

**2011 RANDOLPH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011
CHANDLER MUSIC HALL**

The 2011 Randolph Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by Moderator Kelly Green immediately following the 2011 Annual Randolph School District Meeting. Ms. Green told the audience that the Warning for Town Meeting could be found on pages 5-7 of the Town Report, with the reports of the officers and committees following the warning. She indicated that Articles 1-30 are being voted by Australian ballot at the Town Hall. Articles 31-36 call for action from the floor of the meeting.

Article 1. To elect the following officers: Moderator, Selectman for 2 years, Selectman for 3 years, Lister for 3 years, Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years; Library Trustee for 5 years Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits and Town Grand Juror. Moderator Green read the list of officers to be elected by Australian ballot.

Article 2: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$1,000,735 to be raised by taxes for the Highway Fund? Moderator Green told the audience that the Highway Department budget information could be found on pages 47-49 of the Town Report. She opened the floor for discussion. The following individuals participated in the discussion: Don Maynard, Gary Champy, Daniel Sax, Josie Carothers, Michael DeCubellis, and Nan Gwin. Because Mr. DeCubellis, Finance Director for the Town of Randolph is not a resident of Randolph, the voters assembled needed to give him permission to address the meeting. There were no objections to allowing Mr. DeCubellis to speak.

Article 3: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$337,224 to be raised by taxes for the Town General Fund? Moderator Green told the audience that the General Fund budget information could be found on pages 35-44 of the Town Report. She opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Article 4: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$82,745 to be raised by taxes for Cemetery expenditures? Moderator Green told the audience that the Cemetery Department budget information could be found on pages 44-45 of the Town Report. She opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Article 5: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$172,527 to be raised by taxes for Library expenditures? Moderator Green told the audience that the Kimball Public Library budget information could be found on pages 45-46 of the Town Report. She opened the floor for discussion. Participating in the discussion were Terry Burgee and Michael DeCubellis.

Article 6: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$281,328 to be raised by taxes for the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.? Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Tom Harty, Ken Roger, Daniel Sax, Michael DeCubellis, Don Maynard, Sally Penrod, and Al Floyd.

Moderator Green told the audience that Articles 7, 8, and 9 would be discussed together.

Article 7: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$265,000 to be raised by taxes for capital expenditures to finance paving projects, equipment replacement and building improvements?

Article 8: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$100,000 from the Landfill Depreciation to be transferred to the Capital Budget for the purpose of offsetting capital expenditures?

Article 9: Will the town vote to authorize the sum of \$571,038 to be raised by taxes for previously voted General Obligation Bonds?

Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Nan Gwin, Joyce Mazzucco, Larry Richburg, Don Maynard, Michael Penrod, Marty Strange, Julie Iffland, Matt Murawski, Gary Champy, John Lutz, Nancy Rice, Josie Carothers, Carol Flint, Sarah Crosby, Cliff Rankin, and Michael DeCubellis. Nan Gwin made a motion that a succinct accounting of the Landfill Depreciation and Landfill Closure Funds for the last 2 years be included in next year's Town Report. Don Maynard seconded the motion. There was further discussion. Michael Penrod asked to make an amendment to the motion. Moderator Green ruled that the amendment to the motion was not germane to the motion. Peter Nowlan made a motion to call the question. Ron Schoolcraft seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to call the question carried by 2/3 majority vote. Moderator Green restated the motion to require a report with a succinct accounting of the Landfill Depreciation and Landfill Closure Funds for the last 2 years be included in the Town Report. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

Michael Penrod made a motion that the Town Report should include a synopsis listing the town assets and funds over a 5 year period. Daniel Sax seconded the motion. The following people participated in the discussion: Michael Penrod, Joyce Mazzucco, Daniel Sax, Lynne Gately, Michael DeCubellis, Robert Raskevitz, and Martha Hafner. Marty Strange made a motion to call the question. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion to call the question carried by a 2/3 majority vote. Moderator Green restated the question to advise the Town to include a synopsis of town assets and funds over a 5 year period in the Town Report. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

Dick Drysdale made a motion to not read Articles 10-27. Barbara Baumann seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. Articles 10-27 will be discussed together.

Article 10: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$4,000 to be raised by taxes in support of the Boys and Girls Club of the White River Valley?

Article 11: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 to be raised by taxes in support of the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

Article 12: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 to be raised by taxes in support of Central Vermont Community Action Council?

Article 13: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$1,200 to be raised by taxes in support of Central Vermont Council on Aging?

Article 14: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$7,000 to be raised by taxes in support of Clara Martin Center?

Article 15: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes in support of the Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce to help cover expenses of the 4th of July parade?

Article 16: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes in support of the Randolph Area Food Shelf?

Article 17: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 to be raised by taxes in support of the Randolph Area Community Development Corporation?

Article 18: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes in support of Kids Place?

Article 19: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$600 to be raised by taxes in support of Orange County Court Diversion Program?

Article 20: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$12,000 to be raised by taxes in support of Greater Randolph Senior Center?

Article 21: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes in support of Safeline?

Article 22: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 to be raised by taxes in support of Stage Coach Transportation, Inc.?

Article 23: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$1,200 to be raised by taxes in support of Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

Article 24: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$800 to be raised by taxes in support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

Article 25: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$16,220 to be raised by taxes in support of the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire?

Article 26: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 to be raised by taxes in support of the White River Craft Center?

Article 27: Will the town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$750 to be raised by taxes in support of the White River Partnership?

Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Nan Gwin, Sarah Crosby, Michael Penrod, John Joy, David Crosby, Peter Leonard, Julie Iffland, Joyce Mazzucco, Martha Hafner and Kevin McGinty.

Article 28: Will the voters residing in the Police District authorize the sum of \$453,716 to be raised by taxes on the Grand List of the Police District to provide police services in FY2012? Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Article 29: Will the voters residing in the Water District authorize the sum of \$464,437 to be expended for Water District total water expenses in FY2012? Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Article 30. Will the voters residing in the Sewer District authorize the sum of \$455,048 to be expended for Sewer District total sewer expenses in FY2012? Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Article 31. To hear and act upon any reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Moderator Green introduced the members of the Selectboard to the audience: Larry Townsend, Stephen Webster, Larry Richburg, Dennis Brown and Carol Flint. She opened the floor for

discussion. Larry Townsend told the audience that this was his last day on the Selectboard. He thanked the community for allowing him to serve and commended each of the other Selectboard members for their contributions to the board. He also had praise for Town Manager Gary Champy. Mr. Townsend cited a list of “Larry’s Lessons Learned” in serving the public

Always be honest and true to your ideals and principles,
Treat everyone with respect and dignity,
Never give up—anything is possible when we work together,
Work hard,
Listen and communicate,
Balance the power to tax with the need to help the less fortunate,
Treat the taxpayers’ money like it is your own,
Remember your constituents are in charge and always protect their rights,
And lastly...the Town Clerk is always right!

Larry Richburg thanked Mr. Townsend for his faithful service to the Town. He also thanked Carol Flint for her service on the board. Ms. Flint is stepping down from the board this year.

Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. Holly Sanders made a motion to accept the reports of the town officers and committees. Daniel Sax seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

Article 32. To elect one Budget Committee member for a term of three (3) years.

Moderator Green opened the floor for nominations. Stephen Webster nominated Horace Puglisi to serve on the Budget Committee. Daniel Sax nominated Holly Sanders. There were no further nominations. Ms. Green asked for the candidates for the Budget Committee to introduce themselves and tell the audience a little bit about themselves. Horace Puglisi is in Arizona, but Budget Committee member Sheila Jacobs endorsed Mr. Puglisi. Ms. Sanders told the audience she has been a resident of Randolph for 4 years, but when she lived in New Hampshire she served on the Budget Committee in the towns she resided in. Moderator Green told the audience that a standing vote would be taken. She asked for all those present at the meeting to sit down. She asked that all those present who wished to vote for Horace Puglisi to stand and be counted. She asked the members of the Selectboard to assist with counting the votes. After the votes were tallied for Mr. Puglisi, everyone was asked to sit down. Moderator Green asked that all those present who wished to vote for Holly Sanders to stand and be counted. The Selectboard members assisted with counting the votes. After all the votes were tallied, Moderator Green announced the results of the vote—Horace Puglisi received 76, and Holly Sanders received 48. Mr. Puglisi was elected to serve as a Budget Committee member for three years. His term will expire 2014.

Article 32. To fill any vacancy. Stephen Webster told the audience there is no vacancy to fill. Carol Flint indicated she was interested in seeking an advisory vote to see which option the public favored—a special election or to appoint someone to fill a vacant Selectboard position. A discussion followed regarding how a vacancy on the Selectboard is filled. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Carol Flint, Stephen Webster, Sally Penrod, John Westbrook, and Joyce Mazzucco. Darcy Daniels made a motion to hold a special election for the

vacant Selectboard seat. Moderator Green ruled the motion out of order since a vacancy does not exist until March 2nd. Discussion continued about filling a vacant Selectboard seat, about appointing someone to fill a vacancy or holding a special election. The following individuals participated in the discussion: Daniel Sax, Larry Richburg, and Gregg McCurdy. Grace Pazdan made a motion for an advisory vote to see if the people favored appointing someone to fill the vacant Selectboard seat or to hold a special election. Don Maynard seconded the motion. Nan Gwin asked if the vote could be done by a show of hands. Sam Lincoln made a motion to call the question. Multiple people seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the motion to call the question, and the motion carried by a 2/3 majority vote. Moderator Green asked for all those in favor of holding a special election to raise their hands. Then Moderator Green asked for all those in favor of appointing someone to fill the vacancy to raise their hands. Moderator Green did not tally the vote but felt the vote was evenly split. Ms. Flint said the vote appeared to be about 50 people in favor of a special election and about 37 people in favor of appointing someone to fill the position.

Article 34. Will the town vote to authorize the collection of taxes in two (2) installments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, one half (1/2) of the total twelve month tax to be due on October 31, 2011, and the remaining one half (1/2) to be due on March 30, 2012; interest shall be due after each installment date but penalty shall not be assessed until after the final payment due date; payments must be received in the Town Treasurer's Office by 6:00 p.m. on the due date to avoid late charges; post marked mail shall not be accepted as payment on time; and post-dated checks shall not be accepted?

Ron Schoolcraft made a motion to authorize the collection of taxes as stated in Article 34. Daniel Sax seconded the motion. Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

Article 35. Shall the town vote to develop procedures and policies for Special Appropriation requests? Dick Drysdale made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to create a committee to develop procedures and policies for Special Appropriation requests and to report back before the next Town Meeting. David Gaston seconded the motion. Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. The following individuals participated in the discussion: Laurie Goldman, Joyce Mazzucco, Betty Edson, Michael Penrod, Heather Jarvis, Barbara Angell, Don Maynard, and Peter Leonard. Mr. Drysdale asked to amend his motion to have the committee report back in 6 months time. Sam Lincoln made a motion to call the question. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken on the motion to call the question, and the motion carried by 2/3 majority vote. Moderator Green restated the main motion to create a committee to develop procedures and policies for Special Appropriation requests and to report back in six months. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

Article 36. To do any other business proper to come before the meeting. Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. The following individuals participated in the discussion: John Joy, Larry Townsend, Stephen Webster, Gay Gaston, Al Floyd, Michael Penrod, Martha Hafner, Edward Rooney, Joyce Mazzucco, Marty Strange, Larry Richburg, David Hurwitz, Patsy French, Gary Champy and Julie Iffland. Michael Penrod made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Joyce L. Mazzucco

Approved by: _____, Moderator
Kelly Green

_____, Selectboard Chair
Larry Richburg