

DRAFT MINUTES FOR LONDONDERRY TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, who are legal voters of the Town Meeting were notified and warned to meet at their Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, S. Londonderry, on Tuesday, March 3rd A.D. 2020 at 9:30 A.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

BUSINESS TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020:

Jim Ameden called the meeting to order at 9:38. The assembly stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 motion. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Doug Friant. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The Moderator went over the rules and procedures of Town meeting.

ARTICLE 2 To act on the report of the Town Officers: Dick Dale moved the article. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d(a): Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about **fill in**. The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 To elect all Town Officials required by law:

- Town Clerk for a term of three years: Tina Labeau nominated Kelly Pajala. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Kelly Pajala. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Town Treasurer for a term of three years: Kelly Pajala nominated Tina Labeau. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Tina Labeau. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Selectboard member for a term of three years: Dick Dale nominated Vincent Annunziata. The Assembly asked Vinnie to introduce himself. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Vincent Annunziata. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Selectboard member for a term of two years: Mimi Wright nominated James Fleming. The Assembly asked James to introduce himself. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for James Fleming. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Lister for a term of three years. Sandra Clark nominated Dwight Johnson. Julie Adams seconded the nomination. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be

closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Dwight Johnson. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

- First Constable for a term of one year: Kelly Pajala nominated Darcy Duval. Darcy declined the nomination. Double check made a motion to pass over the position. Double check seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Second Constable for a term of one year. Judy Cobb made a motion to pass over the position. Double check seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year. Esther Fishman made a motion to pass over the position. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Town Grand Juror for a term of one year. Kelly Pajala nominated Peter Pagnucco. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Peter Pagnucco. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Town Agent for a term of one year: Emily Underwood nominated Alex Alexander. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Alex Alexander. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years. Dick Dale nominated Gary Barton. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Gary Barton. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years. Mike Goodbody nominated Katherine Mosenthal. Danny Cobb moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Katherine Mosenthal. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000 for the Londonderry Conservation Fund. Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. Irwin Kuperberg asked to speak on behalf of the Conservation Commission but his comments were not germane to the article. The article passed by a voice vote.

Without hearing objection from the assembly Irwin Kuperberg spoke about Commissioner Michael Snyder of VT Forest, Parks and Recreation recommending Day Use improvements only at Lowell Lake.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$20,000 on the Grand List of 2019 for Champion Fire Company #5 Inc. Check on who moved the article before amending Danny Cobb made a motion to change 2019 to 2020. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The vote to amend the article passed by a voice vote. The article passed as amended by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$10,000 on the Grand List of 2019 for Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad. **Check on who moved the article before amending.** Dick Dale made a motion to change 2019 to 2020. Cindy Gubb seconded the motion. The vote to amend the article passed by a voice vote. The article passed as amended by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$10,000 on the Grand List of 2019 for S. Londonderry Library Association. Pete Cobb moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. Dick Dale made a motion to amend the article from 2019 to 2020. Pete Cobb seconded the amendment. The vote to amend the article passed by a voice vote. The article as amended passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum not to exceed \$5,000 (Five Thousand) to fund contracting with the VT State Police for policing the Town of Londonderry. Bruce Frauman moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. **Fill in discussion.** Dick Dale moved to call the question. Dick Dale withdrew his motion. **More discussion.** The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 10 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. Jim Ameden moved the article. Dick Dale seconded the motion. **fill in discussion.** The article passed by a voice vote.

Without objection, Dr. Roger Fox and Elsie Smith spoke to the Assembly about the Mountain Valley Health Clinic being in good shape to continue serving the community.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) to fund the Town Buildings Reserve Fund. Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. **fill in discussion.** The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12 To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund. Esther Fishman moved the article. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The Budget amount from the Town Report was \$2,261,749.00. **fill in discussion.** The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13 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, 2020. Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The article passed by a voice vote.

Without objection, Alex Beck spoke to the Assembly about the SVEDS organization and the services provided to the community.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$51,802 (Fifty-one thousand, eight hundred two) for the following organizations?

American Red Cross	500.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,500.00
Friends of The West River Trail	1000.00
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	1,500.00
Mountain Valley Health Council	5000.00
Neighborhood Connections	6000.00
Senior Solutions	850.00
SVEDS	5307.00
SEVCA	1,700.00
Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance	260.00
The Collaborative	1,000.00
The Current	200.00
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

Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. **fill in discussion about math**. Cindy Gubb made a motion to amend the article to \$41,802.00. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The vote to amend the article passed by a voice vote. Josh Bond made a motion to amend the amount to Greater Northshire Access TV from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 making the new total for the article \$42,302.00. Chad Stoddard seconded the motion. The vote to amend the article passed by a voice vote. Sharon Magner moved to amend the amount for Windham County Youth Services from \$315.00 to \$500.00. Shawna Proper seconded the motion. The vote to amend the article failed. The article as previously amended passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 15 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand) to the Londonderry Historical Society. Dick Dale moved the article. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The article passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to authorize the assessment of a one percent (1%) local options tax on sales, rooms, meals, and alcohol pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, the proceeds of which shall be applied as General Fund revenue to reduce the municipal property tax rate. Jim Ameden moved the article. Dick Dale seconded the motion. **fill in discussion**. Steve Twitchell made an amendment to put the local option tax revenue into an infrastructure fund. Emmett Dunbar seconded the motion. The Moderator ruled the amendment not to be germane. **Fill in more discussion**. Marge Fish called the question and was sustained by over 2/3rds of the body standing in support of her motion. Marge Fish called for a paper ballot. The request was sustained. The article failed by a paper ballot vote 44 yes, 75 no.

Without objection from the Assembly, Senator Alice Nitka spoke about

ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town establish, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2804(a), a reserve fund to be named "The Emerald Ash Borer Infestation Reserve Fund", the purpose of which is to support municipal efforts to prevent and address the effects of the emerald ash borer infestation of ash trees in the community, to include all elements of tree removal and disposal. Such fund may receive income either through an appropriation at an annual or special town Meeting, through grants, gifts, or donations from any source and through accrued interest. Furthermore, to appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to this reserve fund, such funds to come from the Town's unrestricted fund balance. **passed**

ARTICLE 18 We, the residents of Londonderry, Vermont, want the opportunity to develop legal cannabis related businesses, and to form a healthy, safe locally based marketplace within Londonderry for cannabis goods and services. **Paper ballot 55 yes, 32 no. passed**

ARTICLE 19 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Dated at Londonderry this 20th day of January 2020

_____ James Ameden, Chairman

_____ Georgianne Mora

_____ Thomas Cavanagh

_____ Robert Forbes

_____ Taylor Prouty

Received for the record this 20th day of January 2020

_____ Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk