

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District
On March 19, 2019
at the Warner Town Hall

In attendance were: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Chris Perkins, Treasurer; Ray Martin, Administrative Assistant; Jim McLaughlin, Clerk; and Kathy Carson, Moderator. Also in attendance were 2 registered precinct voters.

Moderator Kathy Carson opened the Annual Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Peter Savlen as Commissioner for three years. There being no other candidates, Ms. Carson directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Savlen, declaring him elected as Commissioner for three years by unanimous vote.
2. A motion was made and seconded to nominate James McLaughlin as Clerk for one year, and Christine Perkins as Treasurer for one year. There being no other candidates, Ms. Carson directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. McLaughlin and Mrs. Perkins, declaring them elected as Clerk and Treasurer, respectively, by unanimous vote.
3. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Warner Village Water District will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for District use and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$35,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or other aid, grants, gifts or other forms of assistance which may be available for said project and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,225 for the first year's bond payment. Recommended by the Commissioners and by the Budget Committee. Polling for this article, requiring a 2/3 paper ballot vote, was held open for a period of one hour, at which time (8:04 P.M.) the votes were counted and the article was approved by a vote of 8 to 1.
4. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Warner Village Water District will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purchase of a site for a proposed ground water discharge system and to cover the cost of testing, engineering, and construction and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or other aid, grants, gifts or other forms of assistance which may be available for said project and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the first year's bond payment. Recommended by the Commissioners and by the Budget Committee. Discussion on this article followed. Polling for the article, requiring a 2/3 paper ballot vote, was held open for a period of one hour, at which time (8:21 P.M.) the votes were counted and the article was approved by unanimous vote.
5. A motion was made and seconded to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$437,757) for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the District's water and sewer systems. Recommended by the Commissioners and by the Budget Committee. The article was approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. A motion was made and seconded to hear the reports of the District Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report for the preceding year and pass any vote relating thereto. This motion was approved by unanimous vote.

7. Under the article to transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to increase the current surcharge fee assessed on commercial businesses using the McDonalds pump station at Exit 9 from \$3.15 per thousand gallons of water metered to \$6.30. The argument for this increase is that the District must plan for the eventual replacement of this pump and the users of the facility are solely responsible for the cost of this replacement. Following discussion on the motion, it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Another matter raised under this article, was a concern about the District's policy for assessing tie-in fees for new commercial properties, particularly in the Intervale district at Exit 9. After considerable discussion, a recommendation was made to the District Commissioners for action, as follows. The District Commissioners should study the current policy for tie-in fees on new construction or substantial change in use of commercial properties, based on expected water usage and determine the likely impact of those new/expanded facilities on the water and sewer systems of the District; this study to be completed by June, 2019. The Commissioners agreed to this recommendation.

Finally, it was recommended that the Commissioners seek a meeting with the Board of Selectmen, forthwith, concerning the Town's project to bring a 6-inch water main to the Town Hall for purposes of installing a fire suppression system in the building. The District's interest in the specific route of this pipe is that engineering costs for the Kearsarge Mountain Road alternative were paid for by the Water District and this route offers improved water access to the school and to the Odd Fellows building; a new fire hydrant location; and dovetails with two other Town objectives: burying an electrical conduit and lowering a driveway to Church Street. The Commissioners agreed to take this recommendation under advisement.

There being no further business to legally come before the Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk