

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
Minutes for the
2010 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2010, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 11th day of March 2010, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. There were 105 registered voters present.

As has become tradition at the Rumney Town Meeting, we take a few moments at the beginning to reflect on the long history of this great town. This year, I picked from my collection of town reports the report ending December 31, 1945.

The town meeting was held at the Rumney Town Hall at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 12, 1946. It is interesting to take a look at the warrant articles that were posted on the warrant for the consideration of the town. For example:

Article 5) To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights. The obsession over streetlights has a very long history in Rumney. According to the town report, the total cost of streetlights in the year ending Dec 31, 1945 was \$656.50. This compares to our 2009 report that places that cost at \$7,489.

Article 11) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust. The disease was introduced into North America about 1900 and by the 1950s had spread to most of the commercial east white pine regions. An extensive and costly eradication program was conducted in the white pine regions of the United States from 1916 to 1967. This was a huge problem as \$400 in those days was a very large sum of money for our town.

Article 16) Had to do with a land trade to obtain the rights to the Baker Athletic Field from Winnifrede W Baker. The decision to trade rights of an adjacent property with Ms. Baker in order to secure the rights of the athletic field was decided upon at the town meeting of 1946.

Other interesting facts can be found in the town report. In 1945, if you were one of 66 people who owed taxes that were uncollected, you had the dubious distinction of having your name printed in the annual report. Dollars owed ranged from \$624.00 right down to the gentleman who got the honor of having his name in the report for having owed a mere one dollar and sixty cents.

The back cover of the town report had the Rumney Honor Roll of those who were in the service on Dec 7, 1941 or who joined the armed services during the war. There were 92 names on this list, and many are familiar to us, including Wallace G Ackerman, David Kenniston, and James E. Darling.

As we proceed tonight with the business of the town, I think it is proper and fitting for us to take these few moments to reflect on our rich history and to recognize that we are carrying on a great tradition when we meet for our annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Buttolph

Recognition and a clock were given to Anita French for over 37 years of service to the Town. Anita served on the following boards and committees:

Trustee of Trust Funds	1973-1977	4 years
Conservation Commission	1977-1987	10 years
School Treasurer	1980-1982	2 years
Deputy Tax Collector	1986-1987	1 year
Town Auditor	1992-1995	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	2002-2010	6 years

Polly Bartlett was also was given a bouquet as she is retiring after 26 years as Town Treasurer. She also served on the Planning Board from 1987-1990. Polly was given a clock last year for her 25 years of service.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 9th):

ACTION: There were 320 votes cast. The following people were elected as town officers:

Selectman for 3 years	Mark H Andrew	265
Moderator for 2 years	James Buttolph	282
Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years	Linda Whitcomb	311
Treasurer for 1 year (Write-in)	Rita Wilkin	30
Library Trustee for 3 years	Roger Daniels	284
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years	Robin Bagley	266
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Edward Openshaw	142
	Joann Camara	129
Fire Commissioner for 3 years	Terry French	275
(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years	John Bagley	246
Write in for 2 nd position	Kathy Wallace	12
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years	Justina French	267

ARTICLE 2: (by petition/by official ballot on March 9th) To see if the Town will establish a Police Commission. The following question will appear on the official ballot: "Shall the government of the police department of the town of Rumney be entrusted to a police commission?"

ACTION: Article failed. Yes 79 No 231

ARTICLE 3: (by petition/by official ballot on March 9th) To see what method the Town will vote to select as the method for choosing Police Commissioners. This vote will take effect only if the Town adopts Article 2, above. The following question will appear on the official ballot: "In the event that the Town votes to establish a Police Commission, shall the police commissioners be chosen by: (a) Popular election at town election; or (b) Appointment of the governor with consent of the council?" NOTE: You may vote on this question even if you vote 'No' on Article 2.

ACTION: Had article 2 passed the process would be by:

(a) Popular election 225 (b) Appointment by Governor 56

ARTICLE 4: To choose three members for the **Advisory Committee**; one for a three-year term to represent the Quincy area; one for a two-year term to represent West Rumney (to finish out a three-year term); one for a three-year term to represent the Depot area.

Action: Motion was put on the floor and seconded to choose three members of the **Advisory Committee**. All were in favor.

Dave Coursey was nominated to represent the Depot for a 3 year term and was voted in favor by the assembly and the Clerk was instructed by the Moderator to cast a single vote in the affirmative.

Gerard Thibodeau and Jan Stevens were nominated to represent the Quincy area for a three year term. Secret ballot was used and the vote was Stevens 56 and Thibodeau 36. The Moderator instructed the Clerk to cast a single vote in the affirmative for Jan Stevens.

Rogers Daniels was nominated to represent the West Rumney area for a 1 year term (to finish out a three year term) and was voted in favor by the assembly and the Moderator instructed the Clerk to cast a single vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$396,600** to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year; \$380,438 to be raised by taxes; \$10,550 to come from collected fees and \$5,612 from employees' share of health insurance.

Executive	\$ 53,420
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 44,669
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 3,210
Financial Administration	\$ 34,855
Legal Expense	\$ 10,000
Personnel Administration/Benefits	\$ 174,770
Planning Board	\$ 2,701
General Government Buildings	\$ 29,475
Street Lights	\$ 7,800
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 34,000
Regional Association Dues	<u>\$ 1,700</u>
Total General Government Expenses	\$ 396,600

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put the article on the floor. All were in favor. An amendment was made by Selectman Andrew to increase the amount for general government buildings to 33,975.00. The extra 4,500 will be used to repair the steeple on the Historical Society Building. This is a preliminary estimate and the best price will be found. There was a voice vote and the amendment passed with a few no's noted. The amended article was read as:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$401,100 to defray General Government Expenses for the ensuing year; \$384,938 to be raised by taxes; \$10,550 to come from collected fees and \$5,612 from employees' share of health insurance.

Article 5 as amended passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,050 for **Assessing Services** and updating the **Tax Maps** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 6 on the floor. All were in favor. The breakdown for this appropriation is CNP general assessing-pickups \$47/per parcel; subdivisions, mergers, current use, land use change tax \$76/per hour. George Sansoucy- annual utility update\$ 3,500; NHEC appeal – \$5,000. Tax map update \$1,400. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 7 on the floor. All were in favor. MRI's quote was for \$8,500. Selectmen also included \$1,500 to ensure that enough funds are budgeted should they be needed for enforcement of several difficult properties and potential issues that MAY come before the Planning Board. The 2010 plan is to continue MRI 's compliance and enforcement initiative 40% towards maintaining compliance and 60% dedicated to continued and new enforcement effort. 54 properties were deemed in violation in 2008; 2 junkyards are licensed; 46 properties now in compliance; 5 actively working towards compliance; 1 requires further action (last 6 are on hold until spring).

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; \$20,000 to be raised by taxes and \$10,000 to come from Cemetery Trust Funds.

ACTION: Motion was made and seconded to put article on the floor. All were in favor. With no discussion the article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,119 to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year; \$173,969 from taxes and \$150 from fees.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 9 on the floor. All were in favor. There was lengthy discussion about this appropriation. Mike Lonigro representing the Advisory Committee felt that the department could be run with a lot less money. A motion was made , but failed, suggesting a 5% decrease in overall budget with the Chief deciding where the cuts would be made. Areas they felt could be cut were: equipment; Part-time officers; legal services; and Grafton dispatch.

The article as written was passed by voice vote with some no's.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,787** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 10 on the floor. All were in favor. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,710** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year; \$6,360 to be raised by taxes; \$10,000 from fund balance (grant received from NH Dept. of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management) and \$1,350 to come from State reimbursed forest fire fees and compensation.

Safety Committee	\$ 1,500
E-911	\$ 200
Emergency Management	\$ 16,010
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$ 17,710

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put the article on the floor. All were in favor. It was explained that the large increase is for Hazardous Mitigation/Emergency Operation Plan projects. With no further discussion the article passed.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,140** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 12 on the floor. All were in favor. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,117** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded to put article 13 on the floor. All were in favor. Mark Andrew explained there are two new lines in this item for fuel and vehicle maintenance that previously was under the fire department budget. It was also stated that any line item for fuel would be used **ONLY** for fuel this year and cannot be used for anything else in the budget. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$206,808** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 14 on the floor. All were in favor. The question was asked how many employees are there? There is one full time salary and two hourly positions. The article passed by voice vote with no further discussion.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Road Improvements** for the ensuing year. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 15 on the floor. All were in favor. The question was asked why this was non-lapsing? It is so it can be used one more year beyond 2010. The article passed by voice vote with no nays voiced. It received a majority vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,526 to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 16 on the floor. All were in favor. Questions were asked about recycling fees, user fees from Dorchester and Ellsworth, and solid waste costs. An explanation was given and there is a detailed report on page 36-37 in the Town Report. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,497 to defray the Town's share of the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** and **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee**.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District	\$1,397
Plymouth Water & Sewer Fee	<u>100</u>
Total	\$1,497

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 17 on the floor. All were in favor. No questions were asked and the article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to defray the cost of services, labor and/or equipment needed at the Transfer Station for part of Phase II of the **Landfill Closure** process as required by the State of New Hampshire.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 18 on the floor. All were in favor. Janice gave some details and the article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,700 for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare**.

Animal Services	\$ 500
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,000
Health Officer – Stipend	\$ 1,180
Health Administration	\$ 500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Home, Health & Hospice	\$ 6,975
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$ 1,000
Voices Against Violence	\$ 1,000
Bridge House	\$ 500
Genesis	\$ 250
CASA	\$ 250
CADY	\$ 400
Direct Assistance	\$ 12,000
Grafton County Seniors	\$ 3,000
Tri-County CAP	<u>\$ 3,895</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$ 33,700

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 19 on the floor. All were in favor. Selectman Mulherin explained that we did not give out as much money as was requested by these agencies. We chose the ones that best fulfilled the needs of our town. Genesis had requested \$1820 and we gave \$250. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,900** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year; \$ 9,971 to be raised by taxes and \$2,929 to come from unreserved fund balance.

Common-Mowing, Maintenance & Lights	\$2,300
Baker Athletic Field	\$3,250
Old Home Day	\$3,000
Jim Darling Natural Area	\$1,000
Patriotic Purposes	\$350
Conservation Commission	\$800
Baker River Watershed Dues	\$200
Conservation Trust	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$12,900

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 20 on the floor. All were in favor. With no discussion the article was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **36,605** to operate the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year; \$33,605 to be raised by taxes and \$3,000 to come from Library Endowment Funds.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 21 on the floor. All were in favor. With no discussion the article was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to defray the cost of **interest expenses** on loans in **anticipation of taxes** and other temporary loans.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 22 on the floor. All were in favor. Selectman Mulherin explained that the second tax bills were very late because of the delay in the new system and programs voted in last year. Because of the dedication of the administrative office, treasurer, and tax collector, the expenses were paid without having to borrow money in 2009.

Article was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$91,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:
The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	\$22,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$10,000
Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	\$10,000
Police Department Fund (1986)	\$7,500
Town Facilities Fund (1987)	\$20,000

EMS Vehicle Fund (2005)	\$5,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	\$4,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$8,500
Fire Department Equipment Fund (2009)	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$91,000

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 23 on the floor. All were in favor. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the previously established (1998) **Byron Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund**. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 24 on the floor. All were in favor. Selectman Mulherin stated that this fund had not been added to in recent years but we will start putting money in again to do a handicap entrance. All voted in favor of the article. There were no nays.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 33,144 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a 2010 Ford Expedition **Police Cruiser**, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum of \$33,144 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund, established by vote of the annual town meeting in 1986. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 25 on the floor. All were in favor. Selectman Andrew explained that this is a planned replacement of the oldest cruiser. It will be used to purchase a 4x4 Ford Expedition. The 4x4 will allow access to all areas of town during the winter season and mud season. There was various discussion about waiting another year; about it being a gas consuming vehicle and why we need two cruisers. After about 25 minutes of discussion a **SECRET BALLOT** vote was taken and the article **PASSED** Yes 71 and No 24. There was a motion made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of this article. The voice vote was Yes with some nays.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,520 for the purpose of purchasing an **On-Site Radar Trailer** with solar panel, statistics package and warning light; \$4,260 to be raised by taxes and \$4,260 to come from a grant awarded by the NH Highway Safety Agency. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 26 on the floor. All were in favor. The reasons for support for this purchase were that it would give the police department much statistical information about traffic speed and travel patterns. It could be used year round depending on the weather. The borrowed one that was used on Quincy road in October 2008 showed that there were 2350 vehicles and the average speed was 41-60 mph. We can borrow one but only for short periods of time. The trailer did show a decrease in speeding when it was set up. A question was asked why doesn't the state provide it being that so many of our roads are state roads? It would be stored in the West Rumney firehouse. The article was voted on by secret ballot and **FAILED** Yes 37 No 52.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the purpose of **repairing the pump on the Fire Engine #3**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until the repairs are completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 27 on the floor. All were in favor. The goal of this appropriation is to extend the life between 3-5 years. This article passed by voice vote. No nays.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund** under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding the installation and maintenance of dry hydrants throughout the town as needed and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to be placed in said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 28 on the floor. All were in favor. The plan is to maintain 10 dry-hydrants. One new one at Stinson Lake and get 9 others back in operation. Currently there is only one that is dependable. No further discussion the article passed by voice vote with no nays.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to the **Rumney Historical Society** with \$3,000 to come from fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article. Note: This is reimbursement for roof repairs made to the building in 2009 paid by the Historical Society.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 29 on the floor. All were in favor. This article passed by voice vote with no discussion.

ARTICLE 30: (by petition) "To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 30 on the floor. All were in favor. There was some discussion from very different viewpoints. A motion was made and seconded to move the question. The vote to move the question was yes with some no's. There was a request for a **SECRET BALLOT** and the article **FAILED** Yes 40 No 41.

ARTICLE 31: (by petition) "To see if the Town will vote to raise the Town Veterans Tax Credit from the present \$100.00 credit to a \$500.00 credit for honorably discharged Military Veterans who are Rumney residents. This increase will bring the Rumney Veterans Credit more in line with neighboring towns whose tax credit now surpasses ours."

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 31 on the floor. All were in favor. **AN AMENDMENT** was made by Town counsel to read: "to see if the Town will vote to raise the Town Veterans' Tax Credit, for veterans who qualify under state law, from the present \$100.00 credit to a \$500.00 credit." The vote was in the affirmative to amend the article. The reason for the amendment is, in order to receive the tax credit,

the person has to have served in certain conflicts at specific times. This change to \$500.00 would make a difference on a tax bill of approximately \$20.00 per thousand based on the property evaluation. Selectman Andrew was against the article because of the impact on the tax bills, even though he is one who would qualify for it. Gary McCool spoke against it because fire, police and other protective groups serve very dangerous jobs, so why are we choosing one particular group? Robert Decker of Buffalo Rd spoke and said the difference between this group and others is that the military do not get to come home every night. They may be away months/years at time without being able to see their families. A motion was made and seconded to move the question. The AMENDED article PASSED by voice vote with very few nays recorded.

ARTICLE 32: (by petition) "To see if the Town will vote to remove the designation "Jim Darling Natural Area" from the recently purchased Town owned land in West Rumney. The present designation does not reflect the voters' authorization to purchase this parcel for "recreational" use, nor did the now deceased Jim Darling donate, designate or contribute to the Rumney Taxpayers purchase. The Rumney voters, and not a select few, should be allowed full participation in the naming of our lands."

ACTION: The moderator read the question and asked for a motion to put the question on the floor. No one would make that motion. The moderator announced that the article will sit on the table during the meeting. This is probably a first in our towns history that a petition article is not even put on the floor.

ARTICLE 33: (by petition) "To see if the Town will vote to require that all votes by the Rumney Advisory Budget Committee relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA Section 32:5 (Budget Preparation) as authorized by the State of New Hampshire."

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to put article 33 on the floor. All were in favor. Selectman Andrew presented an amendment to the article to read:

"To see if the Town will vote to require that all votes by the Advisory Committee relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA Section 32:5 (Budget Preparation) as authorized by the State of New Hampshire."

This amendment leaves out the word "Rumney and Budget".

The reason for omitting these two words is because that is how it was established in 1951. The article described the duties as "budget advise" The amendment passed by voice vote with one no noted.

Another motion was made to amend the article again to add the words "as established by Town Meeting in March 1951" The second amendment to the 1st amendment passed by voice vote. The amended article to be voted on was reread by the moderator as:

"To see if the Town will vote to require that all votes by the Advisory Committee, as established by Town Meeting in March 1951, relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA Section 32:5 (Budget Preparation) as authorized by the State of New Hampshire."

Discussion: The reason for this petition article was presented by John Bagley, representative for the Advisory Committee. He stated that this committee is elected by the people to represent their area of town. This would enable people to know what advise they have given to the Selectmen. It should be published in the Town Report next to the Selectmen recommendation. Selectman Andrew called to move the question, it was seconded and the vote **FAILED** on the article as amended the second time.

ARTICLE 34: To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

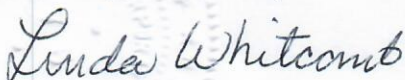
Two items were bought up for discussion.

There will be a representative at the March 22 Selectmen's meeting to present information on a proposed Wind Farm in Groton just over the Old North Groton Road town line. They will be asking for access through Rumney over Old North Groton Rd.

The current street lights have been changed (except in the school area) to reduce wattage to try and save energy and money. Selectman Andrew wanted to get a sense of the meeting as to whether they want to further try to reduce cost and energy. Should we have a committee study this and get back to the Selectboard with the information? A voice vote was taken and was in the affirmative with a few nays recorded.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Whitcomb".

Linda Whitcomb, Town Clerk