

Minutes

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2010

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Barry Kade nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott made corrections: Lister's terms, Sharon's term expiring in 2010 and Parma's in 2011, Rec Board member is Matt Tryhorne not Lisa Perry, Rec Board terms as follows, Michelle Legault 2010, Sue Regan 2010, Marsha Phillips 2011, Stephanie Machia 2011., State of Town 4th paragraph #1, last sentence should read "this will be the 3rd time out", #1a last sentence should be "raising about \$17,000 less in Tax revenues.", page 92 Library Board meets 2nd Monday With correction reports were accepted by voice vote.

3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?

Ken Cota made a motion to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:

(a) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot.

Betty Curboy nominated Susan Regan. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Susan Regan.

(b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot.

Barry Kade nominated Wendy Howard. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Wendy Howard.

(c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot.

Betty Curboy nominated Sharon Perry. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Sharon Perry.

(d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot.

Scott Perry nominated Marsha Phillips. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Marsha Phillips.

(e) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year.

Betty Curboy nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.

(f) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2015.

Betty Curboy nominated Lyndol Elkins. Lyndol was re-elected by voice vote.

(g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2015.

Betty Curboy nominated Joanne Lanphear. Joanne was re-elected by voice vote.

(h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Carol Farmer nominated Beth Crane. Beth was re-elected by voice vote.

(i) A Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Morgan Daybell nominated Suzanne Pelletier. Suzanne was re-elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for the remaining three years of a five year term expiring in 2013.

Beth Crane nominated Rita Kalsmith. Rita was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years.

Tom Smith nominated William Baker Sr. Billy was re-elected by voice vote.

(l) A First Constable for a term of one year.

Jim Abbott nominated Brent Godin. Brent was re-elected by voice vote.

(m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years.

Morgan Daybell nominated Remi Gratton. Remi was re-elected by voice vote.

(n) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year.

Larry Letourneau nominated Selectboard. The Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

5. Shall the Town vote to increase the portion of the \$10.00 per page recording fee from \$1.00 to \$3.00 for restoration, preservation, conservation and computerization of municipal records?(VSA Title 32, Section 1671(a)(1) and (6)

Barry Kade made a motion to add “or as allowed by State statute” to the article as written and was seconded. Motion failed by voice vote. Barry Kade made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Shall the Town of Montgomery borrow an amount not to exceed Four Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$475,000), for the purpose of replacing the existing Town Highway Garage and Salt Shed with a Public Works Building and Salt Shed that would house the Highway Department work space, road salt, and vehicles: and equipment of the Water Department, to be financed over a period not to exceed 20 years? (To be voted by Australian ballot. No amendments allowed from the floor.)

The Select board answered questions regarding details of the new Public Works Building. Ballot count Yes – 88, No – 58. Article passed.

7. Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to save the costs of distributing the Town Reports by mailing a notice of availability, rather than the report itself, and allowing the report to be picked up at designated locations, or mailed upon request?

Scott Perry made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. There was discussion regarding the cost savings and manner in which it would be distributed otherwise. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:

(a) Fire Department: 2009 - \$20,000; 2010– \$20,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Rescue Department: 2009 - \$19,666; 2010 – \$14,580

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$14,580 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2009 – \$63,000; 2010 - \$70,000.

Ken Cota made a motion to appropriate \$70,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2009 – \$70,000; 2010 – \$70,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$70,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2009 - \$54,100; 2010 – \$35,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$35,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Bridges: 2009 - \$10,000; 2010 – \$10,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2009 - \$9,900; 2010 – \$10,335

Morgan Daybell moved to appropriate \$10,335 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2009 – \$0; 2010 – \$20,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Recreation Department: 2009 – \$12,000; 2010 – \$15,000

Marijke Dollois moved to appropriate \$15,000 and was seconded. The requested increase is to allow residents and tax payers to send their children to summer camp free of charge. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2009 – \$0; 2010 – \$4,000

Sharon Perry made a motion to appropriate \$4,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(l) Police Services: 2009 – \$0; 2010 – \$0

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Morgan Daybell moved to postpone indefinitely and was seconded. Motion to postpone indefinitely passed by voice vote.

(m) Montgomery Youth Center: 2009 – \$5,000; 2010 – \$8,000

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?

(a) Town Clerk: 2009 – \$15,000; 2010 – \$15,000

Betty Curboy made a motion to pay \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2009 – \$8,000; 2010 – \$8,000

Betty Curboy made a motion to pay \$8,000 and was seconded. Scott Perry moved to amend to \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion to pay the treasurer \$10,000 passed by voice vote.

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2009 – \$0; 2010 – \$1,000

Brent Godin moved to pay Selectboard member \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers: 2009 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2010 – same.

Betty Curboy made a motion to pay as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors: 2009 – 1st yr members – \$8.00/hr, 2nd yr and on members – \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2010 – same.

Betty Curboy made a motion to pay as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2009 – Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2010 - same

Larry Letourneau made a motion to pay minimum wage and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2009 – \$1,800; 2010 – \$1,800

Betty Curboy made a motion to appropriate \$1,800 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2008 – \$1,440; 2009 – \$1,440.

Betty Curboy made a motion to appropriate \$1,440 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2009 – \$500; 2010 – \$500.

Marijke made a motion to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund: This money would be applied towards the cost of sending three or more children from Montgomery to the Hazen's Notch Association's Summer Camp. 2009 – \$1,000; 2010 – \$1,000.

Betty Curboy made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 and was seconded. Scott Perry moved to amend amount to \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$1,000 passed by voice vote.

11. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$147,947 for Contingent Selectboard? 2009 – 203,074. 2010 - \$147,947

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$149,947 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

12. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard and departments to receive and expend for town purposes any additional grants, gifts or other revenue in excess of those calculated in determining the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010?

Betty Curboy made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes, not to exceed the sum of \$60,000.00 for the period March 2, 2010, to March 1, 2011, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Patrick Farmer made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

14. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow for the Water Department for use in case of an emergency, not to exceed the sum of \$50,000 for the period March 2, 2010, to March 1, 2011, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Betty Curboy made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

15. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good practices?

Paul Nichols made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

16. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contract with new business or the expansion of old business to fix the municipal tax applicable to such real property at a percentage of the annual tax? (Such contracts are for the municipal tax only. Any such contracts for school taxes require approval from the State Legislature.)

Jim Cota made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

17. Shall the Town vote to collect interest, as prescribed by law, on its delinquent taxes and delinquent water bills, at a rate of 1% per month or a fraction thereof?

Betty Curboy made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

18. Shall the Town vote to publish names and the amounts of delinquent taxes, due in the Annual Report?

Scott Perry made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

19. Shall the voters of Montgomery request the VT legislature to:

- a. Deny approval for the operation of Vermont Yankee after March 2012, which marks the end of its 40 year design life?
- b. Require that the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana fulfill its pledge to fully fund the cleanup and decommissioning costs of closing Vermont Yankee.
- c. Seek safe, renewable, regional sources of electricity combined with efficiency and conservation measures to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee?

Barry Kade a motion to and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

20. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Tim Murphy read a letter from the American Red Cross awarding Montgomery a certificate of achievement for the great response from the Montgomery community at the bi-monthly blood drives. According to the Red Cross new program, Life Share, Montgomery has achieved the Platinum level (its highest) in 2009 by reaching a participation rate of greater than 10%.

Brent recognized Joan Grossman as instrumental for organizing volunteers to making the Blood drive so successful.

Joanne Bennett solicited information for an update to the Montgomery Historical Society book "Montgomery Vermont *The History of a Town*" to include events to present date.

Renee Patterson invited residents to review materials at the back table from various local organizations.

Jay Perkins gave a brief description of MACA (Montgomery Area Community Alliance).

Scott Perry made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 11:40am.

A true record this 8th day of March, 2010.

ATTEST: _____
Renée J Patterson, Town Clerk

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Timothy Murphy, Moderator

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Kenneth Cota, Select-board Chairman