

**Waterford Annual Town Meeting  
Waterford School Gym  
March 5, 2019**

The Inhabitants of the Town of Waterford who are legal voters in said town are hereby notified and warned to meet in the auditorium of the Waterford School on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Moderator Maurice Chaloux opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator asked if there was any objection to hearing from Marcia Martel, our State Representative. There was no objection.

Representative Martel touched base on some of the bills that are being acted upon. She discussed some of the major bills which include paid family leave and minimum wage.

Maurice Chaloux recognized Brent Beck for his years served and wished him well.

Pamela Bullock presented a plaque for Joanne Jurentkuff that frames her Town Report dedication.

Maurice Chaloux asked if there was any objection to not reading the whole warning and just proceeding to the first article. There was no objection.

**Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.**

David Morrison nominated Maurice Chaloux. There were no further nominations. Kate Piper seconded the motion. The Moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Maurice Chaloux as Moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2: Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to defray expenses until taxes are collected?**

Dave Morrison made the motion to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to defray expenses until taxes are collected. Howard Remick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote authorized the Selectmen to borrow money to defray expenses until taxes are collected.

**Article 3: To elect the following Town Officers:**

**A Selectman for a term of three years. By ballot.**

David Morrison nominated William Piper as selectman for a term of three years. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared nominations closed. Elizabeth Kanell made the motion to have the Town Clerk cast one ballot for William Piper for selectman for three years. Jennifer Smith seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote passed the motion. The Town Clerk cast one ballot for William Piper for selectmen for three years.

**A Lister for a term of three years. By ballot.**

Bernard Willey nominated Howard Remick. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. David Morrison made the motion to have the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Howard Remick for Lister for three years. Michael Barrett seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote passed the motion. The town clerk cast one ballot for Howard Remick for Lister for three years.

**An Auditor for a term of three years. By ballot.**

Mary Jo Lote nominated Dorothy Borsodi as Auditor for a term of three years. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared nominations closed. David made the motion to have the town clerk cast one ballot for Dorothy Borsodi for Auditor for three years. Michael Barrett seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote passed the motion. The Town Clerk cast one ballot for Dorothy Borsodi for Auditor for three years.

**A First Constable for a term of one year.**

Kate Piper nominated Thomas Lawrence for First Constable for a term of one year. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Thomas Lawrence as First Constable for a term of one year.

**A Second Constable for a term of one year.**

David Morrison nominated Anthony Gallotto for Second Constable for a term of one year. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Anthony Gallotto as Second Constable for a term of one year.

**A Grand Juror for a term of one year.**

Roberta Horowitz nominated Elizabeth Kanell for Grand Juror for a term of one year. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Elizabeth Kanell as Grand Juror for a term of one year.

**A Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen.**

David Morrison nominated Gerard Jones for Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations

closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Gerard Jones as Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen.

**A Library Trustee for a term of three years.**

Mary Jo O'Neill nominated Candace Barrett as Library Trustee for a term of three years. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Candace Barrett as Library Trustee for a term of three years.

**A Library Trustee for a term of three years.**

Tim Yarrow volunteered to be a Library Trustee for a term of three years. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Tim Yarrow as Library Trustee for a term of three years.

**An Agent to Convey Real Estate owned by the Town for a term of one year.**

Howard Remick nominated Rosemary Gingue as Agent to Convey Real Estate owned by the Town for a term of one year. There were no further nominations. The moderator declared the nominations closed. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative elected Rosemary Gingue as Agent to Convey Real Estate owned by the Town for a term of one year.

**Article 4: Will the Town and Town School District vote to have the Town and Town School taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2019 with an 8% collector's fee to be added thereafter? Taxes must be paid on or before the due date. Title 32. Postmarks will NOT be honored as timely payment.**

Howard Remick made the motion to have the Town and Town School taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2019 with an 8% collector's fee to be added thereafter? Taxes must be paid on or before the due date. Title 32. Postmarks will NOT be honored as timely payment. David Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative passed the motion and Article 4 was adopted.

**Article 5: Will the Town levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of 1% per month or fraction thereof, as provided in 32 VSA Section 5135?**

Howard Remick made the motion for the Town to levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of 1% per month or fraction thereof, as provided in 32 VSA Section 5135. David Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote passed the motion and Article 5 was adopted.

**Article 6: Shall the Town of Waterford vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year general fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?**

Barnard Willey made the motion to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year. Howard Remick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote passed the motion and Article 6 was adopted.

**Article 7: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$13,200 to the Davies Memorial Library for the maintenance and operation of the library?**

Jennifer Smith made the motion to appropriate \$13,200 to the Davies Memorial Library for the maintenance and operation of the library. Joseph Healy The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$13,200 to the Davies Memorial Library.

**Article 8: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$400.00 to Rural Community Transportation?**

Jennifer Smith made the motion to appropriate \$400.00 to Rural Community Transportation. David Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$400.00 to Rural Community Transportation.

**Article 9: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$500.00 to Catamount Arts?**

Michael Barrett made the motion to appropriate \$500.00 to Catamount Arts. Colleen Kozlowski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$500.00 to Catamount Arts.

**Article 10: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1000.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence with The Advocacy Program supportive and protective services, as well as to provide safe, supervised visits for children and non-residential parents through The Family Room?**

Elizabeth Kanell made the motion to appropriate \$1000.00 to Umbrella, Inc. Colleen Kozlowski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$1000.00 to Umbrella, Inc.

**Article 11: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1250.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services?**

Paul Cranmer made the motion to appropriate \$1250.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services. Elizabeth Kanell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$1250.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice.

**Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1104.00 for the operation of Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Waterford residents?**

Michael Barrett made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$1104.00 for the operation of Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Waterford residents. Colleen Kozlowski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$1104.00 for the operation of Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium.

**Article 13: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the NEK Council on Aging in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year?**

Barbara Connelly made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the NEK Council on Aging in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year. Rosemary Gingue seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$500.00 to NEK Council on Aging.

**Article 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to support the programs of Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?**

Kate Piper made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to support the programs of Northeast Kingdom Youth Services. Jennifer Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$750.00 to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services.

**Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1159.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services Inc., a not-for-profit 501c(3) organization, to assist in providing psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties?**

David Morrison made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$1159.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. a not-for-profit 501c (3) organization, to assist in providing psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. Barbara Connelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$1159.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

**Article 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Inc.?**

Jane Vinton made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. Colleen Kozlowski seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

**Article 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Kingdom Animal Shelter to assist in maintaining services for the animals in our care?**

Lynn Bryant made the motion to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Kingdom Animal Shelter to assist in maintaining services for the animals in their care. Mary Em Saar seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote appropriated \$500.00 to the Kingdom Animal Shelter.

**Article 18: To suggest members to the Development Review Board for four years.**

Daphne Bullock was suggested.

**Article 19: To suggest members to the Planning Board for three years.**

Dave Morrison suggested Howard Remick. Howard Remick suggested Bill Dimick.

**Article 20: To hear reports of Town Boards, Commissions and Committees.**

David Morrison spoke for Clarence Priest regarding the Road Tenders. Clarence is looking for a volunteer to run when he is away. Anyone interested touch base.

Helen Pike spoke about the Waterford History Group and noted anyone can become a member for \$5.00. Howard Remick reported that a town-wide reappraisal will begin this year by NEMRC and will complete in 2021 with the new appraisals.

Joe Healy said that the Davies Memorial Library is celebrating 66 years of being a Library in the white village of Waterford. Colleen Kozlowski shared that the Davies Memorial Library will hold a brunch after town meeting this year.

**Article 21: Will the Town accept the proposed Town Budget of \$1,107,621.00 of which \$847,478.00 is to be raised by taxes?**

Howard Remick made the motion to accept the proposed Town Budget of \$1,107,621.00 of which \$847,478.00 is to be raised by taxes. David Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative accepted the Town Budget of \$1,107,621.00

**Article 22: Will the Town accept the Town's portion of the Town Report for the year 2018?**

Howard Remick made the motion to accept the Town's portion of the Town Report for the year 2018. David Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A unanimous affirmative voice vote accepted the Town's portion of the Town Report for 2018.

**Article 23: At what hour next year do the voters of the Town wish to start the annual meeting?**

Selectboard touched base with Linda Mitchell who volunteered her help in putting together a survey for the Town.

Bill Vinton re-submitted the motion regarding a survey to determine the date and time of Town Meeting. After discussion from the floor, Jennifer Smith proposed an amendment to Bill's motion. After further discussion, Kate Piper proposed an amendment to Jennifer's amendment. After additional discussion and after the voters' rejection of the two proposed amendments and rejection of Bill's original motion, Jennifer Smith made the following motion which was seconded and passed on a voice vote: the Selectmen shall survey all registered voters of the Town of Waterford in the 2019 calendar year to determine the favored time for the annual Town Meeting and shall set the time with consideration of the survey results within the legal limits to allow the voting and meeting to be the first Tuesday in March in 2020. David Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 24: To transact any other non-binding business proper and necessary that may come before said meeting.**

There was no other business.

David Morrison made a motion to adjourn. Howard Remick seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:09AM.

Jessy Pelow, Town Clerk  
Date:

Maurice Chaloux, Moderator  
Date:

Fred Saar, Selectman, Chair  
Date:

William Piper, Selectman

Gary Allard, Selectman