

Results of the Special Town Meeting March 26, 2012

The special Town Meeting was called to order by Joseph Kearns, with 35 people in attendance. A quorum was present. Joe led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance then read the Articles on the warrant.

Article 1. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,000 from Free Cash to Town Clerk expense account. After some discussion it was explained that the Clerk has to maintain the voting equipment. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Article 2. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,500 from Free Cash to the Tax Title Treasurer account. Alan Vint, Selectman, spoke to this, explaining the necessity. The vote was taken and it unanimous. The Article passed.

Article 3. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500 from Free Cash to the Board of Health/Insp. salary account. Noreen Suriner, Chair of the Selectmen, spoke explaining that the Health Agent is paid on an hourly basis and the fees that are collected go the Town. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Article 4. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$250 from free Cash to the Assistant Town Clerk Salary Account. Some discussion followed and the Town Clerk explained that the Assistant is a great help in the office and that in Election Handbook, the Town Clerk has the right to choose an Assistant to work with the Clerk. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 5. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from the 2008 ice storm account (5058.08) to the Machinery Expense Account.(20421.44). Not much discussion followed. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Article 6. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$850 from Free Cash to the Machinery Expense Account (20421.44). Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, spoke of this saying that the proceeds of a scrapped piece of equipment was \$700 to purchase the Military truck, that is being repaired for use by the Town. This \$850 being borrowed is to go back into the Machinery Expense. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The Article passed.

Article 7. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to add to the Town Zoning By-Law a Small Energy By-Law. Jay Waag-Swift of the Planning board spoke of this Article. Jay explained that "SWES" and the "LWES" (in Article

8) are two different Wind Energies. There was a great deal of discussion surrounding this Article. A motion was made and seconded to amend under Definitions (SWES) "All equipment, machinery, and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity for residential use or combined residence and home business" to read "All equipment, machinery, and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity for business use." There was a standing vote taken and those in favor:16 those opposed: 11. The amendment was passed, 16-11. A vote then was taken on article 7 with the amendment in place. The Article passed with 1 opposed. A 2/3 vote was necessary, and we had the 2/3 vote. The Article passed.

Article 8. It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to add to the Zoning By-Laws a LWES By-Law. Jay Waag-Swift spoke, explaining the LEWES quite extensively. There was a standing vote taken and those in favor:24; those opposed: 2. The Article passed 24-2.

Article 9. Under this Article, Ray Gero, Said he had been spoken to about maybe changing the name of Bell Cemetery on skyline Trail, to Elijah Cemetery, as Mr. Churchill is buried in the Bell cemetery and he was one of the first Purple Heart winners in George Washington's Army. The Selectmen said that they would speak to the Cemetery Commission about this. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. The article passed.