

**Townshend School District Annual Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.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 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 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.

Article 2. To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Auditors' Report.

So moved by William Lincoln and seconded by Caleb Kiernan.

There being no discussion, Article 2 passed by voice vote.

Al Claussen gave a preamble on the Town School District Annual Report.

Article 3. To elect School Directors for the following terms:

One (1) - three year term - until March 2020 Nominated: Cliff Passino

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

One (1) - one year term - until March 2018

Nominated: Brud Sanderson – Respectfully Declined

No nominations. Seat vacant.

One (1) - one year term - until March 2018

Nominated: Manse Jennings – Respectfully Declined;
Kristina Wright

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Kristina Wright 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 2018 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 Kathy Greve and seconded by Anita Bean.

There being no discussion, Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6. “Shall the voters of the Townshend School District approve the school board to expend \$1,400,900 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 \$17,368 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.6% higher than spending for the current year.

So moved by Joe Wright and seconded by Paul Jerz.

Al Claussen gave a brief explanation of the budget.

Brief Discussion – Comparison of per equalized pupil amount compared to other towns.

There being no further 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 William Lincoln and seconded by Paul Jerz.

There being no 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 by Paul Jerz.

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 2018 at 9:05 a.m.

So moved by Joe Winrich and seconded by Paul Jerz.

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.

Items Discussed: Act 46 – positives and negatives, board of directors, tax implications, Grant diminishment, funding and school choice

Motion to Adjourn at 1:55 P.M. made by Paul Jerz, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Bean, Town Clerk

Alfred Claussen – School District Chair

David Liebow, Moderator