

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
Record of action taken at Annual Town Meeting, March 17,2003

Article 1. Elected Paul Grindle as moderator.

Article 2. a.) Dennis Green and Wilbur Nichols were elected Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the poor for three year terms.
Dennis Green – 51 votes, Wilbur Nichols – 50 votes and Paula Copeland - 22 votes.
b.) Stacey Slagle was elected MSAD #41 director for a term of 3 years.- 57 votes.
c.) Walter Durant received 6 write in votes for the Budget committee - 2 year term.
Terry Knowles received 3 write in votes for the 2 year term.

Meeting was opened at 7:00PM by moderator Paul Grindle

Article 3. Voted to have moderator appoint three tellers to receive, sort and count votes if needed. Moderator appointed Lynn Weston, Nancy Cook and Barrett Graves.

Article 4. Voted to allow nonresidents to speak.

Article 5. Voted that all real estate and personal property taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 15, 2003. All taxes remaining unpaid after September 16, 2003 shall bear interest at the rate of 0.5833% per month or any part thereof not to exceed seven [7.00%] percent per year.

Article 6. Voted to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes for fiscal year 2003 at 4.0% per year less than the rate of interest charged on taxes unpaid after September 16, 2003.

Article 7. Voted to accept sums of money for prepaid taxes prior to the date of commitment.

Article 8. Voted to ratify overdrafts in the 2002 Administration budget of \$3540.00

Article 9. Voted to re-appropriate the following 2002 account balances:

<i>Animal Control.....</i>	<i>\$1,399</i>	<i>Town Owned Property</i>	<i>\$84,791</i>
<i>Cemetery Project.....</i>	<i>\$2,132</i>	<i>Road Signs.....</i>	<i>\$3,347</i>
<i>CDBG Planning Grant.....</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>Knights Landing ROW</i>	<i>\$1,462</i>
<i>Retirement Plan.....</i>	<i>\$2,008</i>	<i>Police Special Income.....</i>	<i>\$6,648</i>
<i>Fire Department Training..</i>	<i>\$3,303</i>	<i>Recreation Department Income</i>	<i>\$4,004</i>

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate 90,265.00 for administration dept. operations.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$74,750.00 for police dept. operations.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$11,600.00 for fire dept. operations.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$64,440.00 this year for Public safety.

Hydrant Rental	\$60,940	Public Safety Officer	\$0
Ambulance	\$3,000	Animal Control.....	\$500

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate for \$20,000.00 for STREET LIGHTS:

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$113,790.00 for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATION

Article 16 Voted to raise and appropriate \$44,410.00 for SANITATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

Article 17 Voted to raise and appropriate \$14,555.00 for RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,710.00 for MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES:

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$92,420.00 for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Employee Health Trust.. \$57,855 Unemployment Insurance \$2,595
Worker's Compensation \$11,200 FICA and Medicare... \$17,450
Retirement Program..... \$3,320

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate for \$6,300.00 UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Library.....\$4,200 General Assistance.....\$1,500
Memorial Day..... \$500 Holiday Decorations.....\$100

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate for \$18,265.00 for INSURANCES:

Article 22. Voted not to raise and appropriate any sum of money for SOCIAL SERVICES:

Article 23. Vote to raise and appropriate \$6902.00 to make the 2003 FIRE TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT:

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$8873.00 for CAPITAL DEBT PAYMENT ON THE 1998 CAT LOADER:

Article 25. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$76,000 to be used along with \$15,000 appropriated from Highway Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a new 4x6 Highway Truck fully equipped for the Public Works Department.

Article 26 Voted to appropriate funds received from 2003-2004 URBAN RURAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

HIGHWAY TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT \$13,000
PAVING RESERVE\$14,000 (estimated)

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,800 for the 2003 HIGHWAY TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT.

Article 28. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5000.00 for FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE:

Article 29. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7000.00 for POLICE CRUISER RESERVE:

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for FIRE DEPARTMENT SMALL EQUIPMENT RESERVE:

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1000.00 for ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL RESERVE:

Article 32. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into mutual aid agreements and contracts to provide for sanitation, plowing, fire, police services deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brownville.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate \$75,000.00 from Surplus to reduce the 2003 commitment.

Article 34. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate money from the following projected revenue sources in order to reduce the 2003 General Commitment. *(The following are estimates.)*

<i>Excise Tax</i>	<i>\$135,000</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>\$110,000</i>
<i>Homestead Exemption.....</i>	<i>\$71,000</i>	<i>Tree Growth Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>\$11,500</i>		

Article 35.Vote to appropriate Snowmobile refunds for 2003 as follows -50% to the Brownville Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Ebeeme Snowmobile Club for trail construction and maintenance.

Article 36.Voted to authorize Selectmen to approve the use of earnings within each respective department.

Article 37. Voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, after advertising for and receiving sealed bids thereon, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds on such property or act on anything thereon.

Article 38. Voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of sewer rates thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, after advertising for and receiving sealed bids thereon, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds on such property or act on anything thereon.

Article 39.Voted to authorize the Selectmen to refund out of the OVERLAY ACCOUNT any overpayment of property taxes due to abatements approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 40.Voted to authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 M.S.R.A., Section 2953.

Article 41.Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2003.

Article 42.Vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount that does not exceed 25% (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2003 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2004 to the 2004 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 43.Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any town owned property, if the fair market value does not exceed \$15,000. Any such property sale to be through the bid process and in the best interest of the Town.

Article 44.Voted to approve the 2003 Water Department Budget for the amount of \$200,153.00.

Article 45.Voted to approve the 2003 Sewer Department Budget for the amount of \$114,179.00.

Article 46. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a piece of land 900 feet long and 200 feet wide (approximately 2.83 acres) from the north easterly corner of the town owned property described as Map 7 Lot 25, also known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lot, to the abutting land owner, Duane Coburn, for a purchase price of \$1,200.

Article 47. Voted to appropriate \$5,500 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) for covering the newly reconstructed portion of Van Horne Avenue with Recycled Asphalt Paving.

Article 48. Voted to authorize selectmen to use up to \$22,901.67 from the Lundin Reserve Fund for sidewalk improvements.

A true copy

Attest :

Kathy K. White, Town Clerk, Brownville, ME