

BOSCAWEN TOWN MEETING
March 23, 2017

Assistant Moderator James Scrivens called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00AM on March 14, 2017, and declared the polls would remain open until 7:00PM. The election of town officers and five warrant articles require polling hour balloting.

Moderator Niebling announced a delay of action on Articles 7 through 21 until a later date, due to the weather conditions. Once the Town Officers were elected and the results of the six warrant articles to be voted on with a yes or no official ballot vote were read, the Town Meeting would resume at the Boscawen Elementary School.

Ballot Clerks:

Lois Hartford

Penny Sarcione

Pamela Hardy

Polls closed at 7:00PM. Moderator Niebling explained the Town Meeting would commence on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Boscawen Elementary School.

Moderator Niebling opened the meeting at 7PM on March 23, 2017. He recognized and thanked town officials for assistance in ensuring safe and accessible voting conditions during the inclement weather event on Tuesday, March 14. Moderator Niebling then reviewed the rules of order for the meeting process and ballot votes. All comments shall be directed to the moderator with the speaker stating their name and using one of the microphones provided for the meeting. He also explained the rules for applying RSA 40:10, which restricts reconsideration of an article once voted upon during the meeting deliberations. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief, Ray Fisher. Moderator Niebling recognized all those in attendance who have served in the armed forces. Moderator Niebling asked Selectman Mark E. Varney to introduce those seated at the head table, as well as the Supervisors of the Checklist. Selectman Bernard O. Davis, Jr. moved to accept the rules of the meeting as read. Selectman Roger W. Sanborn seconded. Motion was approved.

Article I – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The votes were counted with a total of 376 ballots and the results are as follows:

Office	Name	Vote
Selectperson – 3 years	Roger Wheeler Sanborn	99
Cemetery Trustee – 3 years	Adam Egounis	4
Cemetery Trustee – 2 years	Rhoda Hardy	3
Library Trustees – 3 years	Bertina “Tina” Larochelle	98
	Beverly Lacoy	24
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years	Tracy Bartlett	110

Roger W. Sanborn moved to re-elect the incumbents for Official Weighers: Bruce Davis, Mark N. Harbour, and Ray Fisher. Bernard O. Davis, Jr. seconded. Motion was approved

Bernard O. Davis, Jr. moved to re-elect the incumbents for Surveyors of Wood and Lumber: William Bailey Jr., Frederick J. Egounis, and Michael Fisher. Ray Fisher seconded. Motion approved.

Mark E. Varney moved to re-elect the incumbents for Fence Viewers: Ray R. Fisher, Douglas R. Supry, and Michele L. Tremblay. Doug Supry seconded. Motion approved.

Article II - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Use Regulations which creates new provisions for

Educational Facility; Private, Temporary Events and Accessory Dwelling Unit?
Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 87 NO – 28
The article was adopted.

Article III - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article XII, Definitions to include new definitions for Accessory Dwelling Unit?
Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 88 NO – 27
The article was adopted.

Article IV - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Cluster Developments to include amended wetland setback provisions as criteria in 14.02 b) 8?
Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 80 NO – 36
The article was adopted.

Article V - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article XXIII to include provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units?
Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 89 NO – 26
The article was adopted.

Article VI - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5, as proposed by petition, to amend the Official Map, under the provisions of RSA 674:11 to change the zoning classification of the parcel designated as Map 45, Lot 29, Sublot 2, from Agricultural/Residential (A/R) to Residential, Medium Density (R-1)?
Moderator Charles Niebling read the results of the vote: YES – 67 NO – 48
The article was adopted.

Article VII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,591,486.98 which represents the operating budget? Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately (Majority vote required).

Paul Matthews motioned to adopt Article VII as written; Mark E. Varney seconded. Justin Malcolm asked when Boscawen would be providing 24/7 police coverage. Chief Kevin Wyman explained there were only three nights when coverage is available. The police are on schedule during the most critical times. Roger Sanborn moved to move the question.
There being no further discussion, Article VII was adopted.

Article VIII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 225,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established, as follows:

a) Fire Truck	\$60,000
b) Fire Department Safety Equipment	\$13,000
c) Highway Heavy Equipment	\$45,000
d) Public Works Building	\$20,000
e) Police Vehicle	\$32,000
f) Municipal Building - (LCHIP)	\$10,000
g) Municipal Building - Information Technology (IT)	\$25,000
h) Municipal Building - Equipment (HVAC)	\$20,000

Doug Supry motioned to adopt Article VIII as written; Lorrie Carey seconded. Chris Blanchard questioned

the need for another police vehicle. Chief Kevin Wyman explained the high mileage on the other police cars and this one new vehicle would replace two older vehicles.

Paul Matthews requested clarification for the use of LCHIP monies. Bernard O. Davis Jr. explained this is a requirement of the grant Boscawen received. Chris Blanchard inquired what is covered regarding the money designated to Technology (IT). Alan Hardy explained it is for completion of work being done in the entire system, the server in Administration will be replaced, and the Town now has the ability to back-up locally and is completely up-to-date. The figure includes equipment and labor. There being no further discussion, Article VIII was adopted.

Article IX - To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$33,000 to put in the fund? This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Majority vote required). Bruce Crawford motioned to adopt Article IX as written; Paul Matthews seconded. Lorrie Carey inquired on what the contingency funds can be used for. Alan Hardy explained the money is there for unanticipated expenses. Anything that was not expected and, therefore, could not be accounted for. Paul Matthews requested direction as to where this was listed in the budget. Moderator Niebling directed him to page 60 of the Town Report. There being no further discussion, Article IX was adopted.

Article X - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to contribute to the operating costs of the American Red Cross? (Majority vote required). Bernard O. Davis, Jr. motioned to adopt Article X as written; Roger W. Sanborn seconded. There being no discussion, Article X was adopted.

Article XI - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society? (Majority vote required). Lorrie Carey motioned to adopt Article XI as written; Mark E. Varney seconded. There being no discussion, Article XI was adopted.

Article XII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,900 for the continuation of services to the low income residents of Boscawen through the Concord Area Center of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.? (Majority vote required). Rhoda W. Hardy motioned to adopt Article XII as written; James Scrivens seconded. One person opposed. There being no discussion. Article XII was adopted.

Article XIII - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 towards the operating expenses of the Penacook Community Center? (Majority vote required). Doug Supry motioned to adopt Article XIII as written; Mark E. Varney seconded. There being no discussion, Article XIII was adopted.

Article XIV - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,660 to aid the Penacook Rescue Squad for its emergency medical services and rescue operations provided to the Town? (Majority vote required). Pam Hardy motioned to adopt Article XIV as written; Doug Supry seconded. There being no discussion, Article XIV was adopted.

Article XV - To see if the Town shall adopt the "all veterans' property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was

honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$100.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

Sally Fisher motioned to adopt Article XV as written; Justin Malcolm seconded.

There being no discussion, Article XV was adopted.

Article XVI - To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Niebling introduced Allison Blanchette from Salisbury re: MVHS Girls' Lacrosse team obtaining donations for new uniforms. Kimberly Kenney spoke on behalf of the Old Home Day Committee (OHD), asking for more volunteers, suggestions for local OHD awards. Paul Matthews thanked the residents for not requesting secret ballots. He also wanted to know what Moderator Niebling's intent was for future elections during inclement weather. Moderator Niebling explained the law and the opposing views between Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices. He suspects this will be addressed legislatively soon. He asked Elodie Reed, Concord Monitor staff member, for her insight. Elodie explained the law was going to a second committee to be sorted out, then it will go before the legislative committee. Paul Matthews inquired as to whether there was an issue with Boscawen splitting Town Election and Town Meeting. Moderator Niebling confirmed there were no issues. Paul asked what the results were of the Vision Committee meeting at the Winthrop Carter House a while back. Alan Hardy explained that the process was ongoing and may require a special meeting. The goal is to go through the process with the Planning Board first. Paul asked Alan to make the information public after the special meeting, should there be one. Alan said that was the plan. Elaine Clow mentioned the applications for the Garden Committee were available now. Mike Fisher asked the Board of Selectmen to allow the public to be first on their weekly agendas as it's difficult to wait until the meeting is over to finally be heard. Mike also requested there be a time limit per person for public presentations. Mark E. Varney noted that and thanked Mike. Lorrie Carey requested clarification as to whether the sewer was part of the unassigned funds. Nicole Hoyt explained the Water Precinct has meters, they read the meters, the Town waits for the readings in order to compute sewer readings. The Precinct was late for the reading, therefore, the sewer bills were late, causing liening and deeding to be late. Lorrie asked if this would cause the Town to incur late charges/fees/fines. Nicole said yes. Lorrie asked if this was a software problem. Nicole explained it is a software problem on the Precinct's side. Lorrie asked for the Board of Selectmen to work with the Precinct to correct this. Mark Varney explained that the Board of Selectmen have sent letters to the Precinct that have gone unanswered. Bruce Crawford asked the Board to share the Avitar software with the Water Precinct. Beverly Lacey thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department for clearing off the cars after Town Election.

There being no further business, Moderator Niebling asked for a motion to adjourn. Doug Supry motioned to adjourn the meeting, Roger Sanborn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM. Moderator Niebling thanked all who were involved in Town Meeting and Election Day.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MBrochu', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michelle Brochu, Town Clerk