

# Warner Town Clerk

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## **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013** **TOWN OF WARNER ELECTION RESULTS**

### **Article 1**

#### **To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year:**

<b>For Selectman for 3 Years, Vote for 1</b>	David Hartman	249
<b>For Budget Committee for 3 Years, Vote for 2</b>	Martha I. Bodnarik	274
	Michael Cutting	282
<b>For Budget Committee for 1 Year, Vote for 2</b>	Kimberley Edelman	250
	Allan Brown	291
<b>For Almoner of Foster &amp; Currier Funds for 3 Years, Vote for 1</b>	Jere Henley	320
<b>For Trustee of Pillsbury Free Library for 3 Years, Vote for 3</b>	Michele Allen	300
<b>WRITE-INS:</b>	Shandi Allen	14
	Belle Harvey	14
<b>For Trustee of Pillsbury Free Library for 1 Year, Vote for 1</b>	Joan Warren	293
<b>For Chandler Reservation Committee for 4 Years, Vote for 1</b>	*Jonathan France	169
	Richard Cutting	121
<b>For Trustee of Town Cemeteries for 3 Years, Vote for 2</b>	Mary Cogswell	302
	Donald Wheeler	293
<b>For Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 Years, Vote for 1</b>		
<b>WRITE-IN:</b>	Dale Trombley	65

### **ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Moderator Ray Martin opened the Warner Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 2013. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then listened as results from the Town Election held the previous day were announced. (Results recorded at the beginning of these minutes)

David Hartman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, announced that the 2012 Town Report was dedicated to Paul Violette and listed a few of Mr. Violette's accomplishments and contributions.

The Moderator announced that Senator Kelly Ayotte had declared March 30, 2013 as a day to acknowledge Vietnam Servicemen. Chairman Hartman gave a "State of the Town" overview for 2012 and then introduced Warner's new Town Administrator, James Bingham. The Moderator explained the rules for tonight's meeting before reading Article 2.

**Article 2 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,901,064.11 (Two Million Nine Hundred One Thousand, Sixty Four Dollars and Eleven Cents) as a 2013 Operating Budget? This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Michael Cutting, Budget Committee Chairman, used a Power Point presentation to explain the 2013 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets.

Mr. Cutting and the Selectmen answered questions from the audience.

Rebecca Courser made a

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded.

Vote by a show of paper ballot. Majority in Favor. Article 2 Passed.

**Article 3 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to add to the already established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Police Chief William Chandler explained Article 3 and answered questions from the audience.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded.

Vote by a show of paper ballot. Majority in Favor. Article 3 Passed

**Article 4 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$129,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Board of Selectman Chairman David Hartman provided a brief explanation on how the Town became involved in a project at Exit 9. He introduced Brian Colburn from McFarland Johnson, the Concord Engineers selected to help with a traffic solution. Mr. Colburn provided an overview of the problems and proposed solutions that have been discussed. He answered questions the audience had concerning the proposed roundabout and traffic light and pros and cons of both, the cost of each and what his firm has been contracted to do.

Police Chief Chandler answered questions concerning accidents and the traffic in the Exit 9 area and information he obtained from contact with an abutter to the project.

The Selectmen listened to audience comments for and against the idea that a traffic problem exists at Exit 9. They also answered questions about State funding, the proposed future expansion in the area by Demoulas Market Basket and the Planning Board's research into fees collectable for the Town through future development in that area.

Discussion continued until 8:55 PM.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Request to Vote by Paper Ballot supported by 10 voters. Paper Ballot Vote. YES – 94 NO – 58 Article 4 Passed

Mr. Cutting made a Motion to

Move Articles 12 and 13 to be heard next.

Seconded. Voice Vote. Majority Approved. Motion Passed

### **Article 12 - Passed**

**Shall the Town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement, with an automatic renewal for four (4) additional five (5) year terms, with AT&T to locate a tower (on town owned property on North Road, a/k/a Map 18 Lot 15 which has a designation of "Warner Town Forest" or to take any other action in relation thereto? (simple majority vote required).**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Selectman Chairman David Hartman provided background information regarding the request by AT&T to construct a communication tower on Town property on North Road designated a Warner Town Forrest and also known as Carriage Trail Acres. Discussion followed that included questions and answers to audience concerns about amount of rent and taxes the Town would receive, designating a fund for the revenue, future carriers and additional revenue to the Town, land restrictions or easements and the renewal of the lease.

Steve Bridgewater made a Motion to Amend:

Remove from Article 12, the wording, "...with an automatic renewal for four (4) additional five (5) year terms..." Seconded.

Vote by raising Paper Ballot. Majority Against. Amendment Failed.

A brief discussion followed addressing the modification of a Town Fund at a future meeting to receive revenue from the tower.

Penny Courser made a Motion to:

Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 12 as originally presented. Majority in Favor. Article 12 Passed

### **Article 13 – Passed Over**

**To see if the municipality will discontinue membership in the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission effective January 1, 2013. (majority vote required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

James McLaughlin made a Motion:

To Pass Over Article 13. Seconded.

Vote by a show of Paper Ballot. Majority in Favor. Motion Passed.

Martha Mical made a Motion:

To Restrict Reconsideration on Articles: 2, 3, 4, 12, 13. Seconded.

Vote by a show of Paper ballot. Majority in Favor. Motion Passed.

**Article 5 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? Of that sum \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to come from the General Fund Balance and \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Director of Public Works, Matt Waite, explained the amount requested was needed to build up funds to pay for the anticipated \$750,000 Waldron Hill Road project in 2014. He said he did not have a project planned for 2013. Discussion followed.

Barbara Marty made a Motion to:

Amend the amount of \$250,000 in Article 5, to \$100,000. Seconded. Discussion followed.

Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 5 as Amended. Majority Against. Amendment Failed.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 5 as originally presented. Majority in Favor. Article 5 Passed.

**Article 6 (Amended)**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Director of Public Works, Matt Waite, explained that a 25-year old truck needed to be replaced and he was researching a 10-wheel truck as it's replacement. Discussion followed that included Budget Chairman Michael Cutting explaining the Budget Committee's decision to "Not Recommend" Article 6 stating that the Committee felt this was not the year to purchase a 10-wheel vehicle.

Following more discussion, a Motion was made:

To Amend the amount of \$60,000 in Article 6 to \$30,000. Seconded.

Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on the Amendment to Article 6. Majority in Favor.

Amendment Passed.

The Moderator read Article 6 as Amended:

**Amended Article 6 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?**

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 6 as Amended. Majority in Favor. Article 6 Passed.

**Article 7 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion

Assessing Clerk Martha Mical explained the amount of \$5000 is to be added to the current fund balance of \$123,000 to pay for the 2014 Property Revaluation.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 7. Majority in Favor. Article 7 Passed

**Article 8 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion

Fire Chief Ed Raymond explained the cost of replacing a fire vehicles is substantial. He said by adding money yearly to the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, the Town can build up to the amount needed and then have the money available when it is time to replace a vehicle. Brief discussion followed.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 8. Majority in Favor. Article 8 Passed

**Article 9 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Bridge Replacement & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion

Director of Public Works, Matt Waite, explained money in this fund is used to repair and replace bridges and culverts in Town. Brief discussion followed.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of Paper Ballot on Article 9. Majority in Favor. Article 9 Passed

**Article 10 - Passes**

**Shall the Town vote to establish an Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of employee health insurance deductibles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, said sum to come from General Fund Balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

Selectman Clyde Carson explained that the reimbursement program was in place last year as a trial. He said this year the Board of Selectmen would like to place the money in a Capital Reserve Fund and replenish yearly only the amount that is used. He said this was set up to help employees with the higher deductible amount which was a result of the Town changing to a different health plan. He said the lower premiums for the new plan and this fund was still a savings for the Town. Lively discussion followed with both negative and positive comments expressed.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Request to Vote by Paper Ballot supported by 10 voters. Paper Ballot Vote. YES – 67 NO – 41 Article 10 Passed

**Article 11 - Passed**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,680.40 (Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and Forty Cents) for the purpose of Library Operations. Of that sum, \$25,680.40 (Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and Forty Cents) to come from one or more of the following funds managed by the Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library: the Fines & Fees Account, Donations Account, the Library Operating Account, the Eleanor Cutting Account and the Richard & Mary Cogswell Account. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Read by the Moderator. Question Moved and Seconded for Discussion.

No discussion.

Motion to Move the Question. Seconded. Vote by a show of paper ballot.  
Majority in Favor. Article 11 Passed

**Article 14**

**To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting**

The Moderator reminded people to read the Memoriams in the Town Report to long time Warner resident John R. Hill and to Deputy Town Clerk Bonnie Barnard.

Hearing no requests to transact any other business, the Moderator entertained a Motion to Adjourn.  
Seconded.

Voice Vote. Majority in Favor. Motion to Adjourn Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Newman-Rogers,  
Warner Town Clerk