

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Van Houten 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 <sup>th</sup> 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. John Barry made a motion to change Greater Northshire Access TV's request from \$2,000.00 to \$800.00. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn without objection. John Barry made a motion to split the question by creating Article 16A for \$27,445 with all requests except Greater Northshire Access TV for \$2,000.00 to be Article 16B. Richard Dale seconded the motion. Tina Labeau discussed the process for putting appropriations on the warning. The motion to divide the article passed. Article 16A in the amount of \$27,445 passed by a voice vote. Article 16B for Greater Northshire Access TV in the amount of \$2,000.00 was moved by Pam Spaulding and seconded by George Legace. John Barry made a motion to amend 16B to be \$800.00. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. There was discussion about the amount of \$2,000 being disproportionate being based on population. There was also discussion about the services GNAT provides to 13 different towns in their coverage area, specific events in Londonderry that they have helped with and why the amount is \$2,000.00. The motion to amend failed by a voice vote. Article 16B passed by a 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. Without objection a representative from the BDCC, the organization that manages SeVEDS, spoke to the assembly about the how SeVEDS works for the community. John Barry made a motion to postpone the article indefinitely. The motion was withdrawn. Wilma Tremarco made a motion to commit article 17 to a study committee. Marge Fish seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was amended to included that the article will be revisited at next year's town meeting. There was further discussion about the benefit that Londonderry and the region in general receives from SeVEDS programs. The motion to commit article 17 and the second to the motion were withdrawn. Darcy Duval made a motion to amend the article to \$2,500.00. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion to amend failed by a division of the House 32/50. Steve Twitchell moved to call the question. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The vote to call the question passed. The article passed by 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? Pam Spaulding moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. There was discussion about where the appropriation would go, either to MVMC or to Springfield Medical Care Systems. The appropriation will go to Mountain Valley Health Council endowment fund to cover uncovered patient's costs for Londonderry residents. There was discussion about how to keep the money in the Londonderry community and make sure the money gets sent to the proper entity. It was made clear that the name Mountain Valley Medical Clinic was a clerical

error and in order to clarify the intent of the article, Roger Sheehan made a motion to amend the article to say "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 via the Mountain Valley Health Center's emergency relief fund to support patients in the Londonderry area who are struggling to pay for their medical care?". Claire Trask seconded the motion. There was further discussion about how to clarify the intent of the amendment. Sven Federow made a motion to amend the amendment to say, "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 via the Mountain Valley Health Center's emergency relief fund to support patients in the Londonderry area who are struggling to pay for their medical care in accordance with the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 letter to the Town of Londonderry"? Richard Korzun seconded the motion. There was further discussion. The motion to amend the amendment passed by a voice vote. There was further discussion about the amended amendment. The amended amendment failed by a voice vote. Laurie Mullen called the question. Melissa Brown seconded the calling of the question. John Barry called a point of order that was deemed not germane. The vote to call the question passed by a voice vote. The article as written passed by a 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. It was announced that the request letter from WRMS did not get printed in the Town Report but copies were provided at the meeting and the Moderator read the letter to the assembly. The Director of WRMS was granted permission to speak at the meeting to answer questions. There was discussion about the article. The article passed by a 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 a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 23** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting. John Barry made a motion to adjourn. Pam Spaulding seconded the motion. Steve Twitchell encouraged everyone to thank Candy Bliss for sorting the redeemable bottles and cans at the transfer station. Kevin Beattie suggested changing the date of our town meeting to increase participation. Marcia Camp asked about what was happening at Lowell Lake. Georgianne Mora stated that the Lowell Lake Working Group was not keeping the select board informed about their activities. It was clarified that the Working Group is not a part of Town Government and is an independent group. Bonnie Cobb thanked all the people who volunteer in the Town of Londonderry. Melissa Brown commented on the Londonderry Community Forum Facebook Page. Georgianne Mora replied by saying that Facebook page is in no way connected with Town Government. Sandy Wilbur brought up the Nature Conservancy's recent purchase of acreage on Glebe Mountain. There was brief discussion about the Lowell Lake Working Group meetings not being well publicized. The motion to adjourn passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

Dated at Londonderry this     day of                     2019

\_\_\_\_\_ James Ameden, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Georgianne Mora

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Cavanagh

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Forbes

\_\_\_\_\_ Taylor Prouty

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Friant (Moderator)

Received for the record this     day of                     2019

\_\_\_\_\_ Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk