

**TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF UNITY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 18, 2023**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Unity, in the County of Sullivan, in the state of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 14th of March at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Town Meeting was called to order at 12:00 NOON by Moderator Fred Bellimer and recognized a motion to recess until 12:30P.M. in order to synchronize the start time with previously printed reports. Moved and seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator called attention to means of egress in the event of an emergency exit.

The Moderator gave instructions on the rules and procedures for making a motion and offering an amendment.

The Moderator announced a conflict between the meeting handout and the 2022 Town Annual Report (printed) which had an article out of sequence. The Moderator instructed the attendees to refer to the printed Annual Report for the correct sequence.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed. The Moderator read the results of the March 14, 2023, election of officials.

Article 2: To receive reports of Town Officers and take action therein. Article was moved and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 3: **Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,608,885** for General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$756,195
Executive	\$84,000
Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	\$116,920
Financial Administration	\$139,200
Revaluation of Property	\$22,500
Legal Expense	\$40,000
Personnel Administration	\$152,525

Planning and Zoning	\$4,750
General Government Buildings	\$106,100
Cemeteries	\$17,000
Insurance	\$29,200
Contingency Fund	\$28,500
Audit	\$15,500
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$155,250
Police	\$60,500
Ambulance	\$10,300
Fire	\$70,250
Fire Warden	\$2,000
Emergency Management	\$6,000
Building Inspection	\$6,200
HIGHWAY & STREETS	
Highways	\$541,200
SANITATION	\$97,500
Solid Waste Disposal	\$94,000
Household Hazardous Waste	\$900
Septage Agreement	\$2,600
HEALTH	
Animal Control	\$1,000
WELFARE	
Direct Assistance/Administration	\$5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$51,240
Parks and Recreation	\$9,700
Library	\$38,540
Old Home Day	\$3,000
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	\$0
Milfoil	\$1,500

Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to reclassify South Slack Rd from a Class V(5) town-maintained road to a class VI(6) non-town-maintained road. (Majority vote required)
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE

Discussion followed. A petition to conduct a secret-ballot vote was presented to the Moderator. A motion to amend the Article to include the wording, "subject to gates and bars, pursuant to RSA 231:45" was seconded. Discussion followed. Vote passed. Amendment passed.

Article 4: (continued)

Discussion followed. Motion to move the question was seconded. Vote passed.
Moderator instructed the audience the procedure to conduct the secret-ballot vote. 94 ballots were cast. 22 yes 72 no. The Article was not passed. Article defeated.

A motion to restrict further action on Article 4 was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of reconstruction of Mica Mine Rd. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Mica Mine Rd construction is completed or by 10/31/28, whichever is sooner. This construction will be from below Dump Hill to Unity Recycle Center and around the corner on Mica Mine Rd. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed. Vote passed.
Article passed.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the previously established Roads and Bridges Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to replace funds spent on the engineering of future improvements on Dump hill on Mica Mine Rd and the road, grounds, and parking lot around Town Hall. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to add to the Roads & Bridges Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for long-term maintenance of roads and bridges with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Landfill Well Monitoring Capital Reserve previously established. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$222,307 for the purpose of reconstruction and completion of Stage Rd. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until Stage Rd is completed or by the end of 5 years, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the maintenance of all town buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Vehicles. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund named Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate \$1000 to place in that fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article Passed.
A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the appropriated amount of \$1,000.00 in Article 13 to \$2,500.00. Motion made and seconded to accept the Amendment. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the previously established Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed. A member of the Fire Department discussed his impression that Select Board was appropriating the sum of \$50,000.00 versus the stated \$15,000.00. Discussion followed by Select Board agreeing the \$50,000.00 was originally agreed upon and the Article did not reflect the change. Motion made and seconded to reconsider the appropriation to \$50,000.00 versus the previously voted \$15,000.00. Vote passed. Article passed.

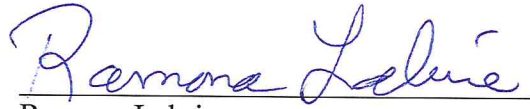
Article 15: To see if the town will vote to compensate Trustees of Trust Funds with yearend mileage and stipends, and to set stipends at \$1200, with mileage at federal rates. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed. Amendment to article ""and to set stipends at \$1,200.00 per Trustee" was added. Discussion followed. Motion to move the amendment was seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of adding to the previously established Vital Records Restoration Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A YES VOTE Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed. A motion was presented from the floor to reconsider the appropriated amount of \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Motion made and seconded. Vote passed. Article passed.

Article 17: To transact any other business as may come before said meeting. Discussion ensued on topics of Auditor's Report, Unity Elementary School 8th Grade class trip & raffle, Spring Roadside Clean-up Day.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56P.M.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ramona Labrie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Ramona Labrie
Town Clerk
March 22, 2023

Town of Unity NH - Town Election Results

14-Mar-23

Selectmen - 3 Years	
Gary A. ROSS	<u>76</u>
Shaylor DURANLEAU	31
Kelly SIMPSON	23
Adam FERLAND SR	15
Debra LEAHY	13
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	
Kelly BATOR	<u>9</u>
Sally TEAGUE	2
Judy HUFF	2
Sue SCHROETER	2
Penny TRABKA	2
Cathy LOMBARDO	1
Nancy ZEKOS	1
Mary NORRIS	1
Ed GREGORY	1
Mary GILMORE	1
Adam FERLAND	1
Rosemary HEINO	1
Gata BENSON	1
Kelly SIMPSON	1
Gloria GENTES	1
Gary ROSS	1
Shaylor DURANLEAU	1
LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3YR	
Mary NORRIS	<u>103</u>
Debra LEAHY	44
Sally TEAGUE	1
PLANNING BOARD - 3YR	
Mark RICHARDS	<u>9</u>
Dave BLISS	6
Nick TAYLOR	2
Bob TRABKA	2
Gary ROSS	2
Mark GENTES	2
Mary NORRIS	1
Shaylor DURANLEAU	1
Kevin BRENKER	1
Deb LEAHY	1
Judy HUFF	1
Mark KIRK	1
Judy TATEM	1

Garry BATOR	1
Ed GREGORY	1
William SCHROETER	1
Kelly BATOR	1
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - 3YR	
Mary NORRIS	<u>142</u>
Kelly BATOR	1
ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENTS (2) Seats	
Bob TRABKA	<u>6</u>
Sue SCHROETER	<u>5</u>
Shaylor DURANLEAU	3
Nancy ZEKOS	2
Mark GENTES	2
Megan McDEVITT	2
Heather BLISS	2
Mary NORRIS	1
Judy HUFF	1
Gary ROSS	1
Bob McDEVITT	1
Kelly SIMPSON	1
Adam FERLAND	1
John CALLUM	1
Sally TEAGUE	1
Adam BOARDMAN	1
Mary GILMORE	1
Tom FARMEN	1
Garry BATOR	1
Ed GREGORY	1
Kelly BATOR	1
Marc HATHAWAY	1
Andrew HART	1
BALLOT QUESTION - TAX COLLECTOR 3YR Term	
YES	<u>118</u>
NO	26