## Town of Baltimore Town Meeting March 4, 2025

The meeting was brought to order at 7:15PM by Deb Bean. Deb then read the Warning.

## Article I- To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

Town Clerk Deb Bean took nominations from the floor. A motion was made for Joan Whaley and seconded. No more nominations. Motion carried.

Joan asked if out Rep. VL Coffin would like to speak. He talked about property tax reform for school financing. The Education Committee would like to survey the state including rural areas. He believes there will be more than 5 school districts.

In addition, they would like to remove the income tax on retirement funds of retired military persons. Please contact him with questions and/or comments.

## Article II- To act on Town Reports of the Town.

Motion made and seconded to accept as written. Carried.

## Article III- To elect all Town and Officials as the law directs.

**Selectman TE 2028**- Motion made and seconded to nominate Dan Cox. Dan declined the nomination. Motion made and seconded to nominate David Sigl. No other nominations. Motion carried and clerk cast one ballot.

**Lister TE 2028-** Motion made and seconded to nominate Michael Muther No other nominations. Motion carried and clerk cast one ballot.

Auditor TE 2028- Motion made and seconded to nominate Christine Campbell.

No other nominations. Motion carried and clerk cast one ballot.

**Town Grand Juror**- One year- Motion made and seconded to nominate Steve Waldo. No other nominations. Motion carried.

**Town Agent-** One year- Motion made and seconded to nominate Derek Bruce. No other nominations. Motion carried.

**Trustee of Public Funds-** One year -Motion made and seconded to nominate Debby Bean. No other nominations. Motion carried.

**Trustee of Campbell Fund TE 2028 -**Motion made and seconded to nominate Jennifer Chambers. No other nominations. Motion carried.

Article IV- Shall the voters authorize a total GENERAL FUND expenditure of \$64,973.00, of which \$39,973 is to be raised by taxes and \$25,000.00 carried forward from 2024year-end General Fund surplus to cover anticipated 2026 Town operating expenses? No discussion. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Article V-Shall the voters approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the 2024 General Fund Surplus into the General Fund Contingency to pay for unanticipated General Fund operating expenses? No discussion. Motion was made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Article VI-Shall the voters authorize a total HIGHWAY FUND expenditure of \$100,250.00 of which \$73,250.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$19,000.00 from anticipated State Aid Revenue and \$8,000.00 carried forward from 2024 year-end Highway Fund surplus to cover

**anticipated 2026 Highway expenses?** No discussion. Motion was made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Article VII- Shall the voters approve the transfer of \$1,500.00 from the 2024Highway Fund surplus into the Highway Expense Contingency to meet unanticipated highway expenses? No discussion. Motion was made and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Article IX- To see what date in 2025 the town will set for the payment of local property taxes to be paid into the Town Treasury.

Motion made and seconded to have taxes due in full on or before December 1, 2025. Carried.

Article XI- To do any other Town business legal and proper when met not to involve expenditures of the Town. Motion made and seconded.

Steve Waldo commented that he is very pleased with the winter road maintenance. There were many additional comments supporting this mentioning the kind of sand and the wide roads with the snow winged back.

Negotiations for Fire & Ambulance are completed for this year, but an increase may be expected in the future. It was noted that this service can be expensive and quick response time is vital.

Bud mentioned that Christine had advised him that one agency (VNA) asked not to request their donation this year and they performed no services in our town in the previous year.

Motion made and second to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Bean Town Clerk