

MINUTES
TOWN MEETING—JUNE 7, 2016

The Town meeting was called to order by Leona Mainville, Town Clerk at 7pm. First item on the agenda was to elect a Moderator. Richard Ives nominated Robert Kelleher, seconded by Gene Michael Deary. Being no other nominations, Mr. Kelleher was duly elected.

Mr. Kelleher read the call of the meeting. He informed the residents present that the Town Clerk received a petition with more than 200 signatures requesting to adjourn Items #2 & 3 to a referendum by machine vote.

First Selectman, Mr. Ives gave a general overview of the \$25,000 cut made from the General Government Budget after the Public Hearing. Discussion both for and against the budget was heard. The resulting mill rate will be an increase of 3.7.

Chairperson, Aimee Genna gave an overview of the \$175,000 cut made from the Board of Education budget after the Public Hearing. Discussion both for and against the budget was heard.

Moderator Kelleher read Item #4 pertaining to the Capital Funding Program. He requested a motion to table this item. It is part of the budget and shouldn't be voted on until the budget is approved. The Board of Finance will come back to a town meeting for approval. A motion was made by Richard Ives to table Item #4, seconded by Gene Michael Deary. A vote was taken and Item #4 was tabled to a future date.

The last item on the agenda was "To authorize the First Selectmen, and if applicable, the Board of Education, to apply for, accept and expend any private, state or federal grants, either solely or jointly with other municipalities, and authorize the Board and other officials to take any action related thereto." This item wasn't part of the petition request and is an annual housekeeping item. A motion to approve was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Aaron Kerouac. A vote was taken and the item was approved.

Moderator Kelleher stated that the petition filed for Items 2 & 3 would be adjourned to a Referendum and needed a motion to set the date. Richard Ives made a motion to set June 15, 2016 -Noon to 8pm for the Referendum date. Seconded by Gene Michael Deary. A vote was taken and the Moderator declared the item approved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a Referendum vote on June 15, 2016 at the Brooklyn Middle School from Noon to 8pm.

The referendum vote was conducted on June 15, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00pm at the Brooklyn Middle School with the following results:

Question #1 “Shall the voters appropriate the amount of \$5,372,966.43 for the General Government Budget of the Town of Brooklyn for the 2016-2017 fiscal year as recommended by the Board of Finance?”

YES	NO
275	375

Question #2 “Shall the voters appropriate the amount of \$17,489,685 for the Board of Education Budget of the Town of Brooklyn for 2016-2017 fiscal year as recommended by the Board of Finance?”

YES	NO
265	385

Total number of registered voters on the official checklist:	4842
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Total number of names checked as voted Absentee:	7
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Total number of names checked as voted in Person:	645
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Total number of names as voted:	652
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Moderator Kelleher declared both questions defeated.

Respectfully submitted,

Leona A. Mainville, MMC
Town Clerk