

2018 Town Meeting Minutes

To the voters of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Lempster Community School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2018 at three thirty (3:30 P.M.) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting of candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 P.M.) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Moderator Shklar opened the polls at 3:30pm.

The following were elected: Philip Tirrell SR, Selectman; Mary Fellows, Treasurer; James Grenier, Auditor; Randall Mark Adams, Planning Board; William Rodeschin, Planning Board; Glenn Wirkkala, Cemetery Trustee; Lynn Rodeschin, Trustee of Trust Funds; Janice Brehio, Library Trustee; Rebecca Farrand, Library Trustee; Michael Shklar, Moderator; Robert Cilley, Supervisor of the Checklist.

Lempster's Town Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Moderator Michael Shklar.

ARTICLE 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Motion by Mary Genier, seconded by Mary Contaldi. Article two passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,312,603.00 for the purpose of General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 82,715.00
Election and Registration	66,705.00
Financial Administration	14,725.00
Appraisal of Property	26,000.00
Legal Expenses	20,000.00
Personnel Administration	212,150.00
Planning Board	15,000.00
General Government Buildings	16,000.00
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Insurance Property & Liability-all Depts.	17,750.00
Contingency	20,000.00
Police Budget	55,200.00
Ambulance Service	12,000.00
Rescue Squad	16,413.00
Fire Department	55,013.00
Building Inspection	1,900.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	7,900.00
Highway Department	368,600.00
Street Lights	950.00
Solid Waste	85,000.00
Health Officer/ Supplies	1,700.00
Animal Control	3,000.00
Health Agencies	7,685.00
Direct Assistance	7,000.00
Parks and Recreation	2,500.00
Library	19,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00
Conservation Commission	5,100.00
Bonds and Notes Principal	141,667.00
Bonds and Notes Interest	25,930.00

Motion by Phil Tirrell, seconded by Mary Grenier. Article three passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Genier, seconded by Joe Moulton. Article four passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Jon Metz. Article five passed.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Thomas, seconded by Phil Tirrell. Article six passed.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 055) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a forest fire truck and to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Joe Moulton, seconded by Jon Thomas. Article seven passed.

A question was asked what is the age of the current Forest Fire Truck and what would be the cost of a new one. Fire Warden Dave Richards let us know that the current truck was a 2008 and would cost about \$50,000.00 to replace.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036). This is due to changing the purpose in 2017. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Jon Thomas. Article eight passed.

A question was asked about what the funds from this CIP would be used for. Fire Chief Jon Thomas explained the funds are used to purchase gear, equipment, and do major repairs on equipment.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Thomas, seconded by James Morone. Article nine passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Metz, seconded by Joe Moulton. Article ten passed

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Rescue Squad Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 054) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a rescue squad truck and to raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Thomas, seconded by Phil Tirrell. Article eleven passed

Moderator Michael Shklar asked how old the current truck was and the cost of the new truck. Fire Chief Jon Thomas stated the current tuck was 2014 and the cost of a new truck would be about \$60,000.00. Chief Thomas also stated that this truck is used a lot and goes to almost every call.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Jon Thomas. Article twelve passed

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Carrie Richards. Article thirteen passed

A question was asked to find out what the funds from this CIP is used for. Selectman Mary Grenier explained that the funds from this CIP will be used for a new Municipal Building on the town owned lot where the fire station is now.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. This sum is to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. These funds came from the LCHIP Monitoring Report check received in 2017. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Joe Moulton. Article fourteen passed

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Jon Metz

A motion was made by Kirt Wirkkala to amended article fifteen to \$15,000.00 and was seconded by Jim Grenier. A question was asked about the vision moving ahead for this building. Kirt Wirkkala said that the next steps would be to finish up the ramp and to start work on the doors, ceiling and rewiring.

Amendment passed. Article fifteen was passed as amended.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Town Office Info Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by David Richards, seconded by Mary Grenier. Article sixteen passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Town Bridge Repair and Reconstruction Expendable Trust (CIP 018) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Everett Thurber. Article seventeen passed.

A question was asked to see what bridges would be worked on in the upcoming year. Selectman Everett Thurber said that they would be looking at the bridges out at Crescent Lake, Shrenk Rd and a box culvert bridge on Lovejoy Rd.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,650.00 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. This sum is to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. These funds came from the sale of a snowplow and backhoe. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Joe Moulton, seconded by David Richards. Article eighteen passed.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Everett Thurber

A motion was made by Everett Thurber to amended article nineteen to \$40,000.00 and was seconded by Jon Metz. Selectman Everett Thurber said that the oldest truck we had was a 1994 and a new truck with plow would be about \$180,000.00. The town would be looking to purchase this truck in 2019.

Amendment passed. Article nineteen passed as amended.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Road Repair and Reconstruction Capital Reserve (CIP 048) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Phil Tirrell, seconded by Mary Grenier. Article twenty passed.

A question was asked about the repair of Lovejoy Road and when it may be completed. It was also asked if Lovejoy would be paved when it was completed. Selectman Everett Thurber said that there was still work to be done to raise up parts of the road, replacement of culvert and to complete the ditching. He said that it is in the plan for this summer however was not sure if or when it would be paved due to the cost to do so. There was the talk about the traffic that this road gets as it is used a lot as a bypass from Lempster St to Route 10.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,250.00 for the purpose of the sixth payment of the lease-purchase of the Highway Department Backhoe (CIP 049). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Jon Metz. Article twenty one passed.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by James Morone. Article twenty two passed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Beth Clark Moulton, seconded by Jon Metz. Article twenty three passed.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Carol Stamatakis, seconded by Beth Clark Moulton. Article twenty four passed.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Cemetery Tree Management Capital Reserve (CIP 047) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Metz, seconded by Glen Wirkkala. Article twenty five passed.

A question was asked to find out what the funds from this CIP are used for. Glen Wirkkala said that they use some of funds to keep the trees under control and also this year they have some tree roots that will need to be taken care of these.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,312.00 to be added to the Appraisal of Property Capital Reserve (CIP 027) previously established. This sum is to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Joe Moulton, seconded by Jon Metz. Article twenty six passed.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the 250th Anniversary Capital Reserve (CIP 045) created in 2012. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Pat McCabe, seconded by Everett Thurber. Article twenty seventy passed.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of supporting Old Home Day events. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Carrie Richards. Article twenty eight passed.

Moderator Michael Shklar closed the polls at 7:39pm

ARTICLE 29: To transact any other business that may legally come before this Town Meeting.

Rachel Tirrell mentioned that Long Pond is looking for a Lake Host Manager for the upcoming year. Anyone that would be interested should contact Rachel for more information. Selectman Mary Grenier pointed out the dedication to Gayle Newton on the last page of the Town Report. Selectman Mary Grenier also thanked Ingrid Bjork, Barbara Richards and Linda Callahan for putting together a wonderful Town Report this year.

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Grenier, seconded by Mary Contaldi at 7:46pm



Linda Callahan
Town Clerk