

**2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
HELD MARCH 2nd 2020**

The Annual Town & Town School Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Richard Nelson on March 2, 2020, at the Derby Elementary School, Elm Street, Derby, Vermont. The meeting started with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Moderator Nelson introduced Legislators Brian Smith and Lynn Batchelor. Brian Smith mentioned that Montpelier has some new bills in Health Care this year, bills number 742, 795, 822 and 607. Also there are new Grants available for nursing students and EMT training programs if anyone is interested and wants to look them up on the internet. Brian has been mostly working on Bill 715 a distracted driving bill which would increase the prices and points for anyone who is caught speeding and Texting while Driving. Act 250 has approved the altitudes at 2500 ft. Lynn Batchelor also at the meeting gave her best to everyone and her telephone number as well for anyone who has questions for them.

Moderator Nelson asked that anyone wishing to speak, approach the microphone and state your name. Direct the questions to the Moderator and we will go from there.
First order of business is to approve the minutes of last years 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Frank Davis moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Allen Yale. All in favor motion passed.

Motion to waive the reading of the articles 1 – 4 on the warning made by Scott Boskind and seconded by Lynn Batchelor. All in favor motion passed.

Article 1. To elect by the Australian Ballot System the following town and town school district officers for **one year**:

(1) Town Agent	(1) Town & School Moderator
(1) Delinquent Tax Collector	(1) First Constable
(1) Second Constable	(1) Town School Board Director
(1) Town Grand Juror	

To elect by the Australian Ballot System the following town and town school district officers for **two years**:

(1) Town School Board Director (1) Select Board Member

To elect by the Australian Ballot System the following town and town school district officers for **three years**:

(1) Lister	(1) Town School Board Director
(1) Select Board Member	(1) Union School Board Director

To elect by the Australian Ballot System the following town and town school district officers for **five years**:

(1) Cemetery Commissioner

Article 2. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of **\$794,823.00**?

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Derby School District approve the School Board to expend **\$6,538,764.00**, 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 **\$14,005.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **13.38% greater** than spending for the current year.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Derby adopt the Municipal Plan as recommended by the Derby Select Board on January 13, 2020?

VOTING: The polls for voting on the above said **ARTICLES 1, 2, 3 & 4** will open at **8:00 A.M.** and will close at **7:00 P.M. on TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2020 IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE DERBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 124 MAIN STREET, DERBY CENTER.** The polls shall be under the supervision of the Town of Derby Board of Civil Authority.

Article 5. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town of Derby School Directors. Grant Spates thanked Bryan Davis for serving on the School Board for several decades. This is Bryan Davis's last year with the School.

A moment of silence was then given those no longer with us, the Armed forces and for Louise Gosselin who passed away. Louise was a big part of Derby, a mother to all the neighborhood kids, she will be missed tomorrow at the election. Moderator Nelson thanked Nancy, her dad and siblings for all Louise's hard work and dedication to the Town of Derby.

Article 6. Allen Yale made a motion to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in the anticipation of revenues for the purpose of paying current expenses Curt Brainard Seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Article 7. Bryan Davis made a motion to authorize the Board of School Directors to place the 2018-19 fund balance into three reserved funds to be used over several years: **\$174,961.22** into Building and Grounds fund, **\$54,500.00** Technology fund, **\$50,000.00** Equity Field Trip fund. Frank Davis Seconded the motion. Further discussion. Karen Jenne asked what each of these funds currently has in them and for a description of what an Equity Field Trip fund is. Nikole Brainard said in the Building and Grounds fund \$168,545.23, Technology fund \$25,831.06 and Curriculum fund \$6,031.14. Equity Field Trip fund is for winter activities, Sisken, Museums, Jay Peak skiing – several outdoor activities. Some people can't afford to go and they would like all the kids to be able to go. Bill Brunelli asked over how many years this was for and Nikole said over a three year period. Steve Gendreau thanked the School Board for their hard work and for doing a great job with their financing. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Moderator Richard Nelson introduced the new Sheriff Jennifer Harlow. Sheriff Harlow stated that if there are any questions she would be happy to answer them she would be available for the rest of the night.

Article 8. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town of Derby Select Board. Karen Jenne asked how much of the Sheriffs budget was spent on Walmart. Jennifer said that Walmart is definitely spending a lot of the budget with people stealing & accidents. Bob Kelly will be spending some time with the people from Walmart to see if something can be worked out. Brian Smith said that he would like the budget for the Sheriffs Dept. stay around the \$80,000 price. Grant was wondering the price of a new patrol car set up. Jen said roughly about \$55,000. No further discussions.

Article 9. Steve Gendreau made a motion to waive property taxes for the Derby Line Fire Department property located at 239 Elm St in Derby Line for a period of 10 years 2020-2030 in accordance with Title 32 Section 3840 of the Vermont Statutes. Nikole Brainard Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Article 10. Allen Yale made a motion to authorize and empower the Select Board to hire money from time to time for the purpose of paying the current expenses and appropriations of the Town for the ensuing year. Brian Smith Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Article 11. Beula Shattuck made a motion to authorize the Select Board to purchase other land or real estate not to exceed a total purchase price of **\$20,000.00**. Allen Yale seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Article 12. Scott Birch made a motion to authorize payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before **Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.** Nikole Brainard Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

Article 13. Beula Shattuck made a motion for the Town of Derby vote the sum of **\$200,000.00** for the rebuilding of roads in the Town of Derby, said monies to be raised by taxes. Allen Yale Seconded. Discussion – Steve said that Pine Hill, Hinman Settler Rd & Nelson Hill Road are all being looked at for paving this year. Frank Davis asked if Brian knew if VTrans had any correspondence in writing about Caswell Ave eroding North into

Canada. Brian said no. Frank asked how to go about that before he is a resident of Stanstead. Grant said that Shane Morin was now the State's Engineer for the roads and could give him a ring. Steve said they looked at it about 20 years ago. Jaret Judd said it is considered a State highway but he met with them and was told that it's the responsibility of the Village. Brian and Lynn will try to set Frank up with someone to talk with about the situation on the 3rd Friday of next month. Richard suggested talking to Governor Scott with Brian and Lynn. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

- Article 14.** Gigi Gobeil Judd made a motion for the Town of Derby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$3,300.00** for the support of The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town. Nikole Brainard Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 15.** Frank Davis made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$12,000.00** for the support of the Haskell Free Library & Opera House to provide services to the residents of the Town. Lynn Batchelor Seconded. Discussion. Anna Forbes asked if they receive funds from the Canadian side or if we are supporting them 100%. We will find out from the Library who helps support them. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 16.** Allen Yale made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$40,000.00** for the support of Dailey Memorial Library to provide services to residents of the Town. Dr. Moseley Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
Ginette Provost wanted to thank Maryann Tetreault for all her support in helping out non-profit organizations she gives the Library 2 checks every month.
- Article 17.** Gigi Gobeil Judd made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$2,000.00** as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and to direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Nikole Brainard Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 18.** Andy Major made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$15,000.00** to the Town of Derby/ Salem Lakes Association, with the Grant funds from the Vermont DEC, to continue monitoring and protecting of the Lakes from Eurasian Water Milfoil and other invasive species, thereby protecting the water quality and lake shore property values. Joe Profera Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 19.** Brian Smith made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the removal of Eurasian Milfoil from Lake Derby (Derby Pond). Nikole Brainard Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 20.** Lynn Batchelor made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate the sum of **\$13,600.00** to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency. Scott Warthin Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.
- Article 21.** Gigi Gobeil Judd made a motion for the Town of Derby to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$9,242.00** for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. a not for profit 501^c(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. Scott Boskind Seconded. Discussion - On page 55 and 56 in the Town Report there is an explanation for the increase.
Alan Dauphin - it is a great source of help for children with special needs. Stacey Urbin also agrees there is a big need for this program. There are many families in our community who use this program. Jennifer Harlow - they work very hard to support our community. There is a tremendous shortage of services for people with needs. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** "Ayes" have it; motion passed.

- Article 22.** Frank Davis made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate the sum of **\$1,150.00** to Umbrella, Inc. to support services for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Stacey Urbin Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.
- Article 23.** Lynn Batchelor made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby to appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to Umbrella, Inc. for providing fresh, local food to area seniors and disabled adults through Meals on Wheels deliveries. Allen Yale Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.
- Article 24.** Curt Brainard made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby authorize **\$51,244.00** for the care and upkeep of the Cemeteries in the Town of Derby, of which **\$17,557.54** shall come from Cemetery revenues and **\$33,686.46** shall be raised by taxes. Steve Gendreau Seconded. Discussion – Steve asked if there were a lot of lots left at the Cemeteries. Little Salem is full. With the Cremations now taking place the lots are not being used up as fast. Christine Moseley asked if the Cemetery was ever maintained near Laurie Before’s property on Darling Hill. Curt stated that it is kept up like the other cemeteries. Hard to work around it with the electric fence, the fence has been repaired. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.
- Article 25.** Brian Smith made a motion for the Town of Derby to appropriate the sum of **\$1,600.00** to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Allen Yale Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.
- Article 26.** Beula Shattuck made a motion for the voters of the Town of Derby provide notice of annual town report availability to residents by publishing notice in the newspaper and on the town website at least 10 days before the annual meeting along with designated pick up locations for said report in lieu of mailing. Gigi Gobeil Judd Seconded. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.
- Article 27.** Grant Spates made a motion to approve a Town Budget of **\$ 3,137,444.00** which includes **\$346,578.46** in appropriations. Brian Smith seconded. Discussion - Reduction from posted value in book, due to audit correction. New budget worksheet available on the stage. No further discussion. **Vote on motion:** “Ayes” have it; motion passed.

Brian Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NIKOLE BRAINARD
BRYAN DAVIS
GIGI GOBEIL-JUDD
EMILY MICKNAK
LYNDSAY SYKES
(School Directors)

KAREN CHITAMBAR
STEPHEN GENDREAU
BEULA-JEAN SHATTUCK
BRIAN SMITH
GRANT SPATES (CHAIR)
(Select Board)

Attest: FAYE C. MORIN
Town Clerk