

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Town meeting was brought to order at 9 o'clock by Anne Wilson, Moderator. Anne called a recess for 15 minutes due to the power being off. The meeting will be reconvened at 9:15. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 Announcements followed: Presidential Primary is taking place on the stage and will be open until 7:00 P.M., there is an Energy Survey, request for any names known of to be added to the War Memorial, Doyle Poll is available, 5th and 6th graders are providing the food for today, a pot luck lunch, sandwiches, and desserts. This is to raise money for their trip to Boston, and the Lamoille Cancer Network is holding a dinner and silent auction on April 20th.

Lt. Lawrence Cabell led the Town in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Anne asked that a moment of silence for those that have passed and especially for the Mary Chase family.

Anne explained Roberts Rules of Order for Town Meeting. Anne entertained a friendly motion to suspend the reading of the articles. All were in favor.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for town, town school district and town fire district.

Jim Jones nominated Jeannine Young. There were no other nominations. Hester Fuller requested nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded. Carried. Jeannine Young is the new Moderator for the ensuing year. Bruce Urie, commended Anne for her 17 years serving as Town Moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Auditors' report.

The Town Report was dedicated to Anne Wilson for her many years of service with the Town and many other organizations. We all wish her well. The Auditors found everything in order. Cheryl made the motion to accept the Auditors report as printed and seconded by Julie Marckres. Frank Spiese asked about Delinquent taxes on page 16 and page 19. It was explained that pg 16 is D-taxes that have been brought in for the year and pg 19 only shows what the delinquencies were for 2011 only. No other discussion. Motion was voted and carried.

Article 3. To elect all other officers of the town and fire district.

Selectboard-Bruce Urie nominated Susan Houston. There were no other nominations. Julie Marckres moved that the clerk cast one ballot for Susan Houston. Seconded and Carried
Susan Houston for Selectboard for a three year term

Collector of Taxes: Bruce Urie nominated Yvette Brown. No other nominations. Julie Marckres moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and Carried.

Yvette Brown, collector of taxes for a one year term.

Lister: Willie Ryan nominated Michelle Warren. No other nominations. Julie Marckres move for the Clerk to cast one ballot. Seconded and Carried.

Michelle Warren, lister for a three year term.

Auditor: Cheryl Bailey nominated Carolyn Ryan. No other nominations. Annette Jones moves that the Clerk cast one ballot. Carried.

Carolyn Ryan, auditor for a three year term.

Town Agent: David Rowell nominated Tom Wells. Hearing no other nominations, Annette Jones moved that the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and carried.

Tom Wells, Town Agent for a term of one year.

Town Grand Juror: Mary Lou Ryland nominated Katherine Hadden. Hearing no other nominations, Hester Fuller moved the Clerk cast one vote. Seconded and carried.

Katherine Hadden, Town Grand Juror for a term of one year.

Cemetery Commissioner: Carolyn Ryan nominated Faye Waterhouse. Hearing no other nominations, Annette Jones moved the Clerk cast one vote. Seconded and carried.

Faye Waterhouse, Cemetery Commissioner for a five year term.

Trustee of Public Funds: Bruce Urie nominated Yvette Brown. Hearing no other nominations, Angel Prescott moves to have the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and carried.

Yvette Brown, Trustee of Public Funds for a three year term.

World War II Mem. Fund Trustee: Bruce Urie nominated Robert Twiss. Hearing no other nominations, Annette Jones moves that the Clerk cast one vote. Seconded and carried.

Robert Twiss, World War II Mem. Fund Trustee for a three year term.

Public Library Representative to the Board: Cedric Hannon nominated Barb Massucci. Hearing no other nominations, Hester Fuller moves that the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and carried.

Barb Massucci, Public Library Representative to the Board for a four year term.

Supervisor of Lamoille Solid Waste: Julie Marckres nominated Adrien Owens. Hearing no other nominations, Annette Jones moves that the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and carried.

Adrien Owens, Supervisor of Lamoille Solid Waste for a two year term.

Article 4. To see how much money the town will vote to build bridges and defray all other expenses of the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

Bruce Urie moved that a budget of \$671,653.00, as showing on page 14, be raised to build bridges and defray all other expenses of the Town and a tax be assessed to meet the same. Seconded by Julie Marckres. Discussion. Carolyn Ryan asked, if the repair budget amount had extra funds to maintain the grader if article 7 did not pass. Bruce answered that no extra money was put in for repairs to the grader within their budget. Hearing no other discussion. Article 4 is a ballot vote. Votes Cast: 132 Needed: 67 Yes: 121 No: 9 Blanks: 2 The provisions of article 4 have passed.

Article 5. To see how much money the town will vote for operation of the Town Fire Department.

Walter Gutzmann moved that \$38,200.00, be raised as shown on page 30.

Walter Gutzmann asked that the town appropriate a sum of \$38,200 for the Fire Department. Seconded. Discussion. Carolyn Ryan asked if extra money that the fire department has will be used for new equipment and Gaile Kroeger asked about all the fund raising that is done through the year. Where does the money go? Walter responded that a lot of gear that is not in the budget is purchased with this money. Willie Ryan moved the question. Seconded and carried. Ballot vote: Votes cast: 135. Needed: 69 Yes: 128. No: 6 Blank: 1

Fire Department budget passed.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$29,000.00 for the operation of the Craftsbury Public Library for ensuing year.

Robert Linck moved the article as read. Seconded. Discussion followed as how it

started at \$10,000 and is know up to \$29,000 which is the result of the economie . Jean Stoner reminded people it is used everyday by people for Internet and computer. Ballot vote. Votes cast:147. Needed: 75. Yes: 124. No: 21 Blanks: 2 Library request of \$29,000.00 has passed.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$200,000.00 to purchase a new grader to be paid back in 5 yearly installments, plus interest.

Bruce Urie moved the provisions of article 7. Seconded. Discussion. Bruce Urie spoke as to the age and the hours on the grader. Also, it is better to stay within the schedule. Everett Demeritt spoke to the fact of doing it now and not waiting until something major has to be fixed before it can be traded. Doug McCarty asked what the interest would be and payment amount. Bruce said around a \$40,000.00 payment with interest around 3 percent. Votes cast: 145. Needed: 74. Yes: 126. No: 19 The motion to purchase a grader passed.

Article 8. James Jones made the motion to pass over this article. Seconded and carried.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote the sum of 2,500.00 for local appropriations as follows: Memorial Day-\$500.00, Recreation Committee-\$1,000.00, and Villlage Improvement Society-\$1,0000.00 for a total \$2,500.00.

Motion was made by Jean Stoner to move the provisions of the article. Seconded, voted and carried.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote the sum of 20,763.00 for appropriations as follows: American Red Cross - \$250.00, Area agency on aging for N.E. Vt.- \$650.00, Aware-\$750.00, Craftsbury East Hill Preschool- \$3,000.00, Frontier Animal Society of Vt.-\$500.00, Green Mountain Farm to School-250.00, Greensboro Nursing Home- \$2,000.00, Hardwick Area Food Pantry-\$200.00, Hardwick Rescue Squad, Inc.-\$4,355.00, Lamoille Family Center- \$250.00, North Country Animal League-\$500.00, N.E. Kingdom Human Services-\$1,266.00, N.E. Vermont Development Assoc.-\$477.00, N. Vermont Res. Cons. & Dev. Council-\$100.00, N.E. Kingdom Learning Services-\$250.00, Old Stone House-\$350.00, Orleans County Court Diversion-\$75.00, Orleans Essex V.N.A. & Hospice-\$3,700.00, Rural Community Transportation-\$400.00, Vt. Center for Independent Living-\$140.00, Vt. Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired-\$500.00. The total of the appropriations is \$20,763.00.

Bruce Urie moved the provisions of the article and seconded. Discussion. Carolyn Ryan, questioned the increase of \$1,250.00 over last year, for the East Craftsbury Preschool. Aleana Gernhart spoke to the decrease in money from the district, more students, and rental of church and high fuel cost as being the reason. Valerie Mesa spoke to the need of the Preschool and how it gets them integrated into public school. Votes cast: 137. Needed: 70. Yes: 116. No: 21 \$20,763.00 was passed for appropriations as listed.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of \$1,195.00 to IRCO, which will allow all youths in town free membership from 1/1/12 to 6/30/2013.

Frank Halden moved the provisions of the article and was seconded. Discussion: Frank IROC being a non-profit. What IROC is all about, what it provides, and the benefits. Linda Prescott asked if the school kids can do CAPE there. Frank answered yes , for free. Voice vote. The article passed.

Article 12. To see if the town appropriate a sum of \$10,000.00 for the Craftsbury Community Care Center.

Jean Stoner moved the provisions of the article and was seconded. Randi Calderwood will answer any question. There were none.

Votes cast: 128. Needed: 65. Yes:108. No: 19. Blank: 1

Article 12 passed.

Article 13. To see if the town will appropriate 2,000.00 for town cemeteries, at the rate of \$500.00 per cemetery, to defray cemetery costs.

Louise Davis moved the provisions of article 13 as read. Seconded. No discussion.

June Cook moved the question. Voice vote. Carried.

Article 14. To see if the will allow the Selectboard to take \$40,000.00 from the Forestry CD Account to put towards the School Gym project .

Robert Linck moved the provision of the article. Seconded. Robert Linck read a report from James Moffatt, chair of the Forest Committee, as Jim could not attend. No discussion. Voice vote. The motion carried.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select board to draw temporary loan orders for the purpose of expenditures for their respective departments in anticipation of taxes.

Julie Markres moved the provisions of the article. Seconded voted and carried.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.

Bruce Urie moved the provisions of the article. Seconded. Max Frohwein questioned one person holding more than one office. Bruce Urie spoke as to the safe guards that are in place. Motion voted and carried.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to collect Taxes on Real Property in Three Installments, with the due dates being July 15th, September 15th, and November 15th(32 V.S.A. 4871) and to collect interest on Late and delinquent payments of one(1%)percent per month for the first three months starting after December 1st, and one and one-half(1 1/2%) thereafter (32 V.S.A. 4873) with no discounts.

Bruce Urie moved the provision of the article. Seconded. No discussion.

Voted and carried.

→ Article 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Craftsbury vote to approve the following resolution: In light of the United States Supreme Court "Citizens United" decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Joe Young moved to postpone indefinitely. Seconded. Discussion followed and the moderator reminded people that we can not discuss the article until the postponement has been voted on. Carolyn Ryan moved the question . Seconded. Moderator, explained that a yes vote is to postpone and a no vote to not postpone and allow a discussion. Voice vote. No's have it.

Anne Hansen moved the provisions of article 18. Discussion. Many people spoke to the validity of the article . Gaile Kroeger moved the question. Seconded. Voted and carried. Article was read, voted, and carried.

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

It was moved that Old Home Day be sponsored by the recreation committee and be held on the common on the second Saturday of August .
Antique and Unique will be held on July 14 on the common.

Yvette Brown moved that the town meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Voted and carried.
Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Dated at Craftsbury, Vermont, March 9, A.D., 2012

Attest: *Yvette Brown* Town Clerk

Approved:

Bruce Urie

James Jones

Susan Houston

Jeannine Young

Bruce Urie
James Jones
Susan Houston