

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES - RESULTS
MARCH 10, 2009**

Moderator, James F. Snyder, declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon at 7:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:

Selectman, Three Year Term:	Richard Bielefield	123
	Nicholas L. DeMayo	20
Town Clerk, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault	140
Tax Collector, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault	137
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia	140
Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Rosemary Ellms	137
Trustee of Trust Funds, One Year Term	Bruce Perlo	129
Two Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term:		
	Janet Anderson	118
	John Colony	109
Two Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term:		
	Nancy D. Aldrich	127
	Meri Hern	115

Moderator, James F. Snyder, opened the meeting. He read a list of his rules on the running of the meeting and the conduct of those participating.

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive.....		\$38,700.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....		16,955.00
Payroll Taxes...		28,000.00
Financial Administation.....		24,300.00
Property Revaluation.		24,000.00
Legal Expenses		6,000.00
Planning Board		2,080.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....		5,800.00
Insurance.		146,852.00
General Government Buildings		73,257.00
Rent	35,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds.		36,529.00
Cemetery.		7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....		7,437.00
North Country Council	937.00	
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	6,500.00	
Police Department		158,777.00
Fire Department		65,600.00
Ambulance.....		3,785.00
Emergency Management		500.00
Town Maintenance		149,761.00
General Highway Department Expense		129,991.00
Highway Block Grant		46,731.00
Street Lighting		7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal		40,167.00
Health, Hospitals.....		3,866.00
North Country Home Health	\$1613.00	
Grafton County Senior	\$ 300.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	
WM Mental Health	\$ 678.00	
Littleton Hospital	\$ 525.00	
Ammonoosuc Comm Health	\$ 500.00	
Welfare		6,000.00
Tri County Cap	\$820.00	
Unemployment.....		100.00
Library		15,000.00
Parks and Recreation		26,304.00

North Country YMCA	150.00	
Patriotic Purposes		750.00
Conservation Commission		750.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes		2,500.00
Long Term Notes...		30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes.....		44,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$1,149,492.00

Moved by Bruce Perlo
 Seconded by Kathleen Jablonski
All in Favor "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

Moved by Beth Perlo
 Seconded by Mary Sturtevant
All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James McCusker
 Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich
All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney
 Seconded by James McCusker
 Discussion followed
All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James Cyrs
Seconded by William Pinney
Explanation of article by Selectman Strasser
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski
Seconded by Sidney Regen
Explanation of article by Chief Allan Clark
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathy Cote'
Seconded by Mary Sturtevant
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo
Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

Moved by William Pinney
Seconded by Gordon Johnk
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney
Seconded by Mary Sturtevant
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of the Highway Department's buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in said fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney
Seconded by Sidney Regen
Explanation of Article by Selectman Reid
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$46,025) to purchase new bunker gear, with Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$43,922) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Two Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$2,103) to come from taxation.

Moved by Gordon Johnk
Seconded by Don Boissonneault
Explanation of Article by Chief Allan Clark

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500) to purchase 2.0 acres of land located on Map 218, Lots 6,7 & 8 for the highway department use and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire the land.

Moved by James Cyrs

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Explanation of Article by Selectman Reid

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for roof repair to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum as determined by the Museum's Board of Directors. (This article by petition)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sidney Regen

Seconded by Judy Weisenberger

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the Sugar Hill share of the cost of the addition to the Tri Town Transfer Station Building.

Moved by Gregory Connors

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Explanation of Article by Selectman Bielefield

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 17: Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate burglar/panic/fire alarms. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Moved by Sidney Regen

Seconded by Douglas Glover

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 18: "Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend

funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualifying organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

Moved by Mary Sturtevant
Seconded by Gregory Connors
Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

James McCusker asked for an explanation of wording in town report as to what it meant for the town to "purchase taxes". Selectman Bielefield answered this question.

Judy Weisenberger gave a report of upcoming fundraising activities that the Sugar Hill Historical Museum will be undertaking. She encouraged townspeople to take advantage of the many displays and programs that the museum sponsors.

Selectman Richard Bielefield thanked Meri and Mike Hern for providing the delicious meal for the election workers. He also thanked Dennis Cote for providing and setting up the sound system for the meeting and to Jason Kern and Jamie Cunningham for the Town Report photos. Selectman Bielefield also recognized William Pinney for his excellent and dedicated service as our Town Auditor. He also gave thanks to all Sugar Hill residents who volunteer their time on Boards and organizations to make our Town a special place in which to reside.

Roger Aldrich wanted to remember all past participants to our Town Meetings who gave a special "color" to the proceedings.

Lissa Boissonneault thanked all the election workers and the Supervisors of the Check List for their hard work on the four 2008 elections. Much time was spent to make the elections run smoothly and efficiently. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Motion was made to adjourn
Moved by William Pinney
Seconded by Don Boissonneault

All in Favor "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Lissa M. Boissonneault,
Town Clerk

