

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
Record of action taken at Annual Town Meeting, March 21, 2005

Article 1. Elected Linda Knight as moderator and Paul Grindle as Deputy Moderator.

- Article 2.**
- a.) Gary Cook (65 votes) and Ronald Mihalik (63 votes) were elected Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the poor for three year terms.
 - b.) Larry Folsom was elected MSAD #41 director for a term of 3 years with 60 votes. Jeffrey Hamlin received 14 votes.
 - c.) Elected to the Budget committee for two year terms were Terry Knowles (6 votes) and Vaughn Clapp (4 votes)

Meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Deputy Moderator Paul Grindle

Article 3. Moderator asked for three tellers to receive, sort and count votes if needed. Volunteers were Allana Washburn, Margaret Williams 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, 2005. All taxes remaining unpaid after September 16, 2005 shall bear interest at the rate of 0.6458% per month or any part thereof not to exceed seven [7.75%] percent per year.

Article 6. Voted to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes for fiscal year 2005 at 4.0% per year less than the rate of interest charged on taxes unpaid after September 16, 2005.

Article 7. Voted to accept sums of money for prepaid taxes prior to the date of commitment with no interest thereon.

Article 8. Voted to re-appropriate the following 2004 account balances:

<i>Town Owned Property.....</i>	<i>\$94,080</i>	<i>Police Special Income.....</i>	<i>\$5772</i>
<i>Cemetery Project</i>	<i>\$2132</i>	<i>Road Signs</i>	<i>\$3,347</i>
<i>CDBG Planning Grant.....</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>Fire Truck Repair.....</i>	<i>\$6,692</i>
<i>Fire Department Training..</i>	<i>\$3,063</i>	<i>Recreation Department Income</i>	<i>\$1,870</i>
<i>Employee Retirement.....</i>	<i>\$303</i>		

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate \$85,933.00 for ADMINISTRATION DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$21,110.00 for ASSESSING DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$70,495.00 for POLICE DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,990.00 for FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate for \$69,645.00:

Hydrant Rental	\$60,940	Public Safety Officer	\$2,705
Ambulance	\$5,000	Animal Control	\$1,000

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$18,900.00 for STREET LIGHTS.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$122,530.00 for PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$48,410.00 for SANITATION DEPT. OPERATIONS.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$18395.00 for RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4090.00 for MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$98,900.00 for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

<i>Employee Health Trust..</i>	<i>\$59,810.00</i>	<i>Unemployment Insurance</i>	<i>\$2,610</i>
<i>Worker's Compensation</i>	<i>\$10,880</i>	<i>FICA and Medicare.....</i>	<i>\$20,100</i>
<i>Retirement Program.....</i>	<i>\$5,500</i>		

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate for \$5,800.00 UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:

<i>Library.....</i>	<i>\$4,200</i>	<i>General Assistance.....</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Memorial Day.....</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>Holiday Decorations.....</i>	<i>\$100</i>

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$21,255.00 for INSURANCES:

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,420.00 for CAPITAL DEBT PAYMENT OF THE "2004 PAVING" NOTE.

Article 23. Voted to appropriate funds received from 2005-2006 URBAN RURAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM to reserve for Capital Highway Improvements.

Article 24. Vote to raise and appropriate \$20,500.00 for the 2005 HIGHWAY TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT.

Article 25. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a BACKHOE to be used by the Public Works, Water and Sewer Departments.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Costs: At an estimated maximum interest rate of 6.37%, for a maximum repayment term of seven (7) years, the estimated cost of this borrowing will be as follows:

Principle (not to exceed)	\$ 50,000
Interest (not to exceed)	<u>\$ 13,524</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 63,524

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue in not affected by reason of the variance.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for POLICE CRUISER RESERVE.

- Article 28.** Voted to raise and appropriate \$15,850.00 for HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE.
- Article 29.** Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL RESERVE.
- Article 30.** 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 and other municipal services deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brownville.
- Article 31.** Voted to appropriate \$65,000.00 from Surplus to reduce the 2005 tax commitment.
- Article 32.** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate money from the following projected revenue sources in order to reduce the 2005 General Commitment. *(The following are estimates.)*
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| <i>Excise Tax.....</i> | <i>\$160,000</i> | <i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i> | <i>\$150,000</i> |
| <i>Homestead Exemption...</i> | <i>\$67,850</i> | <i>Tree Growth Reimbursement.</i> | <i>\$35,000</i> |
| <i>Miscellaneous Revenue..</i> | <i>\$7,500</i> | | |
- Article 33.** Voted to appropriate Snowmobile refunds for 2005 as follows: 50% to the Brownville Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Ebeeme Snowmobile Club for trail construction and maintenance.
- Article 34.** Voted to authorize Selectmen to approve the use of earnings, grant funds, donations, and the like within each respective department.
- Article 35.** 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 36.** 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 37.** 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 38.** 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., § 2953.
- Article 39.** 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 2005.
- Article 40.** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount that does not exceed 25% (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2005 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2006 to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 41.** 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 42. Voted to approve the 2005 Water Department Budget for the amount of \$200,153.00.

Article 43. Voted to approve the 2005 Sewer Department Budget for the amount of \$114,179.00.

Article 44. Voted to appropriate and authorize a majority of the municipal officers for the Town to borrow on behalf of the Town, a principal amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$255,000) through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Brownville, which may be callable bonds or notes (the "Bonds"), the proceeds to be used to repay and refund the Town's General Obligation bond issued September 6, 1988 in the original amount of \$413,000 for the purpose of design and construction of the Town's wastewater treatment and collection system (the "Project"); and to authorize the municipal officers to do any and all things and execute any and all documents to enable the Town to issue the Bonds and repay the 1988 General Obligation Bond.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Costs: At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.25%, for a maximum repayment term of twelve (12) years, the estimated cost of this borrowing will be as follows:

Principle (not to exceed)	\$ 255,000
Interest (not to exceed)	\$ 37,372
Program Fees	<u>\$ 14,633</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 307,005

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Article 45. Voted to appropriate \$5,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) to be used as a match for a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Grant.

Article 46. Voted to appropriate \$30,500 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) to be used to pay the Town of Brownville's share of the 2005 Eastern Piscataquis Business and Industrial Park Mortgage payment.

Article 47. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to expend \$10,000 from the \$25,000 set aside by voters at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting (Article 47) for the Town of Brownville's share of the 2005 Piscataquis Development Corporation's budget. *This money was appropriated to leverage federal, state, and private funds to be used for economic development purposes related to the Eastern Piscataquis Business and Industrial Park. Subsequently, the Towns of Brownville and Milo purchased property on which the Park will be developed that will demonstrate significant local match for potential federal, state, and private sector funders.*

Article 48. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,135.00-one-half the total project cost, estimated at \$6,265, for the Town FINANCIAL SOFTWARE UPGRADE proposed to be purchased in 2006.

Article 49. Voted to appropriate \$4,000 from Administrative Capital Reserve to be used for the purchase of new COMPUTERS for the Administration Department.

Article 50. Voted to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be used for the DITCH, DRAIN, & BRUSH PROJECT.

Article 51. Voted to appropriate \$5,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) to be used for the purchase of TOOLS and RELATED SMALL EQUIPMENT for the Public Works Department.

Article 52. Voted to enact the ordinance amending BROWNVILLE DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE, adopted and previously amended at the March 20, 1972, March 17, 1986, and June 30, 1997 Town Meetings. *The complete ordinance with proposed amendments is available at the Town Office for review during regular business hours.*

Article 53. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and accept, if advisable, up to \$10,000 from Lake View Plantation to be used to purchase materials and supplies to be used to rehabilitate and upgrade the public boat launch and parking lot at Knight's Landing that is owned by the Town of Brownville. This contribution is contingent upon the Town of Brownville securing all permits and insurance for the project; Lake View Plantation residents and taxpayers having free access to the facility for a period of at least 10 years; Lake View Plantation Assessors having input into development, maintenance, and accessibility discussions related to the landing for a period of 10 years; and the Town of Brownville granting Lake View Plantation first refusal to purchase the landing if the Town decides to sell in the future.

Article 54. Voted to reject the establishment of a STREETLIGHT COMMITTEE, comprised of interested community members, staff, and Selectmen selected by the Board of Selectmen, to work with and make recommendations to the Brownville Board of Selectmen regarding the necessary number and location of publicly funded streetlights with the municipal limits.

Article 55. Voted to reject the establishment of a FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE, comprised of interested community members, staff, and Selectmen selected by the Board of Selectmen, to work with and make recommendations to the Brownville Board of Selectmen regarding a comprehensive analysis of the necessary number and location of Fire Department buildings and equipment.

Article 56. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 for the ANNUAL BROWNVILLE DAYS CELEBRATION.

Article 57. Voted to have Town of Brownville's elected representatives on the Maine School Administrative District #41 Board of Directors make formal updates of issues that may impact the taxpayers of Brownville at least quarterly, either written or in person, to the Brownville Board of Selectmen and shall the voters request that the municipal officers maintain these written reports or a record of the verbal reports as part of the formal Town record open for the public to review.

Article 58. Voted to appropriate up to \$2,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds for the KNIGHTS LANDING/LAKE AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY PROJECT.

Financial statements and certificate of indebtedness were provided on the warrant.

Meeting adjourned as 9:50PM.

A true copy

Attest: _____
Kathy K. White – Town Clerk

