

BRIDGEWATER-HEBRON VILLAGE DISTRICT
Annual Election & Meeting Summary
April 10, 2012

The Annual Bridgewater-Hebron Village District Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 7:05 pm. Present were: Moderator Michael Capsalis, Commissioner Terence Murphy, Commissioner Derry Riddle, Commissioner Kathleen Connor, Treasurer Henry Woolner and approximately 20 residents.

Articles were as follows:

Article #1: “To Choose a District Commissioner and other officers for the ensuing three years.” This was done by paper ballot of which there were 43 ballots cast. Votes cast were as follows:

Commissioner – 3-year term:
Kathleen Connor – 43 votes

Treasurer – 3-year term:
Henry Woolner – 39 votes
Write-In (Don Franklin) – 2 votes

District Clerk – 3-year term:
Colleen Kenny – 41 votes

Article #2: “To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,800.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.”

Terence Murphy moved this article as written, Henry Woolner seconded the motion. Terence Murphy then moved to amend this article for correction purposes to the sum of \$83,500, which,

according to Henry Woolner, was a typographical error. This amendment was presented in writing to the Moderator and seconded by Kathleen Connor as follows:

Article #2: “To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,500.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.”

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget figures contained on the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget Report. Commissioners noted the phone system intercom and alarm board replacement, as well as the sealing of the gym floor and playground equipment repair. Article #2 passed as amended.

Article #3: “To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.”

Derry Riddle took a moment to recognize Mary Campbell of Hebron and her 24 years of dedicated service on the Newfound Area School Board.

Terence Murphy took a moment to thank Vince Migliore for his efforts as the Bridgewater School Board member. Vince also thanked Mary Campbell and acknowledged, “. . . her shoes will be very big ones to fill.” Vince encouraged residents to speak up and attend school board meetings.

Terence Murphy then spoke on the possibilities of B-HVS going from Kindergarten through 8th grade and the effect this would have on the students currently in B-HVS and future students from surrounding towns. Terence Murphy encouraged residents to talk about this with their friends and neighbors in order to determine if there are enough residents in favor to move forward with exploration. The B-HVD Board holds a neutral position regarding

the configuration of the school. Any action regarding this potential change in the structure of B-HVS would be the responsibility of each town's Board of Selectmen and the SAU, and not the responsibility of the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District.

Discussion opened to residents regarding the pros and cons of this change. There are many options to be discussed and studied to determine the appropriate action most advantageous to the children of B-HVS and within the SAU. It was stated that B-HVS was built for and could accommodate a K-8 scenario should the SAU choose that configuration.

While it was clear that this discussion would promise to be a lengthy one and not a discussion for the officers of the District, a motion to adjourn the B-HVD portion of this meeting was made by Kathleen Connor and seconded by Derry Riddle. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Kenny
Village District Clerk