

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2023

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023** at **10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 740 eligible voters. The number of votes cast for School Elections was registered at 49 votes for the NCSU Ballot, 26-yes and 23-no

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Alden announced several upcoming events and changes.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

**ARTICLE 1:** To ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

- Alden Warner nominated
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 2:** To ELECT an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three-year term.

- David Legacy was nominated; voice vote/carried
- **DAVID LEGACY-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** To ELECT a **UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR** to fill the remaining 2 years

- Shannon Sinclair was nominated; voice vote/carried
- **SHANNON SINCLAIR-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** approve the school board to expend **\$2,186,336.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$65,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2021-2022 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the **2023-2024** school budget?

- Motion made and seconded to authorize Article 5 as written.
- **ARTICLE 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voter of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** Authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer from the Tax Stabilization Fund **\$65,000.00** of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance from the **2021-2022** school year to be used in future budgets when the **tax rate is to increase more than 3 cents.**

- Article Moved and seconded
- Calvin Allen asked the School Board if \$120,00.00 is going to be left over every year? Steve Mason, School Board Chair, answered the reason there is a surplus of money is because they

*watch the budget all year long and make not of it. They pay attention to the spending to stay below budget as much as possible to have some left over to be able to give it back in the form of tax stabilization and use it for other infrastructure projects to improve the school. Calvin was satisfied with this answer.*

- *Gordon Spencer asked the School Board how much money was in the Tax Stabilization fund? Steve answered that there is \$90,000.00 and only the voters can vote to take it out and use it.*
- *Pam Tetreault asked if the fund balance sheet can be available for viewing in the future? Steve said that he will make it available from now on.*
- *Motion made and seconded to call the question. Motion passed by voice vote*
- **ARTICLE 6 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Article 7: TO AJOURN**

- Motion made and seconded by voice vote.
- **MEETING AJOURNED AT 11:10 AM**

**Attest:**

MODERATOR: Alden Warner \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Steve Mason \_\_\_\_\_

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*