

RESULTS OF THE JACKSON TOWN MEETING MARCH 16, 2023

Polls were opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 7:00 PM on March 14, 2023, by Moderator Jerome Dougherty III to vote on Articles One and Two.

Moderator Dougherty would like to bring the meeting to order. Would everyone please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. May I have a motion to not read the entire warrant. Moved and Seconded. Sarah Clemons would like to make a motion that we vote on whether we sing "God Bless America". Seconded. All in favor.

Moderator Dougherty then read the article as follows:

Article 01 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Cemetery Trustee (3yr)	Barbara Theriault - 119
Library Trustees (3yr)	Linda Terry - 117
Selectman (3yr)	Bob Thompson - 107
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3yr)	Karen Burton - 123
Treasurer (3yr)	Kathleen Dougherty - 116
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3yr)	Dan Andrews - 121

Article 02 AMENDMENT - ZONING ORDINANCE

Solar Energy Systems:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Jackson Zoning Ordinance to establish a solar energy system ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to accommodate Solar Energy Systems and distribute generation resources in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. To help accomplish this purpose, only Roof-mounted Solar Energy Systems, Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems and Community-scale Solar Energy Systems all of which are Accessory Uses and have a Solar Land Coverage of no more than 1 acre are permitted.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Article 02: PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 03 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended Operating Budget of the Town in the amount of \$2,770,387 not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Article 03 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 03 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 04 APPROPRIATIONS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,500 dollars to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

- 1) \$80,000 to the Fire Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund (0003) - Current Balance \$576,788
- 2) \$95,000 to the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (0064) - Current Balance \$67,139
- 3) \$50,000 to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund (0048) - Current Balance \$62,939
- 4) \$50,000 to the Bartlett / Jackson Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund (0070) - Current Balance \$24,159
- 5) \$30,000 to the Heavy Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (0068) - Current Balance \$30,622
- 6) \$15,500 to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (0027) - Current Balance \$39,590
- 7) \$3,000 to the Revaluation of Town Property Capital Reserve Fund (0004) - Current Balance \$50,768
- 8) \$15,500 to the Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund (0072) - Current Balance \$40,742

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Article 04 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 04 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 05 APPROPRIATIONS TO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 dollars to be placed in the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established:

- 1) \$5,000 to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund (0028) - Current Balance \$42,992
- 2) \$5,000 to the State Aid Reconstruction Expendable Fund (0058) - Current Balance \$36,759
- 3) \$15,000 to the Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund (0034) - Current Balance \$402,083
- 4) \$3,000 to the Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0051) - Current Balance \$5,622
- 5) \$20,000 to the Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0046) - Current Balance \$10,036
- 6) \$10,000 to the Melloon Road Ground Water Expendable Trust Fund (0071) - Current Balance \$6,322
- 7) \$5,750 to the Town Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0047) - Current Balance \$3,204

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Article 05 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 05 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 06 FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance, repairs, refurbishment and/or renovation of the fire station and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Article 06 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 06 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 07 SOCIAL SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,782 to support the following:

- 1) Children Unlimited - \$4,000
- 2) Conway Area Humane Society - \$2,000
- 3) Eastern Slope Regional Airport - \$500
- 4) Jackson Chamber of Commerce - Beautification Project - \$1,000
- 5) Jackson Chamber of Commerce - Fireworks - \$3,000
- 6) MWV Supports Recovery - \$1,500
- 7) Northern Human Services - \$716
- 8) Starting Point - \$4,247
- 9) The Gibson Center - \$3,000
- 10) Tri-County Community Action - \$2,313
- 11) White Mountain Community Health - \$1,506

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Article 07 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 07 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 08 READOPT OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT

Shall the town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, specifically RSA 72:28 II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Article 08 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 08 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 09 READOPT ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT

Shall the town readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit of \$500 on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit previously voted on by the town under RSA 72:28? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Article 09 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 09 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 10 CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Shall the Town of Jackson accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1-RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with Selectmen. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Article 10 was moved and seconded. No Discussion followed. Article 10 PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Bill Terry asked if anyone read the Planning Board meeting minutes that came out today, and you will note that we had an issue. We started to get ready to do our Capital Improvements program that the select board authorized us to do and began reading the authorization process which is RSA 674.5 and that it says the select board cannot authorize us to have a capital improvements program. The Town Meeting must do it, in order to do that the only local legislative body is the Town Meeting and they are the only ones who can authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend the recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects. They're usually projected over a period of at least 6 years. Some of the things we will talk about will be the fire station and we will also talk about the school and other things. The last time it was done was in 2009 the whole idea of the capital improvements program is to address major projects and future projects. Whether those are done with Federal, State, County, or Town resources or any public funds. The sole purpose will really be to aid the selectmen in doing their annual budget. The last time this was done in 2009, our good secretary of the Planning Board identified that the last time it was done, it was not authorized by anybody. It just got done. And let's not do it that way. The reason for being here is that as Chair of the Planning Board, I am just asking for a vote to approve the planning board to conduct a capital improvements program. And it's Recommended by the Select Board 3-0-0. Motioned by Bill Terry and seconded by Willis Kelley

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous). This part of the motion passed.

Additional discussion followed regarding historical salaries and benefits.

Motion to dissolve the town meeting. Moved and Seconded.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Barbara Campbell, Selectmen
John Allen, Selectmen
Frank DiFruscio, Selectmen

Respectfully submitted and A True Copy of Record Attest,

Karen E. Burton, Certified Town Clerk

Discussion information can also be found at:

<https://jacksonflicks.com/jackson/other/town-meeting-march-2023.html>