

Town of Northwood 2014 Town Meeting Deliberative Session Minutes February 1, 2014

Moderator Hal Kreider called the meeting to order at **Coe Brown Northwood Academy**, 907 First NH Turnpike, in said Northwood on **Saturday**, **February 1**, **2014 at 9:03 AM** to participate in the *First Session* of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator acknowledged the veterans as being responsible for us being able to be at the meeting. He then led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

The Moderator explained that this session would consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered Two (2) through Twenty (20), and that the Warrant Articles could be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

The Moderator went on to explain that the Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session" would be held at the **Parish Center at St. Joseph's Church**, 844 First NH Turnpike, in said Northwood on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014.** The polls will be open from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

The Moderator announced that candidates' night would be held at town hall at 7:00 pm on February 19, 2014.

Selectman Scott Bryer and Kevin Murphy recognized Joann Bailey for her service as Trustee of Trust Funds for 30 years. Selectman Bryer presented her a plaque. Ms. Bailey said it was her pleasure to serve and she thanked everyone.

Moderator then went on with the warrant.

Article 2: 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

Ginger Dole moved and Dan McNally seconded to see if the Town would raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,347,837. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,433,194 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Estimated tax impact: \$.09)

Mike Faiella stated he wondered why there was a tax impact if the budget is lower than last years'. Town Administrator Brent Lemire explained that it was not lower, that it was higher due to mandated increases.

Seeing no more discussion, and by a show of ballots, it was voted unanimously to place Article 2 on the ballot as written.

Article 3: AMBULANCE PAYMENT

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the Town would raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617) for the second of five annual payments on a five year lease on Ambulance 1 and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Forty-eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617) from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2013 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

There was no discussion, so with a show of cards, it was voted unanimously to place Article 3 on the ballot as written.

Article 4: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1**) (**Estimated tax impact: \$.03**)

There was no discussion, and by a show of cards, it was voted unanimously to place Article 4 on the ballot as written.

Article 5: CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **One hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000)** for the purpose of constructing a one-story, two bay maintenance facility for the Highway vehicles. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the highway facility is completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-3) (Estimated tax impact: \$.30)

Joe McCaffrey asked for details about what this \$145,000 was for, stating that it seems only to be an estimate. He asked whether this was just for the building, or were other things, like landscaping, electrical, etc. included in that figure. Selectman Holden explained that the Highway Department is currently housed in the Recycling Building. He stated that the Recycling Committee wants to do a better job of recycling. Approximately 1-1/2 years ago a letter was sent from the Committee requesting to take back the building. He stated that if this article does not pass, the building will continue to house the Highway Department, but in the future the Town will need to do something to revert it back to the Recycling Committee. Administrator Lemire stated they researched the matter and contacted a company that does prefab buildings. A quote was received for an 1800 sq. ft. building. The proposed location near the salt shed has been checked out by Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. McCaffrey stressed that there needs to be good overall facts of what is proposed. Selectman Holden stated that they are looking for a shell to give the highway department a place for repairs, etc. Bob Bailey noted that there is a Highway Advisory Committee and that they were not aware of this requested article until just now. He went on to say that they would need water and septic, which would be a lot more than the \$145,000. He stated that you can't even build an outhouse for that money. Also that the market is not good for glass or plastic and that we have a smooth running operation in recycling currently. Selectman Holden stated that there is a well on site, and that there could be a holding tank at a minimum for septic. He went on to emphasize that the Recycling Committee has asked for their building back.

Rick Wolf stated that not much money was currently being made in recycling, that \$25,000 would be good. Ginger Dole quoted the figure of \$22,605. Administrator Lemire stated that Steve Preston had obtained a grant for half of the cost of a bailer and fork lift. Mr. Wolf went on to say that it would cost more money to keep recycling inside. Mr. Faiella asked who supplied the money for the grant, was it federal or State. Administrator Lemire said he was not sure. Tom Chase commented that recycled materials will bring more money with the improvements in economy. He stated he supports this article. Mr. McCaffrey asked whether having the materials in the building would make up the amount of money that this building would cost. He stated there would probably need to be an additional part time or full time employee. Mr. Bailey moved, Ms. Dole seconded to move the question. By show of cards, the vote was 20 in favor, 13 opposed. Mr. Faiella asked what happens if he voted no. Moderator Kreider stated they could just change the dollar amount, but it would still go on the ballot. Mr. Chase said they could change the amount either up or down, or change the date of completion.

Ann Bailey asked to move to limit participation to one person one time per article for 3 minutes. Mr. Bailey seconded. Linda Smith moved to amend to add one minute for a redirect. Ms. Dole seconded. Much discussion continued. Ms. Smith removed her amendment, and Ms. Dole removed her second. Mr. Faiella stated there were already too many rules, and that we should have freedom of speech, and that he always votes against moving the question. Motion defeated. At this point, with a show of cards it was voted to place the article on the ballot as read.

Article 6: PUBLIC SAFETY DIGITAL RADIO REPEATER SYSTEM

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixteen thousand five hundred seventy three dollars** (\$16,573.00) for the purchase of a radio repeater system for use by the Police, Fire, Emergency Management and Highway Departments. (**Majority vote required**). (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0**) (Estimated tax impact: \$.03)

Mr. McCaffrey asked for the Fire Chief to speak. Chief Jim Lindquist explained that a repeater system allows for more communication within the town. Kurt Schreiber asked if there would be a separate tower and Chief stated no. By a show of cards, the article was approved to be placed on the ballot as read.

Article 7: TOWN HALL HVAC SYSTEM UPGRADE

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) for the purpose of upgrading the heating/cooling systems of the Northwood Town Hall, and to approve the withdrawal of Forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) from the previously established Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to fund this article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

Administrator Lemire explained that there are currently two separate systems and they are very costly. He stated there was money in Capital Reserve Fund for this upgrade, and that it would save money. Mr. McCaffrey asked where the money came from in the Fund and Administrator Lemire replied that it had been from tax payer money in the past. Mr. McCaffrey asked if it had been specified for any particular purpose and Selectman Bryer stated it was for general use for town hall. By a show of cards, it was voted to put the article on the ballot.

Article 8: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen thousand**, **four hundred thirty eight dollars (\$13,438.00)**, to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount

from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

Robbie Robertson asked Selectman Bryer to explain the article. Selectman Bryer stated money is received for dumping services and then this money is used for repairs to the lagoon. By a show of cards it was voted to place the article on the ballot as written.

Article 9: GRANT MATCH EXPENDABLE TRUST

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be placed in the previously established Grant Match Expendable Trust for town grants and local matching funds to enable the Town of Northwood departments to apply for and receive State and Federal Grant money. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)** (**Estimated tax impact: \$.03**)

Mr. McCaffrey asked how much money was currently in this fund and Administrator Lemire replied there was \$18,352. By a show of cards it was approved to place the article on the ballot as written.

Article 10: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs and replacement of general government buildings. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0**) (**Estimated tax impact: \$.03**)

Mr. McCaffrey asked how much was in the fund, and was told there was \$17,458. He was advised that the Ridge fire station project was earmarked for this money, and that the money currently in fund was set for improvements to Community Center. With a show of cards, the article passed to be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11: TRANSFER STATION EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-two thousand**, **six hundred five dollars** (\$22,605.00) to be placed in the existing Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing transfer station equipment and repairing and maintaining the transfer station buildings and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received from the sale of recyclable materials in 2013. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of

Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

Selectman Bryer explained that the funds received at the Transfer Station were deposited into the fund. By a show of cards the article passed to be placed on the ballot as read.

Article 12: MILFOIL TREATMENT AND CONTROL PROGRAM EXPENDABLE TRUST

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Milfoil Treatment and Control Program Expendable Trust Fund. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0**) (**Estimated tax impact: \$.01**)

Selectman Holden explained that there was a milfoil problem, and that money in this Trust was being used at Northwood Lake and Jenness Pond. Mr. Chase stated that the Trust should be expanded to include other invasive species. Administrator Lemire said they could change the name for next year. Mary Faiella asked why could it not be changed this year. Selectman Holden stated that it could be viewed as changing the intent of the article. Ms. Faiella stated she thought this was the purpose of this meeting, and that there needs to be a better understanding of what can be done at the meeting. Selectman Holden stated he would leave it up to the moderator. Moderator Kreider stated that he would put it out to the audience. He suggested someone amend the article, adding that it "can be used for other invasive species." If it proved to be illegal, then the article would go back to its original wording. Ms. Smith suggested not doing so this year because it puts the funds in jeopardy. Bob Young suggested waiting until next year. Ellen Schreiber stated that we should have legal representatives at the meeting to settle these issues. More discussion followed. Ms. Dole then asked to end discussion. Mr. Chase seconded, and her motion carried. By a show of cards, it was voted to place the article on ballot as written.

Article 13: BENEFIT PAY VESTED TIME EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Estimated tax impact: \$.03)**

Selectman Holden explained that there is an estimated future liability of \$165,000, and that the fund has approximately \$45,000 in it currently. By a show of cards, the article passed to be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 14: CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Three thousand**, **six hundred ninety-two**

dollars (\$33,692.00) to be deposited into the previously established Cable Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This amount is equivalent to the amount received as cable TV franchise fees in the year 2013. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

With no discussion and by a show of cards, the article passed to be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 15: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAY (ROAD) AGENT

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the Town would authorize the selectmen to appoint the town highway (road) agent in accordance with RSA 231:62, rather than electing a highway agent. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0)

There being no discussing, with a show of cards, the article passed to be placed on ballot as written.

Article 16: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the Town would vote to establish an expendable trust fund to be named: *Northwood's 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund*, for the purpose of expenses incurred for events in relation to the anniversary celebration, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five hundred (\$500) dollars** to go into this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)** (**Estimated tax impact: less than \$.01**)

Joann Bailey explained that a pung, similar to the one on our town seal, has been donated to the Historical Society. It is in need of repair and once those repairs have been completed, it will be put on display for the 250th celebration. Mr. Faiella asked when that would be and was told 2025. By a show of cards, the article passed to be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 17: DEFIBRILLATOR LEASE/PURCHASE

Selectman Holden moved and Selectman Bryer seconded to see if the town would vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for **Sixtyseven thousand**, **one hundred five dollars** (\$67,105) for the purpose of lease/purchasing two LifePak15 Monitor/Defibrillator Units for use by the Northwood Fire-Rescue Department on emergency medical incidents, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen thousand**, **three hundred eighty-four dollars** (\$13,384) for the first year's payment for that purpose; and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the

withdrawal of said sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0) (No additional tax impact)

Fire Chief Lindquist introduced Peter Landry from Physio Control who stated these new defibrillators were ten times better and quicker than the current ones. He stated that they can be updated reducing the need to replace as often and that they are manufactured in the United States. Ms. Faiella asked if they would be retiring the current one or would they then have three. The Chief stated that they would still use the old one on the engine. Selectman Holden stated the need for it. Ms. Dole stated that the current one is at its life expectancy now, and that she supported the article. Mr. Schreiber asked if it came with a training package. Chief Lindquist said it did. Ms. Faiella asked if this would be an article that we could amend. Diane Kizirian stated she was in favor. Mr. Chase asked if we could amend to have the funds come from taxation rather than surplus. Mr. Bailey asked to move the question and it was seconded. By a show of cards, his motion passed. By another show of cards, the vote on the question passed to have the article placed on the ballot as read.

Article 18: RECREATION FACILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Holden seconded to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the balance of **Fifty-three thousand**, **five dollars and seventy-nine cents** (\$53,005.79) remaining in the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2013, for the purpose of continuing construction of the new athletic fields and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2016, whichever is sooner. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)** (No additional impact on the tax rate)

With little discussion and by a show of cards the article passed to be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 19: (By Petition) NH RESOLUTION TO GET MONEY OUT OF POLITICS

This Article was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED, the People of Northwood, New Hampshire, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Northwood, New Hampshire, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Ms. Smith stated she had questions about the article but the original petitioner was not present. She said we should know what we are voting on. Ms. Faiella concurred with Linda, stating she was not clear where the language is coming from and what it would actually mean. Mr. Faiella stated that the petitioner should be here to explain. He stated the article came from Democratic 2012 platform, and that it was an attempt to eliminate the First Amendment. Tim Jandebeur said it was an attempt to shut up one side of the aisle by the other side. Joann Bailey stated that Ms. Edwards would have been here probably if her husband was not ill. Ms. Schreiber stated, that although she was a democrat, she thought someone needed to be here to represent it. On a motion to move the question, by a show of cards the motion passed. By another show of cards it was voted to place the article on the ballot as written.

Article 20: (By Petition) RECLASSIFY FINAL SECTION OF WELSH ROAD

Mr. Jandebeuer moved and Mr. McCaffrey seconded to see if the town would vote to reclassify the last section of Welsh Road as completely discontinued thereby returning the land to the present landowners in accordance with NH RSA 231:43. This section starts at the edge of tax map 243 lot 22 and extends 550 feet to the old Ebenezer Knowlton foundation, staying entirely within lot 22. This would eliminate any town responsibility.

Mr. Jandebeur asked to amend the article to read "map 242, lot 17 and entirely within lot 17". Mr. Wolf seconded. The amendment passed. Mr. Jandebeur stated the reason for this article was that it had been under discussion for the past few years as to whether it is a town road. This would eliminate this concern. He went on to explain details. With no further discussion and by a show of cards the article passed to be placed on the ballot with the amendment.

Article 21: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before this meeting, so it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:10 A.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy C. Pease

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

RESULTS OF OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2014

MODERATOR	LIBRARY TRUSTEE
For 2 years (Vote for 1)	For 3 years (Vote for 1)
Hal Kreider 538	Margaret Walker 553
Write-In 4	Write-In 1
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	PLANNING BOARD
For 2 years (Vote for 1)	For 3 years (Vote for 2)
Timothy Jandebeur 439	Richard Bojko 336
Write-In 83	Lucy Edwards 334
	Joseph McCaffrey 307
	Write-In 7
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	POLICE COMMISSION
For 3 years (Vote for 1)	For 3 years (Vote for 1)
Scott Bryer 492	John Schlang 402
Write-In 31	Albert Peel 142
	Write-In 3
TREASURER	SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
For 3 years (Vote for 1)	For 6 years (Vote for 1)
Sandra Priolo 537	Jane Sorel 527
Write-In 2	Write-In 3
BUDGET COMMITTEE	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
For 3 years (Vote for 4)	For 3 years (Vote for 1)
Keith McGuigan 415	Jane Sorel 510
Althea "Bunny" Behm 443	Write-In 2
Michael Carlton 388	
Joseph McCaffrey 391	
Write-In 30	
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	
For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
Stephen A. Bailey 539	
Write-In 7	

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Yes 398 No 157

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Yes 542 No 100

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Yes 404 No 243

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Yes 202 No 439

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Yes 395 No 245

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Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) for the purpose of upgrading the heating/cooling systems of the Northwood Town Hall, and to approve the withdrawal of Forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) from the previously established Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to fund this article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

Yes 410 No 234

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Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen thousand, four hundred thirty eight dollars (\$13,438.00)**, to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-0) (No impact on the tax rate)**

Yes 470 No 168

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Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand dollars** (\$15,000) to be placed in the previously established Grant Match Expendable Trust for town grants and local matching funds to enable the Town of Northwood departments to apply for and receive State and Federal Grant money. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0**) (**Estimated tax impact: \$.03**)

Yes 407 No 233

Article 10: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund

previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs and replacement of general government buildings. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Estimated tax impact: \$.03)

Yes 343 No 293

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Yes 475 No 173

Article 12: MILFOIL TREATMENT AND CONTROL PROGRAM EXPENDABLE TRUST

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000) to be deposited into the previously established Milfoil Treatment and Control Program Expendable Trust Fund. (**Majority vote required**) (**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**) (**Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0**) (**Estimated tax impact:** \$.01)

Yes 443 No 197

Article 13: BENEFIT PAY VESTED TIME EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
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(\$15,000) to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Estimated tax impact: \$.03)

Yes 271 No 373

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the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This amount is equivalent to the amount received as cable TV franchise fees in the year 2013. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-0) (No impact on the tax rate)

Yes 431 No 215

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Yes 273 No 358

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Yes 442 No 201

Article 17: DEFIBRILLATOR LEASE/PURCHASE

Shall the Town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for **Sixty-seven thousand**, **one hundred five dollars** (\$67,105) for the purpose of lease/purchasing two LifePak15 Monitor/Defibrillator Units for use by the Northwood Fire-Rescue Department on emergency medical incidents, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen thousand**, **three hundred eighty-four dollars** (\$13,384) for the first year's payment for that purpose; and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2013. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0) (No additional tax impact)

Yes 539 No 110

Article 18: RECREATION FACILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the balance of **Fifty-three thousand, five dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$53,005.79)** remaining in the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2013, for the purpose of continuing construction

dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$53,005.79) remaining in the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2013, for the purpose of continuing construction of the new athletic fields and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2016, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (No additional impact on the tax rate)

Yes 473 No 177

Article 19: (By Petition) NH RESOLUTION TO GET MONEY OUT OF POLITICS

RESOLVED, the People of Northwood, New Hampshire, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Northwood, New Hampshire, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Yes 401 No 218

Article 20: (By Petition) RECLASSIFY FINAL SECTION OF WELSH ROAD

To see if the town will vote to reclassify the last section of Welsh Road as completely discontinued thereby returning the land to the present landowners in accordance with NH RSA 231:43. This section starts at the edge of tax map 242 lot 17 and extends 550 feet to the old Ebenezer Knowlton foundation, staying entirely within lot 17. This would eliminate any town responsibility.

Yes 484 No 128

Respectfully submitted, Ourly C Rease

Judy C. Pease, Town Clerk/Tax Collector