

Minutes of Town Meeting

WOODSTOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 13, 2012

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Moderator D. Kenneth Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by James Fadden Jr. to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and to open the polls, seconded by Jack Richardson – unanimous affirmative vote. Polls were closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting

1. All cell phones must be shut off;
2. Speakers must stand and identify themselves;
3. Only registered voters may speak and vote;
4. Anyone not a registered voter wishing to address an issue may do so only with the permission of the Moderator;
5. Motions for reconsideration must be made immediately after the vote is announced on the article;
6. The Moderator's rules can be challenged or overruled by the voters.

So moved by David Talbot, seconded by James Fadden Sr.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept rules.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: 1 Selectman, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds, 1 Cemetery Trustee, 2 Budget Committee, 2 Planning Board, 2 Floodplain Board of Adjustments.

(Those receiving less than 5 votes are not listed)

Selectman for Three Years (vote for one)
Theodore W. Russell Sr. 130
James Fadden Jr. 182

Fire Chief for One Year (vote for one)
John MacKay 250
Fred Englert 24
Thomas Sabourn 16

Library Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)
C. Jacqueline Champy 288

Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (vote for one)
Karen M. Trickett 266

Cemetery Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)
Barbara Avery 299

Budget Committee for Three Years (vote for two)
Brenda Vance 214
Patrick Griffin 61
David C. Pearce 85
Stephen B. Tower 149

Planning Board for Three Years (vote for two)
Jay Polimeno 288
Patrick Griffin 163

Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Three Years (vote for one) – no one elected

Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Two Year (vote for one) – no one elected

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the elective office of Fire Chief and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a committee to fill the office of Fire Chief by appointment. This article will be effective at the end of the current one year term of the Fire Chief, in March, 2014. The Selectmen recommend this petition. (Inserted by petition) (Majority vote required)

So moved by David Talbot, seconded by James Fadden Sr.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept rules.

Several questions were asked and a lengthy discussion was held.

The Moderator received a request for a secret ballot signed by nineteen registered voters.

Article 2 defeated. (51 No Votes – 36 Yes Votes)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Building Maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

So moved by Paula MacKay, seconded by Charlie Harrington
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 3.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Department Equipment and to raise and appropriate the

sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by David Talbot, seconded by Susan Young

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 4.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Jack Richardson, seconded by Marty Talbot

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 5.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the existing Library Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Jay Polimeno, seconded by Deborah Showalter

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 6.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Pauline Harrington, seconded by Anne Englert

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 7.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Solid Waste Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Daniel Adams, seconded by Jerrilyn King

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 8.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Gisele Laliberte, seconded by Joanne Osgood

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 9.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Duty Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Deborah Ford, seconded by James Fadden Sr.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 10.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$2,776,365) for the operating budget. This amount does not include any articles voted separately. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
So moved by Susan Young, seconded by James Fadden Sr.

Danny Bourassa moved to amend Article 11 to include \$5000.00 for the repair of the stone wall on Main Street across from Soldier's Park, seconded by Charlie Harrington.

Jim Fadden Jr. explained that the \$5000.00 raised in Article 7 will be added to the Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund of \$14,696.60 which will give us a total of \$19,696.60. Some of this money will be used to repair the wall at Soldier's Park as well as the wall the runs along Main Street.

Danny questioned whether that would be enough money to complete the project this year.

Jim stated the plan is to renovate Soldier's Park and the repair the walls this year.

Danny moved to rescind his prior amendment to Article 11, seconded by Charlie Harrington.

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 11.

Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

John MacKay, on behalf of the Woodstock Firemen and Woodstock Fireman's Association, presented William Mellett with a plaque for 26 years as Fire Chief.

Ken recognized the marriages, births, and deaths listed in the town report.

Ken read a press release from the Grafton County Commissioners informing members of the community that Grafton County is participating in a prescription drug discount program for anyone who does not have prescription coverage. These cards can be picked up at the Town Office and offer up to 20% off prescription medication at participating pharmacies.

James Fadden Jr., on behalf of Ruth Ballmer, thanked everyone who participated in the Woodstock Winter Festival. Jim announced that the 2013 Woodstock Winter Festival will be held on Wednesday, December 11th.

James Fadden Jr., expressed thanks all the volunteers that sit on all the boards and committees.

James Fadden Jr., acknowledged Woodstock's 250th Anniversary.

Ken recognized the Lin-Wood Medical Center, Dr. Rodney Felgate, and Barbara Wiggett for

the 40 years of medical services they have provided to the Lincoln and Woodstock communities.

A motion was made by Susan Young to adjourn at 8:35p.m., seconded by James Fadden Sr., unanimous affirmative vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Welch
Town Clerk