

**2014 TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting of the voters of the Town of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, called at the Chesterfield School in said town on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Moderator Pro Tempore Warren Allen called the Town Meeting to order at 10:00 in the forenoon at the Town Hall and declared the polls open for voting by ballot for Town Officials and to amend Zoning Ordinances.

Polls were closed at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall and voting resumed at 6:30 pm at the Chesterfield School. Moderator Michael Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:35 and announced that the polls would remain open until 8 pm.

Police Chief Lester Fairbanks led the meeting in the salute to the flag.

Elaine Levlocke and Jon McKeon spoke of the dedication of the Town Report to Carol Ross and the loss the town suffered with her passing. A moment of silence followed.

ARTICLE 3: Budget Committee Chairman Bayard Tracy gave an overview of the budget, saying there will be substantial increases. He pointed out that the school accounts for 49% of taxes while the town is 19%. Increases will be almost \$200.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

ARTICLE 4: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Jon McKeon to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand and Eight Hundred and Four Dollars (\$2,968,804) for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

1. Executive	137,117
2. Elections, Registrations, Vital Stats	52,958
3. Financial Administration	64,779
4. Legal Expense	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	459,450
6. Planning Board	14,000
7. Board of Adjustment	5,450
8. General Government Buildings	50,900
9. Cemeteries	47,812
10. General Insurance	31,000
11. Regional Association (SWRPC)	4,000
12. Economic Development Committee	2,400
13. Police	418,276
14. Police Reimbursable Detail	25,000
15. Ambulance	80,100
16. Code Enforcement	26,000
17. Office of Emergency Management	25,030
18. Forest Fires	6,000
19. Highway/Town Road Maintenance	800,319
20. Street Lighting	21,500
21. Solid Waste	216,476
22. Health Officer	1,750
23. Animal Control	1,650
24. Other Health (Hepatitis B Shots)	300
25. General Assistance	30,000
26. Parks and Recreation	99,585
27. Library	133,802
28. Patriotic Purposes	500
29. Conservation Commission	3,550

30. Debt Service
TOTAL

184,100
2,968,804

Gary Winn asked about the Ware's Grove house, had anything changed. Jon McKeon responded that the selectmen are still in the process of assessing. Merrill Yeaw said he thought there had been talk of getting rid of the house and paying the Parks and Recreation director more money instead. Jon McKeon replied that the Selectmen will know more after Town Meeting. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$280,190) for the purpose of resurfacing Town roads, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 6: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Bart Bevis, to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000) to be added to the already established Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Bart Bevis, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the already established Highway Rights of Way Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the already established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**\$15,000** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Bayard Tracy explained that the Budget Committee felt that in a year when taxes are high this item could be cut back. Rather than a walk-through a statistical revaluation could be done. He followed with a motion to amend article 8 to \$15,000. It was seconded by Peter Brady. Jon McKeon responded that this would constrain the Selectmen in 4 year's time and that people didn't seem to like the previous statistical assessment. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The article also passed.

ARTICLE 9: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the already established Town Hall Annex Renovations Capital Reserve Fund or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Bayard Tracy once again cited the rise in taxes for this year in explaining why the Budget Committee was against this otherwise worthy motion. In response to a question from Bart Bevis, Jon McKeon explained that nothing has been done to the annex yet; the money is a savings account for when there is a firm plan. Bart stated he wants the historical integrity of the building maintained. Dutch Walsh mentioned that grants are available in the form of matching funds. Lester Fairbanks said that putting a little aside each year is a good idea. The annex—and kitchen—is used a lot but is barely useable. In response to Nelson Fegley, Jon McKeon stated that rentals for the Town Hall brought in approximately \$2000 last year. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the already established Town Office Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Dan Cotter stood to explain that though the Budget Committee originally did not recommend this article, it was because it had been a higher amount. They *do* approve of the \$5,000 figure Jon McKeon stated that this was for basic maintenance costs. Renee Fales offered that after 2016 no maintenance money will be available from Vermont Yankee. Jon McKeon, responding to Burt Riendeau, stated that there was currently approximately \$20,000 in this CRF. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Steve Laskowski, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the development of the Master Plan. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Master Plan is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Elaine Levlocke explained that the Master Plan must be done every 7 years. It is the townspeople's vision for the town and is an important document to have when applying for grants. In response to a question from Gary Winn it was pointed out that Southwest Regional Planning Commission estimates the cost to be \$30,000 which includes surveys, maps and population information. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) to be added to the already established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Dan Cotter stood to say that the amounts of all Capital Reserve Funds can be found on page 51. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Jim Larkin to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the already established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 14: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a police cruiser and switchover costs, and authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Elaine Levlocke stood to offer the following amendment to Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a police cruiser and switchover costs, and authorize the withdrawal of up to Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to come from the proceeds from an insurance settlement, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Dan Cotter seconded the amendment. Lester Fairbanks explained that the police cruiser was damaged when it was T-boned on Rt 9. The amendment passed on a voice vote as did the amended Article 14.

ARTICLE 15: Elaine Levlocke moved to pass over Article 15, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300) for the purchase of a Mobile Laptop for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

The motion to pass over was approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to replace the Digital Video Recorder, 2 Video Cameras and configure the Virtual Private Network at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Lester Fairbanks explained that this was needed for liability and safety reasons as well as to replace broken equipment. Merrill Yeaw expressed concern about protecting the equipment from lightning. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase of Ballistic Vests for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for computer upgrades at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 19: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the already established Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 20: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for Roof Repairs at the Library and authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Ken Walton offered an amendment, seconded by Susan Newcomer to increase the amount to \$35,000. Bayard Tracy stated that the Budget Committee went by the Melanson figures. Dutch Walsh asked if the library had asked for estimates or bids. Much discussion ensued. The amendment failed on a hand vote. The original motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Engineering of the Library Parking Lot, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Bayard Tracy once again explained that the Budget Committee did not think this was the right time to increase the budget for this item. Bart Bevis stated that it seemed like a lot of money. Jon McKeon explained that there are problems with the grading, drainage, curbing and handicapped parking. SVE was the original engineer. Discussion ensued. The vote was by a show of hands where the motion failed.

ARTICLE 22: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the town will vote to establish a P&R Building Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of Parks & Rec Buildings and to raise and appropriate Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$18,300) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unreserved fund balance; and further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Gary Winn asked about the fund that used to cover Parks & Recreation buildings. The answer was that it would be addressed in Article 24. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to the already established Parks and Rec Building Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of Article 22.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the P&R Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 1981. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. Discussion ensued regarding how this works, why the monies would be put into the general fund. This was explained as basic accounting procedures. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the already established Parks and Rec Pickup Truck Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to pass over Article 26 to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the already established Outdoor Court Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

The motion to pass over was affirmed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 27: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Jon McKeon, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Dollars (\$5,868) to be added to the already established Parks & Recreation Activities Enhancements Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Bayard Tracy offered that this was not recommended because of it being a financially difficult year. Bart Bevis observed that it was a very specific sum to be just an addition to a Expendable Trust. John Melvin replied that it was meant to add new programs. The motion failed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 28: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the already established Wildland Fire Suppression Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 29: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 30: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Jim Larkin, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Mower Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 31: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety One Dollars (\$22,691) to support the following, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

Chesterfield Senior Meals program	200
Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion	8,935
Monadnock Family Services/Mental Health	4,505
Community Kitchen	5,000
Youth Services	140
Southwestern Community Services	1,461
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	500
Drop In Center	200
Monadnock Child Advocacy Center	1,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	400
The Gathering Place	350

TOTAL 22,691

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 32: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets by sealed bid, or by other means as deemed appropriate, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 33: Jeff Newcomer made a motion, seconded by Susan Newcomer, to see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Chesterfield's congressional delegation, and to Chesterfield's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

[Inserted by Petition]

Tim Butterworth spoke to the difficulty of passing a constitutional amendment but said it was necessary due to the Citizen's United Supreme Court decision. Steve Laskowski made a motion to pass over, seconded by Jim VanOudenhove. Steve said that such a small group should not speak for the town. The motion to pass over failed on a voice vote. Jeff Scott said that money is corrupting politics. Devin Starlanyl observed that the rich are in control, taking away power from average citizens. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 34: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Jeff Scott mentioned that he goes to selectmen's and Zoning Board meetings and went to the School District meeting this year. He made a motion that Selectmen ask Concord to give the towns the lottery money owed to them. The motion was seconded by Dutch Walsh. It passed on a voice vote.

Josh Goldberg made a motion to reconsider Article 21, seconded by Jim Belville, regarding money for an engineering study of the library parking lot. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Susan Newcomer complained that the Zoning Amendments on the ballot were not available to citizens before they got in the voting booth. Jon McKeon responded that the full text of the ballot was on the town's web site. The Town Clerk added that sample ballots are hung in the town offices, the library, and at the post offices that allow sample ballots.

Moderator Bentley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

The ballots cast under Article 1 were counted.

ARTICLE 1:

SELECTMAN (1)	
GORDON RUDOLPH	130
JON MCKEON	179*
ROBERT HODGKINS (write in)	54
BUDGET COMMITTEE-one year (1)	
CAROL WHEELER (write-in)	22*
BUDGET COMMITTEE-three year (3)	
SUSAN NEWCOMER	328*
STEPHEN LASKOWSKI	243*
JUDY IDELKOPE (write-in)	5*
TREASURER (1)	
EDWARD CHEEVER	333*
TAX COLLECTOR (1)	
ELIZABETH BENJAMIN	334*
LIBRARY TRUSTEE-2 year (1)	
KIRSTI SANDY	308*
LIBRARY TRUSTEE-3 year (2)	
KAREN LARUE	309*
JAY FEE	264*
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)	
AMANDA FRYBERGER	324*
CEMETERY COMMISSION	
AUDREY ERICSON	344*
DAVE SMITH (write-in)	5
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST (1)	
CLIFFORD WHITE	319*

* Declared elected

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town the first session for the choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business?

YES 201 NO 151

ARTICLE 2

1.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To add a new Section, **401 Signs**, to read:

401 Signs

Purpose. *The purpose of this ordinance is to govern the placement and maintenance of signs, promote signs in keeping with the town character, discourage excessive signs by minimizing the number and size of signs, eliminate intrusive sign lighting, and encourage structurally sound and well-maintained signs in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Chesterfield.*

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 266 NO 99

2.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

401.1 Setbacks - current language:

Business and home occupation signs may be erected only on the same premises where the business they advertise is conducted and shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet from any side or rear property line and ten (10) feet from any highway ROW line.

Proposed change as follows with new wording in italics:

401.1 Setbacks

Business and home occupation signs may be erected only on the same premises where the business they advertise is conducted and shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet from any side or rear property line and ten (10) feet from any *State or Town* ROW. *This applies to both permanent and temporary signs.*

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 258 NO 101

3.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

401.4 Illumination – current language:

Signs may be lighted, either on the surface by a lamp whose illuminating bulb or tube is shielded from direct view, or by internal means, with an illuminating bulb or tube which is shielded from direct view. Such lighting shall be shielded at its source from abutting streets and nearby properties. Signs shall not contain rotating or flashing lights or moving parts.

Proposed changes as follows with new wording in italics:

401.4 Illumination

Illuminated Signs must be downcast lighted, and lit either on the surface by a lamp whose illuminating bulb or tube is shielded from direct view; or by internal means, with an illuminating bulb or tube which is shielded from direct view. Such lighting shall be shielded at its source from abutting streets and nearby properties. Signs shall not contain rotating, flashing, moving or scrolling words, lights or moving parts. Display elements shall not change so as to cause any distraction to the traveling public. Signs shall change no more than twice per day.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 265 NO 96

4.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

401.5 Projecting Signs - current language:

No sign attached to a building shall project above the roof line or wall coping of that building.

Proposed change as follows with new wording in italics:

401.5 Projecting Signs

No sign attached to a building shall project above the roof line or wall coping of that building. *All such signs shall have a structural review by NH licensed structural engineer before permit issuance.*
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 239 NO 121

5.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

401.7 Temporary Off-Premises Signs – current language:

Temporary off-premises signs are permitted subject to the following regulations and restrictions:

- A. A permit issued by the building inspector shall be required for the placement of each off-premises sign. The fee for each permit shall be as determined by the Selectmen. No more than one off-premises sign shall be placed on any parcel of land and no permit holder may have more than two temporary signs at any one time.
- B. Written authorization from the landowner shall be required prior to the issuance of any off-premises sign permit.
- C. The maximum size shall be 16 square feet per side with a two side limit. No sign shall be more than ten feet above grade.
- D. Lighted signs are not permitted.
- E. There shall be a time limit of 120 days for any sign or succession of signs by any permit holder in any calendar year.
- F. Registered non-profit organizations are exempt from the fee, but not the permit process.
- G. Garage sales, yard sales, tag sales and Auctions as per Article IV, Section 405 are exempt from Article IV, Section 401.7.

Proposed Changes as follows with new wording in italics:

401.7 Temporary Off Premises Signs

Temporary off premises signs are permitted subject to the following regulations and restrictions:

- E. There shall be a time limit of 120 days for any sign or succession of signs by any permit holder in any calendar year. *Agricultural signs shall be exempt from the 120 day limit; they must be renewed on a yearly basis.*
- G. Garage sales, yard sales, tag sales and auctions as per Article IV, Section 405 (*Garage sales, yard sales, tag sales and auctions are permitted anywhere in Town on the owner's property for a period up to three (3) days in any one year*) are exempt from Article IV, Section 401.7. *Signage can be erected no Sooner than 24 hours prior to sale date and shall be removed with in 24 hours after sale date.*
- H. *Trailers and other vehicles with advertising must be currently registered and must be movable. The location of which must be approved by the Code Enforcement Offices to comply with all setback and other zoning policies. Storage trailers and other vehicles that are not registered must have all forms of advertising removed.*
- I. *Short Duration (less than 2 weeks per year) Signs not associated with a fixed Commercial enterprise are permitted by notification to the Building Inspector and must comply with the limits of 401.7 size and lighting.*

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 239 NO 121

6.) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To add a new section, 401.8, as follows:

401.8

All signs must be kept in good repair

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 304 NO 58

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 375

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Girs
Town Clerk