

## Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

Mexico Town Office

Conference Room

### *Attendance:*

Selectmen: Randy Canwell- Vice Chair, Peter Merrill, Richie Philbrick.

Staff: Raquel Welch- Town Manager, Mat Theriault- Fire Chief/Code Enforcement, Jamee Theriault- Fire Department, Linda DeRoehn- Secretary, Marilla Couch- Librarian, Wayne Sevigny- Rec Director.

Public: Lisa Arsenault, Bruce Farrin, Garey DeRoehn, Cliff Stewart, Melinda Stewart, Tammy Burgess, Calvin Burgess, Barrbara Arsenault, Clyde Wardwell.

Randy opened the selectmen's meeting at 6:30 P.M.

### *\*Agenda Adjustments*

**^^Richie made a motion to add approval of the June Warrant under new business, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

\*Approval of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2024.

**^^Richie made a motion to approve the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2024, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

### *\*Warrants*

\*Approval of warrants dated February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 2024.

**^^Richie made a motion to approve warrants dated February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 2024, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

### *\*New Business*

1. CMP Pole Permit- no action needed, taken care of by CEO.
2. Nex Amp Lease- discussed , will vote in April.
3. Cinco Da Mayo- fees

**^^Richie made a motion to waive hawkers fees for the Cinco Da Mayo and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivals, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

4. Board Appointments:

- Robin McKenna- Planning Board
- Raquel Welch- Tax Collector
- Briana Scott- Town Clerk/Treasurer
- Brianna Scott- Registrar of Voters

**^^Richie made a motion to make the following appointments:**

- Robin McKenna- Planning Board**
- Raquel Welch- Tax Collector**
- Briana Scott- Town Clerk/Treasurer**
- Brianna Scott- Registrar of Voters**

**Seconded by Peter, all in favor.**

5. June Warrant

**^^Richie made a motion to approve articles 3-16 as presented, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$445,747.03 FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$445,747.03</b>
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**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$180379.70 FOR RECREATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>RECREATION BUILDING</b>	<b>\$56,455.98</b>
<b>RECREATION PARK</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>110923.72</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$959,215.11 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$959,215.11</b>
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*\*Public Discussion-*

\*There will be all Falls Fair on 5/18

\*Parking lot at the food pantry on Wednesdays is hard to get through.

\*Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A)

^^Richie made a motion to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:00, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion to come out of Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:05, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion to pay the individuals that were helping us with the election minimum wage, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

\*Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A)

^^Richie made a motion to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:07, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion to come out of Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:09, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion allow Phil Libby to live outside of the residency requirement in the contract, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion to adjourn at 8:011. Seconded by Peter, all in favor.

4-2-24

Date

TJ Williams- Chair

Randy Canwell  
Randy Canwell- Vice Chair

Richie Philbrick

Peter Merrill



**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$525,782.14 FOR THE**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$520,412.64</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>5,369.50</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$267,520.00 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>
<b>FIRE PROTECTION(HYDRANTS)</b>	<b>212,520.00</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$151,766.74 FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>\$ 19,574.62</b>
<b>MED-CARE AMBULANCE</b>	<b>110,196.00</b>
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	<b>1,996.12</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$1,752.50 FOR SOCIAL**

**SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>ANDRO HOME CARE AND HOSPICE</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>HOPE ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>SENIOR PLUS</b>	<b>50.00</b>

<b>DIRIGO STATE</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>RIVER VALLEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>WESTERN ME VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMM.</b>	<b>112.50</b>
<b>RIVER VALLEY ANIMAL ADVOCATES</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>MPBN</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$369,781.60 FOR SOLID WASTE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>NORSWB</b>	<b>\$268,211.76</b>
<b>WASTE COLLECTION</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>
<b>RECYCLING</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>
<b>SPRING CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>7,569.84</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$888,116.83 FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$888,116.83.17</b>
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**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$38,788.41 FOR THE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 13: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$121,968.00 FOR INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 14: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$219,000.00 FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>ROAD BOND</b>	<b>151,000.00</b>
<b>ROAD BOND</b>	<b>66,000.00</b>
<b>BOND OVERAGE</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 15: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$67,229.43 FOR UNCLASSIFIED/MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025**

<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 23,329.43</b>
<b>CEO EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL GREEN</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>
<b>CONTINGENT</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>TRAVEL/TRAINING</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>AVCOG</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>
<b>PLANNING/APPEALS BOARD</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 16: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$68,510.55 FOR RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

<b>COMPUTER</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>TAX MAPS</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Road Construction &amp; Maint</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>

<b>BUILDING RENOVATION</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b>PROPERTY RE-EVALUATION</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Dangerous buildings</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

**^^Peter made a motion to put article 17 on the warrant, seconded by Randy. 2-1. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 17: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$40,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC SIGN.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NO AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**^^Richie made a motion to set the interest rate on late and unpaid taxes at 6%, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 18: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO SET THE INTEREST RATE ON LATE TAXES AT 6% FOR FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: YES**

**^^Richie made a motion to add article 19 to the warrant as written, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 19: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO UTILIZE LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN THE OXFORD COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 4290 PAGE 183 LOCATED ALONG THE ROXBURY ROAD AND THE SWIFT RIVER FOR A SOLAR FARM UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEM TO BE BENEFICIAL TO TOWN. THIS WILL GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE TOWN AND ALLOW RESIDENTS OF MEXICO TO SIGN UP AND RECEIVE 15% OFF OF THEIR ELECTRIC BILLS.**

**^^Richie made a motion to include article 20 on the June warrant as written, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 20: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL RESCIND AND REMOVE THE TINY HOMES ORDINANCE. PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**^^Richie made a motion to add articles 21-24 to the June warrant as presented, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 21: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL RESCIND AND REMOVE THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE. PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 22: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL RESCIND AND REMOVE THE ORDINANCE REGULATING**



**OBSCENE MATERIAL.**

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 23: TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF MEXICO WILL VOTE TO ADD COVERAGE UNDER MAINEPERS CONSOLIDATED PARTICIPATING LOCAL DISTRICT PLAN FOR ITS FIREFIGHTERS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.**

**THE TOWN AGREES:**

- A.) TO ADD COVERAGE UNDER SPECIAL PLAN 2C FOR ITS PERMANENT, FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS WHO REGULARLY WORK AT LEAST 40 HOURS A WEEK, 52 WEEKS PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND**
  - B.) TO ADD COVERAGE UNDER REGULAR PLAN AC FOR ITS PERMANENT, FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO REGULARLY WORK 32 HOURS PER WEEK, 52 WEEKS PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.**
  - C.) TO CONYINUE TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PLAN 2C TO ITS PERMANENT, FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS WHO REGULARLY WORK AT LEAST 40 HOURS A WEEK, 52 WEEKS A YEAR, AND;**
  - D.) TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REGULAR PLAN AC TO ITS PERMANENT, FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO REGULARLY WORK AT LEAST 40 HOURS PER WEEK, 52 WEEKS PER YEAR; AND**
  - E.) TO EXCLUDE ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ITS ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND ITS ELECTION WORKERS, FROM PARTICIPATING IN MAINEPOERS; AND**
  - F.) TO AUTHORIZE RAQUEL WELCH TO SIGN THE AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEESRETIREMENT SYSTEM.**
- BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

**ARTICLE 24: TO SEE IF TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF LAND FROM RSU10, LOCATED AT 21 CROSS STREET, MEXICO, MAINE AND BEING A PARCEL DEPICTED AS LOT 5 ON TAX MAP 19, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN THE OXFORD COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 5334 AT PAGE 599 UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DEEM TO BE ADVISABLE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

**PLANNING BOARD AND SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES**

*\*Old Business*

*1. Med Care*

***^^Richie made a motion to pay Med Care \$1200.00 in rent, seconded by Randy. All in favor.***

*\*RSU 10 Report*

*\*Fire Department-*

***^^Peter made a motion to put the utility truck out to bid when the new one comes in, seconded by Richie. All in favor.***

***^^Richie made a motion to hold a special TownMeeting on April 2, 2024 to “take up to \$100,000 out of surplus to finish buying lost equipment and furnishing from the flood for the fire department.”, seconded by Peter. All in favor.***

*\*Police Department-*

*\*Library-*

*Report Given*

*\*Code Enforcement-*

*Report Given*

*\*General Assistance-*

*Report Given*

*\*Recreation Department-*

*Report given*

*\*Town Managers Report-*

*FEMA meetings starting again for the latest storm.*

*\*Road Commissioner*

*Holder is down again.*

*\*Selectmen’s report-*

*TJ-*

*Richie-*

*Peter-*

*Randy-*