

PROCEEDINGS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2015

According to legal notice the voters of the Town of Berlin met at the Berlin Memorial School on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 7 PM. Assistants were Madeline P. McTague, James H. Wheeler and Richard S. Wheeler as checkers and Police Chief Thomas Galvin and Officer Dean Bellville. Cable television coverage was provided by William and Patricia Anderson. John Goldrosen, of Kopelman and Paige, P.C. served as Town Counsel. Barry W. Eager, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were approximately 67 voters present. The Moderator waived the reading of the articles in the warrant. The Town Clerk then read the call of the meeting and the Constable's return.

Article 1. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$11,690.92 from Free Cash to Line Item 83, Snow & Salt FT OT, in the FY15 budget. The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$96.16 from Free Cash to Line Item 84, Snow & Salt Wages PT, in the FY15 budget. The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$75,521.36 from Free Cash to Line Item 85, Snow & Salt Expenses, in the FY15 budget. The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

Article 4. Voted to pass over. (replacement boiler for the Town Offices, bid came in within previous appropriation). The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

At 7:30 PM, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned until 7:35 PM, so that the Annual Town Meeting could convene. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$311,000 from the Stabilization Fund to cover the costs associated with unpaid federal and state employee withholding for 2012, 2013 and 2014, said funds to be expended by the Treasurer. The Moderator declared a 2/3's vote. The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

Article 6. Voted to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from Line Item 27, Town Counsel Expenses of the FY2015 budget to settle the Johnston v. Town of Berlin litigation, said funds to be expended by the Selectmen. The Finance Committee recommended this motion.

Article 7. Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to grant a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33, on property on the westerly side of Crosby Street shown on Assessors' Map 6/Block 7/Lot 0 to any governmental agency or entity or non-profit organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction, said restriction being part of the Tri-Town state grant project.

Meeting dissolved at 7:45 PM. One hundred fifty-three (153) registered voters took part in this meeting.

BARRY W. EAGER
Moderator

ELOISE E. SALLS
Town Clerk

A true copy.
Attest:


Town Clerk of Berlin