

## SUMMARY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2014

At 7:30 pm. Moderator John L Riff IV opened the Annual Meeting.

Moderator Riff asked the WMRHS JROTC to bring the colors forward and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Jamie Whiting who sang the National Anthem.

Moderator Riff explained the rules of procedure for this evening's meeting as follows:

### Handling the Articles

- a) The individual that seeks to bring an article to the floor will seek recognition.
- b) The moderator will grant recognition.
- c) The motion will be made.
- d) Moderator will seek a second.
- e) Moderator will restate the motion and then open the floor for debate.
- f) After debate the moderator will call the question from the floor and then call for a vote.

### Dealing with Motions

- a) When a motion is amended – the main motion will be held in abeyance and the motion to amend will be addressed.
- b) If motion to amend passes, the main motion must be moved and seconded as amended.
- c) Any objections must be made immediately. If not they are lost.

### Debate

- a) If a person wishes to speak – they must stand, identify themselves, state their residence and state as specifically as they can their point.
- b) Goal tonight is to keep the meeting moving.
- c) For the articles – please keep points to 1 minute or less.
- d) If anyone goes beyond the time limit – the moderator will interrupt, state what he believes the point is and if the speaker disagrees and does not believe he/she has made their point then they may continue a little longer.
- e) However at some point the moderator will call for a 2/3 vote to end discussion.
- f) Civility – must remain civil to each other. All comments and questions will be directed to the moderator not to each other. No personal attacks except to the moderator. If anyone becomes disruptive, there will be a warning, then they will be asked to leave or be removed. Moderator can impose a fine of \$1.00.

Non Residents must have a majority vote to speak.

### Article 1 Election of Officers

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| Selectman, David Stickney                 | 3 year term |
| Treasurer, Ann Huddleston                 | 3 year term |
| Town Clerk, Jean Oleson                   | 3 year term |
| Moderator, John L Riff IV                 | 2 year term |
| Supervisor of Ckfst, Ellie Emery          | 6 year term |
| Trustee of Trust Funds, Peter Riviere     | 3 year term |
| Library Trustee, Benjamin Gaetjens Oleson | 3 year term |

|                                    |             |
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| Cemetery Trustee, Michael W Nadeau | 3 year term |
| Emmons Smith Fund, Irene Schmidt   | 3 year term |
| Budget Committee                   |             |
| Allan J Carr                       | 3 year term |
| Joyce McGee                        | 3 year term |
| Christopher S Parker               | 3 year term |
| Colonel Town Spending Committee    |             |
| Joshua Smith                       | 3 year term |
| Allan J Carr                       | 3 year term |
| Dick McGinnis (by write-ins)       | 3 year term |

Article 2 – Zoning Amendment

Passed – 499 yes, 243 no.

Article 3 – Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Highway                | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Fire Department        | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Town Hall Improvements | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Bridge Replacement     | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Revaluation            | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Police Dept            | \$ 5,000.00  |
| Library                | \$ 5,000.00  |
| Cemetery               | \$ 5,000.00  |
| Total                  | \$135,000.00 |

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 3 was moved and seconded.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Article 3 by funding it from the fund balance surplus.

Discussion followed.

The amendment failed.

Article 3 as originally presented carried.

Article 4 – Sale of Town Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on tax map R20, Lot 010 approx. 1 acre located at Barkers Location. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 4 carried.

#### Article 5 - Sale of Town Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on tax map R01, Lot 035 approx. 10.06 acres located on Main Street (Route 3 North). Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 5 carried.

#### Article 6 – Road Reconstruction and Water/Sewer Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of road reconstruction to be done in conjunction with water/sewer improvements on Railroad Street, Stevens Terrace and Middle Street and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus.

Article 6 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 6 carried.

#### Article 7 – Purchase of New Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the purchase of a new ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 7 carried.

#### Article 8 – Discontinue Landfill Closeout Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Landfill Closeout Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 8 carried.

#### Article 9 – Establish Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a “Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund” under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to the existing Transfer Station Facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$303,653.00) from the fund balance surplus to be added to this fund (this represents the monies from the discontinuation of the Landfill Closeout Capital Reserve Fund in Article 8), as well as to name the Selectmen as agents authorized to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 9 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 9 carried.

#### Article 10 – Addition to existing Transfer Station Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to construct an addition to the existing building at the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 10 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 10 carried.

Article 11 – Replace “electric” chair in Town Hall

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) to replace the electric chair from the first floor to the second floor of the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) from the Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 11 carried.

Article 12 – Electrical Upgrades to Town Hall Basement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for electrical upgrades to the basement of the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 12 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 12 carried.

Article 13 – New Fire Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for a new fire truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) from the Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) from the fund balance surplus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 13 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 13 carried.

Article 14 – Lancaster's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of funding expenses associated with the celebration of the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in the year 2014 and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus.

Article 14 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 14 carried.

Article 15 – American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), for the support of the American Red Cross.

Article 15 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 15 carried.

Article 16 – Tri-Town Public Transit Route

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-Town Public Transit Route.

Article 16 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 16 carried.

Article 17 – Senior Wheels Demand Response Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program.

Article 17 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 17 carried.

Article 18 – CASA

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

Article 18 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 18 carried.

Article 19 – Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$5,921.00), for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health.

Article 19 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 19 carried.

Article 20 – Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,640.00), \$.50 per capita 3280, for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Article 20 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 20 carried.

Article 21 – Child Advocacy Center of Coos County

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), for the support of the Child Advocacy Center of Coos County.

Article 21 was moved and seconded.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Article 21 by changing the amount to \$3280.

Discussion followed.

Motion to amend carried.

Article 21 as amended carried.

Article 22 – Community Contact Division of Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for the support of the Community Contact Division of Tri-County Community Action.

Article 22 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 22 failed.

Article 23 – Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$4,260.00) for the support of the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

Article 23 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 23 carried.

Article 24 – North Country Senior Meals Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program.

Article 24 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 24 carried.

Article 25 – Mt Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$2,464.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

Article 25 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 25 carried.

Article 26 – Center for New Beginnings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to help support The Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country. In 2013, the Center for New Beginnings provided services for 85 individuals who reside in the Town of Lancaster.

Article 26 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 26 carried.

Article 27 – Tar Sands Oil

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectboard to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health, safety, and quality of life; water resources and environmental quality; and local, regional, and state economies with respect to the transport of crude oil through New Hampshire.

**WHEREAS**, 18" and 24" pipelines were constructed across northern New Hampshire in 1950 and 1985, respectively, to transport imported light crude oil from Portland, Maine, to Montreal, Quebec; and

**WHEREAS**, present market conditions have substantially reduced demand for transporting imported light crude oil inland from the Atlantic coast; and

**WHEREAS**, abundant production of heavy crude and tar sands oil in western North America has created a market for transportation of these oils to Atlantic ports; and

**WHEREAS**, these market conditions suggest that reversing the direction of flow on the above-mentioned pipelines could become economically profitable for corporations in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, spills of diluted tar sands oil create more costly and difficult clean-up challenges than conventional oil spills, including public health risks from toxic fumes and long-term water and riverbed contamination from sunken oil; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant spill of any petroleum product along the pipeline Right-of-Way in New Hampshire would have a devastating effect on the economy and environment of Lancaster, including property values, business, tourism, recreation, hunting and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, pipeline age and the hydraulic stresses resulting from reversal of flow can contribute to the likelihood of a spill; and

**WHEREAS**, existing technologies and practices for inspecting pipeline integrity have failed to prevent catastrophic pipeline failures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through New Hampshire and the Town of Lancaster and its deep concern about the economic, environmental, and public health risks of such transport; and
2. That the Town strongly encourages the New Hampshire General Court and the U.S. Congress to take all reasonable steps to ensure that any proposed flow reversal of the Portland-Montreal pipeline receives thorough review at both state and federal levels of economic, environmental, and public health and safety impacts, including the impact of spills; and
3. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal, and other pertinent entities. (By Petition)

Article 27 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 27 failed.

#### Article 28 – Amend US Constitution

1. RESOLVED, the People of LANCASTER, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:
  2. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
  3. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of LANCASTER, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort. (By Petition)

Article 28 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 28 failed.

#### Article 29 – Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Two Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$5,287,631.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 29 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 29 carried.

#### Article 30

To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk