

Present were Shawnda Okeefe, Howard Walker, Barb Nolan who sat at the Board of Governors table. Jennifer Hanlon, Supervisor, sat at her desk and took notes. NEKTV was present to record the event, which was the first annual meeting of the UTG to be held in the new municipal building.. There had been 34 chairs set up and all except a few were full, with a few people standing. There appeared to be just enough room for everyone.

The meeting began at about 11:05. Jennifer read the voter checklist to affirm those present and voting. 26 voters were present with the checklist indicating 36 voters in the UTG on the checklist.

A vote for moderator for the meeting took place. Nomination for Dave Lafoe by George Brothers and seconded by Peter Rodin. Nomination for Barbara Walker by Irene Annis, seconded by Darrell Annis. 19 votes for Lafoe, 6 for Walker, 25 voting.

Dave Lafoe took the moderators position near the Board of Governors table. He said that this year things would be different, the meeting would be run according to Vermont Institute of Public Government. He said that in years past that the town meeting had been open and lax in that anyone who wanted to speak could. He said that today if anyone wanted to speak who was not a resident, that they could only do so with a two-thirds vote and would have to go through the moderator. He also said that the board of governors could only be voted on by paper ballot.

Vote for one Board of Governors position, nomination for Barb Nolan by Craig Nolan and George Brothers. No other nominations. All voters affirmed "ayes" and Lafoe directed one vote be cast by the clerk for Nolan. Questions on election procedures from audience, answered by Lafoe.

No discussion on the municipal budget or proposed tax rates previously warned. Land and building funds question from audience member, not allowed to ask question at first, then no objection raised so allowed to continue, wanted monetary figure on what mortgage is. Mortgage is \$143,500 in two payments yearly advised Barb Nolan. Motion by George Ackerson to accept, seconded by George Brothers. All voters affirmed "ayes" and the budget was passed.

Article IV - Non-binding business, Ray Royce of Canaan Hill said he "wanted to pass on" a petition. Dave Lafoe said that the Board of Governors would look at the petitions but could not act on them. Lafoe said the petition needed to be handed to the new board after the meeting is over and continued to say the voters were in charge today but petitions and personnel issues had to go through board of governors. One of the petitions referenced a statute that said the number of board members could be changed from three to five. The other petition was a recommendation that the supervisor not be reappointed along with other recommendations. Lafoe advised that the meeting could go by Roberts Rules "except for increase or decrease in number of selectboard (BOG) members on the board" The board would have to warn the meeting

in two parts Lafoe said, reading rules from VPIG. Lafoe explained to Royce that it would have to be put on special meeting petition.

Mary Brothers requested discussion on petitions, Lafoe said not at this time. More questions on special meetings answered by Lafoe. Mary Brothers wanted special meeting immediately following this annual meeting, Howard said no, that previously the board only did that once in a special circumstance, the formation of the new UTG ten years ago. Lafoe said he saw no special meeting rules that dictated when the special meeting had to take place, Question on board chair for year, explained by Howard, that senior person takes over chair position usually. George Brothers asked why that was not discussed in open meeting and was in executive session? Howard explained it was done in open meeting, Lafoe said question was out of realm of this annual meeting discussion.

Scott Wiggett asked question on legality of Petition, Lafoe responded “doubt it” when queried if board could ignore petition, and explained. Lafoe said petitions could not be read, some residents said they had not been advised of any petitions. Howard said a group of citizen voters have looked at a petition and wished it be passed to the board at the end of the meeting today and not everyone needs to see it to sign it. Mary Brothers read something from Vermont Constitution, said she had looked up some of the words and explained definitions over several minutes. Lafoe explained board of governors terms and possible new set up for elections for new positions. Said petitions would be considered. Sally Lafoe asked if Board of Governors responsibilities were elaborated on? Howard explained electorate votes for Board members and that they have more authority than selectboard does, explained basic duties. Dave Lafoe explained more on elected people in UTG, and responsibility of BOG to delegate authority and manage everything, Lafoe said the only people they get to vote for was Board of Governors, compared to Derby where town officers are voted on. Lafoe said only one meeting required - that is the annual meeting required of Board of Governors.

There being no other non-binding business, the meeting was ended at 11:35.

Barb Walker announced a meeting of people around northern lakes and that there would be cake after this meeting.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Hanlon, Supervisor

Approved:

Dave Lafoe, Moderator August 14, 2010