

## Duxbury Town Clerk's Office

Rec'd for Record MARCH 11, 2014 A.D.At 2 o'clock 00 minutes P M <sup>129-136</sup>Recorded in Book TR II Page MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THEAttest Kenneth Scott Town Clerk **TOWN OF DUXBURY AS A TOWN AND AS A  
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 4, 2014**

The inhabitants of the Town of Duxbury who are legal voters in said Town and Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Crossett Brook Middle School in the Town of Duxbury, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following:

[Article IX, Article X, Article 4 and Article A will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7 AM through 7 PM at the Crossett Brook Middle School.]

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The Moderator noted that today, March 4, 2014, was the 223<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the State of Vermont.

The Moderator led the Town in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

A moment of remembrance for those listed on page 62-63, Deaths, was held.

Notice was made of the PowerPoint display and information on the table staffed by the Road crew.

The Road crew was acknowledged by a round of applause.

1. To elect a Moderator to preside at the meetings of the Town and Town School District for the year ensuing.

Mark Morse was elected Town Moderator for the year ensuing.

2. To elect a Town Treasurer.

On a motion made and seconded, Kym Andrews was elected Treasurer by voice vote.

3. To act upon the reports of the Town and Town School District officers.

Corrections:

Page 19-21: Selectboard written by the Chair, Dick Charland.

Page 23: Disregard and refer to current Handout page.

Page 25: Additions to this list make a total of \$94,561.72.

Page 35-38: Disregard and refer to current Handout page.

Page 39: Disregard "Cemetery Fund" and refer to page 44.

Page 16: Development Review Board terms of office listed on page 42 are correct.

Page 62: Dorothy Merchant's maiden name is Harvey.

Page 39: Capital Reserve Fund expense of \$238,058.50 is correct. The amount approved for expense at Town Meeting 2013 was not fully spent.

A question was raised regarding listing Town Officers by term, not by name.

Page 14: Amy Scharf is not a School Director.

On a motion made and seconded, the reports of the Town and Town School District officers were accepted with the noted corrections.

- 4. To determine what action the Town and Town School District will take with respect to compensating their officers for their official services during the ensuing year.

Budget lines: 211, 212, 218, 218A, 311, 315D, 321, 331 and 332.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the compensation as listed in Town Report.

A motion made and seconded to amend line 211 to read \$36,000 was approved by paper ballot:

Ballots cast: 144    Needed to pass: 73  
 In favor: 79    Opposed: 65

The vote on the original motion, excepting line 211, was made and lines 212, 218, 218A, 311, 315D, 321, 331 and 332 were approved by voice vote.

- 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury approve the expenditure from capital reserve fund, not to exceed, \$20,000.00 to be used as matching funds for potential grants funds to be determined by the Selectboard for the year of 2014.

A motion made and seconded to pass over this Article, until the final determination of the present audit is received, was approved by a show of hands with the Moderator determining that an obvious two-thirds majority were in favor.

- 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury approve the expenditure from the capital reserve fund, not to exceed, \$45,000.00 to replace 16 culverts under the paved roads in the Town of Duxbury and repave the same spots.

A motion made and seconded to pass over this Article, until the final determination of the present audit is received, was approved by a show of hands with the Moderator determining that an obvious two-thirds majority were in favor.

7. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury approve the expenditure from the capital reserve fund, not to exceed, \$193,395.00 minus \$12,000 trade in value for the 1998 John Deere Backhoe; \$28,140.55 per year for a 7 years lease to own with a zero buy out toward a 2014 Volvo wheeled excavator including a 7 years extended warranty.

A motion made and seconded to pass over this Article, until the final determination of the present audit is received, was approved by a show of hands with the Moderator determining that an obvious two-thirds majority were in favor.

8. Shall the voters of the town of Duxbury authorize the Selectboard to investigate a change in the budget year for the town from a calendar year to a fiscal year basis including multiple tax payments during the fiscal year.

On a motion made and seconded, this Article was approved by voice vote.

9. To vote sums of money to pay debts and current expenses of the Town and Town School District and to pay county taxes with same to be expressed in specific dollar amounts or as a rate of tax on the dollar of the Grand List and, if by specific dollar amounts, to authorize the Selectboard to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List book has been completed and lodged in the office of the Town Clerk, and to vote a sum of money to increase the principal of the Town's Capital Reserve Fund, and to vote a sum of money to increase the principal of the Town's Sand & Gravel Escrow.

A motion was made and seconded to fund the General Fund at the sum of \$779,335.82, the Capital Reserve Fund at \$100,000 and the Sand/Gravel Escrow at \$53,298.

A motion made and seconded to amend the original motion by deleting the amounts for the Capital Reserve Fund and Sand/Gravel Escrow was approved by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded by amend line 141-A to read \$37,440.00 was withdrawn.

A motion made and seconded to give the Road crew a 2% increase in pay was approved by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded to give the Assistant Town Clerk a 2% increase in pay (the Assistant Town Clerk stating publicly that she did not wish to have the increase) was defeated by voice vote.

On a motion made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Meeting was recessed for one hour for lunch.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

A motion made by the Treasurer and seconded to have line 143-0 read \$11,005.96 and line 213-0 read \$4,008.50 was approved by voice vote. This action taken to approve the increase in FICA due to approved salary changes as given above.

A motion made and seconded to amend line 125-0 to read \$4,200 was approved by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded to fund the General Fund at \$787,679.59 was approved by voice vote.

At this time Adam Greshin and Maxine Grad, the Town's state representative, were welcomed and addressed the Town.

10. Shall the Voters of the Town of Duxbury set the Due Date for the issuance of the Tax Warrant of real and personal property and the Date taxes on such property shall become due and payable without discount as October 10, 2014 [second Friday in October] and also assess an 8% Penalty as prescribed by State Statute and a 1% interest charge per month on such taxes not paid when due.

On a motion made and seconded this Article was approved by voice vote.

11. To determine if the Town will have its current taxes paid to the Town Treasurer and its delinquent taxes paid to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

On a motion made and seconded this Article was approved by voice vote.

12. To elect all Town and Town School District officers required by law and to fill any other vacancies existing in Town and Town School District offices.

Selectboard 3-Year term

Maurice LaVanway was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Maurice LaVanway was approved by voice vote.

Selectboard 1-Year term

Marty Wells was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Marty Wells was approved by voice vote.

## Selectboard 1-Year term

Dawn Poitras was nominated and declined.  
 Paul Brusa was nominated and declined.  
 Ken Scott was nominated and declined.  
 Scott Woodard was nominated and declined.  
 Fred Collins was nominated and declined.  
 Lars Dickson was nominated and declined.  
 Bob Magee was nominated.  
 Amy Scharf was nominated.

Poll of the Town      Ballots cast 91, Needed to elect 46.

Bob Magee    23  
 Amy Scharf   68

Amy Scharf was elected.

## Lister 3-Year term

Deb Sweetser was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Deb Sweetser was approved by voice vote.

## Duxbury School Director 3-Year term

Anne LaTulippe was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Anne LaTulippe was approved by voice vote.

## School Director to Harwood Union 3-Year term

Garrett MacCurtain was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Garrett MacCurtain was approved by voice vote.

## Auditor 3-Year Term

Lars Dickson was nominated and declined.  
 Bob Magee was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Bob Magee was approved by voice vote.

## Budget Committee 5-Year term

Jen Dean was nominated.  
 Lars Dickson was nominated and declined.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jen Dean was approved by voice vote.

## Cemetery Commission 3-Year term

Kim Greenwood was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Kim Greenwood was approved by voice vote.

## Constable 1-Year term

Nathan Isham was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Nathan Isham was approved by voice vote.

## Delinquent Tax Collector 1-Year term

Annette Griffith was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Annette Griffith was approved by voice vote.

## Agent to Prosecute Suits and Grand Juror

Kym Andrews was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Kym Andrews was approved by voice vote.

13. To determine if the Town will elect a second constable and if so, to elect.

On a motion made and seconded, the Town approved electing a second constable by voice vote.

Annette Griffith was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Annette Griffith was approved by voice vote.

14. To determine if the Town will elect a dog catcher(s) and if so, to elect.

On a motion made and seconded, the Town approved electing a dogcatcher by voice vote.

Zeb Towne was nominated.  
 A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Zeb Towne was approved by voice vote.

15. To do any other business which may come before the Town.
- a. A question regarding the Manosh payment for the Gravel pit leak. The Chair of the Selectboard stated that the Town lawyer's fee vs. the amount of money owed by Mr. Manosh was such that the Board had determined to drop the action.
  - b. Kym Andrews thanked Dawn Poitras for her time serving on the Selectboard.
  - c. Dawn Poitras noted the water meter issue on the Cubit property which the Town now owns. Does the Town want to keep the meter?
  - d. Bill Morse asked for a special remembrance of Dorothy Merchant who, during her life, held many Town offices.
  - e. Phyllis Arsenalt-Berry thanked the Selectboard for their work during the past year.

On a motion made and seconded the Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

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The following Articles shall be voted by Australian ballot:

Article IX: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$13,547,626, necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

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| In favor | 1,694 | Opposed | 1,243 |
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Article X: Shall Harwood Union High School District No. 19 authorize school building water supply system improvements in an amount not to exceed \$425,000, subject to reduction from available grants-in-aid, loan forgiveness and other financial assistance, to be financed over a term not to exceed twenty years?

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| In favor | 2,199 | Opposed | 735 |
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Article 4: Shall the voters of Waterbury-Duxbury School District #45 appropriate \$11,346,408, necessary for the support of the school for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

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| In favor | 980 | Opposed | 719 |
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Article A: For Union #45 School Director at Large

Jason Gibbs received 1,429 votes.

Approved and signed at Duxbury this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2014:

Morse Morse, Moderator  
*Mark H. Morse*

Richard Charland, Selectboard  
*Richard Charland*

Maureen Harvey, Selectboard  
*Maureen Harvey*

Maurice LaVanway, Selectboard  
*Maurice LaVanway*

Amy Scharf, Selectboard

Marty Wells, Selectboard  
*Marty Wells*

Betty Gibbs, School Director

Anne LaTulippe, School Director

Thomas Cahalan, School Director

Brenda B. Hartshorn, Justice

Jeffrey Larkin, Justice

Stephanie Koonz, Justice

*Bonnie D. Morse*  
Bonnie D. Morse, Justice

Ken Scott, Justice

Cindy Senning, Justice

Greg K. Trulson, Justice  
*Greg K. Trulson*

Received for recording, and recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2014

In Town Records II Book, pages 129 - 136.

ATTEST: *J. Kenneth Scott*  
J. Kenneth Scott, Town Clerk

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