

**TOWN OF BURKE  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES AND AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS  
MARCH 2, 2010**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke met at the Community Building at 212 School Street, West Burke to discuss and vote on the following articles. The results are as follows:

**Article 1.** Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report? Karl Wieland noted that on page 63 there was a typo. Midway down the page 1.46310 should read 1.6183. Priscilla Aldrich also noted that on page 22 there was a double entry. Wheeler Building, \$3,772.58 was listed twice. This had no effect on anything as this page was informational only showing where some of the expenses went for the Community Building. Tony DeMasi made a motion to accept the Town Report as amended. Jack Davis seconded. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Article 2.** Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectmen to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Thursday, October 15, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. as the due date? Motioned by Tony DeMasi, second by Susan Carr - **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Article 3.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues? Motioned by Tony DeMasi, second by Susan Carr - **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Article 4.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to repay the Community Building Loan of \$235,000 at a rate of 3.3% interest for 15 years (Payment approximately \$20,228) or 3.46% interest for 20 years (Payment approximately \$16,550)?  
15 YEARS – 172                      20 YEARS – 72                      BLANK/SPOILED – 4 = 248

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2010 Town budget of \$1,112,539.15 for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate to provide the same? (Australian Ballot) YES – 214 NO – 33 BLANK/SPOILED – 1 = 248

**Article 6.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law? (Australian Ballot)

Moderator – Howard Crawford - 238 – BLANK/SPOILED – 10 = 248

Selectman – Darryel Corrow – 215 - BLANK/SPOILED – 32 = 248

Lister – Write-ins – 24 - BLANK/SPOILED – 224 = 248

Auditor – Linda Corey – 234 - BLANK/SPOILED – 14 = 248

Constable – Paul Gallant – 226 - BLANK/SPOILED – 22 = 248

Town Grand Juror – Barry Hertz – 230 – Paul Kane 229 - BLANK/SPOILED – 37 = 496

Town Agent – Jill Broderick – 229 - BLANK/SPOILED – 19 = 248

Agent to Convey Real Estate – Selectmen - 191 - BLANK/SPOILED – 57 = 248

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? (Australian Ballot) YES – 239 – NO – 7 – BLANK/SPOILED – 2 = 248

- Article 8.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? (Australian Ballot) YES – 236 – NO – 12 – BLANK/SPOILED – 0 = 248
- Article 9.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,365.60 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) YES – 218 – NO – 29 – BLANK/SPOILED – 1 = 248
- Article 10.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year? (Australian Ballot) YES – 210 – NO – 37 – BLANK/SPOILED – 1 = 248
- Article 11.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 to help support the services of Caledonia Home Health Care? (Australian Ballot) YES – 215 – NO – 33 – BLANK/SPOILED – 0 = 248
- Article 12.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? (Australian Ballot) YES – 144 – NO – 101 – BLANK/SPOILED – 3 = 248
- Article 13.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library to help continue the library's many free programs and services for all area towns? (Australian Ballot) YES – 192 – NO – 55 – BLANK/SPOILED – 1 = 248
- Article 14.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,571.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Burke Residents? (Australian Ballot) YES – 201 – NO – 45 – BLANK/SPOILED – 2 = 248
- Article 15.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Lyndonville Youth Baseball/Softball? (Australian Ballot) YES – 166 – NO – 80 – BLANK/SPOILED – 2 = 248
- Article 16.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Lyndon Senior Action Center, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) YES – 176 – NO – 64 – BLANK/SPOILED – 8 = 248
- Article 17.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) YES – 161 – NO – 81 – BLANK/SPOILED – 6 = 248
- Article 18.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? (Australian Ballot) YES – 168 – NO – 78 – BLANK/SPOILED – 2 = 248

- Article 19.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) YES – 168 – NO – 76 – BLANK/SPOILED – 4 = 248
- Article 20.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to the Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to residents that live in the Town of Burke? (Australian Ballot) YES – 205 – NO – 40 – BLANK/SPOILED – 3 = 248
- Article 21.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking childcare and childcare providers? (Australian Ballot) YES – 177 – NO – 69 – BLANK/SPOILED – 2 = 248
- Article 22.** To transact any other nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting. (Public Question) Linda Broadwater asked the Selectboard if they could combine the Town and School Town meeting on Monday evening instead of coming for a meeting on Tuesday for an hour to vote on Town public questions. After a brief discussion Ed Guest made a motion to have the Selectboard check into the possibility of moving the Town Meeting to Monday evening in conjunction with the School meeting. The Selectboard will check with the Leagues of Cities and Towns and put a question on a ballot for a vote at the General Election in November, 2010. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Monica Maghini wanted to mention that it was too bad the Town Employees did not get a raise this year. Sam told her that because the health insurance went up so much that the employees had volunteered to no raises if they did not have to contribute more to the insurance.

Linda Broadwater thanked the Selectboard for temporarily combining the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board during the transition to a new DRB.

With no other business to come before Town Meeting Tony DeMasi made a motion to close the meeting. Dwight Davis seconded. **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt  
Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Town of Burke

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

