

**TOWN OF HEBRON, NH  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2019 AND MAY 16, 2019**

Note: The original wording of articles is in *italics*; amendments are in *italics* and **bold**; and the results of voting on an article are **bold** and CAPITALIZED.

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019: COMMUNITY HALL  
(BASEMENT OF THE UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH)**

Moderator Roger Larochelle opened the polls for ballot voting on Article 1 at 11:00 a.m. and closed the polls at 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** *To choose all Town Officers for the ensuing year by official ballot, including one (1) Selectman (3) year term; one Library Trustee (3) year term; one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds (3) year term; one (1) Auditor (2) year term; one (1) Treasurer (1) year term; one (1) Tax Collector (2) year term.*

**RESULTS OF VOTING FOR TOWN OFFICES (ARTICLE 1) ARE RECORDED SEPARATELY.**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

Moderator Roger Larochelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator asked audience members who are military veterans to remain standing and be recognized for their service to the United States. The Moderator introduced town officials and then asked members of town boards and committees to stand and be recognized for their service to the Town.

The Moderator read aloud the results of the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 voting for town officials. Attendees were then asked to reference the town meeting rules handout made available as they entered the Public Safety Building.

Suzanne Smith moved and Vincent Broderick seconded the motion to dispense with the second reading of an article if no amendment was made – **motion passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 2:** *Paul Hazelton moved and Richard James seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$875) to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund. Said sum to come from unassigned fund. This amount represents the return of funds from dealership on 2019 Dodge Charger for the cost of installing a wrap that was ultimately not added to the Charger. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Paul Hazelton spoke to the motion and explained the \$875 of unexpended funds from this project were retained in the general fund. This article is a mechanism for transferring the unexpended funds to the Police Capital Reserve Fund. No discussion occurred.

**ARTICLE 2 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3:** *Patrick Moriarty moved and Richard James seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$12,319) to be added to the Road Emergency Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come*

*from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and stated this is a bookkeeping issue. The Town received monies from FEMA and some funds from the State of NH. These funds are currently in the general fund. This article will allow the Town to transfer the monies to the capital reserve account. Philip Twombly remarked he would like some of the funds used to repair a pothole at the beginning of Hobart Hill Road. No further discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 3 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4:** *John Dunklee moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) to make repairs, reconstruct and finish paving a section of George Road. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until May 1, 2021, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and informed the attendees this article is to fund repairs and paving to George Road from the Route 3A entrance onto George Road. Costs will determine how far along George Road the Town will be able to repair and pave. In 2018, repairs were made from the North Shore Road entrance of George Road. No discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 4 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 5:** *John Dunklee moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to install a security/fire alarm system at the Highway Shed and to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Security Alarm Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to come from general taxation. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until May 1, 2021, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and explained the Town of Danbury recently almost lost their highway shed to a fire. Several town vehicles were destroyed in the fire. Hebron's highway shed is remote. The Town obtained a bid of approximately \$25,000 for a burglar/fire alarm system with key pads. The Select Board added a contingency of \$5,000 to cover any unforeseen costs. Selectman Dunklee explained the wiring for the alarm system will need to be placed in conduit due to the metal structure of the building. A video monitoring system is also a part of the project.

Suzanne Appleton asked if residents will still have access to winter sand for personal use. Selectman Dunklee stated the alarm system is only for the building where the town trucks are stored. George Dengel asked if the Town had obtained more than one bid for the alarm system. Selectman Dunklee stated there are three or four companies that provide security/fire alarm systems. The Board of Selectmen obtained one bid from Mango Security as Mango provides commercial building services. No further discussion.

#### **ARTICLE 5 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** *Patrick Moriarty moved and Suzanne Appleton seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to establish a Preservation of Records Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for digitizing and preserving the town records for archival purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and informed the attendees the Town has records that date back to 1768. The Town Clerk has been in contact with Kofile Technologies which provides records preservation services. The goal is to preserve two to four record books each year until the project is complete. George Dengel asked where the records are currently stored. Selectman Moriarty stated the records are stored in the basement of the renovated Town Offices Building which is climate controlled. No further discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 6 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7:** *Paul Hazelton moved and Peter Wirth seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to establish a George Road Relocation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the relocation of George Road onto North Shore Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed into this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Paul Hazelton spoke to the motion and reviewed the hazards of the entrance from North Shore Road onto George Road. Several years ago, the Select Board was working with the owner of a subdivision for an alternate entrance location to George Road from North Shore Road. There were some delays in the project, and the previously established capital reserve account for this purpose was discontinued. Upon the advice of the town attorney, creating a new George Road Relocation Capital Reserve Fund will preserve the rights of the Town if the project moves forward at a future date.

David Jaques asked those in attendance to vote against this article. Mr. Jaques, who owns property at the junction of North Shore Road and George Road, donated an easement to the Town for the prior entrance relocation project. Mr. Jaques further stated the Town has been working on this project for approximately 20 years and why continue spending funds on a project that will probably not happen. Donald George asked how George Road, a designated Scenic Road, could be relocated. Selectman Hazelton stated the road is not being relocated, only the entrance to bypass some of the hazards.

The Select Board further explained that money placed into a George Road Relocation Capital Reserve Fund can only be used for the relocation of the entrance from North Shore Road and placing monies in this reserve fund will protect the Town if the opportunity for this project develops. Selectman Patrick Moriarty asked Mr. Jaques to reiterate his position on this article to the attendees.

Eleanor Lonske moved and Mark Coulson seconded the motion to move the question – **motion passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator asked for a vote on the article, but the vote was too close to call and then asked for a hand count. The Moderator determined the “Yes” votes carried the article.

#### **ARTICLE 7 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY HAND COUNT**

**ARTICLE 8:** *Patrick Moriarty moved and Mark Coulson seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to install a new roof on the Public Safety Building. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until May 1, 2021, whichever is sooner (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and informed the attendees the 30-year rated architectural shingles on the Public Safety Building roof have failed after 15 years. Town representatives have met with a representative from the shingle manufacturer and are currently working on obtaining a refund from the manufacturer.

George Dengel asked what type of a roof is currently on the building and did the Select Board review any roofing alternatives. Fire Chief John Fischer informed the audience the Public Safety Building was constructed in 2004, and architectural shingles were installed on the roof. Selectman Patrick Moriarty stated the Select Board did look at alternatives but decided to repair the roof with shingles. The Moderator explained this article specifies a dollar amount for repairs but not the type of roof.

#### **ARTICLE 8 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9:** *Everett Begor moved and Suzanne Smith seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$19,675) for the Gazebo Programs. \$16,042 to be raised by taxes, \$1,633 to be taken from Fund Balance, and \$2,000 from anticipated Donations and Grants. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Everett Begor spoke to the motion and provided an overview of the process for determining the Gazebo Programs' budget due to the conversion to a fiscal year and the current 18-month budget cycle. The venue for this summer's fireworks display will be behind the Public Safety Building. No discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 9 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10:** *John Dunklee moved and Richard James seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$85,900) to be added to the capital reserve funds as follows:*

Police	\$100
Highway	\$15,000
Fire	\$25,000
Ambulance	\$20,000
Communications	\$5,000
Assessment Services	\$8,600
Cemetery Tombstones and Fence	\$2,000
Dry Hydrant	\$100
Road Emergency Repairs	\$5,000
Culvert Repair & Maintenance	\$5,000
Security Alarm	\$100

(Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and explained this article funds the trust funds for future town needs. No discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 10 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11:** *Paul Hazelton moved and Deborah James seconded the motion shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or (2) an officer honorably separated from the service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required).*

Selectman Paul Hazelton spoke to the motion and explained this article extends the Veterans' Tax Credit to all individuals who are veterans and not just to those who served during qualifying wars or armed conflicts as specified by State law. Eleanor Lonske thanked the Select Board for pursuing this article. No further discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 11 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12:** *Patrick Moriarty moved and Jennifer Larochelle seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million One Hundred Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$2,109,699) as an operating budget for the 18 month period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to fund the transition to the optional fiscal year approved by the 2018 Town Meeting. This article EXCLUDES appropriations made under all previous articles. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and explained this article is for an 18-month budget as the Town moves to a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. March town meetings traditionally allow a grace period before a calendar year budget is adopted. By converting to a fiscal year, the Town will adopt a budget prior to expending funds. Selectman Moriarty asked attendees to reference pages 6 and 7 of the town report for a more detailed description of income and expenses.

George Bolln asked why there was an increase in account #4711 (Principal Long-Term Bonds/Notes). Selectman Moriarty explained the increase is due to the payments for the town hall renovations. This loan will be paid off in five years. Don Franklin asked the Select Board if approximately \$400,000 from fund balance will be used to offset the increase in the tax rate due to the 18-month budget. Selectman Moriarty explained the Town will use a portion of the fund balance to offset the increase, and a tax anticipation note, if needed, will help with cash flow if funds are needed to pay bills. No further discussion occurred.

#### **ARTICLE 12 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Selectman Patrick Moriarty informed the attendees the town offices moved into the renovated and expanded Town Offices Building at the beginning of the week. Selectman Moriarty encouraged the audience members to stop by and view the building. Thank you to Hebron resident Joe Hogan for acting as the project's Clerk of the Works.

George Bolln asked the Select Board if the Town would be able to recoup any of the expenses incurred by the Town because of the lawsuits filed to stop the building project. Selectman Moriarty stated the town's lawyers recommended not pursuing this action as it might reopen the case and it was also unlikely the Town would recoup any of the costs.

Selectman Moriarty informed the attendees a committee would be formed to review and recommend uses for the old fire department building and the former town clerk/tax collector's building. A structural analysis has been completed on the former town clerk/tax collector's building. The analysis showed the building is in poor shape. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee should contact the Select Board's office.

Moderator Roger Larochelle thanked the town's employees for working in the temporary office trailer during the renovations and also thanked the Select Board for all their work on this project. Nadine Hession thanked former Select Board member Eleanor Lonske for her vision in pursuing the renovation and expansion project.

**Jennifer Larochelle moved and Suzanne Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. – motion passed by voice vote.**

A true copy of action taken at the Hebron Town Meeting on May 16, 2019.

Tracey Steenbergen  
Hebron Town Clerk