

**TOWN OF MOULTONBOROUGH**  
**TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 13, 2018 - MARCH 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Harry Blood on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 AM. The meeting was held in the Mel Borrin Training Room at the Moultonborough Public Safety Building. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Moderator reading Article 1. Ballot voting followed with the results below:

Voters Cast - 665

**TWO (2) SELECTMEN FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Kevin Quinlan 499

Jean M. Beadle 431

Paul Punturieri 120

**ONE TREASURER FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Nancy Goss 52

**ONE (1) MODERATOR FOR TWO (2) YEARS**

Paul Punturieri 156

**ONE (1) SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX (6) YEARS**

Laurie Whitley 555

**ONE (1) TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Paul Daisy 524

**TWO (2) LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Margaret Greenbaum 551

Carol Bamberry 95

**TWO (2) PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Sandra M. Kelly 492

Amy Lindamood 459

**TWO (2) ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

Richard Jenny 463

Robert St Peter 456

**ARTICLE 2**

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Moultonborough?

YES - 272

NO - 368

At 7:00 PM Moderator Harry Blood recessed the town meeting until Saturday March 17, 2018.

**Saturday March 17, 2018**

Moderator Harry Blood called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Harmony Markey and the MA Chorus sang the Star-Spangled Banner. The Moderator then made his announcements which included a brief explanation of the rules of the meeting. The Moderator introduced those seated on stage as Town Attorney Matthew Serge, Town Clerk Barbara Wakefield, Selectmen Josiah Bartlett, Russell Wakefield, Joel Mudgett, Chris Shipp, Jean Beadle, Town Administrator Walter Johnson and the Power Point Presenter Joanne Coppinger.

At this time Chairman Shipp recognized Selectman Bartlett for his service to the town as and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

The Moderator then indicated the Rules of the Meeting and sought a motion and second to approve. Motion moved by Joel Mudgett with a second by Rick Buckler. The motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to (a) raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$268,597), for a program of Capital Improvements and expenditures and equipment as generally illustrated below and (b) meet said appropriation by a withdrawal of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Municipal Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the IT Hardware and Software Capital Reserve Fund, a withdrawal of Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$26,527) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017 and One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand and Seventy Dollars (\$167,070) from taxation.

<b>Department/Project</b>	
Recreation: Construct a pavilion and bathrooms at Kraine Meadow Park, (Taxation)	\$125,070
DPW: DPW Garage Backup Generator Replacement (Taxation)	\$42,000
DPW: GPS Base Rover Kit (Fund Balance)	\$26,527
DPW: Flooring Replacement and Repainting in Town Buildings (Municipal Bldg. CR)	\$30,000
DPW: Energy Improvements - Town Facilities (Municipal Bldg. CR)	\$20,000
IT Hardware and Software (IT Hardware & Software CR)	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$268,597</b>

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes - 0 No excepting the first item, pavilion and bathrooms at Kraine Meadow Park for \$125,070, voted separately where the vote was 1 Yes – 4 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Bartlett and seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

A motion to amend the article was made by Barbara Rando and seconded by David McDonough to reduce the overall amount by \$125,070.00 and eliminate line (Recreation-Construct a pavilion and bathrooms at Kraine Meadow Park).

- The amendment was defeated by a show of voter cards.

A motion by Frederick Van Magness and seconded by Selectman Bartlett to change the funding source for the \$125,070.00 (Recreation: Construct a pavilion and bathrooms at Krainewood Meadow Park) from Taxation to the December 31, 2017 Unassigned Fund Balance.

- The amendment was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

A motion was made by Frederick Van Magness and seconded by Selectman Bartlett to amend the funding source for the \$42,000 DPW Backup Generator Replacement from Taxation to the December 31, 2017 Unassigned Fund Balance.

- The amendment was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.
- The amended article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

#### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to (a) raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,810,000) for a program of Capital Improvements and expenditures and equipment as generally illustrated below, and (b) meet said appropriation by a withdrawal of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) from the Public Works Equipment Fund, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) from the Milfoil Expendable Trust, and a withdrawal of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

Department/Project	
DPW: Highway & Facilities Replacement Pickup Truck (Public Works CR)	\$40,000
DPW: Highway Dump Truck including Plow, Wing and Sander (Public Works CR)	\$180,000
DPW: 2018 Roads Reconstruction (See below) (Road Improvements CR)	\$900,000
Fire: Replacement Fire Truck (Engine #3) (\$325,000-Firefighting Equip.CR & \$170,000 Fund Balance)	\$495,000
Milfoil Management, (Milfoil Exp. Trust)	\$195,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,810,000</b>

#### Roads Considered for the 2018 Road Improvement Program Are Illustrated Below:

Project	Segment	Length	Width	Treatment	Cost/FT	Budget
Red Hill Rd.	Sawmill Rd. to End of Pave	4000	22	FDR/Reclaim/Pave	65.00	260,000
Shaker Jerry Rd.	Bullrush to Wentworth	3100	22	FDR/Reclaim/Pave	65.00	201,500
<b>Rehab/Preservation</b>						<b>\$461,500</b>
Evans Rd	Rt.25 to End of pave	1215	20	Reclaim & Pave	25.00	30,375
Ben Berry Rd		300	21	Reclaim & Pave	25.00	7,500
Bodge Hill Rd	Rt. 109 to Randall Rd.	2700		Seal and Overlay	15.00	41,250
Sibley Road		3960		Seal and Overlay	15.00	59,400
Krainewood Dr.		4200		Seal and Overlay	15.00	63,000
Sheridan Rd.	Various sections	TBD		Seal and Overlay	15.00	36,350
TBD	Several for 4 days			Crack Sealing	\$5000/day	20,000
<b>Preservation</b>						<b>\$257,875</b>
Reconstruction Sections						\$100,000
17-18 Engineering						\$30,000
Contingency						\$50,625
<b>Total 2018 Road Program</b>						<b>\$900,000</b>

[Note: Inclusion of any road or intersection on this list was based upon a condition assessment and budget estimate prepared in November of 2017. It is no guarantee of work being undertaken on the identified roadway. Final construction decisions are made upon the acquisition of needed easements or right of way, detailed engineering and actual bids received with work deletions or additions based upon the final bids.]

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Mudgett and seconded by Selectman Bartlett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$1,759,000) and to deposit the same in the following Capital Reserve Funds and meet said appropriation by using Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$859,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017, and Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) from taxation.

<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Reappraisal CRF (Fund Balance)	\$24,000
Firefighting Equipment CRF (Fund Balance)	\$110,000
DPW Equipment CRF (Fund Balance)	\$220,000
Municipal Buildings & Facilities Maintenance CRF (Fund Balance)	\$299,000
IT Hardware and Software CRF (Fund Balance)	\$25,000
States Landing Improvements CRF (Fund Balance)	\$175,000
Roads Improvement CRF, Taxation (Taxation)	\$900,000
Community Substance Abuse CRF (Fund Balance)	\$6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,759,000</b>

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Wakefield and seconded by Selectman Shipp to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) and to deposit the same in the following Expendable Trust Funds and meet said appropriation by using Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017, and the balance of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) to come from taxation.

<b>Expendable Trust Funds</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Milfoil (Taxation)	\$195,000
Dry Hydrant (Fund Balance)	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Shipp and seconded by Selectman Beadle to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000) for the construction of sidewalks along Route 25 in the village area from Blake Road to Holland Street. The design is per the instructions of warrant article #30 approved at the 2015 Town Meeting. Said amount of Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000) to be raised from taxation.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 Abstain – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 2 Yes - 3 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Beadle and seconded by Selectman Shipp to move the article.

- This article was defeated by a secret ballot. YES - 122 NO - 275

At this time a motion was made by Elizabeth Tuttle and seconded by Jerry Hopkins to move Article 12 out of order.

- This was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to determine the use of the Town owned property known as the former Taylor property located at 970 Whittier Highway. To include the cost of any necessary engineering, design and development. The Select Board, with input from the community at public meetings, will determine the final use of the property including the former Taylor home and move forward with implementing the determined use. If necessary, the Select Board will present a warrant article for additional implementation funding at the 2019 Town Meeting. Said amount to be taken from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 3 Yes – 2 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

Article 12 was initially read by Selectmen Bartlett who refused to move the article for deliberation. It was subsequently moved by Selectman Wakefield and seconded by Selectman Shipp.

- This article was defeated by a secret ballot. YES - 105 NO - 250

A motion was made by Al Hume and seconded by Hollis Austin to restrict reconsiderations on all previous articles voted on today. This was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

A motion was made to by Hollis Austin and seconded by David Oliver to move Article 21 out of order.

- This was voted by a hand count of voter cards. YES - 164 NO - 124

## **ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to require that any and all decisions (final use, demolition, or sale) regarding Town owned property (including the former Taylor House buildings and property at 970 Whittier Highway) be brought before the legislative body at Town Meeting.

**(Citizens Petition)**

The motion was made by Selectman Mudgett and seconded by Elizabeth Tuttle to move the article.

An amendment was made by David Oliver and seconded by Josh Bartlett to add bold wording below.

To see if the Town will vote to require that any and all decisions (final use, demolition, or sale) regarding Town owned property (including the former Taylor House buildings and property at 970 Whittier Highway) be brought before the legislative body at Town Meeting. **This article shall not restrict the legal sale or acquisition of any property that has occurred through tax deeded or similar rights.**  
**(Citizens Petition)**

- The amendment was voted in the affirmative by show of voter cards.

- The amended article was defeated by a hand count of voter cards. YES - 129 NO - 131.

One of the counters, Mr. Tom Howard made a request to the moderator for a recount. That request for the 2nd count was granted.

- The amended article after a recount was once again defeated. YES - 131 NO - 139

At this time a motion was made by Joe Cormier and seconded by Rick Buckler to restrict reconsideration of article 21.

- This motion was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) for the purchase of a multi-use tractor and attachments for snow blowing and plowing and sweeping for the DPW and meet said appropriation by using Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 1 Abstain – 1 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Bartlett, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move over Article 8 which is no longer relevant as Article 7 was defeated.

- The motion was voted in the affirmative.

## **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, subject to any and all changes made at this meeting, the sum of Seven Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$7,739,184) to pay the expenses of General Government, Public Safety, Public Works (including Highways, Cemeteries, Buildings and Grounds, and Transfer Station), Human Services, Culture and Recreation, and Development Services.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Mudgett, seconded by Selectman Bartlett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$559,947) to pay the expense of operating the Public Library.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Wakefield, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

At this time Laurie Whitley, Chair of the Library Trustees, asked for a moment of silence for those trustee's who have passed since last Town Meeting: JoAnn Farnham, Shirley McCue, Phyllis Prouty, Barbara Putnam.

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Pathway Phase III Construction Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding construction of Phase III of the Pathway located on Moultonboro Neck Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in said fund and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend without further appropriation. Said amount to be taken from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Shipp, seconded by Selectman Bartlett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$237,000) for the purchase by the Town of Moultonborough Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 36-A of real estate of Robert D. Goffredo, Trustee of Don-Lau Realty Trust located on Whittier Highway known as Tax Map 076, Lot 004 consisting of 37 acres +/- for the purpose of conserving the land and protecting a portion of the Red Hill Watershed and meet said appropriation by accepting Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000) in grants, Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000) in private donations and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Beadle, seconded by Scott Bartlett to move the article.

An amendment was made by Marie Samaha and seconded by Scott Bartlett to change the amounts of private donations from Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000) to One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$113,000), and from One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017. The amendment was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

- This amended article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in an amendment to the current collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town and the Moultonborough Police Benevolent Association and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$22,749) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent Town compensation plan.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
FY 2018	\$22,749
FY 2019	\$15,166 (01/01/19-06/30/19)

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Mudgett, seconded by Selectman Wakefield to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing, with the total value of the agreement not to exceed Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$60,500), a new Recreation Department 25 passenger coach bus and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars (\$12,648,) for the first year's payment for that purpose, with said agreement to include a so-called "escape clause". Said amount to come from the established Recreation Revolving Fund.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

The motion was made by Selectman Wakefield, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 16**

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provides for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed valuation, for property tax purposes, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required)

The motion was made by Selectman Shipp, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), or such amount sufficient to pave that portion of Black's Landing Road, as described, a gravel town road that runs from NH Route 109 to just East of the entrance to Ambrose Cove Marina, slightly less than one quarter of a mile (0.25 mile), from the uphill grade from Berndorf Road to NH Route 109.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 0 Yes - 5 No)**

**(Citizen's Petition)**

The motion was made by Selectman Beadle, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of West Wynde Senior Housing and for the purposes of defraying the cost of upgrading the current auxiliary power generator which was damaged during winter storm Stella.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 Abstain – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Citizen's Petition)**

The motion was made by Selectman Bartlett, seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.



## **ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) for Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. which provides support services to the residents of Moultonborough.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes - 0 No)**

**(Citizens Petition)**

The motion was made by Selectman Mudgett, seconded by Selectman Bartlett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$2,270) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

**(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)**

**(Citizens Petition)**

A motion was made by Selectman Wakefield, seconded by Selectman Bartlett to move the article.

- This article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 22**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.

A motion was made by Frederick Van Magness, seconded by Hollis Austin - To see if the town will vote to direct the governing body to establish a formal policy no later than July 1, 2018 requiring all boards and committees to utilize Live Streaming for all public meetings.

- This motion was defeated by a hand count of voter cards. YES - 76 NO - 104

A motion was made by Eric Taussig with an unidentified second to get the sense of the meeting to see if the Selectboard would look at the possibility to change the town meeting in to April.

- This motion was defeated by a unanimous No vote.

A motion was made by Eric Taussig and seconded by Rick Buckler to adjourn the meeting.

- This motion was voted in the affirmative a majority voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

A True Copy Attest:

Barbara E. Wakefield, NHCTC Certified Town Clerk