

**TOWN OF PARSONSFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
September 8 and 9, 2017**

To: Lisa Hart, a resident of the Town of Parsonsfield, in the County of York, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Parsonsfield in said County and State, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office at 634 North Road in Parsonsfield on Friday, the 8th day of September, AD 2017 at 2 PM to act upon Articles 1 and 2. The polling hours are 2 PM until 8 PM for Article 2.

And to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Town Office at 634 North Road in Parsonsfield on Saturday, the 9th day of September, AD 2017 at 9 AM to act on articles 3 through 49 set out as follows:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Action: David Bower opened the meeting at 2 PM on Friday, September 8, 2017. He entertained nominations for moderator. Three nominations were received, all for Lisa Hart. She was elected moderator and sworn in. The polls were opened following this by Moderator Hart.

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town officers:

1 Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor	3 Year Term
1 Planning Board Member	5 Year Term
1 School Board Director, MSAD 55	2 Year Term
1 School Board Director, MSAD 55	3 Year Term
3 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
1 Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
1 Piper Free High School Fund Director	3 Year Term
1 Piper Free High School Fund Director	2 Year Term

The polls closed at 8 PM and counting of the ballots took place. The final totals were turned over to the moderator. The results of the election can be found at the end of these minutes.

Saturday morning, Moderator Hart swore in Norman Blake as deputy moderator to conduct the meeting. Moderator Blake opened the meeting at 9 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Tiffany Brendt, seconded by Louis Aubuchant to take Article 46 out of order. Jeff Wright expressed his opinion that we should not do this. The motion passed 17 to 6.

Article 46 (taken out of order): To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,000.00 in order to contract for a full time (40 hours/wk.) York County Sheriff for Parsonsfield. Contract period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Recommendations Budget Committee: None, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written and Nancy Bower seconded. Jeff Wright asked why the increase. Don Murphy stated that this includes all items combined. It would be a 4 day/10 hour rotating schedule, which is the same as prior. John Lesko requested more information. Gerard Clifford agreed. Jeff Wright commented that Cornish does not have a deputy and they have establishments that serve alcohol. Tiffany Brendt stated that recreational marijuana use may require more coverage. Colleen Allard sees a lot going on at her store and loves the coverage, but expressed that she believes five 8-hour days would be better. Others expressed an interest in getting a cost breakdown and negotiating the schedule. Ed Bower gave the following breakdown: Contract burden rate: \$100,000, Vehicle: \$11,000, and the rest is overtime. Nancy Bower asked about night coverage. Sheriff King said we get specialized service (local coverage when needed in off hours). However, other deputies also cover other towns. Alan Wing made a motion to move the article, seconded by Lou Aubuchont. The motion to move passed unanimously. The article passed with 2 votes in opposition.

Todd Crooker made a motion to take Articles 48 and 49 out of order. Alan Wing seconded this motion. This motion failed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to combine its various non-dedicated sources of income into a General Revenue Account from which it will pay its expenses as authorized by this Town Meeting.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Marion Wright. Andy Yale asked for an explanation. Don Murphy explained that all incoming monies, by this article, go to pay expenses. It's how we do business. The article passed unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use up to 50% of unappropriated Surplus balance to reduce the 2017 tax commitment.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Ed Bower: Any unappropriated monies at the end of the year can offset the tax rate for the following year. The article passed with one in opposition.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow from the dedicated Town funds in anticipation of taxes. Said amount not to exceed 75% of the Town funds and be repaid with appropriate interest.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Rich Ahlberg. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the 2017 annual budget during the period from July 1, 2018 to Annual Town Meeting 2018.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to roll-over, for the current year, unexpended highway funds (Account 5403-General Highway Maintenance and Account 5404-Paving

and Sealing) into a Road Reserve fund (new). This fund would be utilized along with newly approved funds during the next fiscal year to continue work on roads and bridges.

Recommendations Budget Committee: None, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Jeff Wright asked why. Ed Bower stated that typically all unspent funds would be used to offset the next year's taxes. However, because of additional road work that is needed, they would like to keep the unspent money in the road budget available to be used this year, along with any money allocated later in the warrant. Jeff Wright asked what if over-budget. Don Murphy stated that only once in 12 years has the road budget been overspent, because some expenditures had to be billed back to previous year. Jeff Wright asked what if inferior work? Pat Benzing stated she thinks they do good work in general. John Lesko stated they should be proud to have underspent their budget. The article passed with 4 votes in opposition.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to close all unexpended appropriations and overdrafts into the unappropriated Surplus account.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Rich Ahlberg. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to expend the following dedicated funds in accordance with State and Federal law:

- Plumbing and Building Permit Fees
- Animal Control Monies
- LRAP-Local Roads Assistance Program (previously URIP)
- FEMA Grant Monies
- MEMA Reimbursements

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: A motion was made by Nancy Bower to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Jeff Wright asked why only these accounts. Don Murphy stated that we have to be able to cross reference these for auditing purposes. The article passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for compensation for the Town officers and/or employees for the ensuing year:

(Account 5103)

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor (3)	\$ 24,072.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters	\$ 33,951.55
Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$ 24,162.27
Registrar of Voters/Deputy Registrar of Voters	\$ 351.05
Selectmen's Assistant & Bookkeeper (4½ days per week)	<u>\$ 27,151.21</u>
Total	\$ 109,688.08

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: A motion was made by Dan Flint to accept the article as written, seconded by Judy Ingram. Judy asked what is the increase. David Bower stated that the budget committee decided two years ago to use the same Consumer Price Index as is used for SSI increases. This year it was 0.3%. The article passed unanimously.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$3,744.00 to enable the Selectmen to approve an increase up to \$2.00 per hour for the position of Selectmen's Assistant/Bookkeeper. Salary surveys of local small towns indicate a range of \$16 to \$21 per hour for comparable positions. The current Assistant is paid \$14.46 /hr. The Town Attorney has advised that authorization of a budget increase for this position is not the appropriate forum for discussion of performance issues, which would be confidential and reserved for an executive session of the Selectmen under Maine law.

Recommendations Budget Committee: No, Selectmen: Yes

Action: A motion was made by Carl Nance to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Jeff Wright upset that issues can't be discussed. Towns have different hours, different positions, some offer insurance. Judy Ingram feels this position is paid well enough, do not increase. John Lesko was in agreement with increase. Tiffany Brendt: 239 towns, we are unique as we have lots of roads. David Bower stated that a raise for the deputy clerk would also be appropriate. Todd Crooker was not inclined to vote against raise, but put together an article that is specific to selectmen's assistant. Any Yale asked why not across the board. Kari Sawyer asked how many towns have a selectmen's assistant. Tiffany Brendt informed voters that most towns have assistants, but may call them something different. Judy Ingram asked if our selectmen's assistant worked Saturdays. Jeff Wright made a motion to move the article, seconded by Dan Flint. The article passed 23-14.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,012.00 for the Parsonsfield Planning Board members' and assistant's compensation for the ensuing year. The Planning Board members to receive \$15.05 per meeting attended and the Planning Board Administrative Assistant to receive up to \$15.05 per hour. (Acct. 5103)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,454.35 for the Parsonsfield Zoning Board of Appeals members' and clerk's compensation for the ensuing year. The Appeals Board members are to receive \$15.05 per meeting attended, and a hired clerk for the Appeals Board up to the rate of \$15.05 per hour. (Acct. 5103)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Marion Wright. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the compensation of the following Town employees, said employees to be paid up to the following amounts in each department: (Acct 5103)

Health Officer, yearly stipend	\$ 250.75
EMA Officer, yearly stipend	\$ 1,003.00
E911 Administrator, yearly stipend	\$ 702.10
Animal Control Officer, \$12.04 per hour as needed	<u>\$ 1,504.50</u>
Total	\$ 3,460.35

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Marion Wright asked why only \$12/hr. She felt that was not enough. The article passed unanimously.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,507.50 stipend plus 75% of Plumbing Permit Fees and all other CEO fees for compensation of the Code Enforcement Officer. (Acct. 5103)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Alan Wing. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,776.25 for Election Supervisors and Moderators, Election Workers, Building and Grounds Maintenance Workers, and other part time help per the following schedule: (Acct 5103)

Election Supervisors and Moderators	\$ 1,755.25
Election Workers up to \$10.03 per hour	\$ 4,012.00
Building & Custodial, and part time help @ up to \$12.04 per hour	<u>\$ 3,009.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,776.25

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Marion asked why only \$12/hr. She felt this was not enough. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover General Governmental Expenses.

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5101	Surety Bonds	\$ 800.00
5104	Professional Services	\$ 12,500.00
5106	Payroll Taxes	\$ 12,000.00
5107	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 4,000.00
5108	Medical and Dental Insurance	\$ 37,500.00
5109	Mileage	\$ 1,000.00
5110	Administrative Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
5111	Tax Acquired Property Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
5112	Unanticipated Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
5113	Computer Expenses	\$ 9,000.00
5120	Utilities – Town Buildings	\$ 20,000.00
5123	Municipal Buildings – General Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
5150	Planning Board Expenses	\$ 4,050.00
5151	Appeals Board Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
5152	Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission Dues	\$ 606.00
5153	Twelve Town Group	\$ 300.00
5157	Saco River Corridor Commission	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
	Total General Governmental Expenses	\$ 153,056.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Judy Ingram noted that SRCC tests the water quality in Long Pond. Eleanor Watson commented on the algae bloom and SRCC testing. Jeff Wright

noted that the dam contractor wasn't fined. Judy Ingram stated that they were, money goes to the state. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Protection Expenses

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5201	Worker's Compensation	\$ 6,000.00
5203	Insurances	\$ 20,000.00
5204	Kezar Falls Fire Department Expenses	\$ 45,875.00
5205	Fire Department Contracts	\$ 5,000.00
5207	Dispatch Fees	\$ 7,779.00
5209	Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
5210	Sacopee Rescue Expenses	\$ 17,000.00
5214	Street Lights	\$ 12,500.00
5215	Fire Hydrants	\$ 53,000.00
5220	Emergency Management Expenses	\$ 0.00
5230	Animal Control Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
5231	Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, Inc	<u>\$ 1,898.00</u>
	Total Protection Expenses	\$ 181,052.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed with one in opposition.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 to be placed in the Sacopee Rescue Capital Reserve Fund. (Acct 5211)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Eleanor Watson. Bruce Thibodeau stated this amount was supposed to be \$12,500. Ed Bower: Town Meeting can't increase amount of an article. We should get numbers 3 months before town meeting. Need more information and a comparison to previous years. Dan Flint stated still over budget. Judy Ingram made a motion to allow Mark Bolton, a nonresident representative of Sacopee Rescue, to speak, this was seconded by Rich Ahlberg. Motion passed. Mark Bolton expressed that the timing of the audit is difficult. Also, the request was supposed to be \$10,000. Jeff Wright stated we have police, others don't for staging. What is the capital plan? Mark Bolton: New units every 3 years. Tiffany Brendt asked what is the cost of a new unit. Mark Bolton stated the last unit without supplies was \$286,000. Mark Bolton shared there are guidelines for staging. Nancy Bower commended the rescue unit. Jeffrey Wright was upset with one case. The article passed unanimously.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,650.00 for professional valuation of real estate changes and maintenance of property records for the Town for tax assessment purposes (Acct. 5162)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed with one in opposition.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Health and Sanitation Expenses:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5301	Solid Waste Tipping Fees	\$ 67,000.00
5302	Solid Waste Cartage	\$ 96,000.00
5306	Recycling Expenses	\$ 500.00
5311	Water Quality Tests	\$ 200.00
5312	Ossipee River Milfoil Abatement	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total Health and Sanitation Expenses	\$ 164,700.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Lou Aubuchont. Judy Ingram commented that Parsonsfield residents are only recycling 9-10%. Stickers are \$2. John Lesko suggested reducing taxes if the resident recycled. Jeffrey Wright suggested not picking up a resident's trash if they did not recycle. Todd Crooker asked about a transfer station and ways to help people who cannot get there. Ed Bower shared information on transfer station economics; it is too expensive. Tiffany Brendt added that Parsonsfield has such high costs because of 91 miles of road. Judy suggested we call to see if they are putting trash and recycling together. Katrina Nance has seen them do this also. Todd Crooker suggested the town put money away for a transfer station. John Lesko noted that curbside pickup stops dumping on the side of the road. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Winter Road Maintenance and Sand and Salt Expenses:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5401	Winter Road Maintenance Contracts	\$ 277,335.00
5402	Sand and Salt (Purchase, preparation, rents)	<u>\$ 120,000.00</u>
	Total Winter Road Maint. and Sand & Salt Expenses	\$ 397,335.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. There was no discussion and the article passed with one in opposition.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 for legal costs in pursuit of legal action against the former plowing vendor. (Acct. 5104)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Carl Nance made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Nate Stacey. John Lesko asked for an explanation. Ed Bower commented that our plowing contractor quit January 1st in the middle of a storm which cost the town \$60,000, plus \$40,000 for new bid, \$24,000 to pay contractors. Todd Crooker wondered who was suing. Ed Bower stated that it was the Town suing, that the attorney will help decide how to proceed, and the cost to the Town will be limited to \$5,000. Jeff Wright commented that town did not inspect the equipment, we share the blame, had only one bid, probably will not happen again. Jay Berger made a motion to move the question, seconded by Judy Ingram. The motion to move passed. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts to cover Highway and Bridge Expenses per the following:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5403	General Maintenance FY 2017-2018	\$ 200,000.00
5404	Paving and Sealing FY 2017-2018	<u>\$ 170,000.00</u>

Total Road Maintenance Expenses \$ 370,000.00
 Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$82,076.60 for maintenance of roads from current fiscal year LRAP (a State funded road maintenance program).

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5404	Paving and Sealing of Town Roads FY2017-2018	\$ 17,076.00
5415	Designated Road Maintenance and Repair	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>
	Total LRAP	\$ 82,076.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Rich Ahlberg. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 plus any state or individual reimbursements to cover the General Assistance Program (Acct. 5501)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Judy Ingram: Isn't the select board responsible? Dan stated that responsibility was rotated among the select board. GA is actually a formulated amount and not a decision. The article was voted on and passed with one in opposition.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Cultural and Recreation Expenses:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5602	Kezar Falls Public Library	\$ 5,500.00
5605	Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Expenses	\$ 3,500.00
5610	Parsonsfeld/Porter Historical Society	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	Total	\$ 9,500.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Nancy Bower made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Marion Wright. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Social Service Expenses:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5702	York County Community Action	\$ 1,250.00
5703	Visiting Nurses Association	\$ 1,500.00
5704	Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 2,500.00
5713	Caring Unlimited	\$ 569.00
5609	Red Cross	\$ 750.00
5707-new	Community Partners	\$ 100.00
5708	The Life Flight Foundation	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Total	\$ 6,769.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Nate Stacey. Andy Yale suggested Community Partners not be funded (\$0). Katrina Nance asked who they serve. Andy shared that they serve people with profound disabilities and are funded by Pineland. John Lesko stated that the Greatful Undead is polling the area for its needs. Andy Yale made a motion to amend the article to remove the Community Partners line item. Jeff Wright seconded. The amendment passed. The amended article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover Miscellaneous Expenses:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5901	Mowing & Care of Veteran's Graves	\$ 4,000.00
5902	West Day Post of the American Legion	\$ 400.00
5903	Gravestone Repair/Cemetery Repairs	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 5,400.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Town's share of funding the Courtesy Boat Inspection Station at the Long Pond Boat Ramp. (Acct. 5217)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Nancy Bower. Judy shared that the program has 6 inspectors who inspected 374 boats, 602 canoes which involved 240 hours and cost approximately \$4,000. Tiffany Brendt stated West Pond has curly-leaf and added that the inlet is closed to Long Pond and costs \$25,000 to keep the program. Marion Wright was surprised West Pond hasn't come to the Town for money. We have to protect the ponds. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the refunded fees from Snowmobile Registrations to be split equally between the Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters, Inc. Snowmobile Club and the Route 11 Streakers Snowmobile Club, said sum to be the amount refunded by the State for the prior fiscal year (\$377.34). The money is to be used for purposes such as trail maintenance and construction or purchase of equipment and materials for the maintenance and construction of trails which are to be open to the public, free of charge, during the winter season. (Acct 5606)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 32: To see if the town will vote to appropriate any franchise fees received in the prior fiscal year from Time Warner Cable, Inc. to be given to TV-2 for the purchase and maintenance of equipment and for operating costs (\$2,786.49). (Acct 5607)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Newfield's Fire Department, the Town of Limerick's Fire Department, and the Town of Effingham's Fire Department for fire protection and Effingham's Rescue for emergency first response medical care for the Western area of Parsonsfield for the ensuing year. (Acct 5205)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Nate Stacey. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 5,000.00 to be placed in the Municipal Building Capital Repair Fund. (Acct. 5155)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 35: To see if the town will vote to give the selectmen the authority (by unanimous vote) to dispose of Town owned property, excluding land, with a wholesale value of less than \$1,000.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Marion wondered why this is necessary. Judy asked for an example. Ed Bower noted that there were unwanted items left at 120 Lost Mile Road, a property we foreclosed on. The culvert removed from Pendexter Road was also mentioned. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 36: To see if the Town of Parsonsfield will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,463.00 (2nd year) to be placed in a Solar Capital Reserve account.

Explanation: \$26,778.00 was approved at the September, 2016 Town Meeting Article 32 for 6 annual installment payments in the amount of \$4,463.00.

Recommendations Budget Committee: None, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Marion Wright. Andy Yale asked for an explanation of the article. Ed Bower stated it was for the solar equipment on the roof, which we are paying for over six years. John Lesko asked about the possibility of a solar farm. Ed Bower stated that this was an ongoing discussion. The article passed unanimously.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the following amounts for studies, redevelopment costs, repairs, and improvements at the Town owned property known as the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill:

Acct. No.	Title	Amount
5104	Professional Services	\$ 10,000.00
5111	Tax Acquired Property Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
5313	Mill septic system design, permitting and construction	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		\$ 11,000.00

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Nancy Bower made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Judy asked for an update. Ed Bower stated Keller Williams is a large commercial broker handling project. There is a sign going up and brochures going out. Dan Flint stated the roof is mostly tight, but there are broken windows. Marion Wright asked why are we still spending money. Tiffany Brendt stated the septic design is complete. It would cost \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to tear down. Dan Flint stated that the broker is in touch with possible buyers. Marion wondered what the price is. Tiffany Brendt stated that someone wanted it for \$1, but that was refused. Maybe a deal where the buyer puts in some money (say \$250,000) and the Town will reimburse half of that as improvements are made. The article passed unanimously.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Bartlett Doe Fund (credited to the Relief Account by vote of the Town on March 9, 1953) for the support of the common schools and said sum to be applied as partial payment of the school assessment for the ensuing year (Acct. 5801)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Tiffany Brendt. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept or to refuse donations and bequests that may be offered to the Town and if accepted to spend the same in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Such expenditures shall be in addition to any other amounts raised or appropriated elsewhere for a similar purpose.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. John Lesko asked if we could do away with this. The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to establish 60 days after commitment as the date when the 2017 real estate and personal property taxes will be due and payable, and to establish a rate of 7.00% interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date. (The maximum allowable rate set by the State is 7.00% per annum.)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed with one opposition.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to establish a rate of 2% discount to be allowed on all real estate and personal property taxes paid in full within 30 days of commitment.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to use the Tax Lien Mortgage method for the collection of unpaid taxes after the expiration of eight months from the commitment date, and to establish 7.00% as the rate of interest to be charged on all liens until paid in full. (The maximum allowable rate set by the State is 7.00% per annum.)

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of taxes, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be zero percent.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Alan Wing made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Nancy Bower. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to establish 7.00% as the rate of interest it will pay on taxes that have been overpaid in excess of the full amount assessed in accordance with MRSA Title 36 Section 506-A.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Judy Ingram. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use monies from the Overlay Account for real estate and personal property tax discounts and tax abatements including any interest accrued thereon.

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Dan Flint made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Judy Ingram. There was no discussion and the article passed unanimously.

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to exceed the 2017 Municipal Property Tax Levy per MRSA Title 30-A. (An affirmative vote will allow this municipality to surpass the 2017 limit but requires that the 2017 limit will be used as the base for next year's limit calculation).

Recommendations Budget Committee: Yes, Selectmen: Yes

Action: Rich Ahlberg made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Dan Flint. Marion Wright asked for an explanation. Dan Flint stated that, by state law, the town can only raise the tax levy in any given year a certain amount. Ed Bower: It's 2%, but there is a formula to follow. The article passed unanimously.

Article 48: Shall the Land Use and Development Ordinance of the Town of Parsonsfield be amended to make it consistent with the State of Maine Shoreland Zoning Requirements, add two requirements when creating rear lots, and make some administrative corrections?

Recommendations Planning Board: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Jeff Wright noted that this hasn't been discussed enough, and that there was a discourse on the planning board. Gerard Clifford stated that he agreed that it should be turned down and it was illegally posted. There needs to be more transparency. Marion Wright said that this will loosen requirements. David Bower explained that the expansion possibilities are increased by this amendment. John Lesko stated that many questions were unanswered at the public hearing. Tiffany

Brendt noted that the Planning Board voted to use the state guidelines. Eleanor Watson said that the 'pond owners' did not change the basement limit from 4' to 6'. That went through the petition process. The pond owners care about the pond. She noted that there may be some old septic systems that need upgrading. Katrina Nance stated that she lives on the pond, and if the pond is not in good shape, property values will go down.

Judy Ingram moved the question, and Alan Wing seconded. The motion to move passed. The article was voted on and passed 20-7.

Article 49: Shall the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Parsonsfield be amended as follows:

Existing:

Article 3. Definitions

Average Daily Traffic (ADT): The average number of vehicles per day that enter and exit the premises or travel over a specific section of road.

Proposed:

Article 3. Definitions

Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): The total number of vehicles you would expect to go by a specific location as a total of both directions (assuming the road allows traffic in both directions).

Recommendations Planning Board: Yes

Action: Judy Ingram made a motion to accept the article as written, seconded by Carl Nance. Don Murphy asked if this was all and what does it mean. Carl Nance stated that this was it. It's only a definition change.

The article was voted on and passed unanimously.

Dan Flint made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Marion Wright. All were in favor.

A PERSON WHO IS NOT A REGISTERED VOTER MAY NOT VOTE IN ANY ELECTION.

Dated at Parsonsfield, Maine, this 24th day of August, AD 2017.

Edward I. Bower, Jr., Selectman Chair

Donald C. Murphy, Selectman

Sondra-Tiffany Brendt, Selectman

Respectfully submitted,

David F Bower
Town Clerk