

Record of Affirmative Votes from 2014 Town Meeting

Town of Henniker State of New Hampshire

The polls were open at the Henniker Community School Gymnasium
51 Western Avenue, Henniker on Tuesday, March 11, 2014
from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
and voting commenced on the following:

- 1) Town Officers were voted as follows for the ensuing year:

***Asterick indicates person(s) elected**

Selectmen-3 year term

John G. Prieto 92
Robert Garrison 202
Tia Maria M. Hooper 231*
David (Scott) Osgood 282*

Planning Board-3 year term

Ronald C. Taylor 316*
Jason Michie 314*

Town Moderator-2 year term

Wayne Colby 431*

Planning Board-2 year term

Aaron Wechsler 149
Dennis Lanphear 164*

Town Treasurer-1 year term

Susan Damour 411*

Planning Board-1 year term

Scott Dias 386*

Town Clerk/Tax Collector-3 year term

Kimberly I. Johnson 422*

Trustees of the Trust Funds-3 year term

Shelley H. Wilson 382*

Cemetery Trustee-3 year term

Jim Fitch (write-in) 5
Jennifer Connor (write-in) 6*
Morgan Murdough (write-in) 6
(Declined position)

Trustees of the Tucker Free Library -
3 year term

John Capuco 262*
Ignatius Ferreira 101
Deb Kreutzer 250*

Cogswell Spring Water Works Water
Commissioner-3 year term

Joseph P. Damour 408*

The meeting reconvened at the Henniker Community School Cafetorium
on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

The annual Henniker Town Meeting began with a reminder to pick up your voting cards from the Supervisors of the Checklist. Wayne Colby, the Moderator, led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Two announcements were given: 1.) about supporting the 7th graders selling refreshments today to offset some of their costs for their 8th grade trip to Washington DC next year and 2.) everyone should take advantage of the monthly E-newsletter by signing up at the Henniker website with your email address. The introduction of the front table was next – Kimberly Johnson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Deborah Aucoin, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; the Selectmen: Robert French, Jr., Leo Aucoin, Kris Blomback, Chairman, Ronald Taylor, Scott Osgood; Thomas Yennerell, Town Administrator, and Russ Roy, Finance Director. The contested seats results from the election on Tuesday were reported with a reminder that all those that have been elected must be sworn in before taking any official actions.

The Moderator spoke about his role at the meeting and that is to assure that we have an orderly and legal meeting. Any decision of the Moderator may be overturned by a majority vote of the voters in attendance. When speaking, step to the microphone, wait to be recognized by the Moderator, state your name and then you make a motion or speak to a motion under discussion. A motion or amendment must be in writing. Please allow others to speak to a motion before speaking a second time. Any remarks should be directed at the Moderator, do not engage in debate or make personal remarks about another person. Displays of approval or disapproval should be by voting, not cheering, booing or applause. Always be respectful of one another. Votes will generally be taken by a show of voting cards. There were 114 voter cards issued at the meeting. Instructions were given on how to request a ballot vote or a recount of a ballot vote. “We all share the sand box so play nice.”

Kris Blomback, Chairman of the Selectmen, began his presentation with a brief history of the Henniker name. Kris mentioned some changes to our team this year, the passing of longtime Assistant Highway Superintendent, Scott Davison, who the Town Meeting is dedicated to this year. Scott will be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We bid happy retirement to longtime, diligent, and dedicated Cindy Marsland and we wish Carl Knapp all the best as he returns to his roots in the state of Montana. A big welcome to Nate Hadaway as the new Highway Superintendent whose team has done a fantastic job clearing all the roads and keeping everything open for travel with one of the most challenging winters in recent memory. A welcome back was given to re-elected Selectmen, Scott Osgood and a big welcome to the very capable, new Selectmen, Tia Hooper. Outgoing Selectman, Ron Taylor was acknowledged with a plaque as a true community minded individual with more than 38 years of service on various committies and boards for both the Town and School.

Highlights of the previous year were given including finalizing the design and obtaining permits for the Western Ave. bridge, additional land parcels placed into recreational easements, donations into dedicated funds, Safe Roads to School Grant and much needed attention of the Contoocook River. Some of the legal and less glamorous side of the past year included Henniker, along with multiple municipalities compelled the State to resume flood control reimbursements. The Town has also adopted the NH Inventory of Tax property forms which saves the Town from having to undergo a full revaluation every 5 years.

Kris continued by saying that the Selectmen have tried very hard to level-fund budgets and without cutting services, it is next to impossible to reduce spending. The proposed budget is up \$25,000.00 over last year or an increase of less than 1%. There is ample opportunity for the public to provide input into the budget process at any given point throughout the year. We are asking for your support in this year’s budget. Our moderator, Mr. Wayne Colby will surely keep us on the up and up as we get into the nitty gritty. As we invoke the tools of Town Meeting, please remember “Passion is Good, Emotion is Bad.”

Wayne Colby, the Moderator, addressed those in attendance at the annual Town Meeting, about procedure for Articles 2, 3 and 4. The three Articles are for bond issues over \$100,000.00 and follow special rules. They must be acted on first prior to all other business. Ballot voting on bond issues must be allowed for at least one hour for each one. Wayne offered a suggestion that we act on Article 2, then someone can make a motion to postpone action on Articles 3 and 4 until the results of the voting on Article 2 are known. When most of the attendees have completed voting on the first bond issue, we will then proceed to Article 5 and continue until the results of the voting on Article 2 are known. We will then take similar action on Article 3 and proceed with acting on other articles.

- 2) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Six Million Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$6,044,700) for the Western Avenue Bridge Replacement Program; of which eighty percent (80%) is reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation and Federal Bridge Aid in the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$4,835,760) and furthermore authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,208,940), twenty percent (20%) of the project cost, in bond or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and term of payment thereon. (2/3 vote required for passage.)

Selectmen recommend.

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #2 BEGAN AT 1:40 p.m.

MOTION made to postpone discussion and voting on Articles 3 and 4 until the results of voting on Article 2 are known

MOTION PASSED

- 5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Forty Seven Dollars (\$4,151,047) for general municipal operations.

Selectmen recommend.

	2014 Requested	2013 Approved	Difference
EXECUTIVE BUDGET	20,767	20,750	17
HISTORIC DISTRICT	1,250	250	1,000
TOWN CLK BUDGET	70,419	64,841	5,578
ELECTION BUDGET	9,960	4,420	5,540
TAX MAP BUDGET	3,850	3,550	300
TOWN OFFICE BUDGET	478,505	491,872	-13,367
TAX COLL BUDGET	71,122	65,381	5,741
LEGAL FEES BUDGET	20,000	30,000	-10,000
PLAN BUDGET	47,751	48,901	-1,150
ZBA BUDGET	5,521	5,521	0
CEMETERIES BUDGET	8,000	8,000	0
INSURANCE BUDGET	110,975	107,800	3,175
MUNICIPAL DUES BUDGET	3,603	3,317	286
POLICE BUDGET	1,047,666	1,054,792	-7,126
FIRE/RESCUE BUDGET	537,286	529,534	7,752

CODE BUDGET	4,000	4,000	0
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,292	2,042	-750
HIGHWAY BUDGET	651,802	647,956	3,846
HIGHWAY/STREETS BUD	292,500	271,101	21,399
STREET LIGHTS BUDGET	24,080	22,800	1,280
SOLID WASTE BUDGET	438,713	440,656	-1,943
ANIMAL CONTROL BUD	24,437	24,777	-340
HUMAN SERVICE BUDGET	87,500	80,000	7,500
ATHLETIC BUDGET	40,149	40,149	0
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES BUD	2,150	2,150	0
CONCERT'S BUDGET	5,850	5,850	0
CONSERVATION BUDGET	2,790	2,790	0
COMMUNITY BUDGET	58,366	58,366	0
Debt Service – Principal	59,000	59,000	0
Debt Service – Interest	11,743	14,943	-3,200
Debt Service – Tan Interest	10,000	10,000	0
Total	4,151,047	4,125,509	25,538

MOTION TO AMEND (#1) ARTICLE #5: To Reduce the amount of the White Birch budget \$75,000.00 from \$50,000.00 to \$42,500.00

MOTION FAILED

MOTION TO AMEND (#2) ARTICLE #5: To reduce the budget by \$50,000.00 to be applied towards removing the Part-Time position of Planning Consultant.

MOTION FAILED

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Selectmen recommend.

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- 6) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$355,388) for the operating expenses of Cogswell Spring Water Works. This funding is provided by water assessments.
Water Commissioners and Selectmen recommend.
- 7) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$528,763) for the operating expenses of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This funding is provided by sewer assessments.
Sewer Commissioner recommend. Selectmen recommend.
- 8) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Three Dollars (\$210,593) for the Tucker Free Library with the amount to be raised from current year taxation.
Selectmen recommend.

MOTION to see if the Town will vote to move Articles 17 and 18 to follow immediately after Article 8 so that all Tucker Free Library business may be considered together.

MOTION PASSED

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #2 CLOSED AT 2:40 p.m.

- 17) **VOTED** to authorize the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library to remove and use \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) from the Ann S. Soderstrom Trust for the purpose of purchasing furnishings for the Youth Services area. This includes square craft tables, homework tables, computer work stations, and accompanying chairs.
Selectmen recommend.

- 18) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the purpose of restoration of the stained glass windows at the Tucker Free Library. Furthermore, this appropriation is 100% reimbursable to the Town from a Conservation License Plate Grant Program offered through the State of New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources. No expenditure under this article shall occur unless the library receives the full amount of the stated grant.
- 9) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to refurbish a Highway Department Freightliner dump/plow truck (Trk#603).
Selectmen recommend.
- 10) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900) to refurbish and re-roof one side of the Academy Hall roof and \$3,560 or 40% to be funded by the Historical Society, the balance of Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$5,340) to be funded by taxes.
Selectmen recommend.

BALLOT VOTING RESULTS ON ARTICLE #2
YES 83 NO 37

ARTICLE #2 PASSED WITH THE REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

MOTION made to restrict reconsideration of Articles 2, 5 through 10, 17 and 18 in accordance with RSA 40:15, paragraphs 1 and 5.

MOTION PASSED

- 3) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Three Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$323,000) for the design and replacement of the Ultraviolet Disinfection System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Furthermore authorize the issuance of not more than Two Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$223,000) in bond or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, and to authorize the Selectboard and the Sewer Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and term of payment thereon. Additionally, to authorize the Town to apply for, receive, and expend Federal and State grants which may at any time become available in accordance with RSA 31:95. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) will be used for this project from the Wastewater unreserved fund balance. This funding is provided by sewer assessments. (2/3 vote required for passage.)
Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners recommend.

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #3 BEGAN AT 3:01 p.m.

MOTION made to postpone discussion and voting on Article 4 until the results of voting on Article 3 are known.

MOTION PASSED

- 11) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$17,712) to refurbish and re-roof and insulate the cap of The Police Department building and authorize the use of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred (\$7,900) from the Police Station Fund. Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$9,812) will be funded by tax dollars.
Selectmen recommend.

- 12) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to replace the compacting solid waste trailer used at the transfer station.
Selectmen recommend.
- 13) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established in 1988 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of an ambulance for the Rescue Squad.
Selectmen recommend.
- 14) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) to place in the already established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund; said fund established at the 2001 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1.
Selectmen recommend.
- 15) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for road improvements, representing the Town's estimated share of the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant. Only the amount of revenue received from the block grant shall be appropriated for this purpose. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. and will not lapse before five (5) years.
Selectmen recommend.
- 16) **VOTED** to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$16,000 to relocate and develop a softball field and authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose at the 2008 Town Meeting. No amount to be raised from taxes.
Selectmen recommend.

MOTION made to restrict reconsideration of Articles 11 through 16 in accordance with RSA 40:15, paragraphs 1 and 5.

MOTION PASSED

- 19) A PETITION OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF HENNIKER, NH: WE the undersigned, being legal voters in the Town of Henniker, do hereby petition the Town of Henniker to allow a Warrant article at the 2014 March Town Meeting for the following: **FAILED** to support the portion of road known as Browns Way from its intersection with Old Hillsborough Road to be maintained for 0.45 miles in an AS IS maintained Town Road status.
Submitted by petition.
- 20) On petition of the registered voters in the Town of Henniker, NH: To see if the Town will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION; WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon "the people alone" (James Madison, *Federalist No. 52*, 1788); and WHEREAS, the influence of corporate and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on the people alone; BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Henniker, New Hampshire instruct Henniker's state representatives to call for, and Henniker's congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that; the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons, and; the federal and state legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for federal or state office, or for any initiative or referendum. Henniker's state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment. IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Selectmen shall immediately, and on the twenty-first of January of each year, until Congress has proposed an amendment and such

amendment is ratified by the state, send a written notice to Henniker’s congressional delegation, and to Henniker’s state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

Submitted by petition.

MOTION TO AMEND (#1) ARTICLE 20 : To see if the Town will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION; WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon “the people alone” (James Madison, *Federalist No. 52*, 1788); and WHEREAS, the influence of corporate and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on the people alone; BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Henniker, New Hampshire instruct Henniker’s state representatives to call for, and Henniker’s congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that; the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons, and; the federal and state legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for federal or state office, or for any initiative or referendum. Henniker’s state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment. IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Selectmen shall immediately send a written notice to Henniker’s congressional delegation, and to Henniker’s state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

Submitted by petition.

MOTION PASSED

VOTED to pass the following RESOLUTION; WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon “the people alone” (James Madison, *Federalist No. 52*, 1788); and WHEREAS, the influence of corporate and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on the people alone; BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Henniker, New Hampshire instruct Henniker’s state representatives to call for, and Henniker’s congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that; the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons, and; the federal and state legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for federal or state office, or for any initiative or referendum. Henniker’s state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment. IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Selectmen shall immediately send a written notice to Henniker’s congressional delegation, and to Henniker’s state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

Submitted by petition.

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #3 CLOSED AT 4:01 p.m.

- 21) **VOTED** to discontinue a limited section of Centervale Road, Class VI, requested by the current abutters. This complete discontinuance will result in releasing and relinquishing public servitude related to the section. Preserved are any private citizens or abutting land owner rights, that they may have over this part of said road.

This section of Class VI road is located approximately 710 feet from the intersection of Centervale Road and Old Concord Road: Beginning at a point where Centervale Road intersects with Tax Lot 604 and 604-X, said beginning point lies easterly of a truck scale on lot 604-X; thence, running in a general southwesterly direction approximately 1150’ more or less through property of Cousineau’s Valley Chipping Company, known as Tax Lot 604-X, to an intersection point or turn representing the end of the discontinued section.

Documentation and plans are available for review at the Town Hall; see report titled:

TOWN OF HENNIKER WARRANT ARTICLE
CENTERVALE ROAD DISCONTINUANCE DOCUMENTATION
Tax Lots 604 and 604-X

Property Owner: Cousineau Forest Products
Henniker, New Hampshire
Date: February 4, 2014
Prepared by: Michael A. Lambert, Environmental Scientist

Selectmen and Planning Board Recommend.

BALLOT VOTING RESULTS ON ARTICLE #3
YES 96 NO 5

ARTICLE #3 PASSED WITH THE REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the installation of water meters for the Cogswell Spring Water Works. Furthermore authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) in bond or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, and to authorize the Selectboard and the Water Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and term of payment thereon. Cost of the bond debt service is approximately \$38 per unit per year. (2/3 vote required for passage.)
Water Commissioners and Selectmen recommend.

MOTION to restrict reconsideration of Articles 3 and Articles 19-21 in accordance with RSA 40:10, paragraphs 1 and 5.

MOTION PASSED

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #4 BEGAN AT 4:33 p.m.

BALLOT VOTING ON ARTICLE #4 CLOSED AT 5:33 p.m.

BALLOT VOTING RESULTS ON ARTICLE #4
YES 66 NO 17

ARTICLE #4 PASSED WITH THE REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. (This article is meant to allocate time that public acknowledgments may be voiced and is not meant to add additional articles to the meeting. The final decision is the responsibility of the Town Moderator - per Henniker Town Counsel).

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

A True copy Attest:

Kimberly I. Johnson, Town Clerk