

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2015**

The Town of Brighton's annual meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Moderator, Tom Donnellan, read articles 1 thru 3. Mr. Donnellan stated that these articles would be voted on at the polls by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag had already been conducted at the beginning of the Brighton Town School District Meeting.

To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action. There were no questions or comments at this time. Passed.

To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon. There were no questions or comments. Passed.

To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 18, September 18, and November 18. Craig Goulet moved this article to the floor for discussion. Carmen Murray seconded the motion. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2015 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793. Marilyn Maxwell moved this article to the floor for discussion. Charla Nadeau seconded the motion. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To see if the voters shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money for the operating expenses of the Town of Brighton in anticipation of taxes--such borrowing not to exceed 90 percent of all anticipated revenues. This article was moved to the floor for discussion by Anita Gervais. Craig Goulet seconded the motion. It was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To see if the voters will approve an additional \$8,925 for street lights to upgrade the existing lights to LED fixtures. Craig Goulet made a motion to move this article to the floor for discussion. It was seconded by Carmen Murray. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux explained that the new LED lights will save approximately \$3000 per year in electricity costs and therefore pay for themselves in three years. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To see if voters will exempt from the local and statewide property taxes the Island Pond Lodge F&AM for five years. Passed.

To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. This article was moved to the floor by Craig Goulet. It was seconded by Carmen Murray. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To see if the voters will raise money by property taxes to pay the general expenses of the town and if so, how much. This article was moved to the floor by Carmen Murray and seconded by Jeanne Gervais. It was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Vince Illuzzi shared that the Guildhall Courthouse may be closing. Jenn Hanlon shared that we may be losing our local 911 call centers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Moore
Assistant Town Clerk

Moderator