

Warner Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting Warner Town Hall 5 East Main Street Warner, NH Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

ALMONERS OF THE FOSTER & CURRIER FUND 1 For 3 years	Darryl Parker - 341
BUDGET COMMITTEE 2 For 3 years	Michael Cutting – 342
CHANDLER RESERVATION 1 For 4 years	Allison P Mock - 360
SELECTMAN 1 For 3 years	Judith A Newman-Rogers – 350
TOWN CLERK 1 For 2 years	Michele L Courser – 391
TRUSTEE OF PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY 3 For 3 years	Teresa Hathaway – 336
	Emma A O’Connell-Fauteaux - 305
TRUSTEE OF TOWN CEMETERIES 2 For 3 years	Mary E Cogswell - 351
	Donald H Wheeler - 324
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND 1 For 3 years	David Hartman - 314
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND 1 For 2 Years	Nancy D Bassett - 339

Article 2 PASSED

QUESTION 2: YES [293] NO [80]

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to article III ‘Definitions’ in the town zoning ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

“Abutter” is as defined in RSA 672:3, as amended.

“Agriculture” is as defined in RSA 21:34-a, as amended.

“Automotive repair, automobile service station or garage” means a repair shop, service station or garage where automobiles are repaired or serviced by auto mechanics and technicians.

“Miscellaneous business repair services” means a building or facility where equipment used by a business is repaired or serviced.

“Person” is as defined in RSA 21:9, as amended.

“Subdivision” is as defined in RSA 672:14, as amended.

ADJOURN TO SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019 AT 9:00 AM AT THE TOWN HALL

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,342,654 (Three Million, Three Hundred Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars) as the 2019 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4-3). (Majority vote required).

Moderator read Article 3. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Motion: Charlie Albano Made a motion to increase the Operating Budget by \$2,000. Voice Vote. Majority Vote. Motion did not pass.

Motion: John Leavitt made a motion to decrease the Operating Budget to 3,308,469. Voice Vote. Majority Vote Motion passed.

Article 3 as Amended PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,308,469 (Three Million, Three Hundred Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars) as the 2019 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately.

Motion: Andy Bodnarik made a Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 3. Seconded. Majority Vote. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration Passed.

Motion: Kimberley Edelman made a motion to consider Article 16 and 17, because these article had guest speakers. Majority Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) to help fund the Riverbend Community Health, Inc.? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required).

Motion: Martha Bodnarik made an amendment to increase the funds to \$5,000. Seconded. More Discussion.

Motion: Martha Mical made a motion to amend the amendment to set the amount back to the original amount of \$2,500 that Riverbend originally requested. Majority Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 16 as Amended PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to help fund the Riverbend Community Health, Inc.?

Article 17 FAILED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,100 (Eleven Thousand One Hundred Dollars) to develop an on-line Geographic Information System (GIS) to be accessible through the town

website? This amount covers converting the town mapping information into digital format. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4-3). (Majority vote required).

Motion: Tim Blagden made an amendment to add \$3,900 to Article 17. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Failed.

Motion: Andy Bodnarik made a motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 16 and 17. Article moved. Seconded. Voice Vote. Majority Vote. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration passed.

Article 4 DELAYED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Motion: James Gaffney made an amendment to raise \$15,000 thru taxation, and the additional \$5,500 would come from the money in the Exit 9 Capital Improvement Fund. (Article 24)

Discussion followed and Article 24 was brought forward so the funds could be voted on before being included in the above motion.

Motion: Martha Mical made a motion to move Article 24 forward. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Motion: Discussion followed. James amended his amendment to say \$15,000 would come from taxation, \$5,500 would come from the General Fund.

Article 24 PASSED

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for Exit 9 Improvements and return the balance of funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the municipality's general fund? Approximate balance is \$5,590 (Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Amendment to Article 4: Ray brought James' motion forward to raise \$15,000 thru taxation. \$5,500 would come from the general fund. Voice Vote. Majority Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 4 as Amended PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,500 (Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? \$15,000 to come from Taxation, \$5500 to come from the General Fund.

Article 5 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employee Expendable Health Trust Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required).

Article 6 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund. Any Appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required).

Article 7 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 8 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 9 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required).

Article 10 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,000 (One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 11 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 12 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 13 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Preservation of Town Records? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 14 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 15 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 18 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required).

Motion: David Bates made a motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 5 thru 15, and 18. Seconded. Majority Vote. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration Passed.

Article 19 PASSED

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely the Class VI section of Eliza Sanborn Trace (a.k.a. Sanborn Trace) extending from Badger Lane and revert the land back to the abutting property owner of Tax map 5, Lot 8. This Class VI section is a dead-end road completely surrounded by the Badger Conservation land. (Submitted and Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 20 TABLED

Shall the Town vote to rescind the vote on warrant article 24 that passed at the 2015 Town Meeting? Article 24 directed the Board of Selectmen to place the Town owned property located at 136 East Main Street (Map 29, Lot 1, - the old fire station building site). Submitted and Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 24 from 2015 Town Meeting

To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to place the town owned property identified as Map 29 Lot 001 (136 East Main Street) for sale prior to May 30, 2015. To be sold as described in said Deed as recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on November 1, 2010. Sale of this property should take place as soon as possible. (Submitted by Petition) (Majority vote required.)

Motion: John Dabuliewicz moved to table article 20. Second. Voice Vote. Motion to table article Passed.

Article 21 PASSED

Shall the Town establish a revolving account for the purpose of transactions related to the municipal solar array as defined under RSA 31:95-h? The revolving account would receive revenue received from the sale of electricity produced by the array and revenue resulting from the sale of renewable energy credits. The money in the revolving account will be used to pay for the principle, interest and maintenance on the solar array. Once the loan is fully paid, funds in the account will be applied to municipal electric bills on a prorated basis. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general surplus. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing

body, or other board or body designated by the local legislative body at the time the fund is created; provided, that no further approval of the legislative body, if different from the governing body, shall be required. Such funds may be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created. An annual accounting for the account will be included in the town report. (Submitted & recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Article 22 PASSED

Shall the Town change the exemption for the solar energy systems under RSA 72:62 and wind powered systems under RSA 72:66 from the current maximum of \$35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) to be the cost of a system sized to meet the electric usage at the location, where the exemption will be applied. The exemption will apply to off grid and on grid net metered systems. (Submitted and Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 23 PASSED

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-c (“Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service”) in the amount of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars). A tax credit for combat service shall be in lieu of, and not in addition to, the optional veteran’s tax credit under RSA 72:28 or the all veterans’ tax credit under RSA 72:28-b. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 25 TABLED

To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the elected positions of Almoners for the Foster Fund and Currier Fund and vest in the Board of Selectmen the authority to appoint an individual who shall assume the responsibilities of distributing aid to the worthy poor, as directed by those trusts.

MOTION: Clyde Carson made a motion to table article 25. Voice Vote. Second. Motion to Table Article Passed.

Article 26

To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to sell the Fire Station at 27 East main Street, identified as Map 30, Lot 2, and return it to the tax rolls? (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Motion: John Dabuliewicz amended article 26 to insert the following wording “by outright sale or via a lease to purchase agreement.” Seconded. Voice Vote. Majority Vote. Amendment to Article 26 Passed.

Article 26 as Amended PASSED

To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to sell the Fire Station at 27 East main Street, identified as Map 30, Lot 2, by outright sale or via a lease to purchase agreement, and return it to the tax rolls.

Article 27 PASSED

Whereas nine nations together have over 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most far more destructive than the town that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in 1945;

Whereas detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences affecting everyone on the planet;

Whereas the United States maintains hundreds of nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, to be launched within minutes with great risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;

Whereas the United States reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first, making a nuclear war more likely;

Whereas the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;

Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend as estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;

Whereas the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Town of Warner, NH calls upon the U.S. Government to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make global nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Warner, NH calls upon the U.S. government to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the sole unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- canceling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Board of Selectmen will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption to all members of our Congressional Delegation. (Submitted by Petition) (Majority vote required.)

Motion: Amendment to send Yes and No votes along with the resolution to the members of Congress. Seconded. Voice Vote. Majority Vote. Did not Pass.

Article 28 PASSED

Motion: Ed Mical made a motion to move Town Meeting back to Wednesday After the Town Voting on the second Tuesday in March, beginning at 6:00 PM. Seconded.

Motion: Steve Bridgewater amended the amendment to Article 28 to start at 7:00 PM. Seconded. Voice Vote. Did Not Pass. Back to the Original Motion.

Hearing no further business, Moderator made a Motion to Adjourn the 2019 Annual Town Meeting of Warner at 02:15 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 02:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L Courser
Warner Town Clerk