

**Town of Woodford  
Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2021- Unapproved**

*Moderator Dick Frantz opened the meeting at 7:30pm. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. Dick thanked the town clerk and the select board members for their dedication and service to the Town of Woodford. He continued to state that he has worked with the select board members and the town clerk on different occasions and people need to realize just how much these elected officials do for the town.*

*Dick read the warning as posted:*

THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WOODFORD, VERMONT, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN MEETING, ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE WOODFORD TOWN BUILDING ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AT 7:30 PM TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS SPECIFIED BELOW TO BE DONE FROM THE FLOOR:

FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SUCH BUSINESS, THE MEETING WILL STAND ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT THE WOODFORD TOWN BUILDING FROM 7AM TO 7PM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY BALLOT AND VOTE AS TO WHETHER THEY WISH TO APPROPRIATE \$158,257.44 NECESSARY FOR SUPPORT OF THE TOWN AND \$30,000.00 NECESSARY FOR SUPPORT OF THE HIGHWAY TO BE DONE BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

ARTICLE 1: TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITORS.

*Ryan explained that the recent report received from the outside auditors was very favorable in regards to the Town's finances and the systems in place regarding finance management.*

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

*Motion by Ryan Thurber to have taxes paid to the Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Wright. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.*

ARTICLE 3: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$3000 FOR THE BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DUES?

*Motion by Wayne Tiffit to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Thurber. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.*

ARTICLE 4: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100 FOR THE SUPPORT OF VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE?

*Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Thurber. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.*

ARTICLE 5: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$650 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION?

*Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Thurber. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.*

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

*Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Thurber There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.*

ARTICLE 7: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$250 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING?

Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 8: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$300 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (CRJ)?

Motion by Wayne Tiff to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Wright. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 9: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER?

Motion by Ryan Thurber to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Wright. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 10: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$250 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING?

Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 11: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100 FOR THE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS?

Motion by Ryan Thurber to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Wright. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 12: SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$100 FOR THE SUPPORT OF PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS (PAVE)?

Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 13: SHALL THE TOWN SET THE DUE DATE FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AS THE LAST SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER (THIS YEAR IT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25, 2021)?

Motion by Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 14: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE THE SALARIES FOR THE SELECT BOARD MEMBERS TO BE \$1230 EACH?

Motion by Ryan Thurber to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no further discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 15: 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 Steve Wright to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Tiff. There being no discussion, All were in favor, Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 16: TO CONDUCT ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOUND PROPER WHEN MET (NO BINDING ACTION CAN BE TAKEN UNDER OTHER BUSINESS).

*No other business was conducted.*

*Dick announced that the meeting is adjourned until tomorrow morning for elections by ballot. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm until 7:00 am Tuesday March 2, 2021 for elections by ballot.*

*Submitted by,  
Susan Wright- Woodford Town Clerk*