

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the town of Greensboro will meet at Fellowship Hall in the town of Greensboro, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the ensuing year.

Dave Smith nominated Tim Nisbet - clerk cast one ballot

John Rodgers our Senate Rep stopped by to give us an overview of what he has been working on. His main focus has been renewable energy - The large solar farms that have been going in throughout the state do not generate kw hours for Vermont - it is all sold out of State. Big companies are making a profit, and the taxpayers of Vermont do not benefit. He encouraged people to put solar panels on their roofs, or in their yards and receive the 30% tax credit. The net metering cap is a problem, the large companies have used up the allocation - this needs to be addressed.

Article 2: To take action on the Town of Greensboro Annual printed report.

Hardwick area health center phone number is 472- 3300 not 479

The answer to trivia question #5 on page 10 incorrect. The correct answer on page 58 the answer is "A" Lake Willoughby

Kim commented on the Kid Art, well received.

Approved as amended

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ **716,673.00** (Australian Ballot – The polls are located at Fellowship Hall and will be open from 10AM to 7PM)

Article 3 passed YES 205 NO 26 BLANK 8

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize property tax exemption for the “Ballfield” property identified as parcel ID 005-0002 for a one year period. This will eliminate the municipal property tax due. However, the amount due for education taxes will still need to be raised and will be included in our Local Agreement Rate.

Moved by Mike Metcalf, second by Adam Froehlig, - discussion - Judy Dales wanted to know if this was new, Clerk, Valdine Hall, said it wasn't, we have approved this in the past. Clive wanted to know if we could go to 3 years, Valdine, responded that the family currently wants to do a 1 year contract, so therefore the exemption is for 1 year period. She is hopeful that they will agree to a longer term.

Article 4 Passed on a voice vote

Article 5: To elect town officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

| Office | Term | Elected |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Select Board | 3 yrs | Ernest Machia |
| Select Board | 2 yrs | Judy Carpenter |
| Trustee of Public Funds | 3 yrs | Sherral Lumsden |
| Trustee of Public Funds - correction | 2 yr | Peggy Lipscomb |
| Cemetery Commissioner | 3 yr | Wayne Young |
| First Constable | 1 yr | Rick Walsh |
| Second Constable | 1 yr | Mark Snyder |
| Library Trustee | 3 yrs | Carol Reynolds |
| Library Trustee (to complete term) | 1 yr | Becky Arnold |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes | 1 yr | Janet Long |
| Town Agent | 1 yr | Dave Smith |
| Town Grand Juror | 1 yr | Dave Smith |

Selectboard 3 year Seat - Karl Stein nominated Judy Carpenter - Peter Romans nominated Ernest Machia

Judy feels the town is going through some exciting changes, and is interested in being involved

Ernie has enjoyed his first year on the board. Feels we need to pay attention to the police and driveway plowing cost.

Judy withdrew and said she would run for the next seat - Karl withdrew his nomination

Judy Carpenter moved that the clerk cast one Ernie ballot - second by Dave Smith

Selectboard - 2 year Seat - Dave Smith nominated Judy Carpenter - Peter Romans nominated Devin Burgess. Devin declined

Nancy Lammert moved the clerk cast one ballot for Judy Carpenter , second by Jackie Tolman

Valdine Hall presented Marsha Gadoury with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 6 years of service to the Town as a Selectboard Member.

Trustee of Public Funds - It was discovered that an error had been made last year and Peggy Lipscomb should have been elected to a 3 year term not a 1 year.

Nancy Hill nominated Sherral Lumsden for the 3 year seat. It was Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

Valdine Hall nominated Peggy Lipscomb for the 2 year seat. It was Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

Cemetery Commission 3 year seat - Mike Metcalf nominated Wayne Young. It was Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

1st constable - Janet Long nominated Rick Walsh. It was Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

2nd constable - Janet Long nominated Mark Snyder. It was Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

Library Trustee 3 year seat - Hal Gray nominated Carol Reynolds, second by Joanna Beresford. Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

Library Trustee 1 year seat (to complete term vacated by Diane Irish) Hal nominated Becky Arnold. Moved the Clerk cast one ballot

Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year position - Mike Metcalf nominated Janet Long. Moved the Clerk cast one ballot.

Town Agent - 1 year position - Janet Long nominated David Smith. Moved the Clerk cast one ballot.

Grand Juror - 1 year position - Janet Long nominated David Smith. Moved the Clerk cast one ballot.

At this time we took a break for the Greensboro Award - this year's recipients were Judy and Andy Dales. For a full copy of the brochure, please see the Towns website.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below? (Note: Area Agency on Aging is now NEK Council on Aging)

| Outside Agency | Amount |
|--|------------------|
| AWARE | \$ 2,000 |
| Caledonia Home Health | 1,400 |
| Clarina Howard Nichols Center | 200 |
| Craftsbury Community Care Center | 10,000 |
| Four Season's of Early Learning | 9,500 |
| Green Up | 50 |
| Greensboro Nursing Home | 20,100 |
| Hardwick Area Community Coalition | 500 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry | 2,000 |
| Hardwick Area Restorative Justice | 1,500 |
| Lamoille Family Services | 500 |
| NEK Council on Aging /Area Ag on | 1,000 |
| NEK Human Services | 800 |
| NEK Learning Services | 250 |
| North Country Animal League | 600 |
| NVDA | 572 |
| Orleans County Historical Society | 475 |
| Orleans County Citizens Advocacy | 800 |
| Orleans County Court Diversion | 100 |
| Red Cross AMENDED TO \$500.00 FROM \$250.00 | 500 |
| Rescue squad | 7,262 |
| Rural Community Transportation | 900 |
| VT Center for Independent Living | 210 |
| Total INCREASE FROM \$60,969 TO | \$ 61,219 |

Article moved by Mike Metcalf, second by Dave Smith - Open for

discussion; Penny Bretschneider moved that we increase the amount for the Red Cross to \$500. Second by Erika Karp. Article 6 was approved as amended - Clerk cast one ballot.

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from entities within the Town?

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Greensboro Conservation | \$ 2,000 |
| Greensboro Free Library | 25,000 |
| Greensboro Grange Bldg | 1,500 |
| Greensboro Historical Society | 1,500 |
| Hardwick Beach | 2,450 |
| W & W Senior Programs | 3,500 |
| Total | \$35,950 |

So moved by Karl Stein, second Mike Metcalf. Janet does not like the beach being referred to as "Hardwick Beach", thinks it should be Caspian Lake Beach.

Article 7 was approved as presented and passed on a voice vote.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the total fund expenditures of **\$1,748,971, (amended to \$1,749, 221)** which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016? (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests, as well as deposits to the Capital Budget and HERF account).

So moved by Mike Metcalf, second by Mike Lammert -

Mark Snyder wanted to talk about the highway department - thinks equipment isn't being maintained, vehicles are not washed. Other Towns hold on to their trucks longer than we do. Ernie agrees with Mark, he is going to work on a preventative maintenance and plowing policy

Penny Bretschnider complained about her mailbox

Valdine Hall pointed out that the replacement schedule of the trucks was a decision that was made by the budget committee when reviewing the HERF budget. By trading in sooner, we get a higher trade in value

Larry Lumsden pointed out that equipment is maintained, maintained records are available in the shop. He has reviewed them in the past.

Wayne Young wanted to know if there is a plan in place as to where to work next. Peter Romans thinks this is a good idea, Peter feels a lot of work is needed on Gebbie Road.

Terry O'Connor wants to fire the road crew and sub out the work

Valdine Hall pointed out that there is a paving plan, and a plan for where to use better back road grant monies

George Young brought up driveway plowing, Ernie Machia wants to talk about eliminating this cost- George says this is really a cost savings for the town taxpayers

Victoria Von Hessert thinks we should eliminate driveway plowing as they don't plow often enough

Brent McCoy thinks roads are good - if we are going to stop plowing driveways, it should be reviewed and discussed in detail.

*Article 8 passed as amended - total budget for FY 17 **\$1,749,221.00***

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve having the Town Treasurer serve as collector of current taxes and set the tax due date to October 27, 2016. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Mike Metcalf, second by Dave Smith - passed on a voice vote

Article 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Tara Reynolds reminded everyone to stay for lunch and the Greensboro Annual School Meeting at 1PM

There was a discussion on having GAAR on the Town Hall Green for the summer of 2016

It was decided to hold the Funky Fourth on July 2nd

Judy Dales asked for people to help eradicate Japanese Knotweed

People would like better cell service

Acknowledged Phil Gray's years of service on the Hazen Union School Board

Mike Metcalf made the motion to adjourn, second by Dave Smith.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 Noon

Valdine Hall, Clerk

Tim Nisbet, Moderator

Selectboard Member

True Copy Attest: _____, Town Clerk

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