

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2020**

SELECTBOARD: Roger Audet, Susan Bartlett, Roger Barry, Roland Boivin

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER: Kimberly J. Moulton

MODERATOR: Paul Nesky

Moderator Nesky called the meeting to order at 9:10am and lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Nesky advised that speakers must come to the microphone to speak and must state their name.

Moderator Nesky read Article 1 and reminded everyone that the polls would be open until 7:00pm. He stated that all articles had been pre-warned by statute and a voice vote would suffice.

Article 1. To elect Town and School District Officers as required by Australian ballot:

Selectboard Member for a term of two years - Roland Boivin

Selectboard Member for a term of three years - Brian A. Shackett

Lister for a term of three years - Matthew S. Reed

Lister for a term of three years (two years remaining) - No one was elected

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years - Patricia "Patti" Hayford

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Director for a term of two years (one year remaining) - No one was elected

Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers from the floor:

Moderator for a term of one year: Moderator Nesky called for nominations for Moderator. Selectboard Chair S. Bartlett nominated Paul Nesky for Moderator and that was seconded. Motion to cease nominations and instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Paul Nesky as Moderator was seconded. Paul Nesky was elected Moderator by a unanimous voice vote.

Town Agent for a term of one year: Moderator Nesky called for nominations for Town Agent. Selectboard Chair S. Bartlett nominated Ed French and that was seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Moderator Nesky accepted a motion by Selectboard Chair S. Bartlett and a second to cease nominations and instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Ed French as Town Agent. Ed French was elected Town Agent by a unanimous voice vote.

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years: Moderator Nesky called for nominations for Cemetery Commissioner. D. Gagnier nominated Nioka Houston and that was seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Moderator Nesky accepted a motion and a second to cease nominations

and instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Nioka Houston for Cemetery Commissioner. Nioka Houston was elected Cemetery Commissioner by unanimous voice vote.

Library Trustee for a term of five years: Moderator Nesky called for nominations for Library Trustee. E. Dickenson nominated Emily Dearborn and that was seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Moderator Nesky accepted a motion and a second to cease nominations and instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Emily Dearborn for Library Trustee. Emily Dearborn was elected Library Trustee by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers and Service Agencies.

Moderator Nesky turned the meeting over to Selectboard Chair S. Bartlett. S. Bartlett thanked Town Clerk Kim Moulton for her hard work on the Town Report.

S. Bartlett stated that Dave Gagnier is not running again for Selectboard. She stated that Dave had been on the Selectboard since 2011. She asked Dave to come to the podium and she presented him with a Town Report with the town seal on it as well as a new ball cap with Hyde Park Highway embroidered on it along with a highway worker leaning on a shovel.

Moderator Nesky stated that before we moved on, he wanted to draw everyone's attention to the handout that voters could have picked up at the entrance regarding budgetary figures for the NHP/Eden Fire Department.

S. Bartlett asked the voters to look at the top of page 22 of the town report which was the *Statement of Indebtedness Report*. She stated this report should be something that the town is proud of. She stated that the town has zero debt on this report. The Selectboard works hard at keeping our debt low. The most recent loan for a fire truck for the NHP/Eden Fire Department is at zero percent because it is shared equipment with each town paying for half the expenses.

S. Bartlett stated that the handout for the NHP/Eden Fire Department was not for any changes.

S. Bartlett stated that we try to make the town report as transparent as possible as well as informational as possible. She asked if anyone had any questions on any of the reports.

Elisa Clancy asked about an ordinance that was passed approximately one year ago that makes speed limits on dirt roads 35mph. E. Clancy asked voters if they were aware of that by a show of hands. E. Clancy stated that it's not enforceable unless signs are posted. She asked if there were plans for putting up the speed limit signs.

S. Bartlett stated that she wasn't certain it was for all dirt roads. She stated that some of the signs did go up this past spring, at the time of the passing of the ordinance.

E. Clancy stated she was at the meeting when the ordinance was passed and it was stated at that time that there would be a plan put in place to get the signs put up over a two year time frame due to the expense of the signs. S. Bartlett stated that she remembers this.

E. Clancy asked if there is money in the budget for the required signs because she doesn't see an increase in the road sign budget.

S. Bartlett stated money should be available.

Steve Morse asked what speed limits are being enforced - the ones in the ordinance or the ones posted.

S. Bartlett stated speed limits are being enforced based on the ones approved by the Selectboard and what is posted.

S. Morse stated that the new limits are not enforceable until speed limit signs are posted.

S. Bartlett stated that was E. Clancy's point and that we will get working on getting the rest of the roads posted.

Moderator Nesky asked if there were any service agencies that would like to address their reports.

Jeff Beattie spoke regarding the Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program. He thanked the voters for their continued support. He stated that the mentoring program is always looking for mentors. This year, there are eleven matches. If there were more mentors, there could be more matches. Please contact him if interested in being a mentor. His information is on page 64 of the Town Report.

Julia Skonicki and Carrie Johnson spoke on behalf of the Lamoille Family Center. They wanted to give a explanation of their Article 8 on the warning today. The Lamoille Family Center serves over 4,000 people in the Lamoille Valley each year. They are committed to giving children the opportunity to thrive by addressing their needs in the moment. They do this from the time that children start attending their pediatric wellness visits with their doctors and continue throughout life, if needed. They found out when they handed in the petition for their article that they were a few signatures short of the required 5% of the voter checklist. The Selectboard graciously allowed the article onto the warning today asking for an increase. J. Skonicki continued by stating that many of their contracts are underfunded by the state which has them operating at a loss in terms of the services that they provide. In the history that she has looked back into, the Lamoille Family Center has never asked for an increase. They are asking the voters to consider approving this increase.

Carrie Johnson stated the services that are provided by the center are preventative services. For anyone who knows anything about social services, you want to focus your efforts on prevention. This is really an investment in our community, the children, our young families and the future of this town.

Liz Courtney spoke and stated her support for the Lamoille Family Center.

Sheriff Roger Marcoux spoke and stated that his department serves the towns of Hyde Park, Wolcott and Johnson as the primary law enforcement agency. He comes annually to Hyde Park as this is where he is from. There are other officers at other town meetings today. Sheriff Marcoux stated the he works hard with the Selectboards from all three towns to keep his budget increases to 3% or less. His department has agreed that their increases for the next fiscal budget and the year after won't be more than 3%. The committee is made up of Susan Bartlett, Roger Audet, and other representatives from other towns to talk about the future of law enforcement in the towns because law enforcement is expensive. He feels caught in the middle - there should be two people on a shift because its that dangerous due to the drug situation, which is not getting any better. So, the committee will be looking at what law enforcement will look like beyond the next three years.

Sheriff Marcoux stated that everything with the shelter has stabilized. The department has to go over there once in a while but doesn't think the residents of the village are seeing a tremendous impact from the shelter, which is what they had hoped for and had expected.

Sheriff Marcoux stated that they have school resource officers at the Lamoille Union High School and work well with the school administration.

Moderator Nesky noted that the town report is dedicated to Dawn Slayton, the former Assistant Town Clerk who retired after 33 years. He read the dedication that ended with a round of applause.

Article 4. Shall the voters make the following statement of support: We, the citizens of Hyde Park, strongly support the completion of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. We urge the Governor and Legislature to jointly develop a plan that will ensure the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is completed by 2025?

There was a motion by J. Anderson that was seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$17,500 of the General Fund Balance to the North Hyde Park Gihon Valley Hall Project?

There was a motion by J. Anderson that was seconded. Allen Spitzer introduced himself as Chair of the Gihon Valley Hall Committee. Their goal of the committee is to get the former Grange Hall in North Hyde Park rehabilitated. He also introduced Liz Courtney as the secretary of the committee and does the marketing and media, as well.

A. Spitzer stated that the former Grange Hall has been renamed to the Gihon Valley Hall. He stated that the new name is actually the same name given to the building 110 years ago.

A. Spitzer stated that last year, they requested \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance to repair the roof which is now galvanized steel. The building is now dry and the roof won't need work for many years. Now that the building is dry and there are no leaks, there are some repairs that need to be done to make the building safe and legally able to be used by the community and rented out. The furnace has been tested and will work. It just needs to be cleaned. The building needs new windows on the first floor and they have a quote for \$6,000 for the windows. New windows will help retain the heat as some windows are either broken or loose in the sashes. The basement windows need to be permanently sealed to help the basement stay dry and warmer. This allows the water to be in the bathroom year round. They have applied for grants to help with the repairs. Some grants require matching funds from the town and others don't. A lot of the work can be done by the committee to minimize the repair expenses.

Liz Courtney stated that she and the rest of the committee are so grateful for last years approval of the \$50,000 article. She moved to Hyde park three years ago and now lives in North Hyde Park with her family. She is very excited about the opportunity to turn the building into a community gathering space. The first floor has a stage with a hand painted curtain that turns 100 years old this year. The first floor would hold approximately 100 people. With a small investment this year, we can get the first floor open to generate revenue to help fund future second floor renovations. L. Courtney stated that they have hosted events already, some in conjunction with the Hyde Park Community Circle, which brings both villages together. They are working on a spaghetti supper that will be held in a few weeks at the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Station. That will be an event to raise money for the cleaning of the furnace. There is also a survey where we are asking what kinds of events everyone wants to see at the hall.

S. Bartlett thanked the Gihon Valley Hall Committee for their time and efforts on this project. She stated that the Gihon Valley Hall Committee is applying for 501c3 status and is applying for grants. Town Administrator, Ron Rodjenski, is working with the committee and the regional planning commission on these projects and an overall plan for the North Hyde Park community.

L. Courtney thanked R. Rodjenski for his help.

Zac Cota thanked the committee for their hard work and encouraged the voters to support this article.

The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters direct the Selectboard to research the recent changes to state law, and issue its findings and conclusions before January 2021, as to: should the voters authorize the legislative body to appoint the municipal clerk (17 V.S.A. 2651e) and appoint the municipal treasurer (17 V.S.A. 2651f)?

There was a motion by J. Anderson that was seconded.

S. Bartlett stated that they decided to put this article on the warning even though, technically, they don't need voter approval to research something. This article is not saying that the Selectboard is not happy with our town clerk and treasurer. This is an option given to local

governments due to changes in statutes. Kim has done a terrific job as town clerk and treasurer. She has been recognized by the state as having really good systems in place and working with Ron, we, the town, have a really good financial system in place. You hear about the towns where town clerks or treasurers have disappeared with millions of dollars. That won't happen in our town unless everyone in the office, the entire road crew and the Selectboard would have to be in on it because of the financial systems in place. Kim also does a lot with voting. She tried a new option called mobile polling. Kim and others spent a few hours up at Sterling View on a Saturday assisting those residents to vote early by absentee ballot. Kim is always looking for innovative ways for the voters to have better access to town government, information for the town and for voting. Again, this article is nothing about Kim and we expect Kim to stay for a long time. But, if we look at the job, even over the time Kim has been in the position, it has become a professional job. It's no longer record a few documents or issue a license. It's why towns have gone to having a town administrator because of the amount of work required and the changing use of technology makes the job no longer a simple job. Communities across the state are now looking at when their town clerks and treasurers leave or retire, do you want this to be a popularity contest where you could end up with someone who is well respected but doesn't have the skills to do the job. We have already looked at some restructuring in the town office and we are making sure systems, policies and procedures are in place for the next clerk. Again, we expect Kim to be here for a long time but we have the opportunity to make sure changes where the position is advertised when vacant and a qualified candidate is hired. What you have in the Hyde Park Town Office today are very professional people working in very professional ways at staying up to date with all the changes including in technology. The Selectboard wanted to discuss this opportunity and felt that putting this on as an article, even the people who aren't here at own meeting will see the article and be aware of it. S. Bartlett states she wasn't expecting any big changes but taking the fall and meeting with Kim and other community members to look around other surrounding towns and communities to see how we want to move forward. If we decide that in the future we want to make this change, it has to be voted at town meeting. It will take some planning but we may look at this and decide we don't want to move in that direction.

J. Anderson stated that he is a longtime resident of Hyde Park and he opposes this article. He hopes the body votes no on this article today. Vermont has a long tradition and reputation with its town meetings being the closest thing to pure democracy in the entire world. You are here today because you believe in democracy but most importantly, you come here to vote. You have the power. Passing Article 6 is asking us to consider that the Selectboard appoint the town clerk and treasurer. Remember, the authorization to appoint comes with power to dismiss. That is what Article 6 is about. He stated that he doesn't want that and thinks the voters don't either. J. Anderson looked back in Hyde Park history to where the town clerk and treasurer used to be elected from the floor to one year terms. As mentioned earlier, town clerks and town treasurers are professional people and they are certified in a lot of different areas. Their continuity was beneficial to the town and to them, as well. Back then, the Chair of the Selectboard was Ken Harvey. It was stated that K. Harvey said that having to vote the clerk and treasurer every year does not provide continuity for the town nor security for the people elected. J. Anderson remembers K. Harvey stating, "Folks, we have always had hard working, competent and honest town clerks and town treasurers. It seems to me that we need to change the way we vote for the town clerk and town treasurer for a three year term to create that certainty." That is how it happened a number of years ago and that is how we vote today. It was a good change. It put us in

charge of who we vote as town clerk and town treasurer. J. Anderson stated that Article 6 is not a good idea. Today, we are facing serious challenges to our democracy and we need to flex our collective muscles to vote no on Article 6. Voting yes gives away our rights and responsibility to vote for town clerk and town treasurer and relinquishing that power to the Selectboard. He stated that those in attendance at town meeting today are here because they believe in democracy. We need to keep our local town democracy alive and well. He stated that we should not disenfranchise ourselves by relinquishing our responsibility to vote for the town clerk and town treasurer. J. Anderson strongly urges that voters vote no to this Article 6 because it is giving away our right to vote.

Deanna Judkins stated that this is probably the first time that she agrees with J. Anderson. She stated that is one of the worst articles that she has ever seen in a town report. D. Judkins stated that there are 3,000 people in this town and these people can make the decision on who to elect as their clerk and treasurer and don't need the Selectboard to do it for us.

J. Anderson stated that Russell Lanphear confirmed that an appointed town clerk or appointed treasurer doesn't have to be a town resident.

Judy Lanphear states that she and Russ are very opposed to an appointed clerk or treasurer. She stated that she has done research on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns website. She stated that if the board is given the authority to appoint a town clerk and treasurer, the people appointed do not have to reside in our town. She stated that we are very fortunate to have a clerk and treasurer as dedicated as Kim who has gone on and taken many courses for certification and who has dedicated more than her 40 hours even when her husband was in the hospital. J. Lanphear stated that she hates to see this happen to our town, our town where we work together and care. J. Lanphear stated that the Selectboard could hire someone from Craftsbury or Burlington and the next thing you know, they will want to do the work from home.

Virginia Brooks asked if we are voting today to appoint or elect or are we voting to create a committee.

S. Bartlett stated we are voting to create a committee. It is possible that after doing the research, it is possible that they come to the same conclusion as most of the voters here today have expressed. It is a giant change that is being proposed in Vermont. We felt as a board that we needed to let people know that it is happening. You aren't voting to give this away today. All you are voting for today, is to create the committee to do the research and then get the information back to the community. There are towns all over the state and towns in this county that are looking at doing this. Not that they will do this but they are looking at it.

S. Morse stated he has lived in Hyde Park since the early 70's. He stated that he hopes this article is voted down. He agrees that this is a research project but thinks that the Selectboard and elected officials have enough to do to work on something productive than work on something we are all against to begin with. He stated that he has heard from our Selectboard today, they are very good at speaking out of both sides of their mouth saying what you want to hear. He stated that he agrees with J. Anderson and that this is a bad thing, setting a bad president and he hopes this article is voted down.

Patti Hayford stated that she hopes the Selectboard can hear today that the voters do not want this to pass.

Wendy Burroughs stated that the change in statute allowing the change from elected to appointed for the clerk and treasurer was put into place in 2017. She wanted to know why is the board just now looking at this. She appreciates all the work that the Selectboard does but also appreciates all the hard work the town clerk and treasurer does. She also felt that leaving the positions elected keeps the balance of power within the Hyde Park local government.

S. Bartlett responded that she doesn't have a real answer and just thought this was something they heard about and thought they should at least look at the option.

John Rohleder asked if this is voted down, does this tell the Selectboard to not reconsider this in the future. J. Rohleder stated that it is part of the Selectboards job to keep their minds open and to be looking at options, whether they decide to do them or not. He thinks that directing them to not look at these options is the wrong way to go and therefore, he moved that the article be tabled.

Moderator stated that there was already a motion on the floor. A point of order was called stating that the motion to table should be voted on. There was a second by P. Loomis to table Article 6. A voter asked what tabling the article meant. Moderator Nesky stated that no action would be taken today unless you are tabling it to some future time to vote on it but that is not what the motion to table reads. The motion to table Article 6 failed by a voice vote.

Moderator Nesky stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the article and he was calling the question. The motioned failed by a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Lamoille County Mental Health Services?

There was a motion and a second to move the article. Frederick Gluck hadn't planned on speaking but he is a mobile crisis clinician for Lamoille County Health. Lamoille County Health serves all of Lamoille County. He works with the Lamoille County Sheriff Department, Morrisville Police, Hardwick Police and sometimes the State Police. The Lamoille County Health Department has a crisis support hotline that people can call. It doesn't have to be a serious crisis and can just be for support. Lamoille County Mental Health is a large agency and serves a lot of people including children in schools who are struggling. There is a Community Rehabilitation and Treatment program for people to help them live in the community and have the supports they need to be successful. There is case management for housing, health care and other mental health services that they need. There are developmental services provided to people that are developmentally disabled that live in our communities and need support in various ways. Lamoille county Mental Health is helping people every day. It's not always easy but they are there to support people when needed.

A voter asked if there are other towns that provide appropriations to Lamoille County Mental Health?

F. Gluck stated that he thought there were other towns.

Moderator Nesky stated that this is a first time request from this agency and if approved today, it will appear again next year collectively with the other service agencies for the same amount.

K. Moulton stated prior to the Selectboard putting this article on the warning, they asked Lamoille County Mental Health to provide information on other towns that support the agency. The Selectboard did receive that report. She stated she didn't remember the exact amounts from each town but other towns are asked for support and it is provided.

The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate an additional \$1,500 to the Lamoille Family Center and Healthy Lamoille Valley, bringing the total annual appropriation to \$3,000?

There was a motion by P. Loomis that was seconded. Since this was addressed earlier in the meeting, there was no further discussion. The motioned passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 9. Shall the Hyde Park Annual Town Meeting be held at the Hyde Park Elementary School in future years?

Motion to move the article by P. Hayford and the motion was seconded.

E. Clancy stated there is no auditorium, no stage, no seats. She asked where at the elementary school would this be held.

S. Bartlett stated the annual meeting would be in the gym. When the meetings were held in the sym, they didn't make use of the stage. Where the stage was is their new kitchen. At the past few town meetings, we have had a few people ask about moving the meeting back to the elementary school. The BCA met in December to discuss a move back to the elementary school this year. One of Kim's concerns was the higher than normal turnout this year because of the Presidential Primary. A pragmatic decision was that having the meeting at the high school, the staff at LUHS help us in the set up of the tables and chairs and they do the clean up. If we moved to HPES, there was a concern of additional time and volunteers required for setting up tables, chairs and cleaning up afterwards. Deanna Judkins was at a recent Selectboard meeting and discussed this so the Selectboard felt they should put this on the warning and have the voters tell us what they want to do.

Bob Bourdeau asked where the chairs are.

D. Gagnier stated they are at the school. He stated that he is against moving the town meeting back to the elementary school because of the extra work created for Kim and the staff at the town

offices. We'd have to haul tables over to the school and set up all the chairs at the school. We have the perfect set up right now. If some people remember when the meetings used to be at HPES, Dave said he and Russ Lanphear would be talking about hunting in the back of the gym and others having discussions, too. The Moderator would have to ask the people in the back to quiet down. Dave states he doesn't care which way the vote goes but those are his concerns.

Orah Moore stated that there is better parking at LUHS.

Someone asked what a good reason to go over there was and someone answered nostalgia.

A voter stated that they are being asked to support the elementary school but we meet at the high school.

Another voter stated that people are welcome at HPES any day of the week.

O. Moore stated that new security measures make it more difficult to visit.

P. Hayford stated that the elementary school is open to the public and not closed to anyone. You just need to ring the buzzer to get buzzed in.

M. Zophar felt like it was worth trying.

(Some parts of this discussion may have been missed as the only people using the microphone were the Moderator and the Selectboard. Not all voices were caught on the recording or could be heard by the clerk.)

Moderator called the question. Vote too close to call and Moderator called for a division of the house. Moderator asked the Selectboard to help him count. All in favor raised their hands. Then all opposed raised their hands. Moderator stated that those opposed were about two and half times more than those in favor. The motioned failed by a show of hands.

Moderator Nesky invited S. Bartlett to introduce our state representatives. S. Bartlett asked our representatives to come forward. Matt Hill introduced himself. He stated that he grew up in Johnson and now lives in Wolcott and stated that he and Dan are our state representatives. Dan Noyes introduced himself and stated they brought a town meeting report that is out on the table in the lobby. Rich Westman introduced himself and stated he is our senator from the county.

Article 10. Shall the voters approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 of \$2,643,000 of which \$2,184,700 shall be raised by property taxes and \$458,300 by non-property tax revenue?

There was a motion by J. Anderson that was seconded. The motioned passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 11. Shall the voters approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Monday, August 31, 2020

Second installment to be paid on or before Monday, November 16, 2020

Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Fourth installment to be paid on or before Monday, May 17, 2021

There was a motion by J. Anderson that was seconded. The motioned passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

George Cook stated that there would be a presentation about a trip to Iceland on Friday night, March 6th at 7:00pm at the Second Congregational Church.

Sandi Stewart stated that DCF is always looking for foster families. Please contact DCF at 888-4576, if interested.

Moderator Nesky asked if there was a representative from the Town Energy Committee to speak about the Climate Solutions Resolution. Denise Greene introduced herself stating she has been on the Energy Committee for four years. They help the residents of the town lower their electric bills by promoting the programs of Efficiency Vermont. D. Greene stated she is here today to ask voters to consider approving the Climate Solutions Resolution which is a non-binding resolution. She stated that forty-four towns have passed the resolution over the last two years. D. Greene read the resolution. A full copy of the resolution was not provided to the Moderator or the Town Clerk so the full resolution is not documented in the minutes.

Moderator Nesky mentioned the outreach for mobile polling that Town Clerk Kim Moulton started this year at Sterling View Mobile Home Park. He wanted to mention that it was a tremendous success. There were people who registered to vote. People who got their absentee ballots and voted there and some took them home to vote then brought them right back. He stated that this kind of outreach is important for voters and mentioned that Kim plans on doing the mobile polling for all elections with Australian Ballots. He stated that there is a lot of extra work but there is satisfaction that people are being provided an opportunity to vote and/or register to vote outside of normal office hours.

Elisa Clancy stated that she thought that the Energy Committee just proposed a resolution that we ignored. Moderator Nesky apologized for the oversight.

Moderator Nesky called for a vote of the resolution. D. Gagnier asked if we could legally vote on that since it wasn't warned. Moderator Nesky stated that it was only a resolution and non-binding.

John Rohleder stated that he knows this is a non-binding resolution. He feels that certain elements of the resolution are good but others need discussion or revision.

Moderator Nesky called the question. Voice vote too close to call. J. Rohleder called for a division of the house. Moderator Nesky and the Selectboard made the count. All in favor raised their hands. Then all opposed raised their hands. All in favor = 30, Not in favor = 45. The resolution failed by a show of hands.

Carl Szlachetka stated he would have appreciated a printed version of the resolution for review prior to the meeting.

Everett Dickenson proposed that the school do another open house for residents who may have missed prior open house opportunities.

There was a motion that was seconded to adjourn at 10:52am. The motioned passed unanimously by a voice vote.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate report of the votes taken at the Town of Hyde Park Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Kimberly J. Moulton, Town Clerk

These minutes have been reviewed and approved by the following two town officials:

Paul Nesky, Moderator

Susan Bartlett, Selectboard Chair