

Town of Huntington
2015 Annual School District Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – Brewster-Pierce Memorial School

The legal voters of the Town School District of the Town of Huntington, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brewster-Pierce Memorial School in Huntington Center, Vermont, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 9:00 am**, to transact the following business:

Voting for Australian Ballot questions on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015**, between the hours of 6:30 am at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm at which time the polls will close.

The morning began with Les Hunton leading the STAR SPANGLED BANNER and THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Dana Cummings called the Huntington Annual School Meeting to order at 9:08 am.

John Alberghini, Joanne Russell and Sally Hayes were given permission to speak as non-Huntington voters.

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

MOTION: Breck Knauft moved the article to the floor; seconded by Eric Krull

DISCUSSION: None

RESOLUTION: Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Article 2 To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

Cummings consulted with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) regarding placement of other business, which usually comes at the end of the meeting. He proposed moving it to later in the meeting: after Article 4.

RESOLUTION: Hearing no objections, discussion on Article 2 was deferred.

Article 3 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: Dave Clark moved the article to the floor; seconded by Breck Knauft.

DISCUSSION: None

RESOLUTION: Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Article 4 To vote a budget of \$2,211,800 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town School District.

MOTION: Heather Pembroke moved the article to the floor; seconded by Mark Smith.

DISCUSSION: After introductions from the Board, Chair Megs Keir explained that the Board had presented a level-funded budget due to a combination of factors. Action taken included elimination of one full-time teacher; reduction of specials to one day per week. Savings from staff reduction was put toward energy efficiency rather tax reduction. Keir talked about the additional expenses for preschool, and how it is presented in the budget. It is a vital part of getting kids ready for school. The investment was "well worth it." The State of Vermont has mandated that schools must offer preschool; however, parents are not required to send their children to preschool. BPMS has a preschool that serves 24 children and the program will be part of a Preschool Partnership, which will offer \$3000 stipends to 12 students to attend "qualified" preschools.

Heather Pembroke asked about Capital Projects (page 57) and stated that it lacks information regarding what the projects are. "We would like to make informed decisions. The Selectboard has a good model." Joanne Russell responded that this is the fund from Capital Projects done several years ago. There was no activity, and the deficit cannot be transferred. Pembroke pressed on, "What are the capital projects?" Russell said it could be modified. Shayne Jaquith followed up with a question about whether the School Board could undertake the Capital Budget process to the extent that the Selectboard does – not just show the Reserve Fund. Keir complimented the Selectboard and said the Board would like to do this.

Ethan Maurer brought up the school consolidation, which Moderator Cummings said was not germane to the article under discussion.

Brett Lindemuth asked what the savings were for projects.

Maurer stated that the consolidation was brought up in the context of the capital expenses that the Huntington School District taxpayers were now going to fund without support from being in the MMMU district. Keir responded, "We are in exactly the same place we were before the vote. We are still connected to Chittenden East." She then went on to say that the decline in elementary enrollment is "a moving target. We have the lowest cost per pupil." The Board will be discussing it.

Back to Lindemuth's question. Keir said the Board will be working with the Huntington Energy Committee, along with Sandy Heyman and BPMS Principal Sally Hayes to look at energy issues as it considers necessary updates in the school. The goal is a "healthy building and energy efficient building."

Board member Andrew Ogilvie talked about other work to be done: Gym floor, front doors, lighting, heating (heat pumps as a secondary system) and replacement of windows – the latter three are at the top of the list. The plan is to work smart with the Energy Committee and CESU staff.

Keir said, "We have a capital plan – it is four pages long; 100 lines with a dozen categories and it goes to 2044.

Board member Paul Susen said the Board looked at every line in the budget and asked John Alberghini and Joanne Russell about school population and personnel.

Dori Barton asked about the music teacher allocation. Alberghini responded that it was in salaries as it is not a shared position and is a direct cost to Huntington.

Breck Knauff asked if all \$50,000 savings was going into energy efficiency. Keir responded, "We are focusing on windows. Line 183 has \$48,000 added and the committee will examine this. Ogilvie added that, in the past, this was a separately warned item, but voters asked to have it included in the budget. Knauff asked about the timeline for the work to be completed. He encouraged the Board to work closely with CESU to save money. Ogilvie responded that the money will be spent this budgetary year. Knauff went on, "Can you give a timeline for the Committee to be completing its work?" Keir replied that the first Committee meeting was Friday [March 6] at 8 am. "Our intention is to move quickly and efficiently."

Jim Couture asked about the preschool allocation of \$3000 each for 12 kids. He had concerns about reimbursement for potential education programs that don't happen in this building. Line 63 shows an increase of \$30,800. The school has preschool in the building, funded in instruction programs. Is this an additional program? Sally Hayes responded that there are 24 spaces in the building, which is not enough space for all children. The Preschool Partnership will provide funding assistance for a high quality program for 10 hours per week. The State

mandate goes into effect July 1, 2016.

Heather Pembroke asked about the increase in dental insurance. Keir explained that this is payment for services and costs fluctuate. The CESU recommended budget figure is based on a three-year average and it is an estimate.

Eric Krull said that the Board was "right to put emphasis on capital improvements. We are outliers. We are responsible for improvements." He then went on to talk about the decreases in staff. With the specials going down from a day-and-a-half to one day, "a decrease of a third is a dramatic decrease." He said he is concerned about preparation time and contact time outside of class time. There won't be time to work with other teachers. Did the Board give discussion to maintaining or increasing specials times? Keir responded that she shared concerns. Right now, the class size is 12:1. Hayes said that the class size next year will be 16:1, ranging from 14 to 18 students per teacher. She addressed specials: "In an ideal world, we would have integrated arts throughout the week. Three half days per week would be ideal. We share teachers with other schools.." She added, "Teachers do have planning time.; it is efficient." Keir said, "We did discuss increasing. We looked at overall school goals and policies."

Liz Greenberg asked about postage/telephone expenses. Mailings could be sent home in backpacks and via email. Board member Ed Booth said some material is mandated. Keir said the new communication system in the building and security improvements [listed as telephone] accounted for high use on that line.

Jennifer Esser encouraged the Board to have specials more than once per week. She asked about long-term enrollment projections. Hayes responded: 137 current; 141 students 2015-2016; 147 students 2016-2017. No increase in classes in the next three years.

Don Sheldon asked Joanne Russell, "Are we self-funded?" Russell explained the whole deal, stating a 5% increase to dental rates is an estimate. Support staff, who work 20 hours per week are eligible. She confirmed there was a cap.

Rahul Kushwaha suggested to the Board that it work a committee to start considering BPMS becoming a Charter School. The Moderator asked him to bring it up under Other Business (Article 2).

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Heather Pembroke called the question; seconded by Dave Clark.

RESOLUTION: Passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Article 4 passed on a voice vote.

Article 2 To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

MOTION: Dave Clark moved Article 2 to the floor; seconded by Deb Hunton.

DISCUSSION:

1. Joe Segale - after complimenting artwork, talked about consolidation and asked for a more precise report on how things are working.
2. Larry Brace - keep it local
3. Dave Clark, rep to MMU and MMMU Boards - there has been no conflict. He didn't feel any antagonism because of Huntington's decision.
4. Harry Frank - discussed consolidation; asked the Board to commit to something, measure it and stick to it
5. Megs Keir - answered concerns about decreases in staff. "It would have been the same regardless of whether Huntington had joined the MMMU." Regarding relationship with MMMU: "we are collaborating, not competing. Some of the MMMU consolidated actions "makes sense

- geographically.”
6. Jim Christiansen – regarding attendance at Huntington School Board meetings – send agenda home before meeting; talked about needing male role models in building; psyched about energy efficiency and asked about community solar; opportunity for schools to pull in grant money.
 7. Rahul Kushwaha – Charter School viability – challenges and opportunities for more local control; also, young children have different nutritional needs than older children and he does not believe larger board has sufficient resources to address all development levels in five towns.
 8. Tom Keblin – question to Alberghini about job security for teacher laid off had Huntington been in MMMU – yes, retirements create openings, replied Alberghini. Keblin: individuals make a difference in a building; small school might not attract good people.
 9. Gail Conley – Supports Harry Frank’s comments. Asked about tracking number of applicants for Huntington positions. Huntington is only town in CESU to have a school [budget] meeting.
 10. Duncan Keir – requested articles be stated in official minutes in Town Report
 11. Britt Cummings – How do we make Town Meeting more meaningful? In favor of keeping meetings smaller and closer to the people. Concern about taking 3- and 4-year-olds out of the home.
 12. Larry Brace – talked about freedoms, especially liberty
 13. Barbara Fellitti – asked about financial implications of Charter School. Asked the Board if it agreed with Charter School suggestion.
 14. Megs Keir – responded it’s not in our purview to turn our governance into something different. A committee could be formed.
 15. Helen Keith congratulated Board on work done since election/appointments; meet outcomes locally
 16. Brett Lindemuth – discussion on lack of male staff, complimented Board, talked about good teachers, supports Charter School as town needs economic diversity.
 17. Alison Forrest – talked about after school enrichment program: invitation to townspeople to participate
 18. Ethan Maurer – asked about who would want to be here and to think about the charge to get people involved
 19. Eric Krull – startled by call for further independence. Cautioned group.
 20. Kathy Kretzer – talk to North Bennington (Charter School); asked about insurance; talk to parents, staff
 21. Pam Hart, town auditor – addressed comments about format of town report; invited people to Auditors’ meeting.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Breck Knauff; second by Deb Hunton
DIVISION OF THE HOUSE: 76-35 in favor of calling the question

Hearing no objection, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: Britt Cummings moved to adjourn; seconded by Everett Marshall.
 The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Australian Ballot Questions

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| 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. |
| Article 7 | To elect a School Director for a period of one year to complete an unexpired two-year term. |

- Article 8 To elect a School Director for a period of two years to complete an unexpired three-year term.
- Article 9 To elect a School Director for a period of one year to complete an unexpired three-year term on the Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17, term to begin day of election.

Minutes written by
Heidi Racht
Town Clerk, CVC

Town of Huntington
2015 Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – Brewster-Pierce Memorial School

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 3, 2015, following the conclusion of the Annual School District Meeting for Brewster-Pierce Memorial School, to transact the following business:

Voting by Australian ballot will be conducted on March 3, 2015, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Dana Cummings called the meeting to order at 11:36 am.

Representatives Tom Stevens and Rebecca Ellis addressed the assemblage about a variety of topics including issues around energy and 2018 health care benefits to teachers (a projected increase of 30% to 40%). They fielded questions on topics, including schools, Gillett Pond, reapportionment, and funding the Clean Water bill.

Olga Hallock Award: Town Clerk Heidi Racht presented the Olga Hallock Award for Community Service to Chuck and Joya Lawyer for decades of work with the Huntington Volunteer Fire Department. Chuck Lawyer joined the Fire Department in 1974 and has served in a variety of leadership capacities, most recently as Assistant Chief and Chief Emeritus. Joya Lawyer has worked for 30 years as volunteer in support of the fire department, playing key roles in the Harvest Supper, Bingo and other activities in the Town Hall for many years and the first Hunters Breakfast.

MOTION TO RECESS: Dave Clark moved to recess until 1:15 pm; seconded by Breck Knauff

RESOLUTION: Passed on a voice vote.

The meeting resumed at 1:20 pm.

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: Deb Hunton moved the article; seconded by Dave Clark.

A sheet of Town Report Errors and Omission was briefly reviewed.

Selectboard Chair Jim Christiansen reviewed an addition error in the General Fund budget, stating it would not affect the bottom line of the proposed budget as presented.

RESOLUTION: Article passed on a voice vote.

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

MOTION: Jennifer Esser moved the article to the floor; seconded by David Worthley.

DISCUSSION: Clarification of role of the treasurer in tax collection.

RESOLUTION: Article passed on a 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: Deb Hunton moved the article; seconded by Mark Smith.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESOLUTION: Article passed on a voice vote.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to create a Fire and First Response Reserve Fund for the purpose of fire and first response capital needs?

MOTION: Joan Sargeant moved; Everett Marshall seconded.

DISCUSSION: Selectboard member Nancy Stoddard presented the context for Articles, 5, 6 and 7.

She discussed the Capital Plan as more strategic in planning and budgeting with a shift from departments to whole town – a seven-year plan. She explained the balance: town-wide capital, tax rate, reserve funds, grants and projecting town income. She said, "We can't afford everything we want and when we want it." "The goal is to manage debt service as a percentage of town revenue: limit is 10% of revenue. And "we will not exceed it."

Stoddard discussed natural disasters – FEMA funds are uncertain and the town needs to be prepared. She then went on to talk about a "higher level of town planning: town-wide debt and reserve funds, which are additional methods for funding purchases. The Fire Department has capital needs. This new fund would be initially used for the purchase of a new tanker in fiscal year 2020/2021.

Heather Pembroke pointed out the difference between Reserve Funds and Special Revenue Funds. Megs Keir asked if the \$20,000 in the budget was to go into the fund if this article passes. Stoddard explained that this article only creates the fund. The \$20,000 contribution to the fund is already included in the budget.

Terry Ryan asked "Why now Reserve Funds? Why not one large fund?"

Stoddard said specific Reserve Funds target particular items that are needed in the future. The General Fund money can be used with more discretion by the Selectboard; it takes a special note of the town re-allocate Reserve Account funds.

Ryan queried, "In the event of a crisis, can money be transferred to another fund?" Stoddard said, "A special vote is required to use the money for something else." Christiansen added, "This binds the Selectboard to its commitment." The Selectboard can borrow money for emergencies.

Barb Winters said that Special Revenue Funds generate income from other sources like donations, not tax dollars. The money can't be used by the Selectboard.

Dan Stoddard, Town Treasurer, said he consulted with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) about the designated Reserve Funds instead of the larger fund." He was told that Selectboards can change and have pet projects – resulting in one area getting all the money in the fund.

Britt Cummings asked about a truck purchase next year.

Other comments included requests for explanation of the budget, which Nancy Stoddard provided.

RESOLUTION: Article 5 passed on a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington vote to apply \$80,000 from the General Fund accumulated Fund Balance as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 to support the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Plan?

MOTION: Dave Clark moved the article to the floor; seconded by Barb Winters.

DISCUSSION: Selectboard member Dori Barton explained the surplus balance from the previous year, stating it was prudent to leave one month's operational expense available in the General Fund. This amount is approximately \$125,000. The Board is proposing using excess monies to apply to the Capital Plan. In answer to a question about the current balance, it is shown on page 32 as \$208,930.

Barton said the General Fund balance accumulated over the years through an influx of FEMA disaster relief monies.

The Board was congratulated enthusiastically by David Worthley for moving in the right direction on capital planning. The Board understands the budget process and has a plan. He thanked the finance committee.

Brett Lindemuth said the article could be improved. He indicated that there is a total of \$450,000 in Reserve Funds "sitting in a bank account" and he is sensitive to the lost power of purchasing. Moderator Cummings asked if Lindemuth wanted to amend the article, which he declined.

Worthley questioned the use of a specific number in the article having thought that the Selectboard had the discretion to allocate the surplus funds at its discretion. Nancy Stoddard said the Board would be reviewing the Capital Plan every year and proposing allocation of funds. Dan Stoddard said, "You [the Selectboard] can't spend the fund balance without a vote. The Selectboard doesn't need to say what the money is spent for, just that you want to spend it."

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Terry Ryan called the question; seconded by Jim Couture.

RESOLUTION: Question called on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Article 6 passed on a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize the Selectboard to purchase a replacement one-ton highway truck as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Plan, for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000?

MOTION: Deb Hunton moved the article to the floor; seconded by Barb Winters.

DISCUSSION: Roman Livak presented the article. The town voted to purchase this truck in 2006. It now has repairs that are expensive: \$10,000 already in repairs and \$16,000 are anticipated for the rest of the year.

Road Foreman Yogi Alger said, "The old truck has had it. I'm looking at picking up a new truck."

Aaron Worthley recalled that when the original purchase of the one-ton truck was voted on, there were suggestions from the floor to use the smaller truck to plow other contracted properties of the Town. Has there been this conversation? Jim Christiansen addressed the contracts for plowing, saying, "We get a good value for what we pay." He talked about the hours it takes and the overtime hours for the crew and the hand maintenance around town buildings that needs to be done.

Everett Marshall asked about the small truck that is listed in the Capital Plan for 2017-2018. The response was that it was an error – it is not a small truck, it is a tandem.

Alger responded to Worthley's observations that the town has 43 miles of roads and it takes 4.5 hours to do one side. "The only extra time I have is to do the fire hydrants."
Pam Hart said she wanted a bigger truck than was being proposed. Alger said that with the spring storms, it is hard to do the roads with a big truck. "I don't need four big trucks." They went back and forth for a while.

Discussion continued on highway equipment Capital Plan for next six years continued. To the suggestion of a different plow type, the Road Foreman responded that he "doesn't like v-wedge."

Clarification of what exactly was being discussed. Article 6 is to allocate \$80,000 to the Capital Plan; Article 7 is the specific item within the Capital Plan.

RESOLUTION: Passed on a voice vote.

Jim Christiansen presented Dan Stoddard a Certificate of Appreciation for his nine years as Town Treasurer. He noted that Stoddard has greatly changed for the better the way the town finances are now done.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington authorize a total Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund expenditure of \$1,559,604 of which \$1,278,604 shall be raised by taxes and \$281,000 by non-tax revenue?

MOTION: Dave Clark moved the article; seconded by Kathy Kretzer.

DISCUSSION: Jim Christiansen made the presentation, which included a "restrained" operational budget, salary increases at 1.7%; no employee contribution to health insurance increase; no increase for stipends. Department heads worked to keep budget requests level funded.

Brett Lindemuth asked about Line 58 (\$22,608 – traffic enforcement); relates to 20 hours State Police contract time. The income from traffic stops on page 29 is \$2500. Is that a good value? Christiansen responded that the Board weighed the options. The State Police contract is "ok. We would like to have more enforcement revenue." The discussion then moved on to the presence of the police in town. He said, "We [the Selectboard] cannot direct them when and what to look for. They are allowed discretion."

Heather Pembroke asked about the Capital Plan and the strategy to guide this. The average yearly Grand List increase is projected to be 0.5%. She asked for a comparison of the actual Grand List growth to be included in future annual reports. She asked about interest rates. Dan Stoddard answered that the current rates are low. "By statute, you have to be fiscally conservation. You cannot risk public funds."

Back to the discussion on the State Police. Jeanine Carr commented on the cost benefit ratio. She said she couldn't remember the last time she had seen the State Police in the Lower Village. In answer to a question about the contract with the State Police, the comment was made that there was a Richmond Police car parked at the cemetery in the Lower Village stopping people. Was this part of the contract? Christiansen replied, "We don't have a contract [with the Richmond Police]" and police officers have jurisdiction to make stops if they observe a law being broken. David Worthley added, "Police presence doesn't seem to slow people down. I would like to assign the Selectboard with an absolute plan to control speed."

The Moderator said the discussion was not germane to the article. But, Christiansen referred to the Traffic Calming Study and other work now underway.

Megs Keir asked about line 151, which has zero dollars budgeted. The plan is to buy the truck next year; costs are offset by reserve funds voted by Article 7.

Back to State Police discussion. Pam Hart commented that sheriffs bring in lots of money. She

wants to see an increase in the enforcement income. Christiansen said, "This Board would be happy to look at alternatives."

Britt Cummings asked about the increase in line 229 for road salt. The response was that the price of road salt had increased from \$58/ton to \$72/ton. Alger said he was working now with a salt reduction policy. He explained his strategy for winter blacktop road maintenance. Dori Barton said, "The Selectboard asked Yogi to reduce salt and keep the roads safe. He uses sound judgment."

Back to State Police. Michele Cummings said she saw the State Police on the road a lot as she is in town all day."

Christiansen commented that some had problems and concerns with the salt reduction policy resulting in a lower level of service to taxpayers in the reduction zones. Barb Winters talked about the environmental benefit of less salt usage, including water. In answer to a question about specifics for reduction, Alger said that there were areas with no reduction: "It is the same in the villages and Horseshow Bend. It is impossible to keep everybody happy."

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: David Worthley moved; seconded by Dawn Taylor.

RESOLUTION: Motion to call the question passed on voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Article 8 passed on a voice vote.

Dori Barton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jim Christiansen for his six years on the Selectboard.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington allow an exemption for Conservation Reserve Funds to be used, subject to the guiding criteria and application process with review and approval by the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard, for dam restoration, shoreline protection and other measures deemed relevant for the perpetual protection of Gillett Pond and associated wetlands located in the Towns of Huntington and Richmond?

MOTION: Terry Ryan moved the article; seconded by Mark Smith.

DISCUSSION: Jim Christiansen presented the article. Aaron Worthley provided information about the Friends of Gillett Pond, formed in 2013, as well as the Richmond Land Trust's (RLT) recent purchase of the pond. Over \$100,000 has been raised from private donations. RLT hopes to purchase the remainder of the privately-owned property around the pond, which is an important recreational, natural, historical and scenic resource.

Worthley addressed the condition of the dam; estimates are \$200,000. RLT has purchased 70% of the land around the pond and is "hoping to conserve the rest of the shoreline in private ownership." He went on, "Support from the town will help open doors for more support." Most of the open water and the dam are in Richmond. A [specific project] proposal has not been developed at this point. The Huntington Conservation fund will be one piece of the proposal. The Conservation Commission (HCC) is looking for an indication of direction.

Margaret Taft referenced the discussion in 2000 where the conservation funds were to be used in Huntington. This language is there for a reason. "Where does it stop?"

Brett Lindemuth said there were "gray areas as to whether or not it is an exception."

Becca Golden made a suggestion on a change in the bylaws of the Conservation Fund criteria.

Britt Cummings said the language of the article was not specific enough; there is not enough detail. He suggested using Huntington funds for a piece in Huntington.

Discussion on whether this request is opening the door for conservation funding requests for other out-of-town projects.

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT: Joe Segale moved to change the end of the article to read for an amount not to exceed 25% of the total of the fund; seconded by Mark Smith.

Worthley said this article is only a request that a project be allowed to be reconsidered. "Our fund would not be the major component."

Liz Greenberg asked about the Conservation Funds. "Is there a limit on what can be applied for now?"

Duncan Keir talked about the application requirements. He wants clarification about the process. Margaret Fowle clarified that no proposal has asked for 100% of the funding of a project. The process is that the HCC makes a recommendation to the Selectboard, which then holds a public hearing. Because of the wording of the criteria, Fowle explained, "We felt we couldn't accept a proposal from outside Huntington."

Mark Smith urged the assemblage to vote the amendment down. Segale responded, "My thought was the fund was set up with Huntington in mind."

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Joe Segale moved the question; seconded by Dave Clark.

RESOLUTION: Question called on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Amendment defeated on a voice vote.

More discussion on original article.

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT: Rahul Kushwaha moved to drop the word perpetual from the article; seconded by Terry Ryan.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Everett Marshall moved the question; seconded by Ted Sargeant.

RESOLUTION: Question called on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Amendment defeated on a voice vote.

More discussion included:

- this is a premature article and vote against it (Dawn Taylor);
- strong support as it is a wonderful resource and many Huntington residents enjoy it (Jeanine Carr);
- strongly support it as it is foot in the door for entire project (Everett Marshall);
- don't just look at language, but at intent of fund and this does it (Kathy Kretzer);
- rebuilt dam affects the Huntington area of the pond (Terry Ryan).

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: Terry Ryan moved the question; seconded by Sheila Susen.

RESOLUTION: Question called on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION: Article 9 passed on a voice vote.

Article 10. To transact any other Town business thought proper.

MOTION: Article moved to the floor by Terry Ryan; seconded by Jane Keir.

DISCUSSION:

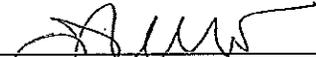
1. Don Dresser thanked Joan Sargeant, Town Lister for over 10 years. She is not seeking re-election.
2. David Worthley congratulated Dana Cummings on his fine job for filling large shoes as Moderator.
3. Terry Ryan asked about project under Projected Capital Spending Summary
4. Rahul Kushwaha asked the Selectboard to add a line in the Capital Plan to give the estimate resale value of town trucks.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Clark moved to adjourn; seconded by Ted Sargeant.

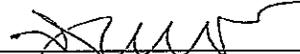
The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Minutes written by
Heidi Racht, Town Clerk, CVC

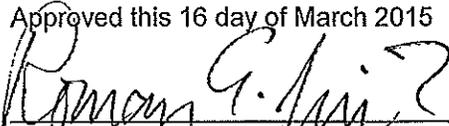
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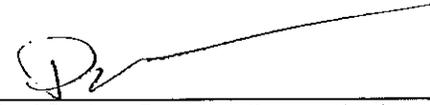

Heidi Racht, Town Clerk, CVC
Huntington, Vermont

Submitted this 16 day of March 2015


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Approved this 16 day of March 2015


Roman Livak, Board of Civil Authority


Dori Barton, Board of Civil Authority

Received for record March 16, 2015


March 3, 2015 Election Results

1465 Registered voters

281 Voters at Polls

Town Ballot

Auditor, 3 years: Lucinda W. Hill, 258

Cemetery Trustee, 5 years: Terrence J. Boyle, 260

Delinquent Tax Collector, 3 years:

Brent Lamoureux, 256

Library Trustee, 3 years, Vote for 2:

Lorrie Richland, 250

Harvey Schugar, 244

Lister, 3 years: Les Hunton, 247

Moderator, 1 year: Dana Cummings, 262

Planning Commissioner, 3 years, Vote for 2:

Joseph Segale, 251

Terry Ryan (write in), 15

Selectboard member, 3 years:

Helen Keith, 241

Selectboard member, 2 years:

Andrew Hendrickson, 253

Town Agent, 1 year: Mary Taft, 263

Town Clerk, 3 years: Heidi Racht, 254

Town Grand Juror, 1 year:

no one elected on write in

Town Treasurer, 3 years: Kathleen Clark, 257

School Ballot

BPMS School Board, 3 years: Tara A. Fowler, 226

BPMS School Board, 2 years:

Stacey Z. Symanowicz, 248

BPMS School Board, 2 years (remainder of 3-yr term): Paul A. Susen, 239

BPMS School Board, 1 year (remainder of 2-yr term):

Andrea Ogilvie, 243

MMU, 1 year (remainder of 3-yr term):

Ethan Maurer, 225

Moderator – School, 1 year:

Dana Cummings, 262