

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12 AND MARCH 13, 2019**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 12 and 13, 2019 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Daniel Rossner declared the polls opened.

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

At 7:11 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Holderness Central School, the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Rossner asked the veterans at the meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those residents who passed away in 2018. Moderator Rossner announced the results of Article 1, the ballot votes for Town Officers. The Moderator declared Article 2 (the Zoning Ordinance Amendments) had all passed. Moderator asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Warrant in its entirety. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Nancy Ruhm. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Sam Brickley 166

Kelly Schwaner 163

Write in:

Sam Laverack 1

Earl Hansen 1

Barbara Currier

Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)

Daniel Rossner 174

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

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr. 170

Write in:

Woody Laverack 1

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Andrew Herring 97

Alan Mather 81

Betsy Whitmore 138

Write in:

Larry Spencer 1

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Earl Hansen 173

Write in:

Dick Currier 1

Article 2: 2019 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Amendment 1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Delete Waukevan Watershed District from Section 300.1: District and from Appendix A?”**

Yes 148 No 16

Amendment 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add Section 900 to the wording found in the introductory paragraphs in Sections 300.4.1.2; 300.4.2.2; and 300.4.3.2 – Special Exceptions?”**

Yes 154 No 11

Amendment 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Change the wording to explicitly list the waterbodies in Sections 300.4.1.5; 300.4.2.6; 300.4.3.5; and 300.4.4.2 - Shoreland Frontage to include the shore of Squam Lake, White Oak Pond and the Pemigewasset River?”**

Yes 157 No 13

Amendment 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Change ‘the boundary’ to ‘a boundary’ in Sections 300.3.2; 300.4.4.1; and 525.4.1?”**

Yes 154 No 14

Amendment 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add ‘Accessory Farming and Agriculture Activities’ to Sections 300.4.1.2; 300.4.2.2; and 300.4.5.5 (Special Exceptions)?”**

Yes 154 No 11

Amendment 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add a new general provision for General Farming and Agriculture as Section 300.4.X.X?”**

Yes 155 No 10

Amendment 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Delete ‘Space’ in Section 300.4.2.3: Lot Coverage?”**

Yes 154 No 12

Amendment 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Delete ‘open space’ in Section 300.4.5.3: Permitted Uses?”**

Yes 143 No 23

Amendment 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add wording to Section 400.4: Fire Damaged and Hazardous Building?”**

Yes 152 No 12

Amendment 10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Change and add wording to Street Frontage in Section 300.4.1.4: General Residential, Section 300.4.2.4: Rural Residential, and Section 300.4.3.4: Commercial District?”**

Yes 147 No 18

Amendment 11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Eliminate Zoning Ordinance 300.4.2.5: Frontage – Multiple Dwelling Units?”**

Yes 139 No 22

Amendment 12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add ordinances to reference Section 300.4.7: Lot Area to the General, Rural, Commercial and Flood Hazard Districts?”**

Yes 143 No 21

Amendment 13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Change ‘space’ to ‘areas’ and ‘playgrounds’ to ‘recreation’ in Section 1000.5: Subdivision Regulations?”**

Yes 151 No 14

Amendment 14: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Change the wording of Easement, Right-of-Way, and Lot in the Definitions section?”**

Yes 140 No 23

Amendment 15: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **“Add Accessory Farming and Agricultural Activities, Farm Roadside Stands, and General Farming and Agriculture as new Definitions?”**

Yes 153 No 12

***Holderness Central School District
Election Results***

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

Kristina Casey 164

Joanne Pearce 158

Write in:

Barbara Currier 1

James Chapin 1

Joanne Pearce 1

School District Moderator for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Write in:

<i>Martha Richards</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Joe Casey</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Morgan Stepp</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Anne Hunnewell</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Samuel Brickley</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Dan Rossner</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Kenneth Evans</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sam Laverack</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Earl Hansen</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Jon Stewart</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sarah Weinberg</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>B.W. Woodward</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bonnie Hunt</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Bob Maloney</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Tink Taylor</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Dr Casey</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ken Evans</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Ross Deachman</i>	<i>2</i>		
<i>Betsy Whitmore</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Kelly Schwaner</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Laurie Lenentine</i>	<i>1</i>		

School District Clerk for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Sara Weinberg 164

Write-in:

Suzanne Peoples 1

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

Moved by Susan Francesco and seconded by Carl Lehner. 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 Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$2,448,685) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Angie Francesco. 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 Four Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$403,500) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

WHITE OAK POND DAM	\$2,500
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	\$40,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$150,000

LIBRARY BUILDING	\$5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$30,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$46,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$19,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,000
TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$17,000
LIBRARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$10,000
MASTER PLAN	\$5,000
EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$15,000
NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION	<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL	\$403,500

Moved by Sallie Fellows and seconded by Martha Richards. 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 Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$483,729) 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.

Road Reconstruction: \$235,344 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

Recommission Well at Public Safety Building: \$10,000 (from Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund)

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

Two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department: \$12,000 (from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund)

Loader Backhoe for the Highway Department: \$137,500 (\$64,545 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve and \$72,955 from Fund Balance.)

Cruiser (Dodge Charger) for Police Department: \$45,000 (\$26,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$19,000 from the Police Department Revolving Fund)

Town IT Equipment: \$18,885 Replacement of Town Office Server, Recreation Department Workstation, Land Use/Checklist Laptop, Police Department Workstation, Fire Department Laptop and Workstation and the installation of a secure router for the Fire Department (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)

Moved by Anne Hunnewell and seconded by Maurice Lafreniere. 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 Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,687.50) to fund a Natural Resources Inventory for the Howe Forest and to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum indicated from the Town Forest Fund. No additional funds will be raised by taxation.

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Robert Tuveson. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm its objection to the Northern Pass Project currently under appeal at the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Susan Francesco. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Rossner recognized Select Board Member, John "Woodie" Laverack. Mr. Laverack recognized and thanked Sara Hixon, Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector for her ten years of service. The voters recognized Sara Hixon with a round of applause.

Moderator Rossner recognized Select Board Member, Peter Francesco. Mr. Francesco recognized Barbara Currier, to whom the 2018 Town Report is dedicated, and thanked her for her many years of service to the community. Mr. Francesco noted both her contributions as a community business owner and a public servant during her more than fifty years as a resident. Mr. Francesco presented Ms. Currier with a photograph of her receiving a plaque in 2015 in recognition as Realtor of the Year. Barbara Currier received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Ms. Currier expressed her thanks and appreciation to the community. Ms. Currier stated the importance of being involved in the community noting that you will receive more back from the community than you could ever give.

Moderator Rossner then recognized Select Board Member, Sam Brickley.

Mr. Brickley recognized and thanked Select Board Member Shelagh Connelly for her dedication and service to the community. Ms. Connelly was stepping down from the Select Board having served three terms. She will continue to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission, a position she has held since 1997. She will also continue to serve as a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Board, a position she has held since 2010. Mr. Brickley presented Shelagh with a gavel/plaque in recognition of her service to the community. The voters recognized Shelagh with a round of applause.

Ms. Connelly expressed her appreciation and thanks to the community. She stated it was a privilege to have served the community the past 9 years as a member of the Select Board and emphasized the importance of "being involved" in the community.

Moderator Rossner recognized Conservation Commission member, Larry Spencer. Mr. Spencer invited the community to an Open House on Saturday, March 16th between 10:00.-12:00 to enjoy the new trail systems located at both the Howe Town Forest and the Pilote Conservation Area.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Peter Francesco made a motion to adjourn. There was a second from Larry Spencer. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Moderator Rossner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk