

BAKERSFIELD TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2019

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 5th, 2019 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Town Officers. Pledge, moment of silence, Meeting governed by Roberts Rule.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Euan Bear is nominated by Penny Goss. So Voted.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions. 140 Ballots Cast
 - a. Select Board member 3-year term. Gary Denton 69, David Ovitt 66.
 - b. Select Board member 1-year term. David Houston 131
 - c. Lister 3-year term. Sharon Evans 132
 - d. Auditor 3-year term. Courtney Skar 127
 - e. Auditor 2 year of a 3-year term. Jason Bapp 131
 - e. Planning Commission 3-year term. Gary Foote 122
 - f. Planning Commission 2-year term. Heather Jewett 118
 - g. Planning Commission 1 year of a 2-year term. Carrie Nelson 122
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement. Motion by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Pat Evans. Pg. 23; Equip. Repair Disbursements should say 5,838.34. So Voted.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. First Constable. Select Board will Appoint
 - b. Second Constable. Animal Control Officer: Jennifer Hull
 - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes Katherine Westcom
 - d. Grand Juror. Larry Krygier
 - e. Town Agent. Dillan Westcom
 - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5-year term. Stacy Maynard
 - g. Library Trustee-3-year term. Brenda Westcom
 - h. Library Trustee-3-year term. Wendy Cobb
 - i. Library Trustee- 2 year of a 3-year term Mike O'Rourke
 - j. Trustee of Public Funds-3-year term. Tennyson Doane
 - k. Hospital Committee- 2-year term. Vera Lawyer
 - l. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3-year term. Nicky Cribb
5. Shall the Town vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 7th, 2019?
Motion by Vera Lawyer, 2nd by Jim Lintereur. So Voted
6. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted?
Motion by Alan Lawyer, 2nd by Tennyson Doane. So Voted
7. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
Motion by Tennyson Doane, 2nd by Ross Allen. So Voted.
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$150,000.00 for WINTER WORK?
Motion by Alan Lawyer, 2nd by Gary Denton.
Winter work consists of Salting, Plowing, Sanding etc. Increase in price of Salt will affect the budget.
So Voted
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$120,000.00 for DIRT WORK?
Motion by Alan Lawyer, 2nd by Bill Irwin.
Dirt work consists of grading, addition of gravel, ditch work, mowing of roadside, etc.
It was asked if crushed stone could be used for road base instead of gravel from the pit.
It was asked if mowing could be put off for a little longer for the bees. Safety was the concern for Mowing at the times that it is done. Clean water act will probably affect the budget in the future.
So Voted.
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for a Paving/Grant Fund (Matching funds for Grants)?
Motion made by Joy Doane, 2nd by Alan Lawyer. Questions about what it was for...80/20 grant for Asphalt on certain roads.
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
Motion by Tennyson Doane, 2nd by Alan Lawyer. Browns Pond is primary concern. So Voted.

12. Shall the Town appropriate \$225,000.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?
Motion by Bill Irwin, 2nd by Gary Denton. So Voted.
13. Shall the Town appropriate \$29,472.79 for the annual payment for the new truck?
Motion made by Vera Lawyer, 2nd by Gary Denton. So Voted.
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000.00 to the New Equipment Fund for future purchases?
Motion by Alan Lawyer, 2nd Steve Maynard.
Discussion on raising the amount asked, and amendment proposed and failed. A new grader will be needed at some point and a new truck. We are making repairs as needed to both. So Voted.

Corey Parent and James Gregoire were here and talked.

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?
Motion made by Bill Irwin, 2nd Brenda Westcom. So Voted.
16. Shall the Town appropriate \$12,868.15 for DISPATCHING FEE'S?
Motion made by Tennyson Doane, 2nd by Robert Willey. So Voted.
17. Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$1,700.94 of surplus funds from 2018 budget year for the Library Improvement Fund?
Motion made by Nancy Hunt, 2nd Pat DeBevec. So Voted.
18. Shall the Town appropriate \$35,000.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2020?
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Abbey Miller. So Voted.
19. Shall 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?
Motioned made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd made by Nancy Hunt. So Voted.
20. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery?
Motion made by Brenda Westcom, 2nd David Spencer.
More than 40 restorations have been done on stones the last few years, shout out to all the volunteers.
So Voted.
21. Shall the Town appropriate \$3,500.00 for the purchase of Fireworks for the Independence Day celebration, 2019?
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Mary Lumbra. So Voted.
22. Shall the Town appropriate \$500.00 for the public announcement system for the Independence Day celebration and Town Meeting Day?
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Abbey Miller
23. Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?
Motion made by Penny Goss, 2nd by Bill Irwin. So Voted.
24. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,776.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Sue Sonski. So Voted.
25. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,340.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
Motion made by Jim Lintereur, 2nd by Pat DeBevec. Jim has retired from this position. Melissa Dion is recommended for it. When the state starts the storm drain project, the drop off site will be moved to Enosburg and will move back to Bakersfield when completed. Alternate sites will be looked at for when it returns to town. So Voted.
26. Shall the Town appropriate \$200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
Motion made by Mark Doremus, 2nd Deanna Allen. So Voted.
27. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,100.00 for the Age Well?
Motion made by Sharon Evans, 2nd by Pat DeBevec. So Voted.
28. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,464.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission?
- c29. Shall the Town appropriate \$500.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?
Motion made by Paul Stanley, 2nd by Mark Doremus.
Does river clean up, water sampling, 40 sites that are sampled. So Voted.
30. Shall the Town appropriate \$500.00 for the American Red Cross?
Motion made by Pat DeBevec, 2nd by Bill Irwin.
Used for mishaps in towns, on scene to help first responders, help with shelters. So Voted.
31. Shall the Town appropriate \$100.00 for Green Up Vermont?
Motioned made by Deanna Allen, 2nd by Mark Doremus. So Voted.
32. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?
Motion made by Penny Goss, 2nd by Mary Lumbra.
Meals every Tuesday, day care, food shelf. So Voted.

33. Shall the Town appropriate \$100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
Motion made by Paul Stanley, 2nd by Mark Doremus.
Helps with dry hydrants. So Voted.
34. Shall the Town appropriate \$95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
Motioned made by Brenda Churchill, 2nd by Brian Steele. So Voted.
35. Shall the Town appropriate \$600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?
Motion made by Mary Lumbra, 2nd by Mark Doremus. So Voted.
36. Shall the Town vote to exempt Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department from property tax at 181 Main Street North.
Motion made by Robert Willey, 2nd by Mark Doremus.
Renewal of existing exemption. So Voted.
37. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to hire a grant writer?
Motion made by Pat Debevec, 2nd by Mark Doremus.
Regional Planning can be used for multiple towns.
So, Voted.
38. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.
Motion made by Sharon Evans, 2nd by Mark Doremus.
School bus routes are reduced and creating a hardship for some families.
State law changes prevents a bus from turning around in a private driveway.
Contracts are through supervisory union not select board. No one has contacted
Select Board about and changes for roads for a turn around.

BVFD is having a CPR class sometime in May date will be set soon. The fire dept has a new Dispatch system.

Use for Brigham is still in the research process. Fire Warden posts when its ok to burn. Permits Can be obtained by going to town website and following the link.

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Westcom, 2nd by Pat DeBevec. Adjourned by 2:17

Respectively submitted by Kathy Westcom.