

Grace Bull, Town Clerk, called the Secret Ballot Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. on the above date at the Jefferson Fire Station. She read the preamble to the warrant and acted upon Article 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting. Diana Sommers was elected by written ballot. Diana Sommers took the oath of office before the assembled voters. Diana Sommers then declared the polls open for the voters to act upon Article 2 through Article 33.

Election workers were: Cheryle Fasano (D), Elizabeth Grimard (R), Virginia Hodgkins (R), Linda Pierpont (D), and Rebekah Sousa (R).

There were 239 votes cast of which 24 were absentee. All election clerks and or counters were duly sworn.

The following are the results of the Secret Ballot Election:

Art. 2. To elect by Secret Ballot the municipal officers for the ensuing year. Namely, one Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term, four members of the Budget Committee for a three-year term, two members of the School Committee for a three-year term and one Road Commissioner for a three-year term.

SELECT BOARD/ASSESSOR/OVERSEERS OF THE POOR – 3 YEAR TERM (1 POSITION)

Claudia A. Orff-Reed 213

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 3 YEAR TERM (4 POSITIONS)

Glenn E. Gervais 174
Joan F. Jackson 185
James A. Lindsey 174
Catherine F. Walker 197

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM (2 POSITION)

John A. (Andy) Bernier 183
Walter D. Greene-Morse 183

ROAD COMMISSIONER – 3 YEAR TERM (1 POSITION)

Wayne E. Johnston 197

Art. 3. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to charge 4% interest on personal and real estate taxes after October 1st following commitment?

ADOPTED YES: 117 NO: 52

Art. 4. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$386,400 for Administration of local government?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
Recommended by Budget Committee: (7-0-0)

<u>Administration</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Officers' Salaries	17,500	17,500
General Salaries	215,205	215,700
Officers' Expenses	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses	45,130	46,000
Legal	7,000	7,000
Audit	20,800	20,800
Insurance/Bonding	14,000	15,000
Planning Board	2,000	2,000
Appeals Board	400	400
Code Enforcement	12,000	12,000
Liens/Discharges	8,500	8,500
Assessors' Agent Salary	26,000	26,000
Elections/Town Meeting	9,000	12,500
Contingency Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTALS	380,535	386,400
ADOPTED	YES: 194	NO: 32

Art. 5. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,171 for protection and health and to allow the Select Board to expend Animal Control Revenue in order to offset Animal Control Expense?
 Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
 Recommended by Budget Committee: (7-0-0)

<u>Protection/Health</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Transfer Station	95,070	99,671
Streetlights/911 Signs	5,500	5,500
Jefferson Fire Department	58,000	58,000
Forest Fire Suppression	500	500
Animal Control	8,500	10,000
General Assistance	3,000	3,000
Emergency Management	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTALS	171,070	177,171
ADOPTED	YES: 192	NO: 36

Art. 6. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,816 for roads and highways?
 Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
 Recommended by Budget Committee: (6-0-1)

<u>Roads/Highways</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wages	9,500	9,500
General Road Repair	44,400	44,400
Winter Maintenance	63,000	63,000
Snow Plowing Contracts	<u>243,114</u>	<u>273,916</u>
TOTALS	360,014	390,816
ADOPTED	YES: 206	NO: 22

Art. 7. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,933 for unclassified expenses?
 Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
 Recommended by Budget Committee: (6-1-0)

<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unorganized Cemeteries	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	500	750
Public Library	6,918	7,183
Jefferson Scholarship	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTALS	11,418	11,933
ADOPTED	YES: 183	NO: 45

Art. 8. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 5/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2022 budget during the period from January 1, 2023, to the 2023 Annual Town Meeting?

ADOPTED **YES: 188** **NO: 34**

Art. 9. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, such sums not to exceed the current tax commitment?

Submitted by the Select Board

ADOPTED **YES: 186** **NO: 40**

Art. 10. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses for emergencies in general assistance, winter road repair and winter maintenance that may occur during the fiscal year 2022?

Submitted by the Select Board

ADOPTED **YES: 211** **NO: 24**

Art. 11. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for same? The Select Board is required to advertise the sale of such property for "sealed" competitive bid in the Kennebec Journal, Lincoln County News, and Portland Press Herald at least two weeks prior to such action and to sell such property to the highest bidder or sell it back to the previous owner. The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In the event that no bids are acceptable the Select Board may at their discretion choose another means available to sell the property, including listing with a real estate agent. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ADOPTED **YES: 193** **NO: 35**

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay interest rate of 0% (zero) as a courtesy to taxpayers who wish to prepay some or all of their uncommitted taxes.

Submitted by the Select Board

ADOPTED **YES: 216** **NO: 16**

Art. 13. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Jefferson Medical Marijuana Ordinance" approved by the Select Board on January 26, 2022, be enacted thereby repealing all previous Marijuana ordinances?

Recommended by Planning Board (6-0-0)

Recommended by Select Board (2-0-1)

ADOPTED **YES: 157** **NO: 73**

Art. 14. Shall the Town of Jefferson expend from the State Block Grant the sum of \$46,784 for reconstruction of the Linscott Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

ADOPTED **YES: 191** **NO: 43**

Art. 15. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for work to be done on the Linscott Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

ADOPTED **YES: 181** **NO: 55**

Art. 16. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for work to be done on the Linscott Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

ADOPTED **YES: 165** **NO: 65**

Art. 17. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus an amount of \$300,000 for repaving and reconstruction of Town roads with any unspent funds to be added to the Road Expense Account?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

ADOPTED **YES: 201** **NO: 32**

Art. 18. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the Jefferson Fire and Rescue Fire Truck and Rescue Reserve Fund? These funds to be invested by the Town Treasurer until needed, with the Select Board's approval of the Fund's use.

Submitted by Jefferson Fire and Rescue

ADOPTED **YES: 187** **NO: 47**

Art. 19. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,788 for the cost of ambulance service for the Town of Jefferson with any unspent funds to be carried over to help reduce future ambulance service costs?

Submitted by the Select Board

ADOPTED **YES: 185** **NO: 52**

Art. 20. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Annual Jefferson Scholarship Fund to be expended in its entirety to one or more Jefferson high school graduates for continuing education?

Submitted by the Select Board and the Budget Committee

ADOPTED **YES: 191** **NO: 44**

Art. 21. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support Midcoast Conservancy in employing local youth, controlling Hydrilla, and protecting the water resources of Damariscotta Lake?

Submitted by Midcoast Conservancy

ADOPTED **YES: 167** **NO: 67**

Art. 22. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate the amount of snowmobile registration refund monies received from the State for the benefit of the Jefferson Snopackers Inc.?

Submitted by the Jefferson Snopackers Inc.

ADOPTED **YES: 180** **NO: 47**

Art. 23. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,428 for the benefit of Spectrum Generations?

Submitted by Stephanie Hanner, Community Engagement Officer

ADOPTED **YES: 161** **NO: 70**

Art. 24. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the benefit of the American Red Cross?

Submitted by Rachel Zillem, Development Specialist.

ADOPTED **YES: 161** **NO: 71**

Art. 25. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,194 for the benefit of Maine General Hospice and Volunteers of Kennebec Valley?

Submitted by Donna Jacobs, Maine General Volunteer Supervisor

ADOPTED **YES: 166** **NO: 65**

Art. 26. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the benefit of Healthy Kids?

Submitted by Leslie Livingston M.S., Executive Director

ADOPTED **YES: 169** **NO: 61**

Art. 27. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the benefit of New Hope for Women?

Submitted by Joan R. Lemole, Development Director

ADOPTED **YES: 161** **NO: 70**

Art. 28. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to help with the operation of Jefferson Community Food Pantry?

Submitted by Karen George

ADOPTED **YES: 195** **NO: 33**

Art. 29. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect the Select Board to serve as members of the Fish Committee for jurisdiction of alewife rights?

ADOPTED **YES: 200** **NO: 25**

Art. 30. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert Clark, Sr. trustee for the Clary Memorial Highway Fund for a three-year term?

ADOPTED **YES: 200** **NO: 18**

Art. 31. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert Clark, Sr. for Davis Worthy and Deserving Poor and Shepard Charitable Trust Fund for a three-year term?

ADOPTED **YES: 200** **NO: 18**

Art. 32. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate from unexpended surplus an amount not to exceed available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate?

Recommended by the Select Board

ADOPTED **YES: 213** **NO: 13**

The polls closed at 8:00 P.M.

The proceeding is a true and accurate account of the actions taken by the Town of Jefferson at the Annual Town Meeting Vote, March 29, 2022.

ATTEST: Grace A. Bull
Grace A. Bull, Town Clerk