

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN**  
**2015 TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Williamstown, in the County of Orange, in the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at Williamstown Middle High School on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to act upon the following articles, viz:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Winston Chambers, Moderator. Recessed until School District Meeting. State Representative, Rodney Graham, spoke regarding what is happening in the legislator. Winston Chambers, called meeting back to order at 10:30 A.M. Barbara Graham, Town Clerk read the warning.

The Town Moderator, asked if anyone disapproved of Town Manager, Jackie Higgins to speak, since she is not a town resident.. There was no disapproval.

ART 1:

**To elect all necessary Town and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot. For the purpose of Articles 1-2, the polls will open at 10:00 A.M. to act upon the following articles, viz:**

Matthew Powell questioned if the above article was a typo Articles 1-2. Town Manager, Jackie Higgins, said it was.

The total votes cast were 464. The results were as follows:

Moderator, 1 year	
Winston Chambers.....	426
Dan Morrison.....	1
Mike Hunt.....	2
Irwin Linker.....	1
Blank.....	34
Total.....	464

Selectman, 3 years	
Hayden Coon.....	216
Francis Covey.....	234
Blank.....	14
Total.....	464

Selectman, 2 years	
Rossignol Dery.....	116
Scott Vaillancourt.....	308
Write-In: Art Kramer.....	2
Blank.....	38
Total.....	464

Lister, 1 year remaining of a 3 year term	
Stanley H. Peake.....	305
Kirk Strassberger.....	110
Write-In: Scott McCarthy.....	1
Blank.....	48
Total.....	464

Lister, 3 years	
William Peabody.....	405
Write-In: Gordon Murray.....	1
Write-In: Kirk Strassberger.....	2
Write-In: Robert Smith.....	1
Blank.....	55
Total.....	464

Trustee of Public Funds, 3 years	
Rodney Graham.....	373
Write-Ins.....	21
Blank.....	70
Total.....	464

Cemetery Commissioner, 5 years	
Write-In: Matthew Couillard.....	7
Write-In: Conrad Beattie.....	11
Write-In: Miscellaneous.....	43
Blank.....	403
Total.....	464

Library Trustee, 5 years	
Jim Bertolini.....	406
Write In: William Jarvis-Cornl.....	1
Write In: Robert McGlynn Jr.....	1
Blank.....	56
Total.....	464

Town Grand Juror, 1 year	
Richard Powell.....	419
Blank.....	45
Total.....	464

Town Agent, 1 year	
Grace E. Bagallo.....	397
Write-Ins.....	2
Blank.....	65
Total.....	464

Trustee for the Henry S. Baker Fund, 3 years	
Write-Ins.....	41
Spoiled.....	3
Blank.....	420
Total.....	464

ART 2:

**To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.**  
The motion was made by Matthew Powell and seconded by Robert Erickson to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 3: To see if the Town will pay it's Real and Personal Property taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 16, 2015, with delinquent taxes and assessments having charged against them an eight percent (8%) penalty and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month, or fraction thereof, from the due date, as provided for in 32 V.S.A. §4773 and 5136.

The motion was made by Conrad Beattie and seconded by Alvin Avery to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectman to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available.

The motion was made by Larry Hebert and seconded by Alvin Avery to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion was passed by voice vote.

ART 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to pay the current expenses of the Town in anticipation of money to be received from taxes and the State of Vermont.

The motion was made by Richard Powell and seconded by Alvin Avery to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 6: To see what amount the Town will vote to pay its elected Officers, except the Clerk.

The motion was made by Matthew Powell and seconded by Sarah Launderville to pay the Officers \$9.00/hour and the Chair persons at \$10.00/hour and the Select board \$750 for the year and the Chair \$1000. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 7: To see if the Town will vote to have the names of all delinquent taxpayers, including water and sewer users, with total amount of delinquencies printed in the Town Report as of December 31, 2015.

The motion was made by Kim Siner and seconded by Mark LaFleche to approve the article as written. There was some discussion regarding water users verses water owners. The motion passed by voice vote.

ART 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$937,987.95, or some other amount, to support the General Fund of which includes Cemetery, Fire Department, Ambulance and Library Budgets.

The motion was made by Matthew Rouleau and seconded by Matthew Powell to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$791,605.18, or some other amount, to support the Highway Fund.

The motion was made by Rodney Graham and seconded by Matthew Rouleau to approve the article as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 10: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$77,566.73 of the 2014 Highway Fund Surplus to Road Rehab Reserve?

The motion was made by Larry Hebert and seconded by Matthew Powell to approve the article as written. There was some discussion over how Road Rehab Reserve funds are used for. The motion passed by voice vote.

ART 11:                   **Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum \$2500.00, or some other amount, for the support of a Town celebration/parade?**  
The motion was made by Barbara Graham and seconded by Michael Sprano to approve the article as written. Rodney Graham amended the motion to \$3500, seconded by Alvin Avery. The amendment was voted on and passed by voice vote. Then the motion to appropriate the sum of \$3500 was passed by voice vote.

The motion was made by Conrad Beattie seconded by Sarah Launderville to recess at 11:15 for lunch and reconvene at 12:15. The motion passed by voice vote.

Winston Chambers, Moderator asked for a recess extension in order to get additional town reports to the meeting. Meeting reconvened at 12:20.

The Town presented Walter Lacillade with a plaque for Trustee of Public Funds for 57 years of service. Rodney Graham also received a plaque for his service of 6 years to the Select Board.

ART 12:                   **Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$31,147.00 or some other amount to the following organizations: Kids Place \$500, RSVF \$500, Orange Co. Diversion \$225, Washington Co. Youth \$250, CV Home Health & Hospice \$6700, CV Council on Aging \$1000, Peoples Health & Wellness \$1000, CV Adult Basic Education \$1500, CV Econ Development Corp. \$500, GMTA \$2004, Central VT Com. Action \$300, Project Independence \$1000, Prevent Child Abuse \$500, Good Beginnings of CV \$300, Center for Independent Living \$400, Family Center \$500, Safe Line \$1000, Clara Martin Center \$4968, Red Cross \$1,000, Williamstown Food Shelf \$7000.**  
The motion was made by Larry Hebert seconded by Matthew Powell to approve the article as written. Matthew Rouleau amended the motion to \$31,397.00 with Kids Place being \$750. instead of \$500. Seconded by Matthew Powell. The amendment was voted on and passed by voice vote. The motion as amended was voted on and passed by voice vote.

ART 13:                   **Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 or some other amount to the Williamstown Historical Society.**  
The motion was made by Richard Powell and seconded by Alvin Avery to approve the article as written. After much discussion Rodney Graham made the motion to amend the article to \$0 and seconded by Donald Angolano. With more discussion Conrad Beattie amended the amendment to \$5000, seconded by Terry Knight. After more discussion Mary Gilbert requested a paper ballot. The amendment to the amendment failed by 42 No and 27 Yes. The amendment was voted on by paper ballot, the amendment failed by 54 No and 23 Yes. The original motion was voted on by paper ballot and passed by 52 Yes and 21 No.

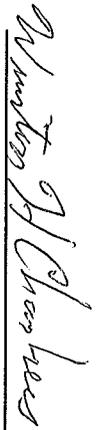
ART 14:                   **Shall the voters of the Town of Williamstown elect not to tax business personal property according to Vermont State Statute, Title 32 section 3849.**  
The motion was made by Barbara Graham and seconded by Rodney Graham to approve the article as written. With some discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 15:                   **Shall the voters of the Town of Williamstown elect not to tax inventory of Manufacturers and Merchants according to Vermont State Statute Title 32, section 3848.**  
The motion was made by Francis Covey and seconded by Rodney Graham to approve the article as written. There was no discussion the motion was passed by voice vote.

ART 16:

**To transact any other business deemed necessary and proper.**  
Senator Mark MacDonald spoke briefly. Milan Miller spoke on school consolidation. Town Clerk, Barbara Graham, announced the rabies clinic which is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to Noon and the Public Safety Building. Larry Ellison and Becky Watson thanked the voters. John Taylor thanked Richard Bottiggi, who recently retired for his many years of serving the town with his local business. Heather Powell would like to see the graduating seniors attend Town Meeting. Arthur Kramer asked if the town received anything from the \$20,000 in fines from the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. Jackie Higgins replied 10% of fines collected is received by the Town.

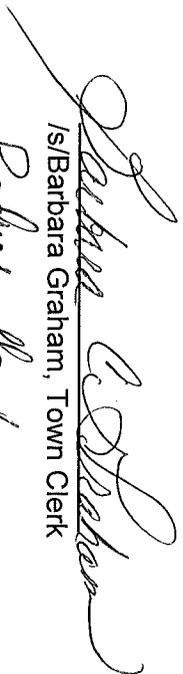
The motion was made by Matthew Powell and seconded by Richard Powell to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed by voice vote and adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

  
/s/Winston Chambers, Moderator

  
/s/Larry Hebert, Chair

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/s/Matthew Rouleau

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/s/Ed McGlynn

  
/s/Barbara Graham, Town Clerk

  
/s/Rodney Graham

  
/s/Scott Vailancourt