

TOWN OF CASTLETON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:30pm
Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium
Castleton University

PRESENT: Michael Finnegan, Town Moderator; Jim Leamy, Select Board Chair; Richard Combs, Select Board Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Select Board Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Select Board Member; Joe Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary; Peter Mantello, Police Chief; Silas Loomis, Constable; members of the public.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Michael Finnegan greeted the public and called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Finnegan shared guidelines with the audience for the evening. Audience members should raise their hand to be recognized. All speakers should identify themselves and the street they live on. All questions should be addressed to the moderator.

ROBERT HELM: UPDATE & REPORT ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MONTPELIER

Mr. Helm was unable to attend due to illness.

PRESIDENT OF CASTLETON UNIVERSITY, KAREN SCOLFORO Ed.D

President Scolforo greeted the audience with a brief introduction. President Scolforo acknowledged the relationship between the Castleton University Public Safety Department and the Castleton Police Department, she thanked Chief Mantello for his work with Public Safety Director Keith Molinari.

President Scolforo shared that the University has launched 21 new programs and had 800 new students this fall. There are currently 2,500 students attending Castleton University in some capacity. Thanked the community for their support

President Scolforo recognized the work of the Bridge Committee and thanked Katherine Molnar for her leadership and commitment.

President Scolforo shared that she has moved from her home on January 9, 2020 as it will be the site of the new Early Childhood Lab and is now under construction. A combination of \$600,000 in grants have been awarded for this project. President Scolforo recognized Laura Jakubowski, Chief Financial Officer of Castleton University for all of her hard work on this project. They hope to open the childcare facility this fall. However, the University still needs to raise another \$150,000 to be where they would like to be to serve 70 students from infant to preschool. This is a breakeven initiative and absolutely worth it.

Castleton University now has a listing of events to share with the community, President Scolforo encouraged everyone to visit <https://www.castleton.edu/calendars/community-events-email-sign-up/>.

President Scolforo also provided handouts about the Coronavirus and discussed Castleton University's plans to keep everyone safe. There is an emergency management team on campus to stay on top of what is happening. President Scolforo also provided copies of a letter explaining the teams approach as well as providing posters from the CDC.

DIANA MARTINEZ MANTRANO, VP OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Mantrano is a student from Mexico. She is currently the Vice President of Community Relations, she is involved with the international freshmen class, mentoring at local elementary schools among other things. Ms. Mantrano noted that there are nearly 50 clubs on campus working with different organizations to benefit the community. Some of these organizations include Castleton Cares, BROCC and Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Mantrano would like to invite everyone to an event March 16, the Brown Back Series, where students from other countries share their experiences.

This Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 12:30pm in the Campus Center there will be an International Festival, the community is invited to attend. There will be an International Cookbook for sale for \$5.00. The cookbook was put together with recipes from Students, Faculty and Community members.

Ms. Mantrano shared that she is a representative for the Host Families program. Eventually they would like to open the Host Family program to more than just international students. She encouraged those interested to reach out.

Girls on the Run will begin later this semester.

THON is a donation-based charity which raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund. The Four Diamonds Fund is used to support pediatric cancer patients. This year students have organized a 12-hour dance marathon to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

SELECT BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

All members of the Select Board and the Town Manager introduced themselves.

Mr. Finnegan proceeded to read the following Articles to the Public for their motions and discussion:

Article 1. *Shall the Town accept the Town Report as printed?*

Resident Ken Flowers made a motion to accept the Town Report as printed with the listed corrections. Resident John Burke seconded the motion.

- On page 25, the header labeled Proposed 2020/2020 Budget should be corrected to 2020/2021.
- On page 36, Sue Decarolis' name is misspelled twice, it should be Decarolis.

The Moderator called the question. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 2. *Shall the Town authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in leap Year) and May 31?* **Resident John Burke made a motion to authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in Leap Year) and May 31. Resident Ken Flowers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Article 3. *Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?* **Resident Julie Finnegan made a motion to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Resident Ken Flowers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Article 4. *Shall the Town at this meeting discuss the proposed Select Board's budget for the expenses for the ensuing year?* **Resident Julie Finnegan made a motion to discuss at this meeting the proposed Select Board's budget for the ensuing year. Resident Joan Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON MARCH 3, 2020 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES 6 - 57.

Mr. Finnegan noted that Article 5 would be deferred to the end of the meeting for citizen comments and concerns.

Article 6. *To elect Officers for the following terms: a Town Agent for 1 year; a 2nd Constable for 2 years; a Grand Juror for 1 year; Library Trustee for 5 years; a Town Moderator for 1 year; 2 Select Board members for 1 year; a Select Board member for 3 years.*

There was no discussion.

Article 7. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$26,079 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,708)*

Resident Robert Franzoni asked what Legislating represented. Legislating is the title for Select Board budget.

Article 8. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,965 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$2,565)*

There was no discussion.

Article 9. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$177,245 of for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$167,439)*

There was no discussion.

Article 10. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,162 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year of \$9,064)*

There was no discussion.

Article 11. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$46,746 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$43,502)*

There was no discussion.

Article 12. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$97,048 for Accounting? (Prior year \$88,394)*

Resident John Burke asked why there was a substantial increase over last year. Select board member Zack Holzworth responded that the Town Accountant received a 3% raise and an assistant was hired.

Article 13. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing? (Prior year \$12,000)*

There was no discussion.

Article 14. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$39,332 for Tax Listing? (Prior Year \$38,644)*

There was no discussion.

Article 15. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,573 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$38,375)*

There was no discussion.

Article 16. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$78,394 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$75,500)*

There was no discussion.

Article 17. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$30,000)*

Resident Don Wood asked why the budget was only down \$5,000 when last years budget was \$30,000 and only \$12,000 was spent. Select Board Chair Jim Leamy answered that they anticipate spending the balance before the year ends and there will be no union negotiations next year.

Article 18. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,836 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,939)*

There was no discussion.

Article 19. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,996 for Community Development and Economic Revitalization? (Prior year \$0)*

Resident Bonnie Condit asked what the plan was for this money. Select Board Chair Jim Leamy responded that the money is to pay stipends for the members of the new committee as well as to pay for assistance from the Rutland Economic Development Committee and possibly contracting grant writers. Mr. Leamy invited Resident Mark Brown to speak about the newly formed CDERAC.

Mr. Brown introduced himself as the Chair of the CDERAC. Mr. Brown noted that the #1 goal for the Committee is to keep Castleton a vibrant community. The CDERAC hopes to be a resource for local businesses while reaching out to the community to see what they would like to see brought into Town. Mr. Brown reiterated that the CDERAC will work to keep the fabric of Castleton the same while adding to the community

Article 20. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$194,950 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year 190,013)* There was no discussion.

Article 21. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$23,439 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700)* There was no discussion.

Article 22. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$523,038 for Police Department? (Prior year \$509,950)*
Resident Mark Brown praised the Castleton Police Department. Resident Julie Finnegan thanked the Police Chief for his time spent in the local schools with the children.

Article 23. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$36,218 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders) (Prior year \$36,218)*
There was no discussion.

Article 24. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$165,147 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$160,799)*
Resident Ted Day extended a thank you to the Castleton Fire Department for their dedication to the community. Moderator Michael Finnegan, also a member of the Fire Department, shared that the Castleton Fire Department had received a grant from FEMA and now has the top of the line "Jaws of Life." Mr. Finnegan thanked the community for their support.

Resident Robert Franzoni asked what the Castleton Fire Department would do if there was a fire on one of the islands on Lake Bomoseen. Moderator Finnegan responded that in the past, when there have been emergencies needing water transportation, Woodard Marine has provided boats under very short notice. Mr. Finnegan did note that fire safety equipment would need to be shuttled to the island as there is not any permanently stored fire safety equipment on the islands.

Article 25. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,000)*
Resident Susan Day asked what was involved in Emergency Management that was different from the Police and Fire Departments. Moderator Michael Finnegan explained that emergency management is for larger scale disasters in Town that may require relocating residents and may be ongoing for several days.

Resident Ted Day asked what would happen to the funds if there was no emergency management situation. Town Manager Michael Jones stated that if the funds were not used, they would go back into the budget.

Article 26. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,153,191 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,114,081)*
Resident Martha Molnar noted the large increase and asked the Select Board for an explanation. Select Board Vice Chair Richard Combs noted that there was 3% increase in planning on more infrastructure and paving. The Town Manager added that there was a 14% increase in health care for Town employees and both union contracts were ratified with 9% pay increase.

Resident Cornell Dawson asked about the difference in road management and capital improvement. Mr. Combs noted that there is \$200,000 in budget for paving as well as an amount being rolled over from last year that was not spent. The Town is not anticipating paving any new roads.

Resident Charlie Brown noted that last year can be rolled over for specific purpose and if it is not spent again, the money should go back to the residents. Mr. Combs stated that the roads will be paved this coming year. The Town Manager Michael Jones noted that there was \$209,000 left over from last year.

Article 27. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,400 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,600)*

There was no discussion.

Article 28. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)*

There was no discussion.

Article 29. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for Hillside Cemetery? (Prior year \$28,000)*

There was no discussion.

Article 30. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,446 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,449)*

There was no discussion.

Article 31. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,170 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$5,186)*

There was no discussion.

Article 32. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$37,239 for Constables? (Prior year \$40,525)*

Resident Mark Brown would like to mention that Constable Silas Loomis has had a life a public service and would encourage everyone to vote for this article.

Moderator Michael Finnegan noted that after the tragedy at Sandy Hook, Constable Loomis was at Castleton Elementary the next day without being asked, Mr. Finnegan stated, "That that was Community Policing right there."

Resident Ted Day asked why the reduction in the budget if there are two (2) Constables. Constable Loomis responded that they cut some items that were not needed.

Resident John Burke also acknowledged Constable Loomis and shared that the Town would never be able to repay him for what he has given the community.

Article 33. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$346,430 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$344,453)*

Resident Charlie Brown asked how much of this amount would need to be raised by taxes. Select Board Parliamentarian Joe Mark noted that \$50,000 would need to be raised by taxes.

Resident Susan Day asked how much the implementation of the Food Waste Collection will add to the expenses at the Transfer Station. Town Manager Michael Jones responded that at this time, there is no charge for food waste composting, the Town is spending about \$4,500 to dispose of the food composting. The Town is anticipating an increase but is not sure how much of an increase as individuals will have to take steps to begin composting. Also, Mr. Jones noted that before the Select Board sets the fees that go into July 1, Mr. Jones has a proposal to close the gap to make this cost neutral.

Resident Michael Holden asked when will the Town start charging for recycling? The Town Manager noted that addressing this will be included in his recommendation to the Select Board.

Resident Donald Wood noted that the more we compost, the less we dump, the less we dump, the less we pay at the Transfer Station so there would be a loss.

Select Board member Michael Spaulding noted that the less we dump, the less often the Town will need to haul away the garbage.

Resident Susan Day would like to encourage the Select Board into chipping and shredding their wood and branches and turning that around and giving it back to residents as mulch. Town Manager Jones noted that he is working with the University and other agencies to address the composting and ways to give back to the community.

Resident Mr. Potter asked if the sticker price would be increased this year? Town Manager Jones stated that he will be addressing this in his proposal to the Select Board.

Article 34. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$108,827 for Recreation? (Prior year \$109,050)*

Resident Mr. Potter would like to Martha Clifford a round of applause for her work.

Resident Mark Brown asked what the anticipated revenue for recreation would be. Select Board Parliamentarian Joe Mark stated that the revenue was approximately \$48,000. Select Board Vice Chair Richard Combs noted that one of the items to be paved this year would be the parking lot at Crystal Beach.

Resident Sue Decarolis recognized Amy Clapp for the programming she has done for the Recreation Department.

Article 35. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,650 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$9,650)*

There was no discussion.

Article 36. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)*

Resident Sue Decarolis recognized Librarians Jan Jones and Mary Kearns for the number of programs and services they bring.

Article 37. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)*

Resident William Potter asked who the Fire Warden was and what the increased was for. Select Board Parliamentarian Joe Mark answered that Fire Chief Michael Goyette was also the Fire Warden and the increase was to purchase some fire fighting backpacks for forest fires.

Article 38. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,749 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$9,834)*

There was no discussion.

Article 39. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)*

There was no discussion.

Article 40. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with advocacy, resources and community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 41. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,600 for administrative support of Castleton Cares, Inc., determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with emergency assistance to local people in need? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 42. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$25,000 for the support of Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., determining that the program serves residents of the Town with the operation of the Castleton Community Center (The Old Homestead)? (Not included in the budget)*

Resident Jo Ann Riley shared information about the Castleton Community Center and the many programs offered for seniors and community members. Mrs. Riley shared that there are over 100 volunteers and thanked the Castleton voters for their support.

Resident William Potter stated he felt it was important that people from other towns pay their equal share. Mrs. Riley noted that Fair Haven appropriates \$7,000 and Hubbardton appropriates \$1,000 in support of the Castleton Community Center.

Resident Mark Brown stated he was proud of the work Mrs. Riley has done at the Community Center.

Mrs. Decarolis acknowledged the work of Laura Knauer the Program Director.

Article 43. *Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit Districts (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 44. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice)? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 45. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$4,088 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 46. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 47. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 48. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 49. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,725 for the support of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with weatherization, emergency food and small business development? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 50. *Shall the Town authorize expanding the reserve account for the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) Building to include the Police Department?*

Resident Susan Day asked for an explanation for this article. Select Board Vice Chair Richard Combs explained that the language of the reserve account needed to be changed to include the Police Department as well as the Fire Department in order to use the money within the account for the entire CERT building.

Resident Ted Day noted that there was no money involved with this article.

Article 51. *Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use \$100,000 from the Capital Improvements of the Town Reserve to apply toward the 20% match needed to secure a grant to construct a salt and sand shed on Town property? (The \$100,000 represents proceeds from the sale of the old fire station and the remainder of the reserve that helped fund the new Town Office.)*

Resident Cornell Dawson asked for an overview of funding on the reserve accounts. Town Manager Jones explained that at this time the vehicle reserve account is robust and the reserve accounts for the Fire Department, Police Department and Town Office are less as they are newer buildings.

The \$100,000 from the Capital Improvements Reserve is the 20% match to a grant for the Town Salt Shed. This \$100,000 is from the proceeds of the sale of the Old Fire Station.

Resident Bill Potter questioned the location of the new Town Salt Shed. Town Manager Jones responded with an explanation of the mitigation of the stormwater runoff.

Article 52. *Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use the remaining balance in the Weed Harvesting Reserve account (estimated to be \$18,477 as of June 30, 2020) and remaining balance in the Lake Related Reserve account (estimated to be \$620 as of June 30, 2020) for the purpose of dredging the lake at the mouth of the Sucker Brook tributary to remove silt and debris, and to stabilize the banks of Sucker Brook to mitigate erosion and further degradation of the stream bank?*

Resident Bonnie Condit asked if this amount will be enough to cover the cost for this project and what is the proposed timeline. Town Manager Jones answered that this is not enough money to cover the full cost, however there may be additional money available.

Resident John Burke acknowledged working with the State on a project at Crystal Beach and noted that the State of Vermont is familiar with the issue. The Town Manager affirmed that he was told by the State to apply for the permit.

Article 53. *Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) (Police, Fire, and EMS) Building Reserve for the purpose of "capital improvements/repair of the Public Safety Building (CERT) property?"*

Resident Don Wood asked if this Article ties into Article #50. The answer was yes.

Resident Liz McKay asked what the balance was in the General Fund Surplus. Select Board Vice Chair Richard Combs stated that there was approximately \$140,000.

Mrs. McKay asked if the goal was to have reserve accounts for every department. Mr. Jones responded that it was the goal to have a reserve account for every building, not every department.

Resident Ted Day noted that this was money that the Town already had, they were just asking for permission to move it.

Article 54. *Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a reserve fund for the Town Office building and lands for capital improvements/repair?*

There was no discussion.

Article 55. *Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in reserve fund for the purpose of capital improvements/repairs of the Town Office building and lands?*

There was no discussion.

Article 56. *Shall the voters of the Town of Castleton vote to exempt the real and personal property of the Bomoseen Valley Grange #273, from taxation for a period of five years to become effective this current year and remain in effect for five consecutive years, Pursuant to 32 VSA Section 3840?*

Resident Bill Potter asked if this Article was new or if it was a renewal. Select Board Vice Chair Richard Combs noted that this was a renewal as the previous tax exemption on the property had lapsed.

Article 57. *Shall the Town of Castleton withdraw from Rutland County Solid Waste District and take the necessary steps to join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities?*

Mr. Potter asked why on Front porch Forum, 4 of the 5 Select Board members voted against this article. Select Board Chair Richard Leamy referred Residents to the handouts available. Mr. Leamy noted that this article was added to the Ballot by petition and the Select Board had requested the Town Manager to research the information. There was a public meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020 to discuss the Solid Waste Alliance

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Commission and the Rutland County Solid Waste District. There was not a SWAC representative present and the Town Manager recommended that the Town stay with RCSWD based on his findings. Mr. Leamy noted that 2 previous Town Manager's also came to the same conclusion and agreed to stay with RCSWD.

Resident Katherine McCully stated that she has gone over Town Manager Jones analysis and is concerned that Castleton would be paying more for less if they were to leave RCSWD. Ms. McCully requested that Moderator poll the Select Board members.

Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy supports remaining with RCSWD based on current information.

Select Board Vice Chair, Richard Combs will vote no on Article #57.

Select Board Member, Zach Holzworth will vote no on Article #57 because the numbers have been consistent over the last several years.

Select Board Member, Robert Spaulding supports Article #57. Mr. Spaulding feels that the charges shown in the handout for costs to RCSWD only represent the costs at the Transfer Station, they do not include the costs paid to private haulers or to the University. The costs for SWAC covers all of the Town. Mr. Spaulding also feels that very little services will be lost.

Select Board Parliamentarian, Joe Mark will vote to remain with RCSWD as he believes that the Select Board obligation is to the budget and what the taxpayers pay.

Resident Joe Bruno asked why when the same question was asked last year and the voters approved leaving, the Select Board did not uphold the vote. It was explained that the language of the article last year was to allow the Town of Castleton to leave RCSWD and join SWAC if the cost would be a savings to the Town, there was not a definitive savings determined.

There was discussion on the language of last year's article.

Resident Liz McKay asked if those articles added by petition could be identified on the ballot.

Resident Susan Day asked if the Town would lose its investment in RCSWD if we were to leave. The Town Manager deferred to Tim Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert stated that last year there was a letter that stated that the Town would need to pay the balances of outstanding leases. Although the letter stated that the Town would get this money back, Mr. Gilbert stated that this was an error and the Town would not get their money back if they were to leave.

Article 5. *To act upon any business, which may properly come before this meeting?*

Resident Tim Gilbert stated that he appreciated the work of the Fire Department and that he did not feel that they should have to stand in the road for donations, he would rather add to their budget.

Resident Joe Bruno noted that Vital Statistics were not included in the Town Report this year and he does not agree with the exclusion.

Thank everyone for coming. Voting is tomorrow at the Castleton Fire Station, 273 Route 30N. Polls open at 8:00am and close at 7:00pm.

ADJOURN

Resident Ken Flowers made a motion to close the Town Meeting at 8:47 p.m. Constable Silas Loomis seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary