

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON**  
**2017 ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

At 10:00am 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 7:00am until 7:00pm. In attendance were School Board Members: Adam Grinold, Kathy Larsen, Doug Swanson, Therese Lounsbury, Janna Ewart; Business Manager Karen Atwood; Superintendent Christopher Pratt; Assistant Town Clerk Pat Johnson; members of the Wilmington Board of Civil Authority; Election Officials; Poll Workers; about 60 voters and some visitors.

Cub Scout Pack #461 posted the colors and led pledge of allegiance. The Moderator made a few announcements and went over the requirements for participating and voting at Town Meeting and asked those who are not registered voters to identify themselves. The Moderator asked if there was any objection to allow non-voting members of the school's administration to speak without having to suspend the rules each time. Hearing no objection the Moderator then read the following Town Meeting Warning:

**ARTICLE I**

To elect all Wilmington Town School District officers required by law and the Town. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE II**

Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$9,445,523, 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 \$19,078 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.6% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE III**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**DISCUSSION (including but not limited to):** the state's funding laws result in a disadvantage to local students; a loss of equalized pupils under the state's formula together with changes in the common level of appraisal means taxpayers are facing substantial increases in their tax rates; the problem is the distribution of funds on a per pupil basis; legislators in Montpelier will only pay attention if an unusually high number of budgets fail to pass; suggestion that people contact legislators individually about the effect on their school or their finances; the towns might consider legal action and consider a joint meeting between the School Board and Selectboard regarding the process

**SPEAKERS:** Meg Streeter, Ann Manwaring, Adam Grinold, Kathy Larsen, Cliff Duncan, Fred Skwirut, Bob McConnin, Diane Chapman, Chris Pratt, Bill Spirka, Merrill Mundell, Therese Lounsbury, Linda Brophy, Barker Willard, Dave Larsen, Joseph Cincotta

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** made by Meg Streeter, seconded by Doug Wheeler

**VOICE VOTE – Ayes had it unanimously. MOTION CARRIED – SO VOTED**

**ADJOURNED at 11:25 Australian Ballot voting on Articles continues until 7pm.**

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HELD, MARCH 7, 2017.

Prepared on: March 10, 2017

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Town Clerk Patricia Johnson

**DATE:** 3/10/2017

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