

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2013 – Town Elections

March 13, 2013 – Town Meeting

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Tuftonboro, County of Carroll, and State of New Hampshire on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March 2013, at eight o'clock in the forenoon at the Tuftonboro Town House, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. The polls were declared open for voting and to remain open until 7:00 PM or until all present that wish to vote have voted.

Ballots were also cast for school officers and for articles on the school warrant, as provided for under the SB2 plan. These ballots were then taken to Wolfeboro to be counted.

Listed below are the results of the town balloting for **Article 1: to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing:**

Selectman for Three Years	Votes
Guy Pike	139
Daniel J. Duffy	287
Write in	3

Budget Committee for Three Years	
Robert L. Theve	254
James S. McIntyre	156
Robert "Bob" McWhirter	231
Guy Pike	126
Write in	6

Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years	
Laureen Hadley	380
Write in	4

Cemetery Trustee for Three Years	
Laureen Hadley	373
Write in	4

Library Trustee for Three Years	
Mary Ann Murray	369
Write in	10

Listed below are the results of the town balloting for **Article 2, 3, 4 and 5, Tuftonboro Zoning Amendments.**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board?

Move Section XIX entitled "Definitions" to become Section I, move the current Section I entitled "Authority and Purposes" to the beginning of the zoning ordinance to become an unnumbered introductory section, and sequentially renumber the subsequent sections and references thereto as needed."

YES 342 NO 67

Are you in favor of the following amendment to Section XIX entitled "Definitions" of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board?

Amend Section 19.1.59 by striking said Section from the "Definitions" Section and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly:

~~19.1.59 Travel Trailer: A Mobile Home designed to be used for temporary occupancy for travel, recreational or vacation use; with the manufacturer's permanent identification "Travel Trailer" thereon; and when factory equipped for the road, being of any length provided its gross weight does not exceed forty-five hundred (4,500) pounds, or being of any weight provided its overall length does not exceed twenty-eight feet (28').~~

YES 309 NO 97

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board?

Amend Section 2.2 entitled "Location" to read as follows (language to be deleted appears in ~~bold strikethrough~~):

Said Districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map, Town of Tuftonboro, New Hampshire", copies of which are on file and may be obtained in the Town Offices. The Zoning Map, with all explanatory material thereon, is hereby made a part of this Ordinance and may be reissued by the Planning Board to incorporate such amendments as may be made by the Annual Town Meeting. The Official Zoning Map shall be reviewed and updated annually to reflect changes in ~~Boundary Lines resulting in zoning boundary changes.~~

YES 337 NO 71

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board?

Amend Section 2.4.3 entitled "Neighborhood Business" to read as follows (language to be added is in bold underline):

The intent of this District is to permit limited commercial uses primarily to serve tourists and neighborhood areas which have a mixture of residential, including cluster development, and non-residential uses but where the trend has been Conversion to commercial use, **to the rear boundary line of the lot or to a maximum depth of 300 hundred feet (300')**. These areas are typified by small Lots and are frequently abutted by residential neighborhoods.

YES 304 NO 103

March 13, 2013 – Tuftonboro Central School

Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. called the second portion of the 2013 Annual Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The Moderator explained the voting card each voter received when they checked in at the meeting. Non-registered voters were identified by a show of hands. Housekeeping reminders were announced.

Mr. Barnard recognized Mr. Lee White who informed those in attendance that the Tuftonboro Annual Road Side clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, starting at 8:00 AM. Bags and vests will be supplied. Those interested in helping can sign up at the Town Office.

Moderator Barnard announced the results of the election of March 12th. The officers elected stood to be recognized and will be sworn in after the three day waiting period. Jack Widmer was asked to report on the School District voting results. Mr. Widmer reported that all articles passed and thanked residents for their support of the school district. The meeting then proceeded with the remaining articles of the Town warrant.

**Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to remove the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

The article was moved by Jack Widmer and seconded by John Simms. The Selectmen feel that voters should have the authority to expend the Fund, not the Selectmen. Decision to expend should be a town meeting vote. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-2)**

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded by Paul Thornton. The Library Capital Reserve Fund currently has a balance of \$239,478.00. The Library has raised \$152,000.00 for a total of \$391,478.00. The approval of this warrant article would bring the total monies earmarked for the Library to \$516,478.00. No discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum to come from the undesignated fund balance.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 4-3)**

The article was moved by Jack Widmer and seconded by Wayne Black. The Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund currently has a balance of \$75,000.00. Adding the \$125,000.00 would bring the balance to \$200,000.00. The \$125,000.00 would be taken out of the \$1.4 million dollar undesignated fund balance which the Town currently has. Bob Murray asked if the Selectmen could explain undesignated fund balance. It was explained that undesignated fund balance is the accumulation of budgeted money that is not spent in a given year as well as unanticipated revenues. Undesignated fund balance is used to offset taxes and the State does require a certain amount be kept in the town's funds. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) to purchase and equip a new Police Cruiser.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-2)**

The article was moved by Lloyd Wood and seconded by Sarah Copplestone. The Town is currently on an 8-year cycle to replace vehicles. The new police cruiser will be a four-wheel drive vehicle which will need a new updated radio system and video equipment. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) for the paving of town roads.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 7-0)

The article was moved by Jack Widmer and seconded by Gordon Hunt. The proposed roads to be paved this year include: Ledge Hill Road- final coat, shim & base another part of Ledge Hill Road and 4,000 feet on Sodom Road. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to pave the working area adjacent to the Transfer Station Recycling Building. Five Thousand (\$5,000) will come from the undesignated fund balance and Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) to be raised by taxes.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 6-1)

The article was moved by Lloyd Wood and seconded by Paul Thornton. This project would pave the dirt section adjacent to the Transfer Station Recycling Building. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the paving of the Town's portion of Sawyer Road.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee (4-3))

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded. The Town of Ossipee approached the Selectmen about paying for the paving of approximately 800 ft. of Sawyer road which is in Tuftonboro. Resident Barry Ennis addressed the article. Mr. Ennis commented that he is probably the only Tuftonboro resident who uses the Ossipee maintained road because his driveway exits on to it. When the Town lines were recently perambulated it was discovered that Mr. Ennis's property was actually in Tuftonboro. For several years he has paid taxes to the Town of Ossipee, about \$4,500.00 annually which should have gone to the Town of Tuftonboro. In discussions with Mr. Ennis and the Board of Selectmen of both Towns he felt that the issue would be corrected and then the Ossipee board went back on their word. Mr. Ennis feels the Town of Ossipee has been paid and he supported defeating the article. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was defeated.

**Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to develop a site plan, specifications and to design a maintenance and storage building for the Transfer Station.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and not recommended by the Budget Committee 2-5)**

A motion was made by Selectman Dan Duffy and seconded by Paul Thornton. Supervisor Clayton Gallagher explained that they currently have to send out partial shipments of recyclable items as they do not have storage space. A storage building would allow recyclables to be stored until a full load is available hence reducing transportation costs and saving the town money. It would also allow recycled items to be stored until prices are higher. Bob McWhirter felt this request was premature and the Town should figure out what the long-range plan is for the facility. A new building could cost upwards of \$200,000.00 and then maintenance costs after that. Jill Cromwell felt that the Library and the Police Station need priority and this issue should be brought forward another year. Guy Pike asked to hear from the Budget Committee. Budget Committee Chairman Ted Wright said that the Budget Committee felt it was too much money for a pre-design. The Committee added an additional \$2,000.00 to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center budget to do some preliminary work on this issue. Supervisor Clayton Gallagher said that this was a long-term project and would not stand in the way of other projects. John Simms felt that a 5-10 year plan for the Center needed to be created but at this time no real need has been established. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. All in favor. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was defeated.

**Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-four Dollars (\$2,964,223.00) for General Town Operations.
The Selectmen recommend \$2,969,923.00.
This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles.
(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0)**

The article was moved by Jack Widmer and seconded by Selectman Dan Duffy. The budget increases this year are the ambulance contract and having 53 pay weeks for employees. The difference between the Budget Committee's budget and the Selectmen's budget is \$5,700.00. A motion was made by Gary Chehames to amend the article by reducing the Budget Committee's recommended amount by \$2,000.00 to bring the amount to be voted on to \$2,962,223.00. The motion was seconded by Helen Whall. Mr. Chehames was in hopes of reducing the Transfer Station/Recycling Center budget by \$2,000.00 however he was informed that this amendment would be a \$2,000.00 reduction of the bottom line of the budget. No

further discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amendment to the article. The amended article failed.

A motion was made by Guy Pike to amend the article by increasing the Budget Committee's recommended amount by \$150,000.00 to be paid out of fund balance to bring the amount to be voted on to \$3,114,223.00 to make the first payment on the new Fire Station ahead of schedule. The amended article was seconded by Bob Murray. John Simms stated that he is opposed to the amendment saying that the town should take advantage of the low interest rates. He feels that it is more appropriate that the last payment be made by taxpayers in 2027 rather than current taxpayers shouldering the burden now. No further questions or discussion on the amendment. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amendment to the article. The amended article failed.

No further questions or discussion on the original article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

Article 15: (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,073.00 to replace the playground equipment, not including the swings or dome, at Tuftonboro Central School. The replacement will include new surfacing material and installation. It does not include removal of the existing structure which will be accomplished through volunteer labor.

(Majority vote required)

(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-3 and not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-7)

The article was moved by Mary Ann Murray and seconded by Ernie Carter. Parks and Recreation Committee chairman Mary Ann Murray gave an overview of the problems with the playground and the challenges of getting cost figures in time for the budget process. Budget Committee member Wayne Black and Capital Improvements Program member Bill Marcussen both explained that their groups did not support the article as a detailed plan for the expenditure was not provided. Mr. Black and Mr. Marcussen both supported addressing the playground issues in due time. Suzanne Smith, co-president of the Tuftonboro Central School PTCO said the parents voted in February to start fundraising for the playground. Jack Widmer noted that in 2008 the insurance company issued a similar report but at that time thought the playground was part of the school district. The report appears to be almost a duplicate of the report issued in 2008. Mr. Widmer mentioned that the Parks and Recreation account could be used to pay for the start of replacing the sub-surface material. He suggested this may not be the right year as the PTCO was just beginning their fundraising efforts. Eric Roseen noted that the playground was built with money raised by the TCS-PTCO and put together by volunteers. The town has only spent about \$4,000.00 on the playground over the years. Mr. Roseen is very concerned about the major deficiencies with the playground and feels the town can afford to have a good playground.

A motion was made to move the question and was seconded. No further questions or

discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded by Paul Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. There were approximately 162 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather K. Cubeddu
Town Clerk
Town of Tuftonboro