

Warning for Annual Town and Town School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to meet at Fellowship Hall in said Town, Tuesday, March 6, 2017 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

Tim Nisbet nominated by David Smith - Second Andy Dales – Bridget Collier moved the clerk cast one ballot for Tim Nisbet

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

So moved by Janet Long- Seconded by Nancy Lammert

There are 3 3-year terms for Library Trustee, not 2 3-year terms and 1 1 year term to complete

On page 48, Jane Sprenger made the motion to increase the Food Shelf appropriation, not Jane Little

On page 7, the total of the appropriations is \$65,595.81, not \$60,095.81(the correct number is included in the total Town Budget)

On page 16, the total dollar figure on the State Monies Paid to Town and School Districts was incorrect at \$288,741.29. The corrected amount was \$140,741.29.

The Amendments were accepted and the Article 2: Take action to the Greensboro Annual printed report was accepted as amended.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of **\$ 760,519100** (Australian Ballot)

Article 4 passed - votes cast 113 Yes 10 , No 9

At this time, the meeting was turned over to Susan Wood, Chair of the Selectboard, who Presented the Annual Greensboro Award to Phil Gray and Jan Travers – Phil and Jan were presented with a beautiful clock with their name and year engraved on the front.

Article 4: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term	Candidates/Nomination	Vote	Elected
Select Board	1yr	Janet Long nominated Susan Wood Michael Stuart nominated Matt McAllister	122 votes cast, Susan 79 Matt 42	Susan Wood
Select Board	2 yrs	Peter Romans nominated Matt McAllister Valdine Hall nominated Judy Carpenter Naomi Ranz nominated Carol Lipscomb	127 votes cast Carol 21 Judy 41 Matt 65	Matt McAllister
Select Board	3 yrs	Judy Carpenter Andy Kehler	123 Votes Cast Judy 45 Andy 78	Andy Kehler
Trustee of Public Funds	3	Kim Greaves nominated Peggy Lipscomb	Mike Metcalf moved that the Clerk Cast one Ballot, Peter Romans 2 nd	Peggy Lipscomb
Cemetery Commissioner	3 yrs	Patricia Mercier	Wayne Young moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot - So Elected	Patricia Mercier
First Constable	1 yr	Janet Long nominated Rick Walsh	So Elected	Rick Walsh
Second Constable	1 yr	Peter Romans nominated Mark Snyder	So Elected	Mark Snyder

Office	Term	Candidates/Nomination	Vote	Elected
Library Trustee	3	Joe Wood nominated Hal Gray	Lorelei Wheeler moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot for the 3 candidates for 3	Hal Gray
Library Trustee	3 yrs	Erica Karp nominated Elizabeth Armstrong	Lorelei Wheeler moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot for the 3 candidates for 3 positions	Elizabeth Armstrong
Library Trustee	3 yrs	Joe Wood nominated Stephanie Thomson	Lorelei Wheeler moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot for the 3 candidates for 3 positions	Stephanie Thomson
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 yr	Susan Wood nominated Janet Long	Mike Metcalf moved the Nominations end and Clerk Cast one Ballot So Elected	Janet Long
Town Agent	1 yr	Janet Long nominated David Smith	Kim Greaves moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot – So Electerd	David Smith
Town Grand Juror	1 yr	Mike Metcalf nominated David Smith	Susan Wood moved the Nominations end and the Clerk Cast one Ballot – So Elected	David Smith

Our State Representatives John Rodgers and Sam Young spoke. There was a lively discussion on gun control and other issues facing our region.

It was voted that the Town Meeting would adjourn for lunch at 12:15 after the 3rd Selectboard Member election, to reconvene after the Greensboro School District Meeting.

Greensboro Town Meeting reconvened at 1:45 pm, to continue with Article 4, Trustee of Public Funds

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

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	20,182.46
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	500
Hardwick Area Food Shelf	2,500
Hardwick Area Restorative Justice	1,500
Lamoille Family	500
NEK Council on Aging (Area on Aging)	1,000
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	800
NEK Learning Services	250
North Country Animal League	600
NVDA	572
Orleans County Historical Society	525
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	800
Orleans County Court Diversion	100
Red Cross	250
Rescue squad	7,756.35
Rural Community Transportation	900
VT Center for Independent Living	210

Outside Agency	Amount
Wonder Arts Program	3500
Total	62,095.81
Amended to because of addition error	65,595.81

Article 5 - was moved by Janet Long – Judy Carpenter 2nd Susan Wood moved to vote the bottom line. It passed on a voice vote .

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from the Municipal Properties listed below?

Greensboro Conservation	\$ 2,000
Greensboro Free Library	\$25,000
Greensboro Grange Bldg	\$ 1,500
Greensboro Historical Society	\$ 1,500
Total	\$30,000

Article 6 - so moved by Kim Greaves, Michael Lapierre 2nded. Mark Snyder asked why money was going to the Grange building when the Town Hall needs work. Susan explained that the small amount was to maintain the building. There has been discussion on the future use of the Greensboro Grange building as a Town Clerk's Office. Patricia Mercier asked how much money there was. Kim Greaves explained that the Capitol Budget needs to be reviewed to have that number for voters.

Article 6 passed as presented .

Article 7: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of **\$ 1,912,567.67** which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017? (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

Victoria Von Hessert asked what caused the 6% increase in the budget. Susan Wood explained that there were multiple factors, payroll, health care, money being put away for a Town garage into the Capitol Budget. Questions were asked of the increase in the Planning/Zoning budget. It was

explained that the Clerk pay was now hourly instead of a nominal stipend because of the extensive permits being submitted to the DRB.

Article 7 - passed on a voice vote.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve moving any surplus, with the exception of the HRA line item, from the current fiscal year Highway Department Budget into the HERF account in the next fiscal year?

David Smith moved, Nancy Lammert 2nd.

Article 8 passed on a voice vote.

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 of November 1st, 1018. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, November 1st, 2018 by 4:00 pm?

Michael Lapierre moved, 2nd by Judy Waible

Article 9 was passed on a voice vote.

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

Susan Wood brought up the question of what date we would hold the Funky Fourth. The 4th of July is on a Wednesday so it could either be on June 30th or July 7th. The opinion of the crowd was July 7th.

Anna Kehler spoke to the Petition which was presented in its entirety, the following is an abbreviated version presented by Anna Kehler:

Whereas we in Vermont are experiencing many effects of climate change;
And whereas the state of Vermont has a goal of sourcing 90 percent of it's energy from renewable sources by 2050 but is making insufficient progress;

We, the town of Greensboro, direct the state to:
Refrain from funding fossil fuel infrastructure; Commit to firm deadlines for the transition from fossil fuels to renewables; Commit to an economically fair transition for all Vermonters; Incentivize residential and

agricultural scale renewable projects; Ensure that the energy of large solar or wind projects benefit local populations and result in short transmission lines; Ensure that large scale wind and solar are vetted by Act 250.

And we, the town of Greensboro agree to commit to doing our part by: Protecting town land from fossil fuel infrastructure; Weatherizing our town buildings; Enlisting help to get solar on town owned roof tops; Other projects to help combat climate change and improve our residents' lives.

Discussion commenced on the above petition, including Judy Carpenter suggesting that we renew the Energy Committee and the committee to look into this.

Sean Thomson offered that our strongest voice was through our Planning and Zoning Bylaws with regards to positioning energy projects.

Dan Predpall, Chair of the Planning Commission spoke to the Plan and the emphasis on energy facility placement in the town.

Tim Nisbet, Moderator, explained that a straw poll was an appropriate way to address this non-binding petition. Voice vote was yes to approve this recommendation to the State.

Michael Lammert suggested that the Town of Greensboro offer a tax break to volunteers on our fire and rescue.

Karl Stein spoke to the need of more First Responders and classes were being set up for this in the very near future.

Wayne Young expressed interest in having the Town Revenue printed in the Town Report.

Mark Snyder spoke to the need to revitalize Greensboro Bend and hopes to have committee meetings to explore this. Valdine Hall commented that it would be important to engage residents of Greensboro Bend.

Judy Carpenter thanks the taxpayers for entrusting her on the Selectboard for 2 years and she had learned and enjoyed it.

Ellen Celnik encouraged all taxpayers to go to the Planning Commission meetings to be involved. She felt an important aspect of the town was to look at a waste water system, affordable housing and increased internet speed.

Federico Virconi thanked the Town Road Crew for the excellent job they were doing on the roads.

Penny Bretschneider suggested a petition on gun control, and also commented on the noise in the Town Clerk's Office from the school above.

Mike Metcalf moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:45 pm, 2nd by Mike Lammert.

The 2018 Greensboro Town Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

_____, Town Clerk

Kim Greaves

_____, Moderator

Tim Nisbet

_____, Selectboard

Susan Wood

_____, Selectboard

Peter Romans

_____, Selectboard
Michael Lapierre