

2018 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

To David Welch, Constable
of the Town of Mercer
in the County of Somerset,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mercer qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the **Mercer Community Center** in said Town of Mercer on **Friday, the 2nd day of March, 2018**, at 10 o'clock a.m., to elect all Town Officials. The polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. The business meeting will be held in the gym of the **Mercer Community Center on Saturday the 3rd day of March, 2018** beginning at 6 o'clock pm, immediately following a 5 o'clock Public Dinner, that will be served in the Solarium.

Present: Second Selectmen - Christopher Tibbetts, Third Selectmen - Norman G Redlevske, Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Treasurer - Yolanda Violette

Second Selectman, Christopher Tibbetts, Opened the meeting at 6:08 pm and Welcomed All to the Meeting and read the greeting above.

Christopher Tibbetts-- Announced the Spirit of America Award Recipient and read the Resolution then presented the Mercer Historical Society with the Award.

Chris Beeuwkes (MHS President) spoke a few words of Thanks and showed a few items brought to meeting for display and invited anyone to stop over on Sundays when the flag is out to explore the History of Mercer.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Mr. Paul Mills was nominated to serve as Moderator, it was moved and seconded, With No discussion Then went to vote by paper ballot. Chris Tibbetts collected ballots, 18-0 votes for Paul Mills

Article 1 the Town voted to elect Paul Mills as Moderator to preside at said meeting.

The town clerk administered the Oath of office to Mr. Paul Mills

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, a Tax Collector, and a Treasurer all for one year terms, a Trustee of Shaw Library for a five year term, two persons to serve on the Planning Board for each a three year term and a Director of School Board MSAD # 54 for a term of three years.

Paul Mills read the results of the Election held on Friday March 02, 2018 they were as follows:

Town Clerk, 1 yr

Violette, Yolanda - 113

Dellarma, Sherry - 1
Tibbetts, Danielle - 1
Crandall, Debra - 10
Charles, Maryellen - 2

Tax Collector, 1 yr

Violette, Yolanda - 108

Howard, Julia - 3
Tibbetts, Danielle - 5
Genness, Faye - 1
Crandall, Debra - 12
Pine, Cynthia - 1

Treasurer, 1 yr

Violette, Yolanda - 100

Tibbetts, Danielle -19
Ayer, Bryant - 1
Crandall, Debra - 3
Pine, Cynthia - 8

1st Selectman, 1 yr

Worthen II, Vernon E - 102

True, Billy - 1
Holt, Christopher - 1
Loadwick, Richard - 1
Violette, John - 1
Lapointe, Ronald - 1

2nd Selectman, 1 yr

Tibbetts, Christopher - 114

Charles, Daniel - 1
Watson, Russell Sr - 1
Davis, George - 1
Gardner, Robert - 1

3rd Selectman, 1 yr

Redlevske, Norman G - 108

Charles, Daniel - 1
Dutill, Chris - 1
Bourassa, Robert - 1
Violette, John - 1
Howard, Scott II - 1

Shaw Library Trustee, 5 yr

Vasvary, Christy -31

- Violette, Yolanda - 1
- Tracy, Jamie - 1
- Leo, Heather - 1
- Charles, MaryEllen - 1
- Howard, Martha - 1
- Sadler, Cherie - 1
- Wallace, Jane - 1
- McNair, Wesley - 1
- Burr, Mary - 1
- Redlevske, Marlene - 1

Director of School Board MSAD #54, 3 yr

Bunker-Geyer, Sarah - 33

- Violette, Yolanda - 1
- Dutil, Chris - 1
- Corson, Lori - 1
- Wallace, Jane - 1
- Bourassa, Andrew - 1
- Redlevske, Marlene - 1
- Charles, Maryellen - 1
- Worthen, Mellori - 1
- Charles, Raymond - 1
- Warren, Terry - 1
- Gardner, Robert - 1

Planning Board, 3 yr - 2 Seats

Dutil, Chris - 26

Nosach, Geoffrey - 16

- Warren, Terry - 14
- Culley, Denis - 3
- Obert, Dennis - 2
- Violette, Yolanda - 2
- Bentinnen, Eda - 1
- Bunker-Geyer, Sarah - 1
- Rouleau, Robert - 1
- Juskewitch, Jason - 1
- Howard, Scott III - 1
- Chamberlain, John - 1

- Ayer, Bryant - 1
- Turk, Mark - 1
- Howard, Julia - 1
- Bourassa, Robert - 1
- Burr, Robert - 1
- VanBurgel, Barbara - 1
- LaPlante, Frederick - 1
- Howard, Scott II - 1
- Watson, Russell III - 1

Paul Mills welcomed our State Representative, John Picchiotti to the meeting and Thanked him for coming

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$253,394 established for Mercer by state law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment greater than that limit.
Budget Committee recommends.

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion
It went to vote by paper ballot. Chris collected the ballots. 16-Yes, 4-no passed

Article 3 the Town voted to increase the property tax levy limit of \$253,394 established for Mercer by state law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles result in a tax commitment greater than the limit.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

1 st Selectman	4,500.00	4,500.00
2 nd Selectman	4,000.00	4,000.00
3 rd Selectman	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Clerk	7,024.00	6,424.00
Treasurer	11,458.00	10,858.00
Tax Collector	12,719.00	12,119.00
Selectmen's Sec	2,040.00	2,040.00
Dep. Clerk/Collector/Treasurer	4,141.00	4,141.00
Registrar	500.00	500.00
Office Assistant/Deputy	3,500.00	3,500.00
	\$53,882.00	\$52,082.00

(\$53,882 is requested)
Budget Committee recommends \$52,082 from Taxes

The article was moved as requested \$53,882 and seconded,
Then amended to \$48,355 (2017 paid out amount) and seconded, With much discussion - 2/3 vote to cutoff debate. Voted by hand count on the amendment, failed 24-14 vote.
Then amended to another amendment of \$49,082 and seconded, with more discussion - hand vote on the amendment failed 21-14 vote.
Then amended to the BC recommendation \$52,082 and seconded, with more discussion,

motioned to cutoff debate and seconded.
Moved to vote on BC Recommendation,
Voted by show of hands, hand count vote 21-Yes, 14-no passed

Article 4 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$52,082.00 for the salaries of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the Town's share of F.I.C.A. and Medicare costs of town salaries.

Budget Committee recommends .0765% from Taxes (Est. \$5,800) as required by law based on the total Town Payroll

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion

Article 5 the Town voted to raise and appropriate from taxes to cover the Town's share of F.I.C.A. and Medicare costs as required by law based on all the approved salaries.

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for selectpersons' emergency contingencies. Any and all use of the funds will be fully and explicitly reported to the 2018 annual report.

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion

Article 6 the Town voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 from Surplus for Selectpersons Emergency Contingencies, any or all use of the funds to be fully and explicitly reported in the 2018 Annual Report (in 2019).

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for annual dues of the Maine Municipal Association.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,698 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion

Article 7 the Town voted to appropriate \$1,698.00 from Surplus for the annual dues of Maine Municipal Association.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Liability and Property Insurance.

Budget Committee recommends \$11,251 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 8 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,251.00 from Taxes for General Liability and Property Insurance.

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Liability Insurance for Public Officials plus Bonds.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,613 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No Discussion,

Article 9 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,613.00 from Taxes for Liability Insurance for Public Officials plus Bonds.

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for worker's comp insurance & unemployment for town employees.
Budget Committee recommends \$2,300 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 10 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,300.00 from Taxes for worker's comp insurance and unemployment for town employees.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Insurance coverage
(*\$14,513.64 is requested*)
Budget Committee recommends \$13,062.28 (90% of premium) from Taxes.

The article was moved as \$13,062.28 and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 11 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$13,062.28 (90% of premium) from Taxes for Health Insurance Coverage.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office, Shaw Library, Municipal Center, and Town Expense.
Budget Committee recommends \$31,000 from Taxes plus any revenues or donations generated by the center. Any remaining balance will be placed in municipal center capital reserve fund

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 12 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$31,000.00 from Taxes plus any revenues or donations generated by the center for the Town Office, Shaw Library, Municipal Center, and Town Expense. Any remaining balance will be placed in the municipal center capital reserve fund.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for annual maintenance of the TRIO accounting & assessing program.
Budget Committee recommends \$6,800 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 13 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$6,800.00 from Taxes for the annual maintenance of the Trio Accounting and Assessing Program.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing.
Budget Committee recommends \$9000 from Taxes. Any remaining balance to be placed in the Assessing Re-Evaluation Fund

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 14 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$9,000.00 from Taxes for Assessing and any remaining balance to be placed in the Assessing Re-Evaluation Fund.

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling and Blue Bag purchase.
Budget Committee recommends \$23,000 from Taxes plus all Transfer Station revenue

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion

Second Selectmen, Christopher Tibbetts, brought up a discussion on the issue of using the blue bags, people purchase them put their trash in them and then throw them away, too much plastic is being wasted and does not feel this is the best for the environment. He was just reaching out to get the towns people thoughts on this matter for the future, many spoke in favor of not using them. Chris will do some statistics to see if there are any benefits to doing away with them.

Article 15 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$23,000.00 from Taxes plus all Transfer Station Revenue for Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling and Blue Bag Purchase

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Planning Board.
Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 16 the Town voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from surplus for the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control.
Budget Committee recommends all dog account revenue plus \$5,100 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 17 the Town voted to appropriate \$5,100.00 from surplus plus all dog account revenue for Animal Control.

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Cemetery Care.

(\$5,000 is requested)

Budget Committee recommends \$3,500 from Surplus, plus fund interest

The article was moved as BC recommendation and seconded,
Then amended to \$5,000 as requested and seconded,
With little discussion about taking care of Hampshire Hill Cemetery. Town will look into responsibilities of it.

Article 18 the Town voted to appropriate \$5,000.00 from surplus plus fund interest for Cemetery Care.

First Selectmen, Vernon E Worthen arrived 7:30 pm

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town of Mercer Office of Emergency Management (C.E.R.T.)

Budget Committee recommends \$1,500 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With some discussion, Jesse Crandall spoke about what they do, it is in their report in the annual report. A Roster was suggested to have posted so people know who to call.
With approval of the voters a non-resident, Dana Knight for Mercer Rescue, spoke on the difference of the CERT and Mercer Rescue

Article 19 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 from Taxes for the Town of Mercer Office of Emergency Management.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the 2017 Town Audit.

Budget Committee recommends \$3,150 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 20 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$3,150.00 from Taxes for the 2017 Town Audit.

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for public safety. This will include fire protection provided by the Town of Norridgewock and traffic & street lights.

Budget Committee recommends \$21,875 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 21 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$21,875.00 from Taxes for Public Safety, to include fire protection from the Town of Norridgewock and the Traffic & Street Lights.

ARTICLE 22: To see what percentage the Town will vote to deduct on all taxes assessed in 2018 that are paid in full on or before the 30th day after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.

Budget Committee has no recommendation.

The article was moved as 2% and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 22 the Town voted for a 2% deduction on all taxes assessed in 2018 that are paid in full on or before the 30th day after the date of mailing of the tax bills.

ARTICLE 23: To see what rate the Town will vote to charge and collect interest on all taxes assessed in 2018 that are unpaid 60 days after the date of the mailing of the tax bills.

Budget Committee recommends the 8% allowed by state law per annum

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 23 the Town voted on 8% interest rate to charge and collect on all taxes assessed on 2018 that are unpaid 60 days after the date of mailing the tax bills.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,325 for Shaw Library.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,325 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 24 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$9,325.00 from Taxes for Shaw Library.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Road maintenance.

Budget Committee recommends \$90,000 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
with little discussion,

Article 25 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$90,000.00 from Taxes for Summer Road Maintenance.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for paving.

Budget Committee recommends all funds to come from 2018 LRAP and up to \$10,000 from the Summer Roads account and \$10,000 from Surplus

The article was moved and seconded,

It was brought forward by First Selectmen, Vernon Worthen, that they would like to do Beech Hill Road from the boat landing back to town approximately 4/10th of a mile.

Then some discussion on the plan to fix the bridge downtown, First Selectmen stated the plan was to remove the existing dirt on top and put a steel plate across the top of it and then repave over that. Also state the bridge is good, under is good, structure is good just the granite is leaking.

Article 26 the Town voted to appropriate funds for the paving of Beech Hill Road from the Boat Landing toward town approximately 4/10th of a mile, from the 2018 LRAP and up to \$10,000 from Summer Roads account and \$10,000 from Surplus

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Road maintenance, including plowing, sanding and stockpiling sand and salt.

Budget Committee recommends \$160,000. \$134,000 will come from Excise Tax, \$26,000 from Taxes plus any short fall to come from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion, What is the increase? New winter road contract this year.

Article 27 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$160,000.00, \$134,000.00 to come from Excise Tax, \$26,000.00 to come from Taxes plus and shortfall to come from Surplus, for Winter Road Maintenance.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of not more than five years for the purpose of winter roads maintenance on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion, Is it historically a 5 year contract? Yes, 3 years with a 2 year option. Is it put out to bid? Yes

Article 28 the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of not more than five years for the purpose of winter roads maintenance on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for General Assistance.

Budget Committee recommends \$17,500 from Surplus, plus all State reimbursements

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 29 the Town voted to appropriate \$17,500.00 from Surplus, plus State Reimbursements, for General Assistance.

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for charity. A minimum of 50% of this to be spent in the town of Mercer.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 30 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from Taxes, with 50% to spend in town, for Charity.

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mercer Meeting House Association (Mercer Old Home Days) for necessary Bell Tower and skirting repair to the building as well as to fund Old Home Days Weekend.

Budget Committee recommends \$500 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 31 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 from Taxes for Mercer Meeting House Association (Mercer Old Home Days) for necessary Bell Tower and skirting repair to the building as well as to fund Old Home Days Weekend.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mercer Historical Society, for the maintenance of the collection of artifacts and restoration of the building.
Budget Committee recommends \$500 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 32 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 from Taxes for Mercer Historical Society.

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for various Youth Leagues.
Budget Committee recommends \$750 from Taxes

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 33 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$750.00 from Taxes for various Youth Leagues.

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to supplement the three town scholarship awards.
Budget Committee recommends \$425 from Surplus – \$200 for each high school award and \$25 for the elementary award

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion, Can the names of the winners be put in the report? Yes.

Article 34 the Town voted to appropriate \$425.00 from Surplus, \$200.00 for each High School Award and \$25.00 for the Elementary Award, to supplement the three town Scholarship Awards.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor at this meeting, five individuals to serve as a Budget Committee. The committee will meet with the selectmen within 60 days for the purpose of electing a Chairperson.

The article was moved as written and seconded,

The nominations were
Joel Hooper, Jason Juskewitch, Robert Gardner, Raymond Charles, Sarah Bunker-Geyer & Jesse Crandall

It was now moved for it to be a 6 (six) member BC and seconded
Voted by show of hands and passed

Nominations ceased and went to vote to accept these 6 Nominations as the BC

Article 35 the Town voted to elect all 6 nominations for the six individuals to serve as a Budget Committee. The committee will meet with the selectmen within 60 days for the purpose of electing a chairperson.

ARTICLE 36: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for training costs of CEO and LPI.
Budget Committee recommends \$400 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 36 the Town voted to appropriate \$400.00 from Surplus for training costs for CEO and LPI

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for CEO compensation.
Budget Committee recommends up to \$2,500 from Surplus, plus all application fees

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion, Did the amount go up? Yes, we are in need of a new CEO and they charge more.

Article 37 the Town voted to appropriate up to \$2,500.00 from Surplus plus application fees for CEO compensation.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for North Pond Association.
(\$2,000 is requested)
Budget Committee recommends \$1,000 from Taxes

The article was moved as requested, \$2,000.00 and seconded,
With much discussion,

Linda Rice (a non resident) was given permission to speak by vote. She spoke on behalf of North Pond Association.

Motion was then amended to \$1,000 and seconded. With more discussion,
It was then amended back to the \$2,000 requested and seconded
Vote by show of hands, hand counted 17-yes, 14-no passed

Article 38 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from Taxes for North Pond Association.

ARTICLE 39: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Mercer Rescue Service.
Budget Committee recommends \$4,500 from Surplus

The article was moved as written and seconded,
With little discussion, Dana Knight , (a non resident) was granted permission earlier in meeting, spoke on behalf of Mercer Rescue, Listed the members, Karen Ayer, Aaron Gordon, and himself Dana Knight. Karen Ayer (a non resident) was granted permission to speak by a vote.

Article 39 the Town voted to appropriate up to \$4,500.00 from Surplus for Mercer Rescue Service.

ARTICLE 40: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to continue to fund the Mercer Road Emergency Fund.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 from Taxes

The article was moved and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 40 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from Taxes to continue to fund the Mercer Road Emergency Fund.

ARTICLE 41: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to continue to fund the Assessing Re-Evaluation Fund.

(\$2,000 is requested)

Budget Committee does not recommend

The article was moved as \$0 and seconded,
With No discussion,

Article 41 the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$0.00 from Taxes to continue to fund the Assessing Re-Evaluation Fund.

ARTICLE 42: To see what some of money the town will vote to appropriate for a survey of the town forest. Money to be replaced when the town forest is harvested.

Budget Committee recommends \$4,000 from Surplus

The article was moved and seconded,
With little discussion, Why? The line is very unclear. All Town Lots? No, Elm Street lot only.

Article 42 the Town voted to appropriate \$4,000.00 from Surplus for a survey of the Town Forest. Money to be replaced when the town forest is harvested.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the town will vote to increase the length of the terms of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector, to be phased in beginning with the 2019 annual town meeting from 1-year terms to 3-year terms.

The article was moved and seconded,
With much discussion,

Voted by show of hands, hand counted 21 yes - 16 no, passed.

Article 43 the Town voted to increase the length of the terms from 1 year to 3 years, of the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, to be phased in beginning with the 2019 annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 44: Shall the Town adopt an ordinance entitled "Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials"? (Copy of the ordinance is posted with this warrant and a copy is on file at the Mercer Town Office).

The article was moved and seconded,
With much discussion,

Voted by show of hands, hand counted 14 yes - 14 no, failed in a tie

Article 44 the Town voted NOT to adopt an ordinance entitled “Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials”

ARTICLE 45: To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year’s taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be zero percent.

The article was moved and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 45 the Town voted to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year’s taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be zero percent.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town of Mercer will accept the Somerset Cultural Plan; a cultural plan for Somerset County, created by the Somerset Cultural Planning Committee, a committee within the Wesserunsett Arts Council. The Somerset Cultural Plan can be used as a tool for individuals and organizations when applying for grants.

The article was moved and seconded,
With little discussion, What is it? Mary Burr spoke and gave an explanation of it.

Article 46 the Town voted to accept the Somerset Cultural Plan; a cultural plan for Somerset County, created by the Somerset Cultural Planning Committee, a committee within the Wesserunsett Arts Council. The Somerset Cultural Plan can be used as a tool for individuals and organizations when applying for grants.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town of Mercer will vote to accept a grant on behalf of Shaw Public Library in the amount of \$925.00 from Redington-Fairview General Hospital (on behalf of Somerset Public Health) to help establish a social gathering place for healthy aging in the Town of Mercer.

The article was moved and seconded,
With little discussion,

Article 47 the Town voted to accept a grant on behalf of Shaw Public Library in the amount of \$925.00 from Redington-Fairview General Hospital (on behalf of Somerset Public Health) to help establish a social gathering place for healthy aging in the Town of Mercer.