

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
ELECTION JUNE 11, 2013 and
OPEN TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 2013**

To Phillip G. Pitula, a resident of the Town of Winterport, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winterport in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School Gymnasium, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 11th day of June A.D., 2013 at eight o'clock (8:00 am) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 1, and 2; and to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wagner School Cafeteria in said Town on Thursday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 2013 at seven-thirty (7:30 pm) in the evening, then and there to act upon Articles 3 through all at Open Town Meeting, said articles being set out below, to wit:

ORGANIZATION

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Article 1. To elect a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting.
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ELECTIONS

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Article 2. To elect by secret ballot, two (2) Councilors for a term of three (3) years, two (2) MSAD No. 22 Directors for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years.

Town Council

Brooks, Joseph	80
Cooper, Stephen	133
Foley, Philip	85
Ginn, Corey	98
Rioux, Peter	106
Blanks	83
Write-In	7

Moderator John Logan declared Stephen Cooper and Peter Rioux elected to the Town Council for a period of 3 years

Assessor

Reynolds, Robert	247
Blanks	39
Write-In	10

Moderator John Logan declared Robert Reynolds elected to the Board of Assessors for a period of 3 years.

SAD#22 Director

El-Hajj, Lance	225
Harris, Martha	208
Blanks	144
Write-In	15

Moderator John Logan declared Lance El-Hajj and Martha Harris elected to the SAD#22 Board of Directors for a period of 3 years.

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TOWN MEETING ELECTIONS
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Article 3. To choose three (3) members to serve on the Budget Committee for a term of three years to end at the Annual Town Meeting in 2016 and to fill any unexpired terms if necessary.

Phil Pitula moved and John Coggeshall seconded to nominate Robert Reynolds, David Verrill and Phil Foley for the Budget Committee.

There were no further nominations.

Moderator John Logan declared Robert Reynolds, David Verrill and Phil Foley appointed to the budget Committee until Annual Town Meeting 2016.

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TAXATION
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Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the date according to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 36 Section 505 that the Assessors shall issue and commit the list of taxes due and payable.

Council Recommends	Friday July 26, 2013
Budget Committee Recommends	Friday July 26, 2013

Phil Pitula moved and William Rogers seconded to fix the date of Friday July 26, 2013 according to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 36 Section 505 that the Assessors shall issue and commit the list of taxes due and payable.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 5. To see (a) if the Town will vote to fix dates when taxes shall be due and payable, and (b) to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said dates.

	1st Half	2nd Half
Council Recommends	Sept. 15, 2013(7.00%)	Mar. 16, 2014(7.00%)
Budget Committee Recommends	Sept. 15, 2013(7.00%)	Mar. 16, 2014(7.00%)

(The State allows (7.00%) seven percent)

Phil Pitula moved and Robert Reynolds seconded to fix dates of September 15, 2013 and March 16, 2014 when taxes shall be due and payable, and (b) to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest at 7.00% to be charged on taxes unpaid after said dates.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2014 not yet due or assessed and to pay no interest on such prepayments made prior to the commitment of those taxes.

Council recommends	Yes
Budget Committee recommends	Yes

Phil Pitula moved and Tom Skratt seconded to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2014 not yet due or assessed and to pay no interest on such prepayments made prior to the commitment of those taxes.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 7.00% (seven percent) and to appropriate money received from overlay to pay for abatements and interest on abated taxes.

Council recommends	Yes
Budget Committee recommends	Yes

Tom Skratt moved and Phil Pitula seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 7.00% (seven percent) and to appropriate money received from overlay to pay for abatements and interest on abated taxes.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Town of Winterport only after requesting recommendations from the Planning Board concerning said disposition. The municipal officers at their discretion may elect to: (1) dispose of said real estate to the former owner upon payment of tax lien amounts, interest, costs and current taxes outstanding, or; (2) enter into a Land Purchase Installment Contract with the former owner making payments toward repurchase of the real estate, or; (3) sell to the abutting landowner, or; (4) sell to any person by sealed bid, advertised in local newspaper(s). The advertisement shall give the date that the bid shall be accepted and such other information as the Council deems appropriate. In connection with the above mentioned dispositions of real estate, the municipal officers shall be authorized to execute all deeds or documents of conveyance.

Council Recommends	Yes
Budget Committee Recommends	Yes

Stephen Cooper moved and Tom Skratt seconded to vote in the affirmative on Article 9.

The motion **CARRIED**

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APPROPRIATIONS
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Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Council. (Dept. 10)

Council Recommends \$ 15,075.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$ 15,075.00

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Stephen Cooper moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate for the Town Council the sum of \$15,075.00.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors. (Dept. 12)

Council Recommends \$ 23,400.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$ 23,400.00

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Roger Newey moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors the sum of \$23,400.00.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Benefits and Insurance.

(Dept. 15) Benefits \$ 82,954.00
(Dept. 17) Insurance \$ 16,475.00

Council Recommends \$ 99,429.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$ 99,429.00

Tom Skratt moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate for Town Benefits and Insurance the sum of \$82,954.00 for Benefits and \$16,475.00 for Insurance for a total of \$99,429.00.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration. (Dept. 20)

Council Recommends \$ 165,822.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$ 165,822.00

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Stephen Cooper moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate for Administration the sum of \$165,822.00.

The motion **CARRIED**
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Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Municipal Building and the Victoria Grant Civic Center.

(Dept. 25) Municipal Building	\$ 14,465.00
(Dept. 70) Victoria Grant Civic Center	\$ 5,575.00
Council Recommends	\$ 20,040.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 20,040.00

Roger Newey moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate for the Municipal Building \$14,465.00 and the Victoria Grant Civic Center \$5,575.00 for a total of \$20,040.00.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board. (Dept. 30)

Council Recommends	\$ 3,250.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 3,250.00

John Coggeshall moved and Tom Skratt seconded to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board the sum of \$3,250.00. During discussion resident and Planning Board Member John Coggeshall informed the attendees that little of the funds voted on last year for the Planning Board have been spent do to the lack of activity in Town requiring them to meet.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department. (Dept. 35)

Council Recommends	\$ 42,940.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 42,940.00

Tom Skratt moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$42,940.00 for the Fire Department.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement. (Dept. 40)

Council Recommends	\$ 8,075.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 8,075.00

Tom Skratt moved and John Coggeshall seconded to raise and appropriate \$8,075.00 for Code Enforcement.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads. (Dept. 45)

Council Recommends	\$ 319,508.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 319,508.00

Phil Pitula moved and Tom Skratt seconded to raise and appropriate \$319,508.00 for Winter Roads.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. (Dept. 50)

Council Recommends	\$ 112,976.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 112,976.00

William Rogers moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$112,976.00 for Road Maintenance.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Paving and Road Reconstruction. (Dept. 55)

Council Recommends	\$ 390,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 390,000.00

William Rogers moved and Peter Rioux seconded to raise and appropriate \$390,000.00 for Road Paving and Road Reconstruction. During discussion resident Susan Rioux asked what roads are being considered for paving? Town Manager Phillip Pitula informed the attendees that there was discussion about the Monroe Road starting from Rt. 69 and heading towards Monroe, Coles Corner Road starting at the intersection with Schoolhouse Road and heading back towards Town, and the Stream Road hill under the railroad tressle.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste. (Dept. 60)

Council Recommends	\$ 205,533.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 205,533.00

Roger Newey moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$205,533.00 for Solid Waste.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation Programs. (Dept. 65)

Council Recommends	\$ 20,900.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 20,900.00

Tom Skratt moved and Angela Parks seconded to raise and appropriate \$20,900.00 for Recreation Programs.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Grounds & Equipment. (Dept. 75)

Council Recommends	\$ 16,800.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 16,800.00

William Rogers moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$16,800.00 for Community Grounds & Equipment.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. (Dept. 85)

Council Recommends	\$ 5,800.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 5,800.00

Roger Newey moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate \$5,800.00 for General Assistance.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

(Dept. 90-60-35) Memorial Day	\$ 400.00
Council Recommends	\$ 400.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 400.00

Tom Skratt moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for Memorial Day.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for other Social Services, Union Meeting House, and the Winterport Free Library.

	Council	Budget Committee
(Dept. 87) Social Services	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
(Dept. 90-60-15) Union Meeting House Clock	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
(Dept. 90-60-25) Winterport Free Library	<u>\$ 28,595.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,595.00</u>
	\$ 35,245.00	\$ 35,245.00

William Rogers moved and Dallas Harriman seconded to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for Social Services, \$650.00 for the Union Meeting House, and \$28,595.00 for the Winterport Free Library totaling \$35,245.00.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to the Riverside Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public as snowmobile trails during snowmobile season, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. (Dept. 90-60-30)

Council Recommends	\$ 1,600.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 1,600.00

*The estimated \$1,600.00 from the State is not raised by taxes it is a direct pass through.

Phil Pitula moved and William Rogers seconded to appropriate the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to the Riverside Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public as snowmobile trails during snowmobile season, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery District to care for all District Cemeteries. (Dept. 90-60-55)

Council Recommends	\$ 17,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 17,000.00

Lledrew Hackett moved and Tom Skratt seconded to raise and appropriate \$17,000.00 for the Cemetery District to care for all District Cemeteries.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control. (Dept. 96)

Council Recommends	\$ 9,050.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 9,050.00

Roger Newey moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate \$9,050.00 for Animal Control.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Utilities, Street Lights & Hydrants for Fire Protection.

	Council Rec.	Budget Committee Rec.
(Dept. 90-70-68) Street Lights	\$ 14,025.00	\$ 14,025.00
(Dept. 90-70-70) Hydrants For Fire Protection	<u>\$ 85,692.00</u>	<u>\$ 85,692.00</u>
	\$ 99,717.00	\$ 99,717.00

Stephen Cooper moved and William Rogers seconded to raise and appropriate for Utilities, Street Lights & Hydrants for Fire Protection the sum of \$99,717.00. During discussion resident Joseph Tyler commented on the soaring cost of Fire Protection and that it does not seem fair to residents who are not located near a Fire Hydrant.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserves. (Dept. 98)

	Council Rec.	Budget Comm. Rec.
Fire Dept. Reserve 98-70-74	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Town Building Reserve 98-70-83	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Public Works Equip. Reserve 98-70-18	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Total	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00

Tom Skratt moved and Phil Pitula seconded to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Reserve \$30,000.00, Town Building Reserve \$10,000.00 and Public Works Equipment Reserve \$12,000.00 for a total of \$52,000.00. During discussion resident Joseph Tyler asked how much money we currently have in these reserve accounts? Town Manager Phillip Pitula provided those figures to the attendees.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balances to help reduce the amount needed from local taxation.

Council Recommends	\$ 150,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 150,000.00

Phil Pitula moved and William Rogers seconded to appropriate \$150,000.00 from fund balances to help reduce the amount needed from local taxation.

The motion **CARRIED**
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ESTIMATED REVENUE AUTHORIZATIONS

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Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize in addition to Revenue Sharing from the following revenues and sources to reduce the amount needed from taxation.

207 Plumbing Fees		\$ 750.00
301 Vehicle Excise Taxes		\$576,000.00
302 Boat Excise Taxes		\$ 3,300.00
306 State Reimbursement Homestead		\$ 70,000.00
309 Fuel Fund Donations		\$ 500.00
313 Veterans Reimbursement		\$ 2,200.00
314 Rec Building Rental		\$ 600.00
315 Conservation Blueberry Fields		\$ 1,000.00
316 Tree Growth Reimbursement		\$ 2,500.00
319 General Assistance Reimbursements		\$ 1,700.00
321 Interest Earned Checking		\$ 1,000.00
323 Interest Earned Taxes		\$ 31,500.00
329 Fernald Field Income		\$ 5,000.00
330 Clerk Fees		\$ 4,200.00
333 License Fees/ Hunting and Fishing		\$ 2,000.00
335 Auto Registration Fees		\$ 12,500.00
339 Planning Board Review Fees		\$ 1,000.00
340 Photocopy		\$ 75.00
341 Returned Check fees		\$ 125.00
342 Disposal Fees		\$ 31,500.00
350 Animal Control offset		\$ 1,750.00
357 Cable Franchise		\$ 16,000.00
366 Map Sales		\$ 150.00
370 Cheering		\$ 150.00
375 Cash Up		\$ 150.00
380 Misc.		\$ 19,000.00
381 Basketball		\$ 1,500.00
382 Fall Soccer		\$ 1,500.00
383 T-Ball		\$ 500.00
384 Camps		\$ 1,000.00
	Sub-Total	<u>\$789,150.00</u>
310 Revenue Sharing		\$260,000.00
	Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,049,150.00</u>
Council Recommends		\$ 1,049,150.00
Budget Committee Recommends		\$ 1,049,150.00

Moderator John Logan informed the attending town residents that a new figure was made available since the Town Report had been printed on State Revenue Sharing and as such a motion would need to be made reflecting the new amount and total of revenues. Phil Pitula moved and William Rogers seconded to authorize in addition to \$133,637.00 in Revenue Sharing \$789,150.00 in other revenues for a total of \$922,787.00 from the above revenues and sources to reduce the amount needed from taxation.

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following funds provided by the State of Maine to reduce the amount needed from taxation or to be used for their specific purposes provided by law. Local Road Assistance (Dept. 99-311)

Council Recommends \$62,988.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$62,988.00

Stephen Cooper moved and William Rogers seconded to appropriate the following funds provided by the State of Maine to reduce the amount needed from taxation or to be used for their specific purposes provided by law in the sum of \$62,988.00

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance to pay account overdrafts, if any.

Dept. 15 Benefits	\$	00.00
Dept. 25 Municipal Buildings	\$	00.00
Dept. 70 Victoria Grant Building	\$	00.00
Total	\$	00.00

Council Recommends
Budget Committee Recommends

Phil Pitula moved and William Rogers seconded to appropriate from fund balance to pay account overdrafts for Department 15 - Benefits \$5,700.00, Department 25 - Municipal Buildings \$2,000.00 and Department 97 - Other Safety \$4,925.00 for a total of \$12,625.00. Town Manager Phillip Pitula explained to the residents in attendance the reasons for these overdrafts. (Benefits – Increases in Health Insurance do to the Affordable Care Act, Increases in Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance all of which are on a Calendar Year not a fiscal year like the Town runs. Municipal Buildings – Town Office Furnace kicked off over a long weekend during the winter and the pipes froze and burst. Other Safety – The Winterport Water District was granted a rate hike by the P.U.C. and that went into effect half way through our fiscal year budget.)

The motion **CARRIED**

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Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept any gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous or following articles, if the Council determines that the gifts, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

Council Recommends	Yes
Budget Committee Recommends	Yes

Tom Skratt moved and John Coggshall seconded to vote in the affirmative for Article 35.

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Article 36. Shall the Town of Winterport “increase” the property tax limit of \$432,636.00 to raise funds necessary to pay for the foregoing appropriations and authorized expenditures, the amount is estimated to be \$_____0.00 _____ more or less.

Council Recommends	\$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$0.00

Phil Pitula moved and Tom Skratt seconded to pass over Article 36.

The motion **CARRIED**

Phil Pitula moved and Susan Rioux seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM. During discussion resident Judy Cuddy asked about the lack of funding for a Crossing Guard this year in the Warrant. Town Manager Phillip Pitula explained to the attendees the reasons for the elimination of this position.

The motion **CARRIED**

Stephen Cooper

Dallas Harriman

James A. B. Patterson

Peter Rioux

William Rogers

Winterport Town Council a true copy:

ATTEST: _____
Deborah Hoover, Town Clerk