

## **ABSTRACT OF MINUTES-TOWN MEETING MARCH 7, 2017**

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

**Marcia Hill nominated Paul Hanlon. Alan Erdossy seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town eliminate the Office of Town Auditor(s) and instead authorize the Select Board to contract with a certified public accountant licensed in this state to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the town?

**Motion made by Charlene McManis. Marty Kovacs seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town eliminate the Office of Grand Juror/Town Agent.

**Motion made by Alan Erdossy. Chris Lyon seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 4. To elect the following Town Officers, by Australian ballot:

- Town Clerk one year **KATIE WINKELJOHN**
- Treasurer one year **KATIE WINKELJOHN**
- Select Person three years **JEFF SALVADOR**
- Auditor one of three years **ELIMINATED**
- Auditor two of three years **ELIMINATED**
- Auditor three years **ELIMINATED**
- Lister three years **CHRIS LYON**
- School Director two years **ROBERTA JACKES**

ARTICLE 5. To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

**Motion made by Cheri Goldstein. Victor Ehly seconded.**

**Stewart Clark requested that the Fire Department Equipment Schedule on page 13 be changed to 15k from 20k in year 2017. Motion made by Ted Lamb. Cheri Goldstein seconded.**

**Stewart Clark requested to amend article 5 to state;**

**Acceptance of the article 5 does not include agreement or acceptance by the Town to follow the Highway and Fire Department schedules on page 13 of the town report. The intent here is to build in flexibility for the future, not to tie us to a plan with no opportunity for changes.**

**Cheri Goldstein acknowledged this is not set in stone nor the intent. Future selectboards are not bound to accept past policies. Stewart requested that this be noted in the records.**

**Acceptance of article 5 as written.**

**Motion made by Dell Waterhouse. Suzanne Arrand seconded.**

**Allen Gibert ask to change the name from Schedule to Plan.**

**Adoption of the amendment. Passed. Main Motion(amended) PASSED.**

ARTICLE 6. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

**Cheri Goldstein nominated Katie Winkeljohn. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 7. To elect a Town Constable for the year ensuing.

**Lacey Osborne nominated Shawn McManis. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 8. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.  
**Earleen Forbes nominated Cheri Goldstein. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer at the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on or before Tuesday, August 15, 2017 (Town Tax) and on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2017 (School Tax) **regardless of postmark** and, to charge a one-time penalty of 8% and interest at 1% per month or any part of a month on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax, as provided by law.

**Motion made by Marcia Hill. Charlene McManis seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will approve a town budget of \$669,908.00.

**Motion made by Cheri Goldstein. Charlene McManis seconded.**

**Stewart Clark offered an amendment. Lower the budget by \$22,136.08. Peter Fitz seconded. Discussion ensued. Kim Bolduc called the question. Stewart Clark seconded. Vote on amendment. FAILED. Back to main motion: PASSED.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$8500.00.

**Motion made by Michele Hill. Victor Ehly seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$15,984.00 for the calendar year of 2017?

**Motion made by Chris Lyon. Penny Marwede seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 13. Shall the town voters appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018?

**Motion made by Suzanne Arrand. Dru Carter seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 14. Shall the town voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Town Hall Maintenance Fund?

**Motion made by Charlene McManis. Dru Carter seconded. FAILED.**

ARTICLE 15. Shall the town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 to pay for the Worcester 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display?

**Motion made by Judy Knapp. Mary Ann Powers seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 16. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,000.00 as a one-time outlay to

support the Cross Vermont Trail Association?

**Motion made by Charlene McManis. Victor Ehly seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise on the Grand List

Of 2017 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town.

**Total of Art.10(\$669,908.00) Art.11 (\$8,500.00) Art.12 (\$15,984.00) Art.13 (\$2,600.00) Art.15 (\$5,000.00) Art.16 (\$1,000.00) for a Town Total of \$702,992.00 PASSED.**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall increase the 2017 Veterans' Exemption (for disabled veterans per the Veterans Administration) in the amount of \$10,000 to the amount of \$20,000, said exemption amount to be voted on every year.

**Motion made by Shawn McManis. Roger Strobridge seconded. PASSED.**

ARTICLE 19. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

**Motion made by Peter Comart in support of Presidential Financial Transparency. The citizens of Worcester Vermont support the efforts of our state and federal legislators regarding proposed laws that require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidential candidate's name can be placed on the primary and general election ballots and, upon passage, we request that our local town officials or employees convey our support to the appropriate persons in our state and federal legislatures. Charlene McManis seconded. Selectboard will write a letter to support this. PASSED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM**

Dated at Worcester, Vermont this 8th, day of March, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ Paul Hanlon, Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_ Katie Winkeljohn, Clerk

Filed in Town Clerk's Office on March 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and duly recorded before posting.

Attest: Katie Winkeljohn, Town Clerk