

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10th, 2020**

**Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Absentee ballots opened at 4:00 p.m. finished at 4:10 p.m.
Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.
Polls closed at 7:35 and counting of ballots began
Counts given to Town Clerk at 8:30 to complete necessary paperwork, adjourned at 9:00p.m.**

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
Steven Holt	87
Jim Jennison	133
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson	213
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	211
Moderator – One person for two-year term	
John Luther	222
Local Auditor – One person for one-year term	
Lisa DeValk	201
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term	
Tim Perry	199
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term	
Lillie Leblanc	208
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term	
Michael Aron	169
Joe Fedora	167
Library Trustee – Two person for three-year term	
Douglas Robinson	189
Guy Russell	180
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
Judy Aron	168
Susan Metsack	193

Moderator John Luther John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those who still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

John read a letter from the Select Board which presented Gordon Gowen the Boston Post Cane Award.

John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. That any comments be addressed to him and that people would be respectful to one another.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

**Article two moved by Mike Aron. Seconded by Katie Walsh.
With no discussion, article two was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE TWO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**Ken Grant. Seconded by William Starks.
With no discussion, article three was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,327,803.7 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *The Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article four moved by Steve Holt. Seconded by Susan Metsack.
With no discussion, article four was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article five moved by Judy Aron. Seconded by Brenda Melius.
With no discussion, article five was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 to the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article six moved by Will Starks. Seconded by Brenda Melius.
With no discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article seven moved by Ed Metsack. Seconded by Joe Fedora.
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article eight moved by William Stark. Seconded by Maureen Thibodeau.
With no discussion, article eight was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.*

**Article nine moved by Brenda Melius. Seconded by George Collins.
With little discussion, article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE NINE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for the future purchase of a fire truck by Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article ten moved by Caroline Gerard. Seconded by Ken Grant
After some discussion and explanation by Gary Baber, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.**

ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Mike Aron spoke on the Planning Board and the need for some alternate members for anyone interested.

Greg Thibodeau from the Memorial Park Committee went over the accomplishments of the year and what the plans are for the upcoming year. The committee will be putting together various fundraisers this year as well as selling pavers to put around the flag pole. These pavers are available to any for \$35 for a family and \$40 for military with a military emblem.

There was some discussion on the Corona Virus. Kathi Bradt spoke on the ways current information about this is being handled.

Moderator announced at 7:35 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. There was no one else to vote, polls closed at 7:35 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 8:30 p.m. The information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk**