

**APPROVED**  
**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 12, 2006**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY**

**7:00 P.M.** Chair King called the meeting to order.

**Councilors Present:** Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Jacqueline A. Sartoris, Hallie Daughtry, Jeffrey A. Schneider, Louise V. Ansari, Ryan E. Ewing, Newell A. Augur, and Forrest Lowe.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Patricia Foley, Executive Administrative Assistant; Patricia Harrington, Assistant Town Manager; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director; Jim Ashe, Superintendent of Schools; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Cathy Donovan, Assessor; and TV Video Crew.

Chair King called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:**

**Bob Healing**, President of Friends of Mere Point, 41 West Marginal Road, said the group supports the creation of a smaller power boat launch and park at the Mere Point Park. They believe the Town can still pursue a smaller alternative. This Council will have to decide if the IF&W's terms for operating the ramp are in the best interest of the citizens, which he feels they are not. As the Council is aware, the Land for Maine's Future provided the funds to buy the proposed launch site. There are many people who would participate in this as a community fund raising project. A town-owned facility would allow the Town to charge user fees, which could be higher for non-residents, and to allow the Town to reserve space at the ramp exclusively for shellfish harvesters, which cannot be done under the IF& W proposal. In fact, the CAC report the Council got in November states that non recreational users, including shellfish harvesters, could not be permitted to use the IF& W ramp to a degree that would be incompatible with recreational use.

Councilor Sartoris reminded the Council that they had committed to negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding on the boat launch. The Planning Board does need to discuss this item tomorrow night at 7:15, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Chair King said there will be an Executive Session added at the end of this meeting.

**96. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2006-2007 School Budget articles, and will take any appropriate action.**

John Eldridge, Finance Director, made a presentation of the School Department's Budget. The approach is different this year because in the past all the articles were adopted in one

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resolution, and this year they will be adopted individually, ensuring that Article 6 is documented separately for Essential Programs and Services (EPS).

The Articles were presented and voted on individually.

**Article 1      Vocational Region Ten Budget**

**Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to approve Article 1 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Article 2      Vocational Region Ten Adult Education Budget**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Schneider seconded, to approve Article 2 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Article 3      Local Contribution Required under EPS to Receive Full State Dollars**

**Councilor Augur moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to approve Article 3 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Article 4      State Education Subsidy**

**Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to approve Article 4 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Article 5      Non-State-Funded Debt Service**

**Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to approve Article 5 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Article 6      Additional Local Funds**

Councilor Ewing said to override by \$400,000 is too much. He does not think it is extravagant, but he does not think it is necessary to override the EPS.

Councilor Sartoris said that if the EPS was working well she would share his feeling, but it only allows the town to look at last year's program. Next year the EPS model will be caught up with expenditures. Councilor Sartoris added that environmentally and economically she does not support this and is satisfied that Council has done due diligence.

Councilor Schneider echoed the comments from Councilor Ewing. He will not support this item.

Councilor Augur said he will admit to being torn but will vote to support the override. The effort that the state has put into this should not be taken lightly. Implications of TABOR will

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be significant if that passes, it will pass on to this community. EPS can be a tool and he hopes the town does not lose sight of it. He would like to use EPS as a benchmark.

Councilor Ansari said she does not feel EPS is keeping up. She feels the transportation piece is very important and does not want to lose it. She also advised that the Vocational Education Department did a great job of explaining why the Vocational Technical programs are favored over the gifted and talented programs. She feels all these programs are important and she will vote for the override.

Councilor Watson said he supports the override, and feels the state is requiring the school department to perform certain tasks that the state is not funding.

Councilor Ewing said he feels that EPS is a good tool for how the town spends. To cut this would still increase the budget without a great increase in the number of programs. He will not vote to override this as he stated above.

Councilor Daughtry said she agrees with Councilor Ewing, but she is going to override this because of the gifted and talented program. She would like to have more data next year and see a cut in the extra curricular programs.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to approve Article 6 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School, which will override the EPS. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Ewing and Councilor Schneider were opposed.**

### **Article 7      Other Funds**

**Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to approve Article 7 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

### **Article 8      Unexpended Balances**

**Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Augur seconded, to approve Article 8 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

### **Article 9      Kindergarten to Grade 12 Total Budget**

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Schneider seconded, to approve Article 9 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

### **Article 10     Adult Education**

**Councilor Augur moved, Councilor Ewing seconded, to approve Article 10 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

Article 11 Other

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Schneider seconded, to approve Article 11 of the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the adopted 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the School with the Articles listed will be attached to the official minutes.)*

97. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2006-2007 budget articles for assistance to St. John's School, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Augur moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to adopt Article 1 of the Budget articles for St. John's School. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Ansari seconded, to adopt Article 2 of the Budget articles for St. John's School. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.**

**Councilor Ewing moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to adopt Article 3 of the Budget articles for St. John's School. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the adopted 2006-2007 Budget Articles for assistance to St. John's School will be attached to the official minutes.)*

98. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2006-2007 Budget Resolution for the Town, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Ewing seconded, to adopt the Budget Resolution for the Town. The motion was carried nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the adopted 2006-2007 Budget Resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)*

99. The Town Council will consider adopting the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Ewing motioned, Councilor Augur seconded, to adopt the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the adopted 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program will be attached to the official minutes.)*

100. The Town Council will consider adopting supplemental budget resolutions for the 2006-2007 Budget Year to fund certain projects contained in year one of the 2007-11 Capital Improvement Program, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Schneider seconded, to adopt the supplemental budget resolution for the 2006-2007 budget year to fund certain projects contained in the Capital Improvement Program. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)*

101. The Town Council will consider a resolution to authorize the School Department to expend up to \$337,500 more than its 2005-2006 gross budget appropriation for the purpose of reimbursing advances made from the Town to the School Department for the purpose of reimbursing the Town's general fund for advances made to the School Department for an Air Quality Project at Longfellow School, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Ansari moved, Councilor Ewing seconded, to adopt the resolution for the School Department to expend up to \$337,500 more than its 2005-2006 gross budget appropriation for the purpose stated above. The motion was carried nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)*

102. The Town Council will consider a resolution to authorize the School Department to expend up to \$94,000 more than its 2005-2006 gross budget appropriation for the purpose of replacing components of the Junior High/Coffin School Heating System, and will take any appropriate action.

**Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ansari seconded, to adopt a resolution to authorize the School Department to expend up to \$94,000 more than its 2005-2006 gross budget appropriation for replacing components of the Junior High/Coffin School Heating System. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.**

*(A copy of the Resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)*

103. The Town Council will consider any other matters related to the adoption of the 2006-2007 Budget, and will take any other appropriate action.

Manager Gerrish said there were no other matters to be considered. He thanked Councilors, Department Heads and Staff for their hard work with the budget.

104. The Town Council will consider authorizing the Town Manager to sell the Times Record Building, and will take any other appropriate action.

Councilor Sartoris moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to sell the Times Record Building. The motion carried nine (9) yeas.

105. (ADDED) Executive Session: Union Negotiations per MRSA 1 §405 (6)(E) to discuss a legal matter.

Councilor King moved, Councilor Daughtry seconded, to go into executive session pursuant to MRSA 1 §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor King moved, Councilor Sartoris seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried with nine (9) yeas.

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**

*Patricia A Foley  
Executive Administrative Assistant  
June 20, 2006*

**July 10, 2006**

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*Date of Approval*

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*Council Chair*