

Town of Wallingford  
Annual Town Meeting  
March 3, 2014

Citing the warning to the legal voters of Wallingford, Moderator A. Jay Kenlan called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m. and read the warning.

Mr. Kenlan read Article I- Australian ballot items for town offices.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 VSA, Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 30, 2014 at the Rutland South Supervisory Union Office?

Rob Carey moved for the adoption of Article II; Fred Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 20, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2015 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 20, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates WILL NOT be accepted.

Cindy Daubenspeck moved for the adoption of Article III; Fred Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,016,983.82 for the General Operation of the town, with an amount not to exceed \$702,120.60 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2015?

Bill Lohsen moved for the adoption of Article IV; Bob Soule seconded the motion.

Mr. Brooks reported that the proposed budget was basically level funded, increasing \$21,884 or 2.2%. The Selectboard increased the gravel budget from \$40,000 to \$75,000 as they felt that gravel roads need to be replenished on a regular basis.

Alicia Sharp pointed out the disproportionate salary of Town Clerk & Treasurer, compared to the Assistant Town Clerk & Assistant Treasurer. It was clarified that the Assistant Town Clerk & Assistant Treasurer salary is actually two part-time positions.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Bill Brooks introduced board members Gary Fredette, Tom Phillips, Nelson Tift, and Mark Tessier.

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from time to time as may be required?

Rob Carey moved for the adoption of Article V; Fred Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE VI. Shall the town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Wallingford Rescue Squad property at 99 Maple Street, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing July 1, 2014?

Fred Thurlow moved for the adoption of Article VI; Bill Lohsen seconded it. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article VII. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Representative Dave Potter spoke on several pending bills before the Governor, including hand-held cell phones and drunk driving, as well as transportation and school district issues.

Bill Brooks announced that the town is in need of a summer recreation director.

Bill Lohsen asked for an update on the proposed rebuilding of the northern end of Hartsboro Road. Mr. Brooks responded that this project is earmarked to be completed this spring/summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Julie Sharon, Clerk