

# Town of Warren

## Minutes for December 7, 2022 Special Town Meeting

County of Knox, SS.

State of Maine

**The Special Town of Warren Meeting at the Town Office on December 7, 2022 was opened by Corinne Michaud, Town Clerk at 6:15p.m.**

**Article 1:** Election of Moderator - To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Rodger Peabody was nominated and seconded, Roger Peabody was elected as moderator by Five Ballots cast.

Roger Peabody was sworn in and started as moderator.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of the tax lien for the year 2021 on the Steamship Navigation Company property depicted on Tax Map R11, Lot 38 and located on the Camden Road in Warren, under Title 36, Section 944, by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure in the Knox County Registry of Deeds.

### **Discussion:**

What will be the financial impact to the Town if we take the Property? Liability insurance for a year is \$1,200.

What is the opinion of the Town Attorney? Bill Kelly, it's time to do this. The DEP has a draft agreement to not hold the Town or future owner/s of the property liable for the property. Because of materials on the property the Town cannot apply for grants to clean it up until the Town owns it. Back when he gave his opinion to not take it over there was no knowledge of PFAS and nothing from DEP.

What is the cost to clean up the property? Unknown. There are portions of the property that have nothing that the Town could choose to sell. There is 300 thousand still available for the cleanup.

Who currently holds the deed to the Property? Steamship Navigation

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Ed LaFlamme, they hope to have material brought to Dragon to burn. The PFAS chemical and lead that is on site will help with grants being obtained to clean it up.

What is the actual cost to the Town? Pratt, unknown. There is no guarantee that we will receive any of the grants. The amount of PFAS doesn't exceed Federal levels.

By foreclosing on the property we are not taking responsibility to clean it up. The Town has no obligation to clean up the property. We don't have to do anything with it.

The troth that holds the bullets was never cleaned out so there is lead on the property as well.

Pope has been part of the committee. There has been PFAS in the water from wells treated nearby. The fiber material is covered with short paper fiber that contains a high level of PFAS. The owner couldn't afford to bring in more gravel to cover the fiber material, this was free.

The 300 thousand will be held by the State, the Town will have a say in what it is used for, including using it to match grants.

Currently there are game cameras catching people continuing to dump trash, loads of construction material, deer remains etc. Nothing can be done to the illegal dumping until the Town owns it.

Restrictions will be in place for what can/can't be done with the property including no homes, no soil may leave the site so no gravel pits.

**Motion was made to vote by secret ballot, seconded. Motion failed by show of hands.**

**Motion was made to move the question, seconded. It was passed by show of hands**

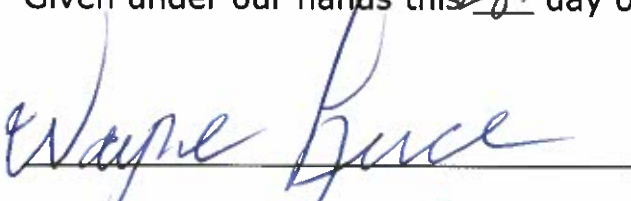
**Article 2 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands 52-0.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town of Warren Meeting at 6:59p.m.**

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Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary Sara K. Davis on December 7, 2022.

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 2022



Wayne Luce, Chairman

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Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair



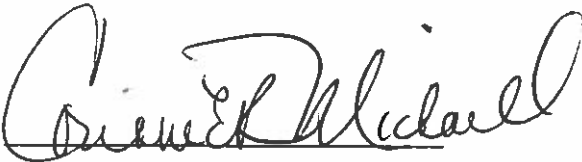
Jan Macdonald



John Crabtree



Brent Pratt



Town Clerk, Corinne Michaud