

Minutes of Town Meeting March 11, 2014

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF MARCH 11, 2014

The polls (open from 11:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.) and Annual Town Meeting for the town of Harrisville, County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire was held at Wells Memorial School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, two thousand and fourteen.

Of the 804 registered voters, 185 ballots were cast at the polls.

Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (By official Ballot)

The Moderator John J. Colony III opened the polls and Annual Town Meeting at 11:00a.m.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to recess until 7:00p.m. or until after the Annual School Meeting if it should run over.

At 7:08p.m. Moderator Colony re-opened the meeting. He introduced the Selectmen; Jay Jacobs, Seth Kallman and Charles Michal. Moderator Colony then introduced the Town Clerk *and the* Selectmen's Administrative Assistant and asked for all volunteers present and passed to stand and be recognized.

Moderator Colony then recognized the Selectmen to present the Citizen of Year Award. This year's award goes to Bob Sturgis of South Road for the many services he has provided the town as a member of several land use boards and his tireless efforts to protect the quality of Russell Reservoir and as an active member on the Chesham Beach Committee. Bob is known for always being prepared and doing the job to the best of his ability.

Moderator Colony went over the rules for running the meeting. There are three ways to become a town officer; ballot, appointment and nomination from the floor.

Article 1 continued: Officers nominated and elected from the floor:

LIBRARY TRUSTEE: Michael L. Price (3 year term – expires 2017)

Officers nominated and elected from the floor for 1 year terms expiring in 2015:

FIRE WARDS: Alton Chamberlain, Wayne Derosia, Joe Breidt, Sharon Breidt, Jay Jacobs, Kevin Smith

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER: David Kennard, Wesley Tarr Jr.

FENCE VIEWERS: Harrisville Selectmen

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ranae O'Neil, David O'Neil

HARRISVILLE BEACH COMMITTEE: Ranae O'Neil, Scott Oliver, Peter Thayer, Eric Swope

CHESHAM BEACH COMMITTEE: Judy Jones-Parker, Judy Gagne, Patrick Gagne, Robert Sturgis, Weston Parker, Carolyn Sturgis

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to amend portions of the Town Zoning Ordinances:

1. Amendment #1 proposed Zoning Map for Commercial and Industrial Districts
2. Amendment #2 Proposed revision for Articles VI
3. Amendment #3 Proposed amendment to IX
4. Amendment #4 proposed amendment to Article XV
5. Amendment #5 Proposed revision for Article XXVI, definitions

Specific wording is on Official Ballots. Effective date shall be Town Meeting, March 11, 2014.

By Official Ballot

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:27, 11 from its current Tax Credit of \$100.00 per year to the \$200.00 per year. (Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 3 as read.

Selectmen Jacobs explained citizen requested increase. Selectmen had conversation with our tax assessor who is knowledgeable about tax credit and are recommending the \$200.00.

Article 3 **PASSED** by voice vote.

Article 4

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to install new windows and new storm windows at the Town Police Station. (Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required.)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 4 as read.

Selectmen Michal explained this is a project needing addressing for a longtime. They do not have bids but feel the \$10,000. is a good start and if the project goes over they can fund remaining costs from unencumbered funds at the end of the year. Amendment to article 4

made and seconded to increase project to include storm doors by adding and doors after storm windows. Amendment PASSED by voice vote.

Article 4 as amended PASSED by voice vote

Article 5

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to install parking lot lighting meeting current codes at the Town Offices.(Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required.)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 5 as read.

Selectmen Michal explained bid is based on 5 specific lights and some of the ground work being done by town work force. Lighting will be time sensitive based on schedules at the town office.

Article 5 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,500 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds and allocated as follows: Roads- \$50,000; Road Equipment- \$10,000; Fire Equipment- \$25,000; Police Equipment - \$2,500, Town Buildings, \$100,000, Bridges - \$5,000. (Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 6 as read.

Selectmen Kallman explained town reserve funds are in good shape. The \$100,000 allocated to Town Buildings is to build up the fund to better prepare the town for the bond issue planned to be brought before the town next year to build the new highway garage.

Article 6 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 7

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Harrisville to see if the Town will urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislative 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 guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation supports such a constitutional amendment.

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

The records of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Harrisville congressional delegation, and to Harrisville's State Legislators, and to the President of the

United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required.)

Motion made and seconded to accept article 7 as read.
Mr. Lamois and Mrs. Eastman spoke in favor of this article.
Article 7 **PASSED** by voice vote.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,112,854.00 which represents the operating budget for 2014. Said sum does not include Special or Individual articles added. (Recommended by the Selectmen. Majority vote required.)

Motion made and seconded to accept article 8 as read.
Selectmen Michal explained he will use the budget worksheet on pages 17- 25 to go over the budget as it is correct at \$1,112,854. This is up \$37,000 more than the MS-6 as printed. The error was found and corrected however too late for this report. He went over the budget. Much of the increase is due to the 2% general cost of living increase for town employees recommended by the selectmen. Amendment made by Mrs. O'Neil to increase the Recreation Budget line 4520-004 Beach and Garden Sand to \$1,600 for 4 loads of Beach Sand.
Amendment **PASSED** by voice vote.

A reminder from the floor to close the polls.
Motion made and seconded to close the polls.
Motion **PASSED**. Polls closed at 8:04p.m.

Article 8 continued: as amended-To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,114,304 which represents the operating budget for 2014. Said sum does not include special or individual articles added.
Article 8 as amended **PASSED** by voice vote.

Article 9

To transact any other business that may legally may come before this meeting.

Moderator Colony went through the reports of Agents, Committees and Officers of the town found on pages 35-59.

Concern was raised on the inability to have discussions on zoning ordinances . It was explained the Planning Board has Public Hearings on proposed changes and NH Law requires changes to be votes on by Ballots.

Concern was raised on the website. At this time there is a need for qualified volunteers to help support the town website.

Being no other business Moderator Colony asked for a motion to recess the meeting for the counting of ballots. Motion made and seconded to recess. Motion PASSED by voice vote.

Results of Article 2 by Official Ballot as declared passed or failed by Moderator Colony.

Amendment #1:	YES	135	NO	38	PASSED
Amendment #2:	YES	72	NO	98	FAILED
Amendment #3	YES	95	NO	62	PASSED
Amendment #4	YES	87	NO	58	PASSED
Amendment #5	YES	121	NO	43	PASSED

Results of elections by Official Ballot and as declared elected by Moderator Colony.

MODERATOR- TWO YEAR TERM

John J. Colony III -173 votes-declared elected
5 residents received 1 vote each

SELECTMAN – THREE YEAR TERM

Jay Jacobs – 166 votes- declared elected
7 residents received 1 vote each
1 resident received 3 votes

TOWN CLERK-THREE YEAR TERM

Donna G. Stone-179 votes-declared elected
1 resident received 2 votes

TOWN TREASURER- ONE YEAR TERM

Anne R. Havill-175 votes-declared elected
2 residents received 1 vote

FIRE CHIEF-ONE YEAR TERM

Wayne E. Derosia-144 votes-declared elected
David J. O’Neil-24 votes
2 residents received 1 vote each
2 residents received 2 votes each

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Anne Havill-174 votes-declared elected
2 residents received 1 vote each

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS-THREE YEAR TERM

Molly McNeill-4 votes-declared elected

18 residents received 1 vote each

2 residents received 2 votes each

3 residents received 3 votes each

BOARD OF CEMETARY TRUSTEES-THREE YEAR TERM

Julie Lord-170 votes-declared elected

Motion made and seconded to close the 2014 Town Meeting.

Motion PASSED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Stone

Donna G. Stone, Town Clerk

March 17, 2014

Attest: A true copy of the Minutes of Harrisville Town Meeting held March 11, 2014

Donna G. Stone

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March 19, 2014