

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

Alan Gilbert nominated Paul Hanlon as moderator. Tom Lang seconded. Paul Hanlon stepped down as moderator and Roger Strobridge stepped in. Roger Strobridge asked for any other nominations. No other nominations. Alan Erdossy moved to close the nominations. Marleen Kovacs seconded, and nominations were closed. A vote was called. Paul Hanlon elected for one year term.

ARTICLE 2. *Elected the following Town Officers, by Australian ballot:*

Town Clerk	one year	Katie Winkeljohn
Treasurer	one year	Katie Winkeljohn
Select Person	three years	James “Ted” Lamb
Auditor	one of three years	
Auditor	two of three years	
Auditor	three years	
Lister	three years	Alan Erdossy
LRSWMD Supervisor	two years	Carl Witke

ARTICLE 3. *To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.*

Cheri Goldstein moved to accept as written. Dodi Mitchell seconded. Stewart Clark moved for corrections on page 9, Article 18 should be the year 2016 instead of 2015 and page 11, change year for Total Expenses to 2015 instead of 2014. Martin Kovacs seconded. No discussion. Motion amended to receive corrections. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 4. *To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing.*

Cheri Goldstein nominated Katie Winkeljohn; Bonnie Pollard-Allen seconded. Katie Winkeljohn was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. *To elect a Town Constable for the year ensuing.*

Roger Strobridge nominated Shawn McManis. Lacey Osborne seconded. Shawn McManis was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. *To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.*

Fran Cerulli nominated Earlene Forbes. Kim Bolduc seconded. Earlene Forbes was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. *To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the year ensuing.*

Tom Lang nominated Mick Eckart. Mick declined. Discussion ensued as to the need of a Town Agent. Selectboard will look into statutory requirements. Tom Lang moved to pass over article 7. Matt Allen seconded. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. *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 Monday, August 15, 2016 (Town Tax) and on or before Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (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.*

Marcia Hill moved to accept as written. Marleen Kovacs seconded. Discussion ensued. Alan Gilbert asked if the 8% penalty was statutory. Discussion ended. Motion passed as written.

ARTICLE 9. *To see if the Town will approve a town budget of \$658,702.00.*

Cheri Goldstein moved the article as written. Martin Kovacs seconded. Discussion ensued. Roger Strobridge addressed the equipment fund handout and the need for a third full time road crew member. Liability insurance and additional State requirements regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act put more of a demand on administrative duties for the road commissioner. Cheri Goldstein moved to close discussion. Alan Erdossy seconded. The motion to close debate carried, and the main motion passed.

ARTICLE 10. *To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$8000.00, as follows:*

<i>Youth Service Bureau of Washington County:</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Vermont Center for Independent Living:</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Good Beginnings of Central Vermont:</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Friends of the Winooski River:</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Montpelier Veteran's Council:</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>People's Health & Wellness Clinic:</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>
<i>CAPSTONE:</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Home Share Now:</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>
<i>Family Center of Washington County:</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>
<i>Girls/Boyz First Mentoring:</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>CV Council on Aging & RSVP:</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
<i>Central Vt Home Health & Hospice</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County:</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>

Cheri Goldstein moved to accept as written. Stewart Clark seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 11. *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 2016?*

Marcia Hill moved to accept motion. Mary Murphy seconded. Lengthy discussion ensued. Michelle Salvador called the question. Chris Lyon seconded, and debate was closed. The main motion passed as written.

ARTICLE 12. *Shall the town voters appropriate the sum of \$2400.00 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017?*

Stewart Clark moved to adopt the article as written. Marty Kovacs seconded. Concerns were raised about the availability for Worcester residents. Stewart Clark addressed this. Discussion ensued. Marcia Hill called the motion. Marlene Kovacs seconded, and debate was closed. The main motion carried.

**The meeting went into recess for Doty School meeting at 11:05am to reconvene following the school meeting. The meeting reconvened at 12:00 and immediately recessed until 1:00 for lunch.
Town Meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm**

Paul Hanlon welcomed state representatives Avram Patt and Shap Smith. Avram updated the town on committee work and house floor focus. He thanked Shap Smith for his many years of service. Shap thanked the town for their continued support.

ARTICLE 13. *Shall the town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$5000.00 to pay for the Worcester 4th of July fireworks display?*

Alan Erdossy moved to accept as written. Shawn McManis seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 14. *Shall the town voters appropriate the sum of \$375.00 to CIRCLE, to be used for operating expenses within the fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017?*

Stewart Clark moved to accept as written. Chani Waterhouse seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 15. *To see what sum of money the town will raise on the Grand List Of 2016 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town.*

Upon motion of Cheri Goldstein to raise \$690,461 on the Grand List of 2016, seconded by Shawn McManis, the motion passed.

ARTICLE 16. *To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall increase the 2016 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.*

Kim Bolduc moved as written. Tom Lang seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 17. *To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.*

Ted Lamb made a motion to have all out of town organizational support requests reviewed by the social concerns committee. Mary Murphy seconded. Ryan Humke moved to amend to include any proposed expenditure outside the town budget, including fireworks, in the review and to impose a limit of 5% of total town budget. Victor Ehly seconded. Amended motion defeated. Ted Lamb asked to withdraw his original motion. Hearing no objections, the moderator considered the motion to be withdrawn.

Bob Martin asked about the shed at Ladd field. Colleen Kutin clarified the use of the community garden. Bob Martin also asked about the status of delinquent taxes. Cheri Goldstein updated the town that new policies are being reviewed by the selectboard.

Mary Ann Powers asked if we could explore the option of having town meeting on the night prior to elections.

Motion to adjourn by Marcia Hill. Judy Knapp seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Dated at Worcester, Vermont this 3rd day of March, 2016

Paul Hanlon, Moderator

Katie Winkeljohn, Clerk

Filed in Town Clerk's Office on March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and duly recorded before posting.

Attest: Katie Winkeljohn, Town Clerk