

Minutes of Town Meeting

First Session – Tuesday March 11, 2025

Election Officials Present: Jim Miller, Moderator; Kathleen Doherty, Assistant Moderator; Samuel Papps, Town Clerk; Brenda Murray, Denise Sojka, and Pam Smarling, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman and Kathleen McKay, Ballot Clerks. Also present: Kent Ruesswick, Scott Doherty and Beth Blair, Selectmen; Jessica Lozier, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

The Polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH. Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator Miller and voter Brendan O'Donnell of Northwest Road and then closed and locked. Moderator Miller then opened the polls. The Town's Accuvote Ballot Counting Device was used to tally the votes cast for the Town election ballot.

Polling Hours were held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a total of 416 voters cast ballots. Of those, 11 were Absentee for the Town, and 8 were Absentee for the School District. There were 1,973 voters on the checklist, and 2 new voters were registered.

Polling was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Miller, and the count of votes for the Town Election Ballot and the School District Ballot was conducted by election officials assisted by BJ Entwisle, Kelly Papps, Ray Chesley, Sheree Johnston, and Beth McGuinn.

Town Ballot Results:

Selectman: (1 position, 3 years)	Todd, Calvin	309
Town Clerk-Tax Collector: (1 position, 3 years)	Papps, Samuel	405
Treasurer: (1 position, 3 years)	Edelstein, Albert	362
Moderator (1 position, 2 years)	Miller, Jim	390
Planning Board: (2 positions, 3 years)	Gordon, Joshua	347
	O'Donnell, Brendan	317
Cemetery Trustee: (1 position, 3 years)	Papps, Samuel	395
Library Trustee: (2 positions, 2 years)	Riendeau, Linda	363
	Routhier, Ron	322
Library Trustee: (2 positions, 3 years)	Craigie, Ray	352
	Zeller, G. Frederick	351
Trustee of the Trust Funds: (1 position, 3 years)	Brown, Tiffany	370

Article 2 passed, 228 Yes to 143 No.

Article 3 passed, 305 Yes to 93 No.

Article 4 passed, 286 Yes to 110 No.

Article 5 passed, 251 Yes to 134 No.

Article 6 passed, 343 Yes to 59 No.

35 Moderator Miller announced the results of voting at 10:10 p.m.

36 Reports were finalized at 11:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk.

37 The meeting convened until Friday, March 14, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Canterbury  
38 Elementary School for the deliberative session.

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40 Minutes of Town Meeting

41 Second Session – March 14, 2025

42 Moderator Jim Miller opened the meeting at 7 p.m., held at the Canterbury Elementary  
43 School Gymnasium on Baptist Road. He expressed comments of welcome to the voters gathered,  
44 and asked for acknowledgement of the veterans in the room, followed by applause from the voters.  
45 Evan Christensen of Baptist Road led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Fred Brewster of  
46 the Canterbury Historical Society and Naomi Scanlon of the Canterbury Tricentennial Committee  
47 spoke on the anticipated celebratory events in 2027 for the Town's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Moderator  
48 Miller asked for a few moments of silence for the loss of Canterbury residents in 2024, and noted  
49 the passing of Sumner Dole III of Old Tilton Road in January of 2025. Moderator Miller stated  
50 that registered voters were given a yes-no card at the door, which would be used to vote on a  
51 question, and signify that they could be recognized by the Moderator. The Town Report was  
52 dedicated to Howard Moffett and Lois Scribner, and they were recognized by the assembly for  
53 their volunteer work for the Town of Canterbury. Moderator Miller explained that the Canterbury  
54 Farmers Market was running a baked goods table at the back for people to get refreshments, and  
55 the Energy Committee and FOEPL had tables at the back of the room to share information. He  
56 also noted that the Concord Monitor newspaper had sent a reporter, who would be present at the  
57 meeting. Mr. Miller then thanked all the election workers and counters from Tuesday's town  
58 election, the Road Agent John O'Connor and his staff, and announced there were 416 voters who  
59 cast ballots in the election. Moderator Miller introduced the group at the dais; Selectmen Kent  
60 Ruesswick, Beth Blair, and Scott Doherty, and Town Clerk Sam Papps. He asked that the Road  
61 Agent Donald "John" O'Connor, the Police Chief Justin Crotty, and the Fire Chief Michael  
62 Gamache, all non-residents, be allowed to speak if called upon, and the body responded verbally  
63 in the affirmative. He also recognized Edgar Rivera, who was video taping the meeting. He  
64 proceeded to review the rules of how the meeting would run, how to address questions and make  
65 amendments. Scott Doherty offered words of thanks to outgoing selectman Kent Ruesswick, and  
66 presented him with a clock. Chairman Doherty also recognized Joe Halla's forty years on the  
67 Zoning Board of Adjustment and shared a certificate with the audience that Mr. Halla would  
68 receive. Mr. Miller read the results of the voting session held that Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
69 thanking candidates for running for the offices. He asked that Article 19 be moved up to follow  
70 Article 10, with the body verbally affirming this request. Then he read Warrant Article 7:

71 **Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Four  
72 Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,485,250) for general  
73 municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or

74 individual articles addressed separately. **Majority Vote Required.** Recommended by the  
75 Selectmen. *Motion by Polly Camire; second by Rick Crockford.*

76 Selectboard Chair Scott Doherty gave a brief explanation of the 2024-25 financial years, stating  
77 that the budget was underspent by over \$219,000 and that long term debt was decreasing for the  
78 Town with the last payment of the Gold Star Bond being due this year (2025). Comcast had almost  
79 completed bringing internet to all of Canterbury, with only approximately 20 households left to  
80 wire. The 2025 budget is 4.9% higher than the previous year's budget. The new Land Use  
81 Administrator position was filled, with Jan Stout being a temporary replacement until a new  
82 employee could be hired. The Building Inspector's line was entirely paid for by the fees that were  
83 collected in the 2024 year. There were unfilled vacancies in the Police and Highway departments,  
84 and at the Transfer Station. Then he opened the floor for questions.

85 *Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road* inquired about the Gas/Oil Line at 4210.7, and the Police Chief  
86 Justin Crotty responded that fuel costs are up now that all full-time officers have a cruiser to take  
87 home as a benefit for their position.

88 *Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road* added that the Town was originally wired for broadband in  
89 1996, and the most recent wiring for high-speed internet with Comcast was paid for with federal  
90 monies in 2024, which was a win in his opinion.

91 Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article**  
92 **passed.**

93 Moderator Miller read **Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of  
94 Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

95	4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$10,000
96	4915.4	Highway Truck	\$30,000
97	4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$12,000
98	4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$1,000
99	4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	\$5,000
100	4915.30	Highway Loader	\$30,000

101 **Majority Vote Required.** Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion by Dale Caswell; second by*  
102 *Judy Nelson.*

103 Beth Blair explained the Town's capital reserve accounts, found on page 35 of the annual report,  
104 and stated they are used to save for big-ticket items.

105 *Judy Nelson of Center Road* asked how the amounts are determined. Beth and Scott Doherty  
106 responded there is a mixture of science and art to this calculation each year. Predicting what prices  
107 will be when the equipment will be replaced will be tough, so this is a best guess attempt.

108 *Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road* pointed out there are many more capital reserve funds than  
109 the listed deposits this year, and asked why more money isn't being put into them, including the  
110 Conservation Fund. Scott Doherty then went over the list and gave some brief rationale of why  
111 there weren't being funds added this year. Kelly Short of Hackleboro Road, Vice-Chair of the  
112 Conservation Commission, explained that from the Conservation Commission's perspective, the

113 Land Use Change Tax Fund is more than adequate for any of their needs, so they haven't asked  
114 for any additional funds to be added to the Conservation Capital Reserve fund.

115 Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article**  
116 **passed.**

117 Moderator Miller read **Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of  
118 Thirty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars (\$35,874) to pay principal  
119 (\$35,000) and interest (\$874) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's  
120 Unassigned Fund Balance. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. **Motion by**  
121 **Clifton Mathieu; second by Kevin Bragg.**

122 Kent Ruesswick called the audience's attention to page 33 of the Town Report, and gave a brief  
123 summary of the Gold Star Project, which is the Brookford Farm property today. This represents  
124 the last payment to be made on the bond, and will close out the account for the Town.

125 Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

126 Moderator Miller read **Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
127 of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase of a ballot counting device, said amount to  
128 be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. Majority Vote Required. Recommended  
129 by the Selectmen. **Motion by Brendan O'Donnell; second by Rachel Baker.**

130 Town Clerk Sam Papps explained that in 2023, the Town raised \$7,000 for a new voting machine  
131 in the annual budget. However, the new machine was not purchased in 2023 and it was encumbered  
132 into 2024. Since there was not a purchase made in 2024, the monies are now in the Town's  
133 unassigned fund balance and rather than raise the amount a second time through taxation, the  
134 machine would be purchased from the previously raised funds.

135 Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

136 Moderator Miller read **Article 19:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to  
137 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the forced distribution of funds from the Sam Lake Trust  
138 Fund. The exact dollar amount is to be determined by the Trustees of the Sam Lake Trust Fund  
139 and distributed to the Town by the end of the calendar year. Majority Vote Required.  
140 Recommended by the Selectmen. **Motion by Ron Turcotte; second by Emily Preston.**

141 Scott Doherty explained that this is a forced distribution from the Sam Lake Trust, and it will be  
142 deposited into the capital reserve account for this purpose.

143 Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

144 Moderator Miller read **Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
145 of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) for the renovation of the Sam Lake House (Town Office) Garage,  
146 with said funds to come from the Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Fund.  
147 Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. **Motion by Steve Lundahl; second by**  
148 **Judy Nelson.**

149 Beth Blair gave an explanation of the Sam Lake property and the Trust left to maintain the property  
 150 by resident Sam Lake upon his death. In 2018 when the Town Offices were built, it was the  
 151 intention to convert the garage into long-term records storage, and eight years later, it is time to  
 152 complete this project. Paper records stored in the basement of the Sam Lake House basement are  
 153 not ADA accessible and therefore long term storage there is not an option.

154 *Judy Nelson of Center Road* asked for an explanation of the project costs and if this space would  
 155 be sufficient for future expansion should it be required. Beth Blair responded that there were two  
 156 estimates received and they both were in the range of the requested amount, but no formal bid had  
 157 been requested yet.

158 *Rick Crockford of Ayers Road* spoke in opposition to this article, and asked if there were any  
 159 residents with a dry barn for the Canterbury Fair to store their equipment that currently is housed  
 160 in the garage.

161 *Jan Cote of Baptist Hill Road* asked about the records and why they needed to be kept for so long.  
 162 Beth responded that the Town has a Municipal Records Committee that helps determine what  
 163 should be saved and for how long. Some of the records can be disposed of after a period, but some  
 164 must be kept forever.

165 *Alexandria Dinome of Morrill Road* questioned if the basement of the building will be dry and  
 166 what is being done to fix this problem. It was clarified that the article is referring to the Sam Lake  
 167 Garage, which has no basement.

168 *Randi Johnson of Morrill Road* felt that the building is very small, and asked if off-site file storage  
 169 had been explored. Beth Blair responded that off-side storage had not been explored but that the  
 170 garage space when renovated would be large enough for the storage needs of the Town for many  
 171 years to come.

172 *Nancy Roy of Morrill Road* stated she was on the original planning committee for the Sam Lake  
 173 House building project, and confirmed that the Fire Pond beside the building indeed wants to live  
 174 in the basement of the Sam Lake House, so record storage isn't ideal. She reminded those gathered  
 175 that the project for the garage renovation needs to be done in a thorough way.

176 *Kevin Bragg of Baptist Road* stated that taking an old building and making it airtight and watertight  
 177 would be difficult, and he questioned if the amount of money was sufficient as it seemed small.

178 *Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road* stated he was also on the original planning committee of the  
 179 Sam Lake House rebuild with Nancy Roy, and the current file room was only designed to be a  
 180 temporary storage area. The committee at that time looked at the garage as potential file space for  
 181 the future. Bob also stated that Mark Hopkins felt the garage had more architecturally significant  
 182 features than the original Sam Lake House, and that the files needed to remain under the control  
 183 of the Town office staff.

184 *Greg Paninski of Intervale Road* asked for clarification about the Sam Lake Trust and asked why  
 185 the rush to complete this project now. Beth responded that the Town Office was lacking adequate

186 desk space for staff, and the Selectboard felt that this project would adequately serve the Town for  
187 the amount appropriated.

188 *Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road* recalled when her husband was a Selectman, and having to  
189 turn on the sump pumps in the basement of the old Sam Lake House building. She spoke in favor  
190 of the article.

191 *Kathleen McKay of Shaker Road* spoke in favor of the article, stating that pursuant of RSA 33,  
192 different documents have different shelf lives, and that personally, she found moving the records  
193 up and down the basement stairs difficult, which could lead to ADA violations, and workman's  
194 comp issues should someone become injured.

195 *Rob Riley of Old Tilton Road* asked to move the question.

196 Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to move the question; motion carried. Moderator Miller  
197 asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

198 Moderator Miller read **Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of  
199 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of "Weatherization" of the Elkins Public  
200 Library. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion by Mark Stevens;*  
201 *second by Clifton Mathieu.*

202 Tom Franco of the Canterbury Community Power Committee spoke about their collaboration with  
203 Elkins Public Library on the weatherization project to tighten up the library in anticipation of a  
204 new heating system in the future. There is a rebate letter already from Unitil which should help  
205 lessen the cost overall, and it should be eight years before the payback begins.

206 Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

207 Moderator Miller read **Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Voting Equipment  
208 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing voting  
209 equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed  
210 in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.  
211 Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion by Clifton Mathieu; second*  
212 *by Steve Rasche.*

213 Sam Papps explained that pursuant to HB1264, an Accessible Voting System would be required  
214 for all town, state, and federal elections. This system was previously loaned by the State to the  
215 individual towns, but it is unclear when that process will end, and how much purchasing a system  
216 will cost the Town.

217 *Patrice Rasche of Center Road* asked about the difference between this device and the tabulator  
218 which was already voted on. Sam Papps explained the differences.

219 *Polly Camire of Northwest Road* asked if this would be an annual fund to add money into, and  
220 what else could it be used for. It was not anticipated that there would be yearly deposits, but in  
221 anticipation of purchasing other equipment, technological or not, money could be added.

222 Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

223 Moderator Miller read **Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Renewable Energy  
 224 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing renewable  
 225 energy systems, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be  
 226 placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.  
 227 Additional funds would come from the Community Power adder funds and will not require any  
 228 tax funding. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion by Al Edelstein;*  
 229 *second by Ron Turcotte.*

230 Tom Franco stated this fund was related to the Canterbury Community Power Committee. With  
 231 Community Power that supplied electricity to the Town came a small adder fee that could be  
 232 deposited into this account for the Town to spend on projects.

233 *Judy Nelson of Center Road* asked if the funds could be used for the weatherization. Tom Franco  
 234 responded that the committee was looking to fund other projects with the capital reserve money,  
 235 and that \$5,000 wouldn't cover the weatherization project.

236 *Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road* made a motion, amending the article to read, "To see if the  
 237 Town will vote to establish an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund  
 238 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing energy efficiency and renewable  
 239 energy systems, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be  
 240 placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.  
 241 Additional funds would come from the Community Power adder funds and will not require any  
 242 tax funding.", **motion seconded by Arnie Alpert.**

243 *Emily Preston of Southwest Road* spoke in favor of this amendment.

244 *Evan Christensen of Baptist Road* questioned whether RSA 35:1 allowed for the change of the  
 245 verbiage. It was determined that yes the verbiage could be changed as RSA 35:1 referred to capital  
 246 reserve accounts, but that without checking with the Department of Revenue Administration, it  
 247 was likely not a wise move. Moderator Miller recommended withdrawing the amendment and to  
 248 propose an article to amend the name and intent next year.

249 *Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road* requested to withdraw the amendment, and the text of the article  
 250 reverted to the originally proposed text.

251 Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

252 Moderator Miller read **Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of  
 253 Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for a feasibility and suitability study for the Town  
 254 of Canterbury Transfer Station, to renovate/expand the Transfer Station at the current site or  
 255 determine if the current site is not suitable for this purpose and authorize the withdrawal of Six  
 256 Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) from the Transfer Station Upgrade Capital Reserve  
 257 Fund created for that purpose. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion*  
 258 *by Rich Marcou; second by George Gendron.*

259 Kent Ruesswick called the body's attention to page 35 of the annual report, where the capital  
 260 reserve account table listed some \$6,500 in interest in the Transfer Station account. It was

261 explained that the Town's Solid Waste Committee would like to fund a study to explore the  
262 suitability of the current Transfer Station property and buildings, and to look at any modifications  
263 that can improve the site.

264 Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article**  
265 **passed.**

266 Moderator Miller read **Article 16:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten  
267 Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of holding a Household Hazardous  
268 Waste Day at the Canterbury Transfer Station. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the  
269 Selectmen. ***Motion by Jamie Higgins; second by LeeAnn Mackey.***

270 Rich Marcou from the Solid Waste Committee spoke to the article, explaining that it has been nine  
271 years since the Town held its last Hazardous Waste Day, and that the exact cost in 2025 will depend  
272 on how much stuff is collected. The committee is considering limiting what can be brought, and  
273 how much weight can be disposed of per household.

274 *Robert Riley of Old Tilton Road* inquired why this isn't an annual line item in the budget, since  
275 this is still going against the tax rate. Scott Doherty responded that they would consider it for next  
276 year's budget.

277 *Laura Crockford of Ayers Road* asked if collaborating with neighboring towns had been explored  
278 as a possibility to increase volume and lessen the cost. Rich responded that when they explored  
279 that possibility, the cost came out to be the same.

280 *Donna Miller of Baptist Road* asked what would be accepted and Rich explained some of the items  
281 that they could accept and some that they could not, saying that very few things would *not* be  
282 allowed.

283 Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article;  
284 **article passed.**

285 Moderator Miller read **Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum  
286 of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to replace the existing packer truck with a stationary electric  
287 compactor with variable frequency drive, a compaction container, and the installation of a concrete  
288 pad. By Petition. Majority Vote Required. Not Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Frank***  
289 ***Tupper; second by Sarah Strempher.***

290 *Stephen Rasche of Old Tilton Road* gave an explanation of the article and why the petitioners felt  
291 it was necessary, most importantly the fact that the current packer truck is emitting diesel fumes  
292 into the Transfer Station Building while the machine is running.

293 *Herb Batchelder of Baptist Hill Road* spoke against the article, citing multiple concerns including  
294 the Town not owning a vehicle to tow the waste, and stated he felt the Town should wait until after  
295 the study to see about this machine.

296 *LeeAnn Mackey of Old Tilton Road* stated she was a member of the Solid Waste Committee, and  
297 spoke against this article, citing that she felt that the comprehensive study needed to be done first.

298 *Russell Maille of Southwest Road* stated he and Steve Rasche met with an engineer/hydraulics  
299 expert, and there is a way to bypass the existing packer truck diesel motor and install an electric  
300 hydraulic motor. This would cost a third of the current article to install on the existing packer truck,  
301 and for those reasons he spoke in opposition to the article.

302 *Roy Plisko of Old Tilton Road* spoke that as a Town Highway Department employee, and having  
303 worked at the Transfer Station himself, there was really not much concern among the employees  
304 as to the diesel fumes and air quality being cited.

305 Scott Doherty reminded that the Selectboard is not in favor of this article nor is the Solid Waste  
306 Committee.

307 *Judy Elliott of Mudgett Hill Road* inquired as to the comprehensive study of the Transfer Station  
308 and wanted a guarantee it would include health hazards as part of the metrics of the study.

309 *Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road* stated that the Town had taken Steve's request seriously, and a  
310 test of the air quality was conducted at the Transfer Station by experts. The results of the test did  
311 not show harmful levels of substances in the air. He also said that if the Town felt seriously about  
312 the health risks of their employees at the Transfer Station, they should help them quit smoking.

313 Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article;  
314 **article failed.**

315 Moderator Miller read **Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the  
316 existing Transfer Station Upgrade capital reserve fund for the purpose of doing a feasibility and  
317 suitability study on the current Transfer Station and any future engineering site work on this site  
318 or any other potential site. By Petition. 2/3 Vote Required. Majority Vote Required. Not  
319 Recommended by the Selectmen. **Motion by Judy Nelson; second by Steve Lundahl.**

320 Rich Marcou of the Solid Waste Committee simply requested that the body vote the article down,  
321 as it was duplicative of Article 15.

322 Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article**  
323 **failed.**

324 Opening the meeting to other business, **Polly Camire** spoke regarding the BHS-Gilford hockey  
325 game, which would be held the next day. **David Tirrell-Wysocki** asked if the Selectboard would  
326 be working with the Fair Committee to rehouse the equipment in the Sam Lake Garage. **Kevin**  
327 **Bragg** of the Historic District Commission spoke seeking new members to the board. **Evan**  
328 **Christensen** inquired why the School Ballot was not posted on the Town's website, only the ballot  
329 for the Town election on Tuesday. **Rachel Eades** spoke on behalf of the Friends of Elkins Public  
330 Library, promoting the Imagination Library with support from a cardboard cut-out of Dolly Parton.  
331 **Frank Tupper** wanted to thank the Selectboard for the application of \$500,000 to help offset the  
332 tax rate set in December of 2024. He also wanted to comment regarding the small print in the  
333 Annual Report. **Judy Nelson** reminded the audience about the Canterbury Benevolent Society's  
334 annual clothing swap. **Beth McGuinn** spoke regarding the Window Dressers program, inviting  
335 residents to a workshop on building interior storm windows, and that the Energy Committee was

336 seeking a new member. **Kent Ruesswick** added that the Town had paid some \$973 to the Window  
337 Dressers Program to build the interior storm windows that were installed in the old Town Hall. He  
338 also asked people to recognize David Heath's forty years of service to the town.

339 Seeing no other business, there was a vote by voice to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 9:25  
340 p.m.

341 Respectfully submitted,  
342 Samuel Papps, Town Clerk  
343 Canterbury, New Hampshire

