

**Town of Woodford  
Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2017-Unapproved**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dick Frantz at 7:30 pm. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately following, Dick welcomed Bill Botzow to say a few words.

Bill stated that Woodford is a special place, but especially its people. It has been his pleasure to serve the people of Woodford. He was pleased to be able to present a concurrent resolution in honor of Nancy Coleman. Nancy was selected as the VT State School Nurse of the Year for 2016. Bill read the resolution from the State of Vermont House of Representatives congratulating Nancy Coleman of Woodford on being selected as the 2016 Vermont State School Nurse of the Year. The resolution recognizes Nancy for being selected by the Vermont State School Nurses' Association (VSSNA) as one of its accomplished members. Nancy has worked as a school nurse for 22 years and is a great advocate on behalf of her school's students and their families. She has earned the Mount Anthony Middle School community's trust and respect. She has been a leading member of the VSSNA, having served on the organization's board of directors, senior leadership positions, played a key role in drafting and implementing the organization's operating guidelines along with organizing VSSNA conferences. As a National Association of School Nurses Director, her excellent leadership skills have been applied beyond Vermont's borders. The resolution also states that Nancy Coleman's selection as the 2016 Vermont School Nurse of the Year was a well-deserved recognition of her outstanding service as a school nurse.

Bill thanked the people of Woodford for their support in the last election. He stated that he would stop by the next day during the election to be available to anyone who may have questions or concerns. He also stated that he would leave copies of his Town Meeting 2017 Legislative Report for anyone to read along with copies of the Bill Doyle's survey as he has done in previous years. He explained that there are lots of new members in Vermont government but the government is adjusting smoothly. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to represent Woodford. He thanked all the boards for keeping the Town going.

Dick read the warning as posted. He reviewed the guidelines for the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1: TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITORS.**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. Ryan stated that at the next select board meeting the board will be requesting bids for a town audit. Currently all outstanding bills and warrants are attached to the board minutes. This process is working very well and should result in a smooth audit. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 2: TO DETERMINE IF THE TAXES SHALL BE PAID TO THE TREASURER OR A NON DEFINED COLECTOR OF TAXES.**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 3: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$250. FOR THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING?**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 4: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$1961. FOR THE BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DUES?**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. Chuck stated that the BCRC has been very

helpful to the Zoning Board and Planning Commission. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 5: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$300. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BENNINGTON-RUTLAND OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (BROC)?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 6: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$2500. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BENNINGTON FREE LIBRARY?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. A statement was made that the Bennington Free Library is a wonderful institution. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 7: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$650. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BENNINGTON AREA VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 8: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100. FOR THE SUPPORT OF BENNINGTON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCAY CENTER?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 9: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$250. FOR THE SUPPORT OF SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 10: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$300. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (CRJ)?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 11: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$250. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BENNINGTON TUTORIAL CENTER?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 12: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VT. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 13: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100. FOR THE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS?**

Motion by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, Motion Carries.

**ARTICLE 14: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$500. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)?**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 15: SHALL THE TOWN SET THE DUE DATE FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AS THE LAST SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER (THIS YEAR IT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017)?**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Slee. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 16: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE THE SALARIES FOR THE SELECT BOARD MEMBERS TO BE \$1200 EACH?**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**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 MONTHES PAID TO SHERIFF'S DEPT. LESS 12 MONTHS OF FINES COLLECTED BY THE STATE AND GIVEN TO THE TOWN).**

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to approve the article, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Charette. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

**ARTICLE 18: TO CONDUCT ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOUND PROPER WHEN MET. (NO BINDING ACTION CAN BE TAKEN UNDER OTHER BUSINESS.)**

Nancy Coleman asked why money was not appropriated for the rescue squad as it has been in the past and what does that mean to the people of Woodford. Ryan explained that \$5000 was assigned for the rescue squad as a budget item in this year's budget. It was done this way this year because the Rescue Squad is now basing their fees per capita so each town they service was charged accordingly. Since it is a requirement of the Emergency Plan to provide this service then it was necessary to treat it as an expense just like the fire dept. is handled. If it was voted on as an article then it could possibly be voted down. If this should happen then the town would be in violation of this plan and would not be able to provide this service to the people of Woodford.

Nancy stated that she appreciated the fact that the minutes from last year's town meeting were included in this year's report. If they had been in the past she may have missed them but having them made it easier to compare one year to the next.

There was no other business.

**Motion** by Chuck Suss to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty. No discussion followed. All in favor, **Motion Carries.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by,  
Susan Wright  
Woodford Town Clerk.