

**Minutes
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2011**

Moderator Tim Murphy called the meeting to order @ 9:00AM

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Roland Nichols nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry made a motion to act on the reports of the Town Officers and was seconded. Scott offered corrections to the reports: to add 10e and f; article 20 should be John Perkins not Jay; correction of the headings on page 26 and 27 to the year 2010; and correct budget headings on page 31 and 35 to the year 2011. Motion passed as corrected by voice vote.

Scott made a motion to suspend the rules and allow our Representative Mark Higley to address the assembly without objection. Rep Higley announced he brought the Doyle survey for our use and also legislative update with his contact information.

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 moved 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. (Carol McGregor - term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Carol McGregor. Betty Curboy nominated Jay Kerch. Both nominees spoke on their own behalf. Vote by ballot Carol received 49 votes, Jay received 19. Carol was re-elected.

(b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Scott Perry - term expires)

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

(c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Parma Jewett - term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Parma Jewett. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Parma Jewett.

(d) A Lister for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2012 by ballot. (Joel Magnuson resigned, Lynda Cluba appointed)

Sharon Perry nominated Lynda Cluba. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Lynda Cluba.

(e) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Sue Wilson resigned, Stacy St Onge appointed - term expires)

Ken Cota nominated Stacy St Onge. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Stacy St Onge.

(f) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle VanGieson - term expires)

Roland Nichols nominated Merle VanGieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.

(g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2016. (Lois Lumbra – term expires)

Betty Curboy nominated Lois Lumbra. Lois was re-elected by voice vote.

(h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2016. (Charles L. Purrier – term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Charles Purrier. Charlie was re-elected by voice vote.

(i) A Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of 3 years. (Anita Woodward – term expires)

Roland Nichols nominated Anita Woodward. Mack Bolog nominated Howard Tatro. Anita was not present and Howard declined to speak. Anita was re-elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Nicole Lantery appointed – term expires)

Suzanne Pelletier nominated Nicole Lantery. Nicole was re-elected by voice vote.

(k) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term ending in 2014. (Vacant)

Beth Crane nominated Mary Niles. Laurie Murphy nominated Delores Cumbie. Delores spoke on her own behalf and Jacob Racusin(Mary's husband) spoke on Mary's behalf. Vote by a show of hands, Mary received 38 votes, Delores received 18 votes. Mary Niles was elected.

(l) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge – term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Randy St Onge. Randy was re-elected by voice vote.

(m) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin appointed, resigned; vacant – term expires)

Betty Curboy nominated Gary Leroux. Denise Baker nominated Howard Tatro. Gary Leroux was elected by voice vote.

(n) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Parma Jewett appointed – term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Parma Jewett. Wendy Howard nominated Delores Cumbie. Parma withdrew her nomination. Merle VanGieson nominated Roland Nichols, Roland declined. Delores was elected by voice vote.

(o) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Roberta Baker appointed – term expires)

Parma Jewett nominated Roberta Baker. Roberta was re-elected by voice vote.

(p) A Planning Commission member for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2012. (Charlie Hancock appointed)

Barry Kade nominated Charlie Hancock. Charlie was elected by voice vote.

(q) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)

Roland Nichols nominated the Selectboard. Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

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

(a) Fire Department: 2010 - \$20,000, 2011- \$30,000

Morgan Daybell moved to appropriate \$30,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Rescue Department: 2010 - \$14,580, 2011 - \$24,800

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$24,800 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2010 - \$70,000, 2011 - \$70,000

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

(d) Winter Roads: 2010 - \$70,000, 2011 - \$70,000

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

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2010 - \$35,000, 2011 - \$35,000

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

(f) Bridges: 2010 - \$10,000, 2011 - \$20,000

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

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2010 - \$10,335, 2011 - \$11,948

Morgan Daybell moved to appropriate \$11,948 and was seconded. Beth Crane explained the increase due to more hours for the Library Director. Motion passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2010 -\$20,000, 2011 - \$27,500

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$27,500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Recreation Department: 2010 - \$15,000, 2011 - \$18,000

Betty Curboy moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. Lisa Perry explained the need for tennis court repairs. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2010 - \$4,000, 2011 - \$4,000

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

(l) Montgomery Youth Center: 2010 - \$8,000, 2011 - \$8,000

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

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

(a) Town Clerk: 2010 - \$15,000; 2011 - same

Betty Curboy moved to pay the Town Clerk \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2010 - \$10,000; 2011 - same

Larry Letourneau moved to pay the Town Treasurer \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2010 – \$1,000; 2011 - same

Mark Brouillette moved to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers:

2010 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2011 – same.

Sharon Perry moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors: 2010 – 1st yr members – \$8.00/hr, 2nd yr and on members – \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2011 – 1st year members – Vermont minimum wage, 2nd year members Vermont minimum wage plus \$1.00.

Sott Perry moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Scott made a motion to amend to article to add “per hour” after \$1.00, and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2010 – Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2011 - same.

Larry Letourneau moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Sharon Perry moved to suspend the rules to take up Article 7a thru g as one item as written and was seconded. Motion to take up Article 7a thru g as one item passed by over 2/3 majority by voice vote. Motion to appropriate items in Article 7 as written passed by voice vote.

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior Helpline: 2010 – \$1,800; 2011 - \$1,800.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2010 – \$1,440; 2011 - \$1,440.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2010 – \$500; 2011 - \$500.

(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: 2010 - \$1,000; 2011 - \$1,000.

(e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2010 - \$100; 2011 - \$100

(f) Northern VT Resource Conservation & Development Council: 2010 - \$75; 2011 - \$75.

(g) Mississquoi River Basin Association by petition - \$500

8. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$139,063 for Contingent Selectboard? 2010 - 147,947; 2011 - \$139,213.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$139,063 and was seconded. Sharon Perry moved to amend amount to \$139,213 and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$139,213 passed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote to create a municipal Conservation Commission under the authority of 24 V.S.A. 4501- 4506 for the purpose of maintaining an inventory of the Town’s natural resources, assisting the Planning Commission on natural resources issues, and promoting public understanding of local natural resources.

Barry Kade moved to accept the article as written and was seconded. Charlie Hancock explained the role of the Commission and indicated there was no monetary appropriate associated with this Commission. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. 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, 2011?

Morgan Daybell moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. 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 1, 2011, to March 6, 2012, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Marijke Dollois moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

12. 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 1, 2011, to March 6, 2012, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Delores Cumbie moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. 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?

Marijke Dollois moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

14. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contract with a new business or the expansion of an 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.)

Betty Curboy moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

15. 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?

Larry Letourneau moved to accept as written and was seconded. Greta Quintin moved to amend to 1/2 % and was seconded. Ken Cota moved to amend by added "if allowed by law" and was seconded. The secondary amendment passed by voice vote. The amended motion was defeated by voice vote. The original motion, as written, passed by voice vote.

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

Larry Letourneau moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

17. Shall the Town vote to lease Town-owned property for placing a tower, or towers, for cellular phone and other telecommunication services, if in compliance with all zoning regulations and public review, and if at no cost to the Town? (Non-binding)

Scott Perry moved to accept the article as written and was seconded. There was much discussion regarding pros and cons of having such devices in close proximity to Town, better communication, health concerns. William Harlow moved to amend the article to add after vote to "authorize the Selectboard to negotiate" and was seconded. Scott asked for a division of votes. Motion to amend passed by show of hands 30 – 23. Motion as amended passed by hand count of 25 – 20.

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

Tim Murphy announced Doyle survey available and other various organization and informational documents for review, 2nd year the Red Cross recognize the Town of Montgomery in its support of the blood drives, and recognition of exceptional school.

Barry Kade moved a resolution for the Town support the Public Workers of Wisconsin in their struggle to retain collective bargaining rights and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Morgan Daybell announced the annual School meeting being held the 14th of March, 2nd Monday in March, as warned in the 2010 Town and School Report.

Betty moved to adjourn @ 12:23pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 8th day of March, 2011.

ATTEST: _____
Renee J Patterson, Town Clerk

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Timothy Murphy, Moderator

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Kenneth Cota, Selectboard Chairperson