

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 4, 2024**  
**Wells Elementary School**

**VOTERS & GUEST PRESENT: 22 plus the board- Don Preuss, Tammy Holcomb, Paul Woodruff Jr., Moderator Fran Gilman, and Clerk Nora Sargent**

**MODERATOR:** Fran Gilman

The meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Fran Gilman at 7:00PM.

Fran asked everyone to please turn off or silence their electronic devises.

Joe Capron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Fran entertained a motion to allow nonvoters to speak. Joe Capron made a motion Tim Makepeace seconded. Motion passed.

Fran read the town warning then went through each article one line at a time.

Article 1 – No discussion.

Article 2 –Cherry Hopson asked questions on the village center. She stated that when the planning commission looked into this years ago there was a section that stated no agriculture in village limits. Don stated that there is no qualification as to agriculture in the village center. Don then went on to explain the benefits of the village center.

Fran asked all in favor of accepting the Town Report, so moved.

Article 3-5 - No discussion

Article 6,7 - Todd explained the Fire Dept purchased another truck to put the tanker body on. He explained the advantages of this and some plans for the future.

Article 8 - Jeremy Jones made a short presentation and talked about the hatchery closing down. Tammy asked if there was a plan to accept donations to try and keep the hatchery open. Jeremy explained that he did not know what the fish and wildlife’s plan was, but did say he was in talks with them to see what the plans were.

Tammy also asked if the two lake groups were still working together. Tim Makepeace stated that the two groups are separate but do attempt to work together for the better of the lake.

Article 9 - No discussion

Article 10 - Eric Montbriand explained why there was a need to expand the cemetery. Rich Holcomb asked if some of this money would go towards fixing some headstones. Eric explained that the money would go for maintenance and upkeep and yes headstones would be a part of that. Cherry Hopson pointed that the article did not say by petition, Tammy acknowledged that the by petition had inadvertently been left off the warning. Cherry asked why the board just did not put it on the warning without a petition. Tammy explained the cemetery and Town operate separately therefore a petition was needed.

Articles 11-28 - No discussion

Article 29 - Frank Callahan asked about the new transfer station bag system. The board explained the new system and how it would be working as of July 1. Jim Carrigan asked if the state was ok with the new system and it was explained that yes, they were and that several towns use the bag system.

Rich Holcomb asked what has changed at the transfer station as far as what is being accepted. Don explained that E-waste was the only thing that is not accepted anymore.

Gardner Smith asked if the entrance to the transfer station could be smoothed out and the section by the brush drop off area. Don explained that the road crew has been busy trying to keep up with the spring mud season. Gardner explained that it was inside the transfer station that was the issue, Don stated that the guys would get to the issue just as soon as they could.

Motion was made to recess until tomorrow at 10 am at 7:50 P.M. by Rich Holcomb 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Capron Motion passed.

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Fran Gilman, Moderator

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Nora Sargent, Town Clerk/Treasurer