

# Minutes of the Town Meeting

## March 13, 2018

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM at the Swasey Gymnasium at 178 Main Street, Kingston, by Moderator, Electra Alessio for the election of Town Officers, 14 regular Town Articles, and 6 Zoning Articles, as well as the voting for the election of Officers for Sanborn Regional School District, with regular Articles for the School District.

Electra Alessio, Moderator swore in Election Officials Tammy Bakie, Mark Heitz, Holly Ouellette, Gail Ramsey, Larry Smith, Karyn Maxwell, Brad Maxwell, John Whittier, Peter Sullivan and Bart Noyes. The Supervisors of the Checklist, Charlotte Boutin, Traci Conlon, and Ken Isaacs, were also sworn in by the Moderator for duty.

Total count of cast ballot including absentee ballot was 1346 total registered voters on checklist are 4528, which indicates 30% participation.

The following results were obtained:

### Moderator for Two Years

Electra L. Alessio.....1117

### Selectman for Three Years

Kevin P. St. James..... 484\*  
Kenneth M. Twombly Sr.....54  
Kent Walker.....185  
Peter V. Broderick.....386  
Phillip A. Coombs.....597\*  
Albert "Rick" Edelman.....61  
Lynn Gainty .....342  
Sean B. Murray.....65

### Selectman for One Year

David W. Chase.....40  
Richard A. Johnson.....34  
William Sable.....149  
Stanley Shalett.....29  
Donald W. Briggs, Jr. ....1024\*

### Town Clerk-Tax Collector for Three Years

Tammy L. Bakie .....1186\*

### Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years

Kenneth A. Isaacs .....1062\*

Road Agent for Three Years

Richard St. Hilaire.....1102\*

Trustee of the Trust Fund for Three Years

Kirsten Arnold..... 876\*

R. Bradley Maxwell .....871\*

Library Trustees for Three Years

Janet E. Hart.....1018\*

Carol Croteau.....31\*

Laura Thibault .....15\*

Library Trustee for Two Years

Ellen L. Faulconer.....995\*

Planning Board for Three Years

Peter D. Coffin ..... 597\*

Carol E. Croteau ..... 544\*

Charles Hart ..... 497

Robert Gene Pellegrino..... 325

Budget Committee for Three Years

Lynn Gainty ..... 905\*

Robert Axl Querengasser..... 692\*

Gary Finerty.....17\*

Rick Russman.....11\*

Municipal Budget Committee for Two Year

Rick Russman ..... 12\*

Sean Murray.....11\*

Zoning Board of Adjustment for Three Years

Peter D. Coffin ..... 882\*

Lawrence Greenbaum.....716\*

Zoning Board of Adjustment for One Year

Richard A. Johnson ..... 929\*

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the existing language in Article 107.3, PERMITTED USES, Industrial Zone #A -F and K and add "N" to read:

Article 107.3 PERMITTED USES:

The following are permitted:

- A. Sale and repair of vehicles, boats, farm, industrial, construction equipment.
- B. Retail, wholesale and warehouse facilities.
- C. Care, treatment, training and boarding of animals.
- D. Tradesperson's shops including, but not limited to, sales and repair.
- E. Manufacturing, fabricating, or assembling plants.
- F. Research and testing laboratories
- K. Service and retail businesses

N. Industrial Agribusinesses

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 806\*

NO 407

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the existing language in Article 108.5, Commercial Zone C-1, PERMITTED USES with the following:

- C. Tradesperson's shops including, but not limited to, sales and repair and non-automotive repair shops.
- D. Small scale manufacturing, fabricating, assembling facilities. (The intent is that the scale will be compatible with other permitted uses in the zone.)
- F. Multi-family Housing with a Conditional Use Permit.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 915\*

NO 317

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the existing language in Article 109.5, Commercial Zone C-II, PERMITTED USES by adding an asterisk to existing item #I and add "K":

109.5 PERMITTED USES:

The following are permitted:

I. Establishments serving food and beverage such as, but not limited to, restaurants, cafes and taverns. \*

K. Retail stores, medical facilities, child care facilities, commercial recreational activities.\*

\*These uses are permitted uses for the following Rural Residential Lots in Tax Map R33: Lots 20, 21, 21-1, 21-2 and Tax Map R34: Lots 1, 1-A, and 2 (amended 3/13/2007, 3/11/2014).

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 999\* NO 236

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article 109.6, Commercial Zone C-II, PROHIBITED USES by amending "A" and adding "D":

A. Residential

D. Adult Oriented Businesses

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 717\* NO 428

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article 110.4, Commercial Zone C-III, PROHIBITED USES by removing the following language:

D. Overnight Kenneling of animals, unrelated to medical care, is prohibited.

E. Adult Oriented Businesses are prohibited.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 717\* NO 416

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of Amendment Number 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article 104.4, Rural Residential District, PERMITTED USES, by adding item "J" as shown below and removing item "J" from article 104.5 Structure/Dwelling Regulations:

J. Single family and/or two dwellings (two-family homes, accessory dwelling units, apartments), and incidental uses. In case of Accessory Dwelling Units, the standards found in Article 206 apply.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 829\*

NO 285

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 5,688,748.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,380,700.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-1

YES 770\*

NO 501

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Property Tax when payment is made prior to the due date. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to take the deduction; deductions not taken by the taxpayer on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> will not be refunded.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 12-0

YES 1212\*

NO 88

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the conduct of games of bingo and the sale of lucky 7 tickets?

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

YES 1015\*

NO 228

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$235,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance to replace the existing 12-year old PL Custom ambulance and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$235,500 from the Ambulance Replacement Special Revenue Fund created for said purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 12-0

YES 1030\*

NO 267

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 12-0

YES 866\*

NO 416

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the purpose of developing architectural and mechanical building construction plans for a new centrally located Fire Station located at 24 Main Street/Wadleigh Point Road, on Kingston Lake, Map U5/Lot 62, and authorize the withdrawal of \$225,000 from the Fire Department Building Replacement, Refurbishment Fund created for that purpose; with the remaining balance of \$50,000 from the Fire Department Impact Fees Fund. No amount to be raised by taxation.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 8-4

YES 366

NO 965\*

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Town Buildings Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 12-0

YES 951\*

NO 340

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 12-0

YES 899\*

NO 386

ARTICLE 16: On petition of 65 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve fund for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisition to conserve the Town's rural character, provide open space for outdoor recreation by the public, and help stabilize the tax base.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 7-3-1

YES 765\*

NO 525

ARTICLE 17: On petition of 40 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing new equipment and upgrading existing equipment for broadcasting and streaming of town meetings, hearings, as well as other content produced by community organizations over the Town of Kingston's Cable Channel, including any necessary training on the cable channel equipment and system. The updated Cable Channel broadcast system will include portable camera equipment and accessories that will allow for broadcasting and streaming meetings, hearings as well as community events from locations other than the Town Hall. In addition, the Cable Channel will be able to broadcast content independently produced by community and town organizations. Further, this \$30,000.00 to be funded from the Cable Franchise fees paid to the Town of Kingston, received annually at an approximate amount of \$90,000.00.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 5-4-2

YES 467

NO 733\*

ARTICLE 18: On petition of 39 registered voters, to see if the Town will create a part-time, permanent Cable Station Manager position. The Cable Channel Manager will report to the Board of Selectmen. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for salary to be funded from the Cable Franchise fees paid to the Town of Kingston, received annually at an approximate amount of \$90,000.00. This appropriation will be for salary for nine months. If approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Cable Channel Manager will manage the operations of the Town of Kingston's Cable Channel including but not limited to broadcasting and streaming Town meetings, hearings, as well as other content produced by community organizations, supervise and training of other paid staff and volunteers. The Manager will be responsible for working with Town and community organizations to expand their use of the Cable Channel.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-1

YES 358

NO 834\*

ARTICLE 19: On petition of the Kingston Library Board of Trustees and 69 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to create a full-time Librarian position and eliminate one current part-time position. Further, to raise and appropriate \$22,057.00 for salary and benefits, to be added to the \$12,397.00 currently in the proposed Library budget. This appropriation will be for salary and benefits for six months; if approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-2

YES 615\*

NO 587

ARTICLE 20: On petition of the Kingston Heritage Commission and 55 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Heritage Fund for future enhancements to support preservation and utilization of the Town's historic properties.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 7-4

YES 737\*

NO 464

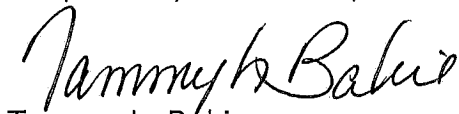
ARTICLE 21: On petition of 57 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen to enter into a 30-year lease agreement to install a solar array/panels on the grounds of the Kingston Community Library. There is no cost to enter into the agreement or to install the system. The lease includes a buy-out option after year 7 that would allow the Library to purchase the system and end the lease or to continue with the lease.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0

YES 689\*

NO 507

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammy L. Bakie

Town Clerk-Tax Collector