

TOWN MEETING 2014

MARCH 15, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Moderator, Paul Lawrence and the polls were declared open followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Frankestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Offices. 27 Main Street, in said Frankestown on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting of Article 1 through 8 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

(By Official Ballot)

Total Votes for Town Ballot

548 Regular Votes

55 Absentee Votes

Total Votes for School Ballot

548 Regular Votes

44 Absentee Votes

Total Number of Voters on checklist at end of day was 1172

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN ELECTION RESULTS

For Selectman for Three Years
 Lisa J. Stewart 256
 Abigail Arnold 342

For Cemetery Commission for Three Years
 Elizabeth P. Wiederhold 518

For Treasurer for Three Years
 Nicholas F. Wilder 518

For Public Assistance Administrator for One Year
 Phyllis Naegeli 120

For Town Clerk for Three Years
 Elaine T. McClary 561

For Planning Board for Three Years
 Prescott Guyton Tolman 362
 Lisa Bourbeau 325
 Henry Camirand 149

For Tax Collector for Three Years
 Elaine T. McClary 565

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years
 Janet M. Quilty 507

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years
 Henry H. Kunhardt 519

For Library Trustee for Three Years
 Robin M. Haubrich 524

For Fire Ward for One Year
 Richard F. Leavitt 499
 Brain Delahanty 510
 Aaron Eder-Linell 502
 David Hanlon 498
 Laurence R. Kullgren 510

Conval School District Officers for Three Years
 Stephan Morrissey 82

WARRANT ARTICLES VOTED ON OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 2:

Are you in favor of authorizing the Planning Board to make editorial and structural amendments to the Francestown zoning ordinance, without changing its substance, as proposed by the planning board in order to allow code reference updates and provide consistency with State Law, titles and numbering?

YES = 456 NO = 86

ARTICLE 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove Section 3.1.4 Merger of Lots? *The intent of this amendment is to bring the ordinance into conformity with state statutes. Municipalities may no longer merge lots without consent of the owner.*

YES = 501 NO = 50

ARTICLE 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: replace old regulations with current state reference language in Article II-A.6.3(2), Shore land Overlay District, Permitted Uses? *This proposal would replace outdated regulations related to the cutting of trees within the Shore land Overlay District with a reference to new State regulations and as amended.*

YES = 468 NO = 80

ARTICLE 5:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: add language to Section II-A.2.6 (a) (2) Wetlands and Vernal Pool District, Prohibited Uses?

This proposal would relax current requirements to allow above-ground propane tanks if located at least 50 feet from the district boundary. The current ordinance prohibits location within 100 feet of the district boundary.

YES = 422 NO = 125

ARTICLE 6:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: add the words “to maintain an environment amenable to agricultural and farming activities” to the purposes in the Preamble to the zoning ordinance? *The intent of this proposal is to emphasize the importance of retaining farming and agriculture activities and possibilities in Francestown.*

YES = 504 NO = 52

ARTICLE 7:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove the stand-alone section of the ordinance Life Safety Code while retaining the Life Safety Code reference in its current position within the Inspector of Buildings and Approval of Building Plans section of the Ordinance? *The proposal preserves Life Safety Code requirements and clarifies appeals procedures and enforcement.*

YES = 459 NO = 75

ARTICLE 8:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: allow Farm Roadside Stands as a permitted use? *This proposal would a) add Article 3.16, “Farm Roadside Stands” which will make farm stands a permitted use, provided certain performance standards are met, instead of a use by special exception, and; b) allow such farm stands in the front setback area, and c) add or modify definitions and Table 2 related to such change.*

YES = 496 NO = 61

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 9:

Motion made by Maureen Von Rosenvinge to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350,000 (“gross” basis) to finance a capital project for design, engineering, rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair, improvement and equipping of the Town Hall located at 2 New Boston Road and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33 and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, place of payment, form and other details of such bonds or notes and to enter into such agreements as are necessary to accomplish the financing and completion of such project. The appropriation made by this article will be a special nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32 and will not lapse until such project is completed or December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. A 2/3 vote by ballot is required.

Motion seconded by Becky Moul

Motion made by Paul St. Cyr to Table the Article

Motion to Table Article 9 not carried

Moderator announced the voting time would be open for one (1) hour. Opened at 11:22AM, Closed at 12:25PM.

Article 9 as originally written carried by secret ballot majority vote YES = 132 NO = 46

ARTICLE 10:

Motion made by Gary Paige to see if the Town will vote to require that NO municipal or other public funds may be spent by the Town on engineering studies, maintenance, repairs or replacement of Cressy Hill Road, and any bridges located thereon, in the section where said road is a Class VI road as defined within the town’s master plan, and further affirmed by the below described “Agreement.” The section of said road to which this article applies is

described as follows: from the intersection of Cressy Hill Road with Russell Station road to that point at the B. Hardwick driveway where the said Cressy Hill Road then changes from a Class VI road to a Class A trail, as voted in Article 19 at Town Meeting March 17, 2001.

The declared purpose and intent of this article is to acknowledge and enforce the provisions of that Agreement and Release, "Agreement," recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on July 3, 1997 in Book 5829, Page 804, pursuant to and as required by RSA 674:41, which under said statute was a condition precedent to, and on which the Town relied, in granting at that time a building permit on said road to the landowner who signed the said Agreement, and under which permit said landowner did construct a residence. The land for which the building permit was issued, and which is subject to said Agreement, is described in the deed recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds in Book 5816, Page 588, and shown on the Tax Map of the Town as Lot 3 Map 8. Said Agreement specifically provides, in pertinent part, that the "Landowner's real property fronts a Class VI highway," that "Landowner...does hereby forever release and discharge the TOWN...from the obligation of maintaining said road..." and the "Landowner agrees that at his/her own expense or at the expense of him/herself and other owners of property located on the Road, to clear, repair and reconstruct the Road and any bridges located thereon to the standards prescribed by the Board of Selectmen..." (BY PETITION)

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Article 10 Not Carried by secret ballot majority vote YES = 36 NO = 132

Motion made by Silas Little to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10

Motion seconded by Blair Hardwick

Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10 Carried

ARTICLE 11:

Motion made by Stewart Brock to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY (\$1,592,670) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town, such sum to be raised by taxation.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth Lavallee

Motion made by Becky Moul to amend article 11, accounts 4210-4214 titled Police, by a reduction of \$5000.

Motion seconded by Abby Dawson

Motion to amend Article 11, accounts 4210-4214, titled Police not Carried

Motion made by Abby Dawson to amend Article 11 by reducing the overall budget in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion seconded by Lawrie Barr.

Motion to amend Article 11 does not carry

Article 11 as originally written Carried

ARTICLE 12:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (\$477,200) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$5,000	Future Replacement of Fire Equipment
\$60,000	Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment
\$350,000	Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges
\$2,200	Future Cemetery Improvements
\$10,000	Future Replacement of Police Vehicles
\$50,000	Future Replacement of Fire Trucks

Such sums to be raised by the withdrawal of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$112,200) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$365,000) DOLLARS by taxation.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick
Article 12 Carried

ARTICLE 13:

Motion made by Nick Wilder to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$95,000) DOLLARS to complete various Town building related maintenance projects and equipment upgrades, generally outlined as:

\$30,000 for resurfacing of the Town Clock and exterior maintenance to the Town Hall

\$20,000 for heating system upgrades to the Fire Station

\$15,000 for Town building alarm system upgrades

\$15,000 for clapboard repairs and painting of the Fire Station

\$8,000 for a generator for the Town Hall Annex

\$7,000 for Town Office file server

Such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Article 13 Carried

ARTICLE 14:

Motion made by Gary Paige to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$110,000) DOLLARS for the replacement of the bridge on Scoby Road over Scoby Outlet, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges" or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Leila Wilder

Article 14 Carried

ARTICLE 15:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a dump truck, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 15 Carried

ARTICLE 16:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND (\$38,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a police cruiser, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Police Vehicles," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick.

Motion made by Bart Hardwick to amend Article 16 with a reduction of \$8000.

Motion seconded by Abby Dawson

Motion to amend Article 16 does not Carry

Article 16 as originally written Carried

ARTICLE 17:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS to complete a statistical revaluation of all real estate as set forth by the Department of Revenue Administration, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Appraisal of Real Estate," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 17 Carried

ARTICLE 18:

Motion made by Dennis Orsi to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND AND TWENTY (\$17,020) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHT (\$6,808) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants, FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO (\$4,932) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, and FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (\$5,280) DOLLARS to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 18 Carried

ARTICLE 19:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500) DOLLARS to fund milfoil prevention efforts at Pleasant Pond by contributing to the funding of boat monitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2014, such sum to be raised by taxation, or to take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold

Article 19 Carried

ARTICLE 20:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 31:19-a titled the "Master Plan Update Fund" for the purpose of funding updates to the Town's Master Plan and related documents under the direction of the Planning Board, to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS to be placed in this fund with such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold

Article 20 Carried

ARTICLE 21:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$3,600) DOLLARS to purchase a traffic data collection device, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of a grant and ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Scott Carbee

Article 21 Carried

ARTICLE 22:

Motion made by Nick Wilder to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$2,200) DOLLARS, such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus and deposited into the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust, said amount representing revenue received from the sale of cemetery lots in the year 2013.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 22 Carried

ARTICLE 23:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to rescind the actions taken under Article 17 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and all prior warrant articles regarding purchasing limits and further to vote that the Board of Selectmen is authorized and required to adopt purchasing policies governing the expenditure of Town funds to ensure that efforts shall be made to see that prices for supplies, equipment, and services reflect optimum utilization of funds.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold.

Motion made by Mary Lindstrom to Table Article 23 for further review until 2015 Town Meeting.
Motion to Table Article 23 Carried.

ARTICLE 24:

Motion made by Lawrie Barr that the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

And furthermore, that this Town Meeting vote be a record that We the People want Congress and our state legislature to:

Institute full, effective and immediate electronic disclosure of all election-related spending by any individual, group, corporation, party or institution.

Provide for fair, nonpartisan and vigorous enforcement of existing campaign laws and regulations by federal and state agencies.

Enact an absolute ban on campaign contributions by foreign governments, foreign agencies, foreign corporations or their subsidiaries and employees in the U.S.

Enact legislation that would cut down the influence of big bankroll donors by multiplying the power of small donations through the use of voter vouchers, tax credits and matching public funds.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Frankestown's congressional delegation, and to Frankestown's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (BY PETITION)

Motion seconded by Lisa Bourbeau

Article 24 Carried.

ARTICLE 25:

Motion made by Moderator, Paul Lawrence to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion seconded by Lawrie Barr

Moderator, Paul Lawrence expressed thanks to the Fire Department Auxiliary for providing lunch and other refreshments, and also thanks to Elizabeth Taft for her assistance with the passing of the microphone.

Motion made by Maureen Von Rosenvinge to adjourn meeting

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Motion to adjourn at 2:51pm Carried

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk