

BAKERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1, 2016

Minutes

The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Town Officers.

Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

It was noted that this will be Bakersfield's 221<sup>st</sup> Town Meeting!

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Penny Goss nominated Dennis DeBevec. So Voted.  
Dennis congratulated Alayna Westcom on her achievement as Miss Vermont 2015 and noted that Bakersfeild was very proud of her.  
Dennis also thanks the town for the support he and Pat have received.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
  - a. Select Board member 3 year term. David Ovitt 210 votes, Marc Robert 114. So Voted
  - d. Lister 3 year term. Select Board will appoint someone.
  - e. Auditor 3 year term. Heather Jewett 109 votes, Brenda Maynard Westcom 265 votes. So Voted.
  - h. Planning Commission 3 year term. William Irwin 297 votes. So Voted
  - i. Planning Commission 2 year term. Patricia Curtis 297 votes. So Voted.
  - j. Planning Commission 2 yr of a 3 year term. Select Board will appoint someone.
  - k. Planning Commission 2 yr of a 3 year term. Select Board will appoint someone.
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement. Motion made by Joy Doane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear.l  
Corrections: Pg. 5, Justice of the Peace should read Patrick Evans and Polly Cosgrove, not Susan Tillotson and Cynthia Newett. Pg. 8 & 9, warning as (2) 15's, call them 15A and 15B. Pg. 71, Births, Should read Aryah not Ayah.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. First Constable. Todd Cosgrove nominated Marc Robert. So Voted
  - b. Animal Control Officer. David Ovitt nominated Eric Jessiman. So Voted
  - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes Vera Lawyer nominated Katherine Westcom. So Voted.
  - d. Grand Juror. Alan Lawyer nominated Larry Krygier. So Voted.
  - e. Town Agent. Brenda Westcom nominated Dillan Westcom. So Voted
  - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5 yr. term. Bill Irwin nominated David Spencer. So Voted
  - g. Library Trustee-3 yr. term. Susan Trzepacz nominated Bill Martin. So Voted.
  - h. Library Trustee- 3 yr. term Bill Irwin nominated Susan Trzepacz. So Voted
  - i. Trustee of Public Funds-3 yr. term. Alan Lawyer nominated Mac Newett  
Kathy Whitney nominated Dillan Westcom. Mac 30 votes, Dillan 35, so voted.
  - j. Hospital Committee- 2 yr. term. Joy Doane nominated Lisa Maynard. So Voted
  - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3 yr. term. Brenda Westcom nominated Nicola Cribb.  
So Voted.
5. To see if the Town will vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 3rd, 2016.  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Doane. So Voted
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted.  
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear. So Voted
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tennyson Doane. So Voted.
8. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 117,000.00 for WINTER WORK?  
Motion made by Alan Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Cosgrove. Budget will get cut if there is money left over.  
So Voted
9. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100,000.00 for DIRT WORK?  
Motion made by Joy Doane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Lawyer. So Voted.

10. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a Paving/Gravel Fund (Matching funds for Grants)? Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear.  
Boston Post Road 1.2 miles. If any money left in account will go for next years paving projects.  
So Voted.
11. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?  
Motion made by Alan Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear. So Voted.
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 153,000.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?  
Motion made by Alan Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Cosgrove. So Voted.
13. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 29472.79 to the New Equipment Fund for the annual payment on the new truck? Motion made by Joy Doane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear. It is an increase from last we are paying on a new truck. So Voted.
14. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$15,000.00 to the New Equipment Fund for future purchases?  
Motion made by Joy Doan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia DeBevec. Town needs a new grader, equipment is getting old. Grader was purchased in 1990. A new grader is estimated to cost around 250 to 300 thousand.  
So Voted.
- 15A. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive and expend for town purposes any additional gifts or other revenue in excess of those calculated in the proposed budget?  
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Lawyer. So Voted
- 15B. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 12,188.84 for DISPATCHING FEE'S?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Willey. So Voted
16. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 37,016.00 for the Enosburg Ambulance Service?  
Motion made by Sarah Willey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Willey. So Voted.
17. Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$ 4,194.00 of surplus funds from 2015 budget year for general expenses in 2017?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. So Voted.
18. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 27,220.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2017?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. So Voted
19. Does the Town of Bakersfield grant authority to the Trustees of the H.F. Brigham Public Free Library to spend monies raised by grants or contributions?  
Motion made by Joy Doane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear, So Voted
20. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000.00 for the purchase of Fireworks for the Independence Day celebration to be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016?  
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Goss.  
Only so many fundraisers can be done in a small town. So they are asking the voters to Approve amount for the firework display. So Voted.
21. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 3,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?  
Motion made by Penny Goss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. Getting away from their mission by spending too Much time competing for fundraisers. So Voted.
22. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,644.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. Makes a difference in the quality of life for people whether it is long term or short term. So Voted.
23. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,344.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. So Voted.

24. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?  
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec. So Voted.
25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,100.00 for the Champlain Valley Agency of Aging?  
Motion made by Sarah Willey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy Doane. So Voted.
26. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,344.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission? Motion made by Joy Doane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Trzepacz. So Voted.
27. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Westcom.  
Helps to make Algae blooms better in the rivers, streams. Bug Works in the schools.  
So Voted.
28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 250.00 for the American Red Cross?  
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Cribb. So Voted.
29. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for Green Up Vermont?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Trzepacz. So Voted.
30. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,500.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?  
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Euan Bear. A thank you to Bakersfield for continued Support. Food Shelf and Tuesday meals. Meeting house on the green for movies, concerts. Community center can be used for other functions. So Voted
31. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?  
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vera Lawyer.  
Helps with dry hydrants. So Voted.
32. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?  
Motion made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy Doane. So Voted.
33. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?  
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat DeBevec.  
Provides support to schools. So Voted.
34. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.  
Reports to Joy by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Planning Commission has a grant to revise bylaws, meet the first Monday every month all are welcome to attend. A Poem read by Beth Jacobs.  
Motion to adjourn made by Euan Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vera Lawyer.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Katherine Westcom