

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Williamstown are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williamstown Middle High School on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) to act upon the following articles. Voting for all Australian Ballot articles and elections will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from ten o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the evening (10:00 AM – 7:00 PM).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Matthew Powell, Moderator, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Matthew stated that if there was no objection, he would allow school and town officials to speak as some of them are not town residents.

Barbara Graham, Town Clerk, read the warning for the Paine Mountain School District.

Rodney Graham and Samantha Lefebvre, State Representatives from Orange County spoke briefly on what has been happening at the State House. Re-districting being a rather large topic as possibly a part of Williamstown will be separated and put with the Town of Barre. Mark MacDonald, State Senator spoke as well on issues that the senate has been addressing.

Matthew Powell had the school directors come up to the table and discuss any issues that anyone may have.

Matthew Fedders was introduced as the new superintendent of the school district. The main discussion was focused of mask wearing in schools. Whether to still mandate teachers and students to continue to wear them. Josh Dobrovich spoke that he is not in favor for mask mandate, and that it needs to stop. Superintendent, Matthew Fedders, and board members replied that this subject would be discussed at the next evening's meeting. Chris Locarno, Business Manager, explained the FY21 monies would be used to upgrade the air quality system in both schools. Williamstown would be in 2023 and Northfield in 2024.

Marion Powell made the motion and seconded by Richard Powell to recess for 5 minutes.

Town Meeting called back to order at 11:20 A.M.

ART 1: To elect the following officers of the Paine Mountain School District for the ensuing year by Australian ballot: Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and School Directors. Two (2) Williamstown School Directors for Three (3) Year Terms on Paine Mountain School Board. For the purpose of this article, the polls will be opened at 10:00 o'clock AM and closed at 7:00 o'clock PM.

The total votes cast were 410 for School Directors. The results were as follows:

School Director, 3 years

Joshua A. Dobrovich.....	125
Horace H. Duke, Jr.....	249
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	1
Blank.....	35
TOTAL.....	410

School Director, 1 year of a 3-year term

Danielle Moffatt.....	333
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	6
Blank.....	71
TOTAL.....	410

ART 2: **To see if the Paine Mountain School District will authorize the Board of Directors of the Paine Mountain School District to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....664 NO.....351

ART 3: **Shall the voters of the Paine Mountain School District approve the Paine Mountain School District Board to expend \$19,145,440 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year for the Paine Mountain School District. This represents a 3.39% increase from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,234 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.24% higher than spending for the current year. By Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....585 NO.....435

ART 4: **To see if the Paine Mountain School District will vote to apply \$150,000 of FY21 (2020-2021) audited fund balance to be placed in a Paine Mountain School District Capital Improvement Fund, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOL

YES.....659 NO.....264

School Moderator

Write-In Miscellaneous.....71
Blank.....995

School Clerk

Barbara Graham.....889
Write-In Misc.....6
Blank.....170
Spoiled.....1

School Treasurer

Kim Pedley.....935
Write-In Misc.....5
Blank.....124
Spoiled.....2

/s/Matthew Powell, Moderator

/s/Barbara Graham, Town Clerk