MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, May 8, 2004

86 Voters Present

Town Clerk brought meeting to order at 8:00am

Announcements were made and the Town Clerk read the warrant.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination for Mark Greene made by John Francomano
Vote: Mark Greene – 7
Mark Greene was sworn in as Moderator by Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jim Wilber made a motion to allow the public to speak – 2nd by Meredith Sweet
Vote: U -1

Article 2. To elect by ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years, effective on 7/1/2004.

Nomination for Stephen Train made by Emil Berges
Request for Write-In votes for Bradley Brown by Shirley Conners

Motion made by Emil Berges to close nominations – 2nd by Emily Jacobs
Vote: U

Vote on Selectman: Stephen Train – 68 Bradley Brown - 13

Article 3. To elect by ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Committee for a term of three years, effective 7/1/2004.

Nomination for Stephanie Rich made by Alanna Rich
Nomination for Kathleen Floyd made by Robert Jordan
Vote: Kathleen Floyd – 55 Stephanie Rich - 25

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

Motion made by Kathleen Floyd to accept Art. 4 as read – 2nd by Coleman Clarke
Vote: U

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Jim Wilber to accept Art. 5 as read – 2nd by Emily Jacobs
Vote: U

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers and/or Appointees.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Selectmen (3 at $2,538)	$ 7,614
(Chair)	$ 2,030
Parklands/Beaches	$ 661
Public Buildings	$ 2,250
Wharves/Floats	$ 1,000
Public Safety	$ 1,015
Solid Waste	$ 1,015
Rescue Boat	$ 1,015
Assessing/Map Updates	$ 1,015
Town Clerk	$ 9,751
Treasurer	$10,247
Tax Collector	$ 9,751
Dep. Treas./Town Clerk/Tax Col.	$ 5,777
Road Commissioner	$ 1,015
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 9,000
Animal Control Officer	$ 1,000
Harbormaster	$ 550
Town Meeting Moderator	$ 100
Social Services Director	$ 550
Recreation Director	$ 2,030
Payroll Taxes	$ 7,288
Administrative Assistant	$ 2,047
Clam Warden	$ 250
911 Coordinator	$ 250
CEO Assistant	$ 1,800
TOTAL	**$79,021**

Motion made by Anne-Marie Train to accept Art. 6 as read – 2nd by Emil Berges
Vote: U

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for professional assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Accountant	$ 2,000
Town Annual Audit	$ 6,000
Town Counsel	$12,000
Tax Assessor	$ 1,000
Additional Professional Assistance	$ 3,000
Revaluation Expense Reserve	$ 8,500
Lawn Mowing Contract	$ 2,500
TOTAL	**$35,000**

Motion made by John Francomano to accept Art. 7 as read – 2nd by Kathleen Floyd
Vote: U

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Town Government Administration	**$57,240**

Motion made by Leah Doughty to accept Art. 8 as read – 2nd by Lorraine Doughty

Motion made by Stephen Train to amend Art. 8 to increase amount by $15,000 – 2nd by Anne-Marie Train

RECESS: Discussion on LNG project – straw vote taken to bring resolution forward regarding the LNG project – Vote: U

Vote on amendment to increase Art. 8 by $15,000: U

Motion made by Ann Wary to amend Art. 8 to increase amount by $30,000 not $15,000 – 2nd by Rhonda Stewart

Vote on amendment to increase Art. 8 by $30,000 not $15,000, bringing total to $87,240: U
Nancy Jordan asked that it be placed in the minutes that the increased amount of $30,000 be placed in the Selectmen's Contingency Fund and that it be specifically used only towards expenses regarding the LNG Project.

Motion made by John Francomano to move the pending question
Vote: U

Vote on Art. 8 as amended: U

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for People's Loan (Separation Debt Service).

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Debt Service	**$83,938**

Motion made by John Francomano to accept Art. 9 as read – 2nd by Kim MacVane
Vote: U

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Debt Service.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Capital Debt Service	**$ 4,423**

Motion made by Kathleen Floyd to accept Art. 10 as read – 2nd by Charlie Healy
Vote: U

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that the Town authorize the Selectmen to reduce or increase that amount to stabilize the mil rate.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 7,400**

Motion made by Jim Wilber to accept Art. 11 as read – 2nd by Betty Francomano
Vote: U

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the Foundation Allocation for School purposes (The Finance Committee and School Committee recommends $255,505) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the local share of the Foundation Allocation. **(The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend $245,030.)**

Motion made by Nancy Jordan to accept Art. 12 as read – 2nd by Yvette Dunnigan
Vote: U

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will raise in additional local funds under the provisions of 20-A M.S.R.A. {15614 (3). **(The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend $107,203.)**

Motion made by Anne-Marie Train to accept Art. 13 as read – 2nd by Nancy Jordan
Vote: U

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2004 and ending 30-June-2005 from the Foundation Allocation, debt service allocation, local appropriations, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of Schools. **(The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend $402,984.)**

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 14 as read – 2nd by Kim MacVane
Vote: U

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Insurance	**$17,919**

Motion made by Tom Marr to accept Art. 15 as read – 2nd by Kim MacVane
Vote: U

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff's Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2004-2005.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Ann Wary to accept Art. 16 as read – 2nd by Anne-Marie Train
Vote: U

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety.

The Finance Committee Recommends:	
Police Protection	$23,325
Fire Protection	$33,875
EMS Expense	$10,980
Rescue Boat Expense	$ 2,870
Emergency Preparedness	$ 800
Stipends & Payroll Costs	$21,353
TOTAL	**$93,203**

Motion made by Emily Jacobs to accept Art. 17 as read – 2nd by Betty Francomano

Motion made by Bob Jordan to move the pending question
Vote: U –1

Vote on Art. 17: U

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Public Works	**$69,834**

Motion made by Jim Wilber to accept Art. 18 as read – 2nd by Newell Stewart
Vote: U

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Services	**$ 4,600**

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 19 as read – 2nd by Ann Wary
Vote: U

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Service Referrals.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Social Service Referrals	**$ 0**

Motion made by Ann Wary to accept Art. 20 as read – 2nd by Leah Doughty
Vote: U

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a contract with a waste hauler for solid waste hauling, for a period not to exceed three years.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 21 as read – 2nd by Emily Jacobs
Vote: U

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Solid Waste	**$77,875**

Motion made by Rod Jacobs to accept Art. 22 as read – 2nd by Helen Kay
Vote: U

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2004 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2004 and March 15, 2005 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 6.5% per year.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Jim Wilber to accept Art. 23 as read – 2nd by Emily Jacobs
Vote: U

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Kim MacVane to accept Art. 24 as read – 2nd by Helen Kay
Vote: U

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. Funds to be expended pursuant to M.S.R.A. by municipal legislative body. The amount of each category is an estimate only.

Beach (State Park Revenue Sharing)	$ 4,000
Civil Emergency Funds	unknown
General Assistance Reimbursement	$ 0
Local Road Assistance	$10,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing	$15,000
Registration Refund	unknown
Property Tax Relief	unknown
Public Library State Aid per Capital	unknown
Public Library Stipend	$ 130
Special Ed. Entitlement	$ 4,500
State Gen. Purpose Aid to Education	$10,475
ECIA Title I	$ 0
ECIA Title II	$ 0
School Lunch Reimbursement	$ 2,000
School Debt Reimbursement	$ 0

Cert. Block Grant	unknown
Tree Growth	$ 50
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	$ 250

The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Nancy Jordan to accept Art. 25 as read – 2nd by Bob Jordan
Vote: U

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize 2003-2004 CIP Surplus to be transferred to CIP Reserve Fund.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Kim MacVane to accept Art. 26 as read – 2nd by Betty Francomano
Vote: U

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the CIP Reserve Fund (including accumulated interest) and appropriate for ~~2005~~ 2005 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 3,766**

Motion made by Nancy Jordan to accept Art. 27 as read – 2nd by Bob Jordan
Vote: U

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital spending.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$15,318**

Motion made by Jean Healy to accept Art. 28 as read – 2nd by Betty Francomano
Vote: U

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 0**

Motion made by Jean Healy to accept Art. 29 as read – 2nd by Charlie Healy
Vote: U

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to accept and appropriate for the Painting, Planting & Chowder Society.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 5,000**

Motion made by Dave Singo to accept Art. 30 as read – 2nd by Nancy Jordan
Vote: U

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Long Island Community Library operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 7,500**

Motion made by Paula Johnson to accept Art. 31 as read – 2nd by Maggie Carle
Vote: U

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Community Center operating costs.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 3,680**

Motion made by Jim Wilber to accept Art. 32 as read – 2nd by Rhonda Stewart
Vote: U

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2004 and ending 30-June-2005, all revenues, grants, fees and designated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2004-2005 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:	
Revenues, Fees & Grants	$112,118
Audited 02-03 Government Surplus	$ 77,793

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 33 as read – 2nd by Jean Healy
Vote: U

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Jean Healy to accept Art. 34 as read – 2nd by Charlie Healy
Vote: U

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds.
The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Kim MacVane to accept Art. 35 as read – 2nd by Emily Jacobs
Vote: U

Article 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of town-owned excess personal property following provisions of the Excess Property Policy passed 9/16/98.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Kathleen Floyd to accept Art. 36 as read – 2nd by Betty Francomano
Vote: U

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2004-2005.
The Finance Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Ann Wary to accept Art. 37 as read – 2nd by Tom Marr
Vote: U

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 38 as read – 2nd by Yvette Dunnigan
Vote: U

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Operations.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$ 5,475**

Motion made by Lorraine Doughty to accept Art. 39 as read – 2nd by Kathleen Floyd
Vote: U

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends:	**$15,868**

Motion made by Kathleen Floyd to accept Art. 40 as read – 2nd by Nancy Jordan
Vote: U

Article 41. Shall the Town a) approve a road paving project including but not limited to paving Island Avenue from Harbor Road westward at a cost not to exceed $100,000; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $100,000 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $100,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 12/31/2003

1. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:
      1. Portland debt $158,000
      2. Cumberland County $ 38,500
      3. School Heating System $ 20,000
      4. Marsh Guard Rail $ 11,740
   B. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved: $100,000

2. Costs:
   At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$100,000
Interest	$ 6,965
Total New Debt Service	$106,965

3. Validity:
The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Motion made by John Francomano to accept Art. 41 as read – 2nd by Rod Jacobs
Vote: U –1

RECESS: Discussion on speed bumps – straw vote taken – majority was in favor of none.

Article 42. Shall the Town a) approve a re-roofing the town-owned Generator Building at a cost not to exceed $15,000; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $15,000 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $15,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 12/31/2003

2. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:

1. Portland debt	$158,000
2. Cumberland County	$ 38,500
3. School Heating System	$ 20,000
4. Marsh Guard Rail	$ 11,740
B. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	$15,000

2. Costs:
   At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$15,000
Interest	$ 1045
Total New Debt Service	$16,045

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Motion made by Lorraine Doughty to accept Art. 42 as read – 2nd by Paul Riley
Vote: U -2

Article 43. Shall the Town a) approve the purchase of a trash truck at a cost not to exceed $10,000; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed $10,000 to meet the cost; and c) to fund the said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $10,000, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend a "YES" vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Estimated 12/31/2003

3. Total indebtedness:
   A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:
      1. Portland debt $158,000
      2. Cumberland County $ 38,500
      3. School Heating System $ 20,000
      4. Marsh Guard Rail $ 11,740
   B. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved: $10,000

2. Costs:
   At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.5% for 3 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	$10,000
Interest	$ 696
Total New Debt Service	$10,696

3. Validity:
The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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Nancy Jordan, Treasurer

Motion made by Betty Francomano to accept Art. 43 as read – 2nd by Lorraine Doughty
Vote: U -1

Article 44. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept and expend funds raised, by donation, fundraisers or grants, specifically to pay for the Community Center heating system installed in Fall 2003.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Kim MacVane to accept Art. 44 as read – 2nd by Jim Wilber
Vote: U

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to bring forward for a Town vote, a request to purchase any real estate owned or acquired by the Town and allows the Selectmen to execute quitclaim deeds to complete approved sales.
The Planning Board recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Emily Jacobs to accept Art. 45 as read – 2nd by Anne-Marie Train
Vote: U -1

Article 46. Shall an ordinance entitled "Chapter 13.4 Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance, Section 13.4.8 Shellfish Conservation Ordinance adopted 5/6/00 be approved.
The Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Rod Jacobs to accept Art. 46 as read – 2nd by Jean Healy
Vote: U

Motion made by Emily Jacobs to adjourn
Vote: U

Meeting adjourned 11:25am

Brenda L. Singo
Town Clerk