

**TOWN OF BURKE
2015 TOWN MEETING
MINUTES AND BALLOT
RESULTS
MARCH 2 & 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet, Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Building at 212 School Street, West Burke, for an informational meeting to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (ARTICLES 4-23). VOTING WILL BE IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 212 SCHOOL STREET, WEST BURKE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ARTICLES 1 – 3 and 24) WILL BE VOTED ON FROM THE FLOOR AT TOWN MEETING MONDAY MARCH 2, 2015.

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Community Building, 212 School Street, in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. to transact the following business:

Public Questions – Articles 1 – 3 and Article 24 will be voted on during Town Meeting Monday March 2, 2015 beginning at 6: P.M.

Australian Ballot- Articles 4-23 - Polls will be open Tuesday, March 3, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the Community Building at Town Clerk's Office at 212 School Street, West Burke.

**TOWN OF BURKE DISTRICT MEETING
March 2 & 3, 2015**

Article 1. Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report? Motion made by Weeza Sanderson, seconded by Tony DeMasi. Passed by voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectmen to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Monday, November 2, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. as the due date? Motion made by Tony DeMasi, seconded by Christine Rice. Passed by voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues? Motion made by Tony DeMasi, seconded by Weeza Sanderson. Passed by voice vote.

Article 4. To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law?

Town Moderator	- Mike Harris 1- Year – Term expires 2016
Selectman	- Kenneth Sanderson – 3 years – Term expires 2018
Town Clerk	- Priscilla Aldrich -3 years – Term expires 2018
Treasurer	- Priscilla Aldrich -3 years – Term expires 2018
Delinquent Tax Collector	- Priscilla Aldrich -3 years – Term expires 2018
Trustee of Public Funds	- Priscilla Aldrich -3 years – Term expires 2018
Lister	- Hazel Clark – 3 years – Term expires 2018
Lister	- Merton Leonard - 2 year – Term expires 2017
Auditor	- Gail Weed -3 years – Term expires 2018

Town Officers (Continued)

Constable - Paul Gallant – 1 year – Term expires 2016
Town Grand Jurors-Barry Hertz/Jeanne Miles – Term expires 2016
Town Agent - Jill Broderick – 1 year – Term expires 2016
Agent to Convey Real Estate – Selectmen – 1 Yr. Term expires 2016

Article 5. Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2015 Town Budget of \$1,354,984.37 for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate to provide the same? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 189 NO = 37 BLANK/SPOILED = 4 TOTAL 230

Article 6. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 215 NO = 14 BLANK/SPOILED = 1 TOTAL 230

Article 7. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 214 NO = 12 BLANK/SPOILED = 4 TOTAL 230

Article 8. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,306.00 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 192 NO = 30 BLANK/SPOILED = 8 TOTAL 230

Article 9. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 193 NO = 29 BLANK/SPOILED = 8 TOTAL 230

Article 10. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250 to help support the services of Caledonia Home Health Care? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 196 NO = 25 BLANK/SPOILED = 9 TOTAL 230

Article 11. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 137 NO = 82 BLANK/SPOILED = 11 TOTAL 230

Article 12. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library to help continue the library's many free programs and services for all area towns? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 180 NO = 40 BLANK/SPOILED = 10 TOTAL 230

MINUTES AND BALLOT RESULTS (Continued)

Article 13. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,571.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Burke Residents? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 176 NO = 44 BLANK/SPOILED = 10 TOTAL 230

Article 14. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Kingdom Animal Shelter, in St. Johnsbury? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 161 NO = 57 BLANK/SPOILED = 12 TOTAL 230

Article 15. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Lyndon Area Senior Action Center, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 175 NO = 46 BLANK/SPOILED = 9 TOTAL 230

Article 16. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 160 NO = 56 BLANK/SPOILED = 14 TOTAL 230

Article 17. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 149 NO = 68 BLANK/SPOILED = 13 TOTAL 230

Article 18. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 145 NO = 77 BLANK/SPOILED = 8 TOTAL 230

Article 19. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 154 NO = 66 BLANK/SPOILED = 10 TOTAL 230

Article 20. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,315.00 to Northeastern Vermont Development Association? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 137 NO = 84 BLANK/SPOILED = 9 TOTAL 230

Article 21. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to the RCT (Rural Community Transportation, Inc.)? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 174 NO = 50 BLANK/SPOILED = 6 TOTAL 230

MINUTES AND BALLOT RESULTS (Continued)

Article 22. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking childcare and childcare providers? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 151 NO = 69 BLANK/SPOILED = 10 TOTAL 230

Article 23. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Powers Park/Village Improvement Society? (Australian Ballot)

YES = 148 NO = 74 BLANK/SPOILED = 8 TOTAL 230

Article 24. To transact any other nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting.

Sam told the audience that there are new laws coming effective July 1st, 2015 regarding mandatory recycling and we need to make a decision on how the Town is going to handle it. If the Town continues to do curbside pickup they will also be required to do curbside recycle, which will very expensive. There are a couple of options that the Town can do:

We could buy a special truck or trailer and hire another employee or two and do curbside pickup or we could park the truck at the recycle center and have people drop off their rubbish and recycle at the same time. There was not much discussion.

The Selectboard will have make a decision soon and let the residents know what will be required.

With no other business to come before the meeting, Brian Greer made a motion to adjourn. Toni DeMasi seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt, cmc