

# Town of Albany

## 2018 Town Meeting Minutes

### March 13, 2018

At 7:40 p.m., the Albany Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Alkalay.

**Article 1.** To elect all necessary officials.

<b>Selectman (3 Years):</b>	Cathy Ryan 106 votes
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Years):</b>	Kathleen Golding 111 votes
<b>Road Agent (3 Years):</b>	Curtis Coleman 120 votes
<b>Moderator (2 Years):</b>	Edward Alkalay 125 votes
<b>Cemetery Trustee (3 Years):</b>	Paul Brown 109 votes
<b>Treasurer (3 Years):</b>	Mary Leavitt 71 votes
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Years):</b>	Joseph Ferris(declined) 10 votes Kimberly Guptill 4 write in votes
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds (2 Years):</b>	Joseph Ferris(declined) 5 votes Anne Merrow 2 write in votes

**Article 2.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: Revision of Section II.1., the definition of Abutter to conform with the definition as found in RSA 672:3."

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 84 yes votes and 22 no votes**

**Article 3.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: Addition of a definition for Accessory Dwelling Units to Section II.2."

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 77 yes votes and 29 no votes**

**Article 4.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: Addition of a reference to RSA 21:34-a II to Section II. 4. to the definition of Agriculture and Farming."

Full Text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 83 yes votes and 23 no votes**

**Article 5.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: : Addition of a reference to RSA 21:34-a I to Section II.9. to the definition of Farm."

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 79 yes votes and 24 no votes**

**Article 6.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: Removal of the word

*permitted* from Section II.26. from the definition of Special Exception and a revision of the reference to RSA 673:33 IV.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 76 yes votes and 24 no votes**

**Article 7.** "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany zoning ordinance as follows: Addition of a reference to RSA 216-I:1 VIII to Section II.29. to the definition of Recreational vehicles.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 76 yes votes and 26 no votes**

**Article 8.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Removal of the word *residential* from Section III.B.2.b. Exception.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 75 yes votes and 28 no votes**

**Article 9.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Removal of the word *lot* in Section III.B.2.c. Setbacks replacing it with the addition of the words *road line*.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 74 yes votes and 29 no votes**

**Article 10.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Removal of the word *lot* in Section III.C.3. Setbacks replacing it with the addition of the words *road line*.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 77 yes votes and 27 no votes**

**Article 11.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Addition of the words *Light Industrial and Commercial Uses* to Section III.C.4.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 80 yes votes and 23 no votes**

**Article 12.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Adjustment of the words from *If, in the opinion of the Planning Board* to *If, upon review of the Planning Board* and removal of *the word shall* replacing it with the word *may* in Section IV.A. ACCESS ROADS.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 73 yes votes and 22 no votes**

**Article 13.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Addition of the words *prior to March 9, 1982*, to Section IV.B.1. Existing Uses.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 82 yes votes and 22 no votes**

**Article 14.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Albany Planning Board for the Town of Albany Zoning Ordinance as follows: Addition of the words *in all residential zones* to Section V.A. Intent.”

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The article passed as written. 82 yes votes and 23 no votes**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$708,555.00** for the municipal operating budget for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. **The article was amended. The amount was increased by \$1,155(increasing the Conservation Commission attendance line item) totaling \$709,710.00. The article passed as amended.**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$42,934.00** for deposit into the Drake Hill Road Bridge Expendable Trust Fund previously established. **\$32,934.00** of said funds to be taken from the Unreserved Fund Balance. The remaining **\$10,000.00** is to come from taxation. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for deposit into the Revaluation Trust Fund previously established. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$903.00** for deposit into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Town’s “Unreserved Fund Balance.” This represents the proceeds from the sale of cemetery plots and burial permits in 2017. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the removal of moss in the High St. Cemetery. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Cemetery Trust Fund. **The article failed.**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for deposit into the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to ratify the creation of the previously established Town of Albany Conservation Fund. This fund is managed by the Town Treasurer, and funds may only be paid out upon order of the Conservation Commission, and must be used for conservation purposes consistent with RSA chapter 36-A. Money placed into this fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year-to-year. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$7,000.00** to contract with Mapping and Planning Solutions to upgrade the Albany Emergency Operations Plan. This must be done in order to receive FEMA funds. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,271.00** for the purpose of installing a generator outside of town hall when used as a shelter in case of an

emergency. To comply with Albany's Emergency Operations Plan. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (**\$3500**) for the purpose of contracting for an independent review of the town's internal financial controls, policies and administrative needs. Submitted by petition. **The article failed.**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Albany. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,433.00** to assist The Mental Health Center at Northern Human Services. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** to support Albany home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,497.00** in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (**\$300.00**) for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority for its use in the operation of the Eastern Slope Regional Airport. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00**(three thousand dollars) in support of in support of the Tri County Transit bus Services. Submitted by petition. **The article failed. The vote was close 17-15.**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,700.00** in support of the operations of Valley Vision, Channel 3, the Public Education and Government Station in 2018. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,410.00** for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Albany. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the Conway Area Humane Society in Conway, NH for the purposes of continuing services for

stray, abandoned or animals brought to the shelter. Submitted by petition. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to not support the purchase of any land in Albany, including the Albany portion of Wonalancet, by the White Mountain National Forest. **The article passed as read.**

**Article 37.** To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Moderator, Ed Alkalay, thanked Leah Valladares once again for bringing the microphone to voters during the meeting in order to be heard.**

**Selectmen Chair, Rick Hiland thanked all those who volunteer for Albany and told the voters there is the need for more. If anyone is interested, please contact Kathy Golding in the Selectmen's office.**

**Rick Hiland asked the voters if they were in favor of semiannual tax billing. The voters were not in favor by a show of hands.**

At 9:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Golding  
Albany Town Clerk