

Resume of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Heather Mateja at 10:02 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Waterville Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to act on the following business, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting. Heather Mateja was elected.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk for one year. Nancy LaRose

Treasurer for one year. Nancy LaRose

Selectman for three years. Arthur Tilton declined. Christopher Mann and Lucas Tilton were nominated. Christopher Mann was elected by ballot vote.

Christopher Mann – 49 votes; Lucas Tilton – 42 votes.

Road Commissioner for one year. Hunter Locke

Lister for three years. Linda Ward

First Constable for one year. Robin Genetti

Second Constable for one year. Warren Lyon

Auditor for three years. Donna Barry

Library Trustee for three years. Wade Chivington

Library Trustee for three years. Alice Godin declined. Lauren Breslin elected

Library Trustee for three years. April Vanderveer declined. Ashley Begnoche elected

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year. Nancy LaRose

Grand Juror for one year. Lucas Tilton

Trustee of Public Money for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. Shawn LaRose

LRSWMD Representative for two years. Lucas Tilton

Emergency Management Coordinator for two years. John Terrel

Article 3. To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report. Report accepted.

Article 4. Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,993.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
600.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP
2,058.00	Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
200.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
411.00	Lamoille County Planning Commission
200.00	Clarina Howard Nichols Center
440.00	Meals on Wheels
300.00	Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out & About)
200.00	North Country Animal League
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
<u>2,500.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$ 7,993.34	

Total appropriations of \$7,993.34. Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 5. To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2023 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection. It was voted, by voice, to accept the proposed budget of \$352,807.66 (which includes Article 4). The manner of its collection will be the same as last year - tax bills will be sent out by August 5th, due September 5th with a 4% discount; after September 5th, no discount. Taxes due by October 5th; tender to delinquent tax collector after October 5th. Delinquent tax collector charges 8% on amounts tendered for collection.

Article 6. Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town? Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 7. Shall the Waterville Town Library be open year round for the residents of Waterville? Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 8. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Donna Barry asked about old booth being taken down, it needs to be cleaned out first. Lucy Boyden, our representative spoke.

Discussion regarding Town ARPA money, and using this money for grant match opportunities. Select Board confirmed that nothing has been decided yet. Setting up an ARPA Committee seemed like a good idea. Suggestion of adding an ARPA update in next year's town report. Some road discussion on Plot Road and Church Street, as well as discussion regarding crosswalk and speeding through town. Discussion regarding state police presence and suggestions of re-negotiating sheriff's department contract.

Rebecca Pitre asked if we could start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance next year.

Jeff Tilton gave an update on the Lamoille FiberNet CUD and the 100% match opportunity with Vermont Community Broadband Board using Town ARPA funds if we partner with the Communications Union District. This will bring affordable, reliable broadband to all unserved and underserved addresses in our community.

Bart Bezio thanked the town for supporting the school budgets.

Cathy Wright asked about the Town Hall upkeep, cleaning and maintenance.

Adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Dated at Waterville this 9th day of March 2023.

Jay Marsh

L. Carlos Martin

Christopher Mann

Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:

Nancy LaRose

Town Clerk, Town of Waterville