TOWN OF PIERMONT
NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
2018

Article 01: To Elect Officers

To choose by non-partisan ballot a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Selectman for a term of one (1) year; a Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years; a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year; a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; a Supervisor of Checklist for a term of six (6) years; and three (3) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years each. Elections were held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 from 10am – 7pm. See attached for results.

Article 02: Operating Budget of the Town

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred dollars ($955,300) to be raised by Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($3,500) Hazard Mitigation Grant and Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Eight Hundred dollars ($951,800) to be raised by general taxation for general municipal operations. This does not include special or individual articles. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0)
Motion: Helga Mueller
Second: Nancy Sandell
Article to be amended to change Hazard Mitigation Grant to read as Emergency Operation Plan Grant
Motion to amend Article 2: Colin Stubbings
Second: Barbara Fowler
Amendment passes by voice vote.
Article 2 as amended passes by voice vote

Article 03: Sewer District Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One dollars ($34,181) for the Sewer District to be funded through sewer user fees with no amount to be raised by taxes. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0)
Motion: John Metcalf
Second: Sam Rounds
Article passed by voice vote

Article 04: To Purchase New Truck

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $133,957 for the purchase of a new plow truck with sander and dump for the use by the Road Agent, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $98,957 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Five Thousand dollars ($35,000) from the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; Further to appropriate Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-Five dollars ($23,255) for the first year’s payment. In each of the following years the appropriation of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Two dollars plus Interest will be contained in the operating budget. This appropriation with the trade in of the old truck and the SB 38 funds received in 2017 in the amount of $61,534 will be used to complete the purchase. 2/3 ballot vote required. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-1) (The Tax Impact of this article is $0.24)
Motion: Frank Rodimon
Second: Barbara Fitzpatrick
Discussion on Article: Tony Smith and Abby Metcalf questioned Article. Colin Stubbings gave Financials on new truck.
Motion to Amend Article 4 to remove the word sander from the article by Tony Smith
Second: Barbara Fowler
Amendment to Article 4 passes by voice vote
Article 4 as amended passed by card count 50 yes – 12 no

Article 05: To Build New Sand Shed

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2500 Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars for the purpose of building a new sand shed. (Majority vote required) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.03)
Motion: Glen Meder
Second: Frank Rodimon
Discussion: Chris Jacobs, Peggy Fullerton, James French, Kevin Fagnant and Monica Adams Foster questioned Article.
John Metcalf called the question.

Article passes by voice vote

Steve Rounds motioned for restricting reconsideration of Articles voted on.

Article 06: Add to New Building CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the New Building Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.10)
Motion: Helga Mueller
Second: Sam Rounds
Colin Stubbings clarified .10 per 1,000
Article passed on voice vote

Article 07: Add to Town RC/TS ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Town Recycling/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.05)
Motion: Abby Metcalf
Second: Glen Meder
Discussion: Helga Mueller questioned article.
Wayne Godfrey clarified money was for compactor, old one rusting out
Article passed on voice vote.

Article 08: Add to Town Revaluation CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars ($6,000) to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.06)
Motion: Suzanne Woodard
Second: Andy Mauchly
Lengthy discussion regarding combining trust funds, and the system of revaluation
Article passes by voice vote
Article 09: To add to existing Town Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars ($5000) to be added to the Town Equipment CRF previously established. (The selectmen recommend this article 3-0) (Majority vote required.) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.05)
Motion: Bruce Henry
Second: Abigail Underhill
Article passes by voice vote

Article 10: To add to existing Town Bridge ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars ($1000) to be added to the Town Bridge ETF previously established. (Selectmen recommend this article 3-0) (Majority vote required.) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.01)
Motion: Nancy Sandell
Second: Sam Rounds
Discussion: James French and Frank Rodimon spoke in favor of article.
Andy Mauchley questioned value
Article passes by majority voice vote

Article 11: To establish a Sewer District ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund to be called the Piermont Sewer District ETF and to appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be placed in the fund, with said funds to come from sewer unassigned fund balance; Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0) (Majority vote required) (This warrant article will have no impact on the tax rate)
Motion: Steve Daley
Second: Heather Subjeck
Colin Stubbings clarified the reasoning for the Article in that the fund would be used for damages.
Article passes by voice vote.

Article 12: To change name of existing Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Friends of the 250th Expendable Trust Fund to the Friends of Piermont Expendable Trust Fund, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend”. (2/3 vote required).
Motion: Abby Metcalf
Second: Heather Subjeck
Article passes by 2/3 vote, counted cards 55- yes, 0-no

Article 13: To allow additional use of Town Building Improvement

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Building Improvement Expendable Trust Fund to the Town Building New and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund, to include new buildings; and furthermore, to name the Selectmen agents. (2/3 vote required).
Motion: Steve Rounds
Second: Helga Mueller
Chairman Stubbings made a motion to amend the article to read “Capital Reserve Fund" not “Expendable Trust Fund"
Seconded by Ken Strickland
Amendment to Article passes by voice vote
Article as amended passes by card count 51- yes, 1-no
Article 14: To allow additional use of Recreational Facilities

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Building Improvement Expendable Trust Fund to the Recreation Facilities and or New Building ETF; and furthermore, to name the Selectmen agents. (2/3 vote required).

Motion: Andy Mauchley
Second: Sam Rounds

Colin Stubbings made a motion to amend Article 14 to read "To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Recreational Facilities Expendable Trust Fund to the Recreation Facilities and or New Building ETF; and furthermore, to name the Selectmen agents"

Andy Mauchley seconded
Amendment passes by voice vote

Article 14 as amended passes by 2/3 majority card vote 54 yes 0 No

Article 15: Non-Profit Donations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen dollars ($12,816) for the following charitable organizations: (The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 3-0) (The tax impact of this warrant article is $0.13)

- Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH $3,250
- Tri-County Community Action $1,200
- Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. $3,000
- Support Center at Burch House $345
- Northern Human Services, White Mountain Health $896
- Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. $335
- Bridge House $2,000
- Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Bank $790
- CASA $500
- North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency $500

Total Charitable Organizations $12,816

Motion: Nancy Sandell
Second: Steve Rounds
Motion to Amend Article: Abby Metcalf to change Bridge House to $400.00 reducing total donations to $11,216.00
Second: Suzanne Woodward
Amendment passes by voice vote.

Article 15 passes as amended by voice vote

Article 16: Petition Warrant Article

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Piermont NH, hereby request a vote on whether or not the Town of Piermont should hire a Building Inspector to enforce the New Hampshire Building Code.

Motion: Helga Mueller
Second: Barbara Fowler
Discussion: Tom Cochrane spoke against article. Peter Labounty spoke on behalf of the Planning Board.
John Metcalf called the question.
Article fails by voice vote.

Article 17: All other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Tony Smith asked for a show of hands for those who would support repealing the Dicky Amendment to the budget which constrains the CDC from researching the health effect of gun violence. Majority favored repeal.
Joyce Tompkins asked for a moment of silence for those we lost this year.
Newly elected officials were sworn in.
Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Bernadette Ratel
Town Clerk