

The Meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Charlotte Hastings at 12:00 noon. She read the Warrant through Article 1 and the polls were declared open. There are 519 on the check list. The polls were closed at 7:05 P.M. after 171 had voted. This included 5 absentee ballots. The meeting was adjourned for the counting of ballots.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. and announced the following results:

Selectman: Henry Abbott 112, write ins; Florence Roberts 31, F. Paul Gavin 14.
 School Board Moderator: Catherine Schwenk 145.
 School Committee: Robert Fortier 50, write ins, Arthur Godjikian 113.
 Planning Board Amendment: Yes 142, No 11.

Nominations were taken from the floor for the following vacancies:

Library Trustee (3 years) Pamela Steinberg
 Trustee of Cemeteries (3 years) Andrew Hooker
 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years) James Rowse

The nominations were closed and the clerk authorized to cast one ballot for the above candidates, who were declared elected.

A motion was made, seconded and passed in the affirmative to act on Article 4 before Articles 2 and 3.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of a used road grader. The funds for this equipment to be raised as follows: \$10,000 revenue sharing; and \$5,000, by taxation. This article will decrease the Town Road Maintenance budget to \$58,437.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,435 for the purpose of defraying Town Charges for the ensuing year. A motion to cut the Police budget from \$35,000 to \$28,700 was defeated in a secret ballot. The vote was yes, 23, no 94.

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,596 for the following items" 2 new Pressure Demand Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, \$1,800; and 2 new tone-operated pagers with chargers, \$796.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,235 for the purchase of 2 portable radios with cases, chargers, and speaker mikes for the Fire Department.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$970 to replace six 900X20 mud and snow tires with new tires and tubes on Engine #3.

Article 9. Voted to confirm the action of the Library and Town Office building Committee in applying for a Grant not in excess of \$25,000 from the New Hampshire State Library under the Title II Public Library Construction section of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act for the purpose of supplementing funds to be used in the Renovation and Remodeling of the Benjamin Mann House.

Article 10. Voted to authorize the Library and Town Office Building Committee to accept and apply the above construction Grant, when and if the application is approved, bearing in mind that the Town may withdraw from the process at any time if the terms of the Grant do not prove to be in the Town's best interest.

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations of money, furnishings, fixtures, and building materials for the renovation of the stable located on the Benjamin Mann property, and to make renovations to accommodate the Mason Police Department.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the following improvements at the recreation field: chain link fence, and volleyball court.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the purpose of updating the town tax map. A motion to table the article was defeated.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 10:08 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

During 1985 the Town purchased a used grader for \$15,000. This purchase has worked out well for the Town as the Highway Department has been able to grade small sections of roads as they become rough. This is harder to do when we have to rent equipment. Unless we suffer a major mechanical expense, the grader should pay for itself in four years.

The final papers have been passed on the Railroad Right of Way purchase and we are waiting for matching funds from the Federal Government.

The Selectmen, Town Clerk and Tax Collector now occupy the Mann House and the new offices are working out well. We hope to hold an open house and Library Dedication in early Spring.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WOLFGANG MILLBRANDT, CHAIRMAN
MICHAEL J. FARREY
HARRY L. ABBOTT