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From VLCT, July/August 2012, Secretary of State Jim Condos RE: Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of a public body should not attempt to be a transcript of the meeting or a complete restatement of all public discussion at the meeting. 1 V.S.A. #312(b) provides a list of what must be included in minutes. In summary: Record all motions whether adopted or defeated, name of the maker of the motion, number of votes on each side in a motion, names of board members present, names of active participants in the meeting. Do not record discussion or expressions of personal opinion. Do not try to capture individual statements except for motions made.

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BARNARD  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 4, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Paul Doton, who leads Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARTICLES**

- 1. To elect a Town Moderator.** Charles Campbell nominates Paul Doton. **Voice vote elects Paul Doton.** Paul Doton explains procedures that will be followed for the day.
- 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.** Kurt Lessard makes motion to accept the reports of the Town Officers. Wes Hennig seconds motion. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectboard Member for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, a Trustee of Public Funds for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for five years, a Library Trustee for five years, and all other officers as made necessary by law.** (Except as noted, all nominations were moved, and a seconding motion made that nominations cease, and the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk cast one ballot for the person nominated. The first person named in parentheses nominated the person for office, the second person named moved nominations cease and the third person seconded the motion.) **One Selectman for three years: Bob Edmunds** (Ed Jodice, Jerry Blakeney, Beth Finlayson) **One Auditor for three years: Tom Morse** (Beth Finlayson, Fadia Williamson, Margaret Edwards) **one Delinquent Tax Collector for one year: Diane Rainey** (Charles Campbell, Kurt Lessard Wes Hennig) **one First Constable for one year: Wes Hennig** (Kurt Lessard, Charles Campbell, Beth Finlayson) **one Second Constable for one year: Edwin Cole** (Robert Tracy, Kurt Lessard, Wes Hennig) **Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years: Tom Morse** (Ed Jodice, Carin Park, Fadia Williamson) **one Cemetery Commissioner for five years: Bob Edmunds** (Chris Campbell, Charles Campbell, Dean Edmunds) **one Library Trustee for five years: Adelaide McCracken** (Margaret Edwards, Fadia Williamson, Margaret Edwards)
- 4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes?** Carin Park makes motion; second by Wes Hennig. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 5. To authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes for the ensuing year in two equal payments. The first payment to be due on or after August 15, 2025, with the due date being set by the Treasurer, and the second payment being due on February 17, 2026. Such payments are to be made in United States funds, to be physically received by the Town on or before the due date, or if mailed, legibly postmarked on or before the due date, with interest and penalties to be applied to past due payments as allowed by law.** Alice Rydjeski makes motion, second by Fran Carbino. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY24 General Fund surplus and Highway deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.** Motion by Tom Morse, seconded by Wes Hennig. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

7. **Shall the Town lease the old Barnard Fire Department building to BarnArts Center for the Arts for a period of fifteen years with an annual rent of \$1?** Fadia Williamson makes motion, second by Justin Park. Teo Zagar makes motion to amend article with increase from fifteen years to thirty years. Second by Fadia Williamson. Discussion. **Voice vote defeats amendment.** Discussion. Michael Johnson makes motion to move the question. Second by Charles Campbell. **Voice vote.** Kurt Lessard requests paper ballot, second by Charles Campbell and ten or so others second motion. **Paper ballot: Yes 66; No 41.**
8. **Shall the Town raise \$62,500 for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor and filling station with storage bottles for the Barnard Volunteer Fire Department?** Motion by Kurt Lessard, seconded by Terry Davis. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
9. **Shall the Town transfer \$160,849.09 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 30, 2024, into the Highway Fund to reconcile the Highway Deficit?** Motion by Charles Campbell, seconded by Tom Morse. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
10. **To vote a FY26 Highway budget of \$1,760,947.00 of which \$1,617,056.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY26 General budget of \$1,039,923.00 of which \$691,508.00 shall be raised by taxes.** Motion by Justin Park, seconded by Tom Morse. Justin Park makes motion to amend amount for Recreation Department from \$5,000 to \$18,200. Seconded by Tom Morse. Discussion. **Voice vote approves amendment.** With this and earlier articles, original article is amended to read as follows: **To vote a FY26 Highway budget of \$1,760,947 of which \$1,617,056.00 will be raised by taxes, and a FY26 General Budget of \$1,115,123 of which \$767,208 shall be raised by taxes.** **Voice vote approves amended article.**

Senators Clarkson and Major speak to the meeting.

11. **To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.** Paul Doton announces he will not be moderator after this year. Standing ovation. Fadia Williamson makes motion to adjourn. **Voice vote approves motion. Meeting adjourns at 12:15 PM.**

**DLR: All newly elected officers were sworn in by P. Hasson.**

A true record of the March 4, 2025, Annual Town Meeting, to the best of our ability.

Attest: Diane L. Rainey, Town Clerk      Paul Doton, Moderator      Rock Webster, Selectman

**OFFICIAL RESULTS OF WCUUSD/MVSD AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**  
**March 4, 2025 - Town of Barnard**

Article 1: School Director	Total Count
VOTES Carin Ewing Park	130
VOTES (Write-in) Name: Kurt Lessard 2	
VOTES (Write-in) Name: Westling 1 Margaret Borsini 1	4
BLANK VOTES	15
SPOILED VOTES	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	149
Article 2: Budget	Total Count
VOTES IN FAVOR/YES	97
VOTES OPPOSED/NO	52
BLANK VOTES	
SPOILED VOTES	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	149
ATTEST: <u>Wanda K. Kainy</u> DATE: <u>3/4/25</u>	
SIGNATURE	

Please send attested results to District Clerk Rayna Bishop at [rayna.bishop@mtnviews.org](mailto:rayna.bishop@mtnviews.org).  
 Feel free to text unofficial results to 802-356-0245.