

2010 TOWN ELECTION & MEETING RESULTS

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2010 TOWN MEETING RESULTS TOWN OF NORTHWOOD, NH

The following action was taken by the Town's voters at the 2010 Town Meeting:

Election of Town Officers

Article 1: The following candidates received votes at the Town Election. The winners are in **BOLD**:

Moderator - 2 yrs

Robert B. Robertson - 222
Robert Young - 8

Board of Selectmen - 3 yrs

Alden Dill - 207
Ken Witham - 5

Budget Committee - 3 yrs

Virgina "Ginger" Dole - 197
Muriel Johnson - 186
Babette Morrill - 179
Betsy Colburn - 178
Kate McNally - 3

Budget Committee - 1 yr

Ken Curley - 212

Cemetery Trustee - 3 yrs

Babette Morrill - 116
Mark L. Edwards - 108

Library Trustee - 3 yrs

Ann Kelley - 219

Planning Board - 3 yrs

Richard Wolf - 167
Robert Press - 133
Babette Morrill - 117

Police Commission - 3 yrs

W. Edw. "Spike" Bryant - 214

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 yrs

Kevin Murphy - 223

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 yrs

Patricia Durkan - 222

NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITION - PASSED

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) to establish a new permanent full-time police officer position. The appropriation represents the cost of salaries

and benefits from April 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The full year cost of salaries and benefits for the position is \$62,000. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 14-1) (Impact on tax rate \$0.08)

2010 OPERATING BUDGET - PASSED

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,126,276 as an operating budget for the year 2010. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required) (Impact on tax rate - \$0.15)

THE ADOPTED 2010 TOWN BUDGET MAY BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON DOCUMENTS AND FORMS IN THE MAIN MENU (LEFT) AND THEN CLICKING ON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SECTION.

POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE - PASSED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollar (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police cruiser for the Northwood Police Department. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 11-4) (Impact on tax rate \$0.06)

FIRE ENGINE PAYMENT - PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand one hundred and nine dollars (\$60,109) for the second of five annual payments on a five year lease on Fire Engine 1 and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this sum from the Fire/Rescue Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2008 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

CHANGE OF PURPOSE & FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - PASSED

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to expand the purpose of the existing Ambulance Replacement Special Revenue Fund created pursuant to RSA 31:95-c, to include fire rescue vehicles and to change the name to the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. (2/3rd ballot vote required)

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT - PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (Impact on tax rate \$0.02)

FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST - PASSED

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500) to be deposited into the previously established Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs and replacement of general government buildings. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 10-5) (Impact on tax rate \$0.06)

POLICE STATION EXPANSION CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT - NOT PASSED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the previously established Police Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 2-1) (Not recommended by Budget Committee 14-1) (Impact on tax rate \$0.04)

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - NOT PASSED

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited into the previously established Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 2-1) (Not recommended by Budget Committee 14-1) (Impact on tax rate \$0.02)

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - NOT PASSED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing land and the construction costs to expand the current library or construct a new library and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required) (Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Not recommended by Budget Committee 14-1) (Impact on tax rate \$0.04)

CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - PASSED

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty nine thousand eight hundred eighty dollars (\$39,880) to be deposited into the previously established Cable Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2009. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received as cable TV franchise fees in the year 2009. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

TRANSFER STATION EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT - PASSED

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred fifty five dollars (\$4,255) to be placed in the existing Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing transfer station equipment and repairing and maintaining the transfer station buildings and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2009. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received from the sale of recyclable materials in 2009. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - PASSED

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be deposited into the previously established Cemetery Improvement Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2009. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received from the sale of cemetery lots in 2009. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

MILFOIL TREATMENT AND CONTROL PROGRAM EXPENDABLE TRUST - PASSED

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be deposited into the previously established Milfoil Treatment and Control Program Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (Impact on tax rate \$0.01)

PAYMENT FOR COMPACTOR - PASSED

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to make a principal payment, plus all accrued interest due at time of payment, for the trash compactors at the Transfer Station that were approved for purchase at the 2007 Town Meeting without an escape clause, and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the previously established Transfer Station Expendable Trust. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

POLICE SPECIAL DUTY - PASSED

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of special duty coverage provided by the Northwood Police Department with the intention that all funds expended pursuant to this article be reimbursed by the person/company that requires the coverage. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (No impact on tax rate)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE - PASSED

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to perform an update of the Town of Northwood Emergency Management Plan. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15-0) (Impact on tax rate \$0.01)

LAND USE CHANGE TAX ALLOCATION - NOT PASSED

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to decrease the percentage of the Land Use Change Tax that is allocated to the Conservation Land Fund from fifty percent (50%) to 25 percent (25%). If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2010.

ATHLETIC FIELDS REGULATIONS ORDINANCE - PASSED WITH AMENDMENT ALLOWING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AFTER TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Article 20: To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of an Ordinance relative to the regulation and use of the Northwood Athletic Fields

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE - PASSED WITH AMENDMENT ALLOWING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AFTER TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Article 21: To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of an Ordinance to provide for the control of dogs, cats, small pets and undomesticated animals that may become a problem within the Town of Northwood.

RESOLUTION (By Petition) - NOT PASSED

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.

OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD RE-CLASSIFICATION (By Petition) - PASSED

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to reclassify a section of Old Mountain Road to a Class A Municipal Trail. Starting at tax map #228, lots 4 and 5 most westerly boundaries and proceeding approximately 3,400 feet to the southwesterly most boundary line of tax map 236 lot 11. The landowners, on both sides of the road, are the State Of New Hampshire.

The vote would reclassify this portion of Class VI road to a Class A Municipal Trail, in accordance with RSA 231-A. A Class A Municipal Trail is a full public right of way that is subject to public trail use restrictions. It may be used by abutting landowners to provide access for agriculture and forestry purposes and to access any buildings existing, prior to its designation as a Class A Municipal Trail. The municipality shall bear no financial responsibility, now or in the future, for maintaining the trail for such uses.

OTHER BUSINESS

Article 24: To transact any other business that legally can come before this meeting.