

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL JAY TOWN MEETING AND JAY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 2, 2021 June 8, 2021**

Meeting began at 6:00 pm.

**TOWN MEETING:**

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.

David Sanders was nominated by Cindy Vincent-Goodyear. Voice vote all in favor. Ayes carried. Clerk cast 1 ballot in favor. David Sanders was elected moderator for a one-year term.

Dave opened the meeting with an explanation of procedural issues to Roberts Rules of Order. There was a motion made by Ron Horton to change Roberts Rules to allow unlimited time to speak on any item. There was no second. Motion failed.

Dave asked all Unregistered voters to acknowledge themselves before meeting begins.

**Article 2.** To hear and act upon the town report.

Motion to accept the report was made by Jeff Morse, seconded by Pat sanders. No one opposed. Report accepted by voice vote.

**Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. Town Clerk for a term of three years. Lynnette Deaette was nominated by Cindy Vincent-Goodyear. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Lynnette Deaette was elected Town Clerk for 3 years.
- b. Treasurer for a term of three years. Lynnette Deaette was nominated by Jo Ann Morse. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Lynnette Deaette was elected Treasurer for 3 years.
- c. Selectboard member for a term of three years. Tara Morse was nominated by Harold Morse. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Tara Morse was elected Selectboard member for 3 years.
- d. Lister for a term of one year. Kurtis Johnson was nominated by Arlene Abadi. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Kurtis Johnson was elected Lister for 1 year.
- e. Auditor for a term of three years. Kristy Pillsbury was nominated by Arlene Abadi. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Kristy Pillsbury was elected Auditor for 3 years.
- f. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year. Cynthia Vincent-Goodyear was nominated by Kristy Pillsbury. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Cynthia Vincent-Goodyear was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for one year.

g. Constable for a term of one year. Dorran Dougherty was nominated by Jo Ann Morse. No other nominations. So Carried. Moderator asked Clerk to cast 1 ballot in favor. Dorran Dougherty was elected Constable for one year.

**Article 4.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay vote to exempt the following properties from Town & Education Property Tax Liability for a period of five years?  
a. Jay Volunteer Fire Department (Upper & Lower Station)

Motion to accept by Susan Cole, seconded by Jo Ann Morse. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 5.** Shall the legal voters approve Selectboard fund expenditures of \$355,266 for 2021?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Janet Butler. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 6.** Shall the legal voters approve Highway fund expenditures of \$378,946 for 2021?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Jo Ann Morse. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 7.** Shall the legal voters approve Equipment & Garage fund expenditures of \$226,772 for 2021?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Janet Butler. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 8.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay appropriate the sum of \$75,277 (2.75% of the 2020 Grand List \$2,737,336) to the Jay Volunteer Fire Department?

Motion to accept by Cindy Vincent-Goodyear, seconded by Harold Morse. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 9.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay appropriate the sum of \$61,590 (2.25% of the 2020 Grand List \$2,737,336) to the Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service?

Motion to accept by Jeff Morse, seconded by Harold Morse. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 10.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay approve \$5,000 for maintenance expenses on the Land Trust for 2021?

Motion to accept by Kristy Pillsbury, seconded by Jeff Morse. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 11.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay approve \$500 appropriation request from the Orleans Country Fair Association for 2021?

Motion to accept by Jeff Morse, seconded by Harold Morse. Little discussion. Voted by voice to approve. Ayes carried.

**Article 12.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay approve \$500 appropriation request from the NorthWoods Stewardship Center for 2021?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Cindy Vincent-Goodyear. Little discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 13.** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Jay approve \$250 appropriation request from the Vermont Family Network for 2021?

Motion to accept by Sally Rivard, seconded by Kristy Pillsbury. Little discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 14.** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$9,142** to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Janet Butler. Discussion followed. Ron Horton asked about the increase for 'e. NKHS' from 2019 to 2020 being doubled and asking for that same amount this year. No one was present to answer. Lynnette read the letter from NKHS explaining their services and the percentages and how many people used their services from the Town of Jay. Ron Horton made a motion to decrease their requested amount to \$500. Kristy Pillsbury seconded. Discussion continued about asking a representative to attend a Select Board meeting so we could get answers to questions asked from the residents at this meeting. Some felt the service being provided has not been up to par for the amount of funds being requested. Some residents felt this was a better way to go forward instead of pulling funding was to ask them to attend a meeting and give them a chance to speak before pulling those funds. Jeff Ward made a motion to amend the previous motion by decreasing the amount to \$750 instead of the \$500. Kristy Pillsbury seconded. Discussion followed again about inviting them to attend a meeting before turning down an appropriation request. Voted by voice to approve the amendment to \$750. All opposed. Vote back on floor to cut amount to \$500. Voted by voice to approve. Most opposed. Nays carried. Voted by voice to approve \$9,142. Ayes carried.

- a. **\$250** to Jay Food Shelf
- b. **\$1000** to Rand Memorial Library
- c. **\$500** to Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)
- d. **\$750** to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.
- e. **\$1042** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)
- f. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging
- g. **\$250** to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- h. **\$200** to Umbrella
- i. **\$200** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)
- j. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)
- k. **\$800** to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)
- l. **\$300** to Orleans County Court Diversion Program. (NEKCA)
- m. **\$550** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)
- n. **\$100** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force
- o. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont
- p. **\$300** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc.
- q. **\$250** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
- r. **\$250** to American Red Cross
- s. **\$600** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.
- t. **\$300** to Jay Focus Group
- u. **\$500** to American Legion Post 28
- v. **\$100** to Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- w. **\$350** to Orleans Country Child Advocacy Center/Special Investigations Unit (OCCAC/SIU)

**Article 15.** Shall the legal voters authorize payment of real estate property taxes on Friday, October 8, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.?

Motion to accept by Harold Morse, seconded by Janet Butler. No discussion. Voted by voice to approve. No one opposed. Ayes carried.

**Article 16.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting?

Sherriff Jennifer Harlow spoke to explain their presence in the area and their willing to work with the town. She spoke about having 24/7 dispatch services. Their administrative hours are 8-4:30 for in office services.

No discussion.

**Article 17.** To adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made by Janet Butler at 7:16 pm, seconded by Cindy Vincent-Goodyear.

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**Australian ballot items are voted at the Jay Municipal Building, 1036 VT Route 242, during the day on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The polls open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Absentee ballots are available through 4 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 2021.**

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.

RESULT OF VOTE

David Sanders	<u>35</u>
Write In	<u>0</u>
Blank	<u>3</u>

**Article 2.** To elect a Jay School Board Member for a term of three years.

RESULT OF VOTE

Jeffrey Morse	<u>33</u>
Write In	<u>1</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>

**Article 3.** To elect a Jay School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

RESULT OF VOTE

Tara Morse	<u>34</u>
Write In	<u>0</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>

**Article 4.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for a term of one year. **(Ballot to be co-mingled with Westfield)**

RESULT OF VOTE (JAY)

Tara Morse	<u>34</u>
Write In	<u>0</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>

**RESULT OF VOTE (Westfield)**

Tara Morse Re-elected

**Article 5.** Shall the legal voters of the Jay Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,617,140 dollars to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$1,017,039? (**Ballot to be co-mingled with Westfield**)

<u>RESULT OF VOTE</u>	In Favor	<u>33</u>
	Opposed	<u>5</u>
	Blank	<u>0</u>

**Article 6.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,088,169 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,868 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.72% higher than spending for the current year.

<u>RESULT OF VOTE</u>	In Favor	<u>31</u>
	Opposed	<u>7</u>
	Blank	<u>0</u>

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$17,262,000, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,640 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.43% higher than spending for the current year.

<u>RESULT OF VOTE</u>	In Favor	<u>30</u>
	Opposed	<u>8</u>
	Blank	<u>0</u>

**Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$500,000 of undesignated FY2019 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? These funds are intended to offset the heating and ventilation units' replacement in A and B wings. The units are original to the building, and replacement parts are no longer available.

<u>RESULT OF VOTE</u>	In Favor	<u>32</u>
	Opposed	<u>6</u>
	Blank	<u>0</u>

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$5,195,600, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,929 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.25% higher than spending for the current year.

<u>RESULT OF VOTE</u>	In Favor	<u>31</u>
	Opposed	<u>7</u>
	Blank	<u>0</u>

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Selectboard \_\_\_\_\_

Selectboard \_\_\_\_\_