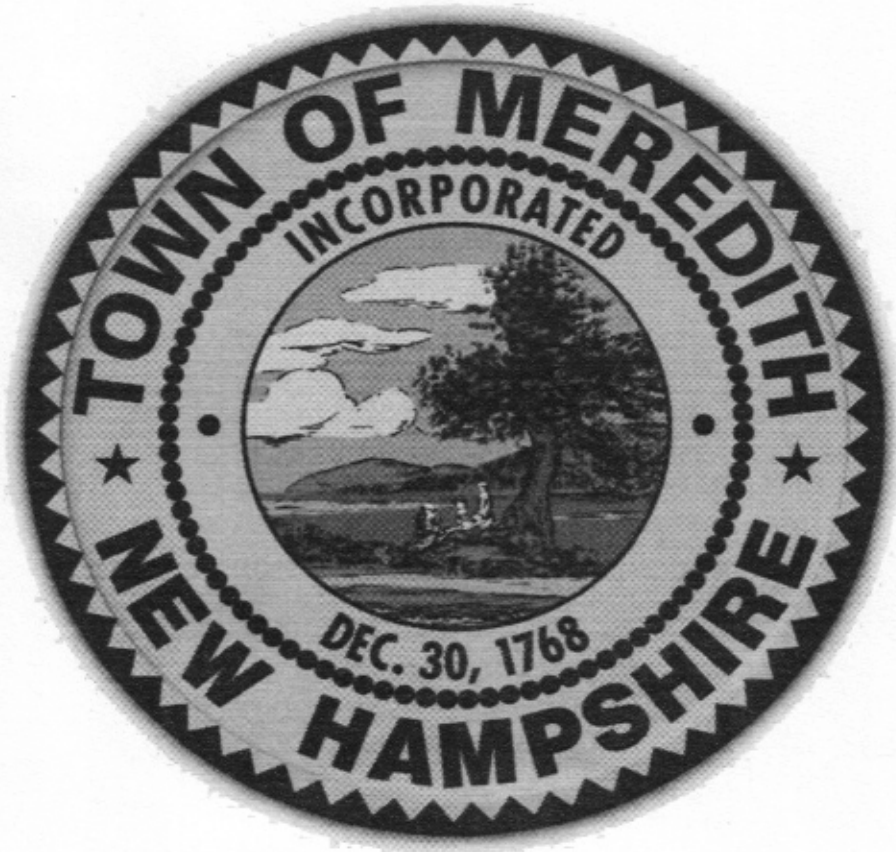


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Executive Summary

Linda Powell stated that it reads prohibit not that the Town would have a say in control, which the article does not address. Jeanie stated that this article is to get a sense of what the community is wanting going forward but that it is non-binding. If we vote no then we would do nothing if Marijuana is legalized in the state but that if we vote no we can be proactive by having the different boards the ability to adjust ordinances Bill Bayard asked if this should be amended to read all commercial cultivators. Jeanie stated that supports the article as written but that an amendment could be put thru to state his request. Bill requested to have the article amended to read Commercial cultivators seconded by Martin Mitchell. Attorney Laura Spector confirmed that this would be a non-binding article. Keith Forrester stated that the Article is prefaced with commercial and does not believe it needs to be amended.

With a show of voter cards Article 15 as amended failed

Lynn Montana requested that we table this issue, seconded by Len Gilsenberg. Jeanie reiterated that this is a non-binding article. Tom Crane asked that if we vote yes and then they legalize Marijuana does that automatically allow the select board to decide for the town what can go where?

With a show of voter cards Article 15 is tabled.

Frank Michel asked how this last article get to be in front of the meeting, Jeanie responded that it was herself that brought it forward to the board.

ARTICLE 16 NH Resolution To Take Action On Climate Pollution

We the town of Meredith hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17,2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Meredith's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Meredith's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Meredith's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (Submitted by petition)

Richard DeMark motioned to approve Article 16 as proposed, seconded by David Lorch. Rick spoke in favor of the Article and ask for approval. Georgiana and Jaydie, Interlakes students who addressed the group asking for your support as well.

Jack Carty spoke against the Article as most of the pollution is coming from other countries and it is blown this way from the west.

Keith Forrester spoke about the article as an environmental engineer expert, stating that there are too many aspects and its complicated to get behind this at this time.

Diana Jurius reiterated what Keith stated and would not support this at this time.

Paula Trombi spoke in favor of this Article

Rick Demark spoke to clarify the Article points

With a show a voter cards Article 16 passes

After recognizing Mark Billings for 9 years of service the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri A. Parker, Town Clerk Meredith