

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2014 – Town Elections

March 15, 2014 – Town Meeting

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Tuftonboro, County of Carroll, and State of New Hampshire on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March 2014, at eight o'clock in the forenoon at the Tuftonboro Town House, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. The polls were declared open for voting and to remain open until 7:00 PM or until all present that wish to vote have voted.

Ballots were cast in a Special Election for Executive Councilor for District 1 and also for school officers and for articles on the school warrant, as provided for under the SB2 plan. The school district ballots were taken to Wolfeboro to be counted.

Listed below are the results of the town balloting for **Article 1: to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing:**

<b>Selectman for Three Years</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Carolyn Sundquist	397
Bob McWhirter	320
Write in	2

<b>Town Clerk for Three Years</b>	
Heather K. Cubeddu	700
Write in	2

<b>Tax Collector for Three Years</b>	
Jacquelyn H. Rollins	694

<b>Road Agent for Three Years</b>	
John Lapolla	225
Jim Bean	500
Write in	1

<b>Moderator for Two Years</b>	
Daniel F. Barnard, Jr.	665
Write in	2

<b>Budget Committee for Three Years</b>	
Tyler B. Phillips, Sr.	549
Steve Brinser	461
Write in	23

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years**

Peter Sluski	639
Write in	8

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years**

Peter Sluski	633
Write in	

1

**Library Trustee for Three Years**

Paul Matlock	638
Write in	4

**Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years**

Write in .....Chris Ruel	62
Other Write in votes	52

**Special State Election - Executive Councilor District 1**

Michael J. Cryans	271
Joseph D. Kenney	436

**March 15, 2014 – Tuftonboro Central School**

Moderator Daniel F. Barnard, Jr. called the second portion of the 2014 Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 12, 2014 however bad weather prompted the Moderator to postpone the meeting until March 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The Moderator explained the voting card each voter received when they checked in at the meeting. Non-registered voters were identified by a show of hands. Housekeeping reminders were announced.

Mr. Barnard recognized Mr. Lee White who informed those in attendance that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tuftonboro Road Side clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 AM. Bags and vests will be supplied. Those interested in helping can sign up at the Town Office.

Moderator Barnard announced the results of the election on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The officers elected stood to be recognized. Jack Widmer was asked to report on the School District voting results. Mr. Widmer reported that all articles passed and thanked residents for their support of the school district. The meeting then proceeded with the remaining articles of the Town warrant.

**Article 2: (NOTE: Passage of this article shall override the 10% limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee)**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000) to build and equip a new Library and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,075,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000) from the existing Library Capital Reserve Fund and One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000) from the Library Capital Fund donations. The first payment on the bond or note will not be made until year 2105.**

**(Two-Thirds (2/3) ballot vote required per RSA 33:8)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and not recommended by the Budget Committee 3-5)**

Selectman Carolyn Sundquist moved the article and Jack Widmer seconded the motion. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to amend the article to correct a typographical error. The amended article would read ***“The first payment on the bond or note will not be made until year 2015.”*** The motion to the amended article was seconded by Jack Widmer. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment to the article. The amendment was passed.

Library Trustee Gordon Hunt informed voters that the foot print of the new library has not changed since it was presented in 2009. However, rising construction costs, code changes and ADA compliance has increased the overall cost. The Library has outgrown their space. Library Trustee Paul Matlock gave an overview of what the financial impact would be to taxpayers.

Several voters expressed concern on the cost of the project, proposed location, lack of community input, the link between the Library project and the new Police Department. Skip Hurt and David Eaton felt that the Dearborn property should be looked at as a potential site for the new Library. Several voters spoke in support of the new Library. Joe Ewing made motion to call the question. The motion was seconded. The Moderator asked for a show hands to vote on calling the question. The article was called. The Moderator acknowledged that there were a few people waiting to speak at the microphones when the question was called and that they would be allowed to speak. Gordon Hunt answered a question on the operating costs, stating that it presently costs \$2.30 per square foot and the square foot cost for the new library would be \$1.78. Sandy Smith-Bushman and Library Co-Director Christie Sarles also spoke in favor of the new Library.

The Moderator reread the amended article 2. Voting on article 2 began at 11:05 AM and remained open for one hour. At 12:05 PM, voting on article 2 was closed and the ballot clerks tallied the results. Article 2 was not passed with a vote of 252 YES (63%) and 147 NO. A total of 399 votes were cast.

**Article 3: To see if the Town will discontinue the Library Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 and the Library Capital Donations Fund created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund and used for the project in article 2. This warrant article is contingent on warrant article 2 passing. If warrant article 2 does not pass, this warrant article will be null and void.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)**

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to table the article until the results of article 2 are announced. Jack Widmer seconded the motion. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to table the article. All in favor.

**Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to hire a consultant to perform a wage and classification study for town personnel.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1 and the Budget Committee 7-0-1)**

Selectman Lloyd Wood moved the article, Jack Widmer seconded. The Selectmen explained that this is for a compensation study for our employees. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 5: To see if the Town will establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) as an initial contribution.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 8-0)**

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded by Paul Thornton. The Fire Department will need to replace all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus by 2022. The cost of each unit is \$6,775 for a final cost of \$352,000.00. The Town would like to put money away each year so it is not such a big expense in 2022. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 8-0)**

A motion was made Jack Widmer and seconded by Paul Thornton. This is an on-going project to put monies into a capital reserve account for a new Police Department. There is currently \$200,000.00 in the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) to rehabilitate the Davis Ball Field and replace the Davis Field fitness equipment, with Six Thousand (\$6,000) to come from the undesignated fund balance and the remaining Twenty Eight Thousand (\$28,000) to be raised by taxes. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2015, or completion of the project, whichever comes sooner.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 5-3)**

**(Note: It is the town's intention to rehabilitate the ball field in 2014, and the completion of the project, including replacing the fitness equipment, to be done in 2015.)**

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded. Davis field needs to be brought back to official requirements for Cal Ripken baseball as well as improve the safety of the field. The Parks & Recreation Committee is looking to remove and relocate the fitness equipment currently in the outfield of Davis field. This will open up the area for walking and/or running. Marilyn Stacy expressed concern about the amount of money the Town is willing to spend on this project and she felt that the Town seems more interested in sports than other things. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) for the paving of town roads.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and the Budget Committee 8-0)**

A motion was made by Jack Widmer to move the article, Ernie Carter seconded. The money will be used to reclaim and resurface approximately 7,000 feet on Sodom Road

between Route 171 and the Melvin River. Jon Beaulieu was concerned that the amount the Town is spending on the roads has not changed in the past six years. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$87,457) to make a second and final payment on the Fire Department's Engine 1.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and not recommended by the Budget Committee 3-5)**

The article was moved by Diane Guerriere and seconded by Paul Thornton. The Selectmen explained this article will eliminate the Town's debt and save \$6,777.00 in interest. Someone questioned why the Budget Committee did not recommend the article. Budget Committee member Bob McWhirter said the Committee didn't think it was worth it to give the money back early. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to go into the fund. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0 and not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-3)**

The article was moved by Selectman Sundquist and seconded by Paul Thornton. The NH Legislature is now allowing towns to have a contingency fund but it must be a warrant article. This fund is for unanticipated expenses. No questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the article. The article was declared passed.

**Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$3,264,740.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$3,267,740.00. This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.**

**(Majority vote required)**

**(Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0)**

The article was moved by Selectman Sundquist and seconded. A motion was made by Selectman Sundquist to amend the article to correct the written words to match the numbers. The amended article would read ***“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Two Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$3,264,740.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$3,267,740.00. This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.”*** No questions or discussion on the amended article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amended article. The amended article was declared passed.

Mary Ann Murray was concerned about only having one life guard at the Town Beach and made a motion to amend the article “to increase the budget by \$3,100.00 with the intention of reinstating one life guard position.” The motion to amend the article was seconded. Gina Lessard, Co-Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee said the Committee did not feel an additional life guard was needed. No further questions or discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amended article. The amended article was defeated.

Marilyn Stacy expressed concern about the decrease in the Town’s contribution to the Carroll County Transit – Blue Loon bus service. She relies on the bus service as she does not drive and doesn’t feel it should be cut. An amendment was made by Marilyn Stacy “to increase the budget by \$3,500.00 for the intention of the funds going to the Carroll County Transit-Blue Loon transportation.” The motion was seconded. No questions or discussion on the amendment. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the proposed amendment. The amendment to the article was defeated.

No further amendments, questions or discussion on the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the amended article. The article was declared passed.

A motion was made by Jack Widmer and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 PM. There were approximately 411 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather K. Cubeddu  
Tuftonboro Town Clerk