

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2008

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Tosca Smith nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry moved to accept the reports as written and was seconded. Scott explained a correction to the projected tax rate on page 20 to \$0.4173 due to a change in the grand list value.

Tim Murphy brought attention to the Town Meeting Procedure as summary of Robert's Rules to make a correction on page 9 General Rules of Debate, bullet #5 should be in accordance to 17 V.S.A 2659 instead of 24 V.S.A.

Carol Farmer asked why Police revenue wasn't carried over into police budget. It appears it was an error. Police Prior Yr reserve should be increased by \$4,134 for a total of \$14,835.

3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?

Ken Cota made a motion to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:

- (a) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot.

Scott Perry nominated Merle Van Gieson. Sharon Perry nominated Merrill "Billy" Cabana. Ballot count Merle – 18, Billy – 39.

- (b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Scott Perry. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Scott Perry.

- (c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Sharon Perry. Sharon declined the nomination and nominated Parma Jewett. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Parma Jewett.

- (d) A Lister for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2010.

Tosca Smith nominated Sharon Perry. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Sharon Perry.

- (e) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot.

Tosca Smith nominated Sue Wilson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Sue Wilson.

- (f) An auditor for the remaining two years of a three year term by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Marsha Phillips. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Marsha Phillips.

- (g) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year.

Tosca Smith nominated Barry Kade. Barry declined. Wendy nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was elected by voice vote.

(h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years.

Tosca Smith nominated Lynda Cluba. Lynda was elected by voice vote.

(i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years.

Merle Van Gieson nominated Joy Bosley. Joy was elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Tosca Smith nominated Jim Abbott. Jim was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Library Trustee for the remaining four years of a five year term expiring in 2012.

Sue Wilson nominated Jay Kerch. Jay was elected by voice vote.

(l) A Library Trustee for the remaining year of a five year term expiring in 2009.

Sue Wilson nominated Bill Harlow. Bill was elected by voice vote.

(m) A Library Trustee for the remaining three years of a five year term expiring in 2011.

Sue Wilson nominated Lynda Cluba. Lynda was elected by voice vote.

(n) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years.

Sue Wilson nominated Billy Baker Sr. Billy was elected by voice vote.

(o) A First Constable for a term of one year.

Sue Wilson nominated Brent Godin. Brent was elected by voice vote.

(p) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years.

Tosca Smith nominated Parma Jewett. Parma was elected by voice vote.

(q) A Planning Commission member for the remaining year of a three year term expiring in 2009.

Scott Perry nominated Wendy Howard. Wendy was elected by voice vote.

(r) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years.

Tosca Smith nominated Amy Koontz. Amy was elected by voice vote.

(s) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year.

Tosca Smith nominated the Selectboard. The Selectboard was elected by voice vote.

5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:

(a) Fire Department: 2007 - \$20,000, 2008 - \$20,000.

Billy Baker Sr moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Rescue Department: 2007 - \$18,000, 2008 - \$18,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2007 - \$60,000, 2008 - \$63,000.

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$63,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2007 - \$65,000, 2008 - \$67,000.

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$67,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2007 - \$43,000, 2008 - \$43,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$43,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Bridges: 2007 - \$25,000, 2008 - \$10,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2007 - \$9,900, 2008 - \$9,900.

Barry Kade moved to appropriate \$9,900 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2007 - \$20,000, 2008 - \$20,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Public Safety Building: 2007 - \$10,000, 2008 - \$12,000

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(j) Recreation Department: 2007 - \$12,000, 2008 - \$12,000.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2007 - \$4,000, 2008 - \$4,000.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$4,000 and was seconded. Sharon explained the status of the Common Level of Appraisal and the Co-efficiency of Dispersion. Motion passed by voice vote.

(l) Police Services: 2007 - \$0, 2008 - \$0.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Carry over amount is enough to support the Constable duties. Motion passed by voice vote.

(m) Montgomery Youth Center: 2007 - \$0, 2008 - \$5,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$5,000 and was seconded. Amy Koontz, Director of the Youth Center explained the activities and participation of the Youth Center and referred to her report in the current Town Report pg 43 and the budget pg 42. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?

(a) Town Clerk: 2007 - \$12,000, 2008 - \$12,000.

Tosca Smith moved to pay the Town Clerk \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2007 - \$8,000, 2008 - \$8,000.

Lynda Cluba moved to pay the Treasurer \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2007 - \$1,000, 2008 - \$1,000.

Tosca Smith moved to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each and was seconded. Rita Tatro moved to amend the amount to \$2,000 and was seconded. Ken, Wendy, Mark, and Scott indicated that they did not want an increase. Vote on the amendment failed by voice vote. Motion to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers:

2007 - 1st yr. members - \$9.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$10.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage,

2008 - 1st yr. members - \$14.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$15.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage

Lynda Cluba moved to accept as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson moved to amend to pay \$12/hr for each Lister plus the IRS mileage rate and was seconded. Amendment failed by voice vote. Scott Perry moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Original motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors:

2007 - 1st yr. members - \$8.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$9.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage

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Scott Perry moved as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority:

2007 - \$7.53/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage,

2008 - \$7.53/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage.

Lynda Cluba moved as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Sue Wilson moved to amend to Vermont minimum wage plus the IRS rate for mileage and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion to pay the BCA the Vermont minimum wage plus the IRS rate for mileage passed by voice vote.

7. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2007 - \$1,800, 2008 - \$1,800.

Scott Perry made a motion to appropriate \$1,800 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2007 - \$1,440, 2008 - \$1,440.

Sue Wilson made a motion to appropriate \$1,440 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2007 - \$500, 2008 - \$500.

Mark Brouillette made a motion to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund: This money would be applied towards the cost of sending three or more children from Montgomery to the Hazen's Notch Association's Summer Camp. 2007 - \$1,000, 2008 - \$1,000.

Mark Brouillette made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Northwestern Counseling: 2007 - \$1,100, 2008 - \$1,100.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$1,100 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Maple Leaf Farm: 2007 - \$285, 2008 - \$285.

Scott Perry made a motion to appropriate \$285 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Family Center of Northwest Vermont: 2007 - \$400, 2008 - \$400.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$400 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$185,656 for Contingent Selectboard? 2007 - \$143,813, 2008 - \$185,656.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$185,656 and was seconded. Sharon Perry moved to amend to \$192,790 and was seconded. The difference due to the increase in the Town Clerk's pay and an error in the Police Dept carry over funds. The motion to amend passed by voice vote. Scott Perry explained the items included in the Contingent Selectboard amount. There was discussion regarding line items for Village Water Bond, Wastewater Study and Flood Mitigation. Sharon moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Tosca Smith moved to recess for lunch and was seconded. Motion failed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new ten wheel, fourteen yard dump truck with snow plow and wing to be paid out of the Machinery Replacement Fund and to borrow up to \$140,000, with the first payment not due until 2009?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept Article 9 as read and was seconded. Lee Forman moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard and departments to receive and expend for town purposes any additional grants, gifts or other revenue in excess of those calculated in determining the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes, not to exceed the sum of \$60,000.00 for the period March 4, 2008, to March 3, 2009, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Brent Godin made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

12. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow for the Water Department for use in case of an emergency, not to exceed the sum of \$50,000 for the period March 4, 2008, to March 3, 2009, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Sarah Cushing made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good practices?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Jim Abbott moved to amend to add after the word purchase "for a nominal amount" and was seconded. Hand count Y – 23, N – 26. Motion to amend failed. Motion to accept as read passed by voice vote.

14. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contract with new business or the expansion of old business to fix the municipal tax applicable to such real property at a percentage of the annual tax? (Such contracts are for the municipal tax only. Any such contracts for school taxes require approval from the State Legislature.)

Sharon Perry moved to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

15. Shall the Town vote to collect interest, as prescribed by law, on its delinquent taxes and delinquent water bills, 1% per month or a fraction thereof?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

16. Shall the Town vote to publish names and the amounts of delinquent tax, and ambulance bills due in the Annual Report?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Barry Kade moved to amend to add the word "delinquent" before ambulance and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Scott Perry moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

17. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Barry Kade made a motion to have the Town of Montgomery censure Congressman Peter Welch for not pursuing investigations that may lead to impeachment of George W Bush & Richard B Cheney per the resolution passed at town meeting March, 2007 and for offering reasons of only political expediency. Sharon Perry objected to the motion. Vote to objection passed by more than 2/3rd.

Morgan Daybell reminded everyone the Annual School District meeting will be held next Monday, March 10, 2008 @ 7:30pm at the Montgomery Elementary School and, that new EMT classes begin tomorrow night and to contact him if interested.

Ken Cota announced that there are numerous vacancies for town offices and people should contact the Selectboard if anyone was interested in filling any of them.

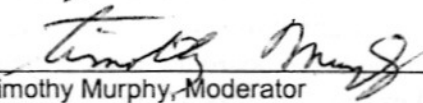
Ken Cota made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

A true record this 10th day of March, 2008

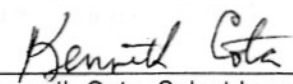
ATTEST:


Renee J Patterson, Town Clerk

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Timothy Murphy, Moderator

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Kenneth Cota, Select-board Chairperson