

MINUTES OF 2019 TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that Vermont now has same day voter registration. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day during the hours the polls are open. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office until Monday March 4th, 2019 until 5 PM. Any authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2019

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following matters:

2019 Town meeting was called to order by Robert Messner, standing in for Mac Rood who was absent. Mr. Messner reviewed the several reports of the Town Officers.

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2018?
After reviewing the reports. Motion moved and seconded to approve all reports. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative. The floor recognized Lenord Robinson who was celebrating his 90th birthday.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
Robert Ackland moved that the Town of Warren approve a budget in the amount of \$3,502,375 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. Motion seconded. Mr. Ackland led the discussion and review of the budget.

The issue of whether or not to pave Cross Road became an issue. Andrew Cunningham stated that the Select board would gather more information and hold an informational hearing on Cross Road Paving, Tuesday April 2. Motion was made and seconded to end discussion. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?
Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 3. So moved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Motion made and seconded to approve Article 4. So moved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$10,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2019 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24 April 2007?

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 5. Conservation Commissioner Jito Coleman presented an overview of the commission's activities. After discussion and some opposition, motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize Select board to sell property acquired by Delinquent Tax Sale?

Reta Goss, Delinquent tax collector explained that the Town had purchased four properties at Delinquent Tax sale. In order for the Town to sell the properties and have them back on the tax rolls, the voters should authorize the Select board the authority to sell.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 6. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property paid in installments, and set the dates, and to see whether payments shall be with or without discounts, and set the amount thereof?

(Last year voted the following: Taxes billed July 15, taxes due August 15, delinquent after November 15, with no discount)

Motion was made that Property Taxes be billed on July 15, due on August 15, delinquent after November 15, payable without discount. Motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to expend an amount not to exceed \$13,750 for Knot Weed control practices?

Conservation Commissioner, Jito Coleman explained that a plan was in the works to attach some of the upland plots of Knot Weed, to try to contain the sites and prevent spread.

After discussion and a show of hand vote 71 in favor/ 16 opposed Article 8 was approved.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren PTO?

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 9. After discussion, motion was approved by a voice vote.

Article 10. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 10. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Warren Elementary School?

Motion was made to start next year's (2020) Town meeting at 4:00 O'clock in the afternoon was made and seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 12. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Mr. Messner explained that the Australian ballot issues were being voted on the stage and polls would close at 7PM.


1. The Election of all Town and School Officers required by law.

Moderator Mac Rood 269 Votes
Selectmen 3 Yr Andrew Cunningham 253 Votes
Selectmen 2 Yr Luke Youmell 246 Votes
Selectmen 2 Yr of 3 Yr Camilla Behn 258 Votes
Grand Juror Jeff Campbell 236 Votes
Town Agent Wayne Kathan 260 Votes
Cemetery Commission 4 Yr of 5 Yr Camilla Behn 255 Votes
Cemetery Commission 5 Yr Charles Snow 245 Votes
Library Commission
Jordy Baker 109 Votes
Roger Hussey 27 Votes
Alex Maclay 186 Votes**
Linda Tyler 142 Votes**
Lister Sandra Brodeur 267 Votes
Harwood Unified Union School
Jonathan Clough 140 Votes**
Kristen Parker 106 Votes
1510 Registered voters
286 votes cast

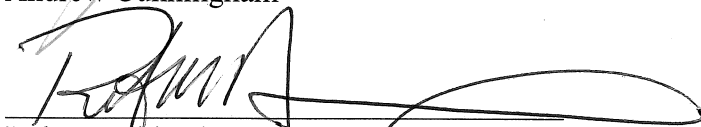
Article 13. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. (Non-Binding Article)

The Warren Church was thanked for organizing the dinner which is to follow the meeting.


Motion made and seconded and approved to adjourn the 2019 Warren Town Meeting.



Andrew Cunningham

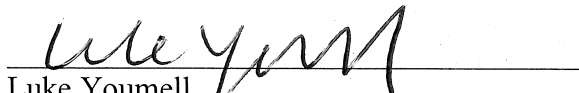


Robert Ackland



Randall Graves

Mary Ellen Alberti



Luke Youmell