

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MINUTES
MARCH 9 & 10, 2010**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 9 and 10, 2010 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator 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 10, 2010 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. The Moderator Deachman announced the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker School District results. Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that passed away during the year of 2009. 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. 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)

Peter T. Webster	213
Shelagh Connelly	189

Trustee for Trustee Funds for 3 years: (Vote for one)

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr.	208
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Library Trustee for 3 years: (Vote for two)

Kathleen Wieliczko	214
Amanda Loud	195

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: (Vote for one)

Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma	60
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Fire Ward for 3 years: (Vote for one)

Earl Hansen	218
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Article 2: 2010 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a comprehensive Groundwater Protection Ordinance, including a Groundwater Protection Overlay District.?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 174 No 66

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a comprehensive Lighting Ordinance to limit and control unwanted glare on abutting properties, to help preserve the visibility of night-time skies, and to help preserve the rural character of the town?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 179 No 65

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add corrections and clarifications to existing sign regulation and building setbacks from water bodies, streams and wetlands; add in Article IV, H a setback from a water body's reference line and additional requirements; and change the maximum term for permits in Article X, B, 6 from four (4) years to two (2)?" *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

Yes 174 No 67

4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add definitions for "Guest House & Bunk House", "Residential Unit", "Reference Line" and "Ordinary High Water Line?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 185 No 54

**CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION RESULTS**

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for two)

Jonathan Stewart 202

Jennifer A. Morris 203

District Clerk for 3 years: (Vote for one)

Sara Weinberg 219

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

Moderator for 2 years: (Vote for one)

Quentin Blaine 217

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for one)- Holderness

Samuel D. Brickley, II 115

Joseph L. Clark, Jr. 100

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for one)-Plymouth

Timothy M. Naro 111

Omer C. Ahern, Jr. 91

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for one)-Thornton

Walter G. Joyce 189

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for one)-Wentworth

Susan M. Judd 187

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

Article 1: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,950,000) for the construction and original equipping of a Biomass Heating plant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than two million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,950,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of fifty-eight thousand five hundred and eight dollars (\$58,508) for the first years annual payment of interest on the bond issue. The School Board recommends this article. (3/5 ballot vote required)*

Yes 142 No 93

Article 2: *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 192 No 36

Article 3: *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 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 170 No 61

Article 4: *To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a two-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
2010-2011	\$31,594
2011-2012	\$36,116

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred ninety-four dollars (\$31,594) for the 2010-2011 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 150 No 83

Article 5: *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 2010-2011 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interest 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 182 No 50

Article 6: *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 five hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred ninety-six dollars (\$12,586,496).*

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million eight hundred thirty-eight thousand six hundred ninety-one dollars (\$12,838,691), 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 1, 3 and 4. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 188 No 39

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to construct and equip the redesigned transfer station and authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials

to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required. Polls to remain open for one hour.)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Selectman Peter Webster presented the new design of the new transfer station. He explained that single stream recycling allows all recyclables to be placed in one container which is trucked to a recycling facility that is able to sort and separate the recyclables, noting that this method could substantially increase the amount of waste recycled at the transfer station. Selectman Webster stated that the “Swop Shop” would be located in the new facility building. The polls opened for a secret ballot at 7:50 p.m. and closed at 8:50 p.m. A ballot vote was taken on the article: 90 votes in favor and 10 votes against and the Article **Passed** by a 2/3 vote.

Moderator Ross Deachman asked to continue the meeting while waiting for the results from the secret ballot vote on Article 3.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Robert Tuveson. Alden Van Sickle stated there was a typographical error in the 2009 Town Report on Page 54, relating to the Town Equipment, the 988 Road Broom is actually a 1988. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million and Eighty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$2,087,900) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Amy Ogden and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. No Discussion. 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 Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$329,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Transfer Station Equipment	5,000.

Municipal Buildings	5,000.
Revaluation	32,000
Library	10,000.
Fire Equipment	4,000.
Public Works Vehicles	45,000.
Police Cruiser	22,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	15,000
Conservation	<u>5,000</u>
	\$329,000

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Wendell Broom and seconded by Kent Smith. No Discussion.
A voice vote was taken and Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$293,650) 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	\$150,000
Municipal Building Improvements	\$ 7,500
Revaluation	\$ 33,500
Public Works Pick up Truck	\$ 49,650
Library Improvements	\$ 10,000
Public Works Brush Chipper	\$ 10,000
Police Cruiser	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
Total:	\$293,650

This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Raymond MacNeil and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. No Discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-capital reserve fund for the purpose of paying legal and other professional fees for the defense of property abatement cases and to name the Selectmen as the agents to expend without further authorization by the legislative body and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Betsy Whitmore and seconded by Daniel Rossner. No Discussion.
A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Holderness Honor Roll Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Wendell Broom and seconded by Peg Winton. In response to questions, Selectman Barbara Currier explained that \$ 19,744.36 is in the fund and that Article 10 addresses maintenance for the memorial. The Moderator explained that only \$ 2,500.00 is needed for maintenance purposes. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Holderness Honor Roll Non-capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance and adding additional names, as needed, to the Holderness Veterans Honor Roll and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) to be placed in said fund with the funding for this appropriation to come by transfer from the town's undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 (surplus); and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend without further authorization by the legislative body. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. The Moderator explained that only \$ 2,500.00 can be expended by the Selectmen for the purpose of this article. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fifteen year (15) agreement as participants in the Concord Regional Recovery Cooperative for the disposal of recyclable materials.

Moved by Peter Webster and seconded by Barbara Currier. Selectman Christopher Devine explained the contract with Concord Regional Recovery Cooperative which is constructing a single stream recycling facility. Selectmen Devine stated that this facility is the best option due to the proximity to the Town, and there are provisions for the Town to able to withdraw from the contract if costs are unfavorable to the Town. A question was asked on how much it will cost? Selectman Devine answered it will reduce trucking costs of 4 tons per container using multiple trucks to multiple facilities compare to sending one container holding 12 to 14 tons per trip with everything co-mingled. The pricing depends on the market and the town may get money back. The disposal cost the town pays is approximately \$160,000- \$ 170,000 a year. Selectman Devine stated that by going to single stream recycling the estimated cost could reduce cost by 10%. Amanda Loud asked if this contract is contingent on the passing of Article 3 and if Article 3 is defeated , and the town defeats to redo the transfer station and doesn't have single streaming recycling how does it affect this contract ? Selectmen Devine answered it would not affect this contract as the Selectmen would not enter into it without changing to single stream recycling.. Devine stated that the town was notified of receiving a grant of \$ 14,000.00 from the federal stimulus funds to purchase the second

compactor for single stream recycling. Alden Van Sickle asked if there are any up front costs to negotiate this contract ? Selectman Devine answered no. James Currell asked if Concord Regional Recovery Corporative is a private company or a municipal Cooperative. Selectman Devine answered it is a municipal cooperative. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizen of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”. This article is by petition.

Moved by Thomas Garesche and seconded by Kent Smith. Evelyn Stiller spoke against this article. Eleanor Mardin motioned to table this article seconded by Alison Manson. A voice vote was taken and the Article was **TABLED**. A motion was made by Eleanor Mardin and seconded to not allow this Article to be brought off the table at this meeting. A voice vote was taken and the Motion **PASSED**.

Article 13: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Deachman reminded everyone that they need volunteers for the planning of the 250th year celebration for the Town of Holderness. The Moderator recognized Selectman Barbara Currier. Selectman Currier made a correction to the 2009 Town Report on the inside of the cover, as it reads Holderness Grange and should read Mt. Livermore Grange #288. Selectman Currier read a letter recognizing and thanking the Grange for all its effort in researching the veterans names and especially noted the extraordinary efforts of Pat Ford and her son Ed Ford. Ed Ford came forward, on behalf of the Mt. Livermore Grange, to accept a plaque of appreciation from Mrs. Currier.

Peter Webster, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen recognized and thanked Barbara Currier, retiring Selectmen. Mr. Webster stated that Barbara has been a Selectmen for 9 years and has held various other capacities since 1963. Mrs. Currier was Treasurer of the Library and spent several years on the School Board and various building committees. Mr. Webster presented Mrs. Currier with a granite clock.

Mrs. Currier thanked all those she has worked with through the years and the support of the community. Mrs. Currier recognized Shelagh Connelly as the new member on the Selectboard.

Selectmen Webster recognized Peg Winton and thanked her for her many years of Service as Supervisor of the Checklist.

Selectmen Webster recognized Ellen King for her 20 years of service as Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

At 8:50 p.m., Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls closed and announced the results of Article 3.

Alden Van Sickle moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Holderness
Town Clerk