

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF DUXBURY AS A TOWN AND AS A
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 6, 2012**

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 6, 2012 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following:

[Article IV and Article VIII 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.

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.

The Moderator recognized Ruth Haskins, Director of the Duxbury Food Shelf, who spoke about the current activity and needs of the Food Shelf and Mary Welch, who spoke regarding civility in Town Meeting.

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

On a motion made and seconded, the reports were accepted by voice vote, with noted corrections.

3. [by Petition] Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury, in recognition of 11 years of service and the fact that the Voters of the Town have not voted an increase since 2003, raise the hourly rate for the Town Clerk/Treasurer from \$18.41 (to compare, the Road Foreman with 1 year service has a rate of \$20.00 per hour) to \$23.50.

A motion to pass over this Article was defeated by a vote, show of hands.

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

4. [by Petition] Shall the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies in the amounts listed and voted on separately on the Ballot?

Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.: *Helping people build better lives for themselves, their families and communities through weatherization, business development, food shelves, Head Start, emergency heating, housing counseling, job training, financial education and more.*
\$250

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice: *A full service Visiting Nurse Association providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of ability to pay; health promotion & long term care services.* \$2,100

A motion to pass over this Article was defeated by a vote, show of hands. A motion made and seconded to amend the Article with the amounts of \$200 and \$1,600 was approved by voice vote.

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

5. [by Petition] We the legal voters of the Town of Duxbury petition the Select Board of the Town of Duxbury to warn below articles in March Town Meeting and that a special meeting be conducted prior to town Meeting to discuss such article 1 and said article to be voted by "Australian Ballot" and to allow all legal voters to cast their vote on Town Meeting Day.

Article 1

Will the voters of the Town of Duxbury require Select Board and School Board officials to obtain a petition of 5% of the voters of the Town of Duxbury to be put on a ballot and to be elected by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day?

Article 2

Will the voters of the Town of Duxbury elect a "Road Commissioner" for a period of two years and to comply to job requirements set forth in VSA Title 19 Sec. 304 and if so who to elect and if so if Road Commissioner will be compensated for position.

A motion made and seconded to move discussion of this Article to follow Article 11 was approved by voice vote.

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Duxbury authorize an expense from the Capital Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$63,200.00, for the purchase of 2 new plows and 1 new wing, the replacement of the truck body (2003 truck), the upgrading of radio equipment (to comply with FCC requirements) and for replacement of outside lighting on the Town Garage.

A motion made and seconded to amend the dollar amount to \$50,000 was approved by voice vote.

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

7. 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.

On a motion made and seconded, the compensation as listed in the proposed 2012 budget was approved by voice vote.

At this time, the Town agreed to hear from Rep. Tom Stevens and Sen. Bill Doyle.

8. 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 made and seconded to approve a budget of \$668,321 with an additional sum of \$90,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund and an additional sum of \$52,500 for the Sand and Gravel Escrow was accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the following line items:
141A from \$45,500 to \$41,600
141B from \$37,400 to \$35,360
141C from \$39,200 to \$38,480
was defeated by voice vote.

There was a question regarding the large increase in line item 411 (Fire Protection). Mr. Charland responded on behalf of the Selectboard.

A motion made and seconded to direct the Selectboard to allocate the \$90,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund as follows: \$15,000 to 'Bridges' and \$75,000 to 'Equipment', was approved by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded to accept a budget of \$668,321 with an additional sum of \$90,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund and an additional sum of \$52,500 for the Sand and Gravel Escrow was approved by voice vote.

At this time (12:05), the Town agreed to recess for lunch and be recalled at 1:15 PM.

9. 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

12, 2012 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 Article was approved by voice vote.

10. 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.

11. 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

Richard Charland was nominated.

Bob Magee was nominated.

Poll of the Town: 137 ballots cast, 69 needed to elect.

Richard Charland 90 votes

Bob Magee 46 votes

1 spoiled ballot

Richard Charland was elected.

1-year Term

Maureen Harvey was nominated.

Brian Delphia was nominated.

Tricia Tyo was nominated.

Bob Magee was nominated.

Poll of the Town: 123 ballots cast, 62 needed to elect.

Maureen Harvey 68 votes

Brian Delphia 9 votes

Tricia Tyo 13 votes

Bob Magee 33 votes

Maureen Harvey was elected.

1-year Term

Mo LaVanway was nominated.

Tricia Tyo was nominated.

Brian Delphia was nominated.

Bob Magee was nominated.

Eric Ladensack was nominated.

Poll of the Town: 127 ballots cast, 64 needed to elect.

Mo LaVanway 52 votes

Tricia Tyo	17 votes
Brian Delphia	5 votes
Bob Magee	27 votes
Eric Ladensack	26 votes

Mr. Delphia removed himself from further consideration.

Second Poll of the Town:	117 ballots cast, 59 needed to elect.
Mo LaVanway	62 votes
Tricia Tyo	10 votes
Bob Magee	25 votes
Eric Ladensack	20 votes

Mo LaVanway was elected.

Lister 3-year Term
Jeff Poitras was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Jeff Poitras was approved by voice vote.

Duxbury School Director 3-year Term
Betty Gibbs was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Betty Gibbs was approved by voice vote.

Waterbury-Duxbury School Union #45 Director 3-year Term
Ben Smith was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Ben Smith was approved by voice vote.

Auditor 3-year Term
Anne LaTulippe was nominated.

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

Budget Committee 5-year Term
Jeff Larkin was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Jeff Larkin was approved by voice vote.

Cemetery Commission 3-year Term
Greg Trulson was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Greg Trulson was approved by voice vote.

First Constable 1-year Term
John Santamore was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for John Santamore 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 be directed to cast one ballot for Annette Griffith was approved by voice vote.

Agent to prosecute Suits & Grand Juror 1-year Term
Ken Scott was nominated.

A motion made and seconded that nominations cease and the Moderator be directed to cast one ballot for Ken Scott was approved by voice vote.

Article 5:

A motion made and seconded to pass over this Article was defeated.

Following much discussion, a motion made and seconded to approve Article 1 of Article 5 was defeated by voice vote.

A motion made and seconded to approve Article 2 of Article 5 was defeated by voice vote.

12. To determine if the Town will elect a second constable and if so, to elect.
By voice vote, the Town determined that it would elect a second constable.
Annette Griffith was nominated.

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

13. To determine if the Town will elect a dog catcher(s) and if so, to elect. By voice vote, the Town determined that it would elect a dog catcher.
Zeb Towne was nominated.

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

14. To do any other business which may come before the Town.
- A. Jill Smith thanked Ames Robb for her work as a member of the Selectboard.
 - B. It was suggested that next year the Town vote on open Selectboard positions before lunch.
 - C. Ed Patterson stated he needs a "base flood elevation" determination from the Town.
 - D. A citizen stated they were confused regarding any review/evaluation of the Town Clerk/Treasurer.
 - E. The new Town Web site will be up and running very soon.
 - F. Don Chapman was acknowledged for his road work following both the April storm and Hurricane Irene.
 - G. John Shane thanked the Selectboard for their work following both Storms last year.
 - H. Cindy Senning thanked Joanne Berno for her work on the Selectboard over the years.
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The Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

The following Articles shall be voted by Australian ballot:

Article IV: Shall the voters of the Waterbury-Duxbury School District #45 appropriate \$9,817,114, necessary for the support of the school for the year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Yes	964	No	560
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Article VIII: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$12,092,615 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012?

Yes	1,861	No	997
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Signed at Duxbury this _____ day of _____, 2012:

Richard Charland, Selectboard

Maureen Harvey, Selectboard

Craig Isvak, Selectboard

Mo LaVanway, Selectboard

Michael Marshall, Selectboard

Betty Gibbs, School Director

Amy Scharf, School Director

Anne LaTulippe, School Director

Brenda B. Hartshorn, Justice

Jeffrey Larkin, Justice

Stephanie Koonz, Justice

Bonnie D. Morse, Justice

Greg Trulson, Justice

Mark Morse, Moderator

Received for recording, and recorded this _____ day of _____, 2012

In Town Records II Book, pages _____ - _____.

ATTEST:

J. Kenneth Scott, Town Clerk