MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SABATTUS

May 14, 2015

AND ACTIONS TAKEN ON WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Before the meeting started, State Representative Stephen Wood gave a brief update on what is happening in Augusta.

The Town Manager, Andrew Gilmore dedicated this year's Town Meeting to Alcide Castonguay who recently passed away.

Town Clerk, Suzanne Adams opened the meeting at 6:11 p.m. and read the following:

State of Maine

County of Androscoggin, ss.

{To: Police Chief Anthony Ward, a Constable of the Town of Sabattus, County of Androscoggin, State of Maine}

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Sabattus, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Sabattus Community Room at 190 Middle Road in said Town, on Thursday May 14, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Action Taken on Article 1: Mark Duquette nominated Normand LaPlante as moderator of the Town Meeting. André Marquis seconded the nomination. Ballots were casts. Residents Connie Castonguay and Loretta Hinkley volunteered to count the ballots. Normand LaPlante is elected moderator and sworn in by Suzanne Adams, Town Clerk.

The moderator requested to allow the use of Robert's Rules.

The moderator requested a vote to allow the following non-residents to speak: Suzanne Adams, Town Clerk, Andrew Gilmore, Town Manager, Senator Garrett Mason, Representative Steve Wood, Anthony Ward, Chief of Police, Mark Veilleux, Fire Chief, Jerry Sabins, Transfer Station Manager, Paul Morin, Sabattus Water District and Alex Wong, Maine Rural Water. Motion made by Ronda Fournier and seconded by André Marquis to allow non-residents to speak.

Vote Taken. It Passes.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(1), will vote that the tax lists specified in 36 M.R.S.A. Section 709 be committed for collection on or before September 1, 2015.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 2: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 2 Passes.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(2) will vote to establish September 01, 2015, or 30 days after the tax bills are postmarked and mailed, whichever is later, as the due date for the first payment of the fiscal year 2015-2016 taxes and March 01, 2016 as the due date for the second payment.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 3: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 3 Passes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by the dates established in Article 3 and that interest, at the rate of 7.0% per annum, shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 4: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 4 Passes.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 7.0%.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 5: Motion made by Jeffrey Baril and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 5 Passes.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to receive and appropriate non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment for the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

Anticipated non-property tax revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2015include the following approximations of State and Town Revenues:

Total ESTIMATED Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$ 1,403,500
IV. All Other Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$ 367,500
III. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 121,000
II. Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 215,000
I. Excise Tax	\$ 700,000

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 6: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken Article 6 Passes.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$125,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce the Property Tax Commitment for the 2014-2015 fiscal year?

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$125,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$125,000

Action Taken on Article 7: Motion to appropriate \$125,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette.

Vote Taken. Article 7 Passes at \$ 125,000.

PROPOSED FY16 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$395,540 to fund ADMINISTRATION, TOWN PROPERTY, and CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO)/Building Inspector (BI) / Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI) & Health Officer.

 SELECTMEN
 BUDGET COMMITTEE

 \$374,790
 Administration

 \$ 20,750
 CEO

 \$395,540
 Total

 \$376,690
 Total

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$395,540 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$376,690

Action Taken on Article 8: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 395,540 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeffrey Baril. Motion to amend the amount to \$376,690 made by George Gowell and seconded by Loretta Hinkley. Vote taken on the amendment. 26 Yes and 25 No. The amendment fails. Vote Taken on the original motion. A count is asked for. The two counters cannot agree on the outcome. George Merrill requests a written ballot. 29 No and 20 Yes. The motion fails Motion made to raise \$390,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Connie Castonguay. George Merrill amends the motion to \$377,000 and Rudy Gayton seconds it. Vote Taken. 25 Yes and 21 No. The amendment is now the new motion. Vote Taken. Article 8 Passes at \$377,000.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$489,820 to fund Police Department.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$489,820 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$486,320

Action Taken on Article 9: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 489,820 made by André Marquis and seconded by Connie Castonguay. George Merrill amends the motion to \$486,320 and it is seconded by Rudy Gayton. Vote Taken. 26 Yes and 24 No. The amendment becomes the new motion. Vote Taken. Article 9 Passes at \$ 486,320.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,611 to fund Animal Control.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$27,611 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$27,611

Action Taken on Article 10: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 27,611 made by André Marquis and seconded by Ronda Fournier. Vote Taken. Article 10 Passes at \$ 27,611.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$139,116 to fund the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$139,116 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$136,116

Action Taken on Article 11: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 139,116 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 11 Passes at \$ 139,116.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500 to fund The Emergency First Responder Program (EMS)

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$14,500 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$12,000

Action Taken on Article 12: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 14,500 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Connie Castonguay amends the motion to \$12,000 and seconded by George Merrill. Vote taken on the amendment and it fails. Vote Taken on the original motion. Article 12 Passes at \$ 14,500.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,760 to fund Emergency Management.

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass @	\$1,600
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass @	\$3,760

Action Taken on Article 13: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 1,600 made by André Marquis and seconded by Connie Castonguay. Ronda Fournier amends the amount to \$3,760 and seconded by John Mastrianno. Vote Taken on the amendment.

Article 13 Passes at \$ 3,760.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$497,193 to fund the Public Works Department.

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass @	\$485,000
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass @	\$497,193

Action Taken on Article 14: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 485,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Michelle Ames.

Vote Taken. Article 14 Passes at \$485,000.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,965 to fund the TRANSFER STATION.

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass @	\$191,965
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass @	\$190,955

Action Taken on Article 15: Motion to raise and appropriate \$191,965 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Motion to amend the amount to \$190,955 made by Amedeo Lauria and seconded by Guy Desjardins. Vote taken on the amendment. It Fails. Vote Taken on the original motion of \$191,965. Article 15 Passes at \$191,965.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to fund WAGE & BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT.

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass @	\$35,000
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass @	\$35,000

Action Taken on Article 16: Motion to raise and appropriate \$35,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Donat Fournier Jr. Vote Taken. Article 16 Passes at \$35,000.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$463,110 and appropriate the sum of \$501,648** to fund INSURANCES, PAYROLL TAX & RETIREMENT.

<u>SELECTMEN</u>		BUDGET CO	<u>MMITTEE</u>
\$294,979	Insurances	\$285,164	Insurances
\$168,131	Payroll Taxes	\$163,745	Payroll Taxes
\$ 38,538	ICMA Retirement*	* <u>\$ 38,538</u>	ICMA Retirement**
\$501,648	Total	\$487,447	Total
Board of Sel	ectmen O	ught to Pass @	\$501,648
Budget Com	mittee O	ught to Pass @	\$487,447

^{** \$48,729} of surplus revenues from the Maine Public Employee Retirement System (MPERS) Pool will be used to fund the Town's share of MPERS employer retirement contributions and not raised from property taxes.

Action Taken on Article 17: Motion to raise \$448,909 and then appropriate the sum of \$487,447 made by George Merrill and seconded by Rudy Gayton. Vote Taken. Article 17 Passes at \$487,447.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to fund BOARDS & COMMITTEES.

\$21,000	Total
\$ 6,000	Planning Board
\$15,000	Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$21,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$21,000

Action Taken on Article 18: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 21,000 made by Ronda Fournier and seconded by Connie Castonguay.

Vote Taken. Article 18 Passes at \$ 21,000.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,350 to fund PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

\$70.350	Total
\$27,850	Annual Assessment
\$18,000	Audit
\$2,000	Planning
\$7,500	Engineering
\$15,000	Legal

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$70,350 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$70,350

Action Taken on Article 19: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 70,350 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria Vote Taken. Article 19 Passes at \$ 70,350.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,650 to fund Stormwater Management.

Board of Selectmen	Ought to pass @	\$53,650
Budget Committee	Ought to pass @	\$53,650

Action Taken on Article 20: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 53,650 made by André Marquis and seconded by Ronda Fournier.

Vote Taken. Article 20 Passes at \$53,650.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,148 to fund Dispatch & E911/PSAP.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$55,148 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$55,148

Action Taken on Article 21: Motion to raise and appropriate \$55,148 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

Vote Taken. Article 21 Passes at \$55,148.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,750 to fund PUBLIC UTILITIES.

\$84,750	Total
\$66,750	Sanitary District/Water Division
\$18,000	Street Lighting

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass	\$84,750
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass	\$84,750

Action Taken on Article 22: Motion to raise and appropriate \$84,750 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

Vote Taken. Article 22 Passes at \$84,750.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$15,925 and appropriate the sum of \$17,575 to fund ORGANIZATIONS.

\$17.575	Total
\$ 255	Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce
\$3,100	Sabattus Veterans
\$1,650	Sabattus Mountaineers**
\$2,000	Sabattus Lake Dam Commission
\$6,170	Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
\$4,400	Maine Municipal Association

Board of Selectmen	Ought to Pass @	\$17,575
Budget Committee	Ought to Pass @	\$17,575

^{** \$1,650} for the Sabattus Mountaineers would be appropriated from the fiscal year 2015-2016 snowmobile registration fee refund from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and not raised from property taxes. Said funds to be used to support recreational programs such as maintaining snowmobile trials, and for related conservation activities on land within the Town of Sabattus, that is available for use by the public.

Action Taken on Article 23: Motion to raise \$15,925 and appropriate \$ 17,575 made by Ronda Fournier and seconded by Amedeo Lauria. Vote Taken. Article 23 Passes at \$ 17,575.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to fund GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$2,000

Budget Committee Ought Not to Pass

Action Taken on Article 24: Motion to raise and appropriate \$0 made by George Merrill. No one seconded. Motion to amend the amount to \$1 made by Guy Desjardins and seconded by Amedeo Lauria. Vote Taken on the Amendment. It Fails.

Article 24 Does not Pass.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate a representative to apply for and manage a grant from the Dept. of Conservation to help maintain snowmobile trails within Sabattus and authorize expenditure of funds to be reimbursed 30% by the snowmobile club and 70% by State Grant.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 25: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 25 Passes.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate OVERLAY of an amount not to exceed the state limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover abatements during the fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass

Action Taken on Article 26: Motion made by André Marquis and seconded by Michelle Ames. Vote Taken. Article 26 Passes.

PROPOSED FY16 CAPITAL BUDGET

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund the replacement of the Town's file server, twelve personal computers, software, and related labor expenses.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$25,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$25,000

Action Taken on Article 27: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 25,000 made by Guy Desjardins and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

Vote Taken. Article 27 Passes at \$ 25,000.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,290 for the Police Department to purchase two automated external defibrillators (AED's).

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$5,290 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$5,290

Action Taken on Article 28: Motion to raise and appropriate \$ 5,290 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

Vote Taken. Article 28 Passes at \$5,290.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$7,250 for deposit into the the "Police Department Capital Equipment Reserve" account for the future upgrade of the communications tower and antenna.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$7,250 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$7,250

Action Taken on Article 29: Motion to raise the sum of \$7,250 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril.

Vote Taken. Article 29 Passes at \$7,250.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from existing Police Department Capital Equipment funds for a total appropriation of \$40,000 to purchase and retrofit a new police cruiser.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$40,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$40,000

Action Taken on Article 30: Motion to raise the sum of \$5,000 and appropriate \$35,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 30 Passes at \$40,000.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,608 to pay the second of five annual debt service payments for the Public Works Backhoe/Loader Lease-Purchase Finance Agreement.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$16,608 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$16,608

Action Taken on Article 31: Motion to raise and appropriate \$16,608 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

Vote Taken. Article 31 Passes at \$16,608.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$40,000 for deposit into the "Public Works Capital Improvement Reserve Account" for the future replacement of the Town's fuel depot.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$40,000

Budget Committee Ought not to Pass

Action Taken on Article 32: Motion to raise the sum of \$40,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Connie Castonguay. A lengthy discussion follows.

Vote Taken. Article 32 Fails.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$35,000 for the finance costs and first annual debt service payment, not to exceed a five-year finance agreement, to purchase a Public Works Dump Truck/Plow.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$30,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$35,000

Action Taken on Article 33: Motion to raise the sum of \$ 35,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Guy Desjardins.

Vote Taken. Article 33 Passes at \$ 35,000.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$5,000 for the finance costs and first annual debt service payment, not to exceed a five-year finance agreement, to purchase a small tractor/sidewalk machine for the Public Works Department.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$5,000

Budget Committee Ought not to Pass

Action Taken on Article 34: Motion to raise \$ 5,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 34 Passes at \$5,000.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$20,000 for deposit into the Transfer Station Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the future purchase of a replacement Roll-Off Container Truck.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$20,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$20,000

Action Taken on Article 35: Motion to raise \$ 20,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 35 Passes at \$20,000.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300,000 from existing "Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve" funds to purchase a Pumper/Tanker Fire Engine.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$300,000

Action Taken on Article 36: Motion to appropriate \$ 300,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 36 Passes at \$300,000.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$50,000 for deposit into the "Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve" account for the future replacement of Fire Department vehicles.

Board of Selectmen Ought to Pass @ \$35,000 Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$50,000

Action Taken on Article 37: Motion to raise the sum of \$ 35,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Motion to amend the amount to \$50,000 made by Amedeo Lauria and seconded by Connie Castonguay. Vote taken on the amendment. The amendment passes. Vote Taken on the motion of \$50,000. Article 37 Passes at \$ 50,000.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$6,000 for deposit into the "Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve" account for the future purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

Board of Selectmen Ought not to Pass

Budget Committee Ought to Pass @ \$6,000

Action Taken on Article 38: Motion to raise the sum of \$6,000 made by André Marquis and seconded by Keith Wood. Vote Taken. Article 38 Passes at \$6,000.

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Sabattus Site Plan

Ordinance (in the form on file with the Town Clerk).

Action Taken on Article 39: Motion to adopt the amendments made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette. Vote Taken. Article 39 Passes.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Sabattus Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance (in the form on file with the Town Clerk).

Action Taken on Article 40: Motion to adopt the amendments made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 40 Passes.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Sabattus Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance (in the form on file with the Town Clerk).

Action Taken on Article 41: Motion to adopt the amendments made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril. Vote Taken. Article 41 Passes.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Sabattus Aquifer Protection Ordinance (in the form on file with the Town Clerk)

Action Taken on Article 42: Motion to adopt the Aquifer Protection Ordinance made by André Marquis and seconded by Jeff Baril.

Vote Taken. Article 42 Passes.

ROAD ACCEPTANCE

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will vote to accept Woodside Drive as a Town Road.

Action Taken on Article 43: Motion to accept Woodside Drive as a Town Road made by André Marquis and seconded by Mark Duquette.

Vote Taken. Article 43 Passes.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 made by André Marquis and seconded by Amedeo Lauria.

54 Residents attended the meeting.

Town Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015, Approved on May 19, 2015.

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Mark Duquette, Chair	
André Marquis., Vice-Chair	_
Donat Fournier Jr., Selectman	_
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Michelle Ames, Selectman	
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Jeffrey Baril., Selectman	

Residents that attended Town Meeting:

Michelle Ames Linwood Bailey Jeffrey Baril Michael Blais Suzanne Blais Connie Castonguay

Matthew Conde

Walter Cox Christian Culp

Claudette Curran

Jean Paul Curran

Adrienne Deforge

Lars Deforge

Guy Desiardins

David Dickinson

Alec Duquette

Amy Duquette

Mark Duquette

Donat Fournier Jr.

Judy Fournier

Ronda Fournier

Robert Gayton III

Robert Gayton Jr.

Rudy Gayton

Wanda Gayton

Donald Goulet

Brian Grant

William Henshaw

Coral Herbert

Loretta Hinkley

Gary Labonte

Daniel Langlois

Normand LaPlante

Amedeo Lauria

Paul Loesberg

André Marquis

David Marsters

John Mastrianno

Alton Merrill

George Merrill

Melissa Noel

Michael Noel

Jeremy Petty

Richard Pinard

James Waterman Yvonne Winslow James Wood Justin, Wood Keith Wood

Shirley Pinard Jonica Poole Robert Scott Stanlene Scott Roland St Amand