

Minutes of Rollinsford Town Meeting
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
STRAFFORD, SS
March 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:10 with the Moderator reading the results of the balloting on Article I through Article XI held on Tuesday March 08, 2011.

ARTICLE I

To bring in your ballots for:

One (1) Selectman and Overseer for the Poor for three (3) years

Patrick Carroll	343
Nathaniel Leach	6
Eric Knowles	3
Armand Turgeon	2
Paul Connolly	
Colby Walker	
Andy Viel	
Jarod Burch	
Carlton Spencer	

Town Clerk for (3) years

Due to Typo on Ballot Town Clerk position is for (1) Year

Charisse E. Baker	240
Joella Lane	153

Town Treasurer for one (1) year

Richard O. Wasson	72
Mike Rollo	29
Matt Lebel	3
Dana Stairs	2
Kenneth Ward	2
Patrick Hayden	2
Peter Farrar	
Cary Soule	
Beverly Dionne	
Dick Ward	
Robert Wason	
Rita Connolly	
Tom Kunz	
Clement Michaud	
Ron Chabot	
Diane Smaracko	
Michelle Small	
Edmund Jansen	

Chief of the Fire Department for one (1) year

Michael Spinney	365
Harry Knowles	5
Dan Toof Jr.	
Dennis Burke	

One (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund for Three (3) years

Julia Roberts	6
Richard O. Wasson	8 (<i>Declined</i>)
Charles Putnam	4
Caitlin Rollo	3
Clement Michaud	3
Lucy Putnam	3
Andy Zevetchin	2
Salme Perry	2
Mike Rollo	2
Marc Couture	2
Dana Stairs	
Cary Soule	
Kathy Turgeon	
Lisa LePage	
Kevin Haines	
Ben Thayer	
Larry Larkin	
Joe Caouette	
Luke Janetos	
Charlie Brown	
Deanna Rollo	
Edmund Jansen	
Dennis St. Hilaire	

One (1) Trustee of the Library Trust for three (3) years

Paula Woolley	30
Eric Knowles	2
Tamara Niedzolkowski	
Tamia Porter	
Marc Couture	
Reagan Spinney	
Linda McGivern	
Charlie Putnam	
Harold Foss	
Sue Stairs	
Cary Soule	
Janice Chabot	
Emily Leach	
Roger Clement	
Donna Bolian	
Vern Crosier	
Lucy Putnum	
Nelson Lawry	
J Giordano	
Gail St. Hilaire	

One (1) Trustee of the Cemetery Trust for three (3) years

Michael LaPoint	355
Marc Couture	

Three (3) members of the Budget Committee for three (3) years

Madeline Cambo	288
William Irving	285
Caroline Lamoureux	292
Richard Wasson	37
Frank Rosselli	31
Howard Hammond	2
Paula Woolley	2
Paul Connolly	
Jackie Borghoff	
Gary Fjelds	
Charlie Dionne	
Cary Soule	
Amanda Knowles	
Jodi Carnes	
Salme Perry	
Ken Ward	

ARTICLE II

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Table 6.9 of the Rollinsford, NH Zoning Ordinance by adding “Place of Worship” as an allowed use in the Mill District.

Yes 216

No 151

ARTICLE III

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Table 6.9 of the Rollinsford, NH Zoning Ordinance to remove “Manufactured Home Park” and “Manufactured Home Subdivision” as permitted uses in any zone; to repeal Section 8.5 – Manufactured Home Park in its entirety; to amend Table 6.9 to allow manufactured homes on individual lots in the UR, SR1 and SR2 zones; and to repeal Section 2.38 – Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions definition in its entirety.

Yes 126

No 152

ARTICLE IV

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 5.2 (2) of the Rollinsford, NH Zoning Ordinance by modifying the language to remove the ability to change a legal non-conforming use to another non-conforming use by special exception from the ZBA; and to amend section 5.2(1) to require if a conforming use is proposed on a lot where a non-conforming use exists that the non-conforming use must cease.

Yes 127

No 142

ARTICLE V

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend the Zoning Map of the Rollinsford, NH Zoning Ordinance by rezoning Tax Map 2, Lot 18 from the Industrial Zone to the Old Salmon Falls District.

Yes 234

No 122

ARTICLE VI

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 8.7.7 of the Rollinsford, NH Zoning Ordinance by repealing all changes to the section that occurred as a result of the passing of the 2010 petitioned amendment pertaining to shared driveways serving as road frontage.

Yes 165

No 217

ARTICLE VII

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by citizen petition for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 2.26 (definition of “Lot”) by adding that a lot may utilize a shared private driveway for its principle frontage in accordance with Section 8.7.7 and NH RSA 674:41.

The Planning Board does not recommend this proposed amendment.

Yes 166

No 200

ARTICLE VIII

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by citizen petition for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 2 – Definitions by adding a new definition as follows: “Shared Driveway, means a privately owned and maintained access way, per NH RSA 674:41 and in accordance with Section 8.7.7, serving more than one lot. The Town has no responsibility for the design, construction, and maintenance of said private way.”

The Planning Board does not recommend this proposed amendment.

Yes 167

No 194

ARTICLE IX

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by citizen petition for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 2.57 by adding the following underscored text to the existing language: “Street, as set forth in NH RSA 674:41, means a public road, public highway or public thoroughfare which constitutes or is designed to constitute the main access to more than one lot and which has been, or shall be proposed to be, legally dedicated and accepted for public use, except as provided in Section 8.7.7 for a shared drive, and which meets all Town construction specification as described in the Subdivision Regulations.”

The Planning Board does not recommend this proposed amendment.

Yes 144

No 207

ARTICLE X

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by citizen petition for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 8.7.7 to not allow shared driveways to serve as frontage for subdivisions with more than four lots served by a single entrance.

The Planning Board does not recommend this proposed amendment.

Yes 142

No 217

ARTICLE XI

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by citizen petition for the Rollinsford zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 8.7.7 (i) by adding the following underscored text and removing the strikethrough text as follows: “In order to provide a buffer to adjacent properties, the shared driveway shall be set back a minimum of ~~20~~² 15’ from all common lot lines to adjacent properties and the lot being subdivided.”

The Planning Board does not recommend this proposed amendment.

Yes 134

No 336

Jessie Aikman asked where the town stands now with the results of the articles. Ed Jansen explains that we are exactly where we were at the end of last year. Shared drives are permitted. Though there are still many legal concerns.

Jessie Aikman expresses that the articles on the ballot was very confusing and difficult to understand. There should have been some sort of explanation prior to the election. Joe Caouette added that was the main concern of residents when exiting the polls.

Marianne Aikman wants to know if the zoning ordinances are not correct do they have to be changed to correct. Ed explains that what is said and what is not said needs to be viewed. You must look at the ramifications of the new/current ordinances wording and imagine the whole picture. It is a process.

Jim Murphy asks if there are plans for another article to clarify the current zoning ordinances.

Mike Garrepy explains that all ordinances are worked on at planning board workshops prior to the election.

To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Ed Jansen nominated Paul Connolly, Ralph Phipps, Richard Wasson, and Marc Couture.

Nominations accepted by Stephen Roberts and seconded by Nancy Dionne.

Nominations accepted and passed. (Voice Vote)

FENCE VIEWER

Larry Larkin nominated Paul Janetos.

Nomination accepted by Charlie Dionne and seconded by Catherine Lamb.

Nomination accepted and passed. (Voice Vote)

TREE WARDEN

Michelle Small nominated Ed Charpentier.

Nomination accepted by Lucy Putnam and seconded by Ron Chabot.

Nomination accepted and passed. (Voice Vote)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mike Rollo nominated Larry Larkin.

Nomination accepted by Ron Chabot and seconded by Gail Flynn.

Nomination accepted and passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XII

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum equal to all revenues in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) that may be received from the Hydro Electric Plant to be placed in the Town's Hydro Electric Fund. The first \$50,000.00 or any lesser amount that may be received will be used as offset against Town Budget expenditures (Majority vote required). Motion accepted as read by Paul Connolly and seconded Charlie Dionne.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XIII

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 from the Land Trust Fund Capital Reserve to finance land survey and related expenses that may be incurred in assisting private land owners who donate Conservation Easements and/or to purchase options to buy critical lands the town may wish to protect for open space or conservation uses. (Majority vote required).

Motion accepted as read by Jessie Aikman and seconded by Larry Larkin.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XIV

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Ron Chabot and seconded by Nancy Dionne.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XV

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for storm drains and road resurfacing (\$30,000 for resurfacing and \$45,000 for 720 feet of storm drains and 5 catch basins on General John Sullivan Way). (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted by Mr. Vercauteren and seconded by Michele Small.

Discussion

Mr. Vercauteren is very concerned about where the water is going to go, right now it is being put back into the same water table and is concerned that this will be a waste of money if problem is not fixed.

Ed Jansen explained that this money is going to bring the storm drain to the end of General Sullivan then it will flow under route 4 away from General Sullivan. This will not solve all of the problems but it will allow the residents to pump water into the storm drain as well as meeting

EPA standards. The water that will be pumped into the storm drains will be carried away and not be put back into the streets or water table.

Gail Penny talked about 2-3 feet of mud and 2-3 pumps in a basement. The drain by the cemetery has sand in it and is not as effective as it can be. Also would like to see the pumps run all the time in that area. Currently they are being shut down periodically.

Article Passed (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XVI

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Land Trust Fund previously established. Ten thousand will be transferred from the Land Use Change Tax Fund to fund this appropriation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted by Paul Connolly and seconded by Nancy Dionne.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XVII

To see if the Town will vote to [~~raise and~~] accept and appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to renovate the second floor of the Town Hall and to authorize the acceptance of private gifts and/or private grants to fund the renovation. (Renovation will not be undertaken until required gifts or grants have been received.) The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted by Nancy Dionne and seconded by Jesse Aikman

Discussion

Kim Turgeon wants to know about the upstairs of the Town Hall.

Ed Jansen explained that it is now used for storage and we would have to receive donations/gifts to even think about starting the renovations. There will be no tax dollars used for the renovations. Robert Meegan expressed his concern about the amount of money that we have wasted on the Town Hall from the start. Every project that has ever been done has not been done correctly and inefficiently for example the mold in the Police Department, the tower leaks, including general renovations.

Mike Garrepy expressed that the wording in the article is not appropriate.

Mr. Roberts explained the legalities.

Jamison Small confirmed that there would have to be a special meeting regarding spending of the funds.

Mike Rollo made a motion to remove raise from the article and input accept.

Jesse Aikman seconded.

Motion accepted and passed. (Voice Vote)

Motion to accept Article as amended above by Nancy Dionne and seconded by Mike Rollo.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XVIII

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the purchase of a Fire Utility Van for the Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$42,000 from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Discussion

Lucy Putnam requested from the Moderator that the Fire Chief clarify this article.

Mike Spinney Fire Chief explained that the current vehicle is 27 years old.

Motion accepted as read by Ron Chabot and seconded by Charlie Dionne.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XIX

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the purchase of a Bobcat Model S160 Skid-Steer Loader for the Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$24,000 from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article accepted as read by Charlie Dionne and seconded by Marian Aikman

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XX

To see if the Town will appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a pickup tank slide-in for the Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Ron Chabot and seconded by Paul Connolly.

Discussion

Ken Shorey wants to know how much money is in the Capital Reserve fund.

Ed Jansen said 93,000.

Paul Connolly asked if the Governing body if selling the used equipment will offset the cost.

Ed Jansen explained yes that the money will be going into the General Fund.

John Hinds wants to know if we are selling the 1977 two wheel drive, and that is yes.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXI

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article accepted as read by Kate Salvati and seconded by Ron Chabot

Discussion

Ed Jansen explained that by setting up a reserve fund for leasing cruisers then the town would not have to come up with a large lump sum for the payment. This is an effort to spread out the money needed.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXII

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Marion Aikman and seconded by Catherine Lamb.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXIII

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Cremation Area Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of creating a cremation area in New Town Cemetery. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Ron Chabot and seconded by Michele Small.

Discussion

Marion Aikman asked why this needs to be done.

Marc Couture explained that there is an area in the cemetery that they are unable to dig due to ledge. So they would like to utilize it as a future cremation area.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXIV

To see if the Town will authorize the Cemetery Trustees to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the 2011 cemetery operating fund into the Cemetery Cremation Area Capital Reserve Fund, and transfer two thousand (\$2,000) from 2010 cemetery funds held by the town as a cemetery liability. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Mr. Vercauteran and seconded by Kathy Lamb.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXV

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Compactor Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Compactor Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required).

Motion accepted as read by Paul Connolly and seconded by Charlie Dionne.

Discussion

Michele Small inquired on how long it would be before it needed to be replaced. Ed Jansen explained that it would be next year. They want \$7000.00 this year and \$8000.00 next year. Dennis St. Hilaire wants to know why we waited so long to replace it. Ed Jansen just explained that the current Transfer Station Compactor is very poor condition and working overtime. Time is not on our side.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXVI

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million three hundred sixty thousand six hundred ninety-six (\$1,360,696) for general municipal operations. This article does not include capital articles addressed above. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Paul Connolly and seconded by James Murphy.

Discussion

Denise questioned that the current Police Leased vehicle was not in the budget. Ed Jansen explained that it was on a different page that had the carryover.

Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXVII

To see if the Town will vote to accept the road that the Selectmen laid out in October 2009 over part of the existing class VI Old Indigo Hill Road between Rollins Road and Scoutland Road, and over +- 400 feet of land on tax Map 8, Lot 5. The new class V right-of-way will be 60 feet wide for a distance of 1980 feet and built to Rollinsford subdivision road standards. The road is shown in the subdivision approved by the Rollinsford Planning Board on September 17, 2009. (Majority vote required).

Motion accepted as read by Charlie Dionne and seconded by Nancy Dionne.

Discussion

Ed Jansen would like to amend the article due to the fact that they are not ready to accept the above article due to the fact that it is not ready as selectmen to accept it. There are supposed to be some property line adjustments that have not taken place yet. Another parcel of property is supposed to be reverted back to the abutters.

Joe Caouette reads the proposed amendment below.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE XXVII

To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Selectmen to accept the road that the selectmen laid out in October 2009 over part of the existing class VI Old Indigo Hill Road between Rollins Road and Scoutland Road, and over +- 400 feet of land on tax Map 8, Lot 5 and (2) vote to discontinue .35 acres of the Old Indigo Hill road which will revert to the abutters. The new class V right-of-way will be 60 feet wide for a distance of 1980 feet and built to Rollinsford

subdivision road standards. The road is shown in the subdivision approved by the Rollinsford Planning Board on September 17, 2009, and the discontinued .35 acres of the former Old Indigo Hill Road is shown as tract C. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Paul Connelly and seconded by Charlie Dionne

Discussion

Marc Couture is explaining that it is called Indigo Hill Road, not Old Indigo Hill Road. He has been to the selectmen and explained that this road has been in place since 1694. He does approve to accept the road but not change the name of the road. He does understand the 911 issue, though let's change all the roads in town not just this one.

Mike Garrepy would like to see the plan and the actual land that is being reverted back to the abutters.

Paul Connolly explains while displaying the plan. You can also NHD deed.com to see the plan.

The plan number is 98-84. He discusses tract C along the Railroad tracks and how it ends at the new road put in last year. The selectmen cannot discontinue the road as the board of selectmen.

Liz Marcotte is unclear where the road is she wants to know where they are discussing. Paul explains that it is across the road then across the RR tracks and that is where the tract begins. He

also explains that where the old gate is located off of Rollins Road is owned by the State of NH.

John Hinds asking if we have the right to cross the railroad tracks. Paul Connolly explains that he is not aware of documented right that allows anyone to cross the railroad tracks anywhere. Only the Wentworth Family has documented rights to cross the tracks to reach their property.

Tamara Niedzolkowski would like more information regarding the name of the road. Joe Caouette explains that we would need documentation pertaining to the historic name. Ed Jansen explains that they did not mention the historic name. It is not the essence of the issue in this

article. It is not a town issue it is the issue of the governing body. It does not matter what the name is, the owners just want it to be something different than Indigo hill. Owners concerned

with GPS confusion etc. They as a board have been urged to change the name due to 911 issues.

Marc Couture has no issues with 911 although they recommend that you change all similar names in the town for example Silver Street and Silver Lane.

Liz Marcotte brought up the issue regarding the name of Old Indigo Hill road at the end of Somersworth Road.

Ed Jansen explains that all this will be addressed at a future date.

Motion to accept amended article as read. (Voice Vote)

Amended Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXVIII

To see if the Town will request that the Planning Board prepare a proposed zoning change in 2012 to enlarge the Conservation Zoning District to include the 34 acres Tax Map 2 Lot 12, owned by the town located in the Industrial Zone. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Michele Small and seconded by Lucy Putnam.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXIX

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, the surplus equipment and vehicles owned by the Town. (Majority vote required)

Motion accepted as read by Nancy Dionne and seconded by Cathy Lamb.

No Discussion. Article Passed. (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE XXX

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion accepted as read by Denise Knowles and seconded by Carol Irving.

Discussion

Denise Knowles and Carol Irving acknowledged Caroline Lamoureux for her many long and hard hours on the Rollinsford School Board.

Caroline Lamoureux expressed her appreciation of all who is involved with the school. Joe Caouette expressed his great appreciation and the importance of our Highway, Fire, and Police Departments. Mr. Caouette also was impressed with the new volunteers that the Town Clerk Charisse Baker provided for this year's Town Election.

Patrick Carroll wanted to thank all who are involved with the town committees, boards, as well as the selectmen, Beverly Dionne and the new Explorers Program as well as the past reps that represented Rollinsford. He thanked Tia Pass who has put together an amazing new web site for the town.

Eric Knowles wanted to know if there were any future plans for the old Town Shed. Ed Jansen explained that there are no plans at this time.

Mike Rollo made a motion to adjourn the Town meeting and seconded by Nancy Dionne. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

I, Charisse E. Baker, Town Clerk of Rollinsford, attest that these are actual excerpts from the Town Meeting held Saturday March 12, 2011.

Charisse E. Baker, Town Clerk