

***Minutes of Town Meeting***  
***WOODSTOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE***

***March 14, 2017***

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Moderator D. Kenneth Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Sherry Hoover to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and to open the polls, seconded by R. Gil Rand – unanimous affirmative vote. Polls were closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

***The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting***

1. All cell phones must be shut off;
2. Speakers must stand and identify themselves;
3. Only registered voters may speak and vote;
4. Anyone not a registered voter wishing to address an issue may do so only with the permission of the Moderator;
5. Motions for reconsideration must be made immediately after the vote is announced on the article;
6. The Moderator's rules can be challenged or overruled by the voters.

So moved by R. Gil Rand, seconded by Fred Englert  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept rules.

**Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: 1 Selectman, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Library Trustee, 2 Trustees of Trust Funds, 2 Cemetery Trustees, 2 Budget Committee, 2 Planning Board, 3 Floodplain Board of Adjustments.**

**Selectman for Three Years (vote for one)**

R. Gil Rand 117

**Fire Chief for One Year (vote for one)**

John MacKay 116

**Library Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)**

Paula Houde 113

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (vote for one)**

Patrick J. Griffin 91

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Two Years (vote for one) – no one elected**

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years** (vote for one) – no one elected

**Cemetery Trustee for One Year** (vote for one) – no one elected

**Budget Committee for Three Years** (vote for two)

Robert Vigneault	71
Emily Clark	97
Patrick J. Griffin	34

**Planning Board for Three Years** (vote for two)

Bonnie Ham	98
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**Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Three Years** (vote for one) – no one elected

**Floodplain Board of Adjustment for Two Years** (vote for one) – no one elected

**Floodplain Board of Adjustment for One Year** (vote for one) – no one elected

**Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance regarding the penning of chickens, guinea hens, and other fowl? Violations of the ordinance will result in civil penalties ranging from \$100-\$1000. (Inserted by petition.) (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by Jackie Wilson

The Moderator read the following petitioned ordinance aloud:

**WHEREAS** the Town of Woodstock finds that chickens, guinea hens and other fowl currently roam freely around town;

**WHEREAS** free roaming fowl are problematic in that they can cause traffic, health, safety, and welfare issues;

**WHEREAS** RSA 31:39, I(b) allows towns to make bylaws for the prevention of the going at large of horses and other domestic animals in any public place in town;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Town of Woodstock hereby ordains as follows:

1. All chickens, guinea hens and other fowl kept by any person or entity in town must be contained in a pen or a building so that they are not at large on any public place in town, including any public right of way or on any other person's private property.

2. Violations of this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty in the amounts of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense, \$500.00 for the third offense, and \$1,000.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offenses.

After a lengthy discussion Article 2 was amended to read:

**WHEREAS** the Town of Woodstock finds that chickens, guinea hens and other fowl currently roam freely around town;

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Town of Woodstock hereby ordains as follows:

1. All chickens, guinea hens and other fowl kept by any person or entity in town must be contained so that they are not at large on any public place in town, including any public right of way or on any other person's private property.
2. Violations of this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty in the amounts of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, \$75.00 for the third offense, and \$100.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offenses.

Sherry Hoover moved to accept Article 2 as amended, seconded by Ashley Larue

The Moderator received a request for a secret ballot signed by eight registered voters.

**Article 2 accepted. (25 Yes Votes – 16 No Votes)**

**Article 3: To see if 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 an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Roland LeClerc

No discussion on Article 3

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 3.

**Article 4: Are you in favor of repealing the Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance adopted at Town Meeting, March 10, 1981, the subject matter of which is already addressed by state law? (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by James Conn, seconded by Susan Young

No discussion on Article 4  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 4.

**Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Five Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Forty-Two Dollars (\$3,524,042) for the operating budget. This amount does not include any articles voted separately. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Tom Sabourn, seconded by Dan Adams  
No discussion on Article 5  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 5.

**Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are full and true, which revaluation must occur at least as often as every fifth year. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Joel Bourassa, seconded by Tom Sabourn  
No discussion on Article 6  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 6.

**Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Melissa Sabourn, seconded by Mark Harrington  
No discussion on Article 7  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 7.

**Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$23,495), which is the anticipated grant amount this year, to be placed in a Highway Block Grant Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of any maintenance, repair and/or improvement to Class V roads in town. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by James Conn, seconded by Cheryl Bourassa  
No discussion on Article 8  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 8.

**Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the existing Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve**

**Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by James Conn  
No discussion on Article 9  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 9.

**Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Patrick Griffin, seconded by Fred Englert  
No discussion on Article 10  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 10.

**Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Wendy Springer, seconded by Larry Hartle  
No discussion on Article 11  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 11.

**Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the existing Library Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Wendy Springer  
No discussion on Article 12  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 12.

**Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Wendy Springer, seconded by Susan Young  
No discussion on Article 13  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 13.

**Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Solid Waste Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by James Conn, seconded by Kyle Caulder  
No discussion on Article 14  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 14.

**Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by Ronald Springer  
No discussion on Article 15  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 15.

**Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Duty Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by James Conn  
No discussion on Article 16  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 16.

**Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by James Young, seconded by Melissa Sabourn  
No discussion on Article 17  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 17.

**Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Kyle Caulder, seconded by Constance Chesebrough  
No discussion on Article 18  
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 18.

**Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by James Young, seconded by Susan Young  
No discussion on Article 19

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 19.

**Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Police Department Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)**

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Kyle Caulder

No discussion on Article 20

Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 20.

**Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.**

So moved by Patrick Griffin, seconded by Dan Adams

Ken Chapman pointed out that this was his 42<sup>nd</sup> Town Meeting as Moderator.

Ken recognized the marriages, births, and deaths listed in the town report.

Ken questioned if the voters would be in favor of moving the start time of Town Meeting to 7:00pm. He explained that not as much time is required to balance and count votes with the new voting machine. The majority of the voters in attendance were in favor of changing the start time of Town Meeting. Ken asked the Select Board to take this under consideration for next year.

Patrick Griffin pointed out that there was a flaw with Article 2. He explained that there was no enforcement added for Police to regulate. Patrick motioned to add the same enforcement wording used to regulate dogs. Motion was not seconded.

James Conn questioned the residency requirement for both the Veterans' Credit and Elderly Exemption and if you could qualify for both. Judy explained that you can qualify for both but have to be a NH Resident for one year preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for a Veterans' Credit and three consecutive years preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for Elderly Exemption.

Danny Bourassa expressed his recognition for the neat form of government that we have that allows people to discuss issues and concerns in a public forum.

Sherry Hoover commended all the emergency response workers, town employees, and elected officials for their dedication and hard work that often goes unnoticed.

Selectman, James Fadden Jr., expressed thanks to all the town employees and to all volunteers that serve on the many boards and committees and work the Elections. Selectman Fadden also thanked the community for their support.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the 2017 Town Meeting was made by Joel Bourassa and seconded by R. Gil Rand, unanimous affirmative vote. Town Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above return of minutes for the annual Woodstock Town Meeting of March 14, 2017 is true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Judy" and the last name "Welch" clearly distinguishable. The signature is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Judy Welch  
Town Clerk