

Minutes FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Date: 09/04/2025 - 06:00pm

Location: Town Office - 2621 US RTE 201, The Forks Plt, Maine

Assessor's Present: [Dave Rancourt](#), [Charlie Hathaway](#), [Justin Stimpson](#)

Other Officials Present: [Denise Rancourt](#), [Susan Hathaway](#)

Meeting Called to Order: [18:02](#)

WARRANT

Somerset County

State of Maine

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

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 Thursday, September 04, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
[Motion to nominate Charlie Hathaway: Tom Sylvester](#)
[Second: Susan Hathaway](#)
[Motion to nominate Justin Stimpson: Justin Stimpson](#)
[Second: Susan Hathaway](#)
[Motion to nominate Charlie Hathaway: Tom Sylvester](#)
[Motion to vote Justin Stimpson](#)

Art 2: To see if the people will vote to establish the Lake Moxie Road (those sections located within The Forks Plantation) as an ATV Access Route for the entirety of the 2026 Maine ATV Season. This will be considered a probationary period, with the mandate to assess the success of this change following the 2026 Maine ATV Season and subsequently to hold a vote to establish the entirety of Lake Moxie Road as an ATV Access Route permanently thereafter at a duly convened Special Town Meeting. Signage (and ongoing maintenance of signage) shall be the responsibility of local trail club(s) at the direction and discretion of municipal and county officials.

If approved by The Forks Plantation, this change will only take effect provided the subsequent approval by the Somerset County Commissioners regarding that portion of Lake Moxie Road located in Moxie Gore.

[Amended Art 2: To see if the people wish for the Board of Assessors of The Forks Plantation to establish the Lake Moxie Road \(those sections located within The Forks Plantation\) as an ATV Access Route for the entirety of the 2026 Maine ATV Season. This will be considered a probationary period, with the mandate](#)

to assess the success of this change following the 2026 Maine ATV Season and subsequently to hold a public vote by referendum to establish the entirety of Lake Moxie Road as an ATV Access Route permanently thereafter at a duly convened Special Town Meeting. Appropriate signage for this ATV Access Route (those portions within The Forks Plantation) shall be provided by The Forks Plantation in accordance with 12 MRS § 13157-A(6)(H) , and ongoing maintenance of signage shall be the responsibility of local trail club(s) at the direction and discretion of municipal and county officials.

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Motion to allow all residents and guests to speak upon a raised hand: Charlie Hathaway

Second: Dave Rancourt

Motion passed

Motion to limit the time duration for speaker to three minutes

Second: Tom Sylvester

Motion passed

Motion to accept as read: Dave Rancourt

Second: Shari Paquette

Motion fails

Motion to amend Article 2 as written: Denise Rancourt

Second: Shari Paquette

Motion passes

Motion to amend Article 2 to place a curfew of 9:00: Dave Rancourt

Second: Samantha Giroux

Motion fails

Motion to vote: Kate Holmes

Second: Denise Rancourt

Motion passes

Straw Vote Results: Yes (in favor) 14, No, (Opposed) 5

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at : Justin Stimpson

Second: Charlie Hathaway

Motion passes

David Rancourt, First Assessor

Charles Hathaway, Second Assessor

Justin Stimpson, Third Assessor

Attest: I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the warrant given under my hand this 4th day of September, 2025.

Susan Hathaway, Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the The Forks Plantation, qualified by law to vote in plantation affairs, to assemble at The Forks Plantation Town Office on the 04th day of September 2025 at six o'clock in the evening then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at The Forks Plantation Town Office, West Forks Post Office, Berry's General Store, and Caratunk Post Office, conspicuous and public places within The Forks Plantation general area, on the 28th day of August 2025, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

For YouTube video see: <https://youtu.be/jshSJ1QUgGk>