

Town of Hinesburg
Special Town Meeting Minutes
May 22, 1995

Town Moderator Henry Carse opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by reading the warning. He then read the first article:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town vote to prohibit the constable from exercising any law enforcement authority as provided in 24 VSA 1936a?

Selectboard Chairman Lynn E. Gardner responded to questions about the article from the Town Meeting. Gardner informed voters that the Selectboard had received a petition with more than 500 signatures requesting a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of discussing and acting on this article. Gardner then detailed the provisions of 24 VSA 1936a providing for the restriction of the Constable's authority and summarized the Constable's residual responsibilities if the Town votes to prohibit the Constable from exercising law enforcement authority. Gardner also explained that, under State Statute, the Town is required to fill the position of Town Constable. The Town may vote to make the position of Constable appointed by the Selectboard at an annual election. After such an election, however, there is a one-year time lag until the change is effective.

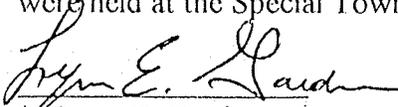
More than the required seven registered voters requested a paper ballot vote on the question.

After ballots were tabulated by Town Clerk Mary Zuber, Moderator Carse announced the result of the vote: A total of 106 ballots were cast: 105 yes; 1 no. The Town voted to prohibit the constable from exercising any law enforcement authority as provided in 24 VSA 1936a.

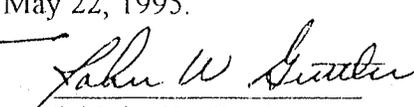
At 7:59 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Swington Ramsay

We have read, approve and accept these minutes as a true record of the proceedings that were held at the Special Town Meeting in Hinesburg on May 22, 1995.


/s/ Lynn E. Gardner
Chairman, Selectboard


/s/ Robert S. Bast
Selectperson


/s/ John W. Guttler
Selectperson


s/ Andrea Morgante
Selectperson


/s/ Randall C. Volk
Selectperson