

MINUTES
OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 7/9/07
Town of Cooper, Maine

ARTICLE 1. Neal Hallee was nominated and elected moderator.

ARTICLE 2. The town voted 18 in favor and 3 opposed to increase the property tax levy limit of \$80,182.18 by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved at the 2007 Town meetings will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 3. State/Local EPS Funding Allocation. The town voted unanimously to appropriate \$293,791 for the total cost of funding public education from K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and voted to raise \$123,132 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K 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

ARTICLE 4. Additional Local Funds. The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$20,199 in additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690.

ARTICLE 5. The town voted unanimously to authorize the school committee to expend \$281,629 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K 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.

ARTICLE 6. The town voted with one opposed to authorize the School Committee to enter into a tuition contract with Alexander.

ARTICLE 7. The town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,500 in funds to bring the Cooper polling place up to disability access standards, with any remainder to be drawn from the General Fund and any amount reimbursed by the State to be returned to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 8. The town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and conclude an agreement with the Grange to allow Town use of the Grange as a polling place during the depreciation period of the improvements described in Article 7.

ARTICLE 9. The town voted unanimously to oppose article as written. It then voted all in favor to authorize the selectmen to negotiate an agreement with the Grange for long-term cooperative use of the Cathance Grange as both Grange Hall and Community Center.

ARTICLE 10. The town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to undertake the legal work necessary to establish easements or right-of-ways for ditching the East Ridge Road, with legal costs to be paid out of the Legal/Winter Maintenance Reserve (current balance \$495) and any remainder from the General Fund.

ARTICLE 11. The town voted all in favor to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to the joint Alexander/Cooper/Alexander-Crawford Historical Society (ACHS) archive facility being built this summer in Alexander.

ARTICLE 12 The town voted all in favor for an ordinance entitled "Communication Facility Ordinance of the Town of Cooper, Maine" to be enacted.

The business stipulated in the Warrant having been concluded, the meeting was duly adjourned on a motion from the floor.