

MARCH 7, 2017

10:05 Patrick Hayes Moderator opened the meeting and requested Andre Beaulieu to lead the people in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1 – was for town officers by Australian ballot at the Enosburgh Middle/High School Auditorium. Voting took place from 10 am until 7 pm.

Moderator for one year- **Patrick Hayes** unopposed

One selectperson for two years-**Terry Wright** unopposed

One selectperson for three years-**Polly Rico** unopposed

Three members for the Town Forest Committee – one year term

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – one year term – **Frances Jackson** unopposed

One Town Agent

One Town Grand Juror

Listers- two

Article 2 – To see if the voters will appropriate the following sums of money:

- a. \$ 500.00 to the American Legion Post #42
- b. \$ 1,000.00 to the Enosburgh Town Band
- c. \$ 1,000.00 to the Enosburgh Conservation Committee
- d. \$ 2,500.00 to the Enosburgh Food Shelf
- e. \$ 500.00 to the Enosburgh Historical Society

Moderator Hayes asked if they would like to take these as a block or individually, motion to take as a block by Michael Manahan, and seconded by Mary Ann Mercy, there was a question about what the Enosburgh Town Band does with their money, if it was used for repair of the band stand, answer no. Motion to approve Article 2, by Mary Anne Mercy, seconded by Andre Beaulieu, all in favor, so moved.

Article 3 – To see if the voters will appropriate the following sums of money:

- a. \$ 1,500.00 to Champlain Valley Agency on Aging
- b. \$ 1,000.00 to CarePartners Adult Day Center
- c. \$ 1,000.00 to Franklin County Court Diversion & Community Justice Programs
- d. \$ 350.00 to Foster Grandparents Program
- e. \$ 1,000.00 to VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- f. \$ 5,562.00 to Franklin County Home Health Agency
- g. \$ 2,912.00 to Northwest Regional Planning Commission
- h. \$ 1,000.00 to Northwest Unit for Special Investigations
- i. \$ 2,800.00 to Northwestern Counseling & Support Services
- j. \$ 1,000.00 to Franklin County Industrial Development Corp.
- k. \$ 500.00 to Missisquoi River Basin Association
- l. \$ 1,700.00 to Green Mountain Transit

- m. \$ 100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force
- n. \$ 500.00 to American Red Cross
- o. \$ 270.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living
- p. \$ 1,000.00 to Voices Against Violence (Laurie's House)
- q. \$ 200.00 to Samaritan House, Inc. (Tim's House)

Moderator Hayes asked if the audience would like to take one at a time or as a block, motion to take as a block by Claudia Rose, seconded by Mary Anne Mercy, all in favor, so moved.

Motion to approve by Lewis Rose, with a second by Henry Neuberger, discussion ensued. Arthur Stevens Boal stated that this way the board puts forth the appropriations, year after year they are given the amount requested. Larry Gervais, Chairman stated that there were cuts this year. Suzanne Hull Parent stated that she appreciates the way it was done and the format. Dan Steiner appreciates the letter are included in the book. Larry Gervais spoke that next year that we would most likely put the Northwest Regional Planning in the main budget next year. Barbara Hayes spoke that she did not like that the amount to Franklin County Home Health was cut, and spoke to why she feels they deserve the full amount. Arthur S. Boal spoke against the Franklin County Home Health. Motion to accept, all in favor.

Article 4- Will the legal voters vote an amount on the Grand List to cover the 2017 Town Budget?

Motion by Cindy Weed, seconded by Suzanne Hull Parent. Larry Gervais, Chairman spoke about the letter the selectboard put in the report, and how the current use and overestimated delinquent taxes played a part in the deficit. Daniel Cunningham asked why we are only one of four towns that get current use money for the highway portion, Larry explained that it because most towns only have a general fund with highway being part of that not separate like Enosburgh.

Mark LaRose spoke about the donation line in the fire department report. He does not feel it was right to put that in the fire department.

Henry Neuberger stated that we should not give so much in appropriations if we have a deficit.

Arthur S. Boal stated we should do things in a different order, and put appropriations last.

Dan Steiner explained the purpose of budget as he sees it and how hard a job it is.

Henry Neuberger then stated he feels he did not have enough time to read through the report.

Anne Bowers made a statement to how the services that are paid for under appropriations help all residents of Enosburgh, and that they are important to the Town.

Chris Damato stated we as the voters have the right to vote them in with an increase or decrease.

Avis Gervais stated she would like them on Australian Ballot.

Rita St. Onge stated that the appropriations should have been taken separately.

Mary Anne Mercy stated the appreciation she had for how hard the board's job had been, and was thankful for the thought they put into the cuts.

All in favor of Article 4, so moved.

At 11:00 Cindy Weed – Enosburgh/Montgomery Representative spoke briefly.

Article 5- To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Ward Heneveld asked about the Planning and DRB boards, and the differences. Polly Rico explained the two boards.

Joanne Carr asked when doing appropriations next time if they could see how it fits Enosburgh.

Moderator Hayes called for a fifteen minute recess so that the village residents may disburse before starting the Road District portion of the meeting.

Meeting for the Road District began at 11:30.

Article 1- Will the legal voters of the Town Road District authorize the Selectboard; to vote an amount on the grand list to cover the 2017 Town Road District Budget?

Motion by James Ouellette, seconded by Dennis Williams.

Discussion ensued with question from Pierre Boudreau about the Better Back Roads Grant income. Jeannie Viens spoke about paving on the road she lives on which is the Davis Road. Larry Gervais spoke to paving and the cost. Arthur S. Boal spoke that he never wanted his road paved, he lives on Longley Bridge Road.

Dan Steiner asked how the gravel pit was holding up and how many more years could they use it. Joey Clark spoke that we are good for another 2-3 years.

Ward Heneveld also make the statement that he never wants his road which is Longley Bridge Road and Daigle Drive paved. Larry stated that they probably would not be doing those roads as the ones they would concentrate on are those that take a beating during ice jam/flooding time.

All in favor of Article 1, so moved.

Article 2 – To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Some discussion ensued, motion to recess at 11:42 by Dan Steiner, seconded by Linda Carpenter, all in favor, so moved.