

**MINUTES OF BRIDPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019**

BRIDPORT MASONIC/COMMUNITY HALL

At 10:30 AM in the forenoon, Town Moderator Tim Howlett called the business meeting to order. Joan Huestis gave the Invocation. All non-voters were asked to stand and be recognized. All questions were directed to the Moderator. The annual Town meeting is governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 1. Results of elected Town Officers.

1. Town Moderator for a term of one year
Tim Howlett was elected.
2. Selectboard member for a term of two years
Tim Howlett was elected
3. Selectboard member for a term of three years
Joan Huestis was elected
4. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
Jim Craig was elected
5. First Constable for a term of one year
Jim Craig was elected
6. Second Constable for a term of one year
Bruce Stocker was elected
7. Water Commissioner for a term of three years
Darwin Pratt was elected
8. Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
Paul Wagner was elected.

Article 2. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Diana Bain to approve the reports of the Town Officers. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 3. Motion made by Darwin Pratt, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 for the Bridport Fire Department. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 4. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Leonard Barrett to appropriate the sum of \$8000.00 for Town Line First Response. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1900.00 for Addison Central Teens. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Motion made by Steve Bourgeois, seconded by Leonard Barrett to appropriate the sum of \$608.00 for Addison County Economic Development Corporation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7. Motion made by Chris Goodrich, seconded by Steve Bourgeois to appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for Addison County Home Health & Hospice. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 8. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Leonard Barrett to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Addison County Humane Society. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 9. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Diana Bain, to appropriate the sum of \$1600.00 for the AC Parent/Child Center. Motion passed by voice vote.

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Article 10. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Steve Bourgeois to appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for Addison County Readers. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 11. Motion made by Chris Goodrich, seconded by Leonard Barrett to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 12. Motion made by Steve Bourgeois, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$760.00 for Addison County Transit Resources. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 13. Motion made by Andrew Manning, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for Age Well. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 14. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for American Red Cross. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 15. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for Charter House Coalition. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 16. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Steve Bourgeois to appropriate the sum of \$1750.00 for Counseling Service of Addison County. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 17. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Elderly Services/Project. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 18. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Steve Bourgeois to appropriate the sum of \$1250.00 for HOPE. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 19. Motion made by Steve Huestis, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Hospice Volunteer Services. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 20. Motion made by Diana Bain seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for John Graham Shelter. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 21. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charles Bain to appropriate the sum of \$3045.00 for Middlebury Regional EMS. Motion passed by voice vote. Motion made by Andrew Manning, seconded by Steve Bourgeois to amend the motion to \$3500.00. Back to the motion as amended. Amended motion passed by voice vote.

Article 22. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for Open Door Clinic. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 23. Motion made by Andrew Manning, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Platt Memorial Library. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 24. Motion made by Charles Bain, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$320.00 for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 25. Motion made by Darwin Pratt, seconded by Paul Miller to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Motion passed by voice vote.

VT Representative Harvey Smith read a resolution for Tom Howlett who was the recipient for this year's town report. VT State Senators Ruth Hardy and Chris Bray spoke on happenings in the legislature.

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Article 26. Motion made by Cindy Myrick, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$190.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 27. Motion made by Cindy Myrick, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vermont Adult Learning. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 28. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Vermont Cares. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 29. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1250.00 for WomenSafe. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 30. Motion made by Leonard Barrett, seconded by Diana Bain to authorize the Selectboard to spend up to \$220,000.00 for a new Tandem dump truck with equipment to be financed over a five year period. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 31. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded Leonard Barrett to have its taxes paid to the treasurer on or before November 12, 2019. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 32. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve the sums of 1,250,076.00 and \$282,013.00 for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of \$1,532,089.00 with up to 1,111,714.00 to be raised by taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 33A. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Lynne Boie to continue to collect for perpetual care in the sale of the cemetery lots. Much discussion was held. Joan Huestis moved the question. A standing vote defeated the article.

Article 34. There was no other non-binding business to discuss.

Tim Howlett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Bourgeois. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

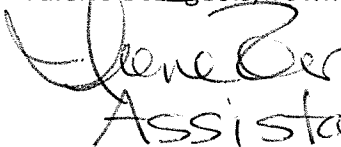
Tim Howlett, Town Moderator



Joan Huestis, Selectboard



Valérie Bourgeois, Town Clerk



Irene Zaccor
Assistant Town Clerk