

Minutes of the Pre-Town Meeting
Barrett Hall

March 2, 2018

Select Board Members present: Toni Pippy, Chair, Brian Johnson, and Kate Siepmann.
Fourteen community members attended.

Town Moderator Robert Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Moderator read each article on the Town Warning.

Kate announced that Sarah North would be a candidate for the School Board, and that Lauri Berkenkamp was running for the Select Board.

Board Chair Toni Pippy presented the proposed budget and explained the rationale for all the budget items that showed an increase.

She explained that the new fire truck would be paid for over a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 2%. Because ambulance service is a vital community need, Toni explained that the increase of \$6.00 per capita requested by the Upper Valley Ambulance is essentially a fixed cost that we are stuck with.

Everything is in the works to begin the Town House Spire Project in the spring or summer of 2018. The Board has agreed to make up for a shortfall in fund raising, should that be necessary.

The only other Article that prompted discussion was Article 10, an article by petition of the Two Rivers Action Coalition (TRAC) urging action by the State Legislature to accelerate efforts to meet the 90% renewable energy goal by 2020. John Enternach, speaking for the group, said that they would propose an amendment to Item #3 changing the wording to read “with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.”

There few questions raised, and no further discussion.

The Pre-Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:10

Sincerely,

Kate Siepmann, Recording Clerk