

TOWN OF PATTEN

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2023 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27th, 2023, at 7:00PM

Public Works Garage, 21 Katahdin Street

Patten, ME 04765

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The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

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

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to nominate Ed McArthur as Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Barbara Webb. All in favor.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to nominate and elect the following officers to serve for the periods so indicated.

Budget Committee

- Three (3) 2-year terms; to expire in 2025

Motion made by Rae Bates to nominate Donald Adams, David Michaud, and Kathy Howes for 2-year terms on the Budget Committee. Seconded by D. Michaud. All in favor.

- One (1) 3-year term; to expire in 2026

Motion made by D. Michaud to nominate Doris DeRespino for a 3-year term on the Budget Committee. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor.

- One (1) 5-year term; to expire in 2028

Motion made by Donald Adams to nominate Henry Rauschnot for a 5-year term on the Budget Committee. All in favor.

Cemetery Trustees

- Three (3) 2-year terms; to expire in 2025

No motion made.

- Two (2) 3-year terms; to expire in 2026

Motion made by Kerry McNally to nominate himself for a 3-year term on the Cemetery Trustees. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor.

Board of Tax Review

- Two (2) 2-year terms; to expire in 2025

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to nominate Donald Adams for a 2-year term on the Board of Tax Review. Seconded by Rae Bates. All in favor.

- One (1) 3-year term; to expire in 2026

No motion made.

Motion made by Charlie McLaughlin to vote on Article 45. Seconded by John Birmingham. All in favor.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the town will vote to transfer title of the Old Baptist Church located at 30 Main Street Patten, Maine to the Patten Historical Society pending review of the transfer by legal counsel.

Motion made by David Michaud to transfer title of the Old Baptist Church located at 30 Main Street in Patten to the Patten Historical Society pending review of the transfer by legal counsel. Seconded by Rae Bates. Vote taken by written ballot. **Motion passed 82:5**, Eighty-two (82) in favor. Five (5) opposed. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

Motion made by Kevin Noyes to instruct the Selectmen to appoint other Town Officers. Seconded by Gregg Smallwood. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the balances of the accounts as listed once the audit has been completed.

Committed For:	
Fire Building	Culture & Recreation
Fire Truck	Community Celebrations
Highway Equipment	Tax Maps & Revaluation
Highway Roads	Patten Academy Park
Municipal Building	Grant Writing
Veterans' Monument	Technology
Cemetery Perpetual Care	CDBG & DEP Grants

Motion made by Kevin Noyes to carry forward the balances of the accounts as listed once the audit has been completed. Seconded by Gregg Smallwood. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to carry all other Balances to Fund Balance once the audit has been completed.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to carry all other Balances of Fund Balance once the audit has been completed. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **CEMETERY OPERATIONS.**

CEMETERY	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 14,900	\$ 16,450
Revenues	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,000
Total Appropriation	\$22,000	\$23,450

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Cemetery Operations. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. Prices All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **ANIMAL CONTROL:**

ANIMAL CONTROL	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 1,900	\$ 3,650
Revenues	\$ 100	\$ 100
Total Appropriation	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,750

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Animal Control. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **STREET LIGHTS.**

STREET LIGHTS	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,000
Total Appropriation	\$20,000	\$17,000

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Street Lights. Seconded by Louise Guptill. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **FIRE PROTECTION FEE** (*previously "hydrant rental"*).

FIRE PROTECTION	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
Fund Balances	\$ -	\$ -
Total Appropriation	\$26,000	\$26,000

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Fire Protection. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **the FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 67,500	\$117,200
Revenues	\$ 12,650	\$ 12,650
Total Appropriation	\$80,150	\$129,850

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for the Fire Department. Seconded by David Michaud. Discussion of what the increase is for. **Article passed with three (3) opposed.**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend \$10,000 for the **FIRE TRUCK RESERVE**.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Reserve. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. Discussion to make Article verbiage more specific that the purpose of the Fire Truck Reserve is to purchase a new fire truck in the future. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **MUNICIPAL TRASH**.

MUNICIPAL TRASH	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 26,200	\$ 25,782
Total Appropriation	\$26,200	\$25,782

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Municipal Trash. Seconded by Louise Guptill. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **SEPTAGE DISPOSAL**.

SEPTAGE	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
Revenues	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,100
Total Appropriation	\$10,000	\$10,000

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Septage Disposal. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**.

HIGHWAY DEPT	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 83,283	\$ 148,148
Revenues	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500
Total Appropriation	\$135,783	\$200,648

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for David Michaud. Seconded by David Michaud. **Article passed with four (4) opposed.**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend on **HIGHWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**.

HWY CAP IMPROVEMENTS	2022	2023
Revenue/Excise Tax	\$116,500	\$116,500
Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
Total Appropriation	\$116,500	\$116,500

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Highway Capital Improvements. Seconded by David. Discussion about holding a special Town meeting to create a five-to-ten-year road repair plan and to raise funds for road repairs. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 16: If Article 15 is approved, to see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining unexpended funds for Highway Capital Improvements to the **Highway Capital Road Reserve** at the end of FY 2023, and to further authorize the select board to make expenditures from the account thereafter for these purposes without further vote of the town.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to transfer any remaining unexpended funds for Highway Capital Improvements to the Highway Capital Road Reserve at the end of FY 2023, and to further authorize the Select Board to make expenditures from the account thereafter for these purposes without further vote to the Town. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend \$10,000 for the **HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE**.

Motion made by John Roy to amend Article 17 to state “To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to contribute \$10,000 for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve.” Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. Amendment passed.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to contribute \$10,000 for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **WINTER ROADS**.

WINTER ROADS	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 78,909	\$ 88,900
Revenue/Excise Tax	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
Carry-Forward	\$ -	\$ -
Total Appropriation	\$173,909	\$183,900

Motion made by Kevin Noyes to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Winter Roads. Seconded by Gregg Smallwood. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$122,062	\$243,520
Revenues	\$115,000	\$121,000
Fund Balance	\$ 45,000	\$ -
Total Appropriation	\$282,062	\$364,520

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for General Government Operations. Seconded by David Michaud. Discussion about the increase for Town Office salaries, insurance, and supplies. **Article passed with four (4) opposed.**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE.**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for General Assistance. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **TAX ABATEMENTS.**

TAX ABATEMENTS	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 2000
Fund Balance	\$ 18,000	\$ 0
Total Appropriation	\$20,000	\$ 2,000

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Tax Abatements. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend \$10,000 for the **TAX MAP AND REVALUATION RESERVE.**

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to amend Article 22 to state “To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to contribute \$10,000 for the Tax Map and Revaluation Reserve.” Seconded by David Michaud. **Motion rescinded.**

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Tax Map and Revaluation Reserve. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **LIBRARY OPERATIONS.** *Note: Budget supports library operations at the Patten Lumbermen’s Museum.*

LIBRARY	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 14,880	\$ 43,750
Income	\$ -	\$ 600
Culture & Recreation Reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Total Appropriation	\$34,880	\$44,350

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Library Operations. Seconded by David Michaud. Discussion around the purpose of the Corriveau Fund. Town Manager, Gail Albert, stated the Corriveau Fund has not been used for any reason over the last year. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATIONS.**

PARKS & REC	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 14,700	\$ 23,900
<i>Donation for Playground</i>	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Total Appropriation	\$14,700	\$28,900

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Parks and Recreation Operations. Seconded by David Michaud. Discussion around the increase being for mowing, playground, tennis, and basketball courts. Further discussion around the future of the Recreation Building. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend \$500 for the **COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS RESERVE.**

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Community Celebrations Reserve. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend \$2,000 for the **PATTEN ACADEMY PARK RESERVE.**

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Patten Academy Park Reserve. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for **NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

NON-MUNICIPAL	2022	2023
Patten Little League	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Patten Playground Committee	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Patten Lumbermen’s Museum	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Patten Historical Society	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Patten ATV Club	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Patten Area Women’s Club	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$ 400	\$ 400
Patten Community Food Cupboard	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Masonic Lodge	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Total Appropriation	\$10,900	\$ 8,900

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Non-Municipal Organizations. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend for **AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATIONS.**

AMBULANCE	2022	2023
Revenues	\$ 445,206	\$544,793
Total Appropriation	\$ 445,206	\$544,793

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Ambulance Service Operations. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend on **WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.**

WATER DEPT	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ -	\$ 4,755
Revenues	\$ 72,955	\$ 79,500
Total Appropriation	\$72,955	\$84,505

Motion made by Donald Adams to appropriate \$0 for Water Department Operations. Seconded by Louise Gupstill. **Motion failed with twelve (12) in favor.**

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Water Department Operations. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. Discussion around taxpayers subsidizing water, despite most residents not using Town water. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the officers to spend for **SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.**

SEWER DEPT	2022	2023
Local Taxes	\$ 15,950	\$ 23,950
Revenues	\$ 20,500	\$ 22,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 36,450	\$45,950

Each year sewer operations cost more than the department earns; the portion of expenses that cannot be paid with revenues are recognized as a deficit to the Sewer Department which must be covered through raising taxes.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend for Sewer Department Operations. Seconded by David Michaud. Discussion around contacting Public Utilities Commission to raise rates. **Article passed with twenty (20) in favor, nine (9) opposed.**

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town would vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Patten, by State Law, if the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Patten, by State Law, if the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. **Article passed with seven (7) opposed.**

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2023 taxes unpaid as of a certain date. All checks will be credited as of the date the Town receives payment. If so, what rate of interest and what date?

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to charge an interest rate of 8% on 2023 taxes unpaid as of sixty (60) days from the commitment date. All checks will be credited as of the date the Town receives payment. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town 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.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood 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. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. Discussion around what prevents Tax Club revenue from being spent in 2023. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote NOT TO PAY INTEREST to participants of the tax club and all other early payments of taxes not yet due or assessed.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to not pay interest to participants of the tax club and all other early payments of taxes not yet due or assessed. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes or liens, both real estate and sewer, and if sold, on such terms as are legally permitted and are deemed advisable, and to execute a quit claim deed on the conveyance of such property. The Board reserves the option to retain property if the market value is not favorable and to retain property if they feel it is needed for town use.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to authorize the Officers on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes or liens, both real estate and sewer, and if sold, on such terms as are legally permitted and are deemed advisable, and to execute a quit claim deed on the conveyance of such property. The Board reserves the option to retain property if the market value is not favorable and to retain property if they feel it is needed for town use. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. **Article passed with three (3) opposed.**

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to purchase, acquire, or exchange such equipment as deemed necessary for the operation and maintenance of an Ambulance Service, Fire Department, and/or repairs of roads and properties within the Town and to sell, barter, transfer, or salvage any equipment deemed surplus or beyond economical repair.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to authorize the Officers to purchase, acquire, or exchange such equipment as deemed necessary for the operation and maintenance of an Ambulance Service, Fire Department, and/or repairs of roads and properties within the Town and to sell, barter, transfer, or salvage any equipment deemed surplus or beyond economical repair. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend the incidental fees and receipts cited in Article 37.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend the incidental fees and receipts cited in Article 37. Seconded by Kevin Noyes. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Town funds received from the State of Maine for Snowmobile Registrations and Snowmobile Grants to the ROCKABEMA SNOW RANGERS CLUB providing the club shall use such revenues for projects benefiting the public.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to transfer Town funds received from the State of Maine for Snowmobile Registrations and Snowmobile Grants to the Rockabema Snow Rangers Club providing the club shall use such revenues for projects benefiting the public. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Town funds received from the State of Maine for ATV Grants to the PATTEN ATV CLUB providing the club shall use such revenues for projects benefiting the public.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to transfer Town funds received from the State of Maine for ATV Grants to the PATTEN ATV CLUB providing the club shall use such revenues for projects benefiting the public. Seconded by Scott Harmsen. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for Federal, State of Maine and other grants, on behalf of the Town, in the general operations of the Town and other funds, to make such assurances and exercise such authority necessary and reasonable to implement such programs as they deem advisable.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for Federal, State of Maine and other grants, on behalf of the Town, in the general operations of the Town and other funds, to make such assurances and exercise such authority necessary and reasonable to implement such programs as they deem advisable. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 42: Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine Legislature (MRSA Title 30-A, Subsection 5682)

- Bureau of Conservation
- Excise Tax
- State Revenue Sharing
- Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
- Tree Growth Reimbursement
- General Assistance Reimbursement
- Property Tax Relief Funds
- Secretary of State Reimbursement
- Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- Civil Emergency (FEMA/MEMA)
- Library State Aid
- Snowmobile Grants/ Revenues
- Snowmobile Registrations
- Department of Environmental Protection Grants/Funds
- Department of Economic & Community Development Grants/Funds
- Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance
- Other Federal and State funds not listed above.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to accept the categories of funds listed above as provided by the State of Maine Legislature (MRSA Title 30-A, Subsection 5682). Seconded by Scott Harmsen. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 25% of the estimated budget amount in each category of the Patten Annual Budget for the period of January 1, 2024, to April 25, 2024.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 25% of the estimated budget amount in each category of the Patten Annual Budget for the period of January 1, 2024, to April 25, 2024. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2024.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to hold the next Town Meeting on April 25th, 2024, at 6:00pm. Seconded by David Michaud. All in favor. **Article passed.**

Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.

Annual Town Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 25th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Patten

Minutes approved on August 8th, 2023

<u>Cody A. Brackett</u>	Gody Brackett, Chair
<u>Gregg Smallwood</u>	Gregg Smallwood, Vice-Chair
<u>Dennis Kelly</u>	Dennis Kelly
<u>Rae Bates</u>	Rae Bates
<u>Janice Dancer</u>	Janice Dancer