

# **Town of Hartland Special Town Meeting May 16, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Moderator Patricia Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM as she waited until all who desired had entered the hall.

The salute to the Flag was given by those who wished to do so.

The Moderator then gave a brief overview of the procedure's to be followed.

Article 1. Shall the Town vote to reconsider the vote of Article 6, voted in the affirmative at Town Meeting on March 7, 2017? (by petition)

Moved by Robert Sangster and seconded by Ralph Kurash that the article be adopted.

Discussion was limited to the topic of should we reconsider. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and ruled that the nays had it. A paper ballot was called by 7 voters and the Justices of the Peace present collected and counted the ballots. The result of the vote was Yes 53 No 98 and the article was not adopted.

Article 2. If Article 1 passes, shall the Town vote to authorize the purchase of 21 Route 12 (property adjacent on the west side of the Recreation Center) in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

Article 3. To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

The Select Board asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to recommend the future use of the property. Charles Coon asked if the house on the other side of the Recreation Center was available. He was told that that house is not for sale.

Lisa Gramling asked how many acres the Recreation/Library field consisted of. There are 10 +/- acres in the fields.

Debra Davis asked if we could vote by Australian Ballot on questions like this. No, as the voters have never adopted this form for public questions.

Other questions asked were;

Is the Committee to discuss future use of the building? How will the debt be paid off? Are we going to hang onto the building?

Carol Mowry reminded us that the voters have the final say in the disposition of the house.

Several other suggestions were made.

Jennifer Grant suggested we write ideas on the remaining ballot we had and give them to the Select Board.

Nancy Johnson asked why there had been a petition for recall.

Sherry Clarke stated that there are many needs in town and the petitioners were concerned about financing. Also, why it wasn't purchased through the tax sale process.

Several moved to adjourn. This was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Voters on Checklist                      2643    Attendance at meeting                      167

Clyde A Jenne  
Town Clerk