

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MINUTES  
MARCH 8 & 9, 2011**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 8 and 9, 2011 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. Moderator Deachman announced the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker District results. Moderator Deachman asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take the articles up one at a time as they appear in the Warrant. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

**Selectmen for 3 years:(Vote for two)**

Jill Mudgett White	195
Christopher Devine	165
Shane Sirles	71

**Moderator for 2 years: (Vote for one)**

Ross Deachman	224
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**Town Clerk for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

Ellen King	240
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**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

Maurice Lafreniere	230
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**Library Trustee for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

Carol A. Snelling	228
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**Fire Ward for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

David Dupuis	227
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**Article 2:** 2011 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes  
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 300.2 – Zoning Map to clarify the location of the map?"

Yes 203 No 31

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 400.8.1 – to clarify the measurement of the setback from roads?"

Yes 198 No 37

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 400.8.1.1 – to clarify the building setback measurement from side or back property lines?"

Yes 195 No 40

4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 400.8.1.2 – regarding the building and well setback measurement and regulation from water or wetlands?"

Yes 194 No 40

5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Delete Article 400.8.3 – duplicate language?"

Yes 202 No 31

6. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 1000.2.3 – to clarify the requirements of a septic site assessment?"

Yes 201 No 35

7. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 700 – to clarify regulations regarding expansion of non-conforming uses, structures, and lots?"

Yes 189 No 42

8. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add and Amend Article 1300. Definitions – to add, amend, or delete definitions for the following terms: Accessory Structure, Building, Building Footprint, Commercial, Commercial Services, Consumer Services, Dwelling Unit, Home Occupation, Impervious Area or Surface, Living Space, Non-conforming Lot, Non-conforming Use or Structure, Structure, and Wetlands?"

Yes 183 No 47

**CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS**

**School Board Member for 3 years:(Vote for one)**

Joseph E. Casey                    217

**School District Treasurer for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

Kathleen S. Whittemore    218

**School District Moderator for 3 years: (Vote for one)**

Laura Rollison                    209

***HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS  
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS***

***School Board Member for 3 years:(Vote for one)***

***From Campton***

*Peter Milton Pettingill    187*

***School Board Member for 3 years:(Vote for one)***

***From Holderness***

*Ross V. Deachman        223*

***School Board Member for 3 years:(Vote for one)***

***From Plymouth***

*Kathleen E. Ringlein    176*

***School Board Member for 3 years:(Vote for one)***

***From Rumney***

*Edward F. Gaiero, Jr.    168*

***HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS  
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-WARRANT ARTICLES***

***Article 1:*** *To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

***Yes        204        No        33***

***Article 2:*** *To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the*

District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**Yes 181 No 54**

**Article 3:** To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2011 – 2012	\$109,987

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred nine thousand nine hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$109,987) for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**Yes 143 No 91**

**Article 4:** To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2011 – 2012 school year, pursuant to RSA 198: 20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198: 20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**Yes 173 No 62**

**Article 5:** To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve million four hundred sixty-eight thousand eight hundred fifty-nine dollars (12,468,859).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million five hundred nine thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$12,509,477), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2 and 3. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**Yes 180 No 56**

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Andy Hancock and seconded by Nancy Ruhm.

Alden Van Sickle questioned if the 2004 Peterbilt truck had a plow, relating to the schedule of Town equipment on Page 40 in the 2010 Town Report. Walter Johnson, Town Administrator stated that the truck had a plow. Kathleen Wieliczko, Library Trustee corrected the date of the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration in the Library Trustees Report on Page 18 in the Town Report to be May 7, 2011. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million and Eighty-five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,085,200) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

**Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays)**

Moved by Daniel Rossner and seconded by Carl Lehner. No discussion. A voice vote taken and Article **PASSED**.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$309,500) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000
Road Reconstruction	125,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,500
Municipal Buildings	5,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	5,000
Fire Equipment	4,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	22,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	15,000
Conservation	5,000
Abatement Legal Defense Fund	<u>10,000</u>
	<b>\$309,500</b>

**Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas 0 nays).**

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Martha Richards.

Martha Richards asked how often are the police cruisers replaced and if it is determined by mileage or age? Selectman Peter Webster answered the cruisers are replaced every two years due to mileage. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$192,500) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$125,000
Municipal Building Improvements	\$ 18,500
Revaluation	\$ 35,000
Fire/Rescue Vehicles	9,000
Library Improvements	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$192,500</b>

This is a special warrant article.

**Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas 0 nays)**

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Andy Hancock. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to increase the current membership of the town budget committee from three at large members to five at large members?

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Alicia Abbott. Nancy Ruhm asked why should the membership be increased? Selectman, Peter Webster stated that a five member board would be more effective than a three member board. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to register and disseminate to all concerned its objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of Holderness as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above our Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing if its residents; or to take any other action relative thereto. This article is by petition.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Alicia Abbott. Moderator Deachman recognized Martha Richards who voiced her concerns on the size and locations of the transmission towers and the potential environmental and economic impact the proposed project may cause. Moderator recognized Bonnie Hunt and Jack Saunders who spoke in favor of the article. A standing vote took place and the Moderator declared the Article **PASSED** unanimously with 129 votes.

Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2010.

**Article 9:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator recognized Selectman Peter Webster.

Mr. Webster recognized and thanked Suzanne Peoples for her 6 years of service on the Board of Selectmen, as a member of the Planning Board, and her years of service as our local Librarian. Mr. Webster presented Mrs. Peoples with a granite recognition Award as a token of appreciation.

Mrs. Peoples expressed her appreciation and thanks to the community.

Alden Van Sickle moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen King  
Holderness Town Clerk