

MINUTES
BAKERSFIELD TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017

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 7th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Town Officers.

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. A moment of silence to remember those who have passed this year.

Order of meeting, i.e. Roberts Rule, State Law, common sense.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Euan Bear nominated by Penny Goss. So Voted
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
 - a. Select Board member 3-year term. Lance Lawyer 147 votes
 - b. Lister 3-year term. Linda Stanley 155 votes
 - c. Lister 2 year of a 3-year term. Sharon Evans 151 votes
 - d. Auditor 3-year term. Patricia DeBevec 153 votes
 - e. Planning Commission 1 year of a 3-year term. Gary Foote 148 votes
 - f. Planning Commission 1 year of a 3-year term. Heather Jewett 138 votes
 - g. Will the voters of the Town of Bakersfield adopt the revised Town of Bakersfield Zoning Bylaws, as prepared by the Planning Commission and approved by the Select Board following the final public hearing held by the Select Board. Yes 118 No 36
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement. Corrections- George Partridge was omitted from the Deaths. Board of Trustees Advocate is Scott Flieger. So Voted
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. First Constable. Marc Robert So voted
 - b. Animal Control Officer. Eric Jessiman So voted
 - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes Katherine Westcom So Voted
 - d. Grand Juror. Larry Krygier So Voted
 - e. Town Agent. Dillan Westcom So Voted
 - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5 yr. term. Willy Maynard So Voted
 - g. Library Trustee-3 yr. term. Anne Blanchard So Voted
 - h. Library Trustee- 3 yr. term Pat DeBevec So Voted
 - i. Trustee of Public Funds-3 yr. term. Pat Evans So Voted
 - j. Hospital Committee- 2 yr. term. Vera Lawyer
 - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3 yr. term. Cheryl DeRue So Voted
5. To see if the Town will vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 2nd, 2017. So Voted
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted. So Voted
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? So Voted
8. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 137,000.00 for WINTER WORK?
Budget was level funded for as long as it could, now need to raise it. So Voted
9. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 120,000.00 for DIRT WORK?
Gravel pit is about to enter 2nd phase. 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)? So Voted
11. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
So Voted
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 170,000.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?
So Voted
13. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 29,472.79 to the New Equipment Fund for the annual payment on the 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?
What are the future purchases? Blue Truck and grader will need to be replaced soon. So Voted.
15. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive and expend for town purposes any additional gifts, grants or other revenue in excess of those calculated in the proposed budget? So Voted
16. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 12,188.84 for DISPATCHING FEE'S? So Voted

17. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 31,067.00 for the Enosburg Ambulance Service?
Article amended to read..... To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 31, 067.00 as first payment of a 5-year contract with Enosburg Ambulance Service with a 2% increase per year. So Voted.
18. Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$ 2,934.96 of surplus funds from 2016 budget year for general expenses in 2017?
Article amended to read..... Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$2,934.96 of surplus funds from 2016 budget for Library Improvement Fund?
Library has some repairs for railing, light post, carpet cleaning. So Voted
19. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 33,861.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2018? So Voted
20. 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? So Voted
21. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery?
Article amended to read..... To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 20,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery? The cleaning of the stones was done poorly, pressure washer was used and now some of the stones are destroyed. Hold the company that cleaned liable? Should get quotes on the different work to be done. So, Voted
22. 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 1st, 2017? So, Voted.
23. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the public announcement system for the Independence Day celebration to be held on July 1st, 2017? The use of PA system, not a purchase.
So Voted
24. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?
So Voted
25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,776.20 for the Franklin County Home Health?
So Voted
26. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,351.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
So Voted
27. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
So Voted
28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,100.00 for the Champlain Valley Agency of Aging?
So Voted
29. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,384.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission? So Voted
30. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?
Volunteers are needed. Bug works program at school. Will continue to work on stream improvements. So Voted
31. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 250.00 for the American Red Cross?
So Voted
32. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for Green Up Vermont?
So Voted
33. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,000.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?
6th year for request, 1st time for an increase. So Voted
34. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
So Voted
35. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
So Voted
36. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?
So Voted
37. Shall the registered voters of Bakersfield elect two additional Select people, for a total of five Selectmen, by ballot starting with the Annual Town Meeting in March of 2018?
Yes 47 No 14 So Voted
38. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.
Town Report is printed in house. The cost per book this year was 1.37.
Disappointment of the diamond rail fence that came down around the cemetery green.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by K Westcom

