

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING**

MARCH 6 & 7 2006

The meeting was called to order by Sally Ayrey, Moderator at 9:15 PM.

Shirley McTernan moved to dispense with the reading of the warning, seconded by James Ennis. The motion carried.

Article 1. To see if the Town will approve the reports of the Town Officers as presented in the Annual Report. Richard Goddard, II moved to accept article one, seconded by Janet Wilson. The motion carried.

Article 2. To see what compensation will be paid the various Town Officers and to authorize the Selectmen to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town. Richard Ashley moved to accept article two, seconded by John Stuermer. The motion carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to properly finance the affairs of the Town. Weiland Ross moved to accept article three, seconded by Gloria Alexander. The motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will pay it's personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15 and April 15. Janet Wilson moved to accept article four, Anna Ennis seconded the motion. Robert Waibel asked why these dates and Treasurer Rose Keough explained that the October 15th date is within the first half of the fiscal year and April 15th within the second half and being "tax day" no one should forget that the taxes are due. The motion carried.

Article 5. To see if the Town will levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes of One Percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter One and One Half Percent (1.5%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment as provided by T32 VSA Sec. 5136 as amended. Marilyn Couture moved to accept article five, John Stuermer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc., and if so Voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Shirley McTernan moved to accept article six, Edward Toth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,195.00 to be used for the general operating expenses for the Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Edward Toth moved to accept article seven, seconded by Leslie Perra. The motion carried.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Anna Ennis moved to accept article eight, seconded by Russell Housman. The motion carried.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Rose Stone moved to accept article nine, seconded by Edward Toth. The motion carried.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Burdett Commons, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Janet Wilson moved to accept article ten, seconded by Marilyn Couture. The motion carried.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Philip Ehret moved to accept article eleven, seconded by John Stuermer. The motion carried.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Leslie Perra moved to accept article twelve, Edward Toth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Paving Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Michael Perra moved to accept article thirteen, Anna Ennis seconded the motion. Janet Wilson asked if any new roads were to be paved and Selectboard Chairman Philip Bahan stated that no new roads however Sunderland Hill and Hill Farm will be re-surfaced. The motion carried.

Article 14. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be added to the Guard Rail Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Philip Ehret moved to accept article fourteen, seconded by Leslie Perra. Robert Waibel asked why the Town wouldn't repair the guard rails by Ennis's and put up some new one by Stuart Hill's. Selectman Gary Weller noted that it would be about 1000 feet by the Town Garage and work needed to be completed on damaged ones first. The motion carried.

Article 15. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Office Building Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. John Stuermer moved to accept article fifteen, seconded by Barbara Goddard. Richard Ashley asked if the project to build the office was voted down and Town Clerk Rose Keough stated that it was. Roberta Housman asked about a report from the committee that was formed. Selectboard Chairman Philip Bahan stated that the committee was not ready to give a report. Robert Waibel stated that the Town does not need a building. The motion carried.

Article 16. To transact any other non-binding business. With no other business to discuss Rose Stone moved to adjourn until 10:00 AM on Tuesday March 7, 2006, seconded by John Stuermer. The motion carried.

Moderator Sally Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM and stated that the polls would be open at 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 7th at the Sunderland Elementary School.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 7, 2006, at 10: AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

Article 17. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

YES 313 NO 60 BLANK 6 SPOILED 0
TOTAL 379

Article 18. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$129,320.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount of \$139,695.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$10,375.00; Taxes estimated at \$129,320.00)

YES 329 NO 43 BLANK 7 SPOILED 0
TOTAL 379

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$138,900.00 to defray the Highway Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount \$255,100.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$116,200; Taxes estimated at \$138,900.00)

YES 327 NO 47 BLANK 5 SPOILED 0
TOTAL 379

Article 20. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor, for 1 year		Cemetery Commissioner, for 2 years	
Write in – Richard Ashley	6	Write in – James Ennis	3
Write in – Kathy Morse	3	Write in – Lucille Morse	11*
Write in – Other	15	Write in – Other	18
Blank	349	Blank	339
Spoiled	6	Spoiled	8
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	379

Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years		Delinquent Tax Collector, for 1 year	
MARY L. ENNIS	305*	KATHLEEN C. MORSE	321*
Write in – Other	3	Write in – Other	0
Blank	69	Blank	56
Spoiled	2	Spoiled	2
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	379

First Constable, for 1 year		Second Constable, for 1 year	
JESSE STONE	289*	D. KELLEY	278*
Write in – Others	9	Write in – Others	5
Blank	78	Blank	94
Spoiled	3	Spoiled	2
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	379

Lister, for 3 years		Selectman, for 1 year (vote for two)	
PETER VAN VLECK, JR	313*	JOHN STUERMER	176*
Write in – Others	4	GARY WELLER	199*
Write in – Others	0	Write in – Richard Goddard	115
Write in – Others	0	Write in – Edward Toth	63
Write in – Others	0	Write in – Others	2
Blank	59	Blank	194
Spoiled	3	Spoiled	9
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	758

Selectman, for 3 years		Town Agent, for 1 year	
JOSEPH BOUTIN	108	PETER VAN VLECK	305*
DOROTHY CONKLIN	191*	Write in – Others	4
Write in - Richard Goddard	20	Write in – Others	0
Write in – Edward Toth	11	Write in – Others	0
Write in – Others	1	Write in – Others	0
Blank	38	Blank	68
Spoiled	10	Spoiled	2
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	379

Town Grand Juror, for 1 year		Town Moderator, for 1 year	
Write in – Jack Oventhal	2	Write in – Sally Ayrey	24*
Write in – Others	14	Write in – Others	13
Blank	357	Blank	335
Spoiled	6	Spoiled	7
Total Votes	379	Total Votes	379

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results. (*denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,

Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk