

**CONDENSATION OF MINUTES
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015**

Following are a condensation of the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of March 3, 2015 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

Moderator Brian Shupe called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Shupe explained general information about the conduct of the meeting and use of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town. Paul Hartshorn nominated Brian Shupe. Brian Shupe was elected by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Brian Shupe recognized the dedication to Janet Smith and Jennifer Peterson and spoke of Janet and Jennifer's years of service. He also directed attention to the Memoriam of Robert Shafer and noted the list of people that have stepped down from various boards and offices in the prior year.

Reports of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Town Meeting Research Group, Delinquent Tax Collector, Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, Road Department, Dog Warden, Waitsfield Cemetery Commission, Joslin Memorial Library, and Selectboard were discussed and accepted.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real estate by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, September 20, 2015, the second quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 12, 2015, the third quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, February 11, 2016, with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, May 12, 2016? Paul Hartshorn made a motion to adopt Article 3, seconded by Beth Phillips. Paul Hartshorn made a motion to amend Article 3 and change the September 20, 2015 date to September 10, 2015 and the motion to amend was seconded.

The motion to amend Article 3 was approved by a unanimous voice vote. The amended Article 3 was then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money? Logan Cook made a motion to adopt Article 4, seconded by Beth Phillips. Article 4 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of replacing the Fire Department's SCBA and Air Storage Cylinders? Paul Hartshorn made a motion to adopt Article 5, seconded by Sal Spinosa. Article 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$165,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of paving Tremblay Road and North Road? Paul Hartshorn made a motion to adopt Article 6, seconded by Charlie Goodman. Article 6 was approved by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of paving parts of Joslin Hill Road? Paul Hartshorn made a motion to adopt Article 7, seconded by Sal Spinosa. Article 7 was approved by majority voice vote.

Maxine Grad and Adam Greshin, who represent the Washington-7 District (that includes Waitsfield) in the Vermont House of Representatives, wished to address the assembly. Neither Ms. Grad nor Mr. Greshin is a Waitsfield Town resident. There being no objection, the rules were suspended and Ms. Grad and Mr. Greshin addressed the assembly.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize the Culvert Replacement Projects Reserve Fund to be renamed the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund and to allocate \$10,000 to it? Logan Cook moved to

adopt Article 8, seconded by Beth Phillips. Article 8 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933? Scott Kingsbury made a motion to adopt Article 9, seconded by Beth Phillips. Article 9 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets? Logan Cooke moved to adopt Article 10, seconded by Jim Leyton. Article 10 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize the Joslin Memorial Library Board of Trustees to increase its size from five up to a number not to exceed seven? Scott Kingsbury made a motion to adopt Article 11, seconded by Logan Cook. Article 11 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. There was discussion on the Pocket Park, the cleaning of the sidewalks, emergency management resources, and the articles being voted by Australian ballot.

Moderator recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. until the closing of the polls for Australian ballot items at 7:00 p.m.