

MINUTES

Attested as a True Copy by

Mark Robinson, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF FAYETTE
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION
AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

To: Crystal Rose, a resident of the Town of Fayette, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Fayette in the County of Kennebec, in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Fayette Central School at 2475 Main Street in Fayette, June 29th, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., there and then to act on the following Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at Fayette Central School in said Town on Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 2019, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 41 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Thomas Saviello voted in as moderator

ARTICLE 2 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) – One Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term; Two School Committee Member for a three-year terms. One School Committee Member for a two-year terms.

PASSED

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to lapse all balances into the undesignated fund balance (surplus) with the exception of those special revenue accounts which must be carried forward by law.

Note: This applies to federally funded school programs and from year to year other federal and state funded programs for municipal operations.

PASSED

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

Cost Center Summary Budget Format

ARTICLE 4 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 8 | \$ 847,821.00 |
| Secondary Education | \$ 537,491.00 |
| Gifted & Talented | \$ 9,401.00 |

School Committee Recommends \$1,394,713.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$1,394,713.00
Selectmen Recommends \$1,394,713.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 5 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 5 | \$ 144,216.00 |
| Middle School | 64,480.00 |
| High School | \$ 31,904.00 |
| Special Education Administration | \$ 20,641.00 |
| Special Services | \$ 21,636.00 |

School Committee Recommends \$282,877.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$282,877.00
Selectmen Recommends \$282,877.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends \$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$0.00
Selectmen Recommends \$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 7 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$0.00
Selectmen Recommends \$0.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 8 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Guidance | \$ 4,549.00 |
| Health Services | \$ 7,173.00 |
| Improvement of Instruction | \$ 1,159.00 |
| Library Services | \$ 6,671.00 |
| Technology | \$ 91,160.00 |
| Student Assessments | \$ 2,000.00 |

School Committee Recommends \$112,712.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$112,712.00
Selectmen Recommends \$112,712.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 9 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| School Committee | \$ 18,466.00 |
| Superintendent's Office | \$ 72,321.00 |

School Committee Recommends \$90,787.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$90,787.00
Selectmen Recommends \$90,787.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 10 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$145,231.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$145,231.00
Selectmen Recommends \$145,231.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 11 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$129,799.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$129,799.00
Selectmen Recommends \$129,799.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 12 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends \$134,703.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$134,703.00
Selectmen Recommends \$134,703.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 13 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends \$23,971.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$23,971.00
Selectmen Recommends \$23,971.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 14 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures Food Service

School Committee Recommends \$92,111.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$92,111.00
Selectmen Recommends \$92,111.00

PASSED

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

PLEASE NOTE:

Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 3 must be taken by a recorded vote.

1. Fayette School Department Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

ARTICLE 15 To see what sum the Town of Fayette will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$1,353,138.00**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends \$1,353,138.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$1,353,138.00
Selectmen Recommends \$1,353,138.00

“Explanation: The Fayette School Department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

YES: 35
NO: 12

2. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town of Fayette raise and appropriate \$731,718.00 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$731,718.00 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Fayette School Committee.

The Fayette School Committee recommends \$731,718.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$731,718.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Fayette School Department’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

School Committee Recommends \$731,718.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$731,718.00
Selectmen Recommends \$731,718.00

YES: 36
NO: 8

3. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) :

ARTICLE 17 To see what sum the Town of Fayette will authorize the Fayette School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Fayette School Department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends \$2,406,904.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$2,406,904.00
Selectmen Recommends \$2,406,904.00

YES: 45
NO: 9

ARTICLE 18 In addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Fayette School Committee be authorized to accept and expend federal or state funds and such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously anticipated

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 19 Shall the school committee be authorized to accept all additional monies from the State Legislature to offset local taxes

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum the Town of Fayette will authorize the School Committee to transfer from the schools undesignated fund balance.

School Committee Recommends \$150,000
Budget Committee Recommends \$150,000 6-1 (St. Clair)
Selectmen Recommends \$150,000

PASSED

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town of Fayette will authorize the School Committee to expend an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of capital needs including, but not limited to preparing the kitchen for the new food service program and repairs to the storage shed. This appropriation would be drawn from the Municipal Educational Capital Reserve Account.

School Committee Recommends \$5000.00
Budget Committee Recommends \$5000.00
Selectmen Recommends \$5000.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 22 Shall the Fayette School Committee be authorized to enter into a five-year contract with RSU#38 for non-exclusive school privileges to allow Fayette resident students in grades 6 to 12 to attend RSU#38 schools

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 23 Shall the Fayette School Committee be authorized to enter into a five-year contract with Winthrop School Department for non-exclusive school privileges to allow Fayette resident students in grades 6 to 12 to attend Winthrop schools?

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town shall accept and appropriate all non-real estate funds collected throughout the year estimated to be \$614,425 to reduce the 2021-2022 Property Tax Commitment:

Budget Committee Recommend: YES
Selectmen Recommend: YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to transfer excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$1,000 received from the sale of snowmobile registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Fayette Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association.

Budget Committee Recommend: YES
Selectmen Recommend: YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to transfer excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$4,000 received from the sale of boat registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association.

Budget Committee Recommend: YES 6-1 (St. Clair)
Selectmen Recommend: YES

DISCUSSION: Budget Committee member Brent St. Clair opposed this motion based on his research into 30 Mile River Watershed Association's operating budget.

Motion to reduce the Town's contribution to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association to zero.

DISCUSSION: 30 Mile River Liaison Kirstie Ludwig explained the impact that 30 Mile River Watershed has in Fayette. She spoke to the nature of the work impacting the weight of salaries in the operating budget.

FAILED (20-24)

Motion to reduce the Town's contribution to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association to \$3,000.

PASSED (37-13)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$3,000 received from the sale of boat registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association.

PASSED (40-1)

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$409,693 to support the General Government budget. Total expense to authorize \$409,693

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| General Government | \$285,395 | \$289,311 | \$273,377 | \$289,628 | \$293,510 | \$303,455 | \$409,693 |

ACTUALS \$274,111 \$279,531 \$279,219

Budget Committee Recommend: \$409,693

Selectmen Recommend: \$409,693

PASSED

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$136,584 to support the Public Safety budget. Total expense to authorize \$136,584

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| Public Safety | \$84,829 | \$85,935 | \$86,345 | \$92,220 | \$86,676 | \$88,012 | \$136,584 |

ACTUALS \$80,174 \$83,377 \$87,955

Budget Committee Recommend: \$136,584

Selectmen Recommend: \$136,584

PASSED

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$12,628 to support the Recreation and Cultural Services budget. Total expense to authorize \$12,628.

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| Recreation and Cultural | \$11,126 | \$11,459 | \$11,428 | \$11,428 | \$12,428 | \$12,428 | \$12,628 |

ACTUALS \$10,582 \$11,016 \$10,632

Budget Committee Recommend: \$12,628

Selectmen Recommend: \$12,628

PASSED

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$508,961 to support the Public Works budget. Total expense to authorize \$508,961

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| Public Works | \$438,865 | \$442,672 | \$302,054 | \$437,432 | \$456,990 | \$467,184 | \$508,961 |

Budget Committee Recommend: \$508,961
Selectmen Recommend: \$508,961

PASSED

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$153,230 to support the Municipal Debt Service budget for a total expense to authorize \$153,230.

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| Municipal Debt Service | \$117,016 | \$93,089 | \$222,908 | \$222,908 | \$222,908 | \$215,300 | \$153,230 |

Budget Committee Recommend: \$153,230
Selectmen Recommend: \$153,230

PASSED

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$75,929 to support the Solid Waste budget. Total expense to authorize \$75,929

| MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
| Solid Waste | \$36,000 | \$36,000 | \$41,365 | \$68,500 | \$73,935 | \$73,578 | \$75,929 |

Budget Committee Recommends \$75,929
Selectmen Recommends \$75,929

PASSED

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise from taxation \$25,000 dollars to support the Employee Health Care Reserve Account for the high deductible plan instituted eight years ago for the 3 municipal employees that receive health insurance.

Budget Committee Recommends \$25,000
Selectmen Recommends \$25,000

PASSED

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended “Keep Me Warm” funds raised throughout the year as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30th 2020.

Budget Committee Recommends YES

Selectmen Recommends YES

**ARTICLE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE YEAR 2020 TO 2021
PASSED**

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended Library Reserve fund as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30th 2020.

Budget Committee Recommends YES

Selectmen Recommends YES

**ARTICLE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE YEAR 2020 TO 2021
PASSED**

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended Library Grant funds as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30th 2020.

Budget Committee Recommends YES

Selectmen Recommends YES

**ARTICLE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE YEAR 2020 TO 2021
PASSED**

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend from the Capital Reserve Accounts to pay for anticipated and unanticipated expenses, contingencies, and emergencies up to the available balances in each reserve.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

(This article was amended by the Board of Selectmen after the Budget Committee’s last meeting therefore the absence of a recommendation)

PASSED

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount to raise from taxation of \$100,000 to support the Capital Investment Plan.

(\$25K for Fire Equipment, \$10K for Fire Building, \$10K for Town Office Building, \$20K, Cemetery Maintenance \$25K for Public Works Equipment and \$10K for PW Building)

Selectmen Recommends \$100,000 (4-1 Sparling)

(This article was amended by the Board of Selectmen after the Budget Committee’s last meeting therefore the absence of a recommendation)

PASSED

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended funds from the 2020-2021 Fire Protection Account to the 2021-2022 Fire Protection Account.

Budget Committee Recommends YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

PASSED

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Broadband Capital Reserve Account to receive American Recovery Act funds dedicated to the Town of Fayette.

(It is anticipated that the Town of Fayette shall receive \$119,000 in American Recovery Act Funding)

Selectmen Recommends YES (4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention Badeau)

(This article was amended by the Board of Selectmen after the Budget Committee's last meeting therefore the absence of a recommendation)

PASSED

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to raise \$38,000 from taxation to support a lease purchase agreement between the Town of Fayette and Daigle and Houghton of Hampden Maine

Budget Committee Recommend: YES
Selectmen Recommends YES

Note: terms fixed rate of 3.15% for 6 years total purchase price \$173,742.00

PASSED

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to increase the Property tax levy limit established for Fayette by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a property tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. This year's LD 1 calculation allowed \$18,500 in new municipal spending.

PASSED

ARTICLE 43 Motion to Adjourn.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of June, 2021

Lacy Badeau

Toby Pond

Jon Beekman

Nathaniel Sparling

Brian Holman

By virtue of the written Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Fayette, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at the Fayette General Store, Underwood Memorial Library, Fayette Central School, and Fayette Town Office the same being public and conspicuous places within said Town, on the 2nd of June, 2021 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Crystal Rose, Resident