

Minutes
Annual Town Meeting
Lancaster, New Hampshire
March 13, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no color guard due to weather and after school activities were cancelled.

Moderator Riff reviewed the ground rules: He will read the article will ask for a motion and a second. If we get a second then we will open the floor to discussion. Once discussion is over, we will move it for a vote. He would like to request that people keep comments to a minute or less to keep the meeting moving. It is also subject to how the conversation is going.

Article 1 – Election of Officers

Selectmen – Leo Enos	3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist – Sharon Wilkinson	6 year term
Moderator – John L. Riff, IV	2 year term
Trustee of the Trust Funds – Michelle McVetty	3 year term
Library Trustee – Linda Hutchins	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee – Leonell “Buddy” Riendeau	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund – Michael W Nadeau	3 year term
Budget Committee –	
John Eddy	3 year term
Herbert Richardson	3 year term
Tricia Frenette	3 year term
Vacant	2 year term
Col. Town Spending Committee	
Nicole Matson	3 year term
Leo Breault	3 year term
Christopher Foss	3 year term
Steven Wheeler	2 year term
Doug Kipp	1 year term

Article 2 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Million Nine Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$5,916,361.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 2 was moved & seconded. Discussion followed. Article 2 carried.

Article 3 – Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$40,000
Fire Department	\$20,000
Library	\$ 5,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
 Total	 \$70,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 3 carried.

Article 4 – Reimburse Industrial Development Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$19,476.00)** to be added to the Industrial Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

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

Article 5 – New Snow Blower Attachment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a new snow blower attachment for the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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

Article 6 – New Street Sweeper

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$208,000.00)** for the purchase of a new street sweeper for the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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

Article 7 – Purchase 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 for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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

Article 8 – Purchase 2013 Ford Explorer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer from Weeks Hospital for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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

Article 9 – Town Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00)** for the purpose of a Town-wide Revaluation and to authorize the

withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

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

Article 10 – Town Office/Hall renovations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purpose of renovating the town offices and the entryway to the auditorium and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

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

Article 11 – Purchase New Camera

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$16,740.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a new camera with the said funds in the amount of **Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,370.00)** to come from the Unrestricted Water Department Fund and **Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,370.00)** to come from the Unrestricted Sewer Department Fund.

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

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

Article 13 – American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00)** for the support of the American Red Cross.

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

Article 14 – Tri-County Transit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of Tri-County Transit.

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

Article 15 – Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health

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

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

Article 16 – Senior Meals of Coos County

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

Article 17 – 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, for the support of the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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

Article 18 – 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.

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

Article 19 – Mt. Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$5,088.00)** for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

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

Article 20 – Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

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

Article 21 – Tri County CAP Energy Services Program

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 Tri-County Community Energy Services program.

Article 21 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 21 carried.

Article 22 – Backpack Feeding Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,233.00)** to assist with the cost of the weekend "Backpack" feeding program which St Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Main Street, Lancaster, NH, currently funds. The figure represents 10% of the cost of the food, and is operated by an all-volunteer group.

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

Article 23 – North Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$17,991.00)** for the support of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency.

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

Article 24 – ServiceLink

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,820.00)** for the support of Coos ServiceLink Resource Center.

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

Article 25 – Historical Society Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500)** to support the Lancaster Historical Society in replacing the roof on the Wilder-Holton Museum. This amount represents half the estimated replacement cost. (Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

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

Article 26 – Big Brothers Big Sisters

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 Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire.

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

Article 27 – Allow operation of KENO

Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the Town of Lancaster, NH? (Petition)

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

Article 28 – Transact Other Business

Lucy Wyman wanted to say she will miss Chief Colborn.

She also wanted to hear from the Board of Selectmen as to what the Conservation Commission is doing. She has not seen any reports for them in some time.

Selectman Rideout mentioned that they provided funding for two kids to go to Barry Conservation Camp last summer.

Motion was made and seconded at 8:30 pm to adjourn the meeting Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Blanchette
Town Clerk