

TOWN OF MOULTONBOROUGH
Town Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2005 – March 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM on March 8, 2005, in the Meeting Room at the Moultonborough Public Safety Building, by Moderator Mel Borrin, who read the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1

A motion was made by Ernest Davis Jr. and seconded by Chuck Connell, to keep the polls open until 7:00 PM, March 8, 2005. This was voted on in the affirmative.

Balloting proceeded immediately, ballots resulting as follows:

Votes cast – 1049

Selectmen for Three Years - Vote for Two

Edward J. Charest	547
Karel A. Crawford	579
George R. Mottram	132
Douglas W. Murphy Sr.	522

Selectman for One Year

James F. Gray	415
Brian P. Moriarty	443
Douglas W. Murphy Jr.	150

Town Clerk for Three Years

Colleen Bonnell	57
Debra Sturgeon Sottile	155
Barbara E. Wakefield	827

Tax Collector for Three Years

Susette M. Remson	921
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Treasurer for One Year

Laura Hilliard	883
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Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years

John H. Porter Jr.	840
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Library Trustee for Three Years – Vote for Two

Noel M. Ainscow	744
Phyllis D. Prouty	836

Planning Board Member for Three Years – Vote for Two

James T. Bakas	728
Barry Rudkin	742

Zoning Board Member for Three Years – Vote for Two

Elliott P. Lyon	757
Robert H. Stephens	754

At this time the Moderator recessed the meeting until 7:00 PM March 9, 2005.

Moderator Mel Borrin recalled the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 9, 2005 in the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium.

A motion was made by Richard Wakefield and seconded by Betsy Patten to allow the moderator to omit a second reading of the warrant article at the moderator's discretion.

This motion was voted on in the affirmative by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Expert Highway Agent in accordance with RSA 231:64. This appointment shall be in lieu of electing the Highway Agent. The Expert Highway Agent appointed shall have the same power and perform the same duties as a Highway Agent elected by the Town. The action, affirmatively voted, shall be effective March 14, 2006.

(Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Jerry Hopkins and seconded by Fred Hiittner.

This article was defeated by a ballot vote.

Yes – 50 No - 161

ARTICLE 3

Shall the compensation of the Tax Collector be a fixed compensation within the Town's Wage Compensation Schedule (proposed Grade XVI, Step 1) in lieu of the base salary and fees approved as compensation under Article 26 at the Town Meeting held March 11, 1987.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Betsy Patten and seconded by Allan Ballard.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 4

To raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred thirteen thousand, six hundred forty-seven dollars (\$713,647.00) to repair highways and bridges in said Town.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Ronnie Steinsky and seconded by Edward Charest.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to be put in the Fire Fighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended By Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Richard Buckler and seconded by Mark Fullerton.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00) for the purchase of Fire Department Equipment, including air breathing apparatus, Hurst Tools and equipment, Paratech High Pressure Air Bag System, and other related equipment. Of this amount, One hundred forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$143,500) from a Homeland Security Grant with the balance, Seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$71,500.00), from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended By Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Joel Mudgett and seconded by Mark Fullerton.

A motion to amend the article was made by Karol Crawford and seconded by Jerry Hopkins. Amendment as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00) for the purchase of Fire Department Equipment, including air breathing apparatus, Hurst Tools and equipment, Paratech High Pressure Air Bag Systems, and other related equipment. Of this amount, One hundred forty thousand six hundred forty-two dollars (\$140,642.00) from a homeland Security grant with the balance, Seventy-four thousand three hundred fifty eight dollars (\$74,358.00), from the Fire Equipment Capital reserve Fund.

The amendment was voted on in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

The article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be put in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Joel Mudgett and seconded by Betsy Patten.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000.00) to be put in the Town Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Betsy Patten and seconded by Brian Moriarty.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to renovate and modify the Moultonborough Public Library, according to the plan developed and presented to the residents and voters of the Town. The sums of Three hundred fifty-five thousand, five hundred sixty-one dollars (\$355,561.00) to come from the Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund and Four hundred forty-four thousand four hundred dollars (\$444,400) to come from private, corporate and other donations and/or grant monies raised by the Library Board of Trustees. The balance of Seven hundred thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$700,039) is to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Barbara Sheppard and seconded by Earl Miller.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$13,150.00) to the following trust funds:

Police Dept. Comm. Equip. Fund	\$ 8,000.00
Christmas Maintenance Fund	3,500.00
Lee's Mill Fund	<u>1,650.00</u>
	\$13,150.00

Said appropriated funds to be deposited in the respective trust funds established at the 2002 Town Meeting for the specific purposes stated above.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Richard Wakefield and seconded by Richard Buckler.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-eight thousand, four hundred seventy dollars (\$58,470.00) for the following purposes.

K-9 (including dog, Officer training, supporting equipment)	\$19,150.00
Crown Victoria Patrol Car, K-9 equipped	<u>\$39,320.00</u>
	\$58,470.00

The aforementioned Patrol Car will receive modification to support K-9 Operations, be placed on a 7-year replacement schedule and will increase the overall fleet by one vehicle.

(Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Scott Kinmond and seconded by Bruce Garry.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote

***ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$27,600.00) to purchase One (1) Skidsteer for use at the Resource Recovery Park, Waste Management Facility.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Brian Moriarty and seconded by Richard Buckler.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000.00) towards a Geographical Information System (GIS). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation until December 31, 2008, or completion, whichever comes first.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Jerry Hopkins and seconded by Joel Mudgett.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00) for an ongoing Appraisal Project and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Karol Crawford and seconded by Bruce Garry.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) to be put towards treatment for the eradication of the exotic, invasive, species of milfoil found currently in Lee's Pond. This amount represents less than 10% of the total cost to treat the pond. The balance to be raised by the pond residents in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Karen Nelson and seconded by Laurie Whitley.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars (\$1,433.00) to assist Carroll County Mental Health Services.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Natt King and seconded by Betsy Patten.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700.00) for the Family Support Program of the Center of Hope, Inc.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Betsy Patten and seconded by Naomi Strickland.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Moultonborough.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Bruce Garry and seconded by Betsy Patten.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$1,262.00) to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Betsy Patten and seconded by Connie Pellitier.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be allocated to the Moultonborough Senior Meals Program.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Betsy Patten and seconded by Bruce Garry.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the Salvation Army in Laconia.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Sally Carver and seconded by Bill Beyer.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) in support of Starting Point providing crisis services to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Scott Kinmond and seconded by Sandi Brackett.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town of Moultonborough will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$899.00) for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the Visiting Nurse Association–Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Jean Vappi and seconded by Edward Charest.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Winnipesaukee Wellness Center.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Terry Morerod and seconded by Naomi Strickland .
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town of Moultonborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Loon Preservation Committee to support the work of the local self-funded Loon Center.

(By Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Jordan Prouty and seconded by Eric Taussig.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve and Maintenance Trust Funds with the balances going into the General Fund.

Landfill Development Fund (1995)
Waste Management Fund (1997)
Cemetery Fund (Rev. 2001)
Public Library Expansion Fund (2001)
Assessment Certification (2002)
Tennis Court Reconstruction Fund (2002)

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Fred Hiittner and seconded by Charles Fritz.

The article was amended on a motion by Jerry Hopkins and seconded by Bruce Garry.

The amended article read:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve and Maintenance Trust Funds with the balances going into the General Fund.

Landfill Development Fund (1995)	\$21,737.66
Waste Management Fund (1997)	\$20,219.55
Cemetery Fund (Rev. 2001)	\$13,224.03

Public Library Expansion Fund (2001)	\$1,295.70
Assessment Certification (2002)	\$650.09
Tennis Court Reconstruction Fund (2002)	\$1,656.09

the amounts specified, plus any additional interest earned, as provided by the Trustees of the Trust Funds available as of February 28, 2005.

The amendment was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.
This amended article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, called the Town Property Acquisition Fund. The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to purchase property for the town through the provisions of RSA 41:14 a-c, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Further, to raise and appropriate up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), derived from the sale of tax-acquired properties, to deposit into said fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 2-1)

A motion was made by Bruce Garry and seconded by Natt King.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority vote.

*ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be put in the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Kevin McCarthy and seconded by Dean Mason.
A motion to amend the article was made by Kevin Campbell and seconded by Kevin McCarthy
The amendment as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to be put in the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.

The amendment was defeated by a majority hand vote.

The original article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

*ARTICLE 29

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 V and VI for an optional veterans' tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The optional veterans' tax credit is \$500, rather than \$50.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Bruce Garry and seconded by Terry Morerod.
This article was voted on in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

***ARTICLE 30**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Operating Budget of Eight million, six hundred sixty-four thousand, two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$8,664,275.00) as printed in the Town Report, subject to any changes at this meeting.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Allan Ballard and seconded by Bruce Garry.
This article was voted on in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2005 appropriation. Said funds to be placed in a special conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Richard Wakefield and seconded by Richard Buckler.
This article was voted on in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to receive any gifts of money and property, both real and personal, in the name of the Town, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such gifts to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission for the purposes as outlined in RSA 36:A-4.

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

A motion was made by Ronnie Steinsky and seconded by Edward Charest.
This article was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 33

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

A motion was made by Richard Wakefield and seconded by Rick Buckler to adjourn the meeting.

This article was voted on in the affirmative by a majority voice vote.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Barbara Wakefield, Town Clerk

*Included in Budget