

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 Pingree Park, 36 Pingree Park Lane, Londonderry, on Saturday May 1st A.D. 2021 at 9:30 A.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

BUSINESS TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021:

The meeting was called to order at 9:40am by George Mora.

The Assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1, to choose a Moderator to preside at Town Meeting. Pete Cobb nominated Doug Friant. Dick Dale seconded the nomination. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Doug Friant. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote. Doug Friant went over Covid 19 health and safety guidelines and Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 2, to act on the report of the Town Officers was moved by Dick Dale. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 3, to elect all Town Officials required by law was moved by Dick Dale. Marge Fish seconded the motion.

Faith Alberti nominated Melissa Brown for Selectboard for a term of two years. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Melissa Brown. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Esther Fishman nominated Thomas Cavanagh for Selectboard for a term of three years. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Thomas Cavanagh. Matt Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Sandra Clark nominated Debbie O'Leary for Lister for a term of three years. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Debbie O'Leary. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Sharon Crossman nominated Kevin Beattie for First Constable for a term of one year. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Kevin Beattie. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Steve Twitchell nominated himself for Second Constable for a term of one year. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Steve Twitchell. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Danny Cobb nominated Maureen Cronin for Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years. Jeff Duda made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Maureen Cronin. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Esther Fishman nominated Pauline Davison for Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years. Danny Cobb made a motion that nominations be closed, and the Clerk cast one

ballot for Pauline Davison. Dick Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 4, to see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund was moved by Dick Dale in the amount of \$2,079,260. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 5, 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, 2021 was moved by Dick Dale. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 6, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,500 for the following organizations: Londonderry Conservation Fund \$500.00, Champion Fire Company #5 \$20,000.00, Phoenix Fire Company #6 \$20,000.00, Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad \$10,000.00, South Londonderry Library Association \$10,000.00 was moved by Dick Dale. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 7, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,352 for the following organizations: Flood Brook Athletic Association \$1,500.00, Friends of The West River Trail \$500.00, Grace Cottage Foundation \$ 750.00, Greater Northshire Access \$1,000.00, Green Mountain RSVP \$415.00, Green Up Vermont \$100.00, Health Care & Rehabilitation Services \$1,513.00, Londonderry Historical Society \$500.00, Mountain Valley Health Council \$5,000.00, Neighborhood Connections \$6,000.00, Senior Solutions \$850.00, SVEDS \$5,307.00, SEVCA \$1,700.00, Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance \$260.00, 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 \$3,000.00, Windham County Youth Services \$315.00, Women's Freedom Center \$800.00 was moved by Dick Dale. Marge Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 8, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the My Community Nurse Program was moved by Dick Dale. Pete Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Without objection, State Representative Kelly Pajala spoke to the Assembly about.....

Article 9, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$45,000 to fund contracting with the Windham County Sheriff's Office for policing the town of Londonderry was moved by Dick Dale. Darcy Duval seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Article 10, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$50,000 for an engineering study to evaluate the condition of the Williams Dam and to determine the comparative costs of its repair, replacement **or removal? Passed as amended**

Article 11, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be deposited into the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation Reserve Fund? **passed**

Article 12, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund? **passed**

Article 13, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be deposited into the Town Buildings Reserve Fund? **passed**

Article 14, shall the Town establish, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2804(a), a reserve fund to be named "The Community Economic Improvement Reserve Fund", the purpose of which is to support municipal efforts to plan, promote and implement economic recovery, revitalization and development efforts in Londonderry? Such fund may receive income either through (**amendment removed "an appropriation at a future annual or special Town Meeting, through"**) grants, gifts, or donations from any source and through accrued interest. **passed as amended**

Article 15, shall the Town establish, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2804(a), a reserve fund to be named "The Highway Improvement Reserve Fund", the purpose of which is to support the ongoing repair, upkeep, maintenance and improvements of Town highways? Such fund may receive income either through an appropriation at a future annual or special Town Meeting, through grants, gifts, or donations from any source and through accrued interest. **passed**

Article 16, to transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting. **passed**

Respectfully submitted this ___ day of _____ 2021

Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry

_____ Georgianne Mora, Chair

_____ Thomas Cavanagh, Vice Chair

_____ Taylor Prouty

_____ Vincent Annunziata

_____ James Fleming

Received for the record this 15h day of March 2021

_____ Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk