

DRAFT 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, 139 Middletown Road, S. Londonderry, on Tuesday, March 5th A.D. 2019 at 9:30 A.M. and acted on the following Articles, namely:

BUSINESS TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectboard Chair, Jim Ameden introduced the new Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe.

ARTICLE 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at Town Meeting: Jim Ameden called for nominations for Moderator. Pete Cobb nominated Doug Friant. Marge Fish seconded the nomination. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Doug Friant. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote. Doug Friant went over Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 2 To act on the report of the Town Officers: Richard Dale moved the article. John Barry seconded the motion. Article 2 passed voice vote.

Without objection, Representative Kelly Pajala was given permission to speak before the body and update the Town about issues of importance in the Vermont Statehouse, including education funding and estimated property tax rates, changes to the pre-k policy of the Taconic & Green Regional School District, changes Statewide in the delivery of pre-k and child care, legislation to improve telecommunication infrastructure, Springfield Medical Care Systems updates, and information on the bill H.57 which preserves the right to abortion in Vermont and the possibilities for a Vermont Tax and Regulation program for marijuana.

ARTICLE 3 To elect all Town Officials required by law:

Selectboard member for a term of three years: Richard Dale nominated Taylor Prouty. Pam Spaulding seconded the nomination. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Taylor Prouty. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Selectboard member for a term of two years: Esther Fishman nominated Georgianne Mora. George Legace seconded the nomination. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Georgianne Mora. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Lister for a term of three years: Julie Adams nominated Sandra Clark. John Barry seconded the nomination. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Sandra Clark. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Lister for a term of one year remaining on a three year term: George Legace nominated Julie Adams. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Julie Adams. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

First Constable for a term of one year: Matt Mosher nominated Roger Sheehan. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Roger Sheehan. George Legace seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Second Constable for a term of one year: no nominations were made. Richard Dale moved that nominations be closed. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year: Amanda Fusco nominated Joan Dayton. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Joan Dayton. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Town Grand Juror for a term of one year: Sharon Crossman nominated Peter Pagnucco. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Peter Pagnucco. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Town Agent for a term of one year: Richard Dale nominated Huzon Alexander III. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Huzon Alexander III. George Legace seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years: Pam Spaulding nominated Daniel Cobb. Richard Dale moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Daniel Cobb. Roger Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years: Darcy Duval nominated Michael Goodbody. Daniel Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Michael Goodbody. Richard Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) for the Londonderry Conservation Fund. Richard Dale moved the article. John Barry seconded the motion. The article passed voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand) on the Grand List of 2019 for Champion Fire Company #5 Inc. Pam Spaulding moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand) on the Grand List of 2019 for Phoenix Fire Company #6 to purchase a Ford F550 four door crew cab Fire Truck. Richard Dale moved the article. John Barry seconded the motion. Don Hazleton spoke on behalf of the Phoenix Fire Company #6. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) on the Grand List of 2019 for Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad. Pam Spaulding moved the article. Richard Dale seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) on the Grand List of 2019 for S. Londonderry Library Association. Pam Spaulding moved the article. Richard Dale seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to renew the exemption from Property Taxes for the S. Londonderry Library Association – Old School Street, S. Londonderry. Richard Dale moved the article. Pam Spaulding seconded the article. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum not to exceed \$40,000 (Forty Thousand) to fund contracting with the VT State Police for policing the Town of Londonderry? Pam Spaulding moved the article. George Legace seconded the motion. James Ameden made a motion to amend the amount to \$15,000.00. Pete Cobb seconded the amendment. There was discussion about the

lack of officers signing up for hours to fulfill a contract with Londonderry at the 2018 level and if it is necessary to continue the contract with VSP. Sandy Wilbur asked to call the question. The Assembly voted to call the question. The amendment passed by a voice vote. The article as amended passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand) to put into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund? Pam Spaulding moved the article. John Barry seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) to fund the Town Buildings Reserve Fund? Pam Spaulding moved the article. Richard Dale seconded the motion. Without objection, the assembly heard from Shane O’Keefe about the current status of the improvements and renovations at the Town Office Building. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand) to the Londonderry Parks Board to install a Pump Track at Pingree Park? Richard Dale moved the article. George Legace seconded the motion. Nadine VanHouten spoke on behalf of the Parks Board about the pump track project and thanked Candy Bliss for her volunteer efforts in counting the redeemable bottles. The article passed by voice vote.

The Assembly heard from Dr. Roger Fox about the appropriation request for Mountain Valley Medical Center.

ARTICLE 14 To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund. Pam Spaulding moved the article. George Legace seconded the motion. Tina Labeau shared the budget total from page 18 of the town Report, \$1,836,016.77. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15 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 1st, 2019? Pam Spaulding moved the article. George Legace seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$29,445 (Twenty-nine thousand, four hundred forty-five) for the following organizations?

American Red Cross	500.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	750.00
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 4 th of July	1,000.00
Neighborhood Connections	5,500.00
Senior Solutions	850.00
SEVCA	1,700.00
Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance	410.00
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
Windham County Historical Society	250.00

Windham County Youth Services	315.00
Women's Freedom Center	800.00

Pam Spaulding moved the article. Richard Dale seconded the motion. **Amended to split the question. Article 16A became \$27,445. Separate Greater Northshire Access TV \$2,000.00 to be Article 16B. Both Articles passed voice vote.**

ARTICLE 17 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$5307 (Five Thousand three hundred and seven) to be raised by taxes in support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the town? Pam Spaulding moved the article. Bruce Frauman seconded the motion. **Discussion. Passed voice vote**

ARTICLE 18 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred) to the Windham County Humane Society? Pam Spaulding moved the article. George Legace seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) to the Friends of the West River Trail? Pam Spaulding moved the article. John Barry seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand) to the Mountain Valley Medical Clinic to provide assistance to uninsured patients? **Discussion. Passed voice vote**

ARTICLE 21 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three Thousand) to West River Montessori School to provide scholarships for students in the 2&3-year-old program? Pam Spaulding moved the article. Claire Trask seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum \$125 (One hundred twenty-five) to the Current? Pete Cobb moved the article. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting. Danny Cobb made a motion to adjourn. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

Dated at Londonderry this 21st day of January 2019

_____ James Ameden, Chairman

_____ Georgianne Mora

_____ Thomas Cavanagh

_____ Robert Forbes

_____ Taylor Prouty

Received for the record this 21st day of January 2019

_____ Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk