

Bisson back on Pownal board

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POWNAL — Voters elected Stephen Kauppi and Ronald Bisson to the Select Board.

Kauppi, who received 363 votes, has been on the board for the past four years, while Bisson, who had 293 votes, served previously until two years ago.

They defeated Neil Krawczyk Jr., an incumbent who had 275 votes, and newcomer Michael Gardner Jr., who received 204 votes, in a race for two one-year seats.

Albert LaFontaine was elected town constable with 392 votes. He had been appointed last year to fill the position when it was left vacant by Joel Howard, now a member of the Bennington County Sheriff's Department.

LaFontaine defeated Jody Kocsis, 78 votes, David A. Sorel, 46 votes, and Andrew Weber, 107 votes.

Angie Rawling and Randy Monhollen were elected to the School Board with 335 and 392 votes respectively. Rawling has been on the board 11 years, while Monhollen is a newcomer to the board.

Marilyn Gardner, an incumbent, received 262 votes.

The following people were elected, running unopposed: Karen J. Burrington, town clerk; Ellen Strohmaier, treasurer; Tim Holbrook, town moderator; Don Prouty Jr., Select Board; Barbara Schlesinger, lister; Charles B. Palmer, town agent; Cynthia Brownell, grand juror; Clinton Hutchins, auditor; Gayle Rogers, auditor.

Voters approved all of the articles on the ballot, including an appropriation of \$769,470 for the general expenses of the town, of which \$493,581.68 would be raised by taxes and an appropriation \$812,310 to the highway fund, of which \$586,482.42 would be raised by taxes.

The town approved a school budget of \$3,532,031, and an article for the School District to raise \$27,000 for the school bus sinking fund.

Residents also voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Solomon Wright Public Library, \$60,000 to the Pownal Fire Protective Association Inc., \$52,000 to the Pownal Valley Fire Department, and \$30,000 to the Pownal Rescue Squad for ambulance replacement, along with other minor

expenditures.

Of the 2,500 registered Pownal voters, 652 participated in Tuesday's voting.

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