. (Note: This process will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Select Board, the committee will work on a monthly basis with the Town Legal Counsel, drafting a new working document, reviewing current sections and writing amendments which will be voted on next June(tentatively). This process will result in a repeal and replace of the Town Land Use Ordinance). (Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$15,252** for **Denmark Youth Activities.**

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 29. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate **\$2,995** for **Animal Control** expenditures.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 31. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$400,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, \$100,000 from the Assigned Fund DOT Block Grant for a total of \$500,000 to cover the cost of Road Improvements.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$150,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, to the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Account.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$30,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, to the Building Capital Reserve Account.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent)

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

ARTICLE 35. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 36. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 \$10,350 for Agency **Requests** as detailed below:

EASTERN SLOPE AIRPORT	\$1,000.00
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$1,000.00
ANDWELL- ANDRO HOME HEALTH	\$500.00
LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOC.	\$1,000.00
SACO RIVER CORR.COMMISSION	\$700.00
SENIORSPLUS	\$500.00
S.W. OXFORD CTY	\$1,000.00
SPURWINK / TRI-COUNTY	\$1,200.00
LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION	\$600.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS-MAINE	\$500.00
SAFE VOICES	\$550.00
CANCER RESOURCE WEST ME	\$250.00
CAMP SUSAN CURTIS	\$1,000.00
SWEETSER	\$250.00
HELPING HEARTS	\$300.00

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 **\$500** for the Denmark Veteran's Committee.

Note: This is the first request for contribution to the Veterans Memorial replacement. Future request will be anticipated over the next 3 years.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 40. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 41. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 42. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 43. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to apply **\$335,000** (\$235,000 Excise Tax, \$100,000 Revenue Sharing) in <u>Estimated Anticipated Revenues and any additional Unanticipated Revenues against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.</u>

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 45. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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, 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 47. 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 Draggers Snowmobile Club for trail maintenance.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 48. 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 **\$60,000** 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October14, 2025 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 15, 2025 and the date of April 14, 2026 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start on April 15, 2026 and that an interest rate of 7.5 % per annum be charged on unpaid taxes. (This is the maximum rate set by the State that may be charged)

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to pay 3.5% interest on abated taxes or overpayment of taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506 (A). (This is the minimum rate set by the State.) (Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 51. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 52. 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 4-0. 2 members absent)* It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 53. 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 4-0. 2 members absent)

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 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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 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 4-0. 2 members absent) 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, 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 4-0. 2 members absent)* **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 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 4-0. 2 members absent)

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

ARTICLE 61. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 62. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) **It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.**

ARTICLE 63. 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 ³/₄ mile marker to the Brownfield Town Line.

(Select Board Recommend this be done 3-0.) (Budget Committee Recommend this be done 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 64. 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 4-0. 2 members absent) It was moved, second and voted. James declared the article carries.

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 65. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine<u>Sections 3.2 Land Use Controls and 5.18</u> Metallic Mineral Exploration and Mining, pertaining to Water Extraction.** 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 Zoning Ordinance is amended to conform with the provisions of the newly approved "Ordinance Governing The Large Scale Pumping Or Extraction Of Groundwater, Spring Water, And/Or Water From Aquifers Within The Municipality Of Denmark, Maine", a separate ordinance.

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

ARTICLE 66. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 1.4.** Non-Conformance, 3.1. General **Requirement, and 9.2 Definitions pertaining to Foundations.** 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.

- Requires Planning Board approval for raising a foundation of a non-conforming structure.
- Regulates the height of raised structures.
- Regulates foundations and structures in flood plains.
- Amends "Wetlands" definition to bring in State Standards.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 16, Nay 16. James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 67. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 4.11 Signs, 3.2 Land Use Controls and 9.2 Definitions. 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.

- Adds provisions for Changeable or Electronic Message Signs including:
 - o Permitted only along routes 117 and 160 in the Village District.
 - One per property.
 - Minimum 300 feet between signs.
 - Maximum twelve square feet per side. Maximum two sides.
 - Several dimensional and operational restrictions.
- Added definitions related to Changeable or Electronic Message Signs.
- Updated Table 3.2. regarding such signs.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted unanimously Nay. James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 68. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 5.7 Home Occupations, 4.11 Signs and 9.2 Definitions. 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.

- Amends and expands the existing Home Occupation ordinance to define and clearly allow Home Occupancy.
- Provides regulations for Home Occupations including size, hours, noise, visitors, and signage.
- Grandfather's existing Home Occupations.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 16, Nay 20. James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 69. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 6.9.12 Piers, Docks, Wharfs, Section 3.2 Land Use Controls, 8.9 Planning Board and 9.2 Definitions pertaining to Docks. 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.

- Provides environmental, navigational, and shoreline protections.
- Updates current Dock ordinance provisions.
- Addresses governmental, industrial, and commercial dock use.
- Limits number of docks per State standards.
- Grandfather's existing docks except from State / Federal statutes.
- Dock definition added and Use Table amended

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted unanimously Nay. James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 70. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Section 8.8.4 Board of Appeals, Enforcement Appeals. 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.

• Amends paragraph 8.8.4.1. to include enforcement orders issued by the Select Board.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 18 Nay 12. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 71. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 8.9.1**. <u>Planning Board, Appeal</u> **Procedure.** Synopsis is below.

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• Adds Planning Board appeal procedure per State standards.

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

ARTICLE 72. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 8.9.1. Planning Board Submission Requirements and Appendices. Synopsis is below.

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- Specifies Planning Board application requirements including number of copies, submission deadlines, and submission formats.
- Requires that State and Federal permits be obtained and submitted before Planning Board approvals may be issued except as waived by the Planning Board.
- Appendices are updated to reflect existing and proposed submission changes in the body of the Zoning Ordinance.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 15, Nay 17 James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 73. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 8.9.2. Planning Board Application Denial. 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.

• Requires denial of an application to the Planning Board for any property where an unresolved violation of the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine exists, or where an unresolved violation issued by the Town of Denmark Select Board or Code Enforcement Officer exists.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 18, Nay 14. James declared the article carries.

ARTICLE 74. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine Sections 8.9.4. Planning Board Jurisdictions and Appendix C Application Requirements for Planning Board Permits. 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.

• Extends the Planning Board's Shoreland District review jurisdiction to areas within 500 feet of a shoreline normal high-water line for erosion and sediment and storm water control purposes.

It was moved, second. There was discussion then voted by a show of hands. Yea 7, Nay 24. James declared the article defeated.

ARTICLE 75. Shall the Town vote to enact the proposed revisions/amendments to the **Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Denmark, Maine <u>Nomenclature, Numbering and Grammatical</u> <u>Amendments.</u> Synopsis is below.**

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• Fixes, adds, updates numbering, formatting, capitalization, nomenclature, etc. throughout.

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

Motion to renumber the next Article to 76.

ARTICLE 76. Shall the Town vote to enact AN ORDINANCE TITLED "Town of Denmark Fire Department Ordinance" Synopsis is below. amendment is on file at the Town Office and on the Town's website.

• Establishes a Municipal Fire Department.

- Defines the duties of the Department.
- Defines the roles and duties of the Fire Chief, firefighters and other department officers.
- Defines the department rules, regulations and operating guideline.
- Outline discipline, suspension and dismissal.
- Outlines reporting requirements.
- Outlines department assets and funds.

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

Motion to Adjourn at 10:50 AM.

True Copy: Attest Frances Warner Town Clerk

The Select Board hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Municipal Office on Thursday June 5, 2025, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Frances Warner, Registrar