

**Minutes
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2013**

Moderator Tim Murphy called the meeting to order @ 9:00AM

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Sue Wilson nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

Without objections Representative Cindy Weed was allowed to address the Town. She gave a brief legislative update.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry moved to accept the reports of the Town Officers and was seconded. Scott made corrections and the reports were approved as corrected 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)?

Scott Perry moved 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. (Carol McGregor - term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Carol McGregor. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Carol McGregor.

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

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

Wendy Howard made a brief presentation to Sharon Perry for her 11 years of dedicated service as Lister.

(c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Sharon Perry resigned, Deanna Robitaille appointed)

Sharon Perry nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Deanna.

(d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Marsha Phillips - term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Marsha Phillips. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Marsha.

(e) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle Van Gieson - term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.

(f) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2018. (Joy Bosley - term expires)

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

(g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2018. (Deanna Robitaille - term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Deanna Robitaille. Deanna was re-elected by voice vote.

(h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Rita Kalsmith - term expires)

Suzanne Pelletier nominated Rita Kalsmith. Rita was re-elected by voice vote.

(i) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2015. (Suzanne Pelletier resigned, Patty Perl appointed)

Sue Wilson nominated Patty Perl. Patty was elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2016. (Nicole Lantery resigned, Jane Pressler appointed)

Beth Crane nominated Jane Pressler. Jane was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge - term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Randy St Onge. Randy was re-elected by voice vote.

(l) A First Constable for a term of one year. (David DeShazo - term expires)

Mark Brouillette nominated Morgan Daybell. Joanne Nichols nominated Paul Nichols. Morgan indicated that Brent Godin has announced that he would be returning to Montgomery and would be interested in returning to the Constable position when eligible to do so, and Morgan was willing to accept the position and resign at which time the Selectboard could, if they so chose, appoint Brent. Paul indicated the same reason for his nomination and declined the nomination. Morgan was elected by voice vote.

(m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Remi Gratton - term expires)

Morgan Daybell nominated Remi Gratton. It was indicated by Roberta Baker that Remi had not attended any meetings in the last few years and was not interested in remaining on the Commission. Morgan withdrew his nomination. Merle Van Gieson nominated Jim Abbott, Jim declined. Suzanne Pelletier nominated Sharon Perry. Jacob Racusin nominated Alissa Hardy. Sue Pelletier withdrew her nomination of Sharon. Alissa Hardy was elected by voice vote.

(n) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard - term expires)

Barry Kade nominated the Selectboard and they were re-elected by voice vote.

5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to purchase a replacement front end loader, to be paid out of the Machinery Replacement Fund and to borrow up to \$100,000, for a term of up to 10 years with the first payment due in 2013?

Scott Perry made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Barry Kade made motioned to amend to put a period (.) after "for a term of up to 10 years" and delete the remainder of the sentence and was seconded. Scott Perry moved to call the question, hearing no objections the motion to amend passed by voice vote. The article as amended passed by voice vote.

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

(a) Fire Department: 2012 - 20,000; 2013 - same.

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

(b) Rescue Department: 2012 - \$33,768; 2013 - \$18,525.

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$18,525 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2012 - \$53,000; 2013 - \$55,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$55,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2012 - \$40,000; 2013 - \$40,000.

Marijke Dollois moved to appropriate \$40,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2012 - \$12,200; 2013 - \$10,000.

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

(f) Bridges: 2012 - \$13,000; 2013 - \$10,000.

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

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2012 - \$11,948; 2013 - same.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$11,948 and was seconded. Carol Farmer moved to amend to \$14,966 and was seconded. After much discussion at least 7 people stood to request a vote by ballot. Motion to amend passed 58 – yes, 24 – no, 2 – spoiled. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2012 - \$20,000; 2013 - 15,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$15,000 and was seconded. Pat Farmer moved to amend to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$15,000 passed by voice vote.

(i) Recreation Department: 2012 - \$18,000; 2013 – same.

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

(j) Reappraisal Fund: 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$4,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$4,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2012 - \$8,000; 2013 - \$6,000

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$6,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(l) Conservation Commission: 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

Marijke Dollois moved to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

(a) Town Clerk: 2012 - \$15,000; 2013 - \$16,000.

Marijke Dollois moved to pay \$16,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2012 - \$10,000; 2013 - \$12,000.

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

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2012 - \$1,000; 2013 - same

Pat Farmer moved to pay each \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers: 2012 - 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same

Sue Wilson moved to pay as written and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson moved to amend to "2nd year" to "other" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors: 2012 - 1st year members - \$9.00, 2nd year members \$10.00; 2013 - same.

Scott Perry moved to pay as written and was seconded. Marijke Dollois moved to amend to "1st year \$9 per hour and others \$10 per hour" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2012 - \$9.00/hour plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same.

Sue Wilson moved as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?

Barry Kade made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Sharon Perry moved to suspend the rules and take up Article 8(a) thru (g) together as one vote and was seconded. Motion to take Article 8(a) - (g) passed by voice vote. Motion ~~passed by voice vote.~~

to appropriate items a-g as written passed on Voice Vote

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2012 - \$1,800; 2013 - same.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2012 - \$1,440. ; 2013 - same.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

(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; 2012 - \$1000; 2013 - same.

(e) Green Up Day Vermont; 2012 - \$100; 2013 - same.

(f) Northern VT Resource Conservation & Dev. Council. 2012 - \$75; 2013 - same.

(g) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

Merle Van Gieson moved to suspend the rules to take up Article 8(h) thru (k) together as one vote and was seconded. Motion failed by show of hands.

(h) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$598.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$598 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Franklin - Grand Isle Book Mobile - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$1,500.

Carol Farmer moved to appropriate \$1500 and was seconded. Sue Pelletier moved to amend to \$100 and was seconded. The motion to amend failed by a show of hands. Merle Van Gieson moved to table the question and was seconded. Motion passed by hand count 27 – 21.

(j) Franklin County Humane Society - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.

Parma Jewett moved \$500 as requested and was seconded. Barry Kade moved to amend to \$100 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed by voice vote. Original motion of \$500 passed by voice vote.

(k) Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team – 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ 326,273 for Contingent Selectboard? 2012 - \$ 288,386.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$326,273 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of an electronic vote tabulator? The tabulator will be supplied for free from the State but requires a programming fee of approximately \$1,000 per election.

Sue Wilson moved to accept as written and was seconded. Mark Brouillette moved to lay on the table and was seconded. Motion to table passed by voice vote.

11. Shall the town vote to change the final due date for taxes to the second Friday in October? (Currently October 10th annually)

Marijke Dollois moved to accept as written and was seconded. Renee explained that the change is requested to avoid having the final property tax deadline falling on a weekend day or holiday. Motion passed by voice vote.

12. Shall the Town vote to create a Conservation Commission reserve fund?

Barry Kade moved as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. Shall the Town vote to petition the Congress of the United States of America that the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers with the understanding that such designation would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.

Todd Lantery moved to accept as written and was seconded. There was a short video shown and Montgomery Wild and Scenic River representatives, Todd Lantery and Keith Sampietro gave a brief explanation of the project and answered questions. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Sarita Khan moved to accept a resolution: "The Voters of Montgomery Vermont gathered at Town Meeting vote to oppose the development of the Alberta Tar Sands" and was seconded. Non-binding vote passed by voice vote.

Barry Kade moved that our Delegates to the General Assembly be instructed that the voters of Montgomery support a State mandate labeling genetically modified foods and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Scott Perry moved to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:27pm.

A true record this 12th day of March, 2013.

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