

Minutes of Town Meeting

WOODSTOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 12, 2019

Moderator D. Kenneth Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Jay Polimeno to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and to open the polls, seconded by Ruth Ballmer – unanimous affirmative vote. Polls were closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting

1. All cell phones must be shut off;
2. Speakers must stand and identify themselves;
3. Only registered voters may speak and vote;
4. Anyone not a registered voter wishing to address an issue may do so only with the permission of the Moderator;
5. Motions for reconsideration must be made immediately after the vote is announced on the article;
6. The Moderator's rules can be challenged or overruled by the voters.

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by Jerry Miserandino
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept rules.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: 1 Selectman, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Cemetery Trustees, 2 Budget Committee, 3 Planning Board, 3 Floodplain Board of Adjustments.

Selectman for Three Years (vote for one)

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| Scott Rice | 250 |
| Paula Rodger | 55 |
| G.P. "Jerry" Miserandino | 20 |
| Jeffrey A. Caulder | 25 |
| James N. Conn | 21 |

Fire Chief for One Year (vote for one)

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| John MacKay | 340 |
| Thomas Sabourn | 11 |

Library Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)

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| C. Jacqueline | 342 |
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Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (vote for one)
Kim Dunham 335

Cemetery Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)
Barbara D. Avery 350

Cemetery Trustee for Two Years (vote for one)
Susan A. Young 310

Cemetery Trustee for One Year (vote for one)
Donna Thompson 330

Budget Committee for Three Years (vote for two)
Kara Sellingham 303
Stephen Tower 247

Planning Board for Three Years (vote for two)
Patrick Griffin 12
Paul Carolan 7

Planning Board for One Year (vote for one)
James N. Conn 321

Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Three Years (vote for one) – no one elected

Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Two Years (vote for one) – no one elected

Floodplain Board of Adjustment for One Year (vote for one) – no one elected

Article 2: Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the Town? (Inserted by petition) (Majority vote required) (Ballot Vote)

Article 2 passed. (155 No Votes – 169 Yes Votes)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Seven Hundred Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$3,745,154) for the operating budget. This amount does not include any articles voted separately. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by David Talbot
Brief discussion on Article 3
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 3.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, to meet our constitutional and

statutory requirement that assessments are full and true, which revaluation must occur at least as often as every fifth year. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

So moved by Jerry Stringham, seconded by Patrick Griffin

No discussion on Article 4

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 4.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$37,540) to be placed in the existing Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Susan Young

No discussion on Article 5

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 5.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$24,345), which is the anticipated grant amount this year, to be placed in a Highway Block Grant Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of any maintenance, repair and/or improvement to Class V roads in town. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Patrick Griffin, seconded by Susan Young

Brief discussion on Article 6

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 6.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the existing Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Karen Trickett, seconded by Charles Harrington

No discussion on Article 7

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 7.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Larry Hartle

No discussion on Article 8

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 8.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Patrick Griffin, seconded by Jim Conn
No discussion on Article 9
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 9.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the existing Library Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Judith Boyle, seconded by Jim Conn
No discussion on Article 10
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 10.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by David Talbot, seconded by Jim Conn
Brief discussion on Article 11
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 11.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Solid Waste Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

So moved by Dan Adams, seconded by Jerry Miserandino
Brief discussion on Article 12
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 12.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by David Talbot
Brief discussion on Article 13
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 13.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Duty Equipment Capital

Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Mark Harrington, seconded by Charlie Harrington
No discussion on Article 14
Affirmative vote to accept Article 14 with some opposition.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by David Talbot, seconded by Sherry Hoover
No discussion on Article 15
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 15.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Patrick Griffin
No discussion on Article 16
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 16.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Karen Trickett, seconded by Patrick Griffin
No discussion on Article 17
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 17.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Susan Young
No discussion on Article 18
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 18.

Article 19: Are you in favor of putting the Town of Woodstock employee's salaries back in the Town of Woodstock's Town Report? (Inserted by petition) (Majority vote required)

So moved by Donna Wyre, seconded by Charlie Harrington
Brief discussion on Article 19

Affirmative vote to accept Article 19 with some opposition.

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by Patrick Griffin

Ken recognized the passing of Selectman Fadden, Retired Chief John Maynard, and Robert Keating. Ken called for a moment of silence. Ken noted that Robert Keating passed the gavel to him 44 years ago and in those 44 years this is the first time he hasn't had a Fadden as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Ken recognized the marriages, births, and deaths listed in the town report.

Susan Young publicly thanked all the men and women in this town that carry the title of public servants. She recognized Linwood Ambulance, the fire department, the police department, and all the town employees who have helped to keep Woodstock a lovely, peaceful, and safe place. Susan went on to commend and thank the fire department, police department, and ambulance service for the great job they did fighting a chimney fire at her residence.

Jackie Wilson questioned if there was any other way to be kept in loop other than reading Selectmen's Minutes on the website. She also questioned if it was possible to add items to the Selectmen's Agenda if you are unable to attend the meeting.

There was some discussion concerning transparency. Scott agreed that there is a communication gap within the community. One of his goals is to work on better communication and being more transparent. He has several ideas that he would like to discuss with the other board members.

Barbara Conn asked why she received five calls from the Lincoln Police Department about the Town Elections and Town Meeting and none from Woodstock. She asked for better and more communication.

Patrick Griffin encouraged all the residents to attend the committee and board meetings held throughout the year and noted that they are all posted on the town website.

Patrick Griffin and Jim Conn would like the Selectmen to at least meet with the Selectmen from Lincoln quarterly to decide how our joint efforts are proceeding.

David Talbot stated that some 20 years ago we erected a new firehouse on South Main Street and vacated the one on Lost River Road. He is very concerned about the condition of that building and questioned the intent of the Selectmen on usage.

Joel clarified that the old firehouse is used for municipal and library storage. Joel recognized the condition of the building and elaborated on the Board's plans to repair.

Ken was requested to hold a straw poll regarding to people's interest in zoning and whether or not the Planning Board should be given the task to prepare a proposed ordinance for 2020. In a non-binding vote, the majority present stood in favor.

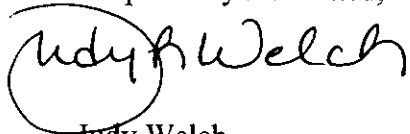
Larry Hartle suggested dedicating the Town Hall building to Jim Fadden.

Discussion was held pertaining to the proposed workforce housing project.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the 2019 Town Meeting was made by Susan Young and seconded by Patrick Griffin, unanimous affirmative vote. Town Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above return of minutes for the annual Woodstock Town Meeting of March 12, 2019 is true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Welch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judy Welch
Town Clerk