



The Town Meeting started at 9:00 am, with the pledge of allegiance, initiated by John S Cobb of Woodsville. There was an introduction of the head table followed by a review of the rules of the meeting.

Article 01 Election of Officials

To choose by non-partisan ballot Two Selectman for a term of three (3) years each; a Treasurer for a term of (3) years and a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of (3) years.

Article 02 Announce Results of Article 1

To announce the results of the balloting on Article One.

The articles were moved by Patricia Brady and seconded by Robert Roudebush

The moderator gave the results of the election as follows: the Select Board for 3 years Howard Hatch 299, Matthew Bjelobrck 202, Gary Hebert 198, and Michael Bonanno 163. A recount has been requested by Gary Hebert so the positions will be on hold until the recount. It is scheduled on March 20th at the JR Morrill Building. The recount will be conducted by the Moderator, the present Select Board Members and the Deputy Town Clerk. The Town Clerk has recused herself. (The recount took place on 3/20/19, the winners were Howard Hatch, and Matthew Bjelobrck) Trustee of the Trust Fund is Scott Horne with 14 write-ins and he has agreed to take the position. James Graham came in second but has declined the position. There will still be a need for the Select Board to appoint a third person, in the event of Howard Hatch going to the Select Board position. Treasurer is Leslie Ramsay with 35 write-ins and she has agreed to take the position. The article passed.

The Moderator spoke of Dan Brady, serving many years on Budget committee and other town related committees. He loved this town. We give a big thank you to all his service. Also Donnie Hammond, a lifelong resident, had an unfortunate incident at work and is presently in DHMC.

Article 03 Election of Cemetery Commissioner

To choose a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years and to choose any other necessary Town officials.

Matt Taylor moved the article to re nominate Roland Clifford and nominate Wayne Bigelow. Patricia Brady second the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 04 Acceptance of Annual Reports

To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Town Manager, Treasurer, Cemetery Commissioners, Airport Commissioners, Recreation Commissioners, Heritage Commissioners, Conservation Commissioners, and any other Town officers and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Scott Simano moved the article and John Cobb seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 05 Appointment of Advisory Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint an Advisory Budget Committee to review the Town Manager's preliminary budget and to present to the Selectboard their recommendations as to any modifications thereto.

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Lynn Wheeler seconded the motion. The Moderator noted that Howard Hatch has given 39 years of volunteer service on the Budget Advisory Committee. There was no further discussion. The article passed.

Article 06 Operating Budget 2018

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (4,039,262) for general municipal operations. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required).

Wayne Fortier moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. Dick Guy asked about the impact on property taxes. Wayne Fortier referenced page 35 of the town report and noted the budget is less than last year. The article passed.

Article 07 Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Scott Simano seconded the motion. Wayne Fortier noted this article was to address some of the issues with JRM Building, primarily heating and air quality. Chris Luurtsema stated to put money away rather than using bonds. The article passed

Article 08 Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Keith Charpentier seconded the motion. Dick Guy explained the lifespan of fire trucks. Preston Hatch also clarified prices of firetrucks. Patricia Brady asked what the balance of the fund was. The answer was \$121,000. The article passed.

Article 09 Road Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars(\$200,000) to be added to the Road Construction and

Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Doug Dutile seconded the motion. Robert Roudebush spoke of the status of French Pond Road. ITM English said the consensus was to address French Pond Road, primarily from Bear Road to the Bath town line. The new TM and the highway committee will address those issues. The article passed.

Article 10 Add money to Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard recommends this article. The Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Patricia Brady moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 11 Create HRA ETF and name agents

To see if the town will vote to establish a Health Reimbursement Account Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for reimbursing employees for medical expenses approved for reimbursement by the Town's HRA administrator and to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Robert Roudebush moved the article, and Darwin Clogston seconded the motion. Lora Goss asked for an explanation? Chris Luurtsema explained the town changed health insurance for town employees. The employees have a \$1,000 deductible. In the past, funds were added to the operating budget to assist in the event an employee has gone past their deductible. This would remove it from the operating side and set money for specific purpose. Paula Gillen asked if employees contribute to the insurance premium. The article passed.

Article 12 Court Appointed Special Advocates

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). (Majority vote required.)

Keith Charpentier moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 13 Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the support of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS), a non-profit community health center. (Majority vote required.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article, and David Robinson Jr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 14 North Country Home Health and Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the support of North Country Home Health and Hospice. (Majority vote required.)

Evelyn Elms moved the article and Lynn Wheeler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 15 RSVP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the support of the RSVP program. (Majority vote required.)

Patricia Brady moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 16 Horse Meadow Senior Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand dollars (\$22,000) for the support of the Horse Meadow Senior Center. (Majority vote required.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article, and Barb Dutille seconded the motion. Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director of Horse Meadow Senior Center, spoke. This is one of 8 centers within the county. She described many events and uses, and applauded the volunteer services. The article passed.

Article 17 VNA Home Health

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients homes and in community settings by Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (Majority vote required)

Steve wheeler moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 18 White Mountain Mental Health Association

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand and Twelve dollars (\$6,012) for the support of the White Mountain Mental Health Association. (Majority vote required.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Scott Simano seconded the motion. Jane McKay spoke regarding services from White Mountain Mental Health Association, and their new location at 250 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville. The article passed.

Article 19 Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of the Tri-County Community Action program.(Majority vote required.)

Scott Simano moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 20 Burch House

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty dollars (\$2,840) for the support of Burch House.(Majority vote required.)

Darwin Clogston moved the article and Scott Simano seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 21 Homeless Outreach

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250) for Tri-County CAP Homeless Outreach Program. (Majority Vote Required).

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Scott Simano seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 22 Food Pantry

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (4,695) for the support of the Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, with the mission of providing an emergency food supply for those who need assistance in Haverhill and surrounding communities (Majority Vote required).

Patricia Brady moved the article and Mrs. Charpentier seconded the motion. Ed Ballam, President of the food pantry, thanked the residents for all the support. They distributed meals to 13 communities and more than 50% went to Haverhill residents. There is always a need for volunteers. The article passed.

Article 23 Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the support of the Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts Performing Arts Center. (Majority vote required.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and William Daley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 24 Petitioned Article - Playground Equipment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used towards the purchase of playground equipment to be placed on the VFW field in North Haverhill behind the James R. Morrill Building. The Board of Selectmen approve this article. (This is a petitioned warrant article.) (Majority vote required)

Scott Simano moved the article, and Barb Dutile seconded the motion. Lynn wheeler gave a history regarding playgrounds in the area. The plan is collaborating with the VFW and their new park in the VFW field in North Haverhill. The committee has been doing a lot of fundraising and have many more events in the works. Michelle Reagan referenced the state of the Community field in Woodsville. Lynn responded REC does not have control over that park, and their intent was to put something in North Haverhill. Regis Roy questioned liability. Lynn Wheeler explained their coverage with Primex and an agreement with VFW. John Rutherford, suggested amending the article to give \$50,000 instead to encourage family time, second by Sandi Pierce. Amendment did not pass. The original article passed.

Article 25 Petitioned Article to adopt RSA 79-F

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-F, Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures. If adopted, this would allow any land necessary to support or service the qualifying farm structure to be considered for current use tax.

Evelyn Elms moved the article, and Barb Dutile seconded the motion. Robert Roudebush asked for an explanation. Tracia O'Shana stated the qualifiers are small farms could use their buildings within the land use tax. Doug Teschner asked what the impact on the rest of the tax payers would be. Tracia O'Shana did not have a calculation for this, she was not sure how many would qualify since not everyone would take advantage of this RSA. Lynn Wheeler, what qualifies as a small farm? It qualifies if you use it as income and take a tax deduction. Chris Luurtsema asked if this is limited to just small farms, Mrs. O'Shana said no. Dick Guy made a motion to table for another year after an adequate study is done. Keith Charpentier seconded the motion. The article was tabled.

Article 26 Petitioned Article - Airport Beacon

Shall the Town of Haverhill install an airport rotating beacon at the Dean Memorial Airport located in North Haverhill, NH? (This is a petitioned warrant article) (This article is advisory only.)

Darwin Clogston moved the article and Robert Roudebush seconded the motion. The Moderator stated he received a petition of 5 voters that asked for a ballot vote. Sandy Mann, long time tax payer who penned the petition to make the citizens aware of the beacon. Doug Henson, an abutter to airport, spoke of the lights in the area, then referenced the number of flights at the airport in the past few months. Robert Roudebush spoke of the Select Board discussion in the past meeting. He moved the question. Ballot vote was 165 ballots cast, 1 spoiled, yes 20 no 144. The article did not pass.

Article 27 To Discontinue Resident Taxes

Shall we recind the provisions of RSA 72:1-c, which authorizes any town or city to elect to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?

Lynn Wheeler moved the article and Keith Charpentier seconded the motion. Dianne Kirkwood asked what the purpose of this is. Fred Garofalo stated Haverhill residents of 18 to 65 years of age, pay a resident tax of \$10. This is however, a difficult tax to collect, and difficult to enforce. Jay Waterhouse asked where the money goes. Not having these funds will affect the budget, even if it's only \$10,000. Wayne Fortier said it's the honor system, but the behavior shows people are not paying it. Chris Luurtsema stated we have a renter's community and it's difficult to capture those residents. Fred Garofalo stated Haverhill is only one of three towns within the state that collect this tax. Susan Horigan asked if you remove this, how equitable is the tax burden. Lora Goss asked the cost of searching for the unpaid taxes. Jennifer Collins said roughly \$2000 labor, time and postage. Rick Ladd asked of the 3 towns with resident tax, are they looking for an additional source for that missing funding. The article did not pass.

Article 28 To Discontinue Class V Roads

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43, to completely discontinue as a public road the following:

- The road from Clark Pond Road to land of Joseph M. Longacre (Map 201 - Lot 043)

Joe Longacre moved the article and Steve Wheeler seconded the motion. Joe Longacre explained the reason of this article and the next 4 articles. ITM English stated the previous TM and the road agent looked at a list of class 5 roads and made a decision to discontinue those roads that only had one resident living on it. The town does not own those roads but rather has a right of way to maintain them. If voted, the town will cease all work on them. The town will lose mileage on our highway block grant which is over \$700 but is less than what it costs to maintain these roads. All property owners on these roads were notified. The article passed.

Article 29 To Discontinue Class V Road

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43, to completely discontinue as a public road the following:

- The road from French Pond Road to land of John Knehr (Map 410 - Lot 089)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Patricia Brady seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 30 To Discontinue Class V Road

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43, to completely discontinue as a public road the following:

- The road from Dartmouth College Highway to land of Knoxland Farm, Inc. (Map 414 - Lot 166)

Scott Simano moved the article and Patricia Brady seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 31 To Discontinue Class V Road

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43, to completely discontinue as a public road the following:

- The Hollins Road from Daniels Road to land of Raymond Haynes, Jr. (Map 422 - Lot 001)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Doug Dutile seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Lavoie asked when this starts, and the Moderator stated immediately after meeting. The article passed.

Article 32 To Discontinue Class V Road

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43, to completely discontinue as a public road the following:

- The road to land of Priscilla and Walter (deceased) Parker, (Map 421 - Lot 107).

Steve wheeler moved the article and Lynn Wheeler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The article passed.

Article 33 Sale of Powder House Hill

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Haverhill Board of Selectmen to sell any interest that he Town may own in the parcel known as Powder House Hill (Map 207 Lot 079), on terms and conditions to be set by the Selectmen.

Robert Roudebush moved the article and William Daley seconded the motion. Luurtsema gave a brief history on Powder House Hill. There were some boundary discrepancies found after the survey. The first was with the northern border, and not being clear who owns the land. The land was deeded to Cemetery Corporation and the corporation was dissolved by state sometime after. There was an easement for state to pass to the munitions parcel but no direction to where it was located. Ownership was not found through county records. When state conveyed the 1/8 acre to the corporation, the easement was null and void. Through legal counsel, the town can sell the parcel under a quick claim deed. Robert Roudebush was concerned the handouts had a different language. The town report is the accurate wording. Glen Page gave concern about discrepancies to the lot line. Paul Forcier asked if there was more cost. Dawn Lavoie asked if there was proof of the corporation being dissolved. Matthew Bjelobr, spoke of adverse possession option and referenced tax rolls. Marianne Aldrich moved the question, second by William Daley. Moderator asked if this passes, will the property be sold by auction or offered to the abutters. The sale will be the terms and conditions set by the Select Board. The article passed.

Article 34 Take any other action

To take any other action that may legally come before this meeting.

Fred Garofalo spoke regarding the two Select Board members leaving the board. Thank you to Wayne Fortier for 9 years of service and Chris Luurtsema for 3 years of service.

Moved to adjourn by Patricia Brady, seconded by Steve Wheeler.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina C Hebert, Town Clerk

