



Town of Hinesburg

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Town Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2020 CVUHS Auditorium - Draft -

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the officers of the Town of Hinesburg and take action thereon.

The Selectboard gave their report on the year and recognized several long time employees and volunteers who were leaving their positions. They include Tom Boivin from the highway department, Cheryl Hubbard from the town clerk's office, Joe Iadanza from the Planning Commission and Lenore Budd from the trails committee. They also recognized the long-term commitments of Al Barber and Dave Estey from the Fire Department. The report was moved and seconded and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town approve a General Government budget of \$1,851,236 with the estimated sum of \$1,380,036 appropriated from property taxes to defray the general government expenses of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded and approved on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve a Highway Department budget of \$1,041,884 with the estimated sum of \$903,884 appropriated from property taxes to defray the highway expenditures of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded and approved on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget of \$606,783 with the estimated sum of \$560,283 appropriated from property taxes to defray the police expenditures of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded and approved on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Fire Department budget of \$434,503 with the estimated sum of \$394,503 appropriated from property taxes to defray the fire expenditures of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded and approved on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town approve the Carpenter-Carse Library allocation from the Town of Hinesburg of \$225,487 with the estimated sum of \$225,487 appropriated from property taxes to defray the library allocation from the Town?

The article was moved and seconded and passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Community Resource Center (HCRC) allocation from the Town of Hinesburg of \$21,000 with the estimated sum of \$21,000 appropriated from property taxes to defray the HCRC allocation from the Town?

The article was moved and seconded. Mary Beth Bowman made a motion to add \$2100.00 to the appropriation which is 10 percent of what they were requesting. After some discussion suggesting that the same amount of money could be raised through fund-raising, the vote was called and the amendment was passed. Moderator Twarog then read the revised Article 8 which was passed on a voice vote for a total amount to be allocated to the HCRC of \$23,100.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$14,350 with the estimated sum of \$14,350 appropriated from property taxes, to be distributed as specifically designated to the following agencies and organizations?

The motion was moved and seconded. A resident asked that we consider adding Steps to End Domestic Violence funding in the amount of \$2350.00 as they had missed the deadline for filing requests with the committee through an inadvertent administrative error. She stated that they Town has funded STEPS for many years and they would greatly appreciate continued support. After lengthy discussion, the amended article was approved on a voice vote for a total of \$16,700 in agency funding.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize up to \$94,870 in expenditures for the purpose of providing a dedicated town-wide ambulance transport service?

The article was moved and seconded. After some lengthy discussion and a clarification that this is for contract services for ambulance transport to replace St. Michael's rescue, the motion passed on a voice vote.

(If voters approved Articles 3 through 10 as presented, total general fund expenditures of \$4,294,563 will be required, with the estimated amount of \$3,598,863 to come from property tax revenue).

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Hinesburg vote on whether to establish and manage an ambulance transport service by Australian ballot in November pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?

This article generated a fair amount of debate and consternation over the wording therein. There was general agreement that the wording was confusing at best. Colleen MacKinnon offered an amendment reading: "Shall the Town of Hinesburg vote by Australian ballot on whether to establish and manage an ambulance transport service at a date uncertain pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?" After discussion, the motion was defeated on a voice vote. Dawn Francis then made the following motion: "Shall the Town of Hinesburg vote on the method by which an ambulance transport service shall be provided to the Town of Hinesburg by Australian ballot in November pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?" The motion was

seconded and discussion was had. The question was called and the amended language was approved, as was the Article as amended. Both passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Shall voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, payable in full to the Town of Hinesburg in one (1) installment, with the due date being November 15, 2020? Any and all payments received in the Town Treasurer's Office later than midnight on November 15, 2020 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to the collection of interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof.

The motion was made and seconded. The article was approved on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business, as proper, to be brought before said meeting?

Maxamed Ibrahim asked if the town was doing anything to combat global warming. The short answer was not directly, though we do have some solar generation facilities and the Energy Committee is looking at additional sites that might be good for future solar power generation.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa B. Ross
Town Clerk & Treasurer