

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF TILTON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Moderator Chuck Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Judy Tilton for donating refreshments; the proceeds go to the Tilton Senior Center. Moderator Mitchell thanked the Supervisors of the Checklist. Moderator Mitchell informed attendees that the Town of Tilton will be holding the Annual Yard Sale on April 26th, 2014.

Moderator Mitchell invited Selectman Chair Pat Consentino to read a prepared statement.

"Sandy, we know that you don't like to have attention drawn to yourself but please forgive us because we could not let this be your last Town Meeting as a Selectman without letting you know how much the Selectmen and all the Town Employees sincerely appreciate your selfless dedication to the Town of Tilton. We also want to recognize your outstanding service to the Town as the Land Use Administrative Assistant and Planning Board Member from 1998 through 2007 and especially these past five years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. We know about the countless hours you have volunteered serving our community, many of which, people don't see outside of the recorded meetings; such as diligently researching town records/documents (most of which, unfortunately, are stored in our dank and dusty town hall basement) so that Board members would have everything we would need to make fair and equitable decisions on a variety of matters; you were always prepared and provided a wealth and depth of information; when it came to participating in community activities, you led by example and were always right in the thick of things – remember cleaning out the old carriage house at the Tilton Senior center – clearing debris from around the Old Ernie's garage site to make the area safe before the building could be demolished – helping with Winnepesaukee River Trail's annual auction; actively participating in Old Home Day Committee and the Annual Christmas Parade, collecting food during the Annual Vicy Virgin Food Drive; delivering food baskets to the elderly and those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas time; the list could go on and on and on...But most of all we admire you for your genuine caring, thoughtfulness and kindness you have shown to everyone. Sandy, you will be truly missed."

The Board of Selectmen presented Selectman Plessner with a token of appreciation. Ms. Plessner thanked those in attendance, stating that it had been a pleasure and that her service to the Town had been a privilege.

Moderator Mitchell gave a brief overview of how the meeting would be run. He then introduced Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cindy Reinartz, Selectwoman Chair Pat Consentino, who then introduced the Board; Katherine Dawson, Sandy Plessner, Joe Jesseman, Al Laplante, Finance Director – Tim Pearson and Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler. The Moderator then introduced Chairman of the Budget Committee Jon Scanlon, who then introduced his Committee Members; Jane Alden, Eric Pyra, Stan Brown and Wayne Brock. Moderator Mitchell introduced Assistant Moderators; Linda Burns, Vincent Kondrotas and Helen Hanks.

The Election results were then placed on the screen and Mr. Mitchell reviewed those results with the assembly, and read as follows:

The 2014 Town voting was held at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School on Tuesday March 11th, 2014. Moderator Charles Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. The Moderator and Assistant Moderators inspected the ballot box ensuring that it was empty and the voting machine was zeroed. Moderator Mitchell led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator called for a motion to declare the polls open and was so moved by Selectman Sandra Plessner, seconded by Pat Clark. Absentee ballots were processed at 1:00 as posted, 6 in total. At 7 p.m., Moderator Mitchell called for a motion from the floor to close the polls, moved by Sandy Plessner and seconded by Katherine Dawson. The vote was taken and the polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. 355 Ballots were cast.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as presented on the ballot prepared for the same and to bring your votes for Executive Councilor.

For Selectman – 3 years
 Joseph Jesseman 158
 Jonathan Scanlon 154

For Budget Committee - 3 years
 Stanley Brown 222
 Jane Alden 255

For Town Clerk Tax Collector – 3 years
 Cynthia Reinartz 287

For Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years
 Janice Boudreau 297
 Marie Mahoney (write in)

For Moderator – 2 years
 Chuck Mitchell (write in)

For Sewer Commission – 3 years
 Peter Fogg 263

For Supervisor of the Check List – 6 years
 Judith Tilton 300

The results for Executive Councilor
 Joseph D. Kenney 198
 Michael J. Cryans 141

Moderator thanked those elected for their service to the town. Mitchell reviewed several of the Moderator Rules and stated that there was going to be 3 ballot votes today and gave instructions on the process. He then asked for a motion to accept. Motion by John Barrett to accept the Moderator's Rules. Motion seconded by Mr. Kondrotas. The vote was taken and passed.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,765,000) to participate in the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipally Managed State Highway Aid Program to reconstruct the following State Roads in the Town of Tilton: Calef Hill Road, Clark Road, Colby Road and Winter Street; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Seven Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,765,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state or other aid that may become available for said project; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen shall not be authorized to issue any bonds or notes unless and until the Town has received a binding commitment for State aid for said project in an amount at least equal to two-thirds of the total cost of the project. *This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Two-Thirds Ballot Vote required.*

Motion by Selectwoman Consentino to move Article 2 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. Article opened for discussion. Motion by Selectwoman Consentino to amend Article 2 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,675,000) to participate in the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipally Managed State Highway Aid Program to reconstruct the following State Road in the Town of Tilton: Calef Hill Road; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,675,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state or other aid that may become available for said project; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen shall not be authorized to issue any bonds or notes unless and until he Town has received a binding commitment for State aid for said project in an amount at least equal to two-thirds of the total cost of the project.

Motion seconded by Selectman Plessner. Matter opened for discussion. Selectman Consentino explained that the Board of Selectmen had met with the DOT Commissioners and had originally put in for four roads. The

State Aid programs require the Town to take over the Roads after reconstruction. With the potential of the State Veterans home to expand, the Board of Selectmen decided that it would not be in Tilton's best interest to include the three remaining roads which lead to the facility. The Board is currently looking into other funding sources. At this point in time, they would like to move forward with Calef Hill, as there are safety issues. They have met with Senators and Commissioners who indicate there is no money for repairs. The Article must be passed to be placed in the queue. Once placed in the queue, the project could be included in the State's 2019 budget, work could begin in 2018. No monies would be expended until late 2017 for the design work. That money would be reimbursed by the State in late 2017 or 2018. Construction would begin early 2018. The town would hire the engineer. Calef Hill is just less than 2 miles. Breakdown of cost was reviewed. Ms. Lynne Fox questioned that eliminating three roads had only decreased the cost approximately \$90,000.00. Selectman Consentino explained that the Board had originally underestimated the length of the roads. Mr. Scott Davis questioned if it would be a full box construction. Selectman Consentino responded that she was unsure of what was meant by full box construction, but that the State calls it a heavy maintenance standard that goes down a foot. Mr. Davis then questioned ledge in the area and that Inflation is estimated at 5% per year. Scott Davis referenced a letter on State Roads on the website and questioned timing. Ms. Consentino stated that the State has indicated that if placed in the queue, construction would begin in early 2018. *As there was no further discussion Moderator Mitchell called for a vote the Amendment presented by Selectwoman Consentino. The vote was taken and the Amendment passed.*

Discussion was opened on the Amended Article. Heather Bishop-Dumka who lives on School Street, questioned how the Board of Selectmen decided that Calef was more in need of repairs than School Street. Selectman Dawson explained that School Street was a numbered route of the State, which the State is solely responsible for repairing. A lively discussion continued. Ms. Consentino addressed those questions stating that the Town had been fighting with the State for a long time on this issue. The Town is not in a unique situation from other Towns. A little over 50% of Tilton's Roads are State Roads. It was discussed that the intersection of Colby, Clark and Winter was a problem. Ms. Consentino confirmed that they were still negotiating with the State on that intersection, but it would not be included at this time. Mr. S. Davis questioned if by participating with the State, the Town would be forced to confirm to specifications that they normally would not. Ms. Dawson responded that as it was a Class 2 State Road, the only way to get it fixed was for the Town to participate. If the Article does not pass, the state has said they would try to hold the road together the best they could. Mr. Pat Clark commended the Board of Selectmen on all the work they put in on the project. He expressed his concerns but was in support of the Article.

Moderator Mitchell called the vote at 8:36AM. Moderator Mitchell asked if there was anyone that did not vote on Article 2 as there was none he declared the polls closed on Article 2 at 9:48 AM.

Moderator Mitchell restated the Article and revealed the results of the vote on Article #2 voters present 112, 110 cast, 90 in affirmative, 20 negative. 81% in favor. Article 2 passed as amended.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution to urge that the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states including all of the 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 Tilton's congressional delegation, to Tilton'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. *This article was submitted by petition. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Consentino moved Article 4 to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Dave Fox noted that under current law, campaign finance allows corporations to give to campaigns as individuals and not have to disclose funding. The idea is to know where the money is coming from and where it is going, in light of full disclosure. A lively discussion on who this should apply to was had. Seeing no further comments, Moderator Mitchell called the question, restating the Article. *The vote was taken Article 4 passed as presented.*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Tilton Pawnbroker Ordinance in accordance with NH RSA Chapter 398. Majority Vote required. A copy of the ordinance is printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 5 was moved to the floor for discussion by Selectman Consentino. Motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Chief Robert Cormier explained that a lot of stolen items end up at the pawn shops, which can be melted down or resold. The ordinance will require items to be held for seven days, with a record kept of what has come in. Selectman Consentino stated a picture of items and identification would also be required. Bob Hardy asked for clarification of the wording of seller and second hand dealer. Chief Cormier further defined wording. The assembly voiced their concerns on identification and the time frame of holding the items. Chief Cormier explained they were asking that the item be kept for seven days, and after the seven days the Department would have a record of it. The Department currently works with the businesses in Town.

Mr. Hardy offered an amendment to "Add item K – A "Seller" is anyone bringing an item into an approved pawnbroker or pawnshop for sale," motion seconded by Selectman Dawson. Matter opened for discussion. Wording on the ordinance was discussed in detail in favor and against. If an attorney should be consulted on was discussed. *Moderator Mitchell called the question, restating the Article. A voice vote was taken but was not conclusive, resulting in a standing vote 67 in favor, 27 against. Amendment passes as presented by Bob Hardy.*

Language of the ordinance was further discussed. Chief Cormier spoke regarding the language and wanted jewelry stores or businesses described in the ordinance.

Ms. Lauren Noether offered an amendment, Moderator Mitchell read the amendment, "Add K - A "Seller" is anyone bringing an item into an approved pawnshop, pawnbroker, jewelry store or second-hand dealer for sale or loan." Motion seconded by many. The vote was taken on the amendment and passed. *Vote was taken on Article 5 as amended by Ms. Noether, and passed.*

Article 3. To see if the residents in the Town of Tilton will vote to rescind the pay as you throw bags and go to voluntary recycling. This article was submitted by petition. Majority Vote required.

Article 3 moved to floor for discussion by Selectman LaPlante. Motion seconded by Selectman Jesseman. Matter opened for discussion.

Mr. Scott Davis spoke on behalf of the Recycling Committee noting that the goal had been to reduce tonnage by 30%, since September they have reduced the amount by 50%, in turn they have reduced costs in tipping fees. The \$87,000 recycling contract includes bins and is paid by the PAYT. There is more of a cost to the homeowner. If PAYT is eliminated it would be spread over the tax base. Commercial entities are not affected by PAYT.

Peter Fogg expressed concern with paying \$110,000.00 for weekly garbage pickup and \$87,000.00 for every other week recycling, and questioned why it was not closer to half the cost and bag sales. Finance Director Mr. Pearson responded that since the \$87,000.00 was paid out of bag sales, the taxes were not affected but the reduction in tonnage had saved \$20,000.00 or approximately .03 cents on the tax rate. Mr. Fogg asked if the sale of the bags had covered the \$87,000.00. Mr. Pearson responded that they were on track to sell \$105,000.00 for 2014.

Motion by Nancy Trowsdale to restrict consideration the vote on Article 2. Seconded by Selectman Consentino. Motion voted. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dave Fox noted that prior to the program recycling had been at 7% and was now at 50%, and many summer residents had not had the chance to even take part. Mr. Ken Norton questioned who was bringing the article and why. Moderator Mitchell explained it had been brought by the petition. No one stepped forward to speak for the motion. Moderator Mitchell called the question. Moderator Mitchell instructed the assembly that this would be a ballot vote but did not have to be open for an hour. Motion by K. Norton to postpone article indefinitely. Motion seconded by Selectman Dawson. Protocol was discussed. Moderator Mitchell called the original vote. *After all had voted the Moderator Mitchell closed the polls restated Article 3 and announced the results. Those voting in the affirmative 22, negative 79, Motion defeated.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 100 License Regulations - Town of Tilton Ordinance (Hawkers, Peddlers and Itinerant Vendors) adopted March 8, 1990 to allow for a criminal background check. Majority Vote required.

Article 6 was moved to the floor by Selectman Dawson for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. Jerry Davis. It was then differed to Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler.

Ms. Fulweiler explained that the ordinance adopted in 1990 did not allow for criminal background checks, the amendment would address this. Marjorie Bonneville questioned if this included Farmers Markets. Selectman Consentino explained that although craft vendors required Hawkens and Peddlers licenses, Farmers Markets were excluded. Peter Spear questioned if criminal background checks would be revenue neutral. Selectman Consentino stated costs were included in the licensing. Ken Norton questioned what it would mean if someone came back with a DWI or a past conviction. The Chief responded that if a felon were to apply to go door to door, a license to sell could be rejected. Judy Tilton asked how often it had been enforced at Tanger Outlet since the adoption in 1990. Selectman Consentino stated that this was the second year they had revenue from the crafters at Tanger. Mr. Brown questioned if it should be done before the ordinance was put forth before the Town. Ms. Fulweiler responded it was a case by case basis. Mr. Brown expressed concern with discriminatory background checks and who determined who received them. Issue was further discussed. *Vote on Article 6 was taken on as presented and passed.*

Margery Bonneville made a motion to restrict consideration on Article #3. Motion seconded by Ms. Dumka. The vote was taken and passed. Ms. Bonneville thanked the citizens for all the hard work in making the program successful.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the NEPBA Local 29, Tilton Police Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year (or portion thereof) Estimated Increase per fiscal year

July 1 - Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 26,141
Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 47,510
Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016	\$ 18,713
Jan. 1 - June 30, 2017	\$ 8,950

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Forty One dollars (\$26,141) for the current fiscal year 2014, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Moderator stated that this article will be a secret ballot vote. Article 7 was moved to the floor for discussion by Selectman Consentino. Motion seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion. Selectman Consentino gave an overview of the article, detailing wage adjustments and health insurance contributions. Nancy Trowsdale spoke in support of the Article. Moderator Mitchell opened the polls and instructed the assembly.

After all had voted Moderator Mitchell informed the assembly of the vote on Article 7, 72 voted in the affirmative and 15 voted in the negative. Article 7 passed as presented and it was so declared.

Marge Bonneville motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article #7. Motion seconded by Selectman Plessner. Motion voted and passed.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of constructing meeting room space on the stage area located in the upstairs of the Town Hall. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Dawson moved the Article to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Jerry Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Selectman Dawson explained that the Article would allow creation of a non-public meeting room, as there was currently no space at Town Hall for attorney client conversations, and holding attorney meetings after hours would drive up costs. Some estimates have been obtained at approximately \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Scott Davis questioned how ADA issues would be addressed. Selectman Dawson responded that in the event that a handicap person should need to be accommodated they would make other arrangements, but because the space would not be dedicated to public use, it would not fall under ADA requirements. Mr. D. Fox questioned why the Budget Committee was opposed to the Article. Budget Chair J. Scanlon responded that four had voted no, three had voted yes. They had felt there was not enough information provided and felt that non-public meetings could be held after 3:00PM when the space was vacant. He noted that heating, a/c and electricity costs had not been included in the estimates. They were also concerned with ADA issues. Discussion continued regarding cost and use of the room. Kathy Mitchell called the question, seconded by Dave Fox. All were in favor. *Moderator Mitchell called the vote, restated Article 8. A voice vote was too close to call, a standing vote was taken. Yes – 21, No – 42, Article 8 fails.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Tilton-Northfield Island Park Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2012. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Plessner moved the Article to the floor for discussion. Mr. J. Davis seconded the motion. Matter opened for discussion.

Selectman Plessner explained that at the Island is currently eroding, and unfortunately Northfield is not ready to contribute to upkeep. Tilton has been putting funds aside for the past several years, for the needed engineering study to save the Island.

Mr. D. Fox questioned what would happen if Northfield did not want to get involved, if Tilton could act without them. Selectman Plessner stated that they could, but would prefer that Northfield was involved. Dennis Manning asked what the plan was then, and when would it be done, as expenses could be held off on, if there was no plan on acting yet. Bob King asked if anyone knew where the Town boundary was. Selectman Consentino stated that both Towns owned the Island. Selectman Dawson explained that although the Island boundaries fall in Northfield, the Island itself is jointly owned by both Towns. Town Administrator J. Fulweiler (and also a Northfield resident) explained that the Island had been given to the Towns of Northfield and Tilton by a direct descendant of Charles Tilton. A descendant currently residing in Northfield still takes an interest in working with both Towns to preserve the Island. She stressed that Northfield does want to also preserve the Island.

Selectman Jesseman stated that the fund currently holds \$30,000.00, he stated it would be a shame to let the Island wash away, and regardless of what Northfield did, it should not have a bearing on what Tilton does. Discussion continued. Julie Harvey called the question. Mr. J. Davis seconded the motion. *The Moderator closed debate restated the article. The vote was taken and Article 9 passed as presented.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2012. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Jesseman moved Article #10 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Selectman Jesseman explained that money was put away each year to accommodate equipment needs. In 2014 money is scheduled to be put away for a new back hoe. Currently the fund holds \$70,000.00. The new back hoe is anticipated at \$105,000.00. *As there was no further comments or questions, motion was voted, motion passed. Article 10 passes.*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be added to the Town Roads, Streets and Bridges Reconstruction and/or Repair Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2005. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman LaPlante moved Article 11 to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Selectman LaPlante explained the money would be put away to maintain sidewalks and roads. *As there were no further questions or comments, the vote was taken, Article 11 passed as presented.*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget *The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Dawson moved Article 12 to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Chairman of the Parks Commission Bob Hardy explained the Article would add \$5,000.00 to the Capital Reserve Account that was set up for recreational programming. Last year two zoo programs were brought in, and they would like to continue the wild life program enacted last year. They would like to purchase a backstop for the 132 Ball field.

Emily LaPlante questioned how often the ice rink had been used. Park Chair Peter Fogg responded that the rink was open 24 hours a day, with lighting from Tanger Outlet and that he had seen signs of use but could not provide an actual count.. Ms. J. Alden questioned how much was in the fund and what had been spent. Mr. T. Pearson replied there was a little over \$29,000.00 currently held in the fund. Ms. H. Hanks stated that she had brought her children to several events run by the Park Commission, and she would like to see it continue.

Mr. J. Scanlon noted that the Article was not recommended by the Budget Committee, with a vote of 2 yes, 5 no. Finance Director Tim Pearson stated that approximately \$3,000.00 had been expended in the past year.

As there were no further questions the article The Moderator read Article 12. The vote was taken. Article 12 fails.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Consentino moved Article 13 to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion. Selectmen Consentino deferred Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler to speak on this article.

Town Administrator J. Fulweiler explained that, every year, money is budgeted for contract assessing services as well as data verification. There will be a 2014 revaluation update. As the cost of revaluation is expense, annually \$20,000.00 has been added to the Capital Reserve Fund. Currently the fund holds \$56,030.00. Revaluation for 2014 will cost \$91,900.00. \$38,568.00 will come from the operating budget. The Warrant Article's intent is to replenish the fund.

Mr. S. Davis how often the Town goes out to bid on the contract. Ms. J. Fulweiler responded that in 2005 they had used a different company, in 2009 they entered contract with the current company. She noted there were not many companies in the state to offer the service.

As there were no further questions, the article was presented to the assembly, the vote was taken and Article 13 passes as presented.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to the Lake Improvement/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2007. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.*

Selectman Jesseman moved Article 14 to floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. J. Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Selectman Jesseman explained that the Town had been putting away \$1,500.00 per year to protect both Silver Lake and shore on Lake Winnisquam from mil foil. Specialized equipment is needed to deal with the issue. The Lakes are a breeding ground for this. Silver Lake Association is doing a lot of work and was able to get a boat for this purpose.

As there were no further comments or questions, Moderator Mitchell presented Article 14, the vote was taken and passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of *Five Million Three Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$5,339,740)* for general municipal operations as posted as part of the warrant and MS7 Form. This article does not include special or individual articles. Majority Vote required.

Moderator Mitchell stated that \$5,339,740 does not include the warrant articles brought before you today. Chairman of the Budget Committee Jon Scanlon brought Article 15 to floor for discussion. Motion seconded by Jerry Davis. Matter opened for discussion.

Mr. J. Scanlon noted that the Budget Committee had met often, working with Department Heads, going over each line item, as well as, meeting with outside agencies and spending many agencies.

Jane Alden moved to amend Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to increase line item #4130-10-130 the Selectmen's Salaries by \$3,000.00 from \$18,000.00 to \$21,000.00. She explained this would be an extra \$100 per month. Current rate the Selectmen get \$300 and this would increase it to \$400 per month. She noted this was a working group of Selectmen, gas costs have gone up, as well as, car maintenance, and she does not feel the Town is giving them their just due. The last time they received a raise was in 2008. The amendment was seconded by Jerry Davis. *Moderator Chuck Mitchell read the amendment to the assembly "To see if the Town will vote to increase line item #4130-10-130 the Selectmen's Salaries by \$3,000.00." from 18,000.00 to 21,000.00.*

Mr. Ralph. Sellers stated he had some dealings with the Board of Selectmen and fence viewing committee and that he could vouch they put in more time most would ever know of. He was in favor of the amendment. Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz agreed and stated that most did not know that they worked around the clock outside of business hours and stated she was in support. *Seeing that there were no further questions the Moderator took the vote on the amendment submitted by Jane Alden. Amendment passed.*

Moderator Mitchell read Article 15 as amended; *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Five Million Three Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$5,342,740) for general municipal operations as posted as part of the warrant and MS7 Form.* The vote was taken and passed.

Moderator Mitchell, who is also a member of the Conservation Commission, informed the assembly of progress being made at the old Ernie's Garage location. Mr. Pearson informed the assembly that the approved amount of the operating budget would be \$5,505,381.00. also noting that the assembly authorized a \$2.675 million bond.

The meeting was opened to other business.

Rue McAfee informed the assembly of the Town Yard sale to be held on April 26th, 2014 and invited all to participate. Scott Davis asked for the unreserved fund balance. Mr. Pearson stated that there was just over a million in January of 2013, and expected to add \$200,000.00. Ken Norton publicly thanked Sandy Plessner for her years of service and the assembly gave her a standing ovation. Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz asked those newly elected or re elected to see her to be sworn in. Dennis Manning noted that the Town Clerk's office was the only one who had written job descriptions available on the website, and asked if others could be made available. The Board of Selectmen responded that they have them and can make them available on line. Marjorie Bonneville thanked everyone who served the Town, Board of Selectmen members, Budget Committee members, members of other Committees and Commissions and Fire and Police Departments. Ms. Hope wondered if ice skating was more popular than Town Meeting. Selectman Consentino welcomed Jon Scanlon as a Selectman and noted that a vacancy was now available on the Budget Committee. Jerry Davis informed the assembly that after 43 years of service to the Fire Department, he planned on submitting his retirement in the near future. Selectman Plessner thanked Judy Tilton for all that she has done for the town meeting as she provided the refreshments.

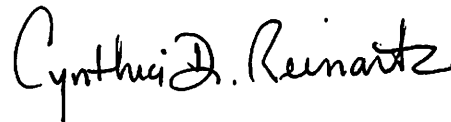
Motion by Dave Fox to adjourn all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

A true attest copy



Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk Tax Collector



Cynthia D. Reinartz
Town Clerk Tax Collector