

Minutes of the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting March 6, 2012

Valdine Hall, Town Clerk

The legal voters of the town and town school district of Greensboro will meet in the multipurpose room at Lakeview Union Elementary School in the town of Greensboro, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Due to a multi-town power outage, the location for the Annual Town and School Meeting was moved from Lakeview Union Elementary School to Fellowship Hall. As the Town Hall is equipped with a generator, the official polling place for the Presidential Primary, the NEKWMD vote and Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment was moved to the Greensboro Town Clerk's Office.

Many thanks to Kim Greaves, Jeanne Eisner, Tim Nisbet, Lorelie Wheeler and everyone else who helped with setting up for our annual meeting. I would also like to acknowledge Michelle Laflam and staff from Four Seasons of Early Learning who remained calm and provided us all with a wonderful lunch.

Town Meeting was called to order at 10:17.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

Moved. Anne Harbison nominated Tim Nisbet.

Result: elected on voice vote.

Article 2: To take action on the auditors' printed report of officers.

Moved by Valdine Hall. Seconded by Judy Carpenter. Result: Article was approved with correction to Library Trustee "need to elect an additional 2 year position."

Result: Article passed on voice vote.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$642,750 (Australian ballot).

Moved by Janet Long. Seconded by Judy Carpenter.

Folks were reminded that the polling place was the Greensboro Town Clerk's Office.

Result: The Article passed- 105 Yes, 17 No.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro change the Selectboard seat now with a one-year term to a two-year term, to take effect at this meeting?

Moved by Judy Carpenter. Seconded by Anne Harbison.

Result: The Article passed on voice vote.

Article 5: (We will only vote on this Article if Article 4 fails). Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro change the Selectboard seat now with a two-year term to a one-year term, beginning with the March, 2013 Town Meeting? *AS ARTICLE 4,*

PASSED NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Article 6: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term of Office	Elected /Nominated By
Selectboard	3 years	Susan Wood/Marsha Gadoury
Selectboard	2 years	Marsha Gadoury/Jane Sprenger
Auditor	3 years	Jane Johns/Valdine Hall
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Peggy Lipscomp/Valdine Hall
Lister	3 years	Kim Greaves/Valdine Hall
Greensboro School Board	3 years	Marjorie Urie/Wayne Young
Lakeview Union Director	3 years	Barb Howard/Wayne Young
Lakeview Union Director	1 year	David Smith/Judy Dales
Lakeview Union Director (to complete term 2014)	2 years	Patty Launer/Valdine Hall
Hazen Union Director	3 years	Deb Holmes/Wayne Young
First Constable	1 year	Rick Walsh/Janet Long
Second Constable	1 year	Mark Snyder/Rick Walsh
Library Trustee	3 years	Ed Stehle/Slate Presented by Chair of Board, all elected as presented
Library Trustee	3 years	Donna Jenckes
Library Trustee	3 years	Joe Wood
Library Trustee	2 years	Ken Johnston
School District Treasurer	1 year	Lorraine Tolman/Janet Long
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Janet Long/Valdine Hall
Town Agent	1 year	David Smith/Anne Harbison
Town Grand Juror	1 year	David Smith/Judy Carpenter

The meeting paused to allow the Selectboard to present the Greensboro Award – This year’s recipient was Bridget Collier.

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums for the following uses and agencies?

Moved by Mike Metcalf. Seconded by Clive Gray. Appropriations approved as amended - the Article passed on a voice vote.

Use or Agency	Amount
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 1,000
AWARE	1,500
Ballfield	700
Beach	2,050
Caledonia Home Health	1,400
Caspian milfoil program	6,000
Cemetery	10,000
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	200
Conservation Commission	2000
Craftsbury Community Care Center	10,000
Four Season's of Early Learning	9,500
Green Up	50
Greensboro Historical Society	1,000
Greensboro Free Library	20,000
Greensboro Nursing Home	18,053
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	500
Hardwick Area Food Shelf amended from 500 to 2500	2500
Lamoille Family Center	500
Memorial Day	250
NEK Learning Services	250
North Country Animal League	600
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	800
NVDA	450
NVRCDC corrected to 100 from 75	100
Orleans County Historical Society	375
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	800
Orleans County Court Diversion	75
Recreation corrected to 2975 from 3000	2975
Red Cross	250
Rescue squad	4,020
Restorative Justice	1,500
Rural Community Transportation	900
Senior Trotters (Wonder & Wisdom)	3,500

Use or Agency	Amount
VT Center for Independent Living	210
Total amended from 102,008	\$104,008

Article 8: Shall the Town approve the proposed budget in the amount of **\$1,502,086 (amended from \$1,500,086.00)** (including appropriations) which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012?

Moved by Ed Stehle. Seconded by Judy Carpenter. Amended budget amount of \$1,502,086.

Result: The Article passed on voice vote.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to increase the disabled veterans exemption amount from \$20,000 of real estate appraised value to \$40,000 of real estate appraised value, in accordance with 32 V.S.A. 3802(11), to take effect April 1, 2012?

Moved by Janet Long. Seconded by Judy Carpenter.

Result: Article passed on a voice vote

Our annual meeting paused briefly while Representative Sam Young spoke to those assembled, bringing us up to date on some of the topics discussed by the Legislature this year. We can expect to have better cell phone reception – small radios will be installed on the tops of telephone poles. Every 10 years districts are reviewed based on the most recent census data. Redistricting occurs in some towns as a result of the new data. We, however, will not see a change in our district. He also discussed the Working Landscape Enterprise Bill and the Health Care Exchange.

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to change voting for the “Use or Agency” appropriations list to voting by Australian ballot, beginning with the March, 2013 Town Meeting?

Moved by Janet Long. Seconded by Lorraine Tolman.

Result: Article failed on a voice vote.

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

Moved by Karl Stein. Seconded by Judy Dales.

Result: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to instruct the selectboard to set the tax rate necessary to raise the specific amounts for the town and the amount necessary to raise by law for the Hazen Union School District No. 26 and the Lakeview Union School District No. 43 based on the FY2013 Grand Lists? Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Judy Carpenter. Seconded by Wayne Young. Discussion on the school

tax rate and that the State now sets it. Is it necessary to include this in our warning?

Result: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 13: Shall the Town instruct the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Moved by Lorraine Tolman. Seconded by Janet Long.

Result: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 14: Shall the town school district approve the proposed budget, which contains the necessary amounts to defray town school district expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, and authorize the selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same? Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Wayne Young. Seconded by Karl Stein.

Result: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 15: Shall the town school district authorize the school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and state revenues?

Moved by Valdine Hall. Seconded by Wayne Young.

Result: Article passed on voice vote.

Article 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro urge the Vermont 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 the measure?

Moved by Judy Carpenter. Seconded by Jane Sprenger. Discussion followed, not everyone was in favor.

Result: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Discussed having our Annual Meeting at Fellowship Hall next year. Those present were in favor of Fellowship Hall next year.

Our annual 4th of July celebration will be on Saturday July 7th.

Bobbie Nisbet reminded everyone of the Lakeview Union Annual Meeting on March 8th and urged people to attend. It was mentioned that there would probably be a higher voter turn-out if the vote were by Australian ballot, perhaps on the same day as the Hazen Union vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Selectboard:

Margaret Lipscomb	Warren Hill
Anne Stevens	Jefferson Tolman
Marsha Gadoury	

School Board:

Wayne Young
Barbara Howard
Marjorie Urie