

State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, Town of Ossipee
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 2015

Moderator asked that everyone take their seat to begin the meeting. Moderator Meserve called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She asked that all cell phones to be turned off. She then asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Moderator Meserve then thanked all the staff that helped with Election Day and the setting up for Town meeting night. The newly elected officers will be sworn in on Monday, March 16th, at 5:30. She explained that everyone should have received a sheet of guidelines that needs to be followed, a voting card, ballot slips and a Town Report. If you do not have a vote card you cannot address this body and you cannot vote. If you find any corrections or omissions please bring them to the attention of the Town Clerk.

Anyone who is not a registered voter in this town will not be able to speak or vote on any motion. Moderator Meserve asked if there was any non-voters present who wished to speak at this meeting and to which article.

Doris Siror - Freedom Food Panty, Article #6.

Jim Eldridge - Police Department Budget, Special Duty, Article #16 and Article #17.

Carl Huddleston - Ambulance, Articles #13 and Article #14.

Jen Berkowitz - Schools out Program Article #6.

Dave Senecal - Building Inspector in case anyone asked questions of him.

Rick Sager - Town Attorney, in case anyone asked questions of him.

Brad Harriman - Public Works Director, anything to do with Public Works.

Ellen White - Town Administrator, Article #6 or any warrant articles.

Moderator Meserve then went on to the introductions. First, to my left, I have Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Selectmen, Bob Freeman, Frank Riley and Chairman Richard Morgan; our Town Administrator, Ellen White; Public Works Director, Brad Harriman and Town Attorney, Rick Sager.

Moderator Meserve then introduced Budget Chairman, Joe Goss and allowed him to do the introductions of the committee. Joe Goss introduced, Dave Babson, Julie Rosiak, Marie McConarty, Matt Trahan, Lynne Parker, Jim Fitzpatrick and Tom Kondrat.

Moderator Meserve then went over the guidelines for town meeting. For amendments, we will only entertain 2 amendments to any article with the exception to Article #6. Which is dealt with on a line by line item basis and amendments can be made to each line item. There is no amendment to an amendment and there will be no amendment accepted that substantially changes the warrant article. Also a motion to restrict reconsideration on any article will only be accepted after the vote passes and anytime thereafter during the meeting. Moderator Meserve stated that if anyone has any questions please let her know.

Moderator Meserve announced that she had made forms for amendments and secret ballots. They all need to be proposed in writing and given to Ms. Skehan. Moderator Meserve explained that both amendments and secret ballot requests need to be in writing and most times people do not have paper, so she made up some forms.

Moderator Meserve then read the results for Town and School for the Town of Ossipee. She then read the complete results for Governor Wentworth Regional School District. Please see the attached results on the Town Election Ballot and the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.

Moderator Meserve announced the typos in the warrant. Article #6, page 94 of the Town Report, under 2015 Selectmen, Library should read \$214,103.00 and under 2015 Budget Committee, Sewer should read \$217,836.00.

Article #1 To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows: to choose one (1) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of two (2) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of two (2) years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Budget Committee Member for a term of two (2) years; one (1) Budget Committee Member for a term of one (1) year; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Water & Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for a term of two (2) years.

Article #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment amends Section 3.3 entitled "Boundaries" to clarify the location of zoning district boundaries as shown on the official zoning map, and to provide additional flexibility to the zoning board of adjustment in establishing the exact position of zoning district boundaries whose location is otherwise imprecise. (Majority vote required.)

Article #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment amends Section 4.4 entitled "Structures and Uses per Lot" to allow more intensive and diverse development of commercial zones, and to permit greater diversity of design to encourage the efficient use of land. (Majority vote required.)

Article #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment amends Section 4.8 entitled "Lots in Two Zoning Districts" to allow a property owner whose property at the time of passage of this amendment to the Ordinance is divided by a boundary line separating two or more Zoning Districts to opt to extend the requirements of the Zoning District in which the lot has the majority of road frontage to the entirety of the property owner's other contiguous lot(s). (Majority vote required.)

Article #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment amends Article XX entitled, "Water Resource Protection Districts," Section 20.1 entitled "Establishment of District" to bring up-to-date the reference to the U.S. Geological Survey maps used in this section of the zoning ordinance. (Majority vote required.)

Article #6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five million two hundred seventy-nine thousand two hundred thirty-three dollars (\$5,279,233) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Amount recommended by the Selectmen is five million two hundred seventy-four thousand two hundred thirty-three dollars (\$5,274,233.00) by a vote of 3-0) (Majority vote required.)

ACCOUNT NAME	2014 Budget	2015 Selectmen	2015 Budget Comm.
Conservation Agent	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Salary	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 274,185.00	\$ 280,130.00	\$ 280,130.00
Elections	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,105.00	\$ 4,105.00
Voter Registration	\$ 18,137.00	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 4,720.00
Treasurer	\$ 10,580.00	\$ 10,480.00	\$ 10,480.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 501,899.00	\$ 670,801.00	\$ 670,801.00
Economic Development	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	\$ 8,964.00	\$ 8,595.00	\$ 8,595.00
Legal	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 12,009.00	\$ 11,746.00	\$ 11,746.00
ZBA	\$ 4,001.00	\$ 4,001.00	\$ 4,001.00
Government Buildings	\$ 221,263.00	\$ 236,455.00	\$ 236,455.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 5,263.00	\$ 5,289.00	\$ 5,289.00
Cemeteries	\$ 28,454.00	\$ 29,654.00	\$ 29,654.00
Insurance	\$ 150,118.00	\$ 185,655.00	\$ 185,655.00
Police Department	\$ 993,094.00	\$ 1,010,458.00	\$ 1,010,458.00
Police Special Duty	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Dog Officer	\$ 12,553.00	\$ 12,553.00	\$ 12,553.00
Fire Warden	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,400.00
Zoning Officer	\$ 90,386.00	\$ -	\$ -
Highway	\$ 1,226,050.00	\$ 1,279,316.00	\$ 1,279,316.00
Public Works Director	\$ 99,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Station	\$ 462,685.00	\$ 423,552.00	\$ 423,552.00
Outside Agencies		-	
Appalachian Mtn. Teen Project	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
CAP	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Caregivers of S. Carr. Cty	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Carroll County Transit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Freedom Food Pantry	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Kingswood Youth Group	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Life Bridge - Mentoring	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LIFE Ministries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Main Street Gazebo	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
			2015 Budget Comm.
ACCOUNT NAME	2014 Budget	2015 Selectmen	
Medication Bridge	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 913.00	\$ 913.00

Northern Human Services	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00
OCC	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
OCC Day Care	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Ossipee Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
School's Out Program	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Starting Point	\$ 2,466.00	\$ 2,626.00	\$ 2,626.00
White Mountain Comm. Health	\$ 4,033.00	\$ -	\$ -
Wolfeboro VNA	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Emergency Management	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00
General Assistance	\$ 40,434.00	\$ 55,269.00	\$ 55,269.00
Recreation	\$ 156,735.00	\$ 164,909.00	\$ 164,909.00
Library	\$ 209,188.00	\$ 214,103.00	\$ 214,103.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,502.00	\$ 1,502.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 5,290.00	\$ 5,490.00	\$ 5,490.00
Long Term Debt-Principle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long Term Debt-Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Line of Credit	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 4,789,911.00	\$ 4,865,911.00	\$ 4,870,911.00
Water	\$ 237,180.00	\$ 190,486.00	\$ 190,486.00
Sewer	\$ 210,979.00	\$ 217,836.00	\$ 217,836.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,238,070.00	\$ 5,274,233.00	\$ 5,279,233.00

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

James Rines asked not to reconsider, Article #6

Moved and Seconded
Passed

Article #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of repair and improvements of Town roads. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of Town building improvements, including but not limited to electrical upgrades to Town buildings (Town Hall, Highway Garage, Library & Police Station). (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$59,300) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for one (1) year. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

Article #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty-four thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars (\$434,781) for the purpose of contracted ambulance service. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)
Stanley Brothers wanted to thank the 3 Fire Chiefs
Mr. Morgan agreed

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to enter into a multi-year agreement (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A), with one or more ambulance service providers and/or other regional municipalities such as, but not necessarily including or limited to, the Towns of Eaton,

Effingham, Freedom, Madison and Tamworth, to provide emergency medical/ambulance services. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

James Rines asked not to reconsider, Articles #7 through Article #14

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed

Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the One Moultonville Road Property Expendable Trust Fund created in 2010. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of purchasing new Tasers for the Ossipee Police Department. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$67,300) for the purpose of purchasing two new police cruisers and equipment. This amount to come from the Town's unreserved fund balance (surplus) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Passed as Read

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Control Fund previously established for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

Article #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
No Discussion
Passed as Read

Article #20 (Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$_____.00 for the construction, reconstruction, and/or repair of all roads currently owned by the Knox Mountain Landowners' Association, including Knox Mountain Road, Indian Ridge Road and Passaconway Road in connection with the Selectmen maintaining, reconstructing or repairing of said roads as a Class V Town road, contingent upon the homeowners providing all documentation and meeting all conditions deemed necessary by the Selectmen and Town Counsel in connection with that betterment, including the execution and recording of any and all deeds necessary for the ownership of said roads, and further contingent upon the abutters repaying the Town for these constructing, reconstructing and/or repairing costs and all related expenses, such repayment to be secured through the imposition of Betterment Assessments pursuant to RSA 231:29. Further, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$_____.00 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014. No money is to be raised by taxation and no funds to be expended until such time as the Town is deeded an unencumbered 50-foot right of way. (Not recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved and Seconded
Discussed
Moved to pass over
Moved and Seconded
Passed over

Article #21 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers thereof.

Motion to Adjourn
Adjourn at 7:50 pm

At 7:50 PM, Moderator Meserve declared that the meeting was over and thanked everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie J. Skehan
Town of Ossipee
Town Clerk

