

MINUTES
of the Annual Town Meeting
for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont
March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wolcott Elementary School in said Town on March 7, 2023 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon any of the following articles of business:

Members of the Wolcott Girls basketball team lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Article 1. . Shall the Town publish a list of delinquent taxpayers as of December 31st and a list of any other delinquent accounts due the Town in the town report?

Bill Cotten made the motion to approve the article. Jan Roy seconded the motion. Discussion around shaming our neighbors. Gordon Young made the motion to call the question. Maria Stadtmueller seconded the motion. Voice vote to call the question passed. Voice vote to approve the article failed.

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate \$18,560 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

American Red Cross	\$ 500
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	1,200
Central Vermont Council on Aging & RSVP	1,700
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	500
Craftsbury Saplings	500
Home Share Vermont	400
Justice for Dogs	500
Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc	600
Lamoille County Conversation District	500
Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit	1,082
Lamoille Economic Development Corp	750
Lamoille Family Center	500
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	5,028
Lamoille Housing Partnership	300

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	1,400
North Central Vermont Recovery Center	1,000
North Country Animal League	1,000
Rural Community Transportation, Inc	1,000
Salvation Farms	500

Maria Stadtmueller moved the article. Eric Furs seconded the motion. Discussion followed on individual social service agencies. Kurt Billings made the motion to amend the article to leave out Craftsbury saplings and approve 18,050 Instead. Melissa Morin seconded the amendment. More Discussion. Belinda Harris Clegg made the motion to call the question. Bernard Earle seconded it. Voice Vote to call the question passed. Voice Vote to amend the article failed. Voice vote on the original article passed.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments; with delinquent taxes having charged against them three percent (3%) penalty 1-5 days late, five percent (5%) penalty 5-10 days late, eight percent (8%) penalty after 10 days late and collect interest on late and delinquent payments of one (1%) percent per month for the first three months and one and half (1 ½%) thereafter? 32 V.S.A. § 4873 & §5136 (a)

First installment to be paid on or before	November 15, 2023
Second installment to be paid on or before	May 15, 2024

(32 VSA §4871)

Jan Roy moved the article. Maria Stadtmueller seconded the motion. Discussion about the amount of the penalty and the time frame followed. Gordon Young amended the article to 3 percent penalty after 15 days, 5 percent after 16 days, and 8 percent after that. Jim Ryan seconded the amendment. More discussion followed. Gordon Young made the motion to call the question. Kurt Klein seconded the motion. Voice vote to call the question passed. Voice vote to amend the article failed. Voice vote to approve the article as written passed.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the town vote to allow the Selectboard to negotiate the purchase of .34 acres on RTE 15, Property ID 15021 from Champlain Oil Co. pending results of Brownfield study.

Kurt Klein made the motion to pass over the article. Linda Martin seconded the motion. Discussion as to why followed. Maria Stadtmueller made the motion to call the question. Deb Klein seconded it. Voice vote to call the question passed. Voice vote to pass over the article passed.

Article 5. . Shall the voters of the town vote to adopt the proposed Selectboard budget in the amount of \$1,708,388 less anticipated revenues in the amount of of \$400,560 leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$1,307,828 to be raised by taxes.

Bill Cotten moved the article. Carol Godin-Lang seconded the motion. Linda Martin made the motion to amend the article to the amount of 1,696,948 less anticipated revenues in the amount of of \$400,560 leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$1,296,388 to be raised by taxes. Allen carpenter seconded the motion. Voice vote to pass the amendment passed. Voice vote to pass the amended article passed.

Article 6 to be voted on by Australian Ballot at the Wolcott Elementary School between the hours of 8:00 am at which time the polls will open and 7:00 pm at which time the polls will close. The legal voters are herby further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be provided in Chapter 43 of Title 17, VSA.

The following article will be voted by Australian Ballot:

Article 6. To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:

Moderator – one year term

Total Ballots cast – 150. All write ins.

Deb Klein – 2

Edward Thomas – 1

Eric Furs – 1

Fred Martin – 1

Gordon Young – 2

Joe Hester-Ingram – 47

Lucien Gravel – 1

Luke Hardt – 1

William Morrison – 1

Blank votes - 93

Joe Hester- Ingram elected as Moderator for a one year term.

Selectboard – three year term

Total Ballots cast – 150

Linda J Martin – 141

Write ins – 6

Over votes – 2

Blank votes - 1

Linda J Martin elected to the Selectboard for a three year term.

Selectboard – two year term

Total Ballots cast – 150

Allen Carpenter – 134

Write ins – 3

Over votes – 0

Blank votes - 13

Allen Carpenter elected to the Selectboard for a two year term.

Lister – three year term

Total Ballots cast – 150

Deborah Klein – 139

Write ins – 4

Over votes – 1

Blank votes - 6

Deborah Klein was elected as a Lister for a three year term.

Library Trustee – five year term

Total Ballots cast – 150

Amy Coolbeth – 143

Write ins – 0

Over votes – 0

Blank votes – 7

Amy Coolbeth elected a Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Library Trustee – three year term

Total Ballots cast – 150

Renee Brochu - 139

Write ins – 1

Over votes – 0

Blank votes –10

Renee Brochu elected a Library Trustee for a term of three years.

Cemetery Commissioner - five year term

Total Ballots cast – 150 All write ins.

Adam Berg – 1

Bruce Wheeler – 1

Carol Lang-Godin – 1

Cornelius Reed – 1

Crista Peck – 15

David Modica – 2

Edward Thomas – 1

Katie Furs – 1

Kurt Billings –2

Lucien Gravel – 2

Matthew Day - 1

Over votes – 0

Blank votes – 122

Crista Peck elected a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.

Cemetery Commissioner – four year term

Total Ballots cast – 150 All write ins.

Bradley Horstman – 2

Burt Tenney – 1

Carol Lang-Godin – 1
Cornelius Reed – 1
Crista Peck – 2
David Modica – 5
Edward Thomas – 1
Dan Noyes – 1
Fred Martin – 2
Lucien Gravel – 1
Randy Pratt – 1
Rebecca Ventrice – 1
Scott Spencer - 1
Over votes – 0
Blank votes – 131

Nobody was elected a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of four years.

Bill Cotten motioned to adjourn. Belinda Harris Clegg seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Belinda Harris Clegg
Wolcott Town Clerk

Minutes Attested by:



Edith Duff
Assistant Election Official