

School meeting  
minutes followed  
by Town meeting  
minutes. 3/6/2018

**ANNUAL WESTFIELD SCHOOL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Westfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Selectman Jacques Couture who began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one year:**

Selectman Couture asked if there was any objection from the body to elect a moderator who would serve as both the School and Town Moderator. No one objected.

**Mike Piper nominated Pat Sagui. Hearing no other nominations, Pat was re-elected by voice vote as the School and Town Moderator for a term of one year (2019).**

Moderator Sagui made some housekeeping announcements. She announced after many years of wanting to do this, the Town Meeting Procedures are printed on the inside back cover of the Town Report. She reminded people to turn off any electronic devices. New Assistant Town Clerk, Heather Johnson, was introduced. Pat said Heather would be taking the minutes this year. She asked everyone who is recognized by the Moderator to speak to stand and state their name for the record. A microphone is available, if needed. Moderator Sagui explained paper ballot voting is done at the table with the Selectboard members and Australian ballot voting is done at the table near the voting booths. Australian ballot voting takes place throughout the day until 7 p.m.

**Article 2. To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three-years:**

**Jacques Couture nominated Nicole Dunn. Hearing no other nominations, Nicole was re-elected by voice vote for a term of three-years (2021).**

**Article 3. To elect one North Country Union High School Board Member for a term of three-years:**

**Mike Piper nominated Shawn Baraw. Hearing no other nominations, Shawn was re-elected by voice vote for a term of three-years (2021).**

**Article 4. Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,129,441 dollars to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$381,412.23? (Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**

Motion by Mike Piper and second by Will Young to bring the article to the floor.  
Discussion: None

**Paper ballot vote results: WESTFIELD: YES – 41 NO – 5  
JAY: YES – 24 NO – 1**

(Jay results: reported by Lynnette Deaette, Jay Town Clerk)

**Article 4 passed in Westfield and Jay.**

While the votes for Article 4 were being counted, Moderator Sagui said if there was no objection Representative Mark Higley wanted to briefly address the body. Hearing no objection, Representative Higley gave a brief report about what was happening in the legislature. He said the only bill that has passed is the marijuana bill. The Governor wants no new taxes from fees. Other major issues being looked at by the legislature include: phasing out tax on social security; eliminating tax on military pensions; education funding reform; paid family leave; \$15 minimum wage; carbon tax; and gun control bills. Margaret Rowley, Sandy Snyder, Dianne Laplante and Linda Preston asked questions relating to the pros and cons of the \$15 minimum wage, the property tax reform timeframe, and elderly people leaving Vermont due to taxation of social security. Representative Higley encouraged people to contact him or other legislators with questions and to fill out the Doyle survey.

The meeting resumed with Moderator Sagui reporting the voting results for Article 4 (see Article 4 above).

**Article 5. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$587,896.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,920.94 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.43% lower than spending for the current year.**

Motion by Mike Piper and second by Dianne Laplante to bring the article to the floor. Discussion: Yves Daigle asked how the 5.43% lower was arrived at. School Board Chair Kevin Amyot said there was some savings on salary and healthcare costs.

**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 6. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$36,741.15 from the tuition reserve fund to eliminate the fiscal year 2017 deficit?**

Motion by Dianne Laplante and second by Mike Piper to bring the article to the floor. Discussion: None

**Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

Moderator Sagui explained that Articles 7-11 were Australian ballot items voted on throughout the day until 7 p.m. at the Westfield Community Center. She explained she would read each article and then there would be an opportunity to ask questions (except for candidates). At the 7 p.m. closing of the polls, on March 6, 2018, the Australian ballots were counted. Following each article (7-11) are the official election results as reported at the close of the polls.

**Articles 7 through 11 were voted on by Australian ballot:**

**Article 7. To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2018-2019. (Australian Ballot to be commingled with Jay):**

Westfield:	Tara Morse – 62	Spoiled – 0	Blank – 6	Write-in – 0
Jay:	Tara Morse – 68	Spoiled – 0	Blank – 1	Write-in – 0

**Tara Morse was re-elected to a one-year term (2019) in Westfield and Jay.**

**Article 8.** To elect a Westfield School District Treasurer for the school year 2018-2019. (Australian Ballot)

Rita Petzoldt – 65 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 3 Write-in – 0

Rita Petzoldt was re-elected to a one-year term (2019).

**Article 9.** Subject to approval by the North Country Union Junior High School District and certification by the Secretary of the Agency of Education, shall the Westfield Town School District apply for admission as a member of the North Country Union Junior High School District effective the 2019-2020 school year? (Australian Ballot)

Discussion: Margaret Rowley asked if this could be discussed in general. School Board Chair Kevin Amyot said we voted and passed this article last year but we did not go through the process correctly so we are re-voting on joining the Junior High School District again. At the same time as we are voting on this, the other towns in the district are voting on whether or not to accept Westfield into the district.

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes – 53 No – 9 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 6  
Article 9 passed.

**Article 10.** North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$15,848,200, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,286 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.02% lower than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

Discussion: None

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes – 52 No – 13 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 3  
Article 10 passed.

**Article 11.** Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$350,000 of undesignated FY2017 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? (Australian Ballot)

Discussion: None

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes – 51 No – 14 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 3  
Article 11 passed.

**Article 12.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

**a. Principal, Kristy Ellis:** Principal Ellis talked about the amazing school, supportive parents, teachers and school board our community has. She spoke about providing opportunities for students to participate in the Town Meeting process with a presentation of five minutes or less. Moderator Sagui asked for a show of hands to get a feeling of the body's interest in future student participation. The majority favored the idea.

**b. Update on Act 46:** School Board Chair Kevin Amyot stated the District's proposal has been submitted and we await the decision. He also said it has been a challenging year with extra meetings and work, which the School Board was happy to do. There are new students in school and 20 new preschoolers to increase student enrollment, which is what we want. He said he is pleased to work with the two new Westfield School Board Members, Nicole

Dunn and Janellen Parker-Goodwin, as well as Shawn Baraw, who is on the High School Board. He feels Jay/Westfield students are well educated and will be ready for the world.

**Article 13. To adjourn:**

Motion by Mike Piper and second by Sonny Cote to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator Sagui said there will be a short break until 11 a.m. at which time the Town Meeting will begin.

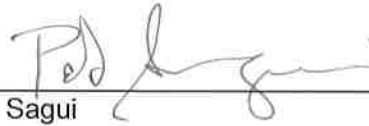
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**Submitted by: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk**

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



Kevin Amyot  
Westfield School Board, Chair



Pat Sagui  
Moderator

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**TOWN ANNUAL MEETING**

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**TOWN MEETING:**

Immediately following the School Meeting, the Town Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.**

The body voted to elect Pat Sagui to the position of Town and School Moderator during the school portion of the meeting.

**Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.**

Motion by Mike Piper second by Will Young to accept the Town Reports as presented. There was no discussion. **Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Article 3. To elect all necessary town officials required by law:**

**a. Auditor, remaining two-years of a three-year term:** Dianne Laplante explained what the Auditors responsibilities are. Yves Daigle asked if the Auditors are meeting more than once a year now. Dianne Laplante explained they try to but it depends on the need. Jacques Couture said the auditors also look at the procedures that are used and make recommendations if additional procedural steps are needed. Yves said the Auditors get paid for the work they do. Motion by Pauline Couture, second by Mike Piper to nominate Joseph Falworth. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Moderator Sagui, without objection, instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Joseph Falworth for the remaining two-years of a three-year term. (2020)**

**b. Auditor, three-year term:** Motion by Danny Young, second by Mike Piper to nominate Dianne Laplante. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Moderator Sagui, without objection, instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot electing Dianne Laplante for a three-year term. (2021)**

**c. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable-one-year term:** Motion by Dianne Laplante to nominate John Hamlin. No other nominations were made. **Vote: John Hamlin was elected by voice vote for a one-year term. (2019)**

**d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable-one-year term:** Motion by Normand Piette to nominate Michael Piper. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Michael Piper was elected by voice vote for a one-year term. (2019)**

**e. Delinquent Tax Collector-one-year term:** Motion by Normand Piette to nominate Joyce Crawford. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Joyce Crawford was elected by voice vote for a one-year term. (2019)**

**f. Lister-remaining one-year of a three-year term:** Motion by Margaret Rowley to nominate Sue Scott. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Moderator Sagui, without**

**objection, instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Sue Scott for the remaining one-year of a three-year term. Motion by Will Young, second by Michael Piper. Motion passed. (2019)**

**g. Lister-Three-year term:** Motion by Danny Young to nominate Scott Dunn. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Motion by Pauline Couture, second by Danny Young to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Scott Dunn for a three-year term as Lister. Motion passed. (2021)**

**h. Selectperson-three-year term:** Motion by Mike Piper to nominate Yves Daigle. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Motion by Dianne Laplante, second by Danny Young to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Yves Daigle for a three-year term as Selectperson. Motion passed. (2021)**

**i. Town Agent, one-year term:** Motion by Margaret Rowley to nominate Dianne Laplante. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Dianne Laplante was re-elected by voice vote for a one-year term. (2019)**

**j. Town Clerk, three-year term:** Motion by Normand Piette to nominate LaDonna Dunn. No other nominations were made. **Vote: LaDonna Dunn was elected by voice vote for a three-year term. (2021)**

**k. Town Grand Juror, one-year term:** Motion made by Will Young to nominate Michael Piper. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Michael Piper was elected by voice vote for a one-year term. (2019)**

**l. Town Treasurer, three-year term:** Motion by Normand Piette to nominate Mary Lou Jacobs. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Mary Lou Jacobs was elected by voice vote for a three-year term. (2021)**

**Article 4. Shall the legal voters agree to open North Hill Road to ATV travel? Motion made by Will Young, second by John Hamelin to bring the article to the floor.**

**Discussion:**

- Yves Daigle said we are not opening travel on all roads. He stated people who own ATVs, would like to have access to the gas pumps at the store. We are only opening North Hill Road on a trial basis for one year. The folks on North Hill road are using the ATV to pick up sap. The Selectboard was in favor of trying this for one year. The Selectboard later decided the vote should be left up to the voters.
- John Hamelin said there are currently not any roads open to ATV's in Westfield. He has been to Selectboard meetings asking to have access on North Hill Road to be able to drive legally to the general store to purchase gas. He said the ATV clubs don't want all town roads open. They prefer to have trails that connect from town to town. All they are asking for right now is a trial of one year on North Hill Road.
- Roger Gosselin said he lives on Balance Rock Road and it is heavily traveled by illegal ATV travel right now. He is involved with snowmobiling in this county. Snowmobiling is dwindling because of the weather. He is completely supportive of ATV's. He said do this as a trial and the Sheriff can monitor it. He'd like to get the trails opened up. He said ATV's can be used all year round. Homeowners use ATV's to do chores and plow and then drive on them to a local restaurant for dinner. He urged people to give this a trial for one year.
- Dianne Laplante asked about where the point on the road for ATV usage started and stopped and would people be coming in from Jay to use North Hill Road. Dianne wanted to know if it starts at the town line of Jay/Westfield. Yves Daigle said yes and Jacques added it would run to the general store. Moderator Sagui said the article

does not specify this is for a one year trial or the ATV usage boundaries of the road. She suggested the article could be amended.

- Margaret Rowley thanked Pat Sagui for the clarification and said she would wait until the discussion was done to make an amendment. Pat clarified an amendment can be made at any time.
- Jack Lazor was concerned about if there is a speed limit for ATV travel. He also expressed concern about the safety of the tires since they are designed to be on gravel or dirt roads, not pavement.
- Belinda Schrock was concerned about what the age limit is to drive an ATV.
- John Hamelin thought the minimum age to legally drive an ATV was 16. He said anyone driving on a road must be a licensed driver. He said the speed limit on a VASA trail is 35 mph and on a town road it is whatever the speed limit of that road is. North Hill Road is 35 mph. VASA members are covered under VASA insurance.
- Roger Gosselin said ATV's have to be registered and the driver licensed.

**Motion to Amend:** Connie LaPlume made a motion to amend Article 4, second made by Dennis Neumann.

**Amended Article:** Shall the legal voters agree to open North Hill Road for a one-year trial from the Westfield/Jay town line to the Westfield General Store.

**Discussion:** Moderator Sagui said we could now discuss the amendment before voting.

- Margaret Rowley thought it would be best to leave the name of the store out of the motion and make it where the road starts and stops. She asked if people could park their trailers and unload ATV at the store if the store's name was taken out of the amendment. Margaret thought North Hill Road starts where the stop sign is. LaDonna Dunn said the Westfield General Store has a North Hill 911 address.

**Motion to Amend the Amendment:** Margaret Rowley made a motion to amend the amendment, second made by Dianne Laplante.

**Amendment to the Amendment Restated:** Shall the legal voters agree to open North Hill Road to ATV travel from the Jay/Westfield town line to where it ends in Westfield, for a one-year trial.

Moderator Sagui explained we would now vote on the amendment to the amendment not yet on the article. **Vote to Amend the Amendment: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Discussion:** Moderator Sagui said the amendment to the amendment supercedes the original amendment. She said we can now open for discussion the amendment that just passed.

- Dennis Neumann proposed a further amendment. He would like it to state that the Selectboard has the authority of the voters to rescind the ATV's on the road if there are too many problems. Moderator Sagui said she wasn't sure if it was legal because this was being voted on by the voters at Town Meeting.
- Kevin Amyot thought it should be given the full one-year trial and revisited at next year's Town Meeting.
- Denny Lyster stated he is not an ATV enthusiast, but does not oppose the use of an ATV if it is utilized to gather sap. Denny said since we have agreed to limit this to a one-year trial period he would be in favor. However, he added, he can see younger people, teenagers, would use North Hill Road for joy riding. He said he agrees to vote for it but with great concern.
- Moderator Sagui said, as a reminder, this could be a paper ballot if there were enough people in agreement.



- Dan Backus asked if this trial period would include the use of ATV's on snow covered roads, which would mean there could be snow plows and ATV's on the road at the same times. He stated he travels North Hill Road every day. Dan said other than Route 100 he feels North Hill Road is the most traveled road in Westfield. He said people coming off of Route 100 are many times traveling 60 mph over to Jay. There are several steep hills and sharp corners which are dangerous. He felt if there was going to be a trial road for ATV's, a less traveled road like Loop Road would be a better choice.
- Sandy Synder stated she is in favor of a well-planned ATV trail from Jay down through the woods. She sees it as an economic opportunity with long-term planning benefits to the town.

**Call the Question:** Connie LaPlume made a motion to Call the Question. Second by Mike Piper. The motion carried.

**Amended Article Restated by Moderator:** Shall the legal voters agree to open North Hill Road to ATV travel from the Jay/Westfield town line to where it ends in Westfield, for a one-year trial.

**Vote:** Article 4 passed by voice vote as amended.

**Article 5.** Shall the legal voters agree to purchase two solar-powered radar sign units to be installed near the north and south village entrances on VT Route 100, at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00? Motion made by Dianne Laplante, second by Roger Gosselin to bring the article to the floor.

Moderator Sagui asked if there was any objection to allowing John Jacques, who is a property owner in Westfield but not a registered voter, to make a comment. Hearing no objection John Jacques commented.

**Discussion:**

- John Jacques stated it was his opinion that we could use the radar trailer from the sheriff's department rather than spending tax dollars. He didn't feel people would pay much attention to the radar sign.
- LaDonna Dunn said the radar carts available through the Agency of Transportation have been utilized by the Town. These carts are available for a week at a time a few times per year. She said the Selectboard is trying to find a more permanent solution to the speeding problem on Route 100. LaDonna said Treasurer Mary Lou Jacobs was not able to be here but had given her some updated figures for the costs of the signs: 24" x 30" solar powered radar sign \$5,654 x 2 = \$11,308; 36' x 36" solar powered radar sign \$6,249 x 2 = \$12,498.
- Selectboard member Anne Lazor mentioned she thought the temporary carts couldn't be used on a state highway because there was permitting required to place the signs.
- Dianne Laplante said she finds the excessive speeding appalling in our rural setting. She stated when she is behind someone in Lowell or Glover where they have the radar signs that people seem to slow down. She feels \$10,000 is a small price to pay for slower speeds.
- Margaret Rowley brought up along the same lines as having street lights in a village this is the cheapest insurances we can buy. It reminds you this is a village.
- Sandy Snyder said there are some towns around the country that have speed bumps or Jughandles. Because of our weather she didn't think speed bumps would work. Maybe Jughandles to go around with signs reminding people this is a village would work. She didn't think the radar sign will slow people down.
- Scott Dunn asked about the ongoing costs of maintenance and calibration of the equipment. He also asked if the sign can get a picture of the license plate and

generate some revenue for the town. Selectboard member Jacques Couture replied by saying that the Selectboard had not looked into the ongoing maintenance costs. He said they had looked into some that could take pictures but that would be a whole different price range. The Selectboard thought the reminder the radar sign would bring was the intent of the Selectboard.

- Pauline Couture asked if the revenue from the speeders would offset the cost of the picture type of radar sign.
- Linda Preston felt it is a large amount of money but if it slows drivers down and saves lives this is very worthwhile.
- Connie LaPlume said when the cars are entering the village from the Lowell direction and get in front of her house they are already passing other vehicles.
- With no objection from the body, Moderator Sagui called on Deputy MacFarlane from the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. Deputy MacFarlane explained the department has one cart to service sixteen towns. He said the department uses the cart to gather data. That data can be shared with towns. He explained the radar signs are not necessarily a deterrent but rather some people take them as a challenge to see how fast they can go. The cart can be requested by the town but it will most likely be in place for one day at a time. He wanted the town to understand that while the radar cart is a resource available for our use, it is most likely going to be in place for one day at a time.
- Roger Gosselin said he sees repairs being made on these signs in other towns so be prepared for some ongoing costs. He is in favor of purchasing the signs.
- Sandy Snyder said there is something else to consider and that is a dowser. She said the state uses them and they think it's worth the money.
- Moderator Sagui asked if anyone wanted to amend the article since we have some costs that were different from the \$10,000 warned. Selectboard member Couture mentioned there would be installations costs of \$500-\$800 each. Road Commissioner Eric Kennison said he thought Mary Lou Jacobs had gotten prices from Lafayette, which included installation. Moderator Sagui asked if the Selectboard would be deciding the size of the sign or did anyone want to amend the article to reflect that wording.
- Margaret Rowley asked if motion needed to be amended giving the Selectboard permission to use their discretion about the size and going slightly over budget.
- Selectboard member Couture said the Selectboard would do their best to stay near the budgeted amount. The Selectboard really wanted to bring this to the voters because this has been discussed year after year and the Selectboard feels these signs will help address the problem.

**Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **Article 6.**

**Shall the legal voters approve \$67,286.48 for the following appropriations?**

Motion made by Michael Piper, second by Will Young to bring the article to the floor. Moderator Sagui explained if all were in agreement she would read each appropriation name and the amount they were requesting. Following any amendments or discussion each amount would be voted on. The Moderator stated after the last appropriation was read we would amend the amount if needed and then vote on the total amount to be raised.

**a. \$500 to American Red Cross**

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**b. \$100 to Felines & Friends Foundation**

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**c. \$250 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.**

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

d. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

e. **\$500** to Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

f. **\$800** to Jay Athletic Association

**Discussion:** Normand Piette said he notices we appropriated \$800 last year and all they used was about \$500 of it. **Motion to Amend:** Normand Piette made a motion to amend from \$800 to \$500. Second by Pauline Couture. **Vote: Passed by voice vote. One opposed.**

g. **\$200** to Jay Focus Group & the Jay Focus Group Children's Halloween Party

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

h. **\$500** to Jay Food Shelf

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

i. **\$250** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

j. **\$300** to Missisquoi River Basin Association

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

k. **\$14,455** to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

**Discussion:** Dianne Laplante wanted to clarify what the appropriation money was used for and if a person needed the ambulance but had no insurance does the appropriation money cover the cost. Jennifer Piette, President of the Missisquoi Valley Ambulance said if someone calls 911 they will be there to do anything necessary whether the person has insurance or not. If there is no insurance the person is billed. Jennifer explained the appropriations received from towns are used for operations expenses. It is about 1/3 of their operations expense. If the person doesn't have the ability to pay they accept payments for as little as \$10 a month.

**Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote**

l. **\$4,000** to Montgomery Fire Department

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

m. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

**Discussion:** Dianne Laplante said this group plays a major role in our community covering all age groups. **Motion to Amend:** Dianne Laplante made a motion to amend from \$100 to \$200 Second by Will Young. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

n. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

o. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

p. **\$563** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

q. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

r. **\$400** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

s. **\$500** to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

t. **\$13,078.98** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department

**Discussion:** Mike Piper asked how much money we receive from fines. Deputy MacFarlane said they issued over \$2,000 in tickets but the town may not see any of that money depending if the people pay their ticket. The town receives a portion of the ticket money but Deputy MacFarlane did not know the exact amount the town received last year. The Sheriff's Department works Monday through Saturday. According to our contract they patrol approximately five hours per week. Selectboard member Yves Daigle asked what the percentage is the town receives per ticket. Deputy MacFarlane did not know the percentage. The town only gets a percentage of ticket money on town roads. John Hamelin asked about the stretch of 35 mph highway on Route 100 and if the town got a percentage of ticket money. Deputy MacFarlane said yes. Roger Gosselin felt the issue is bigger than just ticket money. It is a public safety issue. Dianne Laplante said we appreciate their service to our community. **Voice Vote: Passed unanimous.**

u. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

v. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

w. **\$600** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

x. **\$1,000** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

y. **\$24,744.50** to Troy Fire Department

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

z. **\$400** to Umbrella

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

aa. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

bb. **\$100** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.

**Discussion:** None. **Vote: Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Vote on Main Motion: Moderator Sagui stated the main motion being voted on would be in the amount of 68,086.48 due to amending Articles 6f and 6m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Article 7.** Shall the legal voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$213,136.00 of which \$98,900.00 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$114,236.00 shall be raised by municipal taxes? Motion by Dianne Laplante and second by Will Young to bring the article to the floor.

Amended Article: Moderator Sagui said due to Article 5 passing the new wording for Article 7 is: Shall the legal voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$223,136.00 of which \$98,900.00 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$124,236.00 shall be raised by municipal taxes?

**Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Article 8.** Shall the legal voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$328,100, of which \$115,822 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$212,278 shall be raised by municipal taxes? Motion by Will Young and second by Margaret Rowley to bring the article to the floor.

**Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Article 9.** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519? (Australian ballot)

**Discussion:** Norman Piette asked how much of this money comes out of our budget. Moderator Sagui said none, it is money raised for the whole district. Selectboard member Yves Daigle assured the voters that the Recycling Center funds itself and the Town gets to keep 1/3 of the trash money. Dianne Laplante thanked Yves Daigle for his work at recycling.

Australian ballot election results: Yes – 59 No – 7 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 2  
Article 9 passed with 68 cast.

**Article 10.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

A. Yves Daigle pointed out the new community center floor. He said the old floor was over 100 years old. Yves said the Recycling Center pays for itself because we have an agreement with the trash hauler allowing us to keep 1/3 of the trash money collected. This is income for the Recycling Center and has allowed us to run the Center at no cost to taxpayers. Currently, plastics numbered 1-5 are accepted but not any black plastics even if they are numbered 1-5. No containers over 2.5 gallons and no oil containers are accepted. They now have to go in the trash.

B. The Selectboard presented some awards to people who retired from town positions last year. They were recognized and thanked for their years of service.

- Larry Kennison-Road Commissioner for 23 years (Eric Kennison received the award on behalf of Larry. Eric is the new third generation Road Commissioner)
- Normand Piette-Constable for 27 years
- Dennis Neumann-Zoning Administrator
- Steve Dykeman-Lister & Planning Commission
- Gordon Lesperance-Auditor

C. LaDonna Dunn thanked Connie LaPlume for sticking with her for the past four years as Assistant Town Clerk after she retired from being Town Clerk.

D. Connie LaPlume said how fortunate the town is to have LaDonna Dunn as Town Clerk.

**Article 11.** To adjourn: There was a motion by Will Young and second by Pauline Couture to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted by: LaDonna Dunn  
LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

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Chair, Westfield Selectboard

Pat Sagui  
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Moderator