

THE WARRANT MINUTES

HANCOCK S.S.

STATE OF MAINE

To Ruth Franzius, a resident of the Town of Hancock, in the County of Hancock.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Hancock on Monday, the 13th day of May 2024 at 1:00 pm to then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, the polling hours thereof to be from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Hancock Grammar School gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of May 2024 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 86 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE:

1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nominations were accepted for Moderator: Timothy Dunton's name was presented. No other nominations were made. Mr. Dunton was sworn in by the Town Clerk. Moderator opened the polls at 1:00pm.

2. To elect by secret ballot the following officers for the ensuing year: One Selectman (3 year); Two Planning Board Members (3 year) and One School Board Member (3 year).

One Selectman (3 year term)	Adam Foster	103
Two Planning Board Members (3 year term)	Meredith Akerstein	79
	Nicholas Branca	57
	Scott Dyer	64
One School Board Member (3 year term)	Christie Dyer	102

Fred Erhlenbach was nominated and seconded as deputy moderator, voted, passed. Oath given by Town Clerk.

3. To choose a Budget Committee.

Motion to keep the same members by George Colwell, second by Jeremy Ogden, passed.

EDUCATION ARTICLES
(Articles 4 through Article 23)

4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **Recommend \$2,799,483.98.**

- K- 2 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
- 3-8 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
- 9-12 Regular Secondary Program
- Gifted and Talented Program

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **Recommend \$1,376,378.49.**

- K-12 Special Education Services

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **Recommend \$48,057.95.**

- Elementary Co-Curricular
- Elementary Athletics

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **Recommend \$420,801.28.**

- Social Work (formerly Guidance)
- Health Services
- Curriculum
- Instructional Staff Training
- Library
- Instructional Technology

- Student Assessment

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **Recommend \$254,416.37.**

- School Committee
- Office of the Superintendent
- Business Services

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **Recommend \$213,444.44.**

- Office of the Principal

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **Recommend \$306,316.77.**

- School Transportation

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **Recommend \$340,757.49.**

- Operations and Maintenance
- Capital Renewal

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

12. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **Recommend \$56,307.47.**

- School Nutrition Program

Article 12 authorizes the *expenditure* of school nutrition service funds.

Article 15 authorizes these same funds to be *raised and appropriated*.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

13. To see what sum the municipality 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 **\$3,880,894.54**) 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. **Recommend \$2,799,267.00.**

Explanation: The school administrative unit'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.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute

Written ballot – Yes 51; No 7, passed.

14. Shall the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate **\$1,174,576.37** additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,174,576.37** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends \$1,174,576.37** additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,174,576.37**.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit'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.

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute

Written ballot – Yes 46; No 11, passed.

15. Shall the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate **\$56,307.47** for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program) for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 fiscal year?

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

16. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the school administrative unit'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. **Recommend: \$5,815,964.24.**

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

17. Shall the Hancock School Committee be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2024-25 fiscal year?

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

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

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

19. In the event that the school administrative unit received more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee?

(The Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

20. In addition to amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** in **additional local funds for a Playground Seed Reserve**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$25,000.00 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to transfer that sum to the **Playground Seed Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed for playground renovation only in the discretion of the School Committee.

The **School Committee recommends \$25,000.00** and gives the following reasons for exceeding the essential programs and services funding model by \$25,000.00; to provide seed funding specifically for the purpose of renovating the School Playground.

(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Note: Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of the funds if needed.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town'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 school budget for educational programs

Written ballot – Yes 46; No 13, passed.

21. In addition to amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$50,000 in additional local funds for a General Education Reserve**, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$50,000 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to transfer that sum to the **General Education Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed only in the discretion of the School Committee?

The **School Committee recommends \$50,000**, and gives the following reasons for exceeding the essential programs and services funding model by \$50,000: to address unanticipated Special Education costs not included in the budget.

(The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Note: Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of the funds if needed.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town’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 school budget for educational programs

Written ballot – Yes 42; No 13, passed.

22. In addition to amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$50,000 in additional local funds for a Special Education Reserve**, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$50,000 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to transfer that sum to the **Special Education Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed only in the discretion of the School Committee?

The **School Committee recommends \$50,000**, and gives the following reasons for exceeding the essential programs and services funding model by \$50,000: to address unanticipated Special Education costs not included in the budget.

(The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Note: Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget

articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of the funds if needed.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town'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 school budget for educational programs

Written ballot – Yes 43; No 13, passed.

23. In addition to amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$30,000 in additional local funds for a Maintenance Reserve**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$30,000 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to transfer that sum to the **Maintenance Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed only in the discretion of the School Committee?

The **School Committee recommends \$30,000**, and gives the following reasons for exceeding the essential programs and services funding model by \$30,000: to address unanticipated Maintenance costs not included in the budget.

(The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval)

(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)

Note: Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of the funds if needed.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town'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 school budget for educational programs

Written ballot – Yes 44; No 11, passed.

Articles #24 through #36 are funding requests from non-municipal organizations totaling \$35,825.00 taxation or approximately less than 1% of your tax bill. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee make no recommendation on these articles.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750.00 from Taxation for the support of Northern Light Hospice.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,028 from Taxation for the support of Downeast Community Partners (Formerly Washington Hancock Community Agency, WHCA).

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 from Taxation for the support of Families First Community Center.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from Taxation for the support of Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,330.00 from Taxation for the support of the Ellsworth Public Library.
29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 from Taxation for the support of the Schoodic Food Pantry.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 from taxation for the support of the Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$617.00 from taxation for the support of Life flight Foundation

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from Taxation for the support of the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,900.00 from Taxation for the support of Women Infants and Children (W.I.C.) program.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from Taxation for the support of Friends in Action.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 from Taxation for the support of the SPCA.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 from Taxation for the support of Hospice Volunteers.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

*End of Funding Requests******

Motion by George Colwell to vote on articles #37 through 47, collectively, seconded by Jeremy Ogden, passed. Motion to approve articles #37 through #47, seconded, passed.

37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner decline to redeem the property after 30-days' notice, to authorize the Selectboard to advertise for sealed bids on the same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute a quitclaim deed to the highest possible bidder; and further allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. If the sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Selectboard shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A §943-C.
38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of town owned equipment when they determine such property to be of no further value to the Town and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to return the funds to the appropriate municipal department or surplus or a combination of the two accounts. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.
39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.
40. To see if the town will vote that orders of the Municipal Officers for the closing of roads in winter under 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953 shall be final determinations of said closings.
41. To see if the Town will vote to fix the 1st of November and the 1st of February when all 2024 taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge 8.50% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s).

42. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes and to vote to pay 0% interest on said prepayments. Prepayments will only be accepted on the current year and 1 additional year. (Example: 2024 tax year and 2025 tax year.)
43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to set the rate of interest at 4% for overpayment of taxes.
44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay those sums which it is obligated to pay for approved tax abatements including any interest due thereon.
45. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend any miscellaneous departmental revenues received during 2024/2025 and any funds carried forward from 2023/2024 within the same department.
46. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Officers to enter into multiyear contracts and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to extend such contracts for such additional periods as they deem appropriate provided that there is no increase in cost.
47. To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances and overdrafts in all accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Municipal Officers, transferred to Unappropriated Surplus.
48. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and allocate a total of \$332,050.00 for Administration in the following manner: \$52,200.00 from Taxation, \$152,125.00 from Excise, \$102,325.00 from Surplus and \$25,400.00 from fees.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

49. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$2,000.00 from Surplus for each of the five Selectmen/Assessors. (Total Compensation: \$10,000.00 this amount is included in Article #48)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

50. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$20,200.00 from Surplus for Planning Board expenses.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to vote on articles #50 through #84, collectively, seconded, passed.

Motion to approve articles #50 through #84, seconded, passed.

51. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$19,200.00 from Surplus for Town Hall Operating Expenses.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

52. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$20,000.00 for the Comprehensive Plan Committee from Taxation. This fund will continue to roll over annually until spent.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

53. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$23,000.00 for assessing expenses in the following manner: \$10,000.00 from Taxation, \$10,000.00 from Surplus and \$3,000.00 from Surplus for mapping. (\$20,000 for the appraisal service of an Assessor's Agent and \$3,000.00 for annual updates to the town's digital tax maps).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 from surplus for future revaluation of the Town and to make expenditures from this fund not to exceed the balance. This fund will continue to roll over annually until spent.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$106,520.00 from Taxation for the operating expenses for the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 from Taxation for the Fire Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #55.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 from Taxation for the Assistant Fire Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #55.)*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000.00 from Taxation for the Future Fire Department Building Fund. This fund may be used for the pre-planning, design, and engineering phase at the discretion of the Board.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

59. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$35,000.00 from Taxation for the Future Fire Truck Fund.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,300.00 from Taxation for the First Responders Program.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 from Taxation for the EMS Chief's stipend. *(This amount is included in article #60).*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

62. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$4,000.00 from Taxation for Street Lights.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

63. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$27,000.00 from Surplus for Northern Lights Ambulance Service. *(This is an automatic yearly renewal contract).*

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

64. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$1,100.00 from Surplus for Health Officer Stipend/Training.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

65. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$4,000.00 for animal control in the following manner: \$3,000.00 from Surplus and \$1,000.00 from other revenue.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

66. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$1,000.00 out of Other for mowing of the landfill.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

67. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$9,100.00 from Surplus for 911 dispatching services.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

68. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$150,000.00 for Paving in the following manner: \$125,000.00 from Excise and 100% of State Road Assistance (approximately \$25,000).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

69. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$116,500.00 for snow removal in the following manner: \$24,125.00 from Taxation, \$67,375.00 from Excise and \$25,000.00 from Surplus. (This is year two of a 3 year contract for snow removal).

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

70. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$65,000.00 from Excise for sand/salt. This fund will continue to roll over annually until spent.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

71. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$9,500.00 from Excise for maintenance and operation of the salt/sand shed. This fund will continue to roll over annually until spent.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

72. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$100,000.00 for Town Road Maintenance in the following manner: \$10,000.00 from Taxation, \$80,000.00 from Excise and \$10,000.00 from Surplus.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

73. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$136,000.00 for Municipal Solid Waste in the following manner: \$81,000.00 from Excise, and \$55,000.00 from anticipated revenue.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

74. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$4,000 from the Hancock Recreation Reserve for the Hancock Recreation Program Committee.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

75. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$1,200.00 from Surplus for the Monument Lot.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

76. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$1,200.00 from Surplus for Memorial Day.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

77. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$10,500.00 from Surplus for the care and maintenance of Veterans graves in the Riverside Cemetery.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

78. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$1,250.00 from Surplus for the care and maintenance of Veterans graves in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

79. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$4,000.00 for the care and maintenance of Veterans graves in the Pinetree Cemetery from Surplus.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

80. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$3,000 from Surplus for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

81. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$10,000 from Surplus for General Assistance and to allow the Municipal Officers to spend any State reimbursement.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

82. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$243,147.00 from taxation for County Taxes.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

83. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from taxation for the tannery legal, survey and VRAP process.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 from Taxation for the support of the Hancock Historical Society.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

85. To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$3,000 from Taxation for the Hancock Point Village Improvement Society to assist with the annual operation and maintenance of the wharf and floats at Hancock Point, which are owned by said Society for the beneficial use of its membership and all citizens of the Town of Hancock in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine and regulations of said Society as may be appurtenant thereto.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval)

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

86. To see if the voters of the Town of Hancock will increase the property tax levy limit by \$0.00 since the municipal budget approved at the May 14, 2024 Town Meeting resulted in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. This is for the 2024-25 property tax commitment year. Our tax levy for this year is \$255,046.60 set by State law.

*(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval)
(Must be voted on by written ballot per state statute)*

Written ballot – Yes 47; No 1, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A Robinson

Cheryl A. Robinson
Town Clerk/Admin. Asst.