

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 9 AND MARCH 10, 2021

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 9 and 10, 2021 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Holderness Central School, Moderator Rossner declared the polls opened.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Rossner declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted.

At 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Holderness Central School, the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Rossner asked the veterans and active-duty service members to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for the residents who passed away in 2020, as he read their names aloud. Moderator Rossner noted the dedication of the 2020 Town Report to our recently retired Police Chief Jeremiah "Jake" Patridge and appreciation for his many years of public service to the Town. The voters recognized Jeremiah "Jake" Patridge with a round of applause. Moderator Rossner recognized and welcomed the new Police Chief Eric DiFilippe. The voters recognized Chief DiFilippe with a round of applause. The Moderator Rossner announced the results of Article 1, the ballot vote for Town Officers. The Moderator Rossner declared Article 2; the Zoning Amendment passed. The Moderator announced the results of the ballot votes for the Holderness Central School District and the Pemi-Baker District. Moderator Rossner asked for a motion to dispense of the reading of the Warrant in its entirety. Moved by William Nesheim and seconded by Larry Spencer.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by Official Ballot.

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

John W. Laverack 111

write in:

Nick Acton 1

Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)

Daniel Rossner 112

write in:

Mo Lafrenier 1

Trustee for Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Bonnie M. Hunt 112

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Lisa Lovett 109

Ann Stark 107

write in:

Alan Mather 1

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Randall Eastman 111

write in:

Amelia Currier 1

Article 2: 2021 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: To see if the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendment, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows:

Amendment No. 1: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Update Section 400.6.4 General Provisions for Signs** by clarifying that illumination of signs must comply with Outdoor Lighting Design criteria of Section 550.2, limiting sign luminosity between dusk and dawn, and prohibiting digital signs, electronic message centers and billboards, neon, LED or other internally illuminated signs in the Village section of the Commercial District?”

Yes 104

No 11

Holderness Central School District Election Results

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Michael L. Fischler 98

Carolyn Mello 104

write in:

Kristen Fuller 1

Joseph Casey 1

School District Moderator for 1 Year: (Vote for One)

Lisetta Silvestri 107

write in:

Tink Taylor 1

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Robert Maloney and seconded by Scott King. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and twelve dollars (\$2,677,312) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Bonnie Hunt and seconded by Walter Johnson. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Ninety- One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$391,500) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority vote required)

FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	\$75,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$150,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$10,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$71,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$20,000
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	\$20,500
TOTAL	\$391,500

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Walter Johnson. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the New Cable Service Expansion Fund with funds for this appropriation to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Carl Lehner and seconded by Bonnie Hunt. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$249,150) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from Capital Reserve Funds and Revolving Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Road Reconstruction: \$175,350 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

Revaluation (Cycle Inspections): \$25,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)

Pickup Truck for Police Department: \$45,000 (\$35,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$10,000 from the Police Department Revolving Fund)

Town IT Equipment: \$3800 Replacement of Two Workstations in the Town Office. (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)

Moved by William Neshiem and seconded by Bruce Whitmore. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to purchase a reconditioned defibrillator for the Fire Department to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$15,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of Ten Thousand Dollars to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Eleanor Mardin and seconded by Steven Mitchell. Martha Richards stated that she was concerned about purchasing a reconditioned defibrillator and asked if it will work? Select Board chair Jill White stated yes it will work and it has a warranty.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) to purchase Mobile Data Transmitters for the four Police Department cruisers with funds for this appropriation to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by John Jenkinson and seconded by Hunt. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Rossner recognized Kay Hanson. Kay Hanson stated that at last year's Town Meeting there was a significant amount of time discussing how to alleviate the summer parking problem and asked why it isn't in the warrant this year? Ms. Hanson asked if was because the Committee didn't get the report into the warrant?

Select Board Chair, Jill White explained the Select Board had considered forming a Committee to explore a plan on the parking issue but due to COVID and for public safety reasons it was decided it wasn't a priority to take it up at this year's meeting.

Bonnie Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Martha Richards. Moderator Rossner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk