

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS**  
**MARCH 12, 2019**

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 Moderator asked that all newly elected officers stay after the meeting to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. 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.

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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

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

One 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:**

<b>Selectman, Three Year Term:</b>	<b>Margaret Connors</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Treasurer, One Year Term:</b>	<b>Amy Venezia</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Town Clerk, One Year Term:</b>	<b>Lissa Boissonneault</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Tax Collector, One Year Term:</b>	<b>Lissa Boissonneault</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Library Trustee, Three Year Term:</b>	<b>Teresa Schofield</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Year Term:</b>	<b>Gregory Connors</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term:</b>	<b>Mike Hern</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term:</b>	<b>Holly Hayward</b>	<b>82</b>
	<b>Beth Perlo</b>	<b>72</b>

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars

(\$1,489,732.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive.....	\$60,910.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	23,865.00
Financial Administration .....	26,080.00
Property Revaluation.....	30,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	25,000.00
Payroll Taxes.....	30,000.00
Planning Board.....	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	550.00
General Government Buildings .....	41,220.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	34,025.00
Cemetery .....	5,000.00
Insurance .....	179,079.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,257.00
North Country Council .....	1,257.00
Franconia Notch Chamber.....	6,000.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	240,961.00
Ambulance .....	25,256.00
Fire Department .....	82,625.00
Building Inspections .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management.....	2,500.00
Airport .....	808.00
Town Maintenance.....	213,881.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	188,075.00
Street Lighting.....	16,292.00
Highway Block Grant .....	40,000.00

Solid Waste Disposal .....	57,610.00
Health, Hospitals .....	6,917.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior .....	300.00
American Red Cross .....	292.00
White Mt. Mental Health .....	0.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00
Burch House.....	300.00
Above the Notch .....	500.00
Center for New Beginnings.....	500.00
Franconia Children's Center .....	500.00
Boys & Girls Club.....	1,500.00
Welfare.....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap	1,750.00
Parks and Recreation.....	31,851.00
Library.....	39,170.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,489,732.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 3: 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: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

Discussion

**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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) 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: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Rebecca Brown

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Margaret Connors

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

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 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: John Strasser

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Nick De Mayo

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Richard Bielefield

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

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 Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Doug Glover

Explanation of Article by Richard Bielefield

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 Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Doug Glover

Explanation of Article by Richard Bielefield

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Tim Egan

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will to establish the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds to make the municipal buildings energy efficient 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Howard Mitz

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$17,795) to be placed in said fund; and name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This represents the funds from the Town of Franconia from the discontinuation of the Transfer Station Recycling Special Revenue Fund. This appropriation is contingent upon the passage of the discontinuation of the SRF article on the Franconia warrant. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by: John Strasser

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

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 Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the purpose of building roads in the Sunnyside Cemetery with Fifteen Thousand Dollars \$15,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Funds and the remaining Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to come from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by: Doug Glover

Seconded by: Nick De Mayo

Explanation of Article by Kathy Jablonski

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Robert Hayward

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Carolina Crapo Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town express its support for the State of New Hampshire to commit to generating 100% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050 and inform Governor Sununu and the State legislature of this intention. The current Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) goals are insufficient for lowering energy costs and preventing economic and environmental damages to the State, as a result of the extreme temperatures and storms associated with climate change. Furthermore, the transition to 100% renewables will improve New Hampshire's economy through the addition of significant jobs and revenue. Previous renewable energy bills have seen bipartisan support.

Moved by: Rusty Talbot

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion



**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Brenda Aldrich thanked the Sugar Hill Improvement Association (SHIA) for their continued work.

Sidney Regen stated that SHIA is always open to anyone with ideas or suggestions on improvements.

Starcy Branch asked everyone to admire the new walls in the room. She stated that the project of removing the acoustic tiles and replacing the sheetrock and adding insulation was the most recent project of SHIA. She notes that Barbara Serafini had made it a mission of hers to improve this building and would be very proud to see those efforts come to fruition.

Gregory Connors commented on the cover of the town report this year and recognized Lissa Boissonneault for her 45 years of service to the town wishing her good health.

Richard Bielefield thanked everyone for voting to approve articles 16,17, and 18 and for participating in the annual town meeting. He thanked Kitty Bigelow for the cover of this year's town report and Lissa for her 45 years of service to the town. He thanked Doug Glover and the road crew for the great amount of time and work it took to clean up after the storm last year that took down many trees in the cemetery. Thank you to Chief Clark for continuing to fight with FEMA to get the money that is owed to the town. He thanked SHIA for the meeting house project and playground at the Crapo building along with many other projects that they have completed. He thanked the volunteers of the town, Dennis Cote for the sound system and everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Fire Chief Allan Clark stated that an understanding of what he is working on with FEMA is discussed on page 41 of the town report. He encouraged anyone in town to reach out to Senator Hassen or Senator Shaheen about this issue. He explained the recent details about the home that was built for former Police Chief Jose Pequeno. He noted that the foundation took steps to protect their investment in the property and that any money from the sale of the house will go back to the foundation to be able to help Jose and his family or other families.

Rob Hayward thanked the town for the memorial to his late mother on page 73.

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Venezia, Deputy Town Clerk

