

TOWN of NEW DURHAM, NH

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The New Durham Town Election was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road, New Durham, N.H. Moderator Cecile Chase called the Town Election to order at 8:00 AM and declared that the polls would remain open until 7:00 PM. Moderator Chase publicly inspected the town, state and school district's ballot boxes and then locked the three boxes for voting. The Moderator certified that the electronic count device and memory cards had passed the testing requirements, verified that all seals were intact, and that all access logs were signed. The moderator displayed the zero tape and turned on the counting device. The tape showed that the starting count for each candidate and planning board question was zero. The voting by official ballot included only Article 1 the election of town officers, Article 2 the SB2 question and Article 3 the two Planning Board amendments.

As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were processed after 1:00 PM. The Supervisors of the Checklist certified that there were one thousand nine hundred seventeen (1,917) registered voters on the checklist when the polls opened. Seventeen new voters registered at the polls with the Supervisors of the Checklist. At 7:15 PM Moderator Chase reported the preliminary results from the counting device tape. All ballots reviewed and the write-in votes were added to the totals. A total of five hundred forty four (544) ballots were cast, of which thirty-six (36) were absentee ballots. The Moderator declared that the Town Meeting would be recessed until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, **but due to inclement weather on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 the Moderator postponed the Town Meeting until the following Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Offices

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:
(By official ballot)

<u>Selectmen (3 Year Term)</u>		<u>(2) Library Trustee (3 Year Term)</u>	
David Bickford	342	John Michaud	355
Robert Kroepel	16	William Myers	354
Rudolph Rosiello	169	Write-in	0
George Gale (Write-in)	1	Blanks	379
Ron Gehl (Write-in)	1		
Dwight Jones (Write-in)	4	<u>(2) Planning Board (3 Year Term)</u>	
Jason Roy (Write-in)	1	Paul Raslavicus	309
Blanks	10	Robert Craycraft	347
		Lon Berry (Write-in)	2
<u>Moderator (2 Year Term)</u>		Julie Cardinal (Write-in)	1
Cecile Chase	444	Theresa Chabot (Write-in)	1
Lon Berry (Write-in)	1	George Gale (Write-in)	2
Linscott Fadden (Write-in)	1	Robert Kroepel (Write-in)	1
George Gale (Write-in)	1	Cathy Orlowicz (Write-in)	2
Blanks	97	Rudolph Rosiello (Write-in)	1
		Blanks	422

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<u>Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term)</u>	
Denis Martin	436
Kimberly Murray (Write-in)	1
Chester Porter (Write-in)	1
Katie Woods (Write-in)	1
Blanks	105

<u>Trustee of Trust Fund (3 Year Term)</u>	
Angela Pruitt	390
Jamie Bamford (Write-in)	1
Blanks	153

<u>Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Year Term)</u>	
Anneleen Loughlin	422
Write-in	0
Blanks	122

ARTICLE 2: SB 2

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of New Durham on the second Tuesday of March? (By Official Ballot)
 Three fifths majority vote required.

YES	435
NO	95
Blanks	14
PASSED 82%	

Note: As required by RSA 40:14 the Public Notice was posted in at least two public places and published in the Foster's Daily Democrat Newspaper on February 6th and the Public Hearing was held on February 19th.

ARTICLE 3: Planning Board Amendments

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments proposed by the Planning Board for the New Durham Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as follows:

Amendment # 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 proposed by the Planning Board for the New Durham Zoning and Land Use Ordinance? (By Official Ballot)

To amend Article XXIII – ‘Documents’ - Table 7: Incorporated Documents to update the existing table with current dates and information.

YES	332
NO	140
Blanks	72
PASSED	

Amendment # 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 proposed by the Planning Board for the New Durham Zoning and Land Use Ordinance? (By Official Ballot)

To amend Article IV-B-8- ‘Residential-Recreational-Agricultural Lot Areas Required’ by deleting ‘unless the proposed home site meets current zoning requirements relative to frontage and lot size and the owner

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has Planning Board approval under this Article.’ To read: “Lots of greater than ten (10) acres may be designated as woodlots or agricultural lots. Lots so designated may be used for the growing and/or harvesting of timber and/or for agriculture. Houses or camps may not be built on these lots. Motor homes, campers, or camp trailers may not be parked on such lots except during the working of the land and when unoccupied, they must be removed. Land so designated shall be exempt from the frontage requirements specified in Table 1: Minimum Road Frontage Requirements of the present New Durham regulations. A fifty (50) foot wide deeded right-of-way providing reasonable access from a town road will be considered adequate frontage and access for each such lot.”

YES	310
NO	173
Blanks	72
PASSED	

Summary of Governor Wentworth Regional School District ballot results:

Article 1.		New Durham/GWRSD
(A) Brookfield School Board Member (3 years)	James B. Manning	228 of the 2926 votes
Wolfeboro School Board Member (3 years)	Stacy Trites	225 of the 2379 votes
Wolfeboro School Board Member (3 years)	Robert T. Jones	155 of the 800 votes
School Board Member-at Large (3 years)	Charlene Seibel	344 of the 2772 votes
(B) School District Moderator (1 year)	Randy Walker	396 of the 3219 votes
Article 2. CRF for Artificial Turf Field \$60,000		PASSED
Article 3. Building & Maintenance \$200,000		PASSED
Article 4. 10 Year Tuition Agreement 7-12 grades with Middleton School District		PASSED
Article 5. Operating Budget \$47,584,277		PASSED

Summary of Special State Election for Executive Councilor results:

Democratic Michael J. Cryans	141 votes
Republican Joseph D. Kenney	360 votes
Write-ins	4 votes
Blanks	38

Reconvened Town Meeting - Pursuant to a foregoing warrant, the voters reconvened at 7:00 PM March 19th to act on the balance of warrant articles #3 through #12. The following town officials were present: Moderator Cecile Chase, Selectperson Chair Theresa Jarvis, Selectman David Swenson, Town Administrator Jeremy Bourgeois and Town Clerk Carole Ingham.

Moderator Cecile Chase reminded voters to check-in with the Supervisors of the Checklist in order to pick up their voter card. David Curry led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Cecile Chase announced that Budget Committee Chairman David Curry was chosen for the Town’s Citizen of the Year. Cecile read the following statement written by Citizen of the Year Committee member Dorothy Veisel: “David Curry can be counted on to ask clarifying questions and is repeatedly called upon to supply the voters with background information and relevant information. This gentleman was a member of the first Advisory Capital Improvement Committee set up in 2007 and for

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eight years town officials have relied heavily on his expertise and experience. He developed the spreadsheet and quarterly reporting system for the department heads which help improve accountability in departmental budgets. He has served town residents by his guidance and input on the Budget Committee. His dedication to service on this committee and his careful attention to the financial obligations and expensed of this town have kept us on a firm footing for many years. All of you who have either attended the Budget Committee or followed the proceeding on Channel 25, know the level of expertise, experience and energy he brings to this responsibility as well as the great sense of humor he uses to facilitate discussions and negotiate consensus as they deal with highly charged or sensitive issues. He is a truly humble man who never seeks or claims credit for his stewardship of the town budget. Perhaps I can add a few things you don't know about this gentle gentleman. He is in great athletic shape, loves to golf and has hiked the Appalachian Trail and after the fund raiser for former Fire Chief Brad Meyerriecks, the town hall staff wonders if he has had professional training in classical dance.”

David Curry expressed his surprise at winning the award and thanked the committee for electing him. David said he is honored to be a “budget facilitator”. David stated that the budgets that are prepared for our approval every year really are the work of more than one hundred people. The Board of Selectmen works hard on the budget and then the Budget Committee checks the Selectmen’s budget as the town’s legislative representatives. David is glad that the town has a better system to anticipate requirements and to save for a rainy day. “It’s an easy forty hours a year job.”

Parks and Recreation Chair Kristyn Bernier stated that “Volunteerism is a principal of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward. It is not for pay, not for self interest, not for personal agenda or for attention. It is simple to give, working in conjunction with those around you to make the place you live, work, play and grow the best place that it can be”.

Bernier said that “...recreation is not “just games”. Recreation is the piece that feeds the identity of a community, takes care of a community’s mental and social well being. Recreation is imperative to the growth of our children. Being part of a team fosters commitment to something, responsibility to others, self challenge, meeting”.

Bernier announced that Celeste Chasse has been chosen for the Parks and Recreation’s Volunteer of the Year Award. Bernier stated “We have so many coaches who commit to giving our children the opportunity to be part of a team and learn a skill. I must mention several “go-to” people who always step up to the plate to make certain that the kids have teams each season. Like the Booths, Barbarisis, Copps, Perkins, Rapozas, Marks, Corneaus, Welchs and Bohmillers to name a few. This year one in particular coach stands out as our volunteer of the year. A role model who has given many hours over many years to the recreation department – as a commissioner, coach and go-to person. A person whose children are now in high school, but whose family helps out at many of our events, setting up, cleaning up and just being there to offer assistance. A person who is helping us to rebuild two sports programs and coaching teams despite no longer having children on the teams. A person willing to commit to these children, teaching , guiding, holding them accountable, enforcing that good sportsmanship is the cornerstone, pushing them to be better and strive to meet their potential as individual and as a team, teaching them to

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understand that good of the whole sometimes has to come before self. This year's volunteer who has gone above and beyond to make this a better community through recreation is Celeste Chasse."

Bernier thanked everyone "Who has given of themselves for the Recreation Department this year. Thank you to the volunteer commissioners who give so much time behind the scenes". She also gave a special thank you to retired commissioners Marcia Berry and Sheri Joy.

Moderator Chase then recognized the following retiring volunteers and former employees: Selectman Jeffrey Kratovil, Parks and Recreation Department Commissioners Marcia Berry and Sheri Joy, Treasurer Janet Thorell, Fire Chief Peter Varney, Highway Department/Solid Waste Office Manager Catherine Orlowicz, Library Trustees Richard Leonard and Fred Quimby, and Planning Board Alternate Cameron Quigley.

Moderator Chase also asked us to remember three citizens who died during the past year, all of whom had made sufficient contributions to the Town and to the State. Three people whose volunteer years - if added together - would have totaled well over one hundred years; Eloise Bickford, Dean Stimpson and Barbara Hunter.

The Moderator reviewed the Moderator's Rules for Town Meeting and a voice vote was taken for consensus of the moderator rule. Moderator Chase declared the motion passed.

Moderator Chase talked about democracy and that democracy requires compromise. Groups with different interests and opinions must be willing to sit down with one another and negotiate. In a democracy, one group does not always win everything it wants. Different combinations of groups win on different issues. Over time, everyone wins something. When you express your opinions, you should also listen to the views of other people, even people you disagree with. Everyone has a right to be heard. Don't be so convinced of the rightness of your views that you refuse to see any merit in another position. Consider different interests and points of view. People should question the decisions of the government, but not reject the government's authority."

The Moderator read the results of the Town Election, as stated above.

ARTICLE 4: Town's Operating Budget

Moved by Budget Committee Chairman David Curry and seconded by Selectperson Theresa Jarvis to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended budget amount of **\$2,917,253**, which represents the Town of New Durham's operating budget. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed in other warrant articles. Majority vote required.

Estimated tax rate impact is \$5.33 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5-1 vote.

Budget Committee Chairman David Curry explained that the Budget Committee recommended this article. This represents the second year that the town's budget has been reduced. The 2014 budget is

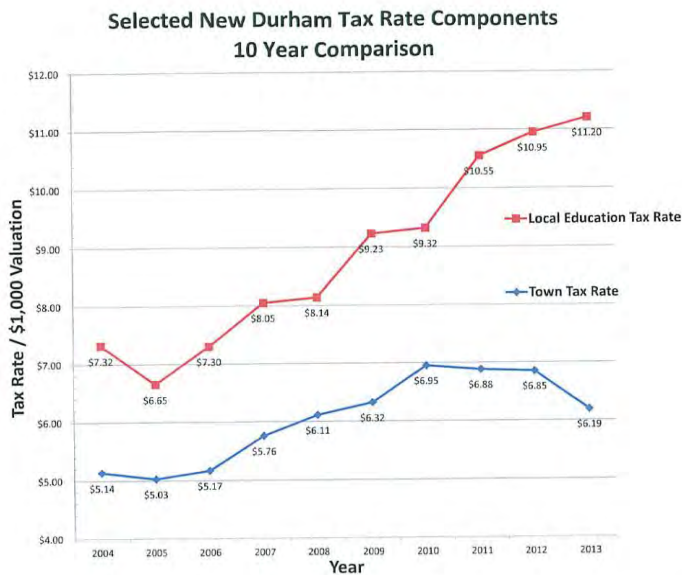
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\$50,000 less than last year’s budget and it’s estimated that the town portion of the tax rate will be around \$6.00 per thousand. Major items that accounted for this saving: a better telephone set up; a number of part-time employees replaced full time employees and they deleted budget lines that had “out lived” their usefulness. The town used a zero based budgeting rationale. Example: the tax anticipation line had \$5,000 in it and the town hadn’t used it in ten years. So when using the zero based budgeting process, if we are not using the money we don’t continue budgeting for it.

Selectman David Swenson summarized the selectmen’s achievements during 2013. He spoke about the impact of the tax rate on the town citizens. He showed a graph (printed below). The tax rate is divided into four sections; the town rate, the state education rate, the local education rate and the county rate. He spoke about the two largest parts of the tax rate; the town operating rate and the local education rate. The local education rate has steadily increased during the last nine years. The town rate went up steadily for a several years and then plateaued and then went down slightly for a few years and by 2013 the BOS, Budget Committee, CIP, the Department Heads and employees worked collectively to provide the taxpayers of the New Durham largest tax rate reduction in ten years. The Board of Selectman applied one hundred thousand dollars of the unassigned fund balance to the 2013 tax rate while maintaining an 8%-9% reserve and working to assure sustainability of the tax rate. The school rate would have been even higher, however the Selectmen voted to use the Impact Fees to reduce the school rate during their meeting held on November 4, 2013.



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- Switched healthcare insurance vender resulting in a minimal impact to employees and significant cost saving to the town. The date of the BOS meeting was October 31st.
- Locked in fixed prices for propane (\$1.785) heating oil (\$3.275), gasoline (\$2.996), and diesel (\$3.445) thereby saving money and assuring managed energy costs for New Durham. Various dates.

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- Solid Waste disposal contract awarded for a three year period minimizing costs and controlling future increases. The date of the BOS meeting was October 21st.
- Locked in Worker's Company Liability Insurance with comparatively lowest impact to cost for 2014. The date of the BOS meeting was September 23rd.
- Reviewed and approved the updated Emergency Operation Plan. The date of the BOS meeting was July 1st.
- The K-9 Unit was approved without an increasing cost to the town. All costs are within current budget, donations or monies dedicated to law enforcement. The dog should be ready February/March of 2014 to aid in various law enforcement procedures. The date of the BOS meeting was July 15th.
- IT Committee was established with 3-5 members and a sunset provision; the committee prepared a report with recommendations on hardware transitions. The BOS accepted the report and hardware purchased without increasing the tax rate. The Committee is extended to June 30, 2014. Various dates.
- Approved software and implementation begun to more accurately track cost on town equipment. The date of the BOS meeting was October 21st.

Selectman Swenson stated is important to have an understanding of impact of the decisions and actions of the Selectmen during 2013 and he looks forward to maintaining the 2014 budget and reducing the budget where possible.

Selectperson Jarvis explained the new budget line in Personnel Administration Health & Dental Insurance (account # 01-4155-20-210) for \$16,923 was added because an employee told the financial officer that he may be switching to the town's health and dental insurance during the year 2014. The Selectmen added the \$16,923 to the Personnel Administration line instead of that employee's department's budget.

Former Selectman Ron Gehl explained that the CIP Committee worked hard during 2005-2006 and during that time the town devoted a larger amount of the annual budget to building up the Capital Reserve Funds, so that the town could stabilize and make constant the tax rate. He also noted that changes in the town wide re-evaluation had an effect on the tax rate during that time.

Selectman Swenson clarified that the chart did not mean imply that the any previous Board of Selectmen wasn't doing the right thing.

Budget Committee Chairman David Curry explained that this was the second year that "Raises was added to the Personnel Administration budget account number "01-4155-10-150. He explained that a lump sum of money is now put into the Personnel Administration line and then after the Board of Selectmen approves the raises for employees the funds are then transferred to the those employees department budgets. For the year 2014, the appropriation is \$17,200 and in the year 2013 the appropriation was \$22,850. During 2013, David Curry thought that about \$11,000 was used for raises.

The question was asked why doesn't the chart on page 43 "Actual Budget 2013 and Proposal Budget 2014" in the 2013 Town Report show the \$22,850 and the expended amount for 2013. Selectman Swenson stated that funds were transferred to the appropriate departments and the balance of the \$22,850

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not used for raises was expended in the Executive Office budget. RSA 32:10 enables the governing body (BOS) to transfer remaining unexpended balances to some other appropriated account.

A voice vote was taken on Article 4 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$2,917,253

ARTICLE 5: Police Cruiser

Moved by Police Chief Shawn Bernier and seconded by Kathryn Woods to see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,618** to purchase a police cruiser and (ii) authorize the withdrawal of **\$35,618** from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. This will replace the 2006 Police Cruiser, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan.

Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article.

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Chief Shawn Bernier explained that the purchase of the new police cruiser is part of the Capital Improvement Plan and will replace the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria that had already died. The Selectmen made the decision in December not to spend \$2, 500 to repair it, but instead to wait for Town Meeting to replace it. The Chief plans to place a new radio in the new cruiser and to keep the old radio as a spare for the other cruisers.

A voice vote was taken on Article 5 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$35,618

ARTICLE 6: Milfoil Treatment

Moved by Milfoil Committee member Fred Quimby and seconded by Selectperson Theresa Jarvis to see if the town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,200** for milfoil treatment, (ii) authorize the withdrawal of **\$11,000** from the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose and (iii) accept **\$7,200** to come from a grant from the NHDES Exotic Species Program.

Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article.

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Milfoil Committee member Fred Quimby explained that five years ago the town formed the Milfoil Committee in order to investigate milfoil in the town waters. Since the committee's inception the amount of milfoil in New Durham has been reduced. This year the State plans to treat the remaining infected area and has awarded a grant of 40% (\$7,200) and the committee is asking the town for the 60% match (\$11,000).

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A voice vote was taken on Article 6 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$18,200

ARTICLE 7: Road Surface Management System

Moved by Road Agent Michael Clarke and seconded by Highway Supervisor Foreman Don Vachon to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$215,651** for the purpose of the Road Surface Management System for 2014. The sum is to be partially offset by Highway Block Grant Aid, with **\$102,840** to come from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund and **\$53,005** to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article
Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Road Agent Michael Clarke explained that \$215,651 is a smaller amount then past years showing that the Capital Improvement Plan is working. In past years the amount raised and appropriated was \$300,000 and then reduced to around \$265,000 in other years. Michael Clarke stated this year Highway Block Grant Aid will be around \$96,806, which is \$20,000 less than past years. The State Highway Block grant might increase in the future, if the State increases the State's gas tax

Clarke stated that the total amount that the town will be spending on Road Surface Management this year is \$252,651 which includes \$34,000 encumbered from last year.

A voice vote was taken on Article 7 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$215,651

ARTICLE 8: Fuel Pump System

Moved by Highway Supervisor Foreman Don Vachon and seconded by Road Agent Michael Clarke to see if the town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the purchase and installation of a fuel pump system at the Tash Road town property and (ii) approve the withdrawal of **\$20,000** from the Fuel Pump Capital Reserve Fund. Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article.
Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Road Agent Michael Clarke explained that the project was to improve accountability of fuel use. The diesel pump was backed over by a vendor's vehicle so that pump was recently replaced using the insurance money received from the vendor. Now the town will need to replace the gasoline pump. The new system will have a key to turn the pumps on and off and will use a computer located in the highway office to record the fuel use of each department.

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A voice vote was taken on Article 8 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$20,000

ARTICLE 9: Capital Reserve Funds

Moved by Selectman David Swenson and seconded by Capital Improvement Plan Committee Chair Scott Drummey to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$271,722** to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows, with said funds to come from taxation.

NAME	ESTABLISHED	APPROPRIATION
Highway Truck	March 04, 1988 Article 9	\$ 60,192
Police Cruiser	March 15, 2000 Article 7	\$ 22,500
Revaluation	March 15, 2000 Article 12	\$ 20,000
1772 Meeting House Restoration	March 15, 2000 Article 14	\$ 5,000
Fire Truck	March 12, 2003 Article 11	\$ 47,030
Highway Equipment	March 15, 2006 Article 12	\$ 10,000
Library Facilities	March 13, 2007 Article 7	\$ 1,000
Library Technologies	March 13, 2007 Article 8	\$ 1,000
Smith Ball Field & Equipment	March 12, 2008 Article 9	\$ 3,000
Milfoil	March 09, 2009 Article 7	\$ 12,000
Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010 Article 5	\$ 75,000
Solid Waste Facilities Improvement	March 10, 2010 Article 14	\$ 5,000
Fuel Pumps	March 14, 2012 Article 6	\$ 10,000

Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article.

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.65 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Scott Drummey stated the CIP and Capital Reserve Funds have taken shape and have stabilized the tax rate. This year all members of the CIP board (excluding Drummey) were new. There were no questions.

A voice vote was taken on Article 9 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$271,722

ARTICLE 10: Expendable Trust Funds

Moved by Selectman David Swenson and seconded by Selectperson Theresa Jarvis to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,750** to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

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NAME	ESTABLISHED	APPROPRIATION
Computer Systems and Office Equipment	March 13, 1996 Article 11 Revised March 9, 2011- Article 26	\$ 12,250
Record Management	March 23, 1999 Article 23	\$ 500
Town Building Improvement	March 15, 2000 Article 15	\$ 20,000

Majority vote required. Special Warrant Article.

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 6-0 vote.

Selectperson Jarvis explained that the Selectmen want to change to a preventive maintenance contract for the town computers, the Record Management Trust Fund is used by the Town Clerk, and the Town Building Improvement Fund is being used to make the first floor of the Town Hall ADA compliant and other buildings maintenance.

Marc Behr made a motion, seconded by Robert Kroepel, to amend Article 10 by reducing the amount placed into the Computer and Office Equipment Trust Fund from \$12, 250 to \$1,500.

Selectman Swenson explained that \$12, 250 covers preventative maintenance for IT as a whole and not just for the new server and newly acquired equipment. It also covers the larger cost, the maintenance on the town's legacy software systems.

Jeremy Bourgeois explained that the \$12,250 was based on research and from the IT analyses that the previous administrator had carried out and the expertise of the Information Technology Committee members.

David Curry stated that the town does not have a service contract at this time and that contract is what we are buying. Article 10 is not being used for the purchase of hardware.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment to reduce the amount from \$12,250 to \$1,500 and the Moderator declared the motion to amend Article 10 failed.

There was no further discussion on the article. A voice vote was taken on Article 10 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED \$ 32,750

ARTICLE 11: Election Resolution

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution:

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“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 supports such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature supports 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 New Durham’s congressional delegation, and to New Durham’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.”
By Petition. Majority vote required.

Moved by Selectperson Theresa Jarvis and seconded by Selectman David Swenson.

Selectman David Swenson explained that the article was moved and seconded for the purpose of discussion and does not indicate that the individuals have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the petition.

There was no petition signer prepared to speak about the article. The assembly stated that the resolution was vague and discussed the difference between corporations and citizens rights. David Bickford said the State Legislature voted on this resolution last week and the bill was tabled, but they still need to hear from the public.

A voice vote was taken on Article 11 and the Moderator declared the article passed.

PASSED

Article 12: Any other business

To conduct any other business which may legally come before the town.

Robert Kroepel read a quote from the Farmington Fire Chief Richard Fowler recognizing the dedication of our Fire Department. Mr. Kroepel suggested that the Town should have an annual appreciation day for Fire Department, Police Department and other New Durham volunteers.

As there was no other business, the Moderator adjourned the Town Meeting at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ingham, Town Clerk