

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN of DUXBURY
as a TOWN and as a TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 3, 2015

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

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

The Moderator directed the Town's attention to various displays and materials available.
Ruth Haskins, Director of the Duxbury Food Shelf, addressed the Town.

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

On a motion made and seconded, Mark Morse was elected.

The Moderator explained to the Town that in the past there had been an Article to accept the Reports of Town Officers. This Article did not appear in this year's Warning. noted changes/updates in this year's Town Report:

In Article 3, the citation should read "Title 17 VSA subsection 2646(3).
In the Budget, the division of the 6-month and 12-month was reviewed.
There was a question regarding the expense listed in line item
1-8-344-0 for 2014.

On page 48, it was noted that the sentence "Less fixed payments for
Short Term Note and Excavator" should read "Less fixed payments for
Short Term Note".

A motion made and seconded to accept these changes and the Reports of Town Officers was approved by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to address Articles 9, 10 and 13 at this time before addressing Article 2. There was a call for paper ballots.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast, 127; Needed to Pass, 64
In favor, 108
Opposed, 19

Article 9. (Submitted by Petition) In accordance with Title 17 VSA subsection 2646(2): Shall the Duxbury Selectboard be required to make and archive audio recordings of all Selectboard meetings which will be a public record and available for retrieval and review.
(Commentary followed in the Warning)

A motion was made and seconded to pass over this Article.
There was a call for Paper ballots.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast, 126; Needed to pass, 84
In favor, 65

Opposed, 61

The motion failed.

John Murphy addressed the Town as he had presented the petition for this Article.

A motion made and seconded to delete the word "required" and insert the word "requested" was approved by voice vote.

On a motion made and seconded, the amended Article was approved by Voice vote.

Article 10. 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 line item 1-8-211-0 at the 2014 level, making the amount for FY 15 (6 month) and FY15-16 (12 month) \$18,000 and \$36,000, respectively.

This motion passed by show of hand, 63 in favor, 45 opposed.

A motion made and seconded to fund the General Fund at the sum of \$1,338,089, the Capital Reserve Fund at \$92,250 and the Sand & Gravel Escrow at \$16,000 was approved by voice vote.

The Town Treasurer, on a point of order, stated that each fiscal year budget needed to be voted upon.

On a motion made and seconded, the Town approved a FY15 budget of \$367,594 and a FY16 budget of \$970,495 by voice vote.

Article 13. To elect all Town and School district officers required by law and to fill any other vacancies existing in Town and Town School District offices.

At this time, 12:00 Noon, the Meeting was recessed for lunch until 1:00 PM.
the Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

At this time, Maurice LaVanway publicly tendered his resignation from the Selectboard.

Selectboard:

3-Year Term

Amy Scharf was nominated.

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

2-Year Term

Keith Marino was nominated.

Marty Wells was nominated.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast 112, Needed to elect, 57

Keith Marino, 24

Marty Wells, 87

Spoiled ballot, 1

Mr. Wells was elected.

1-Year Term

Betty Gibbs was nominated.

John Murphy was nominated.

Dick Charland was nominated and declined.

Ken Scott was nominated and declined.

Gary Winnie was nominated and declined.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast 114, Needed to elect 58

Betty Gibbs, 44

John Murphy, 70

Mr. Murphy was elected.

1-Year Term

Betty Gibbs was nominated.

Keith Marino was nominated.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast 103, Needed to elect 52

Betty Gibbs, 82

Keith Marino, 19

Spoiled ballot, 2

Lister

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.

Duxbury School District

1-Year Term

Matt Schrag was nominated.

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

At this time it was determined that Anne LaTulippe, serving as both Duxbury School Director and as Town Auditor, had a conflict of office. Ms. LaTulippe opted to withdraw as a School Director.

2-Year Term

Patty Delaney was nominated.

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

Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45

3-year Term

Sam Jackson was nominated.

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

Auditor

3-year Term

Ann LaTulippe was nominated.

Gloria Rapalee was nominated and declined.

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

Budget Committee 5-Year Term

Gary Winnie was nominated.

Anne LaTulippe was nominated.

Fred Collins was nominated and declined.

Vote by show of hands:

Gary Winnie 44

Anne LaTulippe 31

Mr. Winnie was elected.

Cemetery Commission

3-Year Term

Erin Campos was nominated.

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

2-Year Term

Gloria Rapalee was nominated.

Ken Scott was nominated.

Andy McMahan was nominated and declined.

Vote by show of hands:

Gloria Rapalee 67

Ken Scott 14

Ms. Rapalee was elected.

1-Year-Term

Wayne Langlais was nominated.

Ken Scott was nominated and declined.

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

First 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 & defend Suits and Grand Juror 1-Year Term

Beth Wilbur was nominated.

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

Article 2. (Submitted by Petition) In accordance with Title 17 VSA subsection 2646(2): Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury set the term of office for Town Clerk to be one (1) year effective March 03, 2015.

The Article was moved and seconded. A call for paper ballots was made.

Poll of the Town: Ballots cast 94, Needed to pass 48
In favor 45
Opposed 49

The Town Clerk's term of office is 3 years.

Article 3. (Submitted by Petition) In accordance with Title 17 VSA subsection 2646(3): Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury set the term office for Town Treasurer to one (1) year effective March 03, 2015.

On a voice vote, the Town moved to oppose this Article.
The Town Treasurer's term of office is 3 years.

Article 4. To elect a Town Treasurer
Beth Wilbur was nominated.

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

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury appropriate the sum of \$72,000 per year to be applied to the outstanding debt of the town for a period of four years.

A motion made and seconded to amend the Article to read "for one year" was approved by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded to pass over this Article was approved
By show of hands: 62 in favor, 3 opposed.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the town of Duxbury approve the expenditure not to exceed the sum of \$50,000 from the Capital Reserve fund to be used for road construction projects to include the rebuilding of the beginning of South Crossett from the pavement at Route 100 for a distance of .1 mile, replacement of several culverts under the pavement and the resurfacing of 1.25 miles of River Road.

A motion made and seconded to approve this Article was approved by voice vote.

- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury approve the expenditure from the Capital Reserve fund, for the lease/purchase of a 2016 Freightliner tandem truck, not to exceed, \$198,054.00 minus \$39,000 trade in value for a 2003 International tandem, at an annual payment of \$33,825.00 per year for 5 years with a zero buyout at the end of the lease.

A motion was made and seconded to ask Mark Foster, Road Crew member, to address the Town.
By a large show of hands, the Moderator declaring it clearly more Than the two-thirds needed, Mr. Foster was allowed to address the Town.

Mr. Foster addressed maintenance issues with the 2003 tandem and the need to replace it.

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

- Article 8. Shall the voters of the town of Duxbury authorize the Selectboard to pursue the acquisition of two parcels of land currently owned by the State of Vermont located at the end of Hart Road. The parcels are a 32 acre piece of property formerly known as the Father Logue Camp and a 137 acre parcel formerly a part of the VT State Hospital holdings to be designated as the Duxbury Town Forest. The town would not compensate the State for the value of either parcel.

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

- Article 11. 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 9, 2015 (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, the Town set the Due Date as Friday, October 9, 2015 (50% due) and Friday, February 26, 2016 (50% due) by voice vote.

Article 12. 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, the Town approved the Article by Voice vote.

Article 14. To determine if the Town will elect a second constable and if so, to elect.

On a motion made and seconded, the Town agreed to elect 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.

Article 15. To determine if the Town will elect a dog catcher(s) and if so, to elect.

On a motion made and seconded, the Town agreed to elect a Dog catcher 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.

Article 16. To do any other business which may come before the Town.

A. Diane Sheridan thanked Lars Dickson for his website work.

B. Carol Collins thanked Mo LaVanway for his work on the Selectboard.

C. Mo LaVanway thanked Dick Charland for his work on the Selectboard.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Article IV: Shall the voters of Waterbury-Duxbury School district #45 appropriate \$11,584,574, necessary for the support of the school for the beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

YES 523

NO 551

Article IX: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School district appropriate \$14,254,834 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015?

YES 1,196

NO 1,030

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Approved and signed at Duxbury this 18th day of March, 2015:

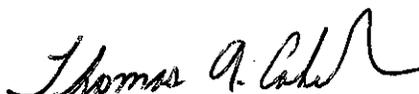

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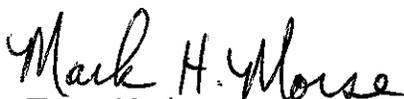
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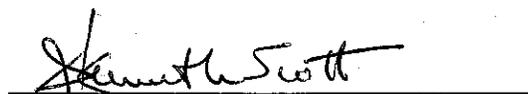
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Town Moderator

Received for recording and recorded this 18th day of March, 2015

In Book Town Records II, pages 200 to 208.

ATTEST:


J. Kenneth Scott, Town Clerk