

**Special Town Meeting & Hearing**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**  
**Pike Hall 6:00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

There were approximately 35 people in attendance.

Voted to elect Rob Heard as moderator to preside over the hearing.

There were two matters on the hearing agenda:

**Planning Board request for funding:**

- In review of the town's Land Use Ordinance it has been noted by the Southern Maine Planning Board and Development Commission (SMRPC) that the ordinance is intermingled and difficult to read which leads to a lot of interpretation. SMRPC has submitted a proposal bid of \$7,000. to update the ordinance to make it compliant with State Legislative Laws and Statutes and our Comprehensive Plan. It would also make it more users friendly.
- The Planning Board is requesting moving \$7,000 from the town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of updating the town's Land Use Ordinance.
- After the ordinance has been updated it will be brought to the townspeople at a town meeting to vote for approval.
- A concern was over what the town has in the undesignated balance fund (Surplus). As of 1/31/17 the town's last accurate figure was \$927,267.

**Change of Annual Town Meeting Voting days and times- the article stated Friday or Saturday**


- It was noted that this year we have two Secret Ballot Elections simultaneously and due to fitting in dates the election would have to occur on Saturday to make the 30 day absentee ballots availability law.
- Some people were concerned that this change would be inconvenient and impact low voter turnout. Town Clerk advised them to use the absentee voting process.
- Fridays later at night might be more convenient when people come home from work. Many people busy on Saturday trying to get things accomplished at home.
- This change in voting doesn't impact Town Meeting. It will be still on Monday evening but will now start promptly at 7pm.
- It was noted that we can try Saturday this year and proceed with decision of changing the voting if it doesn't work.

**SPECIAL TOWN HEARING 6:30PM**

Article 1) Voted to keep Rob Heard as moderator.

Article 2) Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed \$7,000. from Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the required update to Cornish's Land Use Ordinance by SMRPC per proposal dated August 22, 2018. Copy attached to warrant and minutes.

**Meeting Adjourned 6:40pm**

  
Town Clerk