

**TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE
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TOWN MEETING – MARCH 1, 2016

Met agreeably to warning dated January 27, 2016

Meeting brought to order by Moderator Jerome Cole at 10:15 AM.

Roger Allen and the local Boy Scout Troop led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annie Rheaume sang the Star Bangled Banner.

Art. 1. Shall the voters of the Cambridge Elementary school district approve a budget of \$5,866,651 which is the amount determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.
756 yes/ 274 no

Art. 2 – To elect a moderator of the Town Meeting and Moderator of the Town School District meeting respectively; Jerry Cole was nominated and seconded – motion made for clerk to cast one ballot for Jerry Cole – so voted.

Moderator Jerry Cole wants motion to suspend the rules to move Art. 3 after Art. 6 -- moved and seconded – so voted.

Art. 4 – To act upon the reports of the Auditors and other Town Officers; Motion to accept article, seconded. Dana Sweet chair spoke concerning delinquent taxes \$48,504.00 collected since January --- going well. Last year we went through process on solar field. Work has started this week on two acres – 30 trackers, want more later.

Went over on paving

We have \$43,000 overage at the end of the year – will help pay off new fire truck.

New equipment –Town truck and ambulance will be paid off from the capital funds – Dana answered questions on where the power is going from the solar field ---150 kW to Smugglers – so voted.

Art. 5 To Act in Town School District meeting on the reports of the School Directors – Motion to accept Article, seconded – so voted.

Art 6 – Will the Town authorize the Auditors to have a printed Town Report; Motion to have a printed town report, seconded – so voted.

Art 7. Will the Town vote to pay its officers for the year ensuing, and if so, how much? Motion to pay the same as in the past, seconded – so voted.

Art 8. Will the Town vote to adopt the provision of Title 32, Vermont Statues Annotated, Chapter 133, providing for the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer? Motion to adopt Article 8, seconded – so voted.

Art. 9. Will the Town School District, in Town School District Meeting, vote to pay its officers for the year ensuing, and if so, how much? Motion to accept Article 9, seconded – so voted.

Art. 3. To elect a Town Clerk/Treasurer for three (3) years;

Candidates: Elisha Hall, Mark Schilling, Judy Walls

Terry McCuin asked the candidates to speak.

Elisha Hall – in town 18 years – customer service – head of Senior Task Force.

Mark Schilling – individual attention; background in finance; loves the town

Judy Walls – 20 years here – chose to live here, well versed in sensitive duty.

Bill Sander asked if they would turn delinquent tax penalties over to the town – Judy – yes; Mark – yes; Elisha – yes. Dana said Jane had gotten compensation for her work on delinquent taxes.

Wayne Masson asked how salary would be – Dana said went to League of Cities and Towns – starting at \$40-45,000/year with benefits. RuthAnn Rust made motion to close nominations. Cary Corse – asked if a background check was done.

Insurance requires we do a background check. Terry Holden asked if they would sell a marriage license to same gender persons – Judy – yes; Elisha – yes; Mark – yes. Rachel Rose asked Elisha to address her financial background. Elisha – billing back accounts and balancing the accounts.

April Edwards – standing ovation for Jane Porter.

Motion seconded

First vote; 322 registered (330 voted) – Mark – 139; Elisha – 124; Judy – 64; Blanks – 2; spoiled – 1.

Judy Walls withdrew after first vote.

2nd Vote – (329 voted) -- Mark – 171; Elisha – 146; 1 – blank; 1 – spoiled. Mark Schilling voted in as Town Clerk.

April Tuck spoke on the Senior Task Force – subsidiary group Cambridge Cares – connect with people who do not have anyone.

April announced that the Senior Task Force is sponsoring a trip to the Flynn to see “Mary Poppins.” A bus sponsored by Smugglers Notch would transport people. The cost is \$15 per person. People could make reservations by calling the Town Clerk’s office.

Asked about the Community Center – Laurie Boyden (head of the Community Center Task Force) the field house will be up and running this spring.

Municipal Task Force Committee – New task force for youth being formed.

Jay Allen, Trustee for the Village of Jeffersonville, asked people to complete the sidewalk survey and put them in the box on the table.

Art. 10 *To elect all Town Officers required by law for the year ensuing –*

Select Board Member for three (3) years (by ballot) – David Vaughan nominated Dana Sweet – motion made nomination cease and clerk cast one ballot for Dana Sweet – so voted.

Lister for three (3) years; (by ballot) ; Cora Conly nominated – Jan Sander made motion nominations cease and clerk cast one ballot for Cora Conly – so voted.

Auditor for three (3) years – (by ballot); Darlene Chamberlin nominated; motion made nominations cease and clerk cast one ballot for Darlene – so voted.

First Constable – David Jones nominated by Dana Sweet – seconded – so voted.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – Dana Sweet nominated Mark Schilling; Bill Putnam nominated Rick Fletcher – question – Would Rick do it for free? not sure of pay. Voice vote – Mark Schilling was elected.

Grand Juror – Mike Spaulding nominated – so voted.

Library Trustee for 5 years – April Tuck nominated – so voted.

Trustee for Public Money – Elisa Raymond nominated – so voted.

Agent to Convey Real Estate – Terry McCuin nominated – so voted.

Agent to Prosecute and Defend suits – Alan Sheredy nominated – so voted.

Cemetery Commissioner – Kevin Whitcavitch nominated – so voted.

Art. 11. In Town School District Meeting to elect by ballot for the following Director's terms:

1. Cambridge School District School Director for two (2) years; Heather Hobart nominated; clerk cast one ballot – seconded; so voted.

2. Cambridge School District for three (3); Mark Stebbins nominated, clerk instructed to cast one ballot for Mark Stebbins , seconded – so voted.

3. Lamoille Union High School District School Director for three (3) years. Adam Howard nominated; clerk instructed to cast one ballot for Adam Howard.

Dennis Shanley wants information on Act 46 – moderator said later in the Articles –

Martha Coslett would like the three directors to stand and give names.

Art. 12. Shall the voters of the Cambridge Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said district in anticipation of the collection of taxes?

Article moved and seconded.

Jan Sander spoke said they borrow because school year starts in July – called tax anticipated note – Article passed.

Recess – 11:55 a. m to return at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Art. 13. To hear and discuss the report of the Lamoille North Supervisory Union Act 46 Committee. No action to be taken.

Peter Ingvaldstad spoke.

Peter looked into Act 46 with Laura Miller and Bill Sander. Act 46 passed and was signed by Gov.

Shumlin – This is a unification of small boards into one board. Two options:

1 – if all six towns vote to unify – tax incentive of 10¢ -- 4¢

If only 4 of the 5 join vote yes – modified union – 8, 6, 4, and 2. The Town that doesn't vote but will still be part of the Supervisory Union – Peter said wouldn't vote today too confusing with all of the elections. April 6 – go through the details at that meeting.

2 elected for one year

1 elected for two years

3 elected for two years

Use of gym – still -- yes
Assets and Liabilities – under one board
An advantage is balance and not have to build new schools
May lose gifted and talented program

Bill Sander -- concern eliminate small districts but not an issue with us
Town meeting has to get permission from new board
No new money coming in to help. Cambridge would get 2¢
Five members on an 18-member board.
Bill advised voting against – thinks we should try to make it work as well as possible
Laura Miller -- \$100,000 home would save \$22.00 per year. It is not all about the money. Welcome to go to any of the meetings.

Act 14. Will the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, for conservation education and other purposes? Moved and seconded

Larry Wyckoff amended the motion. To allow Select Board to enter into lease agreements on town property – amendment seconded.

Larry Wyckoff spoke – only want to lease town property. Act 248 is when adjacent land owners have problems. Input from adjacent landowners on solar fields.

Moved the question and seconded. Voted no on amendment to the amendment – so voted.

Art. 15. Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to authorize the Select Board to spend not more than \$25,000 to do a feasibility study for an addition to the Rescue Building?

Dana wanted 24/7 coverage. Rescue Squad – when you get to 50 members come about an addition – they have 48.

Fire Marshall 45-50 people

The Select Board wants them to have an architect look at the property. Plan for the future, drainage, parking and addition. We want you to approve this Article. Dennis Shanley does want a feasibility study – Dennis did not want duplication.

Terry Holden asked about a grant for this study – Larry Wyckoff said it could delay the project. Larry would ask LCPC. The article passed.

Art. 16. Will the Town of Cambridge in Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting vote to exempt the Green Mountain Aerie 3210 F.O.E. property for a period of five years? Mike Montague, Secretary of Green Mountain Aerie, spoke on behalf of the Eagles Club. He said the Eagles are “People Helping People.” Ruth Ann Rust spoke about the support the Eagles Club provides for the Food Shelf. Mike said Betty Pollander owner of Robbie’s gives proceeds of ticket sales to the Club. They have to give away a certain amount every year – people who have needs (cancer problems) and others. Move for the question – Article passed.

Art. 17 Will the town vote to expend from its funds a sum in addition to the amount required by law, to take advantage of benefits of the State Aid laws and Regulations of the Department of Highways relating to the maintenance fund and any and all other similar acts which may become available during year by the State? Moved the Article and seconded – so voted.

Art. 18. Will the Town vote to raise money on its Grand List for the year 2015 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town, and if so, determine the amount thereof in dollars, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable.

Dana Sweet made the motion to adopt a budget of \$2,396,104.04 to pay current expenses, seconded. Adam Howard made an amendment – Community Visit – taken look at further economic development – wants to market the trailhead and promote the rail trail – going to have two trail heads. Wants a marketing budget and have CEDAC administer it. Amend budget to \$2,401,104.04.

Bernie Juskewicz seconded the amendment. Zeke Zucker supports this amount. Amendment passed. Bernie asked for an increase of \$900.00 for salaries for the Select Board. This would mean a \$300 raise for each Select Board member. This did not pass because it had to be voted on under Article 10. Article 18 passed with a budget of \$2,401.104.04.

Art. 19. To do any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting and said Town School District meeting. Want more of a break down on State Police report.

Recess until polls close at 7:00 pm.