

North Haverhill Water & Light District

Annual Meeting minutes for March 15th, 2022

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at the North Haverhill UMC by Jim Kinder (Moderator)
- Those present: Rich Clifford, Dennis Fournier, David Lackie, Bob Fagnant, Carol Norcross, Ben Moulton, Jim Kinder.
- Others present: Howard Hatch, Shawn Bigelow, Lorie-Ann Noyes, John Page, Sarah Tucker, and Leslie Lackie.
- Agenda: Elect officers, discussion of Warrant Articles, Swearing in of elected commissioners and officers.
- Article #1 : Elect Officers (To Elect the following Precinct Officers):
 - o Rich motioned to move the article, Dave Seconded, All were in favor.
 - o One (1) Moderator – 1 year term, Rich makes a motion to nominate Jim Kinder, Dave Seconded, All were in favor.
 - o One (1) Precinct Commissioner- 3 year term. Rich makes a motion to nominate Dennis Fournier, Carol Seconded, all were in favor.
 - o One (1) Precinct Treasurer- 1 year term, Rich makes a motion to nominate Carol Norcross, Dennis Seconded, all were in favor
 - o One (1) Precinct Clerk – 1 year term, Rich makes a motion to nominate Ben Moulton, Dave seconded, and all were in favor.
 - o Dennis makes a motion for an amendment to be made to add a Precinct Commissioner to replace Cherrel Marden and finish out her term, which will be a 1 year term, Dennis makes a motion to nominate Dave Lackie, Rich seconded, all were in favor.
- Article #2 : For the General Operation of the District

- To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$67,774 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.
(Majority vote required)
- Dennis Moves to accept the article, Rich seconded
- Discussion: Howard Hatch asked to speak, and discuss even though he is outside the precinct, all were in favor.
- Howard Hatch said he is disappointed in the operation in the last few years. He feels that Commissioners make too much money and spend less time helping out in the precinct. Street lights, sidewalks and the Fire Department all have more issues than ever before, and he voiced his concern for the \$250 per month we charge the Fire Department for the building use and asked who does the maintenance. The Commissioners years ago used to receive no pay, and had added duties like, cleaning the reservoirs, and raising extra money like the \$12,000 for the Fire Department building addition. Howard respectfully asked for a consolidation of the water departments, and get together, and work together. Howard also stated that the District signs were made 32 years ago, Rich noted that they were working on the sign being re-done. There was discussion on how audits used to happen, and how water rates are higher for businesses. Howard stated that it should go by the size, and that “a gallon of water is a gallon of water”. There was discussion on whether or not funds got transferred to trust funds out of the Sanborne Merrill monies, which Carol clarified there is some money in there. It was noted that the Precinct has complete control of the trust fund, Rich stated they will check into it. Dennis advised Howard that the street

light issues have all been reported, but Eversource has been taking a long time to get back to him and/or fix the issues.

- Leslie Lackie asked about the salaries and why they are not withholding taxes, and asked what Sarah was getting paid. Sarah Tucker claimed everything is included in payroll, and that she was getting \$25/hr.
- Motion was made by Jim to move the article, seconded by Dave, 10 – Ayes, 1 – Nay. Ayes have it.
- Article #3 – For the Operation of the Precinct Water
 - To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$167,770 for the operation of the Precinct water system, to come from user fees.
 - Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Dave.
 - Discussion, none
 - All were in favor
- Article #4 – Donation
 - To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of a donation to the Library located in the Precinct of Haverhill Corner. This amount to come from Precinct Taxation (Majority vote required)
 - Dennis made a motion to table Article #4, Carol seconded.
 - No discussion
 - All were in favor of tabling Article #4.
- Article #5 – To Transact on any Other Business
 - To transact on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

- Dennis made a motion to accept Benjamin Moulton property and Robert Moulton's property into the Precinct, seconded by Shawn Bigelow.
- Discussion: Shawn stated that it had to be presented at the next annual meeting with an Article. Rich stated that the Precinct will allow them to hook onto water in the meantime. Carol asked about a boundary line adjustment, John suggested the Article will pass. Sarah Tucker asked if we could simply adjust the Bi-Laws. It was stated that if you are outside the Precinct boundaries you and are on town water, you still don't have a voice in matters or prices. End of discussion.
- Dave Lackie made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting at 7:30, Rich Clifford seconded, and all were in favor.
- 2022 Annual meeting adjourned at 7:30