

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 3, 2025**  
**Wells Elementary School**

**VOTERS & GUEST PRESENT: 30 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 devices.

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, Linda Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

Jeremy Jones made a presentation on behalf of the Lake St Catherine Association.

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

Article 1 – No discussion.

Article 2 – Cherry Hopson asked about the clerical for Selectman line in the budget and why it had increased. Don explained that they had added a position for clerical to the selectboard. This position will be for 8 hours a week, and it will concentrate on grants and helping the Selectboard with surveys and other projects. The SelectBoard has hired Gina Ellis for this position as she is already a town employee. Bill Rozensky asked who has been maintaining the website, Tammy commented that she has been along with Sherry. The Selectboard will be asking Gina to help with this website. Heather Thomas asked if the clerical job was advertised. Don explained it was not as we had a qualified person on staff already and it was just expanding her employment.

Gary Witherbee made a motion to accept the Town Report, Gerry Woodruff seconded, so passed.

Patty McCoy and Chris Pritchard, our town representatives, came and discussed what has been going on at the State house and what they have been involved in. A questions and answers session took place.

Article 3-7 - No discussion

Article 8 – Linda Phillips asked if the aerators were still in the Little Lake, Fran explained that the state made them remove them.

Article 9 - No discussion

Article 10 – Cherry Hopson asked why the Cemetery has to do a petition every year but other articles do not. Tammy explained that once the article has been approved twice, it will no longer need to be on the ballot by petition. Linda Philips asked what the money will be used for, and Eric Montbriand from the Cemetery Association explained it will be to fix stones, routine maintenance and expansion.

Article 11 - Tammy Holcomb asked if anyone from Our Neighbors Table was there. She stated that she has requested the financials more than once and she wanted to know why there was a need for an increase. No one was in attendance to answer the question.

Articles 12-29 - No discussion

Article 30 – Cherry Hopson asked what the article of spiritous liquor meant. The selectboard deferred to Duane Dunbar to explain his submitted petition. He explained the Town had voted in the 80's to not allow the sale of spiritous liquor so he felt the Town should be able to vote if they wanted to be able to sell them now. Don explained the different types of alcohol licenses.

Article 31 - Eric Montbriand asked why the Fire Dept must ask to be tax exempt. Todd Fenton explained this is a state mandate every five years.

Motion was made at 8:02 pm to recess until tomorrow at 10 am by Bill Rozensky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Witherbee. Motion passed.



Fran Gilman, Moderator



Nora Sargent, Town Clerk/Treasurer