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MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 1996

77 VOTERS PRESENT. (Note 62 voter at May 6, 1995 Town Meeting)

Bob Brayley began by introducing any visitors and informing people that the Registrar had materials available for anyone wishing to register to vote. Paul and JoAnne Stevens registered.

Town Clerk opened the meeting by reading the warrant and return.

ART. 1. Nomination for Mark Greene as Moderator. No other nominations. Vote was **Unanimous.** Clerk cast one ballot for Moderator, Mark Greene. Clerk gave Moderator's oath to Mark Greene, who then took over the meeting.

ART. 2. Nominations for Selectman were as follows: 1) Paul Ferguson (declined); 2) Michael Floyd. No other nominations. Vote was **Unanimous.** Clerk cast one ballot for Selectman, Michael Floyd.

ART. 3. Nominations for School Committee Member were as follows: 1) Nancy Jordan, 2) Robin Horr. **VOTE RESULTS: Nancy Jordan-41; Robin Horr-35.**

Jim Wilber motioned allowing all those in attendance the right to speak. All in favor. Unanimous, -1.

ART. 4. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 4 as read. Donna Rockett seconded. **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 5. Dick Rockett made a motion to accept Art. 5 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 6. Bob Jordan made a motion to accept Art 6 as read. Ruth "Chee" Peterson seconded. Michael Kilgore commented on his concern regarding dogs running loose. Vote on the article was **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 7. Bob Brayley made a motion to accept Art. 7 as read. Emil Burges seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 8. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 8 as read. Robin Horr seconded. Jim Wilber asked if this included proposed revenues from Town Boat? Nancy Jordan answered "this is included in Public Safety Art. 20. Vote on Art 8. was **Unanimous.**

ART 9. Michael Kilgore questioned the changes that were made and this was explained. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 9 as read. "Chee" Peterson seconded. **Unanimous, -3.**

ART. 10. Don MacVane made a motion to accept Art. 10 as read. Connie Brayley seconded. Chris McDuffie questioned the meaning of raised from Taxation, Revenue or Surplus. Rolf Moller questioned the Morgan Grant. Nancy Jordan answered these questions. A motion was made to move the question. Vote was **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 11. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 11 as read. Scott Wood seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 12. Don MacVane made a motion to accept Art. 12 as read. Laurie Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 13. Michael Floyd made a motion to accept Art. 13 as read. Bob Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 14. Lorraine Doughty made a motion to accept Art. 14 as read. Bob Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 15. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 15 as read. Carol MacVane seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 16. Bob Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 16 as read. Hiram Tuttle seconded. Hiram Tuttle asked if the $346,950 has to be spend according to the budget. Is this a line item budget? Mr. Burns, Superintendent answered that the School Committee has the authority to spend as they see fit and this is not a line item budget. Bob Brayley added that all departments do not have line item budgets.
Anne-Marie Train stated that the public requested a column for 95-96 9 month $ spent and asked why this hadn't been done. "Dout" explained that this was because of time constraints and apologized. 5370-01 was questioned. It was explained that the increase is due to more hours (2 1/2 hours per week) for a total of 12 hours - 36 weeks during the school year and 4 weeks during the summer for a total of 12 hours/40 weeks. Much discussion took place regarding this issue.
Sharon Marr explained the Morgan Fund as more of a gift rather than a grant - to supplement and is separate from any school funding. The Selectmen have no access and the school has no control. Only the lead teacher has control of these funds.
It was mentioned that perhaps the Morgan Fund should be a separate article in the future.
Emil Burges made a motion to move the question. Vote was **Unanimous, -6.**

NOTE! per Scott — any money's channeled through Town Hall — has Selectmen control.

ART. 17. Kathleen Floyd made a motion to accept Art. 17 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 18. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 18 as read. Don MacVane seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 19. "Chee" Peterson made a motion to accept Art. 19 as read. Laurie Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 20. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 20 as read. Nancy Jordan seconded. Coleman Clarke stated that the EMT's took a vote on the issue of charging for medical evacuation and the result of this vote was a No recommendation. Francis X. Murphy, Selectman spoke to this issue and much discussion took place. Michael Floyd made a motion to change revenue to donations; Taxations = $44,990 and Total = $45,490; seconded by Paul Ferguson. A motion was made by to move the question as amended. Vote was **Unanimous.**

ART. 21. Hiram Tuttle made a motion to accept Art. 21 as read. Randy Parker seconded. Coleman Clarke made a presentation. Scott Wood questioned what would be used for back-up equipment. Coleman "Dickie" explained: $7,889 buffer to build a back-up system. Much discussion took place. Paul Ferguson suggested studying this issue one year beforehand. Emil Burges motioned to move the question. Bo Burke seconded. A recess was taken to allow Steven Johnson to speak. All were in favor of moving the question. (Jane) Murphy made a motion requesting a written ballot on this article. Jamie Connors seconded. Unanimous. Vote was **YES=15; NO=62; 1 Blank.**

Moderator made a request to take Article 37 out of order. Kathleen Floyd made the motion. Jim Wilber seconded. Unanimous. Pat Christian was introduced at this time.

ART. 37. Dick Rockett made a motion to accept Art. 37 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. It was reported that a freight boat on Thursdays will soon begin. Bob Brayley made a motion to move the question. Michael Floyd seconded. All in favor. Vote was **Unanimous.**

ART. 22. Bob Brayley made a motion to accept Art. 22 as read. Scott Wood seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 23. Emil Burges made a motion to accept Art. 23 as read. Bob Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 24. Donna Rockett made a motion to accept Art. 24 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 25. Emil Burges made a motion to accept Art. 25 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 26. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 26 as read. Tom Marr seconded. Discussion took place. Jane Conley made a motion to amend adding $1,000 for a dump attendant. Seconded by Donna Rockett. More Discussion. Scott stated that there is currently a dump attendant, however hours are in question. Coleman Clarke said that the contractor already included this work in his bid package and set money aside for this. Emil Burges made a motion to move the question as amended. Bob Brayley seconded. Unanimous to move question as amended, -1. Vote on amended article=YES=2; (NO=unanimous.)
Vote on original article= **Unanimous.**

ART. 27. Don Macvane made a motion to accept Art. 27 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 28. Lorraine Doughty made a motion to accept Art. 28 as read. Emil Burges seconded. Anne-Marie Train made a motion to amend Article to read Main State Legislate and other Sources. Jane Murphy seconded. Vote on amendment=Unanimous. Vote on Article as amended= **Unanimous.**

ART. 29. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 29 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. Vote on Art. 29 was **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 30. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 30 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 31. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 31 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. Anne-Marie Train asked if this is a yearly vote. Rolf Moller asked if this had been posted. Francis Murphy answered yes to both questions. Vote was **Unanimous.**

ART. 32. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 32 as read. Don MacVane seconded. Vote was **Unanimous.**

ART. 33. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 33 as read. "Chee" Peterson seconded. Much discussion took place and the Town Boat purchase was referenced as an example of what people don't want. Michael Kilgore made a motion to amend Art. 33, adding "in excess of $10,000 must be brought before a Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Cindy Steeves. A motion was made to move the question. Unanimous.
Vote on amendment: Yes=5; No=Unanimous.
John Norcross made a motion to amend adding "that any amount in excess of the balance in the contingency fund to be voted on by the Selectmen at a posted Selectmen's meeting with a defined agenda. Seconded by Jane Murphy. Anne-Marie made a motion to move the question. Nancy Jordan seconded. Vote to move the question was unanimous. Vote on the amendment= YES=27; NO=18. Article Vote was **Unanimous, -6.**

ART. 34. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 34 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 35. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 35 as read. Lorraine Doughty seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 36. Steve Train made a motion to accept Art. 36 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. Discussion took place. A motion was made to move the question by Emil Burges; Unanimous. Vote on Article 36 was **Unanimous, -2.**

ART. 38. Don MacVane made a motion to accept Art. 37 as read. Jim Wilber seconded. Chris McDuffie read the David Herbert Proclamation. Vote was **Unanimous.**

ART. 39. Bob Brayley made a motion to accept Art. 38 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 40. Bob Brayley made a motion to accept Art. 40 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. Explanation given by Mark Greene, Planning Board, Chair. **Unanimous.**

ART. 41. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 41 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 42. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 42 as read. Nancy Jordan seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 43. Nancy Jordan made a motion to accept Art. 43 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. **Unanimous, -10.**

ART. 44. Donna Rockett made a motion to accept Art. 44 as read. Bob Jordan seconded. **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 45. Donna Rockett made a motion to accept Art. 45 as read. Bob Brayley seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 46. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 46 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 47. Bob Brayley made a motion to accept Art. 47 as read. Paul Ferguson seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 48. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 48 as read. Bob Jordan seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 49. Don MacVane made a motion to accept Art. 49 as read. Anne-Marie Train seconded. Much confusion and discussion. The Article had been re-written by Harry Papkee and Richard Rockett the week prior to town meeting. The Clerk stated that because of an error in posting (Dick Rockett gave Mark Greene the new article to post), that the new article could not be voted on. The article that is presented here to be voted on is the Portland Ordinance. Harry Papkee, Ralph Sweet, Dick Rockett, Coleman Clarke gave expertise and opinions on the subject. Motion was made to move the question by Emil Burges. Seconded by Louis Papkee. Unanimous to move the question.
Vote = **Article does NOT carry.**

ART. 50. Lorraine Doughty made a motion to accept Art. 50 as read. Nancy Jordan seconded. **Unanimous.**

ART. 51. Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept Art. 51 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. **Unanimous, -1.**

ART. 52. Jim Wilber made a motion to accept Art. 52 as read. Ruth Knecht seconded. Discussion took place. Motion made by Jim Wilber to move the question. Seconded by Ruth Knecht. All in favor of moving question=Unanimous. Vote on Art. 52= **Unanimous, -7.**

Selectman Michael Floyd and School Committee member Nancy Jordan were sworn into three year terms, effective July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1999.

Sharon Marr made a motion to adjourn at 2:00pm. Seconded by Tom Marr.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Teague

Diana Teague, Town Clerk