

ABSTRACT OF MARLOW TOWN MEETING

March 18, 2023

The Town Meeting was called to order by the moderator, Kenneth R. Dassau, at 10:05 AM at the John D. Perkins Sr. Academy of Marlow with 43 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and armed services members and veterans were recognized and applauded. A moment of silence was held in memory of Ed Thomas, John Salo, and Bob Rhodes.

Article 1 - Due to the postponement of the Election of Officers, the results of Article 1 could not be read by the Moderator. The results from the election, which was held on March 28, 2023, are as follows:

Selectmen – 3 years	Daniel Reed
Sexton – 1 year	Anthony Davis
Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years	Eric Parenti
Advisory Budget Committee – 3 years (vote for 2)	Anthony Davis and tie between Patricia Little, Marcia Levesque, and Edward White
Advisory Budget Committee – 2 years	Thomas Fuschetto
Advisory Budget Committee – 1 year	tie between Thomas Fuschetto, Edward White, and Daniel Reed
Library Trustee – 3 years (vote for 2)	Jeanne Kennedy & Linda Fuerderer
Library Trustee – years	Gayle Rosa
Road Committee – 3 years	Anthony Davis
Road Committee – 1 year	tie between Garry Kenyon, Adam Plumb, Daniel Reed, and Edward White
Cemetery Trustee – 3 years	Wendy Durant
Article 2	Yes – 55 No – 6
Article 3	Yes – 51 No – 10

Article 2 – Although there were no election results of the vote of Article 2, due to postponement, the moderator asked if those in attendance would like an explanation about the amendment. Selectman Bob Allen led the discussion.

Article 3 – See Article 2.

Article 4 – Article 4 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Robert Allen and seconded by James Strickland, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town operating expenses for the year ensuing as set forth in the following budget:

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$105,787
Elections, Registrations, and Vital Statistics	\$24,475
Financial Administration	\$43,900
Revaluation of Property	\$14,700
Legal Expense	\$10,000
Personnel Administration	\$125,621
Planning and Zoning	\$1,882
General Government Building	\$51,350
Cemeteries	\$5,600
Insurance	\$18,042

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	\$48,541
Fire & EMS Department	\$53,900
Emergency Department	\$1,000
Mutual Aid	\$12,576
Building Inspection	\$500
Joint Loss Management Committee	\$100

HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND BRIDGES

General Highway Department Expenses	\$230,100
Street Lighting	\$4,000

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$51,884
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	\$1,000
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WELFARE

General Assistance \$6,000

CULTURAL & RECREATION

Parks \$ recreation \$80

Library \$19,221

Patriotic Purposes \$1,100

Conservation Commission \$2,000

Agricultural Commission \$1

DEBT SERVICE

Tax Anticipation Notes Interest \$1

Principal Broadband Bond \$40,000

Interest Broadband Bond \$22,829

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$896,190

The moderator asked if there was a motion for opening discussion. Motion was made by Robert Allen and seconded by James Strickland. The moderator requested Selectman Bob Allen to go over the budget section by section. Bob read the bottom of page 5 in the Town Report, referring to the overview that Executive Administrator Jacqui Fay had provided, explaining the increase to the operating budget. The moderator asked if anyone had any specific questions. Article 4 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 5 – Article 5 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Jim Strickland and seconded by Bob Allen to see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to give a two percent (2%) cash discount on all property taxes that are paid IN FULL within ten (ten) business days after issue. Bob stated that the state requires this article at each town meeting if the town is going to provide this discount. Article 5 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 6 – Article 6 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Sandra Pierre to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. This authorization is indefinite until rescinded. Jacqui noted that the last sentence was added this year so that if the article passed, the article doesn't need to be in the town warrant every year. Article 6 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 7 – Article 7 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Deb Monte to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously created. The sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be

raised from taxation. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Bob Allen quoted the amount that is currently in the trust fund (\$271,671.07, found on pg. 85 of Town Report). Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Article 8 – Article 8 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Matt Elkan to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Bob Allen noted that a new backhoe was purchased this year from the fund, which is the intention of the fund. Sandy Pierre spoke of Jacqui's ability to find grant money for several projects so the town doesn't need to spend as much. The voters responded with applause. Article 8 passed by voice vote.

Article 9 – Article 9 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Deb Monte and seconded by Matt Elkan to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 9 passed by voice vote.

Article 10 – Article 10 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Judi Ryner and seconded by Deb Monte to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Bob Allen and Sandy Pierre spoke to the negative balance in the fund at this time. A new vehicle was purchased and outfitted recently and the stock market went down. It is important to add to this fund as a new vehicle usually needs to be purchased every ten years. Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11 – Article 11 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Judi Ryner and seconded by Matt Elkan to see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Recruitment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of covering all costs associated with police recruitment and to raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation; further to name the Police Chief and Marlow Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Bob Allen said, in previous situations, money has come from the budget, but it can be expensive to recruit and outfit another officer. By putting it in a trust fund, it would prevent us having to put money in the operating budget. The money would already be there for when we do find a successful candidate. Discussion ensued as to if there was enough money in the unassigned fund balance to fund all the articles. Jacqui Fay assured that there was. Article 11 passed by voice vote.

Article 12 – Article 12 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Matt Elkan and Stephanie Tickner to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Truck and Ambulance Capital Reserve

Fund previously created. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 12 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 13 – Article 13 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Jim Strickland and seconded by Samantha Brewer to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Repair Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 13 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 14 – Article 14 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Deb Monte and seconded by Matt Elkan to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (5,000) to be added to the Fire Uniform and Protective Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Article 14 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 15 – Article 15 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Sean Brewer and seconded by Pat Strickland to see if the Town will vote to establish the Robert C. Nichols Ambulance Expendable Trust per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of Ambulance expenditure and to raise and appropriate Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$31,725) with this amount having been bequeathed as a percentage from the Robert C. Nichols trust/estate and currently being held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. No amount to be raised from taxation. Furthermore, to name the Ambulance Captain and Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Bob Allen explained that the money was left from the passing of Robert Nichols. Robert spoke highly of the ambulance crew. Jim Strickland said he grew up with him and that he had bequeathed money to the Marlow Historical Society as well. Article 15 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 16 – Article 16 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Stephanie Tickner and seconded by Bob Boivin to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Information Technology Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously created. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 16 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 17 – Article 17 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Judi Boivin and seconded by Roxanne McConnell to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) for the annual and third year payment of the Town's current five-year revaluation. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 17 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 18 – Article 18 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Jim Strickland and seconded by Judi Boivin to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Said appropriation contingent upon and will be offset by seventy-five (75) percent by a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Grant. The other twenty-five (25) will be a match in kind. The Select Board recommend this article. (Majority vote required). During discussion, Jacqui Fay stated that no money would be raised through taxation. Article 18 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 19 – Article 19 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Sean Brewer and seconded by Matt Elkan to see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Community Development Capital Reserve Fund to Public Safety Building Project Capital

Reserve Fund for the purpose of a feasibility study for the construction of a Public Safety Building. Further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Select Board. (2/3 vote required). Discussion ensued as to the new name of the fund. Some voters wanted it to be called the Public Use Building. Calling it a safety building limits it to use by the EMT and Fire departments. There wouldn't be meeting rooms available. Bob Allen said calling it a safety building makes it more available for grant money options. Jacqui said that the purpose of the fund was for a feasibility study, and you must be careful about changing the name as the DRA may not approve it. The moderator felt that Articles 19, 20, and 21 were being confused and suggested Article 19 be tabled until after 20 and 21 were clarified. A motion was made by Matt Elkan and seconded by Deb Monte to table discussion on Article 19 and move to Article 20. Article 19 was approved by a unanimous vote

Article 20 – Article 20 was read by the moderator. Tom Willey was asked to speak on behalf of the Marlow Public Safety Building Advisory Committee to give some clarity as to what is being asked for and why. He addressed the problems at the fire station and the police station. A feasibility study is necessary to decide the best way to solve the problems. The goal is to solve the greatest number of problems with the least possible cost to the town. The moderator called for a motion to call the question on Article 20. A motion was made by Matt Elkan and seconded by Chris Lyons. The meeting returned to Article 19.

Article 19 (return to) – The moderator re-read Article 19. A motion was made by Bob Boivin and seconded by Barry Corriveau to see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Community Development Capital Reserve Fund to Public Safety Building Project Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a feasibility study for the construction of a Public Safety Building. Further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Select Board. (2/3 vote required). Article 19 **passed** by 2/3 majority voice vote.

Article 20 (return to) – The moderator re-read Article 20. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Carl McConnell. If Article 19 passes, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be added to the Public Safety Building Project Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article 20 **passed** by majority voice vote.

Article 21 – Article 21 was passed over due to passage of Article 19.

Article 22 – Article 22 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Bob Boivin. Shall the town vote to readopt the optional veteran's tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28.11 for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$200? The Select Board recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Jim Strickland proposed a change to the warrant article as written to change the amount from \$200 to \$750. The moderator reread Article 22. Shall the Town readopt the optional veteran's tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28.11, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750? The amendment to Article 23 **passed** by majority voice vote.

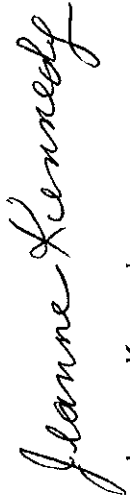
Article 23 – Article 23 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Deb Monte to see if the Town shall readopt the All-Veterans tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.11? The Select Board recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

Discussion ensued as to the difference between Veterans and All-Veterans. Jacqui clarified the confusion. Veterans are those who served during times of war. All-Veterans includes any member who served in the armed forces, not just during times of war. Article 23 **passed** by voice vote.

Article 24 – Article 24 was read by the moderator. A motion was made by Judi Boivin and seconded by Roxanne McConnell to act upon any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Tom Fuschetto did not run for re-election as selectman. Bob Allen thanked him for his 13 years of service to the town as voters applauded Tom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Kennedy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jeanne Kennedy

Town Clerk

