

2014 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator Edward "Ned" Gordon opened the meeting at 9:00 AM, he asked John Bianchi, whom the Town Report was dedicated, to open with the salute of the flag. Ned gave the invocation.

Moderator Gordon asked Don Milbrand, Chairman of the Select board to introduce the member of the Select board, Betsy Schnider, Janet Cote, Joe Denning and Shaun Lagueux.

Moderator Gordon asked Kerrin Rounds, Chairman of the Budget Committee to introduce the budget committee members present: David Carr, Kevin MacCaffrie, Tom Keegan, Bill Cote, Paul Manganiello, Barbara Greenwood, Ashley Dolloff, Ron Preble, Carol Huber, Ernie Richards and Mark Chevalier:

Moderator Gordon introduced Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Moderator Gordon stated that only Registered voters would be allowed to vote/speak, and that Town Employees that do not live in Town are allowed to speak as well as anyone that the body allows to speak. He wanted to give everyone a chance to speak as this is the only time that we come together as a community to speak on Town matters. Everyone that speaks needs to address the Moderator and be respectful of the person/subject that they are speaking on. He suggested keeping everything short, that way you keep people's attention.

Ten registered voters requested that Article 19 be a ballot vote, so that is what it will be.

Please shut off all cell phones, and please allow everyone who wishes to speak the opportunity to do so. All amendments need to be written out and seconded. The amendments need to be written out before you can speak on it.

Article 1 was for the elections held on March 11, 2014 at the Marian Center on West Shore Rd. 683 people voted in Town Elections, there were two positions for select board with 4 people trying for that position, Andrew O'Hara, Jr 274, Richard Alpers 335, Shaun Lagueux 324 and Paul Manganiello 319. Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Raymah Simpson 628; Moderator: Edward "Ned" Gordon 633; Treasurer: Kathleen Haskell 596; Budget Committee Members: David Carr 429; Thomas Keegan 416; Kevin MacCaffrie 322 and Donald Milbrand 329, Jon Thouin 318. Supervisor of the Checklist for one year Hilda Bruno 588; Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years Marilyn Bucklin 598; Cemetery Trustee; Thomas Keegan 596, Trustee of the Trust Fund; Beth White 553, Library Trustee for two years; Shirley Yorks 556, numerous write-ins, with Nancy Dowey receiving 32 write in votes. Library Trustee for three years George Corrette 472; Rosemary D'Arcy 445; and Lucille Keegan 534. All Zoning articles passed.

A recount has been requested for the position of Board of Selectmen, the recount will take place at the Town Office building on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

David Hill made a motion to have Article 24 between Articles 11 &12. Don Milbrand seconded the motion. Moderator Gordon suggested that after Article 24, which is a ballot vote that if it is around 11:30, we do the ballot vote and then break for lunch. Sue Brundrett seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Becca Brodreau made a motion to move Article 15 before Article 10, seconded by Robert Dumond, motion carried.

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Article 5: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance. A portion of ambulance patient proceeds, not to exceed Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), shall be placed in the fund each year, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-4-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Joe Denning moved article 5 seconded by Betsy Schneider. Joe wanted Chief Steve Yannuzzi to speak on the article. Past seven years the average receipts; just from patients is \$ 203,000. Take 40,000 out of this revenue to replace an ambulance; which we do every 10 years. We could have \$200,000 every 5 years; we get 10 years out of every ambulance. Paul Manganiello made an amendment to not exceed \$30,000. Bill Cote seconded the motion. Paul stated that this is the first time that the chief has put the ambulance in the contract we would recover some funds from the donor towns. Paul feels that \$40,000 will go on forever; \$30,000 will help with replacement costs for an ambulance, as the costs for a new ambulance will rise but he didn't feel that the revenue should be \$40,000.00 a year toward a new ambulance. He feels that we can catch up with the cost with another warrant article when the time comes. Moderator stated that right now only the amendment would be discussed.

Boake Morrison wanted to know if this talks about the formula with other Towns that use the ambulance. Other towns pay 86,476.00, Alexandria, Danbury & Hill. He wants to know how this breaks down as we have the building and wages & retirement, and benefits. Moderator explained that this is just for the amendment. Chief Yannuzzi stated that we are talking about two different things here that \$40,000 would come from just the patient revenues which is billable.

Moderator Gordon explained to Boake that this is something for discussion later that this is for the amendment only.

What was the cost of the last ambulance that we purchased? The Chief answered that it was \$155,000.00

It was stated that the \$40,000. 00 a year is in there because of the cost of vehicles will be going up in price by the time we purchase, this way the cost is spread out. The amendment says it would change the cost that goes to other towns, it won't.

A question was asked if the chassis could be moved, the Chief stated that after ten years it is shot.

Selectmen Denning stated that the amount of \$40,000.00 was asked for by the Chief and feel that it is a fair amount.

Fred Eichman made a motion to close the debate it was seconded by John Bianchi. Moderator Gordon reminded everyone that this vote is just on the amendment.

Voice Vote to close to call, hand vote done by the supervisors of the checklist, along with Nancy Gavalis, Ballot Clerk. **Hand Vote Yes: 51, No: 68, the amendment failed.**

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Archie Auger mentioned that this same thing applies to the next two articles, if these pass; the budget committee or the legislative body won't have any say in what happens. Hopes this article fails. It was mentioned that there are many articles that would take away from the general fund, and that we don't have a vision on those articles as to how it will affect the general fund. Also we need to look at savings account, this will never stop and no interest will be earned. Interest rates are not high, so this is a concern. The purpose of this is to set aside money so that we don't have to come up with the money in one year.

Shaun Lagueux motion to close the debate, Donna Nashawaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

We are voting on article as it appears in the warrant.

VOICE VOTE TO CLOSE TO CALL HAND COUNT BY SUPERVISORS AND BALLOT CLERK. ARTICLE 5 PASSED HAND VOTE YES 73 NO 61.

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of Police special detail wages, benefits and the purchase of Police cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for Police special details and other Police fees will be deposited in the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 3-9-1 The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-0-1

Joe Denning moved article 6, seconded by Betsy Schneider. Joe stated that is similar to the prior article. Joe asked Chief Michael Lewis to speak on this article. The Police Department normally purchases a cruiser every year it is a marked cruiser for first 3 years, has 37,000 to 44,000 miles a year then it goes as a supervision vehicle and gets 12,000 to 15,000 miles a year. Then it goes to the Chief and gets another 8,000-11,000 miles or so on it. There is a certain time that police cruisers could be ordered; it would arrive around Memorial Day. He talked with Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen he came up with this to have a fund that only the Board of Selectmen can spend, these funds would come out of the Police fees. If something happens unexpectedly, the Chief could go to the Board and tell them what happened and let them decide how the funds would be spent.

David Hill made an amendment to substitute entire text with "to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new cruiser for the Police Department. Seconded by Barbara Greenwood.

The article is not specifically buying a police cruiser so Ned ruled that this motion is not germane.

Discussing the original article, if this is passed does it eliminate the line item. What is the anticipated revenue this year compared to last year for outside detail; it does eliminate the line item. What is paid for outside detail would go into this fund. Why are details and benefits involved in this fund, instead of paying wages and benefits from general fund it would come out of this fund, other revenues for this is pistol permits and reports.

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The detail line pays for all of the details; if this passes it covers detail and cruiser. The line would be gone.

There was quite a bit of opposition to this, people felt that this should come before the legislative body each year. It was mentioned that the Police Department should not be a source of revenue. If a cruiser is needed it can come before the town meeting. Feels that there is a system in place, and if "it ain't broke don't fix it"

John Sellers made a motion to amend the article to "the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser only, not for wages and benefits" David Hill seconded the motion.

Moderator mentioned that he is not sure if this covers, what Mr. Sellers wants to do, if this goes through money comes in from police detail, it won't go to the special detail and that would have to get paid out of the line item. It was stated that we should defeat the amendment. John Sellers wished to withdraw the amendment and David Hill withdrew the second on the article.

Rick Alpers made an amendment "to add a cap of \$50,000.00 each year and all monies collected above that \$50,000.00 would go to the general fund. Seconded by Kerrin Rounds.

Rick explained that he felt that this would give money to the general fund as well as money towards the cruiser and wages & benefits. It was asked what if there is not enough money for wages and benefits, if we don't have a lot of outside detail. It was felt by many that this won't work for the cruiser and the wages and benefits.

Fred Eichman made a motion close debate, seconded by Walter Waring.

VOICE VOTE, AMENDMENT DEFEATED

If this article passes, the line item needs to be deleted immediately. We don't want to handicap the Police Department, and that we need delivery of a new cruiser in an expedient time it was felt that we should defeat this article.

Chief responded that we need a cruiser every year; this was so that we could possibly save some money that was the thought process behind this.

Burt Williams made a motion to close debate, Shaun Lagueux seconded.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of promoting recycling through improved Transfer Station operations. All refunds from our participation in the Concord Regional Solid Waste Cooperative will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. The balance in the fund shall be included in the Town Report each year. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

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Motion made by Joe Denning seconded by Betsy Schneider.

This is a onetime shot at getting money from the co-op, where we take our trash, money is around \$184,000.-200,000. This is to help get the recycling into a deeper groove than now; though it is working the intent is to stop a spike in the tax bill. Joe asked Mark Bucklin, Highway Superintendent to speak on this. Money coming back from co-op to intended to build the single stream recycling station and make better flow through the transfer station.

David Hill made a motion to replace “promoting recycling through improved Transfer Station Operation” with “proceeding with the Transfer Station re-designs” motion seconded by John Bianchi. David feels it is difficult to fix recycling when the motion is for the design.

Michael Capone, Town Administrator stated that the language is specific for recycling; that RSA 31:95H. DRA (Department of Revenue) may not let it pass if the language is changed.

Receive a one time refund of money, 2015 change in contract the ash landfill will be closing, we should be getting a credit of 30,000.00 and 2016 another 30,000.00 2015 landfill refund of 124,000 to 168,000. After everything is done we should be getting between 184,000 to 228,000.00. The idea would be to have a revolving loan fund to be able to accept these funds.

Burt Williams made a motion to close discussion on the amendment Donna Nashawaty seconded.
Voting on the amendment. Voice vote, amendment defeated.

Back to original article, this is tax money that we are getting back, how will it improve recycling, change flow of traffic at transfer station.
Motion to close debate by Walter Waring, second by Jackie Batchelder

Voting on Article 7, as it appears in the report.

ARTICLE 7, PASSED VOICE VOTE

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred sixty two thousand dollars (\$162,000) for the purpose of purchasing a six wheel dump truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000) the first year's payment for that purpose, amount to come from taxation will be offset by any trade in value. This lease purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 6-6-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 4-1

Janet Cote made the motion, seconded by Chris Dolloff. Janet asked Mark Bucklin, Superintendent of the Highway department to speak on this article. This is to replace the 1998 International, that should have been replaced a couple of years ago. There have been a few breakdowns, always breakdowns when it is needed most. It is a complete package. Motion made to close debate, by Mark Chevalier, seconded by Archie Auger.

VOICE VOTE, ARTICLE 8 PASSED.

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Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for repairs to the Old Town Hall. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Does Not Recommend this Article 3-10

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Janet Cote made the motion, seconded by Shaun Lagueux. Janet stated that she looked at it for the roof, but it would not be prudent to repair the roof, before the sills are repaired. The \$80,000.00 from last year was encumbered, if we raise this amount this year, it would finish the projects of roof and sills and some other things that need to be done to the building. There was much discussion on saving the building as it is a historical building, and as a Town we don't have a place to gather, for town meetings, and voting, etc. It was stated that there was agreement last year in keeping the Old Town Hall, but what we need now is a building that would house a lot of the departments, not put money into the old building. We could also rent the building out, if it was fixed up. It was mentioned that it is not just sills, but there are life safety issues, and numerous items to be repaired. It was mentioned that the \$80,000.00 could be given to the historical society and let them fix it up. There is no parking for that building. The survey that was taken last year showed that 65% of those responding wanted to keep it, repair it, and use it. Lucille Keegan, President of the Historical Society, stated that the Historical Society would love the building, but that they have no money, so the \$80,000.00 would be nice, but they couldn't do anything after that.

The discussion went on about using the building for voting, if it is fixed up it could be rented out for a revenue source. It was mentioned that a committee had been formed to look at the old buildings, and that we need to either fix them up and tear them down.

Dee Ford made a motion to close debate, seconded by Paul Fraser.

Voice Vote to close to call, Supervisors hand count Yes: 65 No: 66 Ten people stood to ask for a ballot vote.

Ballot Vote: Yes: 71 No: 82

Article 9 Defeated

A motion was made by Donald Milbrand to restrict reconsideration of Articles, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Seconded by Steve Favorite. Voice Vote passed.

At this time we moved to Article 24.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of purchasing playground equipment for Kelley Park. Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to come from general taxation and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to come from the Kelley Park Equipment Fund. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 6-4-3

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Motion made by Shaun Lagueux, seconded by Mark Chevalier.

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Shaun wanted to thank the committee for raising money for this, and hope that it gets support. It was asked if the school pays anything toward the playground, the school pays a portion, we have to maintain the playing fields.

Burt Williams, made a motion to close debate, Walter Waring second.

Voice Vote Article 10 passed

Lloyd Belbin made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 9, seconded by John Bianchi. Voice vote motion passed. Don Milbrand made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 10, 15 and 24, seconded by Mark Chevalier. Motion passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred forty two thousand seven hundred twenty five dollars (\$142,725) for the purpose of purchasing a Town sidewalk tractor with a double trip front plow, a 51" ribbon blower, a front boom flail mower and dual wheel kit, a 60" front broom and water kit and a trackless rear hydraulic sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight thousand five hundred forty five dollars (\$28,545) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required).

Motion on Article 11 made by Shaun Lagueux, seconded by Betsy Schneider.

Shaun asked Mark Bucklin, Highway Superintendent to speak on this article, Shaun believe that this is a piece of equipment that the Town needs. The slide shows when they tried to piece of equipment, it was in February and down on the Central Street bridge. It blows the snow 60 feet away, also there is a flail mower on it, so that the sides of the road can be mowed, when we need to mow them, rather than as it is now we need to rent a mower and can only use it when it is convenient for them. This would help maintain sidewalks.

Ernie Richards made a motion to reduce the amount to \$100,000.00 with \$20,000.00 coming out for the first year payment. Seconded by Bill Cote. He feels that Mark does need equipment, but can be done with this amount.

This machine can be used year- round; it can plow sidewalks and can cut the grass over the side of the road. As well as many other things.

Mark mentioned that he has looked at many different pieces of equipment, but that this machine was the best for what is needed.

The life expectancy on this machine is 15-20 years, the one we have now is 8-10 years, it was felt that the machine that we are voting on is a good machine and one that the Town needs, it is hoped that the amendment will be defeated.

Betsy Schneider stated that this machine is more than the Town needs, machines like this are used in Boston, Concord, Portsmouth. It is more for cities, not small towns; the \$100,000.00 would do what we need done. We want to keep taxes down. She feels that this comes down to needs and wants.

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It was mentioned that Ashland, Meredith, Plymouth have this same type of machine that we are looking into and it works wonderful. That \$100,000.00 instead of \$142,000. 00 isn't going to make any impact on the tax rate.

Walter Waring feels that this amendment should be defeated, and support Mark and the highway department. Wants to know if it will blow snow into a truck, Mark stated that there is, but it is not included in this article.

It was noted that we should let our Town workers do their job effectively and efficiently, which would save money, so let the Town workers get what they need.

Walter Waring made a motion to close debate, Mark Chevalier seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on the amendment, Amendment defeated.

Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close debate on the article, Mark Chevalier seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE, ARTICLE 11 PASSED.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand, eight hundred and forty five dollars (\$15,845.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO XT power stretcher for Ambulance 4A-1, amount to come from taxation will be offset by any trade in-value. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-2

Article moved by Don Milbrand, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.

Don asked Steve Yannuzzi, Fire Chief to speak about this, he stated that the power stretchers do the work instead of the EMT's doing the lifting, this would cut down on injuries to the back, as we have a few people that need to be transported, but that are heavy.

Betsy Schneider, Selectmen felt that this was a want more than a need. Steve replied that the money would be going into the contracts with other towns, so that the money would be coming back. The old stretchers would also be used, if needed.

Kerrin Rounds, Chairman of the Budget Committee spoke on this article, stating that the budget committee felt that this is a good thing to have. That this could save on workers compensation claims, because some of the stretchers don't work, and a claim could cost more than a new stretcher.

Walter Waring made a motion to close debate, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.

VOICE VOTE, ARTICLE 12 PASSED

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town building maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required).

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The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Motion made by Don Milbrand, seconded by Janet Cote, Don stated that the laws are changing and they felt that this would be a good way to set up a fund in which money would be set aside to keep the buildings up. Town has not been good at taking care of the buildings that we own.

It was felt that this money would be set aside, but would not be gaining anything.

Close debate by Chris Dolloff, seconded by John Gagnon. Voting on Article 13

VOICE VOTE ARTICLE 13 PASSED.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Fire engine and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Motion made by Joe Denning, seconded by Betsy Schneider.

Joe stated that again this is a new way of doing business, and that with the \$25,000.00 put aside each year, when it came time to buy a new fire engine, we wouldn't need to come up with all of the money in one year. A question was asked why we needed to open another capital reserve fund when we already have a fire capital reserve fund. It was stated that in 5 years of putting \$25,000.00 away we would still not have enough to purchase a truck. The Chief felt that a capital reserve fund is good, because we know that we will need a new truck, even if it is 26 years. We are ready for the expenses when they come, instead of doing all of it in one year. Some feel that it is good planning so that we are ready when a truck comes due.

Betty Seeler made an amendment to Article 14, stating "Amend to current Fire Department Reserve Fund for the \$25,000.00. Seconded by Robert Dumond. The intent of this is to have just one Fire Department Reserve Fund, instead of two. That way the Trustee's wouldn't have two funds for the Fire Department. Robert Dumond made a motion to close debate, Dee Ford seconded. Motion passed.

Voting on the Amendment: Voice Vote passed.

Motion to close debate on Amended Article 15, by Robert Dumond, seconded by Rick Alpers.
Motion passed.

VOICE VOTE ARTICLE 14 PASSED.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) for the purpose of purchasing a log crawl tunnel and 300 cubic yards of

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certified wood carpet for Kelley Park. This sum to come from fund balance and no money will be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1-1

Shaun Lagueux made the motion, seconded by Rick Alpers. Dorcas Gordon spoke on this article, and how it also affects Article 10, so she will be speaking on both articles. She stated that Kelly Park is a very important project as it is used by the schools, visitors, TTCC, people going through the Town. Repair and replacement need to be done to change the safety surface. Funds were appropriated last year, the money was not used, they were encumbered. There was a committee, that came together to look at the equipment that is in the park and just to repair some of that would be \$15,000.00. Funds from this article would provide the wood chip surface and a log crawl. This process has been going on since October in 2013 and had a meeting to get input from children from the elementary school. Article 10 speaks about \$55,000.00; she wants everyone to know that \$25,000.00 would come from taxation, and that the other \$30,000.00 would come from fundraising. If this is voted in favor the Slim Baker fund has stated that would donate \$3500.00. If Article 10 & 15 are success today they can buy what is shown on the artist rendering that you see on the screen, which is the safety surface, log crawl, swings, sand pit, slide and other playground equipment, for the \$38,500. That would be from last years' encumbered money and the money that would be voted on today.

Anything more would come from the committee fundraising. There will be a Community Day on May31, 2014 to work on the playground.

There was a statement that rubber tire pieces are better than wood chips, Dorcas stated that they are but they are a lot more expensive. Will the playground stay where it is, yes it will, and it will not take any area from the ball park. Burt Williams congratulated Dorcas and the committee, for working on this and not coming to the Town for taxation.

Walter Waring made a motion to close debate, seconded by Robert Dumond.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE 15 PASSED.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to go into the fund. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required).

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 13-0

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Motion made by Jane Cote, seconded by Betsy Schneider.

Janet spoke on this, it is a contingency fund, it is for emergency funds that come up. Shaun Lagueux, stated that this is something that the Town has always done, it is just an RSA that has changed, that is why we need to vote on this today.

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Mark Chevalier made a motion to close debate, seconded by Ron Preble. Motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE 16 PASSED

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bristol Select Board to petition the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to intervene as set out in RSA 541-A: 32 and in the Committee's Administrative Rules (Site 202:11) if a wind energy site application is filed with the SEC impacting the view shed of Newfound Lake and/or the Town of Bristol as seen from any point in Town and to further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to cover any legal expenses associated with the Town's participation as an intervener. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 9-1-3

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Moved by Janet Cote, seconded by Shaun Lagueux

Janet stated that the areas around Newfound Lake are being faced with wind turbines on the ridge lines. Several communities around the area having this on their warrants this year, this allows us to join in with them to protect our area. Some felt that this is a good thing, but is it enough or too much, Janet answered that it could be a little more or a little less, but Bridgewater and Hebron felt it would be around \$30,000.00 that is why we are asking for \$10,000.00 There was a lot of discussion about this article, some felt that we need the electricity that it generates, some felt protect the Lake, without the Lake Bristol has nothing. This \$10,000.00 is to be able to join and show that we want to protect the lake. A question was asked if we need to put this amount of money in every year. Joe Denning, Selectmen stated that this board wants to protect the lake; he doesn't know what a new board will be planning. He felt that this board would go to all ends to protect the lake and fight the wind turbines. Quite a few people strongly supported this article, it was mentioned that, we are not going for a full blown law suit, just to be part of the action as an intervener.

Dee Ford made a motion to close debate, seconded by Jody Favorite.

ARTICLE 17 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 18: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to repair/replace the roof of the Old Fire House. This would cover the cost of repairing the structure and replacing the shingles on the bell tower and painting the existing metal roofing. This amount is an estimate and only the cost of the actual work would be spent. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 12-0-1

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-4-1

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Lucille Keegan made the motion, seconded by Hilda Bruno, at this time; Lucille made a motion to amend the \$20,000.00 amount to \$9,000.00. Chris Dolloff seconded. Lucille stated that she final received quotes to get the roof done, and it is less than the \$20,000. Shaun Legueux, Board of Selectmen stated that the Board was not for this, because they didn't have enough information on it, but he is for the amendment. It was felt that this is a good investment in the "Old Town Hall" there are quite a few things that need to be done. There is a lot of storage space in there that could be used. Town and Historical Society could use this.

Archie Auger made a motion to close debate, Andrew Connolly seconded the motion. The vote is on the amendment only. **Amendment Passed**

ARTICLE 18, VOICE VOTE PASSED AS AMENDED.

Article 19: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500) for the purpose of conducting an organizational and operational assessment of the Bristol Police Department with the intent of studying the Department to ensure that it is appropriately structured, organized, staffed and equipped to fulfill their mission and to meet the current and projected future policing needs of the community; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract containing a detailed scope of service designed to accomplish the intent of the article with Municipal Resources Inc. of Meredith, NH or a similarly qualified, knowledgeable and independent 3rd party consultant with relevant experience and expertise in public safety operations and management. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 10-2-1

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Moved by: Robert Dumond seconded by Carol Huber

Robert spoke on the Article, this is not against the Police Department, he feels that we need to know that the Police Department is heading in the right direction, is it structured correctly, this will help with whatever plans for the future. It was felt by numerous people that this is just another report, we have had many, many reports over the years, we shouldn't spend money on a report, it should go towards updating the building. It was mentioned that there was a committee that had been formed and worked on this type of thing for two years, there was a report that was done then, we don't need more reports for \$20,500.00.

Robert Dumond stated that after speaking with Municipal Resources Inc. on what would be in the report the \$20,500.00 is what they suggested. This is not just another study; this is for the staffing, the rescourses and organization of the Police Department.

A question was asked who is we. Who put this together, Mr. Dumond stated that it was part of the community.

It was noted that in 2008, Chief Wingate who had been here for 33 years, requested a ninth officer, and received it, there have been reports done, we have a great level of service.

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What is the intent of the article, the intent is that we are in need of Police Services, how are we to do the services, what are the needs now and in the future.

It was mentioned that we have an efficient Police Department, a great Chief, we have numerous studies on this we don't need one more. There was much discussion about all of the reports that have been done. Janet Cote stated that the Board of Selectmen were for this, so article so that it could be put to bed for once, and not keep talking about it every year. The Town would understand what we need to do to support the Police. It was asked who was over the Police Department; Janet said that the Board has some oversight with regard to certain activity such as administration, but not criminal activity, they don't have control and don't want to tell him how to do his police work.

It was stated that if the report comes back stating that we need more officers and a better building, then we would need to follow the suggestions on that report and take care of what they suggest, even if it is more personnel and new building.

It was stated that this feels like a witch hunt on the Police Department, it started back when the Police Department went to the Budget Committee. This should be voted down. The Chief, Michael Lewis was asked what he thought about this, he stated that if the town wants the department larger/smaller it is up to the Town. His door is open, anyone can come in and he can show reports that have been done over the last several years. In order to do a study you need an experienced organization to do this. He feels that \$20,500.00 is a waste of money.

Motion made by James Pritchard to close debate, seconded by Dee Ford.

There was a written request for a ballot vote on this article. The polls do not have to be open for one hour.

ARTICLE 19: BALLOT VOTE YES: 40 NO: 93 DEFEATED

Article 20: By Petition: To see if the Town will authorize Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for the purchase of a Pumper/Tanker truck for the Fire Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement payable over seven years beginning in the year 2015. This lease agreement is subject to a non-appropriation clause which means the lease purchase agreement may be terminated if a future Town Meeting fails to approve funding. There will be no tax impact to the 2014 budget. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 8-3-1

The Select Board Does Not Recommend this Article 0-5

A motion was made by Mark Chevalier, seconded by Shaun Lagueux to skip over this article as the petitioner is a Supervisor of the Checklist, and presently counting votes. Motion carried, we will come back to this article.

After Article 21 passed as amended, discussion started on Article 20

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Moved by David Hill, seconded by Chris Dolloff. Chris stated that replace 1989 pumper tanker, the town had a committee together a few years ago, and we decided at that time to replace a truck every 8 years, it is now 25 years old, the firefighters are in the jump seat out in the air. There have been quite a few repairs on this truck. They have received 3 quotes, no impact on the 2014 budget. Lease purchase would be around \$70,000.00 a year, ladder truck is in the 2nd to last year for payments, it would be two years paying for two trucks, after the two years it would be just one. The vehicle has broken down at a fire, it is a maintenance issue. Would like to move forward with this.

Bill Cote, Budget Committee member asked Chief Yannuzzi to explain to the body what he had told the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. This is that the intent to replace Engine 4 after the payments were done on the other truck, in 2016 it would be just one payment. He doesn't know if the truck will keep operating until 2016. It takes 330 days or more to build the truck, and if we wait until next year, it will be another year before we get the truck. There is \$25,000.00 in a capital reserve fund.

There was a lot of discussion about the truck and why the Board of Selectmen didn't recommend this, Janet Cote stated that it was because they planned to replace in 2016. Chief Yannuzzi noted that there has been more than \$85,000 spent on repairs to the existing fire engine.

Shaun Lagueux made a motion to close debate, seconded by Susan Duncan. Motion passed.

VOICE VOTE, TO CLOSE TO CALL.

HAND COUNT BY SUPERVISORS YES: 54 NO: 46 ARTICLE 20 PASSED.

Donald Milbrand made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18, seconded by Mark Chevalier. Motion passed

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Four Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$5,466,274) for general Town operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Budget Committee Recommends this Article 7-6

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-1

Moved by Kerrin Rounds, seconded by Mark Chevalier.

Kerrin spoke on this article she asked people to review page 69 of the annual report, this states how the Budget Committee worked throughout the year, and a public hearing. There were changes to the Health Insurance plan, a 38 cent raise for the employees; there are some on some line items as well.

Helga Stamp made an amendment to Article 21, to add \$1500.00 to the budget for the Newfoundland Lake Region Association. Seconded by Chris Dolloff. There is a line item in the budget for this. She is asking for support for this, we have funded this in previous years; this would keep Bristol in line with other communities in the watershed. We need to keep the lake pristine and keep the milfoil out.

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There was much discussion on the amendment, in favor of this amendment. With this money milfoil can be checked, there is no milfoil right now in the lake and we need to keep it that way.

Motion to close debate by Archie Auger, seconded by Chris Dolloff. Motion passed.

Voting on the amendment: **Voice Vote, amendment passed.**

Ben Laroche made an amendment to add \$42,217.00 to the operating budget with the intention that these funds go to the purchase of a replacement cruiser for the Police Department. Chris Dolloff seconded.

Ben stated that with the failure with the other article, he feels if there are no funds, than we need to add funds for this, so that in future years we won't need to buy two cruisers in one year.

Paul Manganiello, Budget Committee member feels that we can't just add this money to a line item.

Moderator felt that there is a line item in the budget that this could be inserted into, if it passes. Joe Denning felt that if this passed then the intention of the Board of Selectmen would be to place the \$42,217.00 in that line item. Kevin MacCaffrie, Budget Committee member stated that the Chief came to the Budget Committee and stated that he didn't need to purchase a new cruiser this year. The budget committee went along with what the Chief stated.

Motion to close debate by Mark Chevalier, seconded by Chris Dolloff. Motion passed

Voice Vote to close to call. Hand Count by the Supervisors; Yes: 42 No: 59

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Chris Dolloff made an amendment to Article 21, seconded by Kerrin Rounds to raise \$8,565.00 to return the employee raises to .50 cents from the .38 cents.

Chris understands that the Board of Selectmen recommended 50 cents and the Budget Committee recommended 38 cents. He feels it is not a lot of money it is 12 cents, this would help the employees feel that they are appreciated, we need to keep the best employees to help keep the Town going. This includes benefits as well. Donald Milbrand; Selectmen mentioned that the Board had increased the amount that the employees are going to pay for their health care, with the 38 cents it would just cover that cost, and not give them a raise. Paul Manganiello disagrees with Mr. Milbrand, the health care changed in January, deductible has raised from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The result of the raise of 38 cents were more than what the deductible was.

The employees are paying more for health insurance, than the Town, Michael Capone, Town Administrator explained that the plan for a family would be \$374.40 more and \$306.78 for a two person and \$146.88 for one person, this plan is for 18 months. Other benefits have been reduced to employees; the premiums have been lowered to the Town. Over the last three years we have lowered the premium to the Town. Jon Sellers stated that the town portion has gone down and the employee portion has gone up.

Chris Dolloff stated that the Town portion has gone down; the employee is paying more so we should give the employee's a 50 cent raise.

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John Bianchi made a motion to close debate, Fred Eichmann seconded, motion passed.

VOICE VOTE, TO CLOSE TO CALL, HAND VOTE: AMENDMENT PASSED. \$8,565.00

It was asked out of the Budget Committee members why one member did not vote for the budget, also with what has been added how much has the budget increased.

Paul Manganiello stated that he did not vote for the budget, because he felt that the residents were being overtaxed. Also because he researched that we had a resource officer in prior years that just got rolled over into the police department and that the school is not reimbursing the Town. He felt that he didn't get voted on by quite a few of the budget committee members.

Michael Capone, Town Administrator noted that if there was no change to assess valuation, no change in revenues, the increase in the Town portion of the Tax Rate would be .51 cents per thousand. If the Board were to apply the expected 2013 surplus of \$209,765.00 to offset taxes the estimated Tax Impact would be about .09 cents per thousand.

Mark Chevalier made a motion to close debate, seconded by Rick Alpers, motion passed.

Voting on amended Article 21, the new amount to be voted on is \$5,476,339.00.

AMENDED ARTICLE 21 VOICE VOTE PASSED

Don Milbrand made a motion, seconded by Mark Chevalier, to restrict reconsideration of Articles 19 & 21. Motion passed.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to advise the Select Board that it does not support negotiating a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement with any renewable energy facility in accordance with RSA 362-A:6-a and that all such facilities shall pay the full ad valorem tax assessed to such facilities. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Motion made by Shaun Lagueux, seconded by Janet Cote.

Shaun researched this, the board feels that it does provide stability, but doesn't capture the full market value, what is taxable is everything that is in that building, from the building down to the wires. Don't know the full value until it is completed. The fair way is to not do a PILOT and go for a full ad valorem tax.

A few people thought that this should be left up to future boards and our hands should not be tired to this.

Joe Denning, Selectman, in the past some subsidiaries, he feels if a company moves in to Town, needs to be treated the same as anyone in the town, and the tax rate is the tax rate. Joe feels no pilot agreements, no matter who you are.

Rick Alpers doesn't agree with, he feels some PILOT's work, and some don't but we might need one for renewed energy. Other people felt that maybe the option should be open.

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Motion to close debate made by Mark Chevalier, seconded by Frank Dolloff, motion passed,

VOICE VOTE ARTICLE 22 DEFEATED

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the Town of Bristol to post security in the form of a letter of credit, cash or bond, prior to initiating operations, in order to cover all of the costs associated with removal of all equipment and facilities from the Town of Bristol upon cessation of operations for a period of more than twelve months. The amount of the letter of credit, cash or bond, to be determined by an independent engineer. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends this Article 5-0

Motion made by Joe Denning, seconded by Shaun Lagueux.

Janet Cote, stated that the Board is looking for direction to be sure that the Town is protected, should an operation come in that would require a bond. It was asked if we would require this from any other business that might come in to Town, if we wouldn't than we shouldn't ask it of another. We should welcome an industry that would come in to help with the tax bill. The wind energy is a little different than other industries, sometimes, they don't always tell it the way it is, this way the industry would have to put up a bond. This has a lot to do with decommissioning, to protect ourselves. Moderator asked Bernie Waugh, Town Counsel, if this is something the Town does, or does the Planning or Zoning do this. Atty. Waugh if these are going to be reviewed by the SEC, then the Town's requirements may not apply, but this is not a sure thing. He feels that it probably should be part of a zoning ordinance.

Atty. Waugh doesn't want to give any one the impression that he is opposed to this.

Motion to close debate by Robert Dumond, seconded by Lorna Patten, motion passed.

VOICE VOTE, ARTICLE 23 PASSED

Motion made by Fred Eichman to restrict reconsideration of Article 20, seconded by Robert Dumond, motion passed.

Article 24: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of the Budget Committee voting members from 13 to 7 pursuant to RSA 32:15, I (a). In lieu of the Budget Committee under Chapter 32:15, IV. *A town or district which had adopted this subdivision may vote at any subsequent meeting to change the number and manner of selection of its members-at-large. No such change shall take effect until the annual meeting following the meeting at which the change was adopted.*

(Ballot Vote Required) Note: Under the statute the moderator must accept ballots on this question for a period of at least an hour.

6 voted members for the Town of Bristol

1 appointed Selectmen voting member

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Steven Favorite made the motion, seconded by Ken Rogers. Steven stated that of all of the surrounding Towns, Bristol has the largest budget committee. He has traveled extensively and that the budget committee is the largest in some of the states that he has visited. He feels that we need only seven (7) members, he doesn't feel that they aren't doing their job, but with seven it could be run more efficiently.

There was quite a bit of discussion on this article, most felt that the budget committee should stay as it is, there is diversity in the group and that way many more opinions. There is not a problem with getting quorum together.

Chris Dolloff made a motion to close debate, seconded by Mark Chevalier. Steven questioned that this should be a ballot vote, Bernie Waugh, counsel for the Town, stated that it did not need to be a ballot vote.

VOICE VOTE ARTICLE 24 DEFEATED

After this vote, we went back to Article 15

Article 25: By Petition: On petition of the registered voters in the Town of Bristol: To see if the town will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon "to the people alone" (*James Madison, Federalist No. 52, 1788*); and

WHEREAS, the influence of corporations, unions and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on people alone;

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Bristol, New Hampshire, instruct Bristol's state representatives to call for, and Bristol's congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons; and the Federal and State legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for Federal or State office, or for any initiative or referendum. Bristol's state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment.

IF A MAJORITY OF VOTERS support the question, the Bristol Select Board shall immediately, and on the twenty-first day of January of each year, until Congress has proposed an amendment and such amendment is ratified by the State, send a written notice to Bristol's congressional delegation and to Bristol's state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents. (Majority vote required)

Max Stamp made the motion, seconded by Andrew Connolly. This is to limit the spending of Political Parties, and for the representatives of Bristol, and the Bristol Select board to send a written notice to Congressional Delegation, informing them of the decision of the legislative body.

There was a lot of support for this article.

Bob Patten made a motion to close debate, seconded by Nancy Gavalis.

VOICE VOTE ARTICLE 25 PASSED.

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Article 26: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting

Joe Denning and the Board of Selectmen wanted to recognize John Bianchi, for all of the years that he has put in; Murray Campbell, Barbara Greenwood and Lloyd Belbin have all spent numerous years helping the Town.

Susan Duncan, felt that if votes taken at Town Meeting for money to put in to places, like Kelley Park and the Old Town Hall, then the Board of Select board should use the money for the places that the Town Meeting voted on, she felt if that money had been used last year for the Old Town Hall, maybe we would have received the money this year, she felt it was a great disservice to the voters.

Bob Patten requested that a larger font be used in the Town Report. He felt that it is too difficult to read.

Fred Eichmann made a motion to adjourn, Rick Alpers second.

VOICE VOTE PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymah W. Simpson

Town Clerk/Tax Collector