

MINUTES

Warning for Annual Town and Town School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Highland Center For The Arts in Greensboro, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Tim Nisbet opened the meeting with announcements. The microphone runners for this year's meeting will be Mackenna and Lewis Lapierre. Any ballot votes during the Town Meeting will take place behind the Selectboard on the stage, circling the back stage area of the theater and entering from the left side, exiting the right side of the stage. Australian ballot voting for Hazen Union Budget and the NEK Solid Waste Budget is taking place in the Gallery until 7 pm.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

David Smith nominated Tim Nisbet, Seconded by Mike Metcalf, who moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Tim Nisbet.

At this time it was recognized that Vicki Strong our Representative had arrived and was asked to say a few words. She invited taxpayers to call or email any concerns they have. She is on the Ag committee, reporting that there are 6,000 farms, with only approximately 700 of those dairy farms in Vermont. People expressed concerns with Act 46, the standard deduction allowed on income tax, organic labeling, and natural pollinators.

At this time Peter Romans presented the Greensboro Award to the Four Seasons of Early Learning, and commended Erica Karp's vision of pre-school and day care, and how the School has progressed through the years, starting in 1973. He invited both Erica Karp, and Michelle LaFlam, the present director of the Four Seasons of Early Learning to the stage.

Article 2: To take action on the Town of Greensboro Annual printed report.

Motion by Kim Greaves, Seconded by Janet Long, to accept the Warning with the following corrections: page 4, Andy Kehler's term is a 3 year term, expiring in 2021; page 8, Article 8, should read "fiscal year" 2019; page 29, Michael Lapierre's phone number is 802-730-7816.

Hal Gray stated that on page 36, the Library is not an emergency shelter because they do not have a generator; page 59, Federico Viconi was spelled incorrectly; Donna Jenckes was to be added to the Library Trustees

Mike Metcalf noted that MacNeil is now on the Hazen Union School Board, not Jefferson Tolman

Tanya Thomas pointed out that the Greensboro Town School District meeting was at the Highland Center for the Arts, not Fellowship Hall

Naomi Ranz asked if the 3 year Selectboard term could be voted on before the 2 year selectboard term

Clive Gray reported that William Eisner, Jr. had resigned as a Justice of the Peace and they had asked Judy Carpenter to replace him. The recommendation was sent to Gov. Scott for appointment.

*Janet Long commended Andy Kehler for the new breakdown of the budget
All corrections accepted.*

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 825,073.00 (Australian Ballot)
Tim noted that the Australian vote was open until 7 pm in the gallery

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize property tax exemption for the "Ballfield" property identified as parcel ID 005-0002 for a one year period. This will eliminate the municipal property tax due. However, the amount due for education taxes will still need to be raised and will be included in our Local Agreement rate.

So moved by Janet Long, seconded by Dillon LaFlam. Mike Cassidy asked why it was a 1 year lease. Kim explained that previous years the lease was a 1 year lease, which changed to a 3 year lease recently.

Approved.

Article 5: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term	Candidates/Nomination	Vote	Elected
Select Board	3yr	<i>Kim nominated Michael Lapierre, Mike moved nominations cease, clerk cast 1 ballot</i>	<i>So moved</i>	<i>Michael Lapierre</i>
Select Board	2 yrs	<i>Mike Lapierre nominated Tracy Collier, Mike Metcalf moved nominations cease, clerk cast 1 ballot</i>	<i>So Moved</i>	<i>Tracey Collier</i>
Trustee of Public Funds	3	<i>Rosanne Hickey nominated Sherral Lumsden</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved that the Clerk Cast one Ballot,</i>	<i>Sherral Lumsden</i>

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Cemetery Commissioner	3 yrs	<i>Janet Long nominated Wayne Young</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>Wayne Young</i>
First Constable	1 yr	<i>Janet Long nominated Rick Walsh</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>Rick Walsh</i>
Second Constable	1 yr	<i>Mike Metcalf nominated Mark Snyder</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>Mark Snyder</i>
Library Trustee	3	<i>Hal Gray nominated Carol Reynolds</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>Carol Reynolds</i>
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 yr	<i>Lorelei Wheeler nominated Janet Long</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>Janet Long</i>
Town Agent	1 yr	<i>Mary Young nominated David Smith</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>David Smith</i>
Town Grand Juror	1 yr	<i>Mary Young nominated David Smith</i>	<i>So Elected</i>	<i>David Smith</i>

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

So Moved by Kim Greaves, seconded by Mike Metcalf

Outside Agency	Amount
NEK Council on Aging	\$1,000.00
AWARE	\$2,000.00
Caledonia Home Health	\$1,400.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Ct	\$1,500.00
Craftsbury Community Care	\$10,500.00
4 Seasons of Early Learning	\$9,500.00
Green Up	\$50.00
Greensboro Nursing Home	\$22,500.00
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	\$500.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	\$2,500.00
Hardwick/Greensboro Restorative Justice	\$1,500.00
Lamoille Family	\$500.00
NEK Human Services	\$800.00
NEK Learning Services	\$250.00
NorthCountry Animal League	\$600.00
NVDA	\$572.00
Orleans Co. Historical Society	\$625.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	\$800.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	\$300.00
Red Cross	\$250.00
Rescue Squad	\$7,756.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$900.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$210.00
WonderArts	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$70,013.00

*Increased to
\$10,000*

Bobbie Nisbet spoke to the Greensboro Nursing Home. They now have in-house physical therapist, with many other positive changes. Young people come to the Nursing Home to spend time with residents, and they are always looking for more Board Members so please contact Bobbie if you would like to be involved.

Penny Bretschneider asked about the budgeting of the Rescue Squad. Tim Nisbet, a member of the Rescue Squad spoke to the continuing need for volunteers and updated equipment. He explained that there is one paid EMT, but always need more drivers, EMTs, etc. Mike Metcalf asked who paid for the training. Tim explained that training was reimbursed by the Rescue Squad if they join the squad.

Penny Bretschneider moved that the appropriation be increased to \$10,000, Rosanne Hickey seconded. So Approved.

The total amount of appropriations increased

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from the Municipal Properties listed below?

Greensboro Conservation	\$2,000
Greensboro Free Library	\$25,000
Greensboro Historical Society	\$1,500
Total	\$28,500

Article 8: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of **\$ 1,920,297** which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

Kim Greaves moved to approve as amended (total budget increase to \$1,922,541) Mike Metcalf seconded.

Naomi Ranz asked for breakdown of the Clerk & Treasurer salaries. Andy Kehler felt it was awkward to list 2 people's salaries, and not report on all salaries.

Questions arose regarding the Police Department increase. Andy Kehler spoke to the dispatch contract and how it was now prorated to the actual costs per fire and police contract

Mike moved to accept the amended budget numbers, seconded by Janet Long.

So approved.

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve moving any surplus, with the exception of the HRA line item, from the current fiscal year Highway Dept. Budget into the HERF account in the next fiscal year?

Dave Smith pointed out the typo on the "Higway Replacement Fund". Naomi Ranz asked where the excess money would go if it wasn't in the HERF. Kim explained that it would be kept in the unallocated funds to defray taxes.

Judy Dales relayed a message from Jane Springer "Kudos to the road crew for the excellent roads and the job they are doing!"

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve having the Town Treasurer serve as collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of November 7, 2019. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, November 7th, 2019, by 4:00 p.m.

Mike Metcalf moved, Kim Greaves seconded. Janet asked to move the Tax Due date to October 31, 2019, David Smith seconded. Kim explained that it was in November because of the Homestead Declaration. Josh Karp expressed concerns because of the timeframe of the tax department. Kim noted that the last Homestead Declaration payment to the town for the Homestead State payment is November 1, and it can mean thousands of dollars that taxpayers do not have to pay by the end of the day. It affects a majority of the homeowners in town. The motion to move the Tax Due dates was not approved. Tax Due Date is November 7, 2019 by 4 pm in the Town Office.

Article 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Becky Arnold explained that the Greensboro Association opened a "Fund for Greensboro), an endowment fund for different needs in Greensboro.

Victoria Von Hessert thanks the people who attended the Unified School Meeting in February and stressed that it is important to attend the meeting on Friday, March 15th at 6:00 pm at Hardwick Elementary School. She expressed interest in having Town Meeting back at Lakeview.

Judy Dales is having problems with her internet and wondered if the Town could do something to fix it. Naomi informed all that Spark has high speed internet if anyone needs it. Penny Bretschneider wanted the Town to draft a letter to CCI informing them of the difficulties we have with both the telephone and internet coverage.

Ken Johnston asked when the 4th oh July was. After discussion, it was determined that Saturday, July 6th.

Linda Ely, as a non-voter, was granted permission to speak. She was wondering if it would be less expensive if we have the fireworks on the Friday before the Funky Fourth. Kim said that she would inquire

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Anna Kehler, Chair of the Energy Action Committee, reported on her Button Up Campaign for the last year, and handed out a questionnaire she would like all to fill out that deals with the comfort of your home and if you would like help with energy efficiency. Mark Snyder thanked the previous members of the Energy Committee for setting the foundation for the Action Committee and invited anyone who would like a energy efficiency test, to please contact him. Isa Oehry spoke about easy and simple ways to help insulate from the cold.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

 Town Clerk
Kim Greaves

 Moderator
Tim Nisbet

 Selectboard
Peter Romans

 Selectboard
Mike Lapierre

 Selectboard
Matthew McAllister