

**REPORT OF TOWN MEETING, MARCH 12, 1940**

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Edward B. Clark, at 9:15 A. M. and the Warrant was read.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Ray Burchell, pastor of the Congregational Church.

Voted to keep the polls open until 7 P. M.

Art. 1. The Town proceeded to elect the Town Officers, by Australian Ballot, and vote for National Delegates.

The polls closed for voting at 7 P. M.

Town Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. for the purpose of voting upon the articles in the warrant.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were read as follows:

Article 2. Recommended that the sum of \$20,799.70 be appropriated to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Recommended that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for tarvia.

Article 4. Recommended that the Town appropriate the sum of \$294.37 and the State contribute \$1,177.50 to be used on class 5 roads.

Article 5. Recommended the Town appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Tarvia to be used on the road from the residence of Fred Kelley to the residence of Daniel Swett.

Article 6. Recommended that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for a culvert to be put in on the Thorne Road at the bridge.

Article 7. Recommended that the Town raise the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of building a fire well at

some point on the Newton Junction road, with an amendment that special effort be made to procure construction as a W. P. A. project.

Article 8. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the repairs to the culvert at the junction of the Haverhill road and Mill street is a State Highway proposition, and they recommend that the Selectmen contact the State Highway Department relative to such.

Article 9. Recommended that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. Recommended that article 10 be passed as written.

Article 11. Recommended that article 11 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 12. Recommended that article 12 be laid on the table.

Article 13. Recommended that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of \$16,000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN G. BAKIE.

Art. 2. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,149.70 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for tarvia.

Art. 4. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$294.37 and the State will contribute \$1,177.50 to be used on class 5 roads.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used for Tarvia on the road running from the residence of Fred Kelley to the residence of Daniel Swett.

Art. 6. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used to install a culvert on Thorne road at the bridge.

Art. 7. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the construction of a fire well on the Newton Junction road; said sum, or any part thereof, to be expended, after an attempt has been made by the Selectmen, to procure the construction of said fire well as a W. P. A. project.

Art. 8. Voted that the Selectmen contact the State Highway Department relative to the repair of the culvert at the junction of the Haverhill Road and Mill Street.

Art. 9. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 10. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to request the State of New Hampshire, and its appropriate agencies, to construct, repair and control the Trickling Falls dam in East Kingston on the Powwow River, in order to restore Trickling Falls Lake, so-called, in the Towns of East Kingston and Kingston, thereby conserving, protecting, developing and enhancing the present as well as the potential, natural and recreational resources of the said towns and State and also thereby otherwise promoting the benefits and welfare of this State, and cooperate with the State in this undertaking. Amendment voted that a committee of property owners be appointed to establish a high water line.

Art. 11. Voted to indefinitely postpone this article, relating to a vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the municipal accounting division

and to make an appropriation to cover the cost of such audit.

Art. 12. Voted to lay on the table article 12 relating to a vote to see if the Town will buy the original town grant now in Exeter, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 13. Voted that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$16,000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 14. Voted that the Selectmen be permitted to sell land, formerly owned by Angus Morrison, now owned by the Town, to a Mrs. Stewart.

Voted that the Moderator appoint a chairman of the committee to be in charge of Memorial Day exercises.

Voted that the Town accept the sum of \$5,000.00 left by the late Daniel J. Bakie, said sum to be placed in care of the Trustees of the Trust Fund, and that proper resolutions accepting the gift, be spread upon the pages of the records.

Voted that in the future the vital statistics be published in the Annual Reports, and that the 1939 vital statistics be published in the Reports for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1941.

Voted to return to Article 1, at 9:45.

Following is the result of vote for Town Officers:

Total Votes, 396

Town Clerk	Votes
*L. Evelyn Bake .....	334
Selectmen	
Raymond P. McComb .....	107
*George B. Stevens .....	285

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Town Treasurer	
*Clinton A. Avery .....	316
Tax Collector	
*George E. Shaw .....	353
Road Agent	
*Roland W. Cheney .....	321
Auditors	
Wilbur Clark .....	34
Russell Ingalls .....	29
Christine Conant .....	23
Lois Carroll .....	16
Chief of Police	
Harry L. Carter .....	327
Police Officers	
*Gardner H. Conant .....	341
*Melvin E. Martin .....	332
Janitor of Town Hall	
*Frank Cavaric .....	330
Trustee of Trust Fund	
*Annie M. Bunker .....	295
Fire Wards	
*Edward B. Clark .....	305
*Frederic S. Nichols .....	299
*George B. Stevens .....	310
Library Trustee	
*Christie Barrett .....	304
Sexton of Cemetery	
*J. A. Lyford .....	297
Sealer of Weights and Measures	
Guy W. Warren .....	299

Note: Those marked with an \*, took the oath of office, and were declared elected by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. BAKE,

Town Clerk.