**TOWN OF COOPER**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020 AT 10 AM**

**WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**1. To choose a moderator.**

**Dan Ackley nominated Norm Howe**

**2nd by Doug Pelletier**

**8 in favor – none opposed.**

**2. Shall the Town of Cooper adopt the State of Maine guidelines for shoreland zoning. This includes current (2020), and future changes to the State of Maine guidelines for shoreland zoning.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to accept as written**

**2nd by Doug Pelletier**

**Discussion: This is the 2015 and current State of Maine Ordinance. It cannot be more lenient, but can be stricter than state regulations. In the 2015 ordinance, the state takes away timber harvesting from the town and makes it the state’s responsibility. Also, in the new ordinance is the need to acquire a permit from the town.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to vote on the article.**

**2nd by Doug Pelletier**

**8 in favor – none opposed.**

**3. Shall the Town of Cooper change the cost of a building permit application from $35.00 to $50.00.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to accept as written**

**2nd by John Viselli**

**Discussion:**

**A permit-by-rule will be free and no penalty will be charged. Permits, after obtained, are good for one year.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to vote on the article**

**2nd by Karen Holmes**

**8 in favor – none opposed.**

**4. Shall the Town of Cooper set the cost of an “after the fact” permit at $500.00. Also, fines for violations to be set based on the severity of the violation.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to accept as written.**

**2nd by John Viselli**

**Discussion:**

**If in violation of the permit guidelines or a permit has not been obtained at all, then the fine will be $500. Then penalties can be applied according to the severity and time uncorrected.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to vote on the article.**

**2nd by Karen Holmes.**

**8 in favor – none opposed.**

**Dan Ackley made the motion to adjourn at 10:28 am.**

**2nd by Laurie Pike with all in favor.**