

**Moro Plantation**  
**21 Katahdin Street Patten, ME 04765**  
**207-528-2215**

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**Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday January 24th, 2022**  
**Katahdin Lodge 626 Aroostook Scenic HWY**  
**Moro Plantation, ME 04780**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Chuck.

**Selectmen: Christine Loucka and Chuck Loucka**

**Town: Darrell Mims Town Manager and Shania Stover Deputy Clerk**

**Public: None**

2. Signed warrant # \_\_\_\_ While Chris was looking through the Town warrants she questioned how the amount was decided for the school and she wanted to know how many kids were attending the school from Moro. Darrell said he would look into this and bring this information to the next meeting. Also, Chris noticed that the amount for 1 child going to school was a large amount and Darrell would be looking into that also.

Chris also questioned about paying the Town of Patten for salt and sand.

3. **New/Old Business:** Chuck wanted to know if there was a way that he could be notified when a property is sold in Moro PLT., Darrell stated this is something we could look into.

4. **Ambulance contract:** Chris reviewed the previous Ambulance contract and was wondering if the contract was valid for January 1st to December 31st. She also wanted to know what the payment was and if they had to pay one lump sum or make payments. Darrell is going to look at the previous contract and when Moro PLT enters into the new contract he will send a copy or bring it to the next meeting. Chuck saw the article on facebook about the ambulance contract . He was wondering if they would need to set up a town meeting to have the town people vote on the new contract. Darrell will be contacting the MMA. Both Chris and Chuck were curious how many people signed up for the EMT course. They were informed that there were so many people there may need to be multiple classes.

5. **Department updates:** Chris asked how trio was working out and how training the new office staff was going.

6. **Selectmen comment:** Chuck mentioned that he started writing/making a list of all the maintenance he has been doing for Moro PLT. He will work on typing them up and bringing them to a meeting.

Chuck has been checking the TownLine RD for down trees and will continue to monitor the road.

Chuck said he has been calling the surveyor for the town lot and he has not been returning Chuck's messages, Darrell mentioned he would follow up with the surveyor and possibly start looking to find a different surveyor.

**Darrell mentioned bringing a copy of the Chester Kerney audit book for the selectmen for the next meeting or prior to the next meeting.**

**7.Public comment: NONE**

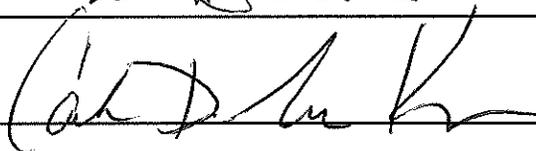
**8.Adjourn:**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM by Chuck seconded by Chris.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for February 21st, 2022 5:30PM at Katahdin Lodge.  
With a reschedule date of February 28th,2022 at 5:30PM.**

  
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Christine Loucka

  
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Charles Loucka

  
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Cara Loucka King

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## Board of Selectmen

Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30PM

Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway  
Smyrna Mills, ME 04780

## MINUTES

These minutes are not verbatim

Charles Loucka called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

## ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

**Town Office:** Billie Doody (Town Clerk), Deb Bivighouse (Finance Director, remote)

**Public:** Ed George, David Walker, Joe King, Darryl Mims, Bill Harris, Jeanne Cyr.

## NEW BUSINESS

### D&D Paving Estimate for Town Line Road Work

Charles Loucka informed the Public of the road work to be done on Town Line Road by D&D Paving, a paving contractor out of Island Falls. The top of the hill on Town Line Road will be graded and paved, and the collapsed culvert at the bottom of the hill will be dug out and paved over as it is no longer functional. The total cost for this project will be \$68,000.

Deb Bivighouse informed the Board and the Public Moro Plantation has enough money budgeted for this project with the payment schedule the contractor offered, and residents voted to approve the funds for this project. This payment schedule would be \$35,000 down, and six (6) monthly payments of \$5,500, until the total cost is paid off. The first payment would be due within 30 days after completion of the project. There is \$44,000 left in the budget that is waiting to be spent. There is also \$40,868 in the Committed Roads Account for projects like this. The cost will remain the same whether it is paid in full, or with a payment plan.

The Board discussed whether to pay for the project all at once, or to use a payment plan. Charles Loucka stated, as it will cost the same either way, it may be a good idea to use a payment plan, in case an emergency should arise. Deb Bivighouse stated a payment plan could give Moro leverage if the job is not being done to the specifications given to the contractor.

A resident asked if there were any other bids for this project. Charles Loucka stated another company was contacted and told him they were not willing to come to the area to do a job this small. Deb Bivighouse stated a local contractor submitted a bid that was significantly higher than this one.

Deb Bivighouse informed the Board and the Public the State gives money to every municipality each year for Capital Improvements, which is defined as any work on a road or bridge that has a life expectancy of at least ten years and restores the load carrying capacity. Ms. Bivighouse added that she received a letter estimating Moro Plantation will receive another \$3,600 for Capital Improvements next year as well. Moro Plantation has also received about \$3,500 from the American Rescue Plan. She stated there will be about \$16,000 left over after this project, as well as the \$7,000 she mentioned, so Moro Plantation will start the next fiscal year with over \$20,000 in the account for road work.

### **Town Office Staffing**

Billie Doody informed the Board the administrative cost for Hersey and Moro Plantation will be going up \$10,000 this year. This will bring the total cost up to \$24,000 for Moro Plantation. An accounting firm will be doing the finances and Bangor Payroll will be handling the payroll.

Residents expressed concerns for the rise in costs.

Deb Bivighouse informed the Board and the Public the cost of everything has gone up, including the cost to staff the Town Office. There is also a lot of information now available on the Town website for Moro Plantation, including the Tax Commitments, Tax Maps, and soon, financial information will be available as well. She added the work for Moro Plantation is the same as much larger cities, despite the smaller population, as there is the same paperwork for the same programs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Warrant # 12**

The Board signed Warrant #12 for General Government.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Board approved and signed meeting minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by Joe King to adjourn 7:14 PM, seconded by Caralyn Loucka King. All in favor.

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 30, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Patten

Minutes approved on 8-3-, 2022

  
Charles Loucka, Chairman

  
Christine Loucka

  
Caralyn Loucka King

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**Board of Selectmen**  
**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 9:00am**  
**Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway**  
**Smyrna Mills, ME 04780**

## MINUTES

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Charles Loucka called the meeting to order at 9:23am.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

**Town Office:** Billie Doody (Town Clerk), Laura White (Moro Town Agent)

**Public:** David Walker

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Warrant # 1

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Warrant #1 for General Government. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve meeting minutes from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve meeting minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

The Board requested the Town Office look into who is responsible for the cost of tuition and whether Moro Plantation would be reimbursed for any money that was overpaid.

B. Doody stated she would have Deb Bivighouse, the Financial Director, look into it.

The Board discussed different options for schooling in Moro.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Certificate of Recommitment**

B. Doody informed the Board the Certificate of Recommitment is to be signed each time there is a change in the Town Tax Collector.

The Board signed to approve the Certificate of Recommitment.

### **Certified Ratio Declaration**

B. Doody informed the Board the Certified Ratio Declaration is for the tax exemptions from the State.

The Board signed to approve the Certified Ratio Declaration.

### **Bangor Payroll Proposal**

The Board reviewed the proposal by Bangor Payroll. B. Doody stated Bangor Payroll will cost the Town \$657 per year. She added Becky Phillips recently resigned from the Patten Board of Selectmen and will be the new Town Finance Director. The \$24,000 Moro pays to Patten for administrative services will cover the Town Office services as well as payroll and finance services.

### **New Moro Town Agent**

B. Doody introduced the new Moro Town Agent, L. White.

## **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

### **Cemetery Mowing**

B. Doody stated the Board needs to decide how D. Walker should be paid. Chuck suggested paying Mr. Walker in full for the year.

D. Walker stated the cemetery needs maintenance. The Town needs soil brought in to level the property, trees are encroaching upon the cemetery, graves are sinking in, etc.

Chuck requested B. Doody look into the Property and Casualty insurance plan for the Board.

D. Walker stated an employee would be provided with tools and equipment, but Mr. Walker is using his own.

Caralyn suggested Mr. Walker factor in all expenses and put in a bid if he's interested in mowing the cemetery again next year.

D. Walker stated \$1,000 is set aside for maintenance of the cemetery.

The Board discussed using some of the \$1,000 to pay Mr. Walker to maintain the cemetery.

**Raise for Selectmen**

Chuck stated the Board members are requesting a raise. He stated they have worked hours in addition to the meetings and have received threats. B. Doody stated it will need to be put into the budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Motion** made by Caralyn to hold the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by Caralyn to adjourn at 10:29am. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Patten

Minutes approved on September 8, 2022

Charles Loucka Charles Loucka, Chairman

Christine Loucka Christine Loucka

Caralyn Loucka King Caralyn Loucka King

\* Check on school bill

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## Board of Selectmen

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm

Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway

Moro Plantation, ME 04780

## MINUTES

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Caralyn Loucka called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles "Chuck" Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Town Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director)

**Public:** None.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Warrant #2 & #3 for FYE23

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Warrant #2 and #3 for General Government. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Caralyn asked why the conversation regarding school tuition was not in the minutes.

L. White apologized for the mistake and stated a correction would be made.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve meeting minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 with a correction regarding discussion of school tuition.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### New Finance Director

New Finance Director, R. Phillips introduced herself to the Board, giving a brief summary of her experience and education.

R. Phillips requested the Select Board members sign to allow Town Agent, L. White, to become a signer on the Town Bank Account.

R. Phillips informed the Board the former Financial Director recommended the Board add an Article to the Town Meeting Warrant to see if the Town will vote to allocate the \$3,600 remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds balance to reduce taxes. Ms. Phillips offered to look into it further to see what the funds could be used for.

Chuck asked if ARPA money could be used for public works / road repair. R. Phillips stated she will look into what the money can be used for.

#### **Fuel Stipend - Smallwood, Inc.**

L. White informed the Board Smallwood, Inc is requesting a fuel stipend for any fuel over \$4.50 per gallon.

Caralyn inquired about how the Moro Plantation portion of the fuel stipend would be calculated and who would be responsible for the fuel between Patten and Moro or between Hersey and Moro.

L. White stated she would ask owner Gregg Smallwood for an answer.

### **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

#### **School Tuition**

Christine Loucka asked if there was any more information regarding the discussion of school tuition. The Board previously asked the Town Office to look into an overpayment that was made by Moro Plantation to RSU 89.

R. Phillips stated she would communicate with the school to see if she could find some answers.

#### **Cemetery Mowing**

Chuck asked if more money could be allocated for cemetery maintenance. There is a need for tree removal, headstone repairs, filling in sunken areas, and mowing for the three (3) cemeteries in Moro. Mr. Loucka requested the budget for the cemetery be doubled for the new year.

R. Phillips stated there is still \$1,000 in the Cemetery Reserve. The \$800 for mowing would come out of the General Government budget.

The Board discussed the budget for cemetery maintenance and chose to recommend \$1,000 be added to the Cemetery Reserve for a total of \$2,000 and to set aside \$1,000 for cemetery mowing.

Chuck informed the Board a resident approached him offering to do some tree work as community service and Chuck will speak with him about it after the Town Meeting.

R. Phillips stated there is a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grants available for Public Service that she will look into.

**Tax Acquired Property**

R. Phillips recommended the Board ask Assessor, Brandon Saucier, what he thinks the minimum bid should be.

The Board discussed contacting a real estate agent to help sell the property.

R. Phillips suggested adding an Article to the Warrant for Town Meeting to give the Board the authority to buy, sell, exchange Moro Plantation’s assets.

**Selectmen Salary**

Chuck requested an Article be added to the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting to see if the residents will vote to double his salary as a Select Board member from \$500 to \$1,000. He stated he does a lot of work for Moro outside of the Select Board meetings and would like to be compensated for some of it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEXT SELECT BOARD MEETING**

The next Select Board Meeting was not scheduled during the meeting due to uncertainty of availability of staff at the Town Office.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by Caralyn to adjourn at 7:03pm. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Patten

Minutes approved on October 26, 2022

 Charles Loucka, Chairman

 Christine Loucka

 Caralyn Loucka King

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**Moro Plantation Annal Town Meeting  
Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm  
Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway  
Moro Plantation, ME 04780**

## MEETING MINUTES

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Chuck Loucka called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director), Billie Doody (Town Clerk)

**Public:** Brian Burger, Jeannine Cyr, Joseph Allen King, Raymond Baldwin, Daniel Morse, William Harris, David Walker

### ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to nominate Chuck as Moderator. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

### ARTICLE 2

To see if the Plantation will vote to elect the following Plantation Officers with terms to expire on June 30, 2023:

Three (3) Board of Selectmen

*Incumbents: Charles Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King*

Animal Control Officer

*Incumbent: Peter DiCentes*

Solid Waste Director

*Incumbent: Kenneth Libby*

**Motion** made by D. Morse to elect the above Plantation Officers. Seconded by W. Harris. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Plantation, to appoint Billie J. Doody as Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and General Assistance Administrator and Laura A. White as Town Agent.

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article 3. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Plantation will vote to carry forward, and authorize the use of, the following balances as listed: Road Upkeep Reserve, Town Roads, Education

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Article 4. Seconded by W. Harris. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Plantation will vote to carry all other balances and all other overdrafts to Fund Balance.

**Motion** made by W. Harris to approve Article 5. Seconded by J. King. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for GENERAL GOVERNMENT

|                                   | <u>2021-2022 Expenditures-Unaudited</u> | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u>    |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Contract Services                 | \$15,000                                | <del>\$15,000</del> \$20,000 |
| Computer Software Hosting         | \$2,000                                 | \$3,250                      |
| Training/Travel                   | \$0                                     | \$0                          |
| General Gvmt exp (ex: lien costs) | \$0                                     | \$300                        |
| Dues                              | \$1,300                                 | \$1,300                      |
| Audit Services                    | \$11,500                                | \$6,000                      |
| Assessing Services                | \$800                                   | \$800                        |
| Postage                           | \$162                                   | \$192                        |
| Worker’s Compensation             | \$363                                   | \$420                        |
| Salaries                          | \$2,518                                 | \$3,600                      |
| Tax Abatements                    | \$0                                     | \$400                        |

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article 6. Seconded by J. Cyr. D. Morse asked how the Plantation can get out of using LUPC. The Plantation discussed that changing from a Plantation to a Town would allow them to leave LUPC. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for HEALTH AND SANITATION

| <u>2021-2022 Expenditures</u> |         | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Animal Control                | \$553   | \$720                     |
| Plumbing Inspector            | \$325   | \$325                     |
| Septage Disposal Site         | \$1,800 | \$1,800                   |
| NKVDWDD                       | \$900   | \$1,000                   |

**Motion** made by D. Morse to approve Article 7. Seconded by J. Cyr. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for PROTECTION

| <u>2021-2022 Expenditures</u> |         | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Insurance                     | \$1,712 | \$2,000                   |
| Ambulance Service             | \$6,000 | \$12,000                  |
| Fire Protection               | \$2,800 | \$2,800                   |

**Motion** made by Christine to approve Article 8. Seconded by J. King. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the officers to spend for CARE OF CEMETERIES

| <u>2020-2021 Expenditures</u> |        | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Mowing Expense                | \$ 800 | \$1,000                   |

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article 9. Seconded by Christine. D. Walker stated cemeteries need full landscaping due to neglect over the years. R. Phillips stated she will look into grants for cemeteries. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to create a CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE and allow the officers to spend funds as they deem necessary for maintenance of the Plantation’s cemeteries

| <u>2021-2122 Expenditures</u> | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$0                           | \$1,000 \$4,000           |

**Motion** made by D. Morse to approve Article 10. Seconded by W. Harris. The Town discussed the maintenance needed in the cemeteries and agreed to change the budget to \$4,000 from \$1,000. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for PUBLIC WORKS

| <u>2021-2022 Expenditures</u>   | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u>    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Salt/Sand Shed Rental \$2,500   | \$2,500                      |
| Winter Roads \$19,045           | <del>\$23,000</del> \$24,000 |
| Town Road Construction \$68,000 | <del>\$36,000</del> \$42,000 |

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article 11. Seconded by Christine. The Town discussed the proposed 2022-2023 budget and agreed to increase the budget for Winter Roads from \$23,000 to \$24,000 and Town Road Construction from \$36,000 to \$42,000. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for LURC ASSESSMENT

| <u>2021-2022 Expenditures</u> | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$2,124                       | \$2,124                   |

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Article 12. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Plantation will vote to take \$100 from Fund Balance to spend for GENERAL ASSISTANCE (2022-2023 expense \$0)

**Motion** made by W. Harris to approve Article 13. Seconded by J. King. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum, if any, the Plantation shall vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for the following NON-MUNICIPALS ORGANIZATIONS.

| <u>2021-2022 Expenditures</u> | <u>2022-2023 Proposed</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Patten Playground \$100       | \$100                     |
| Houlton Cary Library \$105    | \$105                     |
| Knowles Corner ATV \$100      | \$100                     |

**Motion** made by D. Morse to approve Article 14. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$5,000 from anticipated EXCISE TAXES for the purpose of reducing the 2023 Tax Commitment.

**Motion** made by W. Harris to approve Article 15. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$100.00 from anticipated INTEREST INCOME for the purpose of reducing the 2023 Tax Commitment.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Article 16. Seconded by W. Harris. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell or dispose, via sealed bids, of any real estate acquired by Moro Plantation for non-payment of taxes or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds on the conveyance of such property.

**Motion** made by Christine to approve Article 17. Seconded by Caralyn. R. Phillips recommended Moro use Sheldon Anderson to appraise a tax acquired property the Select Board wants to sell. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts and to spend such incidental fees for the purposes intended.

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article 18. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and to not pay interest thereon.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Article 19. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on 2023 taxes unpaid as of a certain date and time. 2023 Recommend: 7.0% beginning 60 days from commitment date

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Article 20. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Plantation will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine legislature (MRSA Title 30-A § 5682)

- |                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bureau of Conservation    | State Revenue Sharing            |
| Tree Growth Reimbursement | Veterans Exemption Reimbursement |
| Homestead Reimbursement   | DOT Local Road Assistance        |
| Land Reserve Trust        | DEP Grants/Funds                 |

**Motion** made by Christine to approve Article 21. Seconded by J. King. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 23 ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise Select Board Chair Charles Loucka’s salary from \$500.00 per year to \$1,000.00 per year.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve ~~Article 23~~ Article 22. Seconded by D. Morse. All in favor. Approved.

**ARTICLE 24 ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Plantation will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2023.

Selectmen Recommend:

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (third Monday in September) at 6:30pm.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve the above date for the next Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm.

**NEXT SELECT BOARD MEETING**

The next Select Board Meeting was not scheduled at the time of this meeting.

**ADJOURN**

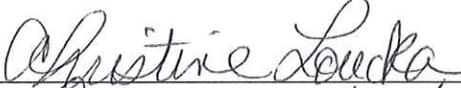
**Motion** made by J. Cyr to adjourn at 8:34pm. Seconded by J. King. All in favor. Approved.

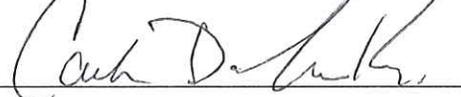
Annual Town Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk, Moro Town Agent  
Town of Patten / Moro Plantation

Minutes approved on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

 Charles Loucka, Chairman

 Christine Loucka

 Caralyn Loucka King

# MORO PLANTATION

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**Moro Plantation Select Board**  
**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm**  
**Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway**  
**Moro Plantation, ME 04780**

## MEETING MINUTES

These minutes are not verbatim

Caralyn Loucka called the meeting to order at 5:26pm.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King  
**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director)  
**Public:** Brian Burger, Ted Panasci

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### **Warrant #4 for FYE23**

Christine asked if the billing issue was resolved with D&D Paving.

R. Phillips stated Moro pays \$5,500 every month and there is a remaining balance due of \$16,500 as October was paid early.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to approve Warrant #4 for General Government. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Motion** made by Chuck to approve Minutes from Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Caralyn. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### **Financial Review with Rebecca Phillips**

R. Phillips reviewed Moro Plantation’s current balance sheet and discussed the assets, liabilities, and equity. Ms. Phillips explained there is a \$1,850.43 remaining balance from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She recommended using the remaining balance for the Salt/Sand or Winter Roads.

The Board discussed adding the money to the Town Roads Construction budget. Chuck stated the budget could use all the money it can get.

**Motion** made by Caralyn to use left over ARPA funds for Town Road Construction. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

R. Phillips informed the Board she contacted the RSU#89 and the woman in charge of their billing accidentally billed for everyday the children were in school, rather than the 175 days they were supposed to bill for. They will be sending an invoice for September, October, November, and December soon. R. Phillips stated the rate is \$55.68 per child per day, 175 days a year, and there are currently three (3) children attending school from Moro.

B. Burger asked if the cost of tuition is prorated if a child moves out of the area. R. Phillips stated the school will stop billing when a child leaves the area.

B. Burger asked if there is any coordination between the school district and Moro Plantation. Caralyn stated the school takes attendance and bills Moro accordingly. R. Phillips confirmed this.

B. Burger asked how much it would cost to rejoin the school district. Caralyn stated it would cost around \$80,000 a year and that it would be unfair to the majority of residence who do not have children in school.

B. Burger asked if Moro Plantation does not have a seat on the School Board as they are not part of the school district. Christine stated the seat on the school board did nothing for Moro Plantation. She added Moro's votes only count as a percentage of one vote, because of the small population. R. Phillips stated she went to a School Board meeting and was told she could not ask questions.

R. Phillips stated she contacted the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm about getting the audit started. Ms. Phillips then reviewed the 2022 Municipal Tax Rate with the Board.

R. Phillips informed Mr. Burger a mistake had been made on the valuation of his home on the Town Report, however, the error has since been corrected.

R. Phillips discussed accounting upgrades that are available for the computer software the office uses for cash receipting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tax Acquired Property**

Chuck stated the real estate agent contacted him about the tax acquired property on Map 8, Lot 20. The real estate agent told Chuck he will attempt to come up with a price to sell the property for by the end of the week. He also informed Chuck he will be contacting the Town Office to get the tax information on the lot. Chuck stated Christine called and left messages for him but has not heard back.

L. White gave the Board tax and deed information on the tax acquired property and stated she will contact them if she hears from the real estate agent. She asked if Moro has a Tax Acquired

Property Policy as she was unable to find one in the Town Office. Chuck stated he was not sure, as the Board had not dealt with it before. L. White stated she will email a copy to the members of the Board.

### **Cemetery**

Chuck stated there were no updates on the Cemetery and will likely not be any until Spring.

Christine stated they may have to put the job out for bid.

Chuck asked if the Town Office received an invoice Trent Desrosier for tree work. L. White stated she had not seen one yet. Chuck stated Mr. Desrosier offered to do the work for free as community service.

### **Fuel Stipend**

L. White informed the Board she called Gregg Smallwood and asked who would be responsible for the cost of fuel from Patten to Moro and how Moro's percentage of the plowing is generated.

## **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

B. Burger requested the Board consider establishing a meeting schedule. He stated the meeting should be as much for residents as it is for the Board and added the lack of attendance may be a result of not having a meeting schedule.

Caralyn stated the Select Board does not charge Moro to hold meetings at the Lodge, however, they also have business that needs to be done there and the Board asked for leniency with the meeting schedule.

B. Burger suggested the meetings be held at the Town Office. He asked if Town Office staff are paid for mileage to drive out to Moro for the meetings. L. White stated they are.

Chuck stated it is sometimes difficult to coordinate schedules, as there is the three members of the Board, the Moro Town Agent, the Finance Director, and sometimes others. Mr. Loucka stated they held the Select Board meetings at the Town Office in Patten for years and never had anyone attend.

B. Burger stated other Towns deal with similar challenges.

L. White stated there are sometimes conflicts with the Town Office schedule as well. Ms. White added there was not a Moro Town Agent for a few months, and they are still without a Town Manager.

B. Burger requested L. White email a copy of the agenda to him each month, as he is not able to check the website or drive to Patten to check the boards every day. L. White stated she would send him a copy of the agenda as soon as it is approved by the Board.

B. Burger asked if it was possible to create a Town mailing list to encourage people to show up to the meetings.

B. Burger asked if it was customary to establish the date of the next Select Board meeting at the end of each meeting. Caralyn stated it is not always easy to set a date between everyone who attends.

The Board discussed setting a date for the next meeting.

**NEXT SELECT BOARD MEETING**

The next Select Board Meeting was not scheduled during the meeting due to uncertainty of availability of staff at the Town Office.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by Caralyn to adjourn at 6:19pm. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk, Moro Agent  
Town of Patten, Moro Plantation

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

 Charles Loucka, Chairman

 Christine Loucka

\_\_\_\_\_ Caralyn Loucka King

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**Moro Plantation Select Board**  
**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm**  
**Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway**  
**Moro Plantation, ME 04780**

## MEETING MINUTES

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Caralyn Loucka called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King  
**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director)  
**Public:** Brian Burger, Kathy Hall, David Walker, Jeremy Ouelette, Leah Page

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Warrant #5 for FYE23

The Board reviewed Warrant #5 for FYE23.

**Motion** made by Chuck to approve Warrant #5 for General Government. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 2/0/1. Two members in favor, one arrived later.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Motion** made by Chuck to approve Minutes from Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 2/0/1. Two members in favor, one arrived later.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Town Resolution to Approve Mining Project

B. Burger made a Point of Order before the discussion asking where the wording for the agenda item came from as it presented in an affirmative manor. He suggested the agenda item should have been “Discussion of proposed Town Resolution” or something similar. He stated the wording that was used suggests approval is a given.

B. Burger suggested the Town Office send out postcards or start a phone chain for important meetings.

J. Ouelette and L. Page of Wolfden Resources gave a presentation on the Pickett Mountain Mining Project.

The audio recording of the full presentation, along with the questions and answers after, is available at the Town Office.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tax Acquired Property Updates**

Chuck stated he spoke with Patten Town Clerk, Billie Doody, about putting an advertisement in the newspaper to accept bids on a Tax Acquired Property.

L. White asked if any of the Board members heard back from Sheldon Anderson about the Tax Acquired Property. Christine stated she left multiple voicemails and has not heard back yet. Christine called Karen Rockwell and was able to speak with her about the property.

### **Fuel Stipend for Smallwood, Inc.**

L. White informed the Board she was not able to get in contact with Smallwood, Inc. regarding the questions the Board had about the contract. L. White also stated Patten had voted to deny the fuel stipend. \*

\* Ms. White was incorrect in stating this, as it was based on a statement made to Mr. Smallwood as a joke by the Select Board Chair during a meeting. Patten voted to approve the fuel stipend request on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, pending review of the finances.

Cara stated Smallwood, Inc. never answered the questions the Board had. Chuck stated this fuel stipend is above the amount in the contract they signed.

**Motion** made by Cara to deny the fuel stipend request made by Smallwood, Inc. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

## **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

**None.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

B. Burger stated he may write a letter about the damage caused by the snowplows on his property over the last few years. Chuck stated the Board would speak with Gregg Smallwood about the issue.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm.

## **NEXT SELECT BOARD MEETING**

The next Select Board Meeting was not scheduled at the time of this meeting.

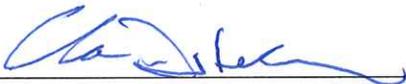
**ADJOURN**

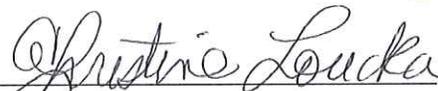
**Motion** made by Chuck to adjourn at 7:42pm. Seconded by Cara. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

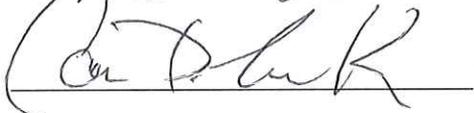
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 respectfully submitted by,

Laura A. White  
Deputy Town Clerk, Moro Town Agent  
Town of Patten / Moro Plantation

Minutes approved on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

  
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**Moro Plantation Board of Assessors  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm  
Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Highway  
Moro Plantation, ME 04780**

## MEETING MINUTES

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Chairman Chuck Loucka called the meeting to order at 6:54pm.

### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine “Chris” Loucka, Caralyn “Cara” Loucka King

**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director)

**Public:** None.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### **Warrant #6 for FYE23**

The Board reviewed Warrants 6, 7, and 8 for FYE23.

**Motion** made by Chuck to approve Warrants 6, 7 and 8 for General Government. Seconded by Caralyn. No discussion heard. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

#### **Review of Town Finances with Financial Director Rebecca Phillips**

Chuck asked if the Town Office received an invoice from Trentt DesRosiers. R. Phillips and L. White stated they had not seen one. Chuck asked if they could reach out to Mr. DesRosiers regarding tree work done in the cemeteries. L. White stated she would reach out to him.

R. Phillips reviewed the Town Finances with the Board. Ms. Phillips informed the Board there is a remaining balance of \$1,800 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that could be put toward road repairs.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Motion** made by Chuck to approve Minutes from the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and from the Board of Assessors’ meeting on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Cara. No discussion heard. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of New Payroll Administrator**

**Motion** made by Chuck to appoint R. Phillips as the Plantation Payroll Administrator. Seconded by Cara. No discussion heard. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

### **Patten Administrative Services Contract Discussion**

R. Phillips stated the Patten Select Board is discussing the new contract for administrative services, but should have more information after their next meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tax Acquired Property Updates**

L. White informed the Board she sent the sample bid notice to Attorney Richard Rhoda, who will be giving feedback on it soon.

Cara asked if the funds from the tax acquired property had to be voted on at the next Town meeting. R. Phillips stated she believed the Plantation had an Article in their Warrant for Town meeting that gave the Board the authority to dispose of assets as they deemed necessary.

Chris read Article 17 from the Warrant for Town Meeting which states, "To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell or dispose, via sealed bids, of any real estate acquired by Moro Plantation for non-payment of taxes or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds on the conveyance of such property."

Cara suggested holding a Special Town Meeting and allowing the residents who attend to voice their opinions. R. Phillips stated a similar thing happened in Patten with the old library building and having the Town discuss the issue complicated it further. L. White stated the Board should be able to recommend what to apply the money toward, and the Plantation would vote on it at a Town Meeting. R. Phillips stated the article gives the Board the authority to do as they deem necessary on behalf of the Plantation. L. White stated the Board has the authority to do what they deem necessary with the properties, but not the money from selling them. R. Phillips stated the Town does not vote on day-to-day business and have elected the Board to do so. She added, inviting the public to vote on this would result in several different suggestions for what to use the money for. L. White offered to contact Maine Municipal Association's Legal Department, on behalf of the Board, to get a definite answer. R. Phillips stated the Board needs to create an article stating what the funds will be applied toward and have the Plantation vote on the article. R. Phillips suggested the Board look into CDARS accounts at Katahdin Trust Company.

### **Fuel Stipend for Smallwood, Inc.**

L. White informed the Board she incorrectly stated at the last Board meeting that Patten had voted to deny the fuel stipend request. She stated Patten voted to approve the request.

The Board discussed an email in which L. White informed the Board that in the contract with Smallwood, Inc. it states, "Beginning with the second year of the contract, the Contractor may

request a Fuel stipend by April 1st (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 respectively) and the Towns represented by their Selectmen, will make a determination annually by April 30th (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 respectively), whether to grant an increase to the contract amount for a fuel stipend. The fuel stipend will be capped at \$3000/yr (\$2000 from the Town of Patten, and \$500 from both Hersey and Moro Plantation).” The request for a fuel stipend was made by Smallwood, Inc. on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Cara stated concerns about being the only municipality to deny the fuel stipend request. Chris stated concerns about Smallwood, Inc. dropping Moro Plantation if the fuel stipend was denied. L. White referred to her email which quoted the contract with Smallwood, Inc. stating, “In the event the Contractor fails to perform any of the services required by this Contract within the time or in the manner required, the Towns, in addition to all other remedies available under this contract or as a matter of law, shall be entitled to engage a substitute contractor or contractors to provide the services concerned, and to pay the substitute contractor (s) out of funds otherwise payable to the Contractor under paragraph 20 above. If funds remaining in this contract for the year concerned are insufficient in the event to pay the substitute contractor (s) in full, the Contractor, upon receipt of the Town's invoice for this purpose, shall reimburse the Towns for the additional expenses incurred.”

The Board discussed concerns about not having someone to plow the roads if the fuel stipend was denied. Cara stated it was difficult for anyone to know gas prices were going to rise so much.

**Motion** made by Cara to approve the fuel stipend request made by Smallwood, Inc. for up to \$500. Seconded by Chris. No discussion heard. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

## **SELECTMEN COMMENT**

### **Property with Unknown Owner**

Chuck displayed a map from 1877 and stated he believes the lot with an unknown owner belonged to the Plantation. L. White took a picture of the map and stated she would send the picture to Attorney Richard Rhoda.

### **Tax Club**

L. White asked if the Board would like to consider starting a Tax Club for Moro Plantation to allow residents to pay their real estate tax bills in monthly payments, rather than in a lump sum. R. Phillips stated she believed this would not be necessary and would complicate the process. Chris stated most residents pay their taxes on time and do not seem to have an issue.

### **Wolfden Resolution**

**Motion** made by Cara for the Board to sign the resolution once the amendments, voted on at the Special Town Meeting, have been added. Seconded by Chris. No discussion heard. All in favor. Approved 3/0/0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None.**



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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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### MEETING MINUTES

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Chairman Chuck Loucka called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

#### ROLL CALL

**Selectmen:** Charles “Chuck” Loucka, Christine “Chris” Loucka, Caralyn "Cara" Loucka King

**Town Office:** Laura White (Moro Agent), Rebecca Phillips (Finance Director)

**Public:** Joseph King, Irene Gerow, Dan Morse, Christopher Streinz (of Hersey), Jeremy Ouellette (of Wolfden), Leah Page (of Wolfden)

**Article I:** To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting.

**Motion** made by Chuck to nominate Christopher Streinz as Moderator of the Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Christine. All in favor. Approved 6:0.

**Article II:** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Plantation, to sign a resolution in support of Wolfden Resource Corporation Pickett Mountain Mine and Associated Facilities.

Chuck stated he would like the word “strongly” taken out of the Resolution.

Residents stated they were not informed about the resolution. R. Phillips stated the resolution was posted on the website, at the Patten Post Office, Katahdin Trust Company, and Ellis’s Market in Patten. Chuck stated it was posted on the FaceBook page.

Irene stated she heard it does not matter how they vote, the mining will happen with or without the Plantation’s support. J. Ouellette stated it is the company’s focus to be transparent with local communities and to address any concerns residents might have. He added that Wolfden made an effort to reach out to residents by going door-to-door to invite them to the informational session held by the Moro Board of Assessors a few weeks prior to the Special Town Meeting.

C. Streinz read the proposed resolution.

J. Ouellette gave a presentation on the proposed mining project and answered questions from residents.

A statement from Brian Burger was read by L. White.

Irene and D. Morse stated they agreed with points made in the statement from Mr. Burger. J. Ouellette stated he did not agree with Mr. Burger's point about blank checks. Irene agreed with Mr. Ouellette. J. Ouellette stated Wolfden will be investing \$20 million on the entire process and wants to be sure the surrounding communities are not going to oppose the project after they meet the requirements in Chapter 200. C. Streinz stated the proposed resolution does not use that language. Mr. Streinz added that the resolution states the Plantation supports Wolfden and its proposed Mine and Associated Facilities, not the process or Chapter 200 of the DEP, and that the resolution is similar to what Mr. Burger was opposed to. J. Ouellette stated Wolfden was not opposed to changing the language in the resolution to align better with what was being discussed during the meeting. Irene stated she did not feel she had enough information to vote at this time. C. Streinz suggested tabling the vote on the resolution until after another informational meeting could be held. The Board of Assessors stated concerns about poor attendance at meetings in the Plantation. Caralyn stated this was the third meeting regarding the mining project. Irene stated, if the Board of Assessors were voting to support the resolution, she felt her vote in opposition would not matter. Caralyn stated residents have not reached out to the Board, or to Wolfden, with questions. D. Morse asked for clarification as to what "support" means. J. Ouellette stated, if there is no community support, Wolfden probably would not continue as the State agencies would not support the project. He stated, if the feedback from the community is mostly positive, and only one or two towns are not interested, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would at least process their permit application. Mr. Ouellette stated it was important that they have the support of the local communities. D. Morse stated concerns about fishing being negatively impacted by the mining operation, but understands why a business that rents rooms would be in favor of the resolution. Caralyn stated this is not the only reason they are in favor, that it would bring people into the area and help gain tax money for the Plantation.

The Plantation discussed the wording of the proposed resolution.

C. Streinz suggested changing the last sentence of the proposed resolution. The proposed sentence stated, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Town of Moro Plantation ~~strongly~~ support Wolden and its proposed Mine and Associated Facilities;" Mr. Streinz suggested having it instead state, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Town of Moro Plantation support the process of Wolfden exploring whether they can meet or exceed the Maine Chapter 200 Law in the Pickett Mountain Project."

D. Morse stated his support for the amendment to the proposed resolution.

**Motion** made by J. King to approve Article II with the above amendments. Seconded by Caralyn. Discussion: Irene asked for clarification that the vote was for the resolution and not just the amendment. C. Streinz stated the vote was for the resolution with amendments. Approved 5:1. Five (5) in support, one opposed. Vote from Brian Burger is not counted, as residents may not vote by proxy.

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by Irene to adjourn at 6:48pm. Seconded by Chuck. All in favor. Approved 6/0/0.



To the people of Moro Plantation and it's elected leadership,

It is not possible for me to attend the Moro Plantation public meeting on 14 December 2022 proposed to consider a resolution to support Wolfden Resources Corporation in its Pickett Mountain project.

I am requesting that this commentary be read openly in the meeting's public comments and my vote recorded accordingly.

I am not wholesaley opposed to the company of Wolfden or its proposal, but I do have concerns that can only be conveyed by a **vote in opposition to a resolution of support**. I am therefore requesting my vote of opposition be recorded and accounted for in the public record.

While I can appreciate the present effort of Wolfden to collect evidence of public interest and support.. at this point in time.. resolutions and even more so, ordinances, seem out of order in the public interest. From the public view.. this is the proverbial cart before the horse. Essentially, Wolfden is seeking blank checks from the community for an invoice that has no known itemization or total.. and no warranty.

Natural resource extraction is an endeavor not merely for ourselves but for generations well past our lives and beyond the lives of anyone presently in existence. This is long-term beyond more than most folks can imagine.

What does have impact to those currently breathing on this planet, and in our community, includes lofty finances and the good and bad in present day activities. It seems that the majority are fixated on glamorous promises of wealth both directly and indirectly. Frankly, resource exploitation counts on that precise condition.

Moro residents must understand the likelihood of very-near processing and waste activities. I suggest this because of the site location and the costs to the mining entity to locate such activities any farther than necessary from the extraction site and ultimate shipping location. The likely location of 24/7 processing with noise, light, particulate and chemical influences is obviously as near as possible to the Pleasant Lake / Route 11 intersection in Hersey. Even if the mining itself operates perfectly, this is an issue. I lived this before.

Many persons in Moro Plantation may easily say this is someone else's problem. I propose that the communities of the greater Patten area are collectively one community which will benefit or damage one another far and wide.

I suggest that our community respectfully wish Wolfden well in its endeavors and suggest they pursue the existing and established order of applications required and recognized in our State of Maine. Blank checks are just not good business or good governance.

My vote is opposed to a Moro Plantation resolution of support on the Wolfden - Pickett Mountain proposal at this time.

Respectfully to all,

Brian B. Burger  
33 S Mill Brook Rd  
Moro Plantation, ME 04780-6060

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WOLF DEN RESOURCES CORPORATION'S  
PICKETT MT. MINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Wolfden Resources Corporation ("Wolfden") has proposed development of an underground mine in the unorganized township of T6 R6 in Penobscot County, Maine (the "Mine");

WHEREAS, Wolfden intends to locate associated mine facilities, including a proposed concentrator plant, water treatment plant, dry stack tailings, and potential solar power, in a community proximate to the Mine (collectively the "Associated Facilities"); but outside of the town of Moro Plantation;

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has a comprehensive set of regulations that govern the siting, construction, operation, closure and post closure of the Mine and Associated Facilities ("Chapter 200 Regulations");

WHEREAS, the Chapter 200 Regulations ensure that any Mine and Associated Facilities will be fully protective of public health, safety, and the environment;

WHEREAS, the DEP regulation and oversight of the Associated Facilities is comprehensive and addresses all the local impacts that might be of concern to the Town of Moro Plantation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Moro Plantation recognizes the significant local, regional, and state-wide economic benefits associated with development of the Mine and Associated Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Town of Moro Plantation strongly support Wolfden and its proposed Mine and Associated Facilities;

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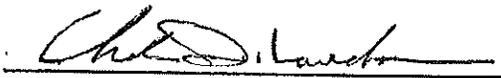
WHEREAS, the Chapter 200 Regulations ensure that any Mine and Associated Facilities will be fully protective of public health, safety, and the environment;

WHEREAS, the DEP regulation and oversight of the Associated Facilities is comprehensive and addresses all the local impacts that might be of concern to the Town of Moro Plantation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Moro Plantation recognizes the significant local, regional, and state-wide economic benefits associated with development of the Mine and Associated Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Town of Moro Plantation support the process of Wolfden exploring whether they can meet, or exceed, the Maine Chapter 200 Law in the Pickett Mountain Project.

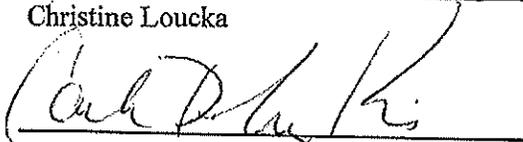
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