

TOWN of LANDGROVE

Minutes 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Call to order at 6:06 pm

Lynn Eckhardt led the town in the pledge of allegiance to open Town Meeting, and all were welcomed by Selectboard Chair John Ogden, who read the first article.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Claudia Harris was nominated by Greg Eckhardt seconded by Chrystal Cleary and approved by the voters. Claudia went over rules, and asked non-voters to introduce themselves. A moment of silence was observed for deceased Landgrove residents Sam Ogden and Clare Munat, and the Town is thankful for their service and influence in our community.

Representative Linda Joy Sullivan spoke about her work in Montpelier where the House is working on safety, economic development and tax reform. Andrea spoke on behalf of Neighborhood Connections to remind everyone what social service needs they serve in our community. Dan Ballinger discussed the work of the Collaborative and distributed the annual survey.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law: (Lynn Eckhardt moved the article, Jonathan Bigelow 2nd)

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report. Moved by Michael Morfit, Seconded by Lynn Eckhardt. Discussion about selling the transfer station annual stickers and punch cards here at our Town Hall Chrystal will contact Esther Fishman about setting that up.

Motion to pass was made by Tom Dibble, 2nd by Mary Licata. Article 3 passes.

officer	term	candidate	move
Town Clerk	1 year	Chrystal Cleary	Jeremiah Evarts
Town Treasurer	1 year	Andrea Ogden	May Bigelow
Selectboard Member	3 years	Steve Hall	John Ogden
Auditor	3 years	Anne McClaran	Andrea Ogden
Lister	3 years	Jerry Hassett	Chuck Sweetman
Cemetery Commissioner	5 year	Jay Snyder	Clarence Nichols
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Andrea Odgen	Sally Waite
Grand Juror	1 year	Claudia Harris	Lynn Eckhardt
Town Agent	1 year	John Hadden	Tom Dibble
Constable	1 year	John Wiley, Jr.	Greg Eckhardt
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Sally Waite	Andrea Ogden
MTN Town RED Director	end of June	Jeff Cleary	Jerry Evarts

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget. Moved: Jon Bigelow, Seconded: Victoria Duffy. No discussion. Motion to Approve: Michael Morfit, 2nd John Ogden. Article 4 passes.

ARTICLE 5: To see whether the Town will appropriate an additional \$13,000 to the Town Hall Maintenance Fund for the purchase of new windows for the Meeting Room. Moved by Virginia LaPrade 2nd Jon Bigelow. Motion to approve: Jerry Evarts 2nd Michael Morfit. Discussion- John described the chosen single hung windows with insulated glass quoted from RK Miles for \$14,000, and the Town is grateful to the Historical Society for donating \$1000 toward the new windows.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2018. Moved: Michael Morfit, 2nd Mary Licata, no discussion. Motion to Approve: Bob Jordan, 2nd May Bigelow. Article 6 Passes.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2018 year. Moved: Jon Bigelow, 2nd Victoria Duffy. Motion to Approve: Michael Morfit, 2nd Virginia LaPrade. Article 7 passes.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles. Moved: John Ogden, Steve Hall. Chuck Sweetman proposed a non binding resolution saying "That at the Town Meeting in Landgrove on March 5th that the town of Landgrove send a message of support for sensible gun violence protection for Vermont." to the Governor and Speaker of the House. 2nd by Tom Dibble. Greg Eckhardt says this is not specific enough, if we support something we should say specifically what that is- a well intentioned but overly vague statement doesn't do anything"

Michael Morfit moved to amend the resolution thusly "A resolution that at the Town Meeting in Landgrove on March 5th the town of Landgrove send a message supporting continuing engagement of the state legislature to strengthen protection of VT citizens against gun violence." to the Governor and Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Chuck Sweetman seconded.

Moved by Dick Adams 2nd Michael Morfit, a further amendment to the statement: "Be it resolved that the Town of Landgrove send a message supporting continuing engagement of the state legislature to significantly strengthen protection of Vermont citizens against gun violence."

To vote on the final Amendment: the motion passes.
Motion to Approve: Chuck S, 2nd Christine Morfit. Article 8 passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will agree to meet in 2019 on the first Monday before the first Tuesday in March (March 4th) at 6pm for the annual Town Meeting. Moved: Bob Jordan, 2nd Lynn Eckhardt. No discussion. Motion to Approve: Malcolm McNair, 2nd by Michael Morfit. Article 9 Passes.

Motion to Adjourn- Marian Sweetman, 2nd John Ogden. The 2017 Landgrove Town Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Chrystal Cleary, Town Clerk

Moderator Claudia Harris

Selectboard:

Tom Dibble

Steve Hall

John Ogden

