

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2020 – Town Elections

March 11, 2020 – 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 tenth day of March 2020, 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:**

<b>Selectman for Three Years</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Chip Albee	311
Guy Pike	204
Write in	1

<b>Moderator for Two Years</b>	
Daniel F. Barnard, Jr.	472
Write in	13

<b>Town Clerk for Three Years</b>	
Heather K. Cubeddu	514
Write in	0

<b>Tax Collector for Three Years</b>	
Jacquelyn H. Rollins	502
Write in	3

<b>Road Agent for Three Years</b>	
Jim Bean	438
Write in	45

<b>Budget Committee for Three Years</b>	
Gary Chehames	271
Gordon Hunt	399
Guy Pike	249
Write in	17

<b>Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years</b>	
Peter Sluski	467
Write in	4

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years**

Write in – Guy Pike	54
Other write in	54

**Library Trustee for Three Years**

Paul Matlock	464
Write in	8

**Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years**

Christopher A. Ruel	479
Write in	1

**March 11, 2020 – Tuftonboro Central School**

Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. called the second portion of the 2020 Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 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 Steve Wingate who informed those in attendance of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tuftonboro Roadside clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 AM. Bags and vests will be supplied. Those interested in helping can sign up at the Town Office.

The Moderator asked Jack Widmer to give the school district voting results. Mr. Widmer reported all the articles on the school district ballot passed. Mr. Widmer thanked the Town of Tuftonboro for their support. Moderator Barnard announced the results of the election on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The officers elected stood to be recognized. The meeting then proceeded with the remaining articles of the Town warrant.

A motion was made by Selectman Bill Marcussen to change the order of the articles and act upon Article 13 first. Larry LaPointe seconded the motion. All in favor of changing the order of articles.

**Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) for development of architectural plans and cost estimates to build a new Police Facility.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article and Jack Widmer seconded the motion. Selectman Marcussen gave some background information about the various studies that have been done about the Police Facility. An informational flyer was distributed which shows the conceptual design for the facility. The Selectmen hope to complete the full design work with cost breakdown in 2020. The Police Facility is projected to be voted on in 2021. The Town will hold public meetings on April 6<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Town is also hoping to receive a USDA grant for \$250,000.00. The Town currently

has \$500,000.00 in capital reserve for this project. Several residents had questions and concerns about the Police Facility. No further discussion or questions. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 02: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to purchase and equip a new Police Cruiser.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1 and the Budget Committee 4-3)**

The article was moved by Selectman Bill Marcussen. The motion was seconded by Gordon Hunt. Selectman Bill Marcussen addressed the article informing residents that our Police vehicles have always been on an 8-year cycle for replacement. Last year, a new Police vehicle was deferred due to other town expenses. A few residents asked questions of the Police Chief. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator read article 2 again and asked for a vote by a show of hands. The article was declared passed.

**Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00) for the preparation and paving of Town Roads.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article and Paul Thornton seconded the motion. No discussion or questions. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000.00) to make roadway drainage improvements on Federal Corner Road, Ledge Hill Road and Shirley Way. The full amount will come from Municipal Aid.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

The article was moved by Selectman Chip Albee and seconded by Bob Theve. Municipal Aid will be used specifically for this project. A few residents had questions about the article. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000.00) for the second and final phase of the 19 Mile Bay Beach Improvement Project.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article and Larry LaPointe seconded the motion. Selectman Wood informed residents this is the final phase of the 19 Mile Bay Beach Improvement Project. Erosion will be fixed, and the handicap access will be restored. The concerns of ice fisherman were addressed. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to purchase a new Trash Compactor for the Transfer Station.**

**(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 Bob Zimmerman. Selectman Marcussen stated this would replace the 23-year-old trash compactor currently at the Transfer Station. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,750.00) to purchase a vertical baler for the Transfer Station.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article. The article was seconded by Gordon Hunt. This would replace the 20-year-old baler which is leaking and having problems. The Town is exploring grant options. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$124,625.00) to pay a third 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 \$111,843.00 and the interest is \$12,782.00. 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 Chip Albee and seconded by Bob Theve. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> payment in the 5-year lease for the fire truck. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and 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 Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$89,318.00) to pay a fifth and final 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 \$87,105.00 and the interest is \$2,213.00. 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)**

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Gordon Hunt. This is the final payment for the ambulance vehicle and rescue truck. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and 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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be deposited to the previously established Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund.**

**(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 Bob Zimmerman. Selectman Bill Marcussen explained that in the past this expenditure was part of the regular budget. Some years all of the money was expended, other years only a portion based on the needs in Town. Putting the money in the expendable trust fund keeps the funding available when needed. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and 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-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire/Rescue Department SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1 and the Budget Committee 6-0)**

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article. The article was seconded by Jack Widmer. Fire Chief Adam Thompson explained that \$263,665.00 is needed to replace the SCBA equipment for all firefighters which is a requirement. Based on the CIP recommendation, \$27,000.00 will be requested for the next three years to cover this expense. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) to purchase two Town sanders.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

The article was moved by Selectman Lloyd Wood and seconded by Jack Widmer. The sanders need replacing. One resident expressed concern about the sanders being used in privately owned vehicles. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be added to the previously established Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectmen Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Jack Widmer. Selectman Albee explained this article is the continued effort to save money for the Police facility. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to update perambulation reports with Moultonborough, Wolfeboro and Ossipee town lines. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the perambulation is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Jack Widmer. Selectman Chip Albee explained that the perambulation of town lines is a Legislative mandate. The town will be working with the Towns of Wolfeboro, Ossipee and Moultonborough to contribute to the cost of this process. They will be looking to hire a surveyor and possibly use some satellite navigation. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for costs associated with acquiring a conservation easement on properties abutting Mirror Lake. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until easements are conveyed to the town or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee voted 5-2)**

Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article. The article was seconded by Bob Theve. The Conservation Commission is looking to get a conservation easement on the Hersey property abutting Mirror Lake. Preparation will be done for the costs associated to acquire easement and the Conservation Commission will also be looking to see if grants are available. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the permitting fees and design for repairs to Union Wharf.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Bob Theve. Selectman Albee explained this is for permitting fees and the redesign for repairs to Union Wharf. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a vote. The article was declared passed.

**Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

The article was moved by Selectman Lloyd Wood. The article was moved by Jack Widmer. Selectman Wood explained this is a housekeeping measure to close out the library capital reserve fund. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a 19 Mile Brook Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of monitoring water quality in the 19 Mile Brook Watershed with its terminus at 19 Mile Bay and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Larry LaPointe. Selectman Albee explained that a baseline study on the 19 mile brook watershed has been done but more study of the water quality needs to be completed. A few residents expressed the important need to carefully monitor the water quality in 19-mile brook. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 20: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize indefinitely, until rescinded, 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 Selectman Bill Marcussen and seconded by Jack Widmer. Selectman Marcussen explained this allows the Selectmen to sell town acquired property. Skip Hurt expressed concern that future boards of Selectman will hold onto properties rather than use this process. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 21: 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. The article was seconded by Bob Theve. Selectman Wood explained this is a housekeeping article to cover unanticipated expenses. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 22: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease town-owned property for longer than one year and to further authorize the construction and installation of new personal wireless service facilities (PWSF) on Town-owned property, subject to obtaining all necessary approvals and subject to such other business terms determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, including but not limited to an annual rental of market value with market rental escalators and adjustments and subject to the taxation authority of the Town for nongovernmental use of governmental land and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.**

**(Majority vote required)**  
**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article. The article was seconded by Larry LaPointe. Selectman Marcussen explained the Town has been approached by cell phone services to lease town-owned property for the construction of cell phone towers. These towers would help to have better cell phone coverage in town and would be a benefit for emergency responders for town radio systems. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Four Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$4,118,248.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommended Four Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$4,120,637.00). This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles.**

**(Majority vote required)**  
**(Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-2)**

Selectman Chip Albee moved the article. The article was seconded by Bob Theve. Selectman Albee explained the difference between the two budgets was a \$2,300.00 storage container requested by Parks & Recreation. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 24 (by petition): To see if the Town will vote to reclassify a portion of Willand Road, starting at its intersection with NH Route 171, and continuing 2640 feet from a Class VI highway (town-owned, but not maintained) to a Class V highway (town-owned and maintained).**

**(Majority vote required)**

Skip Hurt moved the article and Peter Palladino seconded the motion. Selectman Bill Marcussen asked for an amendment to the article. The amended article would read ***“To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify a portion of Willand Road, starting at its intersection with NH Route 171, and continuing 2640 feet from a Class VI highway (town-owned, but not maintained) to a Class V highway (town-owned and maintained). The reclassification of the designated portion of Willand Road is conditioned upon compliance with betterment assessments pursuant to RSA 231:22-a, IV.”*** Selectman Chip Albee seconded the motion to amend the article. No questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the amended article and asked for a vote on the amended article. The amended article was declared passed. Skip Hurt gave some history about Willand Road and the maintenance he has been providing. Some discussion and questions. The Moderator reread the amended article and asked for a vote on the amended article as read. The amended article was declared passed.

**Article 25 (by petition): To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen pursuant to RSA 674:40-a to accept title to the private roads known as “Deer Path Lane” and “Farm Pond Road” (formerly “Farm Pond Lane”) as “Class V highways” (town-owned and maintained) provided (1) the roads meet all of the applicable design and construction standards for subdivision roads as contained in the Town’s Subdivision Regulations, and (2) a public hearing is held by the selectmen for the purpose of accepting the roads.**

**(Majority vote required)**



Selectman Bill Marcussen moved the article. Larry LaPointe seconded the motion. Attorney Randy Walker addressed the article representing the petitioners Al and Wilma Greymont. The roads have been built to town specifications and the final preparation of the roads will be done at the owner's expense. Several homes have already been built in the subdivision which creates tax revenue for the town. Owner's in the subdivision expressed their support of the article. Jill Cromwell expressed the confusion on why a public hearing was required. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator reread the article and asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

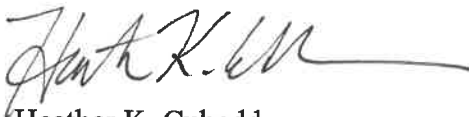
Gary Chehames expressed his concern about the 19-mile brook watershed and felt that in the next 120 days a small committee should be established to work on this issue.

A motion was made by Jack Widmer to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM. Paul Thornton seconded the motion.

There were approximately 142 people in attendance.

I hereby attest to the minutes' authenticity and accuracy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Heather K. Cubeddu", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather K. Cubeddu  
Tuftonboro Town Clerk  
March 27, 2020