

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS  
MARCH 10, 2015**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 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 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Article 1 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results.

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

- One Select Board Member 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
- One 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 member 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	99
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	106
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	106
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	106
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Jason Tors	100
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year Term	Raymond Dionne	98
Two Board of Adjustment, 3Year Terms	John Colony	51
	James Keefe	62
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term	Meri Hern	99
	Susan Stith	89

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Light Commercial Use.

Yes – 89                      No- 19

**PASSED**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Signs, Fences, Mailboxes.

Yes- 99                      No- 9

**PASSED**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Multifamily Dwellings.

Yes- 84                      No- 23

**PASSED**

ARTICLE 5: 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	49,200
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,975
Payroll Taxes	29,594
Financial Administration	29,640
Property Revaluation	15,828
Legal Expenses	12,000
Planning Board	2,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
Insurance	164,187
General Government Buildings	40,900
Buildings & Grounds	29,650
Cemetery	8,500
Advertising & Regional Associations North Country Council 1,085.00	1,085
Police Department	167,153
Fire Department	75,950
Ambulance	11,270
Building Inspections	1,000
Emergency Management	500
Airport	700
Town Maintenance	179,620
General Highway Department Expense	184,083
Highway Block Grant	35,000
Street Lighting	6,500
Solid Waste Disposal	47,675
Health, Hospitals	5,417
NC Home Health                      1,775.00	
Grafton County Senior              300.00	
American Red Cross                292.00	
Ammonoosuc Com Health          1,250.00	
Burch House                         300.00	
Above the Notch                    500.00	
Boys & Girls Club                  500.00	
Center for New Beginnings        500.00	
Welfare              Tri County Cap                      950.00	6,000
Unemployment	100
Library	29,975
Parks & Recreation	31,806

Patriotic Purposes	2,000
Conservation Commission	750
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation	1,000
Long Term Notes	37,500
Interest Long Term Notes	30,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>1,257,068</b>

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Rebecca Brown

Seconded by Brenda Aldrich

Discussion

**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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Greg Connors

Seconded by Meri Hern

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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Rebecca Brown

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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Rebecca Brown

Seconded by Greg Connors

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Starcy Branch

Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

*Moderator Snyder closed the polls at 7:30 PM*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Kathy Strasser

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Greg Connors

Seconded by Kathy Strasser

Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Rebecca Brown

Seconded by Nick De Mayo

**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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Rose Ellms

Seconded by Frederick Von Karls

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by Rose Ellms

Seconded by Frederick Von Karls

Discussion

**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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for support of the Franconia Children's Center. The non-profit center provides all day care and after school care for North Country families.

Moved by Haley Ireland

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

**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 Sixty Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for the support of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to promote member business and the area as well.

Moved by Gordon Francis

Seconded by Frederick Von Karls

Discussion

An amendment to article 16 was made by Maxine Aldrich to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,250) for the support of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Carl Martland

**Showing of hands in favor to amend Article 16 as noted Yes- 38 No – 13**

Discussion

**All in Favor, "Aye" 38, opposed "No" 22, the "Ayes" have it.**

Article 17: Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$100 per year to \$500 per year? (Majority vote required)

Moved by Meri Hern

Seconded by Cathy Strasser

Discussion

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

Article 18: Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69-72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption for the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with wood heating systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying wood-heating energy system requirement under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Greg Connors

Seconded by Rebecca Brown

Discussion

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

Article 19: Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption for the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Meri Hern  
Seconded by Brenda Aldrich  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

Article 20: “Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and or state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote”

Moved by Gail Clark  
Seconded by Gail Clark

Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Selectman, Richard Bielefield, gave thanks to Lissa Boissonneault for the photo and design of this year’s Town Report. He thanked Meri and Mike Hern for once again providing a delicious meal for all the election workers, Dennis Cote for the sound system and set up, the Employees of Sugar Hill, and lastly to all the residents of Sugar Hill who serve on various boards and Committees which help to make our town the exceptional one that it is. Nick DeMayo recognized the absence of Town Clerk, Lissa Boissonneault and wished her a speedy recovery. Brenda Aldrich noted the many lives that were lost this year in the town and the 1 birth. Margo Connors noted that the Conservation Commission is working with the forester on the appearance of Coffin Pond. She asked for members of the town to be part of the committee.

Results of the Town Ballot were read by the Moderator.

Town Officials sworn in at 9:15 PM.

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the 2014 Sugar Hill Town Meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Venezia