

**Townshend School District Annual Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

**The legal voters of the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham and the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 9:05 A.M. in the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to transact the following business and act upon the following Articles:**

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

Carole Melis nominated David Liebow as Moderator for a one year term. There being no further nominations, the Moderator made a motion to close nominations and the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow as School District Moderator. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Moderator proceeded to introduce the School Board.

**ARTICLE 2.** To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 Treasurers' Report.

So moved by Carole and seconded by Chris Kuch.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the School Balance Sheet and the fact that the WCSU was not in the town report.

**Article 2 passed by voice vote**

**ARTICLE 3.** To elect School Directors for the following terms:

**One (1) - three year term - until March 2019** Nominated: Eric Scott

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Eric Scott for a three year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**One (1) - one year term - until March 2017** Nominated: Brud Sanderson

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Brud Sanderson for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**One (1) - one year term - until March 2017** Nominated: Robert Jennings

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Robert Jennings for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

**One (1) - one year term - until March 2017** Nominated: Anita Bean

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Anita Bean for a one year term as School District Treasurer; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5.** To compensate the Townshend School District Officers:

Treasurer	\$1,790.00
School Directors:	
(1) Chair	\$500.00
(4) Members	\$250 each

So moved by Craig Hunt and seconded. No discussion, motion carries by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6.** “Shall the voters of the Townshend School District approve the school board to expend \$1,556,825.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?” It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,441.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.2% lower than spending for the current year.

So moved by Charlie Marchant and seconded.

Al Claussen gave a brief explanation of the budget. He went through the Townshend Elementary School Balance Sheet.

A Motion was made to suspend the rules to allow Deborah Leggott, Principal, to address the assembly, which was passed without objection.

There being no discussion Article 6 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?

So moved by Al Claussen and seconded.

Brief discussion asking what circumstances would arise that would require the School to borrow money.

There being no further discussion Article 7 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to spend “unanticipated” funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes?

So moved by Charlie Marchant and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 8 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9.** To set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Townshend School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year of 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

So moved by Carole Melis and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 9 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 10.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

Discussion regarding the next audit of the school funds and Act 46.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 A.M. made by Irv Stowell, seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Anita Bean, Town Clerk

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Alfred Claussen – School District Chair

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David Liebow, Moderator