

Waterford Pre-Town Meeting minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
In-Person Waterford School Gym

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Gary Allard

Mike Barrett read through all of the article on the warning for the town meeting.

Article 2:

David Morrison asked which Selectboard position were due to expire. Robert Begin, Susan Hayes and Marcia Martel each expressed an interest in running again. Mike Barrett and Susan Hayes feels that a 5-member board is well diverse and is working well.

Article 6:

Conversation around who gets the 8% collector fee. The article states that we will be collecting an 8% fee not to whom the fee goes too. If this article passes the town people would like to have a further conversation if this article does pass.

How much of a hassle was the postmark for tax bills. Deb Benoit reported that 1 envelope was very difficult to read. It delays the tax warning for 1 week.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Waterford vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year general fund to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

David Morrison asked about the reserve account for the surplus in the highway budget.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$13,860. To the Davies Memorial Library for the maintenance and operation of the library?

Gary Allard stated that he will be amending this article at town meeting as there was a typo and the correct dollar amount should be \$30,580.00. This amount is already in the final budget amount.

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Inc.?

NEK Learning Services Appropriation states \$250.00, the final town budget only states \$ 200.00. Heather Gonyaw will ask for an amendment on Article 25 by increasing the town budget by \$50.00 if Article 18 passes.

Article 21: shall the Town establish an ordinance in accordance with 23 VSA 3506 to allow all-terrain vehicles and/or any wheeled vehicle that are registered with the State of Vermont to operate on any town highway or town property /land with restrictions regarding the time and manner set forth by the VLCT Model ATV Ordinance and Guidance?

The town had received a petition. If it were to pass. The Selectboard would look into writing an ordinance.

Other discussion: Jennifer Smith was looking for the actual Fire Department budget for 2022. Heather Gonyaw will make that available for town meeting.

Howard Remick asked to see the Calix contract for 2023. Mike Barrett will upload a PDF.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm