

Town of Albany

2019 Town Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

At 7:30 p.m., the Albany Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward Alkalay.

Article 1. To elect all necessary officials.

Selectman (3 Years):	Joseph Ferris 58 votes
Cemetery Trustee (3 Years):	Colleen Cormack 5 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Years):	Colleen Cormack 8 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Years):	Colleen Cormack(declined) 3 votes
	Dorothy Solomon (accepted) 3 votes

Article 2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of the "Lighting Ordinance" as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Albany?"

Full text is available at the Town Hall. **The Lighting Ordinance passed with 69 Yes votes and 28 No votes.**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$716,389.00** for the municipal operating budget for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .058¢ over 2018 budget) **This article was amended to increase the budget to \$718,116.00. Line items that were increased: Town Clerk/Tax Collector - \$880.00, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector - \$524.00 and Treasurer - \$323.00 for a total of \$1,727.00. The article passed as amended.**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,000.00** for deposit into the Drake Hill Road Bridge Expendable Trust Fund previously established. [Recommended by the Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .162¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 5. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .027¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900.00** for deposit into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established. **\$900.00** of said funds to be withdrawn from the Town's "Unreserved Fund Balance."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 2018. **\$1,000.00** of said funds to come from taxation as recommended by the CIP Committee. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .009¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** for deposit into the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Recommended by

Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .451¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** for the purpose of continuing the maintenance and pavement of Albany town roads. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .451¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,200.00** for the upgrade and replacement of the Town Hall and Chapel security and fire alarm systems. [Recommended by Selectmen (2-0-1)] (Estimated Tax Impact .083¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Chapel Capital Reserve fund per RSA 35:1, for the maintenance of the Albany Chapel and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .009¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Hall Property Capital Reserve fund per RSA 35:1, for the maintenance of the Albany Town Hall property and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .009¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Management Expendable Trust fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purchase of supplies for the Town's shelter (Albany Town Hall) in case of an emergency and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100.00** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] [Recommended by the CIP Committee] (Estimated Tax Impact .001¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 13. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .018¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 14. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .036¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 15. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .013¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 16. 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.

[Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .023¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,760.00** in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Submitted by petition. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .025¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 18. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .003¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 19. To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** in support of the Tri County Transit, a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. Submitted by petition. [Recommended by Selectmen (0-2-1)] (Estimated Tax Impact .027¢ per thousand) **The article failed.**

Article 20. 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 1301, the Public, Education and Government Station in 2019. Submitted by petition. [Recommended by Selectmen (2-1-0)] (Estimated Tax Impact .024¢ per thousand) **The article failed.**

Article 21. To see if the Town of Albany will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,214.00** 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (1-0-2)] (Estimated Tax Impact .02¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 22. 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. [Recommended by Selectmen (2-0-1)] (Estimated Tax Impact .009¢ per thousand) **The article passed as read.**

Article 23. To see if the Town of Albany will vote to call upon the U.S. government to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, make global nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy, and spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by: Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first; Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack; Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert; Canceling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; And actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to all members of our Congressional Delegation within 30 days of the vote. Submitted by petition. **The article failed.**

Article 24. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Steve Knox asked for a vote on a non-binding warrant article that had appeared in prior warrants. “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 vote passed.

Steve Knox complimented Road Agent, Curtis Coleman on a job well done on Albany’s roads. It has been a tough winter.

Select Board Chairman, Rick Hiland thanked all volunteers who serve on Albany’s Boards, Commissions and Committees as well as his fellow Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

At 8:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Golding
Albany Town Clerk