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Minutes of the Town Meeting Town of Marlborough, New Hampshire 2016

On Tuesday, March 08, 2016 at 1:00 PM Town and School District Moderator Edward Goodrich, Jr. called the meeting to order and announced that we would be operating under Warrant Article #1.

Article 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The Moderator announced that the Town business meeting would begin at 7:00 pm.

The Moderator declared the voting polls of the Marlborough Town Meeting and the Marlborough School District for election of Town Officials and School District Officials were now opened. He asked Evelyn Martin to confirm that the ballot boxes are empty prior to locking the ballot boxes.

The casting of ballots ensued.

At 7:00 pm the Moderator thanked those in attendance for coming to the deliberative session of tonight's meeting. The Moderator announced that the polls for voting would remain open until 9:00 pm.

The Moderator led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator announced that this year's Property Inventory Forms are available to be picked at the front table. The Moderator also asked voters to pick up their YES/NO ballots from the ballot clerks.

The Moderator asked the Election Officials present to introduce themselves as follows: the Supervisors of the Checklist; Hank Kenney, Grant Butler and Janet Buckbee, the ballot clerks handing out the YES/NO questions; Cathy Oliver and School District Clerk Susan Bemis, the ballot clerks at the check in table; Helen Wilson and Charlotte Crowell. The ballot clerks at the check out table; David Chase and Bob Leahy and Assistant Moderator David Fairfield located at the ballot boxes. At the head table the Moderator introduced Selectmen Jane Pitt, Beverly Harris and Gina Paight and Town Clerk Ellen Orkins.

The Moderator asked for permission to hear input for this evenings meeting from non-residents Police Chief Christopher Lyons and Administrative Assistant Sharon Booth. Permission for the aforementioned to speak passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced that we had a group of guests with us. The 8th Graders from the Waldorf School of Garden City New York were in attendance as a part of their study of American History.

The Moderator read the rules for the evenings meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$2,045,709) for general municipal operations. This article does not include the appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Beverly Harris moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars for general municipal operations. This article does not include the appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Seconded by Gina Paight.

The Moderator pointed out that Beverly Harris had made the motion in an amount different than that printed. Beverly Harris pointed out that the Warrant Article dollars were included in the operating budget amount as well as separately. The moderator pointed out that the operating budget is being moved to voters in an amount different than that printed. Beverly Harris referred those present to the budget located on pages 12-14 in the Town's annual report.

Beverly Harris spoke to the budget, and pointed out the following increases:

Health care insurance cost, up 3.4%, electric rates are expected to increase 8-10%, the Election and Registration budget is up due to the fact that there are four elections this year, and some employees will be receiving a 2% increase in their wages.

Beverly Harris read through the remainder of the budget.

Beverly Harris pointed out that the water budget is up and the sewer budget is down. The increase to the water budget was due to the fact that \$5,000 was included in the water budget to map the Town's water lines. The mapping of the water lines is a requirement to enable the Town to apply for and receive future grants. This is a requirement of the State. Other areas of the water department budget costs that are increased are operating expenses and propane cost.

David Durocher asked about the earlier e-coli problem with the Town's water supply. Beverly Harris stated that the e-coli problem was determined to have come from the sink at the Town Hall.

Jeannie Butler asked about the Fire Department Budget. Beverly Harris stated that the Fire Department budget is down by \$675.00.

Jeannie Butler asked why the Fire Department had been required to bid to acquire the old police cruiser last year.

Beverly Harris stated that it was correct that the Fire Department did pay to acquire the old police cruiser. The Board felt that because the Board of Selectmen had advised voters at last year's Town Meeting that the cruiser had become very expensive to maintain and that they did not feel in good conscious that they could transfer this vehicle to the Fire Department to use as a rescue vehicle when they represented to the town that the reason for getting rid of this vehicle was because of the cost of maintaining it. The Fire Department was then told that if they still wanted this vehicle then they could bid on it, but that they would have to maintain it through donations. That the maintenance could not come out of Town money because the Board had advised voters that they were getting rid of it.

Jeannie Butler asked what the Fire Department had paid for it. Beverly Harris stated that the Fire Department had bid \$3,500.00.

Jeannie Butler stated that she felt that it was a lot. Jeannie Butler stated that she felt that we as a Town should support the Fire Department.

Fire Chief John Manning stated that Marl-Harris had donated the money to the Fire Department to purchase the vehicle, and that the Fire Department appreciated the support from Marl-Harris.

Selectmen Pitt explained that the Board of Selectmen was concerned about possibly transferring a maintenance issue from one department in Town to another Department in Town.

Bob Trudelle stated that he wished that the Fire Department would have been given the old cruiser, and that the members of the department then be given the opportunity to make improvements to the old cruiser for use as a rescue vehicle, as they had done to an old highway department truck 25 years ago. He stated that after the guys had worked on the old highway department truck, that the truck then served the Fire Department and the residents of Marlborough for many, many years.

The Moderator asked if there were any further questions. Finding none he moved to vote on the operating budget in the amount of \$1,899,440.

Warrant Article 2 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Beverly Harris

Seconded: Gina Paight

Beverly Harris spoke to her motion.

Finding no questions, the Moderator moved Warrant Article #3 to the voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 3 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement in the amount of Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$48,953) for the purpose of replacing the 2003 Ford F-350 Truck with a 2016 Ford F-550 Truck for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$13,319) for the first year’s lease payment. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Jane Pitt

Gina Paight spoke to her motion.

David Durocher asked if any money will be coming out of the capital reserve fund for this purchase.

Gina Paight stated that the purchase of the truck, which will be a lease, will not be coming out of the capital reserve. The money that will be coming out of the capital reserve will be for the purchase of the plow and sander.

Dan Belluscio asked what will be done with the old truck. Beverly Harris stated that they will try to get rid of it.

Finding no questions, the Moderator moved Warrant Article #4 to the voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 4 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Gina Paight spoke to Article #5.

Warrant Article 5: continued

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 5 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 5 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommend by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Moved: Jane Pitt

Seconded: Gina Paight

Jane Pitt spoke to Article 6.

John Waibel asked how much money is currently in the fund.

Jane Pitt stated that there is currently \$90,727.

Mr. Waibel asked if there is a goal to build this account up to.

Jane Pitt stated that looking down the line, the Capital Improvement committee recommends a certain amount to build this account to in order to avoid spiking the tax rate in the future.

Beverly Harris stated that a big expense in the future would be a new grader that will cost at least \$400,000.00.

Finding no further questions the Moderator moved Article 6 to the voters for a voice vote.

Article 6 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to be added to the Town Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Gina Paight spoke to Article 7, explaining the assessment process/cycle to those present.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 7 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 7 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Road Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Jane Pitt

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Jane Pitt spoke to Article 8.

David Durocher asked if there was a fund balance available, as it is not printed in the annual report. David Durocher asked that the article be passed over.

Jane Pitt stated that last year was the first year and that \$20,000 was put into the account. Jane Pitt stated that if we put \$20,000 in this year it will bring the balance up to around \$40,000.00.

Mr. Durocher stated that you would not know that from the Town Report. David Durocher asked if this is an illegal warrant article.

Jane Pitt stated that the money was deposited in the Road Maintenance Capital Reserve on March 15th of last year. For some reason the Trustees of the Trust Fund report does not include this line.

David Durocher stated that his problem is that the amount is not included in the report, and that it was therefore not reported to the state. Mr. Durocher asked if the article is a legal article to vote on.

Jane Pitt stated that the Trustees can file a supplemental report, and that it does not make this an illegal warrant article.

The Moderator stated that the article is a legal motion.

The Moderator asked if there were any further questions. Finding none he moved to vote on Article 8.

Warrant Article 8 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$11,400) for the purpose of repairing the concrete retaining wall and steps at the Pine Grove Cemetery. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Jane Pitt

Gina spoke to Article 9.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 9 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 9 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of paving around the Fire Department Building. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Jane Pitt

Gina Paight spoke to Article 10. Fire Chief John Manning further explained to the voters the problem that needs attention.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 10 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 10 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Recreation Structures Capital Reserve Fund to the Recreation Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (2/3 Majority vote required)

The Moderator pointed out to those in attendance that Article 11 requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass and therefore we would be casting YES/NO paper ballots, question A. The Moderator gave the instructions for the process for casting a YES/NO ballot.

Moved: Beverly Harris

Seconded: Jane Pitt

Beverly Harris spoke to warrant article 11.

The Moderator began the casting of the YES/NO ballots.

After determining that all voters who wished to vote had done so, the Moderator closed the ballot box and handed it to Daniel Belluscio for counting.

The Moderator continued on to Warrant Article 12 while awaiting the ballot count.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Meetinghouse Pond Dam Capital Reserve Fund created in 2011. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Gina Paight spoke to Article 12.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 12 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 12 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) is to come from the surplus revenue for the sale of the 2007 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Jane Pitt

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Jane Pitt spoke to Article 13.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 13 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 13 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$2,579) for the purpose of funding Monadnock Family Services. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Beverly Harris

Seconded: Gina Paight

Beverly Harris spoke to Article 14, explaining that the Board of Selectmen was asking for a committee to be formed to determine if the Town dollars should be used to fund charities.

Marge Shepardson asked how many residents benefitted from the services of Monadnock Family Services.

Jane Pitt noted that page 48 of the annual report shows some statistics from some of the agencies that the Town contributes to.

David Durocher asked for an explanation of how the dollar amount that the agency requests is determined.

Beverly Harris stated that the Board of Selectmen receive a letter from the agencies that request money that briefly explains what services that they supply and the amount of money that they are seeking.

Marge Shepardson stated that agency representatives do appear before the County delegation before receiving County contributions. Marge stated that it appears to her that the money the agencies receive from the Towns and County is well spent.

David Durocher asked if the Town receives any reports regarding the effectiveness of these services.

Article 14: continued

John Manning stated that the agencies that receive such contributions from the area Towns have done so for a number of years, and that the agencies do fund good services for the citizens.

Daniel Belluscio agreed with the idea of founding a committee.

Beverly Harris mentioned that she has communicated with The Monadnock United Way about contributions.

Kathy Oliver explained the United Ways role in the community.

Beverly Harris stated that the United Way would come to Town to explain each agency's role.

Finding no more questions the Moderator moved Article 14 to a voice vote.

Article 14 passed: voice vote in the affirmative.

The Moderator announced that he now had the results of the YES/NO ballot cast for Article 11:

60 ballots were cast. YES: 60 NO: 0

Article 11 passed by a ballot vote. 60 – 0

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$1,421) for the purpose of funding Southwestern Community Services (SCS). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Jane Pitt

Gina Paight spoke to Article 15.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 15 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 15 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of funding The Community Kitchen. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Jane Pitt

Seconded: Gina Paight

Article 16: continued

Jane Pitt spoke to Article 16.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 16 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 16 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,150) for the purpose of funding Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Moved: Beverly Harris

Seconded: Gina Paight

Beverly Harris asked those in attendance to refer to page 48 of the Town's Annual Report to see information about this article.

Helen Wilson spoke in favor of this article.

Jeff Miller asked if there was a representative from this agency available to speak to this request. It was determined that there was not.

Finding no more questions the Moderator moved Article 17 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 17 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 18: New Hampshire Resolution To Get Big Money Out of Politics. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Marlborough to see if the town will urge: That the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by and for the people by championing the We the People agenda: 1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United. 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors 4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

Moved: Sandra Swinburne

Seconded: Marge Shepardson

Sandra Swinburne spoke to Article 18, stating that it was related to the statewide movement.

Finding no questions the Moderator moved Article 18 to the Voters for a voice vote.

Warrant Article 18 passed; voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 19: To hear reports of Town Agents, Auditors, and Committees.

Moved: Gina Paight

Seconded: Beverly Harris

Gina Paight spoke to Article 19, asking those present to refer to the Town’s Annual Report for this information.

David Durocher moved to amend to include the aforementioned trust fund that was not included on page 28 – the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. The Moderator asked to receive the motion to amend in writing. David Durocher provided his request to amend in writing.

Motion to amend seconded by Bill Heyman.

Finding no more questions the Moderator asked for a voice vote to first adopt Mr. Durocher’s amendment.

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

The Moderator next asked for a voice vote on Article 19, as amended.

Article 19, as amended, passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, or take any action thereon.

Phyllis Manning stated that she would like to point out that Marl-Harris Ambulance contributed \$21,000 to the Town to off-set the cost of DiLuzio’s contract.

Beverly Harris responded that indeed the Town did receive this contribution on February 22, 2016. Mrs. Harris stated that the Board has sent a letter to Marl-Harris thanking them for this donation.

Bob Trudelle stated that there is \$7,000 in the Fire & Rescue Budget. He understands that the Board does not want to pay for repairs on the newly acquired rescue vehicle. Mr. Trudelle asked if the Board would consider paying for the gas, inspections, oil changes and the like.

Beverly Harris stated that there are other things that the Board has agreed to pay for but that she does not, at the moment, remember what the other items are. She stated that she would have to look at it.

Jeannie Butler asked for clarification regarding the operating expenses of the rescue vehicle. Beverly Harris explained that she needed to look into a few things and that if people wished to

come to a Selectmen's meeting that this could be discussed further.

At 8:45 PM the Moderator asked those in attendance for a voice vote to adjourn the business session of the Town Meeting, and to return to Article 1, the polls.

Motion to adjourn the deliberative portion of the meeting passed, voice vote in the affirmative.

At 9:00 PM, upon determining that there was no one else who wished to cast their ballot, the Moderator closed the polls, and the counting of ballots ensued.

Total number of voters on the checklist at the beginning of the day: 1498

Voters who registered to vote today: 0

Absentee Ballots Cast: 0

Official Ballots Cast: 101

Results of the Vote:

Selectman for Three Years

Vote for One

Gina Paight: 88

Write Ins: Scattering

Cemetery Trustee for Three Years

Vote for One

Edwin Woodward, Sr.: 97

Library Trustee for Three Years

Vote for One

Teresa Horne: 94

Library Trustee for One Year

Vote for One

Carl Shepardson: 99

Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years

Vote for One

Carol MacKinnon: 96

Fire Ward for Three Years

Vote for Two

Michael F. Laffond: 93

Matthew L. Patnode: 94

Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years
Vote for One

Harry Kenney: 95

Advisory Budget Committee Member
for Three Years-Vote for One

Daniel Belluscio: 94

Treasurer for Three Years
Vote for One

Nancy Shaw: 97

Moderator for Two Years
Vote for One

Write Ins: Edward Goodrich: 42

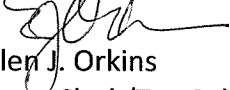
Dave Fairfield: 3

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At 9:50pm the Moderator made the motion to adjourn the Town Meeting.
Motion seconded by David Fairfield.

Voice vote in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ellen J. Orkins
Town Clerk/Tax Collector