

Town of Lyndon

Special Informational Town Meeting

October 1, 2014 6:30 PM

The informational meeting was held at the Municipal Office Building Gymnasium at 119 Park Avenue. The Moderator, Joe Benning gaveled the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the assembly of 73 Town voters and others in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Benning, then turned the meeting over to Marty Feltus, Chair of the Selectboard.

Marty gave a brief overview of the new Universal Recycling Law, Act 148 and how it would affect the Town of Lyndon. She also explained the various different options that the Board has been discussing. Some of these options were continue the current system and add additional recycling, the Town get out of the administration completely, and the Town handle the recycling side and each household contract directly with a hauler.

Marty explained the procedure, once an option has been selected. The Town Solid Waste Ordinance would need to be changed which would require posting the change in five (5) places, advertising in the newspaper. The change would take effect after sixty (60) days, unless within forty-four (44) days a petition with five percent (5%) of the voters' signatures was turned into the Board.

The assembly was encouraged to attend future Selectboard meetings. The Board answered questions from the assembly until 7:00 PM when the Meeting was adjourned.

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Special Town Meeting

October 1, 2014 7:00 PM

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Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Lyndon authorize the Select Board to transfer up to \$50,000 of reserve monies from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund to be used for repairs to the Cobleigh Public Library?

David Dill, Selectboard member, gave a brief presentation to the assembly about the flooding that occurred in June 2013, damaging the Children's Room in the Library. There has been ongoing discussions with the engineering firm and the contractor as to whom is responsible to fix the issue.

Mr. Benning explained that the warning read "transfer" and proposed the change to "borrow". Motion made by Patricia Jauch, seconded by Bruce James, to change the word "transfer" to "borrow" on the warning. Susan Wells asked a question regarding the pipes to the Library. Mr. Benning ruled the question not germane to the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was passed by voice vote.

Mr. Benning then read the warning with the noted charge.

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Motion made by Bruce James, seconded by David Martin to move the article.

Questions were answered by the Selectboard. Ken Burchesky asked to add wording “and to return the pipe” to the article regarding the pipes. The Moderator ruled that the question was not germane to the question. He further explained that the Moderator can be overruled with a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion made by Ken Burchesky, seconded by Alvin Shulman, to overrule the Moderator’s decision on the addition to the article. It was clarified that a yes vote would mean overriding the Moderator, and a no vote would be standing with the Moderator. Motion made by Bruce James to call the question, seconded by Dick Lawrence. There being no further discussion, motion carried with a voice vote.

The Moderator read the question. “Shall the body override the moderator that adding “and to return the pipes” is not germane to the question. There being no further discussion, motion was rejected by a voice vote, and the original article stands.

After a brief question and answer period, motion made by Robert Jauch, seconded by Teresa Vasko, to cut off discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Moderator re-read the article as follows: Shall the voters of the Town of Lyndon authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$50,000 of reserve monies from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund to be used for repairs to the Cobleigh Public Library?

Many residents expressed their concern with the Children’s Room not being accessible to the children. They feel the Children’s Room speaks of the type of Town we are. The assembly was informed that the Library is a Town function and the building is owned by the Town.

The question was called by Bruce James and Mr. Benning read the article again.

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Lyndon authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$50,000 of reserve monies from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund to be used for repairs to the Cobleigh Public Library? With no further discussion, the article passed by voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM