

**NEW HAVEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2012**

The legal voters of the Town of New Haven School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in New Haven, Vermont on **Monday, March 5, 2012 at 4:00 PM** (school district to follow town) to discuss and transact the following business. Articles 2 and 5 require a vote by Australian ballot to take place on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012** at the New Haven Town Hall between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Moderator, Lanny Smith opened the School meeting at 7:15 pm, and read the Warning. Lanny Smith introduced the School board members: Chair, Marie Jewett, Harry Chaucer, Craig Bemis and Beeman School Principal, Steve Flint.

Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Principal, Steve Flint to speak since he is not a New Haven resident, seconded by Larry Maier. No opposition to allow Steve Flint to speak.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator following nominations from the floor.

Pam Marsh – Made a motion to nominate Lanny Smith as Moderator, seconded by Larry Maier.

All in favor.

Passed

ARTICLE 2. To elect all Town School District Officers for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot.

Harry Chaucer is not running again. Harry was given a round of applause for his time on the Board.

Brad Bull is willing to run as a write – in.

Brad Bull introduced himself.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.

Pam Marsh made a motion to adopt reports as printed in the Town Report, seconded by Kathleen Ready.

Barb Torian – Questioned New Haven's tax rate for Mt. Abe is significantly higher than Beeman.

Moderator, Lanny Smith – There is a greater number of students attending Mt. Abe than are at Beeman.

All in favor.

Passed.

ARTICLE 4. To establish salaries for the Town School District Officers for the ensuing year.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to keep salaries the same, Chair \$1,200; other members \$1,000; Treasurer \$1,000 and Moderator \$100. Motion seconded by Barb Torian.

All in favor.

Passed.

ARTICLE 5. For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 BETWEEN 7:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.

Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven School District appropriate \$1,820,498 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2012?

Marie Jewett – Thanked all for coming to the meeting. The Board strived to put together a mindful budget. This year they based everything on a 2 year average.

As a governing Board they try not to get involved in day to day operations of school, they look to Principal, Steve Flint for that information.

The Board used Sinking Fund monies to finish projects. They received a grant to replace the old boiler with 2 new more efficient ones.

Look over page 105: Worked at decreasing the spending amount; expenses are out of their control. But they did work hard at reducing the educational spending.

Case Roorda – Asked about \$110,000 funding for a student outside of Vermont.

Marie Jewett – Obligated by law to do so.

Brad Bull – Asked why they don't get involved with the "day to day operations" of Beeman.

Marie Jewett – Statewide initiative; they don't think they have the expertise to make those decisions. Their job is to make policies.

Enrollment was discussed, there are currently 106 students. Next year they are estimating about 105 -110 students. Unsure how many New Haven Children attend other area schools.

No further discussion.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes according to state statute?

Kathy Barrett moved the question, seconded by Barb Torian.

Kathy Barrett said you've got to pay your bills.

All in favor.

Passed.

ARTICLE 7. To hear and report any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

No discussion.

Passed.

Tim Bouton made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by Barb Torian.

All in favor.

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:




