

WARRANT RETURN FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE  
TOWN OF OGUNQUIT

April 4 & 6, 1998

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Judy Shaw-Kagiliery with the Reading of the Call, Return and First Article. The Meeting convened at 9:00 A.M.

Ann Clark, Marjorie Esau, Barbara Evans, Linda Ireland, Norma Turnbull, and Judith Yates served as Ballot Clerks/Counters. Articles 1-3 were done by secret ballot. A total of 361 people voted at the April 4 Town Meeting. Polls closed at 6:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Christine Murphy was elected Moderator and sworn in by Town Clerk Judy Shaw-Kagiliery.

ARTICLE 2: Ballots were cast as follows:

**SELECTMEN** (Two Year Term)

Robert G. Brown, Jr. (237)  
Charles G. Willing (251)

**SELECTMAN** (One Year Term)

Philip G. Clark (190)  
Albert A. Dello Russo (153)

**WELLS -OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** (Three Year Term)

Sue Ann Pollard (287)

ARTICLE 3: Ballots were cast as follows:

**REFERENDUM QUESTION**

Yes - 222      No - 120

Continuation of the April 4, 1998 Annual Town Meeting proceeded at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 1998. Wayne Adams had been appointed by Christine Murphy to serve in her absence as Deputy Moderator. Mr. Adams was sworn in by Town Clerk Judy Shaw-Kagiliery. A total of 135 citizens attended the Meeting. Moderator Adams called for a Motion to extend the courtesy to non-residents to speak during the Meeting. The Motion was made and seconded to do so. Motion passed, as presented, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 4: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, Chairman Miller addressed the floor and explained that Article 4 was the first of two (2) articles relative to an appropriation for the Winn House. The other article (#41) requests \$10,000.00 while the Petitioned Article makes a request of \$50,000.00. The Board chose not to remove the \$10,000.00 article in case the first article did not pass. He explained further that if the people voted for this article, the \$10,000.00 requested in Article 41 will be deducted from the total request made by that amount. Following brief discussion, Article 4 passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 5: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. No discussion, passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 6: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, Moderator Adams noted that the funding will be coming from taxes and then called for a vote. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 7: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, Brad Sterl asked if the figures for Legal Fees is correct given what is happening with the Worster House and the Sewer District. Chairman Miller responded that the Board is not 100% sure what the final figure will be - the \$75,000.00 requested is a projection and it is hoped the Town will not need it. He also explained that the \$35,000.00 in Line #56 is for the Selectmen's Contingency Fund which was moved from a separate account (\$10,000) and \$25,000 has been requested for Fire Union negotiations. Moderator Adams called for a vote. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

Prior to taking up Article 8, Chairman called for a "Point of Order" and asked that Article 45 be taken out of order in order that everyone present would be present for the discussion given the controversy of the parking meter issue.

Moderator Adams began by advising the floor that Article 45 can be acted on at this time and be reconsidered at a later time.

Brad Sterl asked if the people could separate the four (4) issues noted under Article 45 and deal only with #4 as that is what most attending the Meeting are interested in. Moderator Adams responded by advising they could not change the Warrant as it is written. He continued the floor could have a discussion and decide to fund it.

Moderator Adams then called for a motion to take Article 45 out of order. Seconded. So moved by a show of hands.

Chairman Miller moved to vote yes on Article 45. Seconded. Moderator Adams stated we have to vote on the Article as a whole. The people can amend it to reduce the Article by the amount they don't like.

Discussion ensued. Paul Hagen addressed the floor and stated he would like to reduce the funding under Article 45 by \$30,000.00 dropping it to \$120,000.00 as the funded amount.

The Board was asked to explain what the four (4) sub accounts (projects) involved:

- 1) The Army Corps of Engineers has advised the Town it must relocate the present Town Dock to move it out of harm's way;
- 2) The Drawbridge Reconstruction is actually funding for engineering fees to reconstruct the bridge;
- 3) The Bulkhead Reconstruction is for the retaining wall in front of the Riverside Motel. Chairman Miller advised an agreement had been made by the Town to maintain the bulkhead to protect the Riverside property. The amount of erosion over past years ensures that something must be done to honor this agreement;

ARTICLE 45: (CONTINUED)

- 4) The Installation of Parking Meters has been requested to generate revenue (as much as \$150,000) to cover the large expenses involving the Cove. Chairman Miller stated "If it is the will of this body to not have the parking meters, than somewhere we have to get the \$150,000."

Larry Smith addressed the floor and stated that several years ago the \$50,000 for engineering costs to fix the bulkhead was turned down. He continued that he believed the Town should spend the money to have the work done. Mr. Smith continued that while he did not really want the meters, he believed the type of meters they are talking about would manage the two-hour time limit. He also felt the fee should be very low.

Selectmen Smith explained the meters would be single meters in which the patron would get a ticket and place it on the vehicle's outside window. He is in favor of the meters not to generate revenue, only to manage parking.

Selectmen Willing stated he supported the Article to supplement future construction and maintenance of the Cove. Selectmen Brown also stated his support of the Article based on the fact that costs are continuing to go up to maintain the operation of the Cove. He continued that the Board had looked seriously at how they could offset those costs and that generating revenue from the Cove is very important in keeping costs down.

Paul Hagen stated his opposition to the installation of parking meters in the Cove and cited the fact that he did not think the Board had considered the people who live here all year round and that people who paid mooring fees did not have a place to park.

Brad Sterl stated he believed the job could be done for \$11,000 and the Town should reduce the Article by \$9,000. Stillman Bradish stated he felt this issue should be indefinitely postponed and brought to a Special Town Meeting. Corey Staples addressed the floor and stated his family has been waiting for this bulkhead work to be done for some time and does not want this Article postponed.

Moderator Adams called for a vote on the original Article request of \$150,000.00 Seconded. Motion was defeated by a show of hands.

At this time, Paul Hagen moved to reduce the funding for Article 45 by \$30,000.00 (for parking meters) to \$120,000.00. A hand vote was taken with 62 Yes/56 No.

Moderator Adams then called for a vote on the amended Article with funding reduced to \$120,000.00. Seconded. Article passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 8: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 9: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

- ARTICLE 10: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 11: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 12: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 13: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to vote, discussion ensued. Blaine Moores stated he did not see the need for a planner at this time moved to postpone any vote on this Article. Seconded by Albert Dello Russo. Selectmen Smith stated there is a need for a planner if the community is to take proactive steps toward maintaining the integrity of Ogunquit. He continued the Town needs a professional to be proactive as would be the case in the work performed by a planner versus the work performed by the Code Enforcement Officer who operates in a reactive capacity.
- Moderator Adams then called for a vote. Article did not pass.
- ARTICLE 14: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 15: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 16: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 17: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 18: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 19: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 20: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 21: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 22: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 23: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 24: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

- ARTICLE 25: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 26: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 27: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 28: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 29: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 30: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 31: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 32: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 33: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 34: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to vote, there was brief discussion as to having the Treasurer look into refinancing the current interest rates on the outstanding debt service held by the Town. Moderator Adams then called for a vote. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 35: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 36: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 37: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 38: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 39: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.
- ARTICLE 40: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, David Hutchins moved to reduce the proposed Article to \$28,000.00 and remove the request for \$48,500 for the 1-Ton Plow/Sander. Seconded. At this time, PWD Jon Webber asked to address the floor. Mr. Webber stated the Town is on a 5-year equipment plan and

ARTICLE 40: (CONTINUED)

replacement of the current plow/sander is necessary to keep the maintenance of the equipment up. If the Town votes to amend the proposed Article, it will only end up paying more in the long run for repairs and ultimately, replacement. The Moderator called for a vote on the proposed amendment. Did not pass. Moderator Adams then called for a vote on the original Article. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 41: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to vote, Albert Dello Russo moved to amend the Article by reducing it by \$10,000.00 which is the amount equivalent to the Winn House restoration funding request within the Article. Seconded. Passed, as amended by a show of hands.

Moderator Adams then called for a vote on the amended Article. A Motion was made and seconded to amend the Article to authorize the Town to borrow up to \$251,150.00 to complete the projects requested by the PWD. Passed, as amended, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 42: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 43: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 44: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 45: Article was taken out of order at the beginning of the Meeting.

ARTICLE 46: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, a Motion was made and seconded to reduce the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. Passed, by a show of hands.

Moderator Adams called for a vote on the Article, as amended. Motion made and seconded to amend the Article to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the purpose of repaying the first year's anticipated debt on Articles 36 through 45. Passed, as amended, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 47: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 48: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 49: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 50: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 51: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 52: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 53: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 54: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 55: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Prior to the vote, brief discussion ensued as to the process for disposing of town-owned property. Leon Perkins felt the \$5,000 amount was too high and suggested changes to the Article. Chairman Miller made a motion to vote the Article down and come back to a Special Town Meeting with another article. After additional discussion Leon Perkins moved to reduce the amount requested from \$5,000 to \$500, without advertising. Seconded. Passed, as amended, by a show of hands.

Moderator Adams then called for a vote on the Article, as amended. Seconded. Passed, as amended, by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 56: Motion was made to accept the Article as read. Motion seconded. Passed, as read, by a show of hands. Prior to the vote, Moderator Adams asked for Motion to waive the reading of the lengthy Article. So moved.

Prior to the adjournment of the Meeting, Moderator Adams swore in newly elected selectpeople, Robert Brown, Jr., Philip Clark and Charles Willing.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:31 P.M.

ATTEST: Judy Shaw-Kagiliery  
Judy Shaw-Kagiliery, Town Clerk  
TOWN OF OGUNQUIT

DATED: April 10, 1998