

BOSCAWEN TOWN MEETING

March 8, 2016

Assistant Moderator William Murphy called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00AM, and declared the polls would remain open until 7:00PM. The election of Town officers and four warrant articles require polling hour balloting.

Moderator Niebling announced a delay of action on Articles 7 through 21 until the official ballots were counted. Once the Town Officers were elected and the results of the five warrant articles to be voted on with a yes or no official ballot vote were read, the Town Meeting would resume in the evening at the Boscawen Elementary School.

Ballot Clerks:

Kellee Easler Pamela Hardy Candace Haithwaite Penny Sarcione

Polls closed at 7:00PM. Moderator Niebling explained the Town Meeting would begin at the conclusion of the ballot counting process for the write-in votes, at Boscawen Elementary School. Moderator Niebling opened the meeting at 7:33PM and reviewed the rules of order for the meeting process and ballot votes. All comments shall be directed to the moderator with the speaker stating their name and using one of the microphones provided for the meeting. He also explained the rules for applying RSA 40:10, which restricts reconsideration of an article once voted upon during the meeting deliberations. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief, Ray Fisher. Moderator Niebling recognized all those in attendance who have served in the armed forces.

Article I – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The votes were counted with a total of 288 ballots and the results are as follows:

Office	Name	Vote
Selectperson – 3 years	Mark Edward Varney	160
	Lorrie J. Carey	121
Moderator – 2 years	Charles R. Niebling	258
Supervisor of Checklist – 6 years	Agnes Colby	256
Library Trustees – 3 years	Elaine Clow	244
Treasurer – 3 years	Cheryl Mitchell	249
Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 years	Pauline Dawson	17

Roger Sanborn moved to re-elect the incumbents for Official Weighers: Bruce Davis, Mark N. Harbour, and Charles Niebling. The motion was seconded from the floor. Motion approved.

Ray Fisher moved to re-elect the incumbents for Surveyors of Wood and Lumber: William Bailey Jr., Frederick J. Egounis, and Michael Fisher. William Lambert seconded. Motion approved.

Roger Sanborn moved to re-elect the incumbents for Fence Viewers: Ray R. Fisher, Douglas R. Supry and Michele L. Tremblay. William Lambert, seconded. Motion approved.

Article II - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV– Use Regulations which creates new

provisions for Accessory Buildings, Non-Residential, Farmer's Markets, Flea Markets, Event Centers and Planned Unit Developments?

Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 198 NO – 54

The article was approved.

Article III - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article XII, Definitions to include new definitions for Accessory Building, Non-Residential, Event Center and Planned Unit Development?

Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 185 NO – 64

The article was approved.

Article IV - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Cluster Developments to include provisions for Planned Unit Developments, (PUD)?

Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 169 NO – 76

The article was approved.

Article V - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Official Map, under the provisions of RSA 674:11 to change the zoning classification of the parcels designated as Map 47, Lot 31A, Map 81D, Lot 58 and Map 81D, Lot 58-A, from Residential, Medium Density, (R-1), to Agricultural/Residential, (A/R)?

Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 194 NO – 51

The article was approved.

Article VI - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,491,188 which represents the operating budget? Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately (Majority vote required).

The motion to adopt Article VI was made from the floor; it was seconded from the floor. Justin Malcolm requested clarification as to whether the new Police Officer was necessary and if the Police Department would now offer 24/7 coverage. Police Chief Kevin Wyman explained that the intention is to provide better coverage.

There being no further discussion, Article VI was approved.

Article VII - To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town-wide Safety Equipment Purchases. Further, to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to be placed in this fund and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

William Lambert moved to adopt Article VII as written; Edward Maloof seconded.

Theodore Houston requested clarification on what is being purchased. Bernard O. Davis, Jr. explained this money is to bring buildings and equipment up to code.

There being no further discussion, Article VII was approved.

Article VIII - To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of making building improvements to the 1913 Library. Further, to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to be placed in this fund and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

Lorrie Carey moved to adopt Article XVIII as written; William Murphy seconded. There being no discussion, Article VIII was approved.

Article IX - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established, as follows:

a) Fire Truck	\$60,000
b) Fire Department Safety Equipment	\$12,000
c) Highway Heavy Equipment	\$41,000
d) Public Works Building	\$20,000
e) Police Vehicle	\$25,000
f) Municipal Building – Equipment	\$45,000
g) Municipal Building - (LCHIP)	\$10,000
h) Municipal Building - Information Technology (IT)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

(Majority vote required)

Mark Varney moved to adopt Article IX as written; Theodore Houston seconded. There being no discussion, Article IX was approved.

Article X - To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$33,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Majority vote required).

Ray Fisher moved to adopt Article X as written; Craig Saltmarsh seconded. There being no discussion, Article X was approved.

Article XI - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase a Rescue Boat Package for Boscawen Public Safety Agencies? (Majority vote required).

Bernard O. Davis, Jr. moved to adopt Article XI as written; Mark Varney seconded.

Craig Saltmarsh announced that a \$5,000 donation was made for the boat.

There being no further discussion, Article XI was approved.

Article XII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,786 to contribute to the operating costs of the American Red Cross? (Majority vote required).

Ray Fisher moved to adopt Article XII as written; Mark Varney seconded. There being no discussion, Article XII was approved.

Article XIII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society? (Majority vote required).

Lorrie Carey moved to adopt Article XII as written; Elaine Clow seconded. There being no discussion, Article XII was approved.

Article XIV - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,900 for the continuation of services to the low income residents of Boscawen through the Concord Area Center of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.? (Majority vote required).

Craig Saltmarsh moved to adopt Article XIV as written; Rhoda Hardy seconded.

Sam Langley requested clarification on where the money is being spent. Rhoda Hardy clarified the food pantry receives \$9,000 worth of food from CAP per year.

There being no further discussion, Article XIV was approved.

Article XV - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 toward the operating expenses of the Penacook Community Center? (Majority vote required). Paul Matthews moved to adopt Article XV as written; Edward Maloof seconded. There being no discussion, Article XV was approved.

Article XVI - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,060.00 to aid the Penacook Rescue Squad for its emergency medical services and rescue operations provided to the Town, subject to the receipt of an independent audit of 2015? (Majority vote required).

Ray Fisher moved to adopt Article XVI as written; Theodore Houston seconded.

Michele Tremblay requested the phrase “an independent audit of 2015” be changed to “a financial compilation report”, thus saving Penacook Rescue an audit charge of \$6,000. Dave Collins (non-resident, from Penacook Rescue) stated that Boscawen was the only town to require an audit. Michele Tremblay moved to adopt Article XVI with the change; William Lambert seconded. Moderator Niebling clarified the new wording as follows: “Article XVI - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,060.00 to aid the Penacook Rescue Squad for its emergency medical services and rescue operations provided to the Town, subject to the receipt of a financial compilation report? (Majority vote required)”. There being no further discussion, Article XVI was approved with the requested change.

Article XVII - To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. Steve Landry addressed the Board regarding their 2014 withdrawal of support for he and Michele Tremblay on the Upper Merrimack River Land Advisory Committee (UMRLAC). Polly Dawson moved that the Town “highly consider reappointing and supporting them to UMRLAC”? William Lambert seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. William Murphy moved to table. Moderator Niebling explained this request is non-debatable and requires 2/3 vote. A hand-count vote was taken and the motion to table was defeated. Discussion ensued again. William Murphy presented a non-binding resolution requesting “UMRLAC to cease and desist, now and in the future, all efforts to promote a federal Wild and Scenic River Designation to that portion of the Merrimack River shared by the Town of Boscawen with the Town of Canterbury as well as on other portions of the river that would result in an inadvertent inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River designation for the portion of the River bordered by the Town of Boscawen.” Bruce Crawford seconded. Rhoda Hardy recognized the importance Boscawen places on its agriculture/Crete’s farm. Michelle Tremblay explained “this is an advisory committee and, in the absence of local support, things do not just happen”. Lorrie Carey moved to table this discussion indefinitely. A hand-count was taken. Motion passed and discussion is tabled indefinitely. Theodore Houston publicly thanked Selectman Chairman Craig Saltmarsh for his years of service to the Town. Ray Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM; Edward Maloof seconded. Meeting adjourned. Moderator Niebling thanked all that were involved in Town Meeting and Election Day.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michelle Brochu, Town Clerk