

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
2015 ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2015**

At 12:15pm the Moderator declared the meeting open and noted that the polls for voting and Article I for the Town and Town School District Meeting opened at 7a.m. until 7:00p.m. In attendance; School Board Members Phil Taylor, Dennis Richter, Janna Ewart, Adam Grinold; Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk; members of the Wilmington Board of Civil Authority; Election Officials; Poll Workers and about 25 voters.

The Moderator read the Town School District Meeting Warning.

**ARTICLE II:**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS (including but not limited to):** thank you for hard work on getting essentially 2 new schools open; asking how school user fees work in coming year; board has reviewed what was listed in user fees; the former high school building going away relative to user fees when ownership is transferred; elementary school can be utilized more; school board and Selectboard should start discussing user fees; asked about re-establishment of music program and positions that were cut; voter was referred to the administrators; one music educator in each building is not sufficient to meet the needs of the levels of students; music program has been diminished; what is extraordinary special education costs and has any thought been given to utilizing other specialized schools to take the burden off this district; the district does outsource certain students to best meet their needs; district tries to serve special education needs in house because it's more cost effective; asked about comments regarding the new middle high school that it's not yet a year old and it's falling apart; discussion of amount of reimbursement for special education per student; discussion of per pupil cost to educate and tuition pricing; if you own a school you're paying more than if you are sending students out; where are Superintendent and Business Manager – they had to be in Whitingham and Halifax; both Christopher Pratt and Karen Atwood are doing remarkable job; discussion about pre-k program in coming year

**SPEAKERS:** Meg Streeter; Phil Taylor; Adam Grinold; Therese Lounsbury; Dennis Richter; Merrill Mundell; Barker Willard III; Elizabeth Marshall; Jake White

**ARTICLE III:**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS (including but not limited to):** asked about comments regarding the new middle high school that it's not yet a year old and it's falling apart; other than the issues reported in the paper last week, the board is not aware of other issues at the new facility; concerns about air quality and lack of air exchange in industrial arts rooms; there is air exchange in the new school to the required levels; perhaps with the use of solvents in these rooms there may be a need to increase the levels – referred to administration; everything in new building is working, issue with heat control throughout rooms which is computerized, and issue with gym floor due to the type of finish on the floor

**SPEAKERS:** Fred Skwirut; Elizabeth Marshall; Doug Swanson

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** made by Janna Ewart, seconded by Barker Willard III.

**VOICE VOTE** – ayes had it. **MOTION CARRIED – SO VOTED.**

12:50pm **ADJOURNED**

**PREPARED MARCH 6, 2015**



**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUSAN JOY HAUGHWOUT**  
**WILMINGTON TOWN CLERK**

**DATE: MARCH 6, 2015**