

Article 3: *The Town voted to place on the ballot at the 2015 Annual Town Elections the question: “Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the town? Yes__ No__”.*

*The article was moved and seconded and after a very brief discussion the question was then called and **the Moderator declared it approved by a majority voice vote with some opposed.***

Article 4: *The Town voted to accept Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code”, including amendments or modifications thereto, regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.*

*The article was moved and seconded and Jim Barry, Regional Coordinator, Green Communities Division, Western Region, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, 436 Dwight St, Springfield, MA 01003 was given permission to speak to the issue and after everyone who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the question was called and **the Moderator declared it approved by a majority voice vote with some opposed.***

Article 5: *The Town voted to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bernardston (dated June 27, 2013) by changing the zoning district designation of the parcels outlined and identified by the letter ‘A’ on the attached map from R1 (Residential/One Acre) to CV (Center Village).*

*The article was moved and seconded and after everyone who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the question was called and on a floor count of 39 in favor to 9 against **the Moderator declared it passed by a 2/3 majority as required for changes in Zoning By-laws.***

Article 6: *The Town voted to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bernardston (dated June 27, 2013) by changing the zoning district designation of the parcels outlined and identified by the letter ‘B’ on the attached map from R1 (Residential/One Acre) to CV (Center Village).*

*The article was moved and seconded and after everyone who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the question was called and on a floor count of 37 in favor to 7 against **the Moderator declared it passed by a 2/3 majority as required for changes in Zoning By-laws.***

Article 7: *The Town voted to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bernardston (dated June 27, 2013) by changing the zoning district designation of the parcels outlined and identified by the letter ‘C’ on the attached map from R/A (Residential/Agricultural) to CV (Center Village).*

*The article was moved and seconded and after everyone who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the question was called and on a floor count of 33 in favor to 7 against **the Moderator declared it passed by a 2/3 majority as required for changes in Zoning By-laws.***

Article 8: *The Town voted* to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bernardston (dated June 27, 2013) by changing the zoning district designation of the parcels outlined and identified by the letter 'D' on the attached map from B (Business) to CV (Center Village).

The article was moved and seconded and after everyone who wanted to speak on the issue had spoken, the question was called and on a floor count of 32 in favor to 8 against the Moderator declared it passed by a 2/3 majority as required for changes in Zoning By-laws.

Article 9: WITHDRAWN [PASSED OVER]: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bernardston (dated June 27, 2013) by changing the zoning district designation of the parcels outlined and identified by the letter 'E' on the attached map from B (Business) to CV (Center Village,) or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. (*This article is proposed by the Planning Board.*)

It was MOVED and SECONDED to withdraw [PASS OVER] the article at the request of the planning board. The Moderator declared the article withdrawn [PASSED OVER] by a unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

A True Copy:

Attest:



Paul W. Luther, Bernardston Town Clerk

Addendum to the Minutes of the October 8, 2014 Special Town Meeting:

Letter of Melanie Lewis, Current Treasurer, Read by Virginia Budness at the Special Town meeting October 8, 2014 with regard to Articles 2 & 3.

"I [*would like to take this opportunity to*] ask you to please revisit the way in which this position is filled. This is not a position that should be elected, as the amount of professional knowledge required to do it correctly is immense. This position requires knowledge in not only financing but also investments, payroll, retirement, insurances and government. This is absolutely a professional position, that should be hired and compensated accordingly. I now find it baffling fully realizing what is involved that a citizen with zero knowledge could walk into this office and handle our town's finances, as well as the human resources for all of our employees."

[*Respectfully Melanie Jane Lewis*], [as read by Virginia Budness]

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