Draft Minutes

Minutes FOR THE LONDONDERRY TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, who are legal voters of the Town Meeting, met at their Town Hall, Tuesday, March 7th A.D. 2017 at 9:30 A.M. to act on the following Articles,

BUSINESS TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017:
The meeting was called to order at 9:32a.m.
Paul Gordon led the assembled body in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Paul acknowledged the passing of John Wiley, Jim Boyle, Ken Ameden, Clyde Prouty, Steve Prouty and Barbara Rogers who had all served the Town of Londonderry in one way or another. He also asked all those who volunteer for the town in any way to stand and be recognized.
Paul recognized outgoing Selectboard members Bill Wylie and Wayne Blanchard for their service to the Town.
Kelly Pajala gave a tribute to Clyde and Steve Prouty.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at the Town Meeting. Kelly Pajala nominated Doug Friant. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Doug Friant. Bob Forbes seconded the nomination. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Doug Friant went over the process of getting through the meeting.

Article 2: To act on the report of the Auditors. Pete Cobb moved to act on the article. Cynthia Gubb seconded the motion. The article passed by a voice vote.

Without objection Roger Fox was asked to speak on behalf of the Mountain Valley Medical Center. Roger Fox spoke about withdrawing the MVMC’s appropriation request. Elsie Smith read a letter from the MVMC Board of directors explaining the reason for withdrawing the request.

Bill Wylie spoke briefly about the commitment required for being a select board member.

Article 3: To elect Town Officials required by law to be elected at this meeting.

Town Clerk – Tina Labeau nominated Kelly Pajala. Danny Cobb moved nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Kelly Pajala. Claire Trask seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Town Treasurer – Kelly Pajala nominated Tina Labeau. Danny Cobb moved nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Tina Labeau. Matt Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Selectboard – 2yr term Esther Fishman nominated Georgianne Mora. Carol Dryden nominated Chad Stodard. Both nominees spoke briefly. Danny Cobb moved nominations be closed. The body voted using paper ballot. While the ballots were counted a representative from the Vt Visiting Nurses Association spoke to the body about the services they provide to the community. Chris Blackey spoke about the progress of the church rebuild, thanked the community for the use of the Town Hall and reminded everyone about lunch. The result of that vote was Georgianne Mora 123, Chad Stoddard 65.

Selectboard 3yr term Emily Underwood nominated Jim Ameden. Andrew Saunders nominated Emmett Dunbar. Dick Dale moved nominations be closed. Mary Joyce Beringer seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Both candidates spoke briefly. The body voted by paper ballot. While ballots were being counted Sandra Clark recognized Dodie Crossman for her service to the Board of Listers. Steve Twitchell spoke about two lovely paintings by Doris
Ingram that have been donated to the Transfer Station. He encouraged people to come look at
them in his office. The result of the vote was Jim Ameden 109, Emmett Dunbar 79, spoiled 3.
Selectboard 1yr remaining of a 3yr term Carol Dryden nominated Thomas Cavanagh. Bruce
Thomas nominated Cathy Aragi. Andrew Saunders nominated Emmett Dunbar. Dick Dale
moved nominations be closed. Mike Carlton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a
voice. The candidates spoke briefly. The body voted by paper ballot. While the ballots were
being counted Bruce Frauman spoke about the Mighty Londonderry organization and its efforts
toward emergency preparedness in Londonderry. He encouraged people to sign up for Vermont
Alert for receiving notifications in the event of an emergency. The results of the vote were
Emmett Dunbar 40, Thomas Cavanagh 92, Cathy Aragi 52. None of the candidates received a
majority of the votes so a second round of ballot paper voting was needed. Emmett Dunbar
withdrew his name from the race. While ballots were being cast Tina Labeau announced that we
need new Green Up Day coordinaters. The results of the second vote was Thomas Cavanagh
114, Cathy Aragi 63, spoiled 2.
Lister – Sandra Clark nominated Geof Long. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and
the Clerk cast one ballot for Geof Long. Bob Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed
by voice vote.

1st Constable – Pete Cobb nominated Roger Sheehan. Dick Dale moved the nominations be
closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Roger Sheehan. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The
motion passed by voice vote.

2nd Constable – Roger Sheehan nominated Nick Doane. Dick Dale moved the nominations be
closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Nick Doane. Kim Stevens seconded the motion. The
motion passed by voice vote.

Delinquent Tax Collector – Tina Labeau nominated Joan Dayton. Dick Dale moved the
nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Joan Dayton. Marge Fish seconded the
motion.

Town Grand Juror – Laurie Krooss Mullen nominated Peter Pagnucco. Dick Dale moved the
nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Peter Pagnucco. Carol Dryden seconded
the motion.

Town Agent- Carol Dryden nominated Levi Dryden. The nomination was declined. Carol
Dryden nominated Huzon Alexander III. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and the
Clerk cast one ballot for Huzon Alexander III. Bob Forbes seconded the motion.

Cemetery Commissioner- Danny Cobb nominated Laurie Krooss Mullen. Dick Dale moved the
nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Laurie Krooss Mullen. Bob Forbes
seconded the motion.

Article 4: To elect two (2) members of the RED Board for a term of three (3) years. Larry
Gubb nominated Stuart Osnow. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast
one ballot for Stuart Osnow. Bob Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice
vote. Melissa Brown nominated Charlie Cave. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and
the Clerk cast one ballot for Charlie Cave. Bob Forbes seconded the motion.

Article 5: To elect (1) member of the RED board to fill the remaining two (2) years of a three (3)
year term. Kelly Pajala nominated Ben Priggen. The nomination was declined. Jim Ameden
nominated Chad Stoddard. The nomination was declined. Esther Fishman nominated Bruce
Frauman. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Bruce Frauman. Bob Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To elect one (1) Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three (3) years. Michael Goodbody nominated Katherine Mosenthal. Dick Dale moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Katherine Mosenthal. Bob Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7: Will the Town of Londonderry vote to renew the exemption from Property Taxes for the following: Champion Fire Building – Main Street, South Londonderry, Champion Fire Building – Route 100/Crescent Street, South Londonderry, Phoenix Fire Building – Route 100, Londonderry, Londonderry Rescue Squad Building – Route 100, Londonderry. John Barry moved the article. Dick Dale seconded the motion. John Barry asked what the length of the period of exemption was. Lister, Sandra Clark answered that it was every five years. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum of $86,000.00 (Eighty-Six Thousand) to fund contracting with the VT State Police for policing the Town of Londonderry. Claire Trask moved the article. Marge Fish seconded it. There was extensive discussion on the article…………fill in summary of discussion……..Pete Cobb made a motion to call the question. The motion to call the question passed by a voice vote. The article passed by a majority voice vote.

Lunch break was called at 12:15pm. The meeting will resume at 1:00pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1:01pm

Alice Nitka spoke about ……………

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of $120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand), to be put into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. Bob Fish moved the article. Marge seconded the motion. Discussion………The article passed by a voice vote.

Paul Gordon asked the body if he could give an informational slide show about Article 10. Hearing to objection, Paul presented information about the proposed salt and sand shed……

Article 10: Shall the Town of Londonderry vote a sum not to exceed $200,000 for a Salt/Sand shed to be constructed on the Prouty Land; and to finance no more than $160,000 over a period not to exceed 5 years with $40,000 toward the cost through current taxes. Marge Fish moved the article. Dick Dale seconded the motion……discussion…..The article passed by a voice vote.

Article 11: To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund. Amended to $1,785,282.94 to eliminate schedule 23 (Public Works Director) from the budget passed
Article 12: Shall the Town vote for its taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before October 2nd, 2017. Dick Dale moved the article. Bob Fish seconded the motion. The article passed by a voice vote.

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of $93,900.00 for the following organizations? American Red Cross $200.00, Champion Fire Company #5 $20,000.00, Flood Brook Athletic Association $2,500.00, Grace Cottage Foundation $500.00, Greater Northshire Access TV $2,000.00, Green Mountain RSVP $415.00, Green Up Vermont $100.00, Health Care & Rehabilitation Services $1,513.00, Londonderry 4th of July $1,000.00, Londonderry Conservation Fund $1,000.00, Londonderry Vol. Rescue Squad $6,000.00, Mountain Valley Medical Center $26,000.00, Neighborhood Connections $5,000.00, Senior Solutions $850.00, SEVCA $1,700.00, Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance $415.00, The Collaborative $1,000.00, Valley Cares $2,742.00, Visiting Nurse Assoc. of VT & NH $7,000.00, Vermont Rural Fire Protection $100.00, West River Montessori School $2,000.00, Windham County Historical Society $250.00, Windham County Humane Society $500.00, Windham County Youth Services $315.00, Women’s Freedom Center $800.00, South Londonderry Library $10,000.00. Amended passed as amended

Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting…….discussion……..

Dated at Londonderry this 17th day of January, 2017.

As to Town Business:
  Steven G. Prouty - Chairman
  Paul Gordon
  Will Reed
  Wayne Blanchard, Jr
  Bill Wylie

Select Board of Londonderry VT

Received for record 17th day of January, 2017

Kelly Pajala, Town Clerk