

DRAFT HUNTINGTON TOWN MEETING

Huntington School District Annual Meeting March 7, 2017 • 9 am

The legal voters of the Town School District of Huntington, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brewster-Pierce Memorial School in Huntington Center, Vermont, on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**, at 9:00 am, to transact the following business:

Voting for Australian ballot questions on Tuesday, **March 7, 2017**, between the hours of 6:30 am, at which time the polls will be open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close.

Moderator Dana Cummings opened the meeting at 9:02 am; explained the meeting, Roberts Rules.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1 To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers.

Motion: Megs Keir moved to the floor; second, Dave Clark.

Discussion: No comments or corrections, initially. Gail Conley was called upon to give a correction – page 59, expenditures should read prek-4; not prek-12. More discussion on contents of report.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 2 Shall the voters of the Huntington Town School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Motion: Sheila Susen moved to the floor; second, Jane Keir.

Discussion: None.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 3 Shall the voters of the Huntington Town School District approve the School Board \$2,334,689 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2017-18 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved will result in education spend of \$15,506 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.73% higher than spending for the current year.

Motion: Heather Pembroke moved to the floor; second, Dave Clark.

Discussion: Budget explained by Board chair Andrea Ogilvie. Discussion of the voters.

Germaneness: Megs Keir stated that discussion of comparisons to others schools in MMM budget was not germane.

Overrule by Moderator.

Challenge of Moderator: M. Keir; second by Nayo Ogilvie.

Discussion: yes.

Question called: Britt Cummings; second Mark Smith.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Resolution on challenge of Moderator: Division of the house, 62 yes; 27 no.

Discussion: Resumption of discussion on Article 3.

Question called: Jim Couture; second Eric Krull.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: Article 3 passed on voice vote as warned.

Article 4 To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

Motion: Mark Smith moved to the floor; second, David Worthley.

Discussion:

1. Britt Cummings remembered Ken Pillsbury, who died on March 2. Others spoke.
2. Mark Smith talked about quality of life, especially reflected in school.
3. Beverly Little Thunder talked about reaching out to elders while they are still alive.
4. Ross Ogilvie announced the Huntington Energy Committee event on March 25.
5. Heidi Racht recognized Dave Clark for his 15-plus years on the MMU and MMM School Boards.
6. Dave Clark talked about Act 46 and urged discussion.
7. Andrea Ogilvie gave an update on the HVAC system voted on November 8.
8. Representatives Tom Stevens and Theresa Wood addressed the assemblage and fielded a question.
9. Beth Sands asked a question.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Clark moved to adjourn; seconded by Everett Marshall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

The Moderator set the time for the Town Meeting to begin at 12:45 pm.

Minutes:

Heidi Racht, Town Clerk

CVC, CMC

Australian Ballot Questions

Article 5 To elect a School Director for a period of three years.

Article 6 To elect a School Director for a period of two years.

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The legal Voters of the Town of Huntington, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Brewster-Pierce Memorial School in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 following the conclusion of the Annual School District Meeting for Brewster-Pierce Memorial School (which begins at 9am), to transact the following business:

Voting by Australian ballot will be conducted on March 7, 2017, between the hours of six-thirty (6:30) in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close.

The meeting began at 12:51 pm.

The Olga Hallock Award was presented to Michael "Mr. Mike" Ramsey.
Moderator Dan Cummings explained the conduct of the meeting.

Article 1 To elect all Town Officers as required by law. (Australian ballot.)

Article 2 To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Motion: Terry Ryan moved to the floor; second, Mark Smith.

Discussion: Heidi Racht corrected the Energy Committee meeting time on pages 3; she pointed out the omission of the Fire Department Reserve Fund, which is still reflected in the General Fund (on page 11); Sheri Lynn corrected the Conservation Commission meeting time on page 3..

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 3 Shall the Town pay current taxes to the Treasurer of the Town and School District?

Discussion: Sheri Lynn asked if Article 8 could come next. Moderator consulted with Parliamentarian Dave Clark.

Motion: Sheri Lynn moved to suspend the rules' second Ryan Koloski.

Resolution: motion defeated on a voice vote.

Motion: Dave Clark moved Article 3 to the floor; second, Don Dresser.

Discussion: None

Question called: Don Dresser; second John Hadden.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 4 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to borrow money when needed to meet the current expenses and indebtedness of the Town in anticipation of taxes?

Motion: Jane Keir moved to the floor; second, David Worthley.

Discussion: None

Question called: Don Dresser; second Megs Keir.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Board chair Dori Barton introduced Articles 5, 6, and 7. Commended Treasurer Kathleen Clark and Administrator Barbara Elliott for work on budget.

Article 5 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to purchase a replacement Highway Department tandem dump truck as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Plan for a purchase price not to exceed \$198,020; and that the purchase be funded with \$83,020 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, a \$65,000 loan, and a \$50,000 trade-in reimbursement from the sale of the 2010 plow truck?

Motion: Shelila Susen moved to the floor; second, Heather Pembroke.

Discussion: Nancy Stoddard introduced the article; discussed Capital Plan. Road Foreman Yogi Alger also answered questions. Much discussion

Question called: Terry Ryan; second Everett Lewis, Jr.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to purchase a Highway Department excavator as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Plan for a purchase price not to exceed \$106,500; and that the purchase be funded with a \$106,500 loan?

Motion: Trina Smith moved to the floor; second, Heather Pembroke.

Discussion: Selectboard member Roman Livak introduced the article. Road Foreman Yogi Alger also answered questions.

Question called: Joe Perella; second Sheila Susen.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 7 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to use up to \$20,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance for a local match contribution in the event the Town is able to secure a grant for developing the engineering construction plans for the Lower Village pavement project; which will leave a General Fund Fund Balance amount of \$125,994?

Motion: Dave Clark moved to the floor; second, Terry Ryan

Discussion: Dori Barton introduced the article. Discussed at length.

Resolution: approved on voice vote.

Article 8 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to contract for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for approximately 222 hours of additional traffic enforcement coverage for FY 2017-2018 (average of 4.25 hours

per week) to be funded by increasing the proposed General Fund expenditure (as noted in Article 9)?

Motion: Jeanine Carr moved to the floor; second, Nayo Ogilvie.

Discussion: Andrew Hendrickson introduced the article. Much discussion on traffic ticketing, speeding, traffic calming, signage.

Question called: Britt Cummings; second Terry Ryan.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: defeated on voice vote.

Article 9 Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize a total Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund expenditure of \$1,773,244 of which \$1,479,918 shall be raised by taxes and \$293,326 by non-tax revenue?

Motion: Duncan Keir moved to the floor; second, Scott Detweiler.

Discussion: Dori Barton introduced the article. Much discussion from the audience

Amendment: Dave Clark moved to increase the budget by \$300; second by Darlene Palola.

Discussion: a small amount with Barton noting that this could be done administratively by the Selectboard.

Question called: Heather Pembroke; second Terry Ryan.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: amendment defeated on voice vote.

Amendment: Britt Cummings moved to reduce the budget by \$6500; second by Lynda Phelps.

Discussion: yes

Question called: Jim Couture; second Shelia Susen.

Resolution: passed on voice vote.

Resolution: amendment defeated on voice vote.

Question called: Dave Clark; second Megs Keir.

Resolution: Article 9, as warned, passed on voice vote.

Article 10 To transact any other Town business thought proper.

Motion: Dave Clark moved to the floor; second, Nayo Ogilvie.

Discussion:

1. Dave Clark thanked Energy Committee members who have left the committee; welcomed new members.
2. Linda Fickbohm asked for separate school and town meeting, noting that the group was now down to 40 people.
3. Alison Forrest encouraged voted to go to MMM meetings.
4. Pam Hart – people will have stick shock when they get their tax bills. Thought the budget should not wait until the end of the meeting.
5. Ross Ogilvie said that the one-time 6% increase doesn't bother him, but the compounding of the whole business means a 22% increase in ability to pay

for a budget that will double in 10 years. Barton suggested coming to SB meeting and gave details of same.

6. Duncan Keir – Selectboard is accommodating at meeting and public can participate.
7. Barrett Grimm proposed weekend meeting. To which, Britt Cummings said attendance, when this was done, was equal and then lower than Tuesday meeting.
8. Dave Clark – for MMM school participation, come to Finance Committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Clark moved to adjourn; seconded by Heather Pembrook.
The meeting adjourned at 4:52 am.

Minutes:

Heidi Racht, Town Clerk

CVC, CMC