

# 2023-24 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Somerset County

State of Maine

To: Susan Hathaway, Resident of the Forks Plantation, in the County of Somerset.

**Present:** Chuck Peabody, Sharryn Peabody, Denise Haynes, Gordon Haynes, Dave Rancourt, Dave Cunningham, William Norman, Barbara Norman, Justin Stimpson, Celeste Stimpson, Sean Dubois, Thomas Sylvester III, Heather Sylvester, Thomas Sylvester II, Evan Anderson, Chris Hewke, Sandra Thompson, Charles Hathaway, Susan Hathaway

**Greetings:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of The Forks Plantation, in said Plantation affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Plantation, on **Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**, there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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**Art 1:** To choose a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

Tom Sylvester nominated Charlies Hathaway

Susan Hathaway Seconded the nomination

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 2:** To set and raise a salary for BMV Agent. Through June 30, 2024, the Town of Moscow will provide all BMV services.

**Present Salary: \$2,400.00**

**Recommended Salary: \$3,000.00**

Motion: Dave Rancourt

Second: Heather Sylvester

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 3:** To see if the people will vote to move \$100,000.00 from The Forks Plt, CFWF Closure Account to the General Fund for the purpose of offsetting taxes.

**Recommended: \$100,000.00**

Motion: Barbara Norman

Second: Dave Rancourt

Discussion: Heather Sylvester amended the article to move the money with a stipulation that the money be repaid over a period of four years at a rate of \$25,000.00 per year. An article will be added to the annual town warrant for the next four years, to raise \$25,000.00 for repayment of the closure account.

Motion to accept Amendment: Dave Cunningham

Second to accept Amendment: Justin Stimpson

Amendment Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

Article Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 4:** To see if the people will accept \$21,481.88 from the CFWF Closure Fund to be deposited into the General Fund to offset taxes.

**Recommended:** Accept the monies from CFWF Closure Fund and deposit to General Fund in the amount of \$21,481.88.

Motion: Denise Haynes

Second: Tom Sylvester

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 5:** To see if the people will vote to raise money from taxation for **Social Security Tax**, to be paid on employees per IRS law.

**Recommended: Raise \$ 10,000.00**

Motion: Heather Sylvester

Second: Denise Haynes

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 6:** To see if the people will enter into a **three year plowing contract with Andy Webb & Daughter for winter maintenance of 2.1 Miles of the Lake Moxie Road in The Forks Plantation**, as well as the **Lake Moxie Boat Landing parking lot**. Contract Period: Nov 2023-April 2024; Nov 2024 – April 2025; Nov 2025-April 2026. The contract will include an annual 4% contract increase for the second and third year of the contracted period. A fuel surcharge will be added if prices exceed \$5.25/Gallon during the contracted periods.

Total Winter Maintenance Cost: \$112,000.00

Breakdown: \$112,000 / 5.27 miles = \$21,252.37/Mile

**The Forks Cost 23-24: 2.1 Miles x \$21,252.37 = \$44,629.98**

The Forks Cost 24-25: \$46,415.17

The Forks Cost 25-26: \$48,271.77

**Recommended: Accept Contract and Raise: \$44,629.98**

Motion: Dave Rancourt

Second: Charlie Hathaway

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 7:** To see what sum of money the people will raise to establish a specified Legal Services account.

**Recommended: Raise: \$15,000**

Motion: Tom Sylvester

Second: Sharyn Peabody

Vote Yes: None No: Unanimous

**Art 8:** To see if the people will raise money for the following Audit Services:  
To pay for services to finish the annual audit for the fiscal year 2021-2022 that includes on site closing, training and instruction for account activity moving forward relating to internal controls, and reconciliation of all accounts.

**Recommended: Raise: \$5,000.00**

Motion: Dave Rancourt

Second: Gordon Haynes

Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 9:** To see if the people will raise money for the fiscal year audit July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

**Recommended: Raise: \$10,000.00**

Motion: Heather made a motion to amend the typo from fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 to **July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**.

Second: Dave Rancourt

Amendment Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

Article Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None



**Art 10:** To see if the people will raise money for TRIO training:

**Recommended: Raise \$ 6,000.00**

Motion: Denise Haynes  
Second: Dave Rancourt  
Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**10A)** To see if the plantation will authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend \$375.00 and \$2088.00 for onsite training and installing the Webb upgrade in Trio:

**Recommended: Raise \$ 2,463.00**

Motion: Dave Rancourt  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Vote Yes: Unanimous No: None

**Art 11:** To see if the plantation will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow from un-appropriated surplus to meet unanticipated emergencies that may occur during fiscal year 2023-24.

Motion: Dave Rancourt  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Vote Yes: None No: Unanimous

**Art 12:** To see if the people will authorize the Board of Selectman to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the 2023 budget, during the period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Motion: Dave Rancourt  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Vote Yes: None No: Unanimous

The Registrar will be in session at the Town Hall on **November 13, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.**, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not and have you this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this the day of **November 3, 2023.**

Motion: Tom Sylvester made a motion to adjourn.  
Second: Dave Rancourt  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:49

**Sandra Thompson, First Selectman  
Charles Hathaway, Second Selectman  
Christopher Hewke, Third Selectman**

A True Copy  
Attest. Susan Hathaway, Resident