

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES-RESULTS
MARCH 8, 2022**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers), Article 2 amending Article 16 and Article 3 Sections 304.1 and 304.2 relating to Event Venue to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance. Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All 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 and 2 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 Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Selectman to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) 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
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) 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:

Selectman, Three Year Term	Margaret J. Connors	77
Selectman, One Year Term	Christopher J. Ellms	81
Moderator, Two Year Term	James F. Snyder	81
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	83
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	83
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	82
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Teresa Fowler	77
Library Trustee, One Year Term	Joanna Santilli	79
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year Term	Gregory Connors	79
Supervisor of the Check List, 6 Year Term	Starcy Branch	81
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 Year Term	Mike Hern	73
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Year Term	Lynn Warren	78
Cemetery Trustee, 3 year Term	Larry Sawyer	72

ARTICLE 2: (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16 and Article 3 Sections 304.1 and 304.2 relating to Event Venue. The official copy of the Zoning Ordinance is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display the day of the meeting. The following question is on the ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 16 (Definitions) by adding a definition of “Event Venue;” amending Article 3, Sections 304.1 and 304.2 to permit Event Venues in GR and RR1 by special exception and with required site plan review; and to require ZBA approval of any amendment to an Event Venue site plan?”

YES 67 NO 17 ARTICLE 2 PASSES

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,627,037.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$65,688.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	27,050.00
Financial Administration	25,000.00
Property Revaluation	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00
Payroll Taxes	34,000.00
Planning Board	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,000.00
General Government Buildings	40,250.00
Buildings & Grounds	47,036.00
Cemetery	15,000.00
Insurance	146,309.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,100.00
North Country Council	1,100.00
Franconia Notch Chamber	6,000.00
Unemployment	100.00
Police Department	282,065.00
Ambulance	26,420.00
Fire Department	102,075.00
Building Inspections	3,500.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00
Airport	687.00
Town Maintenance	237,865.00
General Highway Department Expense	206,475.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00
Highway Block Grant	39,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	56,047.00
Health, Hospitals	8,759.00
North Country Home Health	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior	750.00
White Mountain Mental Health	692.00
American Red Cross	292.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health	1,250.00
Above the Notch	500.00
Center for New Beginnings	500.00
Franconia Children's Center	500.00
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country	2,500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap	1,150.00
Parks and Recreation	29,274.00
Library	39,141.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation	1,000.00
Long Term Notes	59,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes	8,000.00
Capital Expense	72,496.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,627,037.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

Motion made by Ed Hansalik to amend Article 3 by \$2,000 less with the recommendation to the Select Board that it come off the appropriation to the Boys and Girls Club

Seconded by Ken Leavitt

It was explained by Moderator Snyder that the amended amount could not come off a specific line item but off the total appropriation.

Discussion

All in favor of the amendment "Aye", Opposed, "No" the No's have it.

Back to original article moved and seconded

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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Paul Reid

Article addressed by Road Agent Doug Glover

Discussion

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 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 Tim Egan

Seconded by Carl Martland

Road Agent Doug Glover addressed the article

Motion to amend an increase of \$25,000 to Article 5 by Ed Hansalik

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

All in favor of amendment “Aye”, Opposed, “No” the Ayes have it

All in favor of amended Article Five now raised to \$75,000:

“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 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Nancy Martland

Fire Chief Allan Clark addressed the article

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Fire Chief Allan Clark addressed the article

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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 Nancy Martland

Selectperson Margo Connors addressed the article

Discussion

Nick De Mayo made a motion to Zero fund this article

Seconded by Ken Leavitt

Discussion

All in favor of Amendment to Zero fund the article:

“Aye”, Opposed, “No” the No’s have it, amendment failed

Back to original article as written, moved and seconded
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 Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Road Agent Doug Glover addressed the article

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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Richard Bielefield

Seconded by Tim Egan

Selectperson Richard Bielefield addressed article

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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Selectperson Chris Ellms addressed the article

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 Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Selectperson Margo Connors addressed the article

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 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Greg Connors

Selectperson Richard Bielefield addressed the article

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

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Tim Egan spoke as a member from Sugar Hill on the Broadband Committee. There is a meeting on April 25th to report on the progress of the committee which comprises ten towns, vendors and NH Coop. \$180 million in federal funds will be coming to NH sometime in the future. He urged all interested to please attend.

Carl Martland spoke on the new solar array installation at and for the town garage. He brought an electric bill that showed a zero due balance at the town garage facility. We will be earning a check for credit from unused monies earned from the array and that can be used for town expenses determined by the Selectboard. Richard Bielefield thanked Kitty Bigelow for her, once again, wonderful cover for the Town Report. He Also thanked all the election workers that make our election process and Town Meeting go smoothly. Thanks go to Dennis Cote for the sound system setup. He recognized three of our residents and have served the Town of Sugar Hill faithfully for many years: Judy Weisenberger, our Librarian for 11 years, Mike Hern on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for over 30 years, and

Irene Amsbary as Library Trustee for 28 years. It was also noted that Sugar Hill has the unique distinction of having police coverage 24/7, on duty and on call.
Allan Clark spoke on the Fema monies and the great deal of time and effort that has ensued to try to get this “hard to get” money from the federal government.
Doug Evelyn thanked all the town employees who work hard to make Sugar Hill the wonderful place it is to be a resident of.

There being no further business to transact Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lissa M. Boissonneault, Town Clerk