

MORO PLANTATION

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday, June 29th, 2023 at 6:00pm
Patten Town Garage, 21 Katahdin
Street Patten, ME 04765

MEETING MINUTES

These minutes are not verbatim.

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting.

Motion made by Charles Loucka to nominate Edwin MacArthur as moderator of the Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Christine Loucka. No discussion heard. All in favor. **Approved by written ballot 8/0.**

Article 2: The residents of Moro Plantation will vote to appropriate funds, from the sale of tax acquired property, for repairs to Plantation-owned roads.


Motion made by William Harris to appropriate funds, from the sale of tax acquired property, for repairs to Plantation-owned roads. Seconded by Christine Loucka. There was some discussion about assessments done on roads needing repairs as well as the Supreme Court decision regarding funds from the sale of tax acquired properties. No votes in favor of the motion. All were opposed. **Motion did not pass, by a vote of 0/8.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

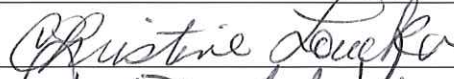
Meeting Minutes for the Special Town Meeting held on Thursday, June 29th, 2023.
Respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White
Moro Town Agent


Minutes approved on July 20th, 2023



Charles Loucka, Chairman



Christine Loucka



Caralyn Loucka King

TOWN MEETING WARRANT FYE 2024

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on September 18th 2023, Aroostook County, ss.

To: Brian B. Burger, a citizen of Moro Plantation in the County of Aroostook

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Moro Plantation in said County, qualified to vote in Plantation affairs to meet at the Katahdin Lodge, located within the said Plantation at 6:30pm on Monday, the 18th day of September in the year 2023; there and then to act upon Articles 1 through 18; all of said Articles being set out to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

Chris Loucka nominated Ed MacArthur as Moderator. Brian Burger seconds, motion carried.

ARTICLE 2

Brian Burger motions to move Article 2 to appear after Article 17. Chuck Loucka seconds, motion carried.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Plantation, to appoint Gail Albert as Tax Collector, Treasurer, and General Assistance Administrator; Billie J. Doody as Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer; and Gail Albert as Interim Town Agent.

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 3, Joe King seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Plantation will vote to carry all other balances and all other overdrafts to Fund Balance.

Chris Loucka motions to accept Article 4 as written, Joe King seconds. All in favor.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FYE2023	FYE2024
Contracted Services	\$15,000	\$20,000
Computer Software Hosting	\$3,250	\$3,000
Training/ Travel	\$0	\$250
Gen. Government	\$300	\$100
Dues	\$1,300	\$1,300
Misc. Expenses (ex. Legal)	\$0	\$4,000
Lien Costs	\$0	\$200
Audit Services	\$6,000	\$12,000
Assessing Services	\$800	\$1,000
Postage	\$192	\$625
Worker's Compensation	\$420	\$500
Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,600
Payroll Expenses	\$0	\$2,000
Tax Abatements	\$400	\$100

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 5 as written, Chuck Loucka seconds. All in favor.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **HEALTH AND SANITATION**.

HEALTH AND SANITATION	FYE2023	FYE2024
Animal Control	\$720	\$1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$325	\$750
Septage Disposal Site	\$1,800	\$1,800
NKVVDD	\$1,000	\$1,500

*Caralyn Loucka King motions to accept Article 6 as written, Chuck Loucka seconds.
Motion carried.*

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **PROTECTION**.

PROTECTION	FYE2023	FYE2024
Insurance	\$2,000	\$3,500
Ambulance Service	\$12,000	\$11,320
Fire Protection	\$2,800	\$6,500

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 7 as written, Joe King seconds. All in favor.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **PUBLIC WORKS**.

PUBLIC WORKS	FYE2023	FYE2024
Salt / Sand Shed Rental	\$2,500	\$2,500
Winter Roads	\$24,000	\$21,000
Town Road Construction	\$42,000	\$40,000

Joe King motions to accept Article 8 as it's written. Brian Burger seconds, all in favor.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **LUPC ASSESSMENT**.

LUPC ASSESSMENT	FYE2023	FYE2024
LUPC Assessment	\$2,124	\$2,200

Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 9 as written, Brian Burger seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Plantation will vote to take \$100 from Fund Balance to spend for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	FYE2023	FYE2024
General Assistance	\$100	\$100

Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 10 as written. Brian Burger seconds, all in favor.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum, if any, the Plantation shall vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for the following **NON-MUNICIPALS ORGANIZATIONS**.

NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS	FYE2023	FYE2024
Houlton Cary Library	\$105	\$125
Knowles Corner ATV	\$100	\$100

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 11, Joe King seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$29,557 from the combined anticipated Excise Taxes, Tree Growth, Interest Income, and Miscellaneous Income, toward the **ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE**.

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 12 as written. Chuck Loucka seconds, all in favor.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell or dispose, via sealed bids, of any real estate acquired by Moro Plantation for non-payment of taxes or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds on the conveyance of such property, in alignment with State guidelines.

Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 13 as written, Coralyn Loucka King seconds. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts and to spend such incidental fees for the purposes intended.

Brian Burger motions to accept Article 14 as written. Joe King seconds. All in favor.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the Year 2024 not yet due or committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, for the purpose of conducting a **TWELVE PAYMENT TAX CLUB**, beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2024 with interest to accrue on any unpaid balance after December 31st; and to accept prepayment of taxes for the Year 2024 from anyone wishing to make any early payment on the 2024 taxes from January 1, 2024 to the date of commitment.

Brian Burger motioned to accept Article 15 as written. Joe King seconds, all in favor.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on 2023 taxes unpaid as of December 5th, 2023.

2023 Recommend: 8.0% beginning 60 days from commitment date.

*Chuck Loucka motioned to accept Article 16 as written, Caralyn Loucka King seconded.
All in favor.*

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Plantation will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine legislature (MRSA Title 30-A § 5682)

**Bureau of Conservation
Tree Growth Reimbursement
Homestead Reimbursement
Land Reserve Trust**

**State Revenue Sharing
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
DOT Local Road Assistance
DEP Grants/Funds**

Brian Burger motioned to accept Article 17 as written. Chuck Loucka seconded, all in favor.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Plantation will vote to elect the following Plantation Officers with terms to expire at the next Annual Town Meeting:

Three (3) Board of Selectmen

Incumbents: Charles Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

Animal Control Officer

Incumbent: Jon Harvey

Solid Waste Director

Incumbent: Brian Burger

*Brian Burger nominates himself as Solid Waste Director with all other officers remaining the same.
Chuck Loucka seconds, motion carried.*

ARTICLE 18

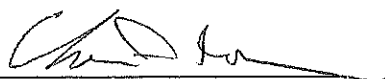
To see if the Plantation will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2024.

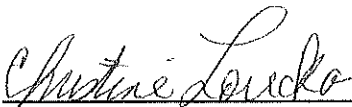
Selectmen Recommend:

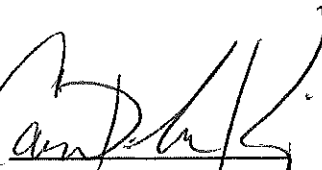
Monday, July 15th, 2024, (third Monday in July) at 5:30pm.

Caralyn Loucka King amends to schedule this meeting at 6:30pm on the third Monday next July (July 15th). Brian Burger seconded, all in favor.

Signed this 26th day of October 2023
Board of Assessors, Moro Plantation


Charles "Chuck" Loucka


Christine Loucka


Caralyn Loucka King