

## Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Highland Center For The Arts in Greensboro, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

*Tim Nisbet opened with announcements, with a special thank you to the Highland Center for The Arts for opening their space for Town Meeting and to Smith's Grocery for making the donuts. Microphone runners for the day are Mackenna and Lewis Lapierre. Any ballot votes during Town Meeting will take place behind the Selectboard, entering on their right and exiting on the left.*

*Australian Ballot votes in the Gallery are the Presidential Primary, Hazen Union budget vote, Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District budget vote and the NEK Waste Management budget vote will be open until 7 p.m.*

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

*Karl Stein nominated Tim Nisbet, seconded by Kim Greaves. Mike Metcalf moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Tim Nisbet.*

*Tim Nisbet was elected.*

Article 2: To elect a Town Clerk for a three-year term

*Krissie Ohlrogge nominated Kim Greaves, seconded by Mike Metcalf who moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Kim.*

*Kim was elected.*

Article 3: To take action on the Town of Greensboro Annual printed report.

*Motion by Larry Lumsden, seconded by Lorelei Wheeler. The following changes were made:*

*Erica Karp noted that Devon Burges and Naomi Ranz are on the Recreation Committee.*

*Jan Travers noted that BJ Gray was a full member of the DRB, Jan Travers is the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Mike Metcalf was the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.*

*Lorelei Wheeler noted that the Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District was not the "Unified" school district.*

*Article passed with amendments.*

Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 794,823.00 (Australian Ballot)

*Motion by Josh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Romans. Tim noted that the Australian vote was*

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*open until 7 pm in the Gallery. No discussion.*

Article 5: 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.

*So moved by Janet Long, Rosanne Hickey seconded. So carried.*

Article 6: 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	2yr	Kim nominated Peter Romans, Rosanne nominated Matt McAllister, Peter withdrew	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Matt</i>
Select Board	3 yrs	<i>Kim nominated, Janet Long seconded Peter Romans</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Peter Romans</i>
Treasurer	3yrs	<i>Judy Carpenter nominated Barbara Brook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynette Courtney</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Barbara</i>
Trustee of Public Funds	3 yrs	<i>Kim Greaves nominated Barbara Brooke</i>	<i>So Passed</i>	<i>Barbara Brooke</i>
Cemetery Commissioner	3 yrs	<i>Wayne Young nominated MacNeil</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>

First Constable	1 yr	Janet Long nominated Rick Walsh	So Elected	Rick Walsh
*Library Trustee	3 2 1	Virginia Lapierre Becky Arnold Rene Circosta	So Elected	Virginia Lapierre Becky Arnold Rene Circosta
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 yr	Rosanne Hickey nominated Janet Long	So Elected	Janet Long
Town Agent	1	Janet Log nominated David Smith	So Elected	David Smith
Town Grand Juror	1 yr	Karl Stein nominated David Smith	So Elected	David Smith

*\* Mike Metcalf spoke to the Library trustees. He nominated Virginia Lapierre for the 3 yr. term, Becky Arnold for the 2 yr. term and Rene Circosta for the 1 year term, to be voted on as a slate of officers. Being no other candidates, the slate of candidates were voted in. All above officers were elected as amended.*

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

*So Moved by Adam Froelig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Bretsneider. Victoria Von Hessert spoke to the Green Up and moved to increase the Green Up \$50.00*

Outside Agency	Amount
NEK Council on Aging	\$1,000.00
AWARE	\$2,000.00
Caledonia Home Health	\$1,400.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Ct	\$1,500.00
Craftsbury Community Care	\$10,500.00



*The amendment of \$50.00 increase passed, as did the increase in the appropriation sums.*

*Peter Romans broke at this time to award the Greensboro Award to Ken and Janney Johnston*

Article 8: 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 Historical Society	\$ 5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>

*Mike Metcalf moved, Stew Arnold 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Josh Karp asked about the increase in the Historical Society appropriation from \$1,500 to \$5,000 from last year. Nancy Hill informed all that they hired Leslie Rowell, an archivist, to help "Save our History". Willie Smith is helping her and Kyle Gray is doing technology support. Please check out the website*

*Becky Arnold acknowledged Mary Metcalf's 14 years of service to the Library and has retired. Debbie Kasper was acknowledged for her service and the new Librarian is Paula Davidson.*

*Motion was carried.*

Article 9: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of **\$ 2,020,911.00** which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

*Larry Lumsden moved, Kim Greaves 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Victoria VonHessert questioned if the fire dept. had enough for their needs. Andy Kehler explained that this was the first time putting a budget together for the fire dept. in the capitol budget*

*Wayne Young was thankful for the increase in the cemetery budget.*

*Josh Karp expressed concerns with the police budget always increasing.*

*Andy Kehler stated that it was a hard budget because of the increase in healthcare, and not many places to make a significant impact. There was much concerns over the police line item, i.e. % of the police services, what are our options, when was the next contract*

*(2 years), request for more patrolling in Greensboro Bend.*

*Matt informed all that if there were concerns or suggestions, please come to the Board meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.*

*Larry Lumsden questioned if a new Town Garage was in the future. Matt replied that one was in the near future, hopefully 2021. The old one makes it difficult to service our equipment.*

*Penny Bretschneider questioned the snowplowing, how to notify someone if they get missed. Peter replied that people needed to call Perry's, or himself. If they don't know, they won't know to go back. Peter said that the "collective bargaining" we had was a cost savings for tax payers. Dave Kelly thought they did a fabulous job.*

*Mike Cassidy congratulated the Road Crew for the condition of the roads.*

*Jerilyn Virden questions when would we plow sidewalks. Peter explained that we need more sidewalks complete, and the expensive equipment to do it with. Alice asked if a volunteer could do it as a community service. Josh suggested sub-contracting it out when our sidewalks were completed.*

*Judy Dales requested call the question of \$2,020,961.00 as amended. So passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro enter into a Communication Union District to be known as NEK Community Fiber, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch. 82?

*Carol Fairbank moved, and spoke to the CUD, with information in the Town Report. Victoria Von Hessert thanks Carol and the Board Band Task Force, explaining this was part of the Community Visits program started last summer.*

*Article 10 passed.*

Article 11: 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 Dept. Budget into the HERF account in the next fiscal year?

*Kim Greaves moved, Larry Lumsden 2<sup>nd</sup>. Karl Stein asked for clarification of what the HERF was. Kim explained it meant Highway Equipment Replacement Fund*

*Article 11 passed.*

Article 12: 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 5, 2020. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, November 6th, 2020, by 4:00 p.m.

*Kim Greaves moved, Mike Metcalf 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kim amended that it should read the 5<sup>th</sup>, Janet Long seconded.  
Article 12 passed as amended to read taxes due Nov 5th, 2020 by 4:00 pm*

Article 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

*Brent McCoy spoke to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail that he hoped the town would support, being a positive thing for all sports.*

*Nancy Hill, speaking for the Bend Revitalization Initiative added that the rail trail construction would add vitality to Greensboro Bend.*

*Victoria VonHessert let all know that the Greater Greensboro reports were in the Gallery for Anyone to take, inviting people to join a task force of their interest.*

*Matteo Kehler spoke to the Waste Water task force, we all need to buy into this to make it happen. They are in the process of applying for a grant for a feasibility study for Greensboro Bend, Greensboro village and a portion of the lake district. We need infrastructure to grow.*

*Mike Metcalf explained about the Waste Water survey available in the Gallery and on the website. A 90% response would be great. This is for businesses as well as residences.*

*Anna Kehler spoke to the Steward of the Watershed and how they are looking into the health of all the watersheds, including streams, rivers, lakes.*

*Benny Bretschneider asked to have patience with beavers in our streams and rivers.*

*A straw vote was proposed:*

*“We approve Gov. Scott’s proposed \$2.8 million to be put into the State Capitol Budget, rather than the Transportation Budget, for the Lamoille Rail Trail.”*

*This was enthusiastically approved.*

*Anna Kehler spoke to the Energy Committee and their “button-up” program. She introduced Molly Grant who demonstrated the window inserts program and their Interest in expanding the program.*

*Motion to adjourn at 1:00pm*

*Adjourned*

*Respectfully Submitted*

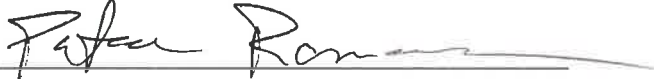


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Tim Nisbet, Moderator

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Kim Greaves, Town Clerk



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Peter Romans, Selectboard

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Andy Kehler, Selectboard



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Michael Lapierre, Selectboard



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Matthew McAllister, Selectboard

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Tracy Collier, Selectboard