

Tilton Northfield Water District
Annual Meeting
Pines Community Center, Northfield, NH
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Commissioner Arthur Demass, Commissioner Sean Chandler, Superintendent John Chase, District Clerk Michele Corey, Moderator James Shepard

Tilton Supervisors of the Checklist: Kathleen Mitchell, Desiree Daniels

Northfield Supervisors of the Checklist: Rose-Marie Welch, Peggy LaBrecque. Linda Luedke

Call to Order:

Moderator Shepard called the meeting to order at 6:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed. There were 0 members of the public present. Moderator Shepard recognized the passing of 2 members of the Supervisors of the Checklist, Bernard Chapman from Tilton and Terri Steady from Northfield. A moment of silence was observed.

Article 1 District Officers Open for Election:

Nominations from the floor began with the position of a Water District Commissioner for a (3) three year term.

Water District Commissioner for a (2) two year term – continuation of term.

Moderator Shepard opened the floor for nominations for Water District Commissioner for 3 years. Sean Chandler motioned to nominate Arthur Demass for Water District Commissioner. Seconded by Michele Corey. No other nominations.

Moderator Shepard then opened the floor for nominations for Water District Commissioner for a 2 year term-continuation of term. There were no nominations.

Arthur Demass motioned to close nominations, seconded by Desiree Daniels. All voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Ballot votes were cast.

Motion by Sean Chandler to close the polls. Seconded by Desiree Daniels. All voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Results of Article 1:

Arthur Demass – Commissioner - 5 votes

Article 2:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$528,301 for the operation of the District for 2023 with said sum to come from fees and charges and not from taxation, as recommended by the commissioners.

Sean Chandler motioned to approve Article 2 as read. Seconded by Arthur Demass.

Discussion: None

The Moderator called the question. All in favor. Article is approved.

Article 3:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of replacing one thousand nine hundred eighty feet of 8" water main on Chestnut Street, Daniel Drive, Prospect Street, West Street and one thousand eight hundred fifty feet of 2" water main on Maple Street, Poplar Street, Morrison Ave, and High Street Extension. This \$400,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article is non-lapsing per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is first. Recommended by the Commissioners. (Majority vote required)

Sean Chandler motioned to approve Article 3 as read. Seconded by Arthur Demass.

Discussion: James Shepard inquired if this was routine maintenance. Commissioner Chandler advised this is routine, however, there are more streets than we would normally update. Superintendent Chase advised that the Town of Tilton is preparing to perform work on these roads so this will allow us to replace the water mains at the same time.

The Moderator called the question. All in favor. Article is approved.

Article 4:

To see if the District will vote to amend the following Article X and section 2 of the District By-Laws to be:

Under the authority provided in RSA 38:28 for the defraying of the cost of acquisition, construction, payment of the interest on any debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of water systems, or construction, enlargement, or improvement of such systems, the board of water commissioners may establish a scale of rates to be called water rates, may prescribe the manner in which and the time at which such rates are to be paid and may change such scale from time to time as may be deemed advisable.

Sean Chandler motioned to approve Article 4 as read. Seconded by Arthur Demass.

Discussion: Commissioner Chandler advised that if rates need to be raised in the coming year we would have to have a special meeting in order to do that. The Article is proposed in anticipation of having to raise rates in the future. Updating this By-Law will prevent us from requiring a special meeting or annual meeting and allow the Commissioners to make updates to the rates as needed.

The Moderator called the question. All in favor. Article is approved.

Article 5:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

None

Adjournment:

With nothing further, at 6:20 p.m. **Sean Chandler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Arthur Demass. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Corey

District Clerk