

Woodford Town Meeting

February 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the moderator with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator read the Town Meeting Warning as posted.

Representative Bill Botzow addressed the public with information as to what was currently being worked on in the VT House of Representatives. He also explained his town meeting report that is available for anyone to read. This report has valuable information on what Vermonters are facing today and what the Legislature is doing to address these issues.

Bill also commented that Senator Bill Doyle has created a Town Meeting Day survey that all are welcomed to fill out. These surveys would be picked up in a few days so it is not necessary to fill them out on Election Day.

Another point of interest concerned his regular emails. If you are not receiving them just leave your email address and he would gladly add you onto the list. The emails pertain to subjects currently being discussed from ideas sent from the voters.

Bill thanked the select board for keeping the town going and the voters for their continuous support.

Voting on the warned articles followed. The moderator reminded the public that everyone's opinions are respected but only registered voters are allowed to vote.

Article 1: To hear the reports of the auditors.

Motion by Chuck, 2nd by Tom to approve. Ryan stated that in the past the board has had to intervene on behalf of the auditors because the town did not have any. However, this year we do and they participated in this report.

All in favor, motion carried.

Article 2: To determine if the taxes shall be paid to the treasurer of a non -defined collector of taxes?

Motion by Chuck to pay the taxes to the town treasurer, 2nd by Ginni. No discussion. All in favor, Motion carried.

Article 3: Shall the Town appropriate \$250. for the Vermont Center for independent living?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Gene. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 4: Shall the Town appropriate \$300. for the support of Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate \$2500. for the support of the Bennington Free Library?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tom. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$650. for the support of the Bennington Home Health Agency and Hospice?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tom. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$100. for the support of Red Cross?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tom. Not discussion, motion carried.

Article 8: Shall the Town appropriate \$250. for the support of Southwest Vermont Council of Aging?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike, No discussion, motion carried.

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$300. for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate a maximum of \$220. for the support of Bennington Rescue Squad E-911?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$250. for the support of Bennington Tutorial Center?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate \$500. for the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 13: Shall the Town appropriate \$100. for the support Pave?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 14: Shall the Town appropriate \$100. for the support of the VT. Rural Fire Protection Task Force?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 15: Shall the Town increase the select Board salary from \$1147. to \$1200.?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Ginni. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 16: Shall the Town set the due date for the collection of taxes as the last Saturday in September (this year it will be September 24, 2016)?

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike. No discussion, motion carried.

Article 17: Shall the voters approve part time sheriff department coverage with a spending cap of \$11,000. per year? (Net amount is computed by: 12 months paid to sheriff's dept. less 12 months of fines collected by the State and given to the Town.)

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Chuck. Discussion followed for more clarification. It was clarified that no matter what the Town gets back in fines, payments cannot exceed \$11,000 for the year as budgeted. Motion carried.

Article 18: To conduct any other business found proper when met. (No binding action can be taken under other business).

Ryan informed the public that the board has been discussing capital projects to be taken on by the Town. The resurfacing of Burgess Rd is being considered along with other projects. Ryan also reminded everyone that if there is anything they would like to see on the agenda, there is a form in the Town Clerk's office where it can be added.

Motion by Mark to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Chuck.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by,
Susan Wright
Woodford Town Clerk