

Minutes for the Town Meeting 2011

The legal voters of The Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Peter Craig, was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

There was a moment of silence to honor departed Town residents and those unable to be here today, in particular, Leona Roberts.

John Marshall, speaking on behalf of the Peacham Congregational Church, welcomed all visitors.

Special thanks were given to our luncheon coordinator, Cher Monteith, and her crew of volunteers.

Rob Ide made the following general announcements:

1. He presented the ground rules for how the meeting was to be conducted.
2. Lunch would be served in the downstairs of the Peacham Congregational Church at 12:00 PM.
3. Julia and Michael Fickes will be providing wireless microphones for people who chose to speak. The microphones were a donation from the Town to the church.
4. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) poll will be open until 7:00 PM, moving to the Town Clerk's office after the Town Meeting is adjourned.
5. The Town Clerk has requested that successful candidates today need to remain for a few minutes to take their oaths of office.

Article 1
To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.

John Coffin nominated Rob Ide for Moderator. There being no other nominations, Ide was elected by a voice vote.

Article 2
To receive the report of Town Auditors.

There being no auditors present, Rob Ide instructed voters to refer to page 13 of the Town Report.

Article 3
To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.

Harley Colbeth nominated Bruce Lafferty for Town Clerk. There being no other nominations, Lafferty was elected by a voice vote.

Article 4
To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.

Harley Colbeth nominated Bruce Lafferty for Town Treasurer. There being no other nominations, Lafferty was elected by a voice vote.

Article 5
To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.

Sam Kempton nominated Annette Lorraine for Selectboard. There being no other nominations, Charlie Browne moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Annette Lorraine. Diana Senturia seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Lorraine elected.

Article 6 To elect a Lister for a term of three years.

Deborah Colbeth nominated Jeff Lamphere. There being no other nominations, Diana Senturia moved that nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Jeff Lamphere. Rick Scholes seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Lamphere elected.

Article 7 To elect an Auditor for a term of two years.

Selectboard Chairman, Tim McKay, indicated that Article 7 was an error and that it should be passed over. The Moderator asked for the unanimous consent of the meeting to pass over Article 7. There was no objection.

Article 8 To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.

There being no nominations the article was passed over. Jerry Senturia moved that the Selectboard appoint an auditor for a term of three years. Rick Scholes seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Article 9 To elect a Grand Juror for the ensuing year.

Richard Browne nominated Charles Browne. There being no other nominations, Charles Browne was elected by a voice vote.

Article 10 To elect a Town Agent for the ensuing year.

Charles Browne nominated Robert Fuehrer. There being no other nominations, Fuehrer was elected by a voice vote.

Article 11 To elect a First Constable for the ensuing year.

Ann Mills nominated John Sheehan. There being no other nominations, Sheehan was elected by a voice vote.

Article 12 To elect a Second Constable for the ensuing year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bill Thresher. There being no other nominations, Thresher was elected by a voice vote.

Article 13 To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Bob Fuehrer nominated John Sheehan. There being no other nominations, Sheehan was elected by a voice vote.

Article 14 Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000 to be raised in taxes to be added to the Capital Building Fund?

Diana Senturia moved the question. Rick Scholes seconded. Tim McKay spoke to the question. Discussion followed. The Moderator then called for a voice vote. Article 14 passed.

Article 15 Shall the voters appropriate \$413,795 in taxes to defray the Highway expenses of the Town?

Wynne Browne moved the question. Karen Fitzhugh seconded. Tim McKay spoke to the question. There being no questions or comments, the Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 15 passed.

Article 16 Shall the voters appropriate \$110,186 in taxes to defray the General expenses of the Town?

Diana Senturia moved the question. Jock Gill seconded. Tim McKay and Town Treasurer, Bruce Lafferty spoke to the question. Discussion followed. The Moderator then called for a voice vote. Article 16 passed.

Article 17 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to use money from the Capital Building Fund, not to exceed the Capital Building Fund balance, to repair the Town Hall's sills and foundation and to renovate the storage room?

Wynne Browne moved the question. Jerry Senturia seconded. Discussion followed. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote. Article 17 passed.

Article 18 Shall the Town investigate the possibility of conveying a small parcel of land adjacent to the Historical House to the Peacham Historical Association for the purpose of building a future home for its collections?

Lynn Lawson moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Tim McKay spoke to the question. Discussion followed. Town Moderator then called for a voice vote. Article 18 passed.

Article 19 Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,808.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the following organizations?

Area Agency on Aging	\$660.00
Cabot Ambulance	\$500.00
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2,000.00
Catamount Arts	\$500.00
Danville Rescue Squad	\$5,000.00
Danville Senior Action Center	\$300.00
Fairbanks Museum	\$650.00
NEK Human Services	\$698.00
NEK Learning Services	\$250.00
NEK Youth Services	\$500.00
Peacham Fire District #1	\$1,500.00
Peacham Library	\$6,500.00
RCT	\$250.00
Umbrella	\$250.00
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$500.00
West Danville Community Club (Joe's Pond Beach)	\$500.00
Total Appropriations	\$20,808.00

Charles Browne moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Charles Browne spoke to question. Dave Magnus moved to amend the appropriations amount for the Danville Senior Action Center to \$400.00. Jock Gill seconded. Discussion followed. The Moderator called for a voice vote to amend Charles Browne's original motion, changing the Danville Senior Action Center appropriation to \$400.00 and the total appropriation amount to \$20,908. The amendment passed on a voice vote and then Article 19 as amended for a total of \$20,908 also passed on a voice vote.

Article 20 Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2011, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

Kathy Corcoran moved the question. Rodney Reis seconded. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Rob Ide, quoting former Moderator Maurice Chandler, stated "It is a vote in the affirmative and I so declare". Article 20 passed.

Article 21 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

1. Ron Miller announced the availability of applications for the Peacham Farm Support Fund grant. The deadline for applying is April 3rd and the purpose of the fund is to support farming in Peacham. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website.
2. Richard Browne thanked retiring Selectboard member, Tim McKay, for his hard work and numerous contributions to the Town. McKay received a standing ovation and encouraged other residents to become involved in their community.
3. McKay thanked Lynn Bonfield and Karen Lewis for their 10 acre gift to the Town. The land is located near Devil's Hill.
4. McKay reported that a Recreation grant has been received for work to the ball field.
5. Julie Hansen asked that a special thanks be given to Peter Craig for his overseas service and his leading of the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Bob Fuehrer thanked the Peacham Fire Department and all the other emergency and first responder personnel for their hard work.
7. Fire Chief, Jeff Berwick, reminded residents that volunteer positions were always available at the Fire Department.
8. Rob Ide reminded voters about the changing location for the NEKWMD following the meeting.


Martha Ide moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jeff Berwick seconded.


Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

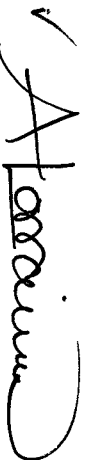
Peacham Selectboard


✓ 
Andy Cochran

Moderator

Robert Ide

✓ 
Richard Browne

Town Clerk

✓ 
Annette Lorraine


Bruce Lafferty