

MORO PLANTATION

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2024 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024, at 6:30pm

Katahdin Lodge, 626 Aroostook Scenic Hwy

Moro Plantation, ME 04780

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

Cara Loucka King nominated Chuck Loucka as Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Joe King. All in favor.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Plantation will vote to elect the following Plantation Officers with terms to expire at the next Annual Town Meeting:

Three (3) Board of Selectmen

Incumbents: Charles Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King

Animal Control Officer

Incumbent: John Harvey

Solid Waste Director

Incumbent: Kenneth Libby

Chuck Loucka nominated all officers to remain the same, seconded by Irene Gerow. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Plantation, to appoint Gail Albert as Treasurer and General Assistance Administrator; Billie Doody as Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Deputy Treasurer; and Willow Brooks as Deputy Tax Collector and Town Agent.

Joe King motioned to accept Article 3 as written, seconded by Cara Loucka King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4

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

Chuck Loucka motioned to accept Article 4 as written, seconded by Cara Loucka King. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 5

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

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 5 as written, seconded by Irene Gerow. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FYE2024	FYE2025
Contracted Services	\$20,000	\$20,000
Computer Software Hosting	\$3,000	\$3,000
Training / Travel	\$250	\$250
Gen. Government	\$100	\$100
Dues	\$1,300	\$1,300
Misc. Expenses (ex. Legal)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Lien Costs	\$200	\$200
Audit Services	\$12,000	\$6,000
Assessing Services	\$800	\$1,200
Postage	\$625	\$625
Worker's Compensation	\$500	\$500
Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,000
Payroll Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,500
Tax Abatements	\$100	\$100

ARTICLE 6

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

Joe King motioned to accept Article 6 as written, seconded by Chris Loucka. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND SANITATION	FYE2024	FYE2025
Animal Control	\$1,000	\$1,200
Plumbing Inspector	\$750	\$750
Septage Disposal Site	\$1,800	\$1,800
NKVWDD	\$1,500	\$1,500

ARTICLE 7

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

PROTECTION	FYE2024	FYE2025
Insurance	\$3,500	\$1,800
Ambulance Service	\$11,320	\$11,320
Fire Protection	\$6,500	\$6,500

Cara King motioned to accept Article 7 as written, seconded by Joe King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8

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

PUBLIC WORKS	FYE2024	FYE2025
Salt / Sand Shed Rental	\$2,500	\$2,500
Winter Roads	\$21,000	\$21,000
Town Roads	\$10,443	\$10,000

Jeannine Cyr motioned to accept Article 8 as written, seconded by Joe King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 9

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

LUPC ASSESSMENT	FYE2024	FYE2025
LUPC Assessment	\$2,200	\$2,400

Joe King motioned to accept Article 9 as written, seconded by Chris Loucka. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Plantation will vote to take \$100 from Fund Balance to spend for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	FYE2024	FYE2025
General Assistance	\$100	\$100

Dan Morse motioned to accept Article 10 as written, seconded by Chris Loucka. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 11

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

NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS	FYE2024	FYE2025
Houlton Cary Library	\$125	\$124
Knowles Corner ATV	\$100	\$100

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 11 as written, seconded by Joe King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend \$4,000 for **CEMETERY MOWING**.

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 12 as written, seconded by Brian Burger. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise, appropriate, and authorize the Officers to spend \$1,000 to create a **CEMETERY STONE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE RESERVE**.

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 13 as written, seconded by Joe King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$29,400 from the combined anticipated Excise Taxes, Tree Growth, Interest Income, and Miscellaneous Income, toward the **ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE**.

Dan Morse motioned to accept Article 14 as written, seconded by Cara Loucka King. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 15

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 quitclaim deeds on the conveyance of such property, in alignment with State guidelines.

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 15 as written, seconded by Jeannine Cyr. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 16

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.

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 16 as written, seconded by Jeannine Cyr. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on 2024 taxes unpaid as of December 5th, 2024.

Cara Loucka King motioned to charge 8.0% interest on 2024 taxes unpaid as of December 5th, 2024, seconded by Jeannine Cyr. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 18

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
Tree Growth Reimbursement
Homestead Reimbursement
Land Reserve Trust**

**State Revenue Sharing
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
DOT Local Road Assistance
DEP Grants/Funds**

Cara Loucka King motioned to accept Article 18 as written, seconded by Jeannine Cyr. Motion carried.

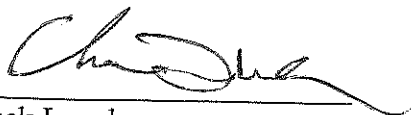
ARTICLE 19

To see if the Plantation will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2025.

Cara Loucka King motioned to set the date and time for the next Town Meeting to be held on July 21st, 2025, at 6:00pm. Seconded by Irene Gerow, motion carried.

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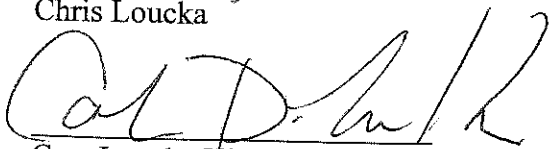
Approved by the Assessors on August 27, 2024



Chuck Loucka



Chris Loucka



Cara Loucka King