

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF WATERBURY
MARCH 1, 2011**

The inhabitants of the Town of Waterbury who are legal voters in Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Thatcher Brook Primary School Gym in the Village of Waterbury at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 1, 2011 to act on the following matters:

Jeffrey Kilgore called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. A brass ensemble led by Fred Abraham played the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at the meetings of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.

B. Butler made a motion to elect Jeffrey Kilgore to preside at the meetings of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded. E. Coffey moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Jeffrey Kilgore. The motion was seconded and Jeffrey Kilgore was elected as Moderator for the ensuing year.

J. Kilgore gave a brief review of the Roberts Rules of Order and Town Meeting protocol.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by Australian ballot the following offices: Clerk for 1 year; Treasurer for 1 year; One Select Board member for 3 year term and Two Select Board members for 1 year terms each; Lister for 3 years; Grand Juror for 1 year; Town Agent for 1 year; One Library Commissioner for 5 year term; One Cemetery Commissioner for 5 year term.

ARTICLE 3: To elect by Australian ballot for the Waterbury Town School District one School Director for a 3-year term.

ARTICLE 4: To elect by Australian ballot for the Waterbury Town School District one School Director to fill an unexpired term for 2 years.

ARTICLE 5: To elect by Australian ballot for the Harwood Union High School District #19 one School Director for a term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 6: To elect by Australian ballot for the Harwood Union High School District #19 one School Director to fill an unexpired term for 2 years.

ARTICLE 7: To elect by Australian ballot for Waterbury-Duxbury School District #45 one School Director for a 3 year term.

ARTICLE 8: To elect by Australian ballot for Waterbury-Duxbury School District #45 one School Director at Large for a 3 year term.

ARTICLE 9: To act upon the reports of the several Town Officers with the exception of claims for fees or compensation during 2010.

R. Ellis made a motion to accept the reports of the several Town Officers with the exception of claims for fees or compensation by town officers for services rendered during 2010. The motion was seconded.

R. Ellis brought the voters attention to the reports on pages 10 through 60 of the Town Report. The Moderator reminded voters that they could ask questions about last year's budget in this Article. After little discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Governor Shumlin and asked the Town for permission for the Governor to speak. Governor Shumlin stated he is honored to be the Governor and is working hard to put Vermonters back to work. His focus is jobs, job creation and raising income. He discussed the \$176 million budget deficit, broadband, health care and other topics. C. Viens asked a question about the cost of workman's compensation and expense to small businesses. Governor Shumlin indicated that the health care plan will include a component for workman's compensation. M. Luce suggested that there be a place in Health Care reform for Nurse Practitioners, and that Nurse Practitioners should be a bigger part of the health care system.

ARTICLE 10: To act with respect to claims of Town Officers for their services during 2010.

P. Clapp made a motion to pay the claims of the Town Officers for their services rendered during 2010, as appears on page 10 of the Annual Report. Select Board Chair, \$600; other Select Board members, \$500 each; Listers, \$250 each. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see what action the Town will take with reference to fixing the date of the tax warrant on real and personal property and to set a date or dates when taxes on such property shall become due and payable and to see whether the same shall be paid with or without discount and to provide with regard for interest on such taxes as are not paid when due.

John Grenier made a motion that the tax warrant on real property be dated July 1, 2011, and that taxes be due in two installments, the first installment due and payable on August 12, 2011, and the second installment be due and payable on November 18, 2011, without discount and that interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment, and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money from time to time in 2011 and during the first quarter in 2012, by note, and to pledge the credit of the Town to pay the debts and running expenses of the Town in anticipation of the receipts of revenues, grants, bonds and the collection of taxes for these purposes.

K. Miller made a motion to authorize the Select Board to borrow money from time to time during 2011 and during the first quarter of 2012, by note, and to pledge the credit of the Town to pay the debts and running expenses of the Town in anticipation of the receipts of revenues, grants, bonds and the collection of taxes for these purposes. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To vote sums of money for necessary general government, highway, and library expenses, with the same to be expressed either in specific dollar amounts or as a rate or tax on the grand list.

R. Ellis made a motion to approve for the Town of Waterbury sums of money for the interest of its inhabitants and for the prosecution and defense of the common rights, for laying out and repairing highways and other necessary expenses: for general expenses \$1,728,200 of which \$960,670 is to be raised by property taxes, plus such sums voted on Articles 15 through 28 and Article 30; plus for highway expenses \$1,425,185 of which \$1,154,615 is to be raised by property taxes, plus for library expenses a sum of \$247,200, of which \$215,020 is to be raised by property taxes; plus expenses of designated reserve funds a total of \$115,000 for which no additional taxes are necessary.

W. Shepeluk explained that the tax rate last year was 32 cents and the goal of the Select Board was to have it remain level. Without the 3.57 cent tax rate for the fire stations bond, the tax rate is 30.96 cents, a decrease from the prior year.

C. Miller asked about the PILOT payment to the Village in the amount of \$5,680. The Manager explained that this payment is made in lieu of taxes for property that the Town owns in the Village. The Town does not receive a PILOT payment from the Village for Village property owned in the Town because the Village pays property taxes. She then asked about the Agency Assists line item of \$1,175 and the amount of time the Village police spend in the Town. The Department has been instructed to only go into the Town for emergencies. The Town no longer contracts for speed patrol. The line item is based on 18 hours during 2010 at an hourly rate of \$65.28.

M. Bard congratulated the Municipal Manager and the Select Board on developing an austere budget. He asked a question on the decrease in the county tax line item on page 27. The Municipal Manager explained that there was a restructuring of the court system causing a decrease in the county budget, so the county tax correspondingly decreased. M. Bard asked for an update on the fire stations project.

C. Miller asked about other payments from the Town to the Village. She expressed gratitude to the Board for their work, but had a deep concern about the charges the Town is paying to the Village and asked the chair to call the voters attention to these items in the future.

D. Luce asked if there was a plan for going forward with another attempt at merger. He asked that both Board get behind making it happen. He also expressed concern about the lack of Police presence after the July 4th parade.

L. Wilder made a motion to limit debate. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The Article passed by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized State Representatives Tom Stevens and Rebecca Ellis, and State Senators Bill Doyle and Anthony Pollina; and asked the Town for permission for Senators Doyle and Pollina to speak. R. Ellis introduced herself as the newest representative from Waterbury to the Legislature. All spoke of their activities and the work of their committees.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the voters will authorize a sum of money to be expended from the capital funds for capital projects.

J. Grenier made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$942,565 for purchases of vehicles and capital improvements identified in the town's capital improvement budgets plus an amount not to exceed \$200,000 of available fund balances in the capital funds to be used only as a required local match for additional projects funded by state or federal grants. The motion was seconded.

The Board was asked for an update on the status of the round-about project. They indicated that the project is in the second stage of engineering at the right-of-way phase, and that construction could start as early as July 1st.

N. Fish expressed concern about traffic being re-routed to Stowe Street during construction of the round-about, as Stowe Street is in rough shape. The Municipal Manager explained that the hope is to get a class 2 paving grant from the State and reconstruct Stowe Street a year from now. The Town received an enhancement grant for sidewalks and the retaining wall on Stowe Street, and hopes to do these projects concurrently.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will, during 2011, appropriate:

- \$750 for the support of the Central Vermont Community Land Trust
- \$250 for the support of Central Vermont Crime Stoppers
- \$500 for support of the Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
- \$500 for support of the People's Health and Wellness Clinic
- \$300 for support of the Sexual Assault Crisis Team
- \$250 for support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually impaired
- \$600 for support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$300 for support of the Washington County Court Diversion Program
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The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,375 for support of the Battered Women's Services, and Shelter during 2011.

M. Luce made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,375 for support of the Battered Women's Services, and Shelter during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town appropriate \$1,200 in support of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education during 2011.

L. Stevens made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,200 in support of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Central Vermont Community Action Council during 2011.

D. Luce made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Central Vermont Community Action Council during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for support of Central Vermont Council on the Aging during 2011.

M. Luce made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,000 for support of Central Vermont Council on the Aging during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for support of the Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury ("Children's Room") during 2011.

A. Parsons made a motion that the Town appropriate \$4,000 for support of the Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury ("Children's Room") during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Family Center of Washington County during 2011.

M. Luce made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Family Center of Washington County during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will appropriate \$7,325 in support of Green Mountain Transit Agency during 2011.

S. Lotspeich made a motion that the Town appropriate \$7,325 in support of Green Mountain Transit Agency during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for support of Project Independence during 2011.

D. Luce made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,000 for support of Project Independence during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) during 2011.

R. Travis made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,500 for support of Washington County Youth Service Bureau, Inc. during 2011.

G. Birmingham made a motion that the Town appropriate \$1,500 for support of Washington County Youth Service Bureau, Inc. during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will appropriate \$20,000 for the Waterbury Area Senior Association in addition to the amount included in the General Fund Budget for such purpose during 2011.

K. Smith made a motion that the Town appropriate \$20,000 for the Waterbury Area Senior Association in addition to the amount included in the General Fund Budget for such purpose during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the Waterbury Grange #237 during 2011.

S. Lotspeich made a motion that the Town appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the Waterbury Grange #237 during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will appropriate \$2,500 in support of Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership) during 2011.

D. McDougall made a motion that the Town appropriate \$2,500 in support of Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership) during 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

P. H. Flanders and J. Grenier asked the families of Elizabeth 'Betty' Carr and John Grenier to step forward to receive the Keith A. Wallace Community Service Award for their service to the community. Carolyn Perley spoke on behalf of Betty Carr, and J. Grenier and Charles Grenier spoke on behalf of John Grenier.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town, under the provisions of 32 VSA section 3832(7), will vote to exempt from taxation, for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of The Ice Center of Washington West, Inc., the non-profit corporation that owns and operates the Ice Center, a community facility available for use by the public and by local public schools.

A. Wells made a motion that the Town, under the provisions of 32 VSA section 3832(7), vote to exempt from taxation, for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of The Ice Center of Washington West, Inc., the non-profit corporation that owns and operates the Ice Center, a community facility available for use by the public and by local public schools. The motion was seconded.

A. Wells spoke to the motion indicating that the Ice Center is a safe and healthy place for children, that Harwood Hockey uses the facility and tournaments draw people to the community which is good for businesses and restaurants. C. Viens requested a paper ballot vote and indicated that he does not feel Waterbury taxpayers should foot the bill. R. Darby read a letter of support from Ed Steele that was in the Waterbury Record. The Select Board was asked if they supported the Article. They were in support by a vote of 4 – 1. S. Mackey indicated that the exemption is for five years which would give the Ice Center time to explore other alternatives. L. Wilder asked if any other communities in the Washington West District were asked to grant tax exemption. The Moderator asked if there were any objections for Mr. Siegel of the Ice Center to speak. There was an objection. The Moderator suspended the rules so that Mr. Siegel could answer the question and the answer was no. It was asked how much money the Town and Village had already spent on the Ice Center. The Municipal Manger indicated that approximately \$115,000 had been spent on the road, and that between \$175,000 and \$225,000 was spent by the Village on water and sewer lines. C. Baitz spoke in favor and spoke of the obesity epidemic plaguing the country. J. Haase spoke in favor and stated transportation costs would be significant if people had to travel to another community to skate. W. Shepeluk indicated that the amount of money being discussed was approximately \$35,000 over five years, and that the voters had just approved special articles in the amount of \$49,150 for one year. C. Grenier made a motion to call the questions. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The Article was voted on by paper ballots and passed by a vote of 125-28.

During the voting, John Malter spoke about activities of the Mad River Resource Management Alliance.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of up to \$38,500 to be paid to the Village for the police garage, which was demolished to accommodate the new fire station at the South Main Street location, and to authorize the Select Board to borrow a sum of money to be financed by note over a period not to exceed five years, if the Select Board determines that sufficient operating funds are not available to pay such expense in its entirety in 2011.

J. Grenier made a motion that the Town authorize the expenditure of up to \$38,500 to be paid to the Village for the police garage, which was demolished to accommodate the new fire station at the South Main Street location, and to authorize the Select Board to borrow a sum of money to be

financed by note over a period not to exceed five years, if the Select Board determines that sufficient operating funds are not available to pay such expense in its entirety in 2011. The motion was seconded.

J. Grenier gave the background behind the Article and indicated that the Board supported the Article by a vote of 4 – 1. K. Miller stated she is the Board member opposed and she feels they are under no legal or moral obligation to build the garage. D. Luce mentioned merger and stated there was an obligation to build the garages because the voters approved the demolition of the building. E. Coffey stated there is controversy surrounding the cost of the Police Department and that the garages, if not built now, could be built at some point in the future. M. Bard felt the cost was excessive, and C. Miller felt that more was being given than was taken away. A paper ballot was requested and six other voters concurred. The lengthy discussion continued as to where the garage would be built and if there were plans, the wedge that has been driven between the Village and the Town, and whether or not a garage was even necessary. L. Wilder called the question. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The Article was voted on by paper ballot and failed by a vote of 40 to 88.

ARTICLE 31: To do any other business that may legally come before the Board during the meeting.

E. Coffey reminded everyone that Village voting was taking place at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday March 2nd, and that the Village meeting was that same day at 7:30p.m. at the school.

A. Imhoff asked the Board why there was no money in the budget for the pool. The Board stated that a bond was passed last year to have the pool resurfaced. Money is spent for pool repairs periodically, and the Board did not receive any recommendations from the Public Works Director for projects in 2011. A. Imhoff proposed an enclosed pool facility.

J. Malter asked that the list of appointed officers include the representative to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance.

D. Luce urged the two Boards to resolve the issues with the police department and move towards a merger.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15p.m.

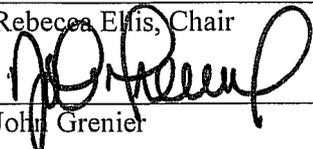
Respectfully submitted:

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved at a meeting held on: 3/7/2011



Rebecca Ellis, Chair



John Grenier



Bob Butler



Pam Clapp

Karen Miller