

**Minutes**  
**For Town of Hardwick Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 2, 2021**

\*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not an in-person meeting held on March 2, 2021. \*\*

In 2021, approval of all Articles and Election of Town Select Board and Union School District No. 26 Directors were voted on by Australian ballot.

**RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE:**

**Total votes cast: 604**

Article 1. Shall general obligation bonds or notes in the amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00), subject to reduction by application of federal and state grant-in-aid, and reserve funds for the purpose of financing the cost of upgrading and replacing components of the Town sewer collection system and its wastewater treatment facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00)

**Yes – 428      No – 107**

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2020?

**Yes – 516      No – 16**

Article 3. Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?

**Yes – 511      No – 10**

Article 5. Shall the Town vote a budget of three million five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$3,525,629.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

**Yes – 384      No – 152**

Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred

dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?

**Yes – 433      No – 110**

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?

**Yes – 429      No – 114**

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?

**Yes – 392      No – 148**

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?

**Yes – 421      No – 121**

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars (\$3,161.00) for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Human Services?

**Yes – 394      No – 197**

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

**Yes – 486      No – 64**

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) for the support of Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

**Yes – 491      No – 60**

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?

**Yes – 405      No – 144**

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of Rural Community Transportation?

**Yes – 431      No – 118**

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Arts Council (Hardwick Town House)?

**Yes – 365      No – 185**

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

**Yes – 452      No – 103**

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) for the support of the North Country Animal League?

**Yes – 393      No – 147**

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the support of the Craftsbury Community Care Center?

**Yes – 405      No – 143**

Article 19: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Hardwick Area Rescue Squad from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

**Yes – 522      No – 34**

Article 20: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caspian Lake Lodge Masonic Temple Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

**Yes – 318      No – 221**

Article 21: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caledonia Grange from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

**Yes – 400      No – 142**

Article 22: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Knights of Columbus Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

**Yes – 345      No – 196**

Article 23. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

**Yes – 463      No – 79**

Article 24. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which

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shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

**Yes – 465      No – 75**

*Election of Officers: All offices are elected for 1 year unless otherwise specified.*

**Town of Hardwick Moderator:**

Orise Ainsworth – 499 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Select Board – 3-year term:**

Shari Cornish – 451 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Select Board (2) 1-year terms:**

Gary Bellavance – 366 (elected)

Michael Deering – 323 (elected)

**Hazen Union School District # 26 Director - 3 Year Term:**

Andrew Meyer – 504 (elected)

**Hazen Union School District # 26 Director – 2 years remaining on a 3 Year Term:**

No one elected

**Town of Hardwick Lister - 3 Year Term:**

Josh Allen – 33 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Auditor – 3 Year Term –**

Michael Morin – 26 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick First Constable:**

Arthur Chase – 36 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Second Constable:**

Erwin Gilcris – 27 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Town Agent:**

Karen Holmes – 41 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Surveyor of Wood Bark and Lumber:**

Lucian Avery – 44 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Tree Warden:**

Geoffrey Fehrs – 414 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Grand Juror:**

David Shepard – 27 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Cemetery Trustees for Main Street:**

Main Street Cemetery Association – 429 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Cemetery Trustees for Maple Street:**

Maple Street Cemetery Association – 425 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Cemetery Trustees for Fairview:**

Fairview Cemetery Association – 433 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Cemetery Trustees for Sanborn:**

Hardwick Select Board – 434 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Cemetery Trustees for Hardwick Street:**

Hardwick Select Board – 432 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Library Trustees (2) 3-year terms:**

Jodi Lew-Smith – 107 (elected)

Elizabeth Rossano – 96 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Trustees of Public Funds:**

Mario Fradette – 30 (elected)

Lorraine Hussey – 24 (elected)

**Town of Hardwick Fence Viewers:**

No one elected

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**Town of Hardwick Fire Department Officers:**

Voted as a Block - 496 (elected)

Chief: Tom Fadden

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief: Perley Allen

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief: David Hale  
Captain: Michael Gravel  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Mike Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Ken LaCasse  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant: Charles Bartlett  
Foreman: Lindsey O'Steen  
Assistant Foreman: Rick Sullivan  
Pipeman: Dave Colburn  
Assistant Pipeman: Dana Camp  
Axe Man: Devon Whipple  
Safety Officer: Davey Chase  
Training Officers: Tom Fadden/Perley Allen  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Bellavance  
Dispatcher: Lamoille County Sheriff

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*End of Minutes*