

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019 – Town Elections
March 13, 2019 – 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 2019, 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 cast for school officers and for articles on the school warrant, as provided for under the SB2 plan. The school district ballots were 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
William J. Marcussen	297
Guy Pike	241
Write in	3

Budget Committee for Three Years	
Barry Ennis	300
Chris Sawyer	285
Bob Theve	306
Write in	15

Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years	
Chris Sawyer	404
Write in	14

Cemetery Trustee for Three Years	
Carol Bush	338
Edwin Garrett	164
Write in	2

Library Trustee for Three Years	
Raymond "Skip" Hurt	190
Mary Ann Murray	321

Supervisor of the Checklist for Three Years	
Marianne Marcussen	497
Write in	4

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

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board? **(Bold letters indicate changed wording.)**

Amend Section 10.4.1 as follows:

10.4 RESIDENTIAL TENTING/RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

In order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, occupancy of residential tents and recreational vehicles will be allowed provided that the following requirements are met. The Code Enforcement Officer is designated as the authority for enforcement of this ordinance.

10.4.1 Limitations: Such occupancy of either tents or recreational vehicles on any lot ~~requires~~ **is limited to one (1) recreational vehicle and two (2) tents at a time. Additional tents or RV's may be available by permit. The use is permitted from April 15th to October 30th.**

In addition, one of the following conditions ~~must~~ **to** be met:

- A. The lot has toilet facilities connected to an onsite operational subsurface septic waste system.
- B. Temporary maintained toilet facilities are provided on the lot at all times there is occupancy in either a tent or recreational vehicle.
- C. In case of an RV with a septic holding tank, proof of proper disposal of septic waste at a State licensed facility must be available on site at all times and presented to the Code Enforcement Officer upon request.

YES 409

NO 119

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board? **(Bold letters indicate changed wording.)**

Amend Section 17.8.5 as follows:

17.8.5 Lifetimes: If after a permit has been authorized by the Board, such permit is not lifted from the office of the Codes Enforcement Officer within a period of ~~six (6) months~~ **two (2) years** from the date of authorization, then such authorization shall be null and void ~~and no permit shall be issued thereunder unless further extended by local ordinance or by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for good cause.~~

YES 431

NO 97

March 13, 2019 – Tuftonboro Central School

Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. called the second portion of the 2019 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. Rev. Kevin Van Brunt provided an invocation.

Mr. Barnard recognized Susan Wingate who informed those in attendance that the 15th Annual Tuftonboro Road Side clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 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 on March 12th. The officers elected stood to be recognized. The Moderator asked Jack Widmer to give the school district voting results. Mr. Widmer reported all the articles on the school district ballot passed, except the two petition articles failed. He thanked Tuftonboro for their support. The meeting then proceeded with the remaining articles of the Town warrant.

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,862,000.00) to renovate and expand the current library building. Said project will be funded as follows: Withdrawal of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$355,500.00) from the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund, and One Million, One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,173,500.00) from the Library Capital Donations Funds and pledges, with Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$333,000.00) to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the library expansion and renovations are completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-0-1)

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article and Jack Widmer seconded the motion. Gordon Hunt, Library Trustee Chairman gave an overview of the proposed library renovation and expansion. A few residents asked questions and expressed concerns. Joe Ewing asked for the question to be moved. The Moderator determined he would recognize those at the microphone to speak. Sue Weeks made a motion to amend the article to read : *“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,862,000.00) to renovate and expand the current library building. Said project will be funded as follows: First, by the withdrawal of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$355,500.00) plus any accrued interest and income from the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund, and Second, One Million, One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,173,500.00) from the Library Capital Donations Funds and pledges (Any additional donations will reduce the amount to be raised from taxation.) and, Third, with a maximum of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$333,000.00) to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the library expansion and renovations are completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.”* Steve Brinser seconded the motion. The moderator asked for a show of hands on the proposed amendment to the article. The amendment to the article failed. A motion was made by

Rick Weeks to amend the article by reducing the amount to be raised by \$150,000.00. Linda Brinser seconded the motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amended article. *"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$1,712,000.00) to renovate and expand the current library building. Said project will be funded as follows: Withdrawal of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$355,500.00) from the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund, and One Million, One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,173,500.00) from the Library Capital Donations Funds and pledges, with Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$333,000.00) to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the library expansion and renovations are completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner."* The amended article failed. No further discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the original article as written. The article was declared passed.

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$16,660.00) to update tax maps and add GIS mapping.

(Majority vote required)

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

The article was moved by Selectman Chip Albee. The motion was seconded by Paul Thornton. Selectman Albee explained this appropriation is for the town's tax maps to be in digital format. No further discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was passed.

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$285,000.00) for the preparation and paving of Town Roads.

(Majority vote required)

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

Selectman Bill Marcussen made a motion to move the article. The motion was seconded by Jack Widmer. This appropriation will be for the preparation and paving of Town Roads based on the recommendations from a road surface study done this past year. Resident Jon Beaulieu would have liked the inclusion of the road study be provided to the townspeople. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on Article 6. The article was passed.

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the preparation of Sawyer Road for paving.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-1)

The article was moved by Selectman Bill Marcussen and seconded by Paul Thornton. Selectman Marcussen explained this article would cover the cost of paving approximately 800 feet of Sawyer Road in Tuftonboro. Barry Ennis, who lives on Sawyer Road, expressed concerns. Further discussion ensued. Patrick Ahern asked that the question be called. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was passed in a hand count vote of YES 132 and NO 74.

A motion was made by Jill Cromwell to restrict reconsideration of Articles 4 thru 7. The motion was seconded by Jack Widmer. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration. The motion was passed.

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$40,551.00) for the 19 Mile Bay Beach Improvement Project.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-1)

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article and Jack Widmer seconded the motion. This appropriation is for improvements at 19 Mile Bay Beach. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$45,870.00) for a 19-Mile Brook Updated Baseline Study.

(Majority vote required)

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

The article was moved by Selectman Chip Albee. Paul Thornton seconded the motion. This appropriation is to do an update of the 2008 19-Mile Brook Baseline Study. Several residents expressed concern as to why the Town is not pursuing legal action against the Town of Wolfeboro. More information is needed to monitor the water quality. The Moderator asked for a show hands to vote on the article. The article was passed.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$124,626.00) to pay a second installment toward the fire truck acquired in 2018 as approved by voters pursuant to Article 6 of the 2018 Town Meeting. The principal amount is \$107,881.00 and the interest is \$16,745.00. This five year lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(Majority vote required)

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

Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article. Bill Rollins seconded the motion. This article is for the second payment on Engine 2. No questions or concerns. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on Article 10. The article passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$89,318.00) to pay a fourth installment toward the ambulance vehicle and rescue truck acquired in 2016 as approved by voters pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 of the 2016 Town Meeting. The principal amount is \$84,947.00 and the interest is \$4,371.00. This five year lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(Majority vote required)

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

The article was moved by Selectman Bill Marcussen and seconded by Paul Thornton. This article is for the fourth payment on the ambulance vehicle and rescue truck. No concerns or questions. The Moderator asked for a vote on the article. The article was passed.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to put in the fund. Said sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at year end will lapse into the general fund.

(Majority vote required)

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

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article. Jack Widmer seconded the motion. No questions or concerns. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was passed.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to increase per fiscal year cap (established at \$5,000 in 2002) to \$10,000, for funds generated from the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25. Article 12 of the 2002 annual town meeting allows the Conservation Commission to deposit 50% of the Land Use Change Tax received during the fiscal year into the existing Conservation Fund. The change in the fiscal year cap shall take effect April 1, 2019, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The motion was seconded by Jack Widmer. This article will allow the Conservation Commission to receive \$10,000.00 per year from the Land Use Change Tax collected and add to the existing Conservation Fund. Conservation Commission Chairman Steve Wingate explained the additional revenue will help fund the Town's Conservation projects. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was passed.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to convey real property acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed by Public Auction and sealed bid or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

The article was moved by Selectmen Marcussen and seconded by Jack Widmer. This article will allow the Town to sell properties acquired by tax deed. In 2018, eight properties were sold by sealed bid for a total of \$167,000.00 of revenue for the Town. The sale of the properties put \$400,000.00 of assessed value back on the tax rolls. No discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a vote on Article 14. The article was passed.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars (\$3,975,307.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommended Three Million Nine Hundred Eight Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$3,982,556.00). This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1)

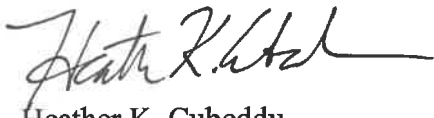
Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Jack Widmer. Selectman Bill Marcussed made a motion to amend the article to increase the budget amount by the \$75,000.00 to cover the costs of plowing/sanding Town roads due to the difficult winter. Jack Widmer seconded the motion

to amend the article. No further discussion or questions. The Moderator asked for a vote on the amended article which reads: *"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Four Million Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars (\$4,050,307.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommended Three Million Nine Hundred Eight Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$3,982,556.00). This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles."* The amendment to the article passed. The amended article was read again and the Moderator asked for a vote on the amended article. The article passed.

A motion was made by Jack Widmer to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM. Paul Thornton seconded the motion.

There were approximately 303 people in attendance.

I hereby attest to the minutes' authenticity and accuracy.
Respectfully submitted,



Heather K. Cubeddu
Tuftonboro Town Clerk
March 27, 2019

ADDENDUM:
RESULTS OF THE RECOUNT FOR SELECTMAN

On March 15, 2019, Guy Pike submitted in writing a request for a recount of the votes cast for Selectman on March 12, 2019. The recount was held on March 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM and both Guy Pike and William Marcussen were notified of the date and time of the recount.

On March 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM, the recount was conducted by the Board of Selectmen- Lloyd Wood, Chip Albee, Moderator Dan Barnard, Town Clerk Heather Cubeddu and Steve Brinser. Mr. Brinser, was appointed by the Moderator to assist in the recount in William Marcussen's place. Mr. Brinser was sworn in by the Town Clerk. William Marcussen was present for the beginning of the recount. The ballots cast for Selectman were counted two times by the recount board. The results showed a final vote of 297 votes for William Marcussen and 241 votes for Guy Pike.

Respectfully submitted,



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Tuftonboro Town Clerk