

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2009

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

**Roland Nichols nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.**

**With no objections Representative Mark Higley was allowed to speak. He had some handouts regarding an update on the status of the Asbestos mines study being conducted by the Vermont Health Dept.**

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**Betty Curboy made a motion to accept the reports as written and was seconded. Sharon Perry indicated an error in Lister's terms of office. Sharon's term expiring in 2010 and Parma's in 2011. With that correction reports were accepted by voice vote.**

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)?

**Betty Curboy made a motion to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

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

- (a) A Town Clerk for a term of three years.

**Mark Brouillette nominated Renee Patterson. Renee was re-elected by voice vote.**

- (b) A Town Treasurer for a term of three years.

**Betty Curboy nominated Renee Patterson. Renee was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Sharon Perry nominated Carol McGregor. Paul Nichols nominated Merle Van Gieson. Tosca Smith nominated Mark Brouillette, he declined. Tosca Smith nominated Barry Kade, he declined. Each candidate made a statement regarding their qualifications. Vote by ballot, Carol - 38, Merle - 19, Spoiled - 1. Carol McGregor was elected.**

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

**Mark Brouillette nominated Ken Cota. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Ken Cota.**

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

**Sharon Perry nominated Joel Magnuson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Joel Magnuson.**

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

**Tosca Smith nominated Betty Curboy. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Betty Curboy.**

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

**Mark Brouillette nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.**

- (h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for the remainder of a five year term expiring in 2013.

**Annie Purrier nominated Deanna Robitaille. Deanna was elected by voice vote.**

- (i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term.

**Deanna Robitaille nominated Annie Purrier. Annie was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Erin St Onge nominated Vivian Deuso. Vivian was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Jay Kerch nominated Janice Hess. Janice was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Tosca Smith nominated Bill Harlow. Bill was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Betty Curboy nominated Nicholas Vittum. Nick was elected by voice vote.**

(n) A Library Trustee for the remaining year of a five year term expiring in 2010.

**Beth Crane nominated Suzanne Pelletier. Suzanne was elected by voice vote.**

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

**Erin St Onge nominated Randy St Onge. Randy was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Mark Brouillette nominated Brent Godin. Brent was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Barry Kade nominated Wendy Howard. Wendy was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Mark Brouillette nominated Barry Kade. Barry was re-elected by voice vote.**

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

**Erin St Onge nominated Selectboard. The Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.**

(t) A Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the remaining two years of a three year term.

**Betty Curboy nominated Anita Woodward. Anita was re-elected by voice vote.**

5. Shall the Town vote to use the following amounts of reserved funds totaling \$39,503 to avoid raising the municipal tax rate, keeping it approximately the same as 2008:

(a) Operating Fund: \$36,000

**Erin St Onge made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Sharon Perry explained the reason for no longer needing this fund since most funds are now incorporated into the General fund which maintains a sufficient cash flow until property taxes are received.**

(b) Sidewalk Fund: \$3,503

**Mark Brouillette made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

(a) Fire Department: 2008 - \$20,000; 2009 - \$20,000

**Erin St Onge made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson made a motion to amend appropriation to \$15,000 and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend the amendment to appropriate \$16,200 and was seconded. Motion to amend the amendment failed by voice vote. Motion to amend appropriation to \$15,000 failed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$20,000 passed by voice vote.**

(b) Rescue Department: 2008 - \$18,000; 2009 - \$19,666

**Erin St Onge made a motion to appropriate \$19,666 and was seconded. Kevin Scheffler explained the status of the Ambulance Service. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(c) Summer Roads: 2008 - \$63,000; 2009 - \$63,000

**Betty Curboy made a motion to appropriate \$63,000 and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson made a motion to amend appropriation to \$58,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$63,000 passed by voice vote.**

(d) Winter Roads: 2008 - \$67,000; 2009 - \$70,000

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$70,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2008 - \$43,000; 2009 - \$54,100

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$54,100 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(f) Bridges: 2008 - \$10,000; 2009 - \$10,000

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2008 - \$9,900; 2009 - \$9,900

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$9,900 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2008 - \$20,000; 2009 - \$0

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(i) Public Safety Building: 2008 - \$12,000; 2009 - \$11,400

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$11,400 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(j) Recreation Department: 2008 - \$12,000; 2009 - \$12,000

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2008 - \$4,000; 2009 - \$0

**Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(l) Police Services: 2008 - \$0; 2009 - \$0

**Erin St Onge made a motion to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(m) Montgomery Youth Center: 2008 - \$5,000; 2009 - \$5,000

**Erin St Onge made a motion to appropriate \$5,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

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

(a) Town Clerk: 2008 - \$15,000; 2009 - \$15,000

**Erin St Onge made a motion to pay \$15,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(b) Town Treasurer: 2008 - \$8,000; 2009 - \$8,000

**Betty Curboy made a motion to pay \$8,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2008 - \$1,000; 2009 - \$0

**Sharon Perry made a motion to pay \$0 and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend pay to \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed Y - 16, N - 14. Motion to pay \$0 passed by voice vote.**

(d) Listers:

2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$14.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – same.

**Betty Curboy made a motion to pay as written and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(e) Auditors:

2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> yr members – \$8.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr and on members – \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – same.

**Mark Brouillette made a motion to pay as written and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(f) Board of Civil Authority:

2008 – \$7.53/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage.

**Ken Cota made a motion to pay minimum wage and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

8. 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: 2008 – \$1,800; 2009 – \$1,800

**Betty Curboy made a motion to appropriate \$1,800 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2008 – \$1,440; 2009 – \$1,440.

**Laurie Murphy made a motion to appropriate \$1,440 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2008 – \$500; 2009 – \$500.

**Ken Cota made a motion to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. 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. 2008 – \$1,000; 2009 – \$1,000.

**Pat Farmer made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

**Barry Kade made a motion to add to Article 8 additional agencies, requesting by letter, appropriations from the Town of Montgomery. Moderator decided it improper to add items to the warned article. Moderator's decision was appealed and was upheld by voice vote.**

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$203,074 for Contingent Selectboard? 2008 – \$192,790; 2009 – 203,074.

**Erin St Onge made a motion to appropriate as written and was seconded. 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, 2009?

**Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. 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 3, 2009, to March 2, 2010, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

**Paul Nichols made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. 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 3, 2009, to March 2, 2010, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

**Kevin Scheffler made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. 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

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?

**Marijke Dollois made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. 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.)

**Marijke Dollois made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

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

**Suzanne Pelletier made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

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

**Larry Letourneau made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Passed by voice vote.**

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

**Barry Kade made a motion to make a resolution regarding relicensing Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant/Entergy. Sharon Perry called point of order indicating it was not germane to these proceeding. The moderator's decision was to allow the motion. By a show of hands the Moderator's decision was overthrown 18 - 17.**

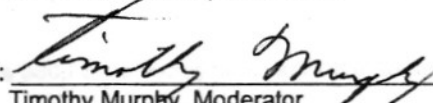
**Scott Perry made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:28pm.**

A true record this 10th day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Renée J Patterson, Town Clerk

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Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:

  
Kenneth Cota, Select-board Chairman