

WARREN, NH

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2022

Moderator Robert Giuda called the meeting to order and opened Town Meeting at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short moment of thanks and reflection.

Motion made by Charles Chandler, Seconded by Donald Bagley Sr to recess Warren Town Meeting and open the deliberative session of the Warren School District Meeting at 9:05am. Warren Town Meeting returned from recess and called to order by Moderator Giuda at 9:40am and asked to dispense with reading the warrant in it's entirety before returning to each article

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WARREN in the county of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2022

Time: 9:00am

Location: Warren Town Hall

Article 01 Election of Town Officials

To bring in your votes to elect all town officers which appear on the official ballot for the ensuing year, as follows:

SELECTBOARD	3 YR TERM – Charles Sackett Jr - 125
SELECTBOARD	1 YR TERM – Shirley McCartin - 115
MODERATOR	2 YR TERM – Lesa Romano - 33
TREASURER	1 YR TERM – Shelia Foote – 106 - Susan Spencer - 39
TAX COLLECTOR	3 YR TERM – Charlene Kennedy - 144
TOWN CLERK	3 YR TERM – Suzanne Flagg - 150
CHIEF OF POLICE	1 YR TERM – John Semertgakis - 132
PLANNING BOARD	3 YR TERM – Shirley McCartin - 122
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM – Donald Bagley Sr - 126
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM – Phyllis Rothemich - 129
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	3 YR TERM – Donna Bagley - 136
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	6 YR TERM – Donna Hopkins - 137

Article 02 Hear and Accept Reports

To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers and to vote on any subject relating thereto.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Patricia Wilson

Discussion: An update was made and reflected in a handout to include the Dam Maintenance Fund ETF of \$2000.25 that was omitted in the Trust Fund Balances in the town report

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 03 Reconstruction of Pine Hill

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for reconstruction of Pine Hill Road and to authorize the issuance of not more than one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) 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; This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until Pine Hill has been reconstructed or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. These funds are to be added to funds approved at Town Meeting 2021. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: Voting by paper ballot will remain open for one hour from 9:58am – 10:58am with a 10 minute recess for those present to begin voting on Article 03.

Disposition of Article: Passed by paper ballot YES – 41, NO – 10 (3/5 = 36 votes)

Article 04 General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~three hundred fifty-seven thousand two hundred and one dollars (\$357,201)~~ three hundred fifty-five thousand five hundred one dollars (\$355,501) for the following:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a. Executive	70,302
b. Elections/Registration	23,000 21,300
c. Financial Administration	24,624
d. Tax Collector	20,625
e. Assessing Services	20,000
f. Legal Expenses	20,000
g. Personnel Administration	35,501
h. Planning Board	600

i. Buildings & Grounds	69,450
j. Cemeteries	18,500
k. Insurance	54,348
l. Town Clock	250
m. Contingency Fund	1

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Sheila Foote

Amendment #04-1: Reduce line item (b) Elections/Registrations from \$23,000 to \$21,300, reducing the total of Article 04 from \$357,201 to \$355,501.

Amendment Moved by: Donna Hopkins

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amendedment #04-1: Passed

Amended Article Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Amended Article Second: Arthur Heath

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 05 Advertising and Regional Associations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand seven hundred and two dollars (\$3,702) for the following:

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

a. Advertising	500
b. NHMA	1,104
c. North Country Council	900
d. Pemi-Baker Solid Waste	743
e. Baker River Watershed Association	375
f. NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials	20
g. NH Tax Collectors Assn.	40
h. NH Town Clerks Assn.	20

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 06 Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-one thousand six hundred and forty-six dollars (\$121,646) for the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Police Department	80,103
b. Fire Department	37,691
c. Emergency Management	3,501
d. Animal Control	1
e. E-911	350

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 07 Highways and Streets

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$214,791) for the following:

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

a. Administration	88,985
b. Highways and Streets	55,600
c. Bridges	4,100
d. Vehicles & Equipment	49,405
e. Sub-contracted Work	40,000
f. Street Lights	8,500
g. Equipment Rental	5,000
h. Mileage	200
i. Other	1

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Amendment #07-1: Reduce line item (f) Street Lights from \$8500 to \$1, reducing the total of Article 07 from \$214,791 to \$206,291.

Amendment Moved by: Victoria Saucier

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: To clarify the line item reduction would allow for only \$1 to pay street light bills, but selectmen could take money from other line items/sources at their

discretion. Safety of the current street lights was cited by several residents.

Disposition of Amendment #07-1: Failed

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 08 Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand twenty-nine dollars (\$60,029) for the following:

SANITATION

a. Transfer Station Administration	23,240
b. Recycling	7,720
c. Solid Waste Collection/Compactor	26,468
d. Clean-Up/Monitoring/Tires	2,601

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Jeffrey Tompkins

Discussion: Pros and cons of recycling and costs of recycling.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 09 Non-profits/Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~one hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred and twelve dollars (\$127,512)~~ one hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$127,562) for the following:

NON-PROFITS / HEALTH

a. Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS)	4,500
b. Warren Wentworth Food Pantry	1,000
c. WW Ambulance Services	105,000
d. Visiting Nurse & Hospice (VNH)	2,940
e. Grafton County Senior Citizens	2,000
f. Tri-County CAP	1,850
g. Warren Historical Society	2,840
h. Transport Central	500
i. Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice	4,260
j. Willing Worker's Society	1,500
k. White Mountain Mental Health	1,122
l. Communities for Alcohol/Drug Free Youth (CADY)	0
m. The Bridge House	0
n. Mid-State Health Center	0
o. Good Shepherd Food Pantry	0

p. Court Appointed Advocates
q. Red Cross

0
0 \$50

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Amendment #09-1: Line item (q) Red Cross to be increased from \$0 to \$50, increasing the total of Article 09 from \$127,512 to \$127,562.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Fred Delman

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amendment #09-1: Passed

Discussion: Breakdown of WWAS budget increase, response time if WWAS contract isn't signed, uncompetitive salary currently offered to WWAS members, surrounding ambulance services are understaffed and may not be able to respond in a timely manner or at all to calls from the town of Warren. Amendment made and withdrawn by Sheila Foote to reduce WWAS line item.

Amended Article Moved by: Charles Chandler

Amended Article Second: Donald Bagley Sr.

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

A brief recess was called to count paper ballots from Article 3.

Article 10 Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred and one dollars (\$3,501) for the following:

WELFARE

a. Direct Assistance	1
b. Vendor Payments	3,500

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 11 Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~fifty four thousand and eight dollars (\$54,008)~~ fifty three thousand two hundred sixty eight dollars (\$53,268) for the following.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

a. Parks and Recreation	4,510	
b. Library	39,648	38,908
c. Patriotic Purposes: Old Home Days	9,200	
Flags	650	

Moved by: Charles Chandler to reorder Article 22 to be voted on before Article 11

Second: Arthur Heath

Disposition: All in favor to vote on Article 22 before Article 11

Return to Article 11

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Cynthia Bemis

Amendment #11-1: Line item (b) Library to be reduced by (\$740) from \$39,648 to \$38,908, reducing the total of Article 11 from \$54,008 to \$53,268

Amendment Moved by: Charles Chandler

Amendment Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: The water bill for the library was inadvertently added into their budget total twice

Disposition of Amendment #11-1: Passed

Amended Article Moved by: Charles Chandler

Amended Article Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 12 Conservation/Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred and forty six dollars (\$15,946) for the following:

CONSERVATION

a. Care of Trees 1

DEBT SERVICE

i. Principal - Bonds & Notes 15,200

ii. Interest - Bonds & Notes 743

iii. Interest on TAN 1

iv. Other Debt Service 1

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Cynthia Bemis

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 13 ETF/CRF Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~ninety-three-thousand-nine-hundred-dollars (\$93,900)~~ fifty-seven thousand nine hundred and one dollars (\$57,901) to be placed into the following Funds: The Selectmen recommend this appropriation, 3-0.

a. Fire Truck CRF	45,000	5,000	5,000
b. Highway Building Fund CRF	15,000	45,000	0
c. Highway Equipment CRF	5,000	5,000	5,000
d. Police Cruiser CRF	5,000	5,000	5,000
e. Missile CRF	700	200	200
f. Joseph Patch ETF	500	500	500
g. Community Development ETF	500	1	1
h. Paving Fund ETF	25,000	25,000	25,000
i. Major Road Projects ETF	1,000	1,000	1,000
j. Fire Department/Pub Safety CRF	25,000	5,000	15,000
k. Dam Maintenance Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
L. Veteran's Memorial	200	200	200

Moved by: Charles Chandler to reorder Article 13 to be voted on after Article 19

Second: Sheila Foote

Disposition: All in favor to vote on Article 13 after Article 19

Return to Article 13

Moved by: Sheila Foote

Second: Charles Chandler

Amendment #13-1: Reduce line item (a) Fire Truck CRF from \$15,000 to \$5,000, (e) Missile CRF from \$700 to \$200, (g) Community Development ETF from \$500 to \$1, (j) Fire Department/Public Safety CRF from \$25,000 to \$5,000, reducing the total of Article 13 from \$93,900 to \$62,901.

Amendment Moved by: Sheila Foote

Amendment Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: The reduction of line items is based on current balances in the EFT/CRF

Disposition of Amendment #13-1: Passed

Amendment #13-2: Reduce line item (b) Highway Building Fund CRF from \$15,000 to \$0, reducing the total of Amended Article 13 from \$62,901 to \$47,901.

Amendment #13-2 Moved by: Charles Chandler

Amendment #13-2 Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amendment #13-2: Passed

Amendment #13-3: Increase amended line item (j) Fire Department/Public Safety CRF from \$5,000 to \$15,000, increasing Amended Article 13 from \$47,901 to \$57,901.

Amendment #13-3 Moved by: Arthur Heath

Amendment #13-3 Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amendment #13-3: Passed

Amended Article Moved by: Arthur Heath

Amended Article Second: Charles Chandler

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 14 Repair Town Hall Floor

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,300) for the purpose of refinishing the Town Hall floor. The

Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Cynthia Bemis

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 15 Repairs to Sanford Memorial Field

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of making repairs to the Sanford Memorial Field backstop. The Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 16 Welcome to Glenclyff Signs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing and installing signs to identify the Village of Glenclyff. The Selectmen do not recommend this article, 0-3.

Moved to Table by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Tabled

Article 17 Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand and twenty four dollars (\$1,024) to be added to the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Fire Department 2021 budget.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 18 Upgrades to Town Office

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) for the purpose of installing security features and smoke/heat sensor at the Town Office. The Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 19 Engage Professional Grant Writing Services

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of engaging professionals to assist the Town project development, grant writing, project management, and grant management with said funds to come from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: Any Town of Warren departments or committees would be eligible for the services of the Grant Writer.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 20 Purchase Trailer for Transfer Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of purchasing a trailer to bring recycled goods to market. The Town is applying for a grant to assist with the purchase of trailer. The Selectmen recommend this article, 2-1.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: use of the trailer, description of the size of the trailer, Victoria Saucier and Michael Panus offered the town transfer station free use of trailers they own to transport recyclable material.

Disposition of Article: Failed

Article 21 Establish SCBA CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of raising funds for the future purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund. And furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommends this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Veronica Mueller

Discussion: Grant money is being sought for SCBA, but if grants are unavailable or denied, establishing a CRF will secure money for updating SCBA's.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 22 Maintaining Beech Hill Road Pavement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8500)~~ thirty-four thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$34,875) for the purpose of completing preventative maintenance on Beech Hill Road with ~~\$6,000 dollars~~ with said funds to come from the Paving Expendable Trust Fund. The balance of two thousand dollars (\$2000) is to come from general taxation. This is a non-lapsing article. The Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0. (Majority vote required)

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Charles Chandler

Amendment #22-1: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$34,875) for the purpose of completing preventative maintenance on Beech Hill Road with said funds to come from the Paving Expendable Trust Fund. This is a non-lapsing article

Amendment Moved by: Sheila Foote

Amendment Second by: Charles Chandler

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amendment #22-1: Passed

Amended Article Moved by: Donald Bagley

Amended Article Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: none

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 23 Complete SCBA Replacement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the purpose of complete replacement of 14 SCBA equipment units, with one hundred thirty-three thousand and three hundred dollars (\$133,300) from grants, one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200) to come from the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund and five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) to come from the unassigned fund balance. No funds to be raised by taxation. This article is contingent upon receipt of the above grant. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2024. The Selectmen recommend this article, 3-0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 24 PETITIONED - Breezy Point Road Pavement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 (Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars) to return the section of Breezy Point Road to pavement from just above the white farmhouse (45 Breezy Point Road) to the intersection of Pleasant View Road, approximately 2,000 feet of road, during the 2022 construction season. This is a petitioned warrant article. The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article, 0-3.

Moved to Table by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Tabled

Article 25 PETITIONED - Excessive Noise Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary loud noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace of mind or safety of others within the limits of Warren, NH. This is a petitioned warrant article.

Moved to Table by: Donald Bagley

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: none

Disposition of Article: Tabled

Article 26 Conduct any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: How to get town reports to the residents in a more timely manner and reminder that all information in the town report is reviewed at the budget hearings in February. Janice Sackett thanked the town for dedicating the town report to her late husband Charles Sackett Sr. The question was posed if town meeting could be moved to Saturday.

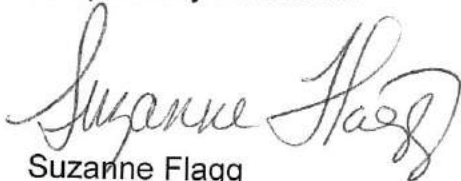
Motion to Adjourn made at 12:30pm

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley

All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted



Suzanne Flagg
Warren Town Clerk