

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 – 5:30pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Karen Hatcher, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Seth McLean, Leo Smith, Alison Kreutz

Budget Committee: Bob Hanson, Richard Clark, Ronnie McIntire, Paul Sullivan, Carl Mabbs-Zeno, Mandy Sliver, Ed Henault, Donald Parkhurst

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

New Business

Review of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding The Peterborough/Jaffrey Regional Water Supply and Interconnection Project

Mr. Bartlett explained that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regards the collaborative project between Peterborough and Jaffrey for potential development and connection to Cold Stone Springs well site (previously known as the Barking Dog site), just south of the town line. There are 528 acres associated with the site; two wells are in Sharon and one is in Jaffrey. The three wells that have been permitted 576,000 gallons a day, which is much more than the Town's daily consumption.

Following the discovery of contamination from cleaning solvents in the South Well in 1982, it was taken out of service and made a Superfund site. New Hampshire Ball Bearing (NHBB) has cooperated actively with the US EPA and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on remediation of the site but, after thirty-six years, restoration appears no closer, as the original chemical pollutants have over time degraded into different contaminants. To date, NHBB has expended over \$33,000,000 and it still has not been determined if the aquifer can ever be fully remediated. Over the years it became apparent that the Town needed to be looking for a replacement water source, which led to the review of the Cold Stone Springs site.

Initial meetings in Jaffrey were very positive, and quickly moved to discussion of additional water supply needs for the proposed expansion of Millipore Sigma. The towns are presently in discussions with the intent of developing an intermunicipal agreement for the management of this potential municipal drinking water supply, and the MOU document was recommended by the Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund Commission. The plan is for the Towns to share the costs to drive them down, collaboratively build on the site, share the operation and maintenance, and create a model for other communities in the future.

For funding purposes, Administration has reached out to the Water Infrastructure Finance Investment Act, managed out of Washington; USDA Rural Development; DES's group for the State Revolving Fund; and Drinking Water Ground Water Trust Fund Commission. Jaffrey is going through similar steps, and they are potentially eligible for an additional grant available to towns in Cheshire County. On their town warrant for next week they're considering \$2.8 million for improvements to their distribution system and, if all goes well, at their Town Meeting in March of 2020, they will be looking to fund their portion of the connection costs. The due diligence process will take 9-12 months. Mr. Bartlett said the MOU "is the first step in identifying the level of cooperation and coordination between Peterborough and Jaffrey."

Chair Miller asked if there were any questions from the audience.

Resident Beth Alpaugh-Cote said she knew the Hunt Well contains iron and manganese, which would require treatment, but asked if there would be an advantage to putting that well online. Mr. Bartlett said that the last time the Town ran a quality and quantity test on the Hunt Well, the levels of iron and manganese continued to rise over the thirty-day test period. They leveled out eventually at a higher pumping rate and the possibility of filter system was investigated, but the estimated cost was over \$750,000 for only 100 gallons per minute,

and that was in 2007. The cost would easily be over a million dollars today. He said it could potentially be a future resource, and the Summer Street Well, Tarbell and North Well, and eventually Hunt Well could be interconnected into a water treatment system. Overall, the future of drinking water quality coming out of the ground is getting less and less.

As a point of order, Ms. MacStay reminded the group that the Public Hearing for the Water Supply Bond was scheduled for 6:30pm, and further discussion about the specifics of the Cold Stone Springs site should wait until that time.

Resident Mr. Andrew Dunbar asked for confirmation that Peterborough would not be funding Jaffrey's economic interest regarding Millipore. Mr. Bartlett said there are no funding commitments outlined in the MOU.

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to authorize Mr. Bartlett to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, following the correction of a grammatical error in the last sentence of the first page of the document.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Select Board Minutes of February 5th and February 19th, 2019

Ms. Hatcher had two corrections for the minutes of February 19th. Ms. Hatcher had been incorrectly documented as opening the last part of the Block Grant Funding public hearing – it was Chair Miller who opened the hearing. Ms. Hatcher requested it be on the record that the difference in Peterborough's portion of school funding would only be \$90,000, and not \$800,000 as was said previously, if the warrant article shifting the formula for school funding passed.

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made a motion to accept the minutes from Select Board Meeting held February 5th and February 19th, 2019, with corrections to the February 19th minutes.

Vote: Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Other Business

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th. Chair Miller called a five-minute recess prior to the joint meeting with the Budget Committee.

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECT BOARD MEETING

Chair Miller called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 PM and recognized the impressive public turn-out.

Mr. Bob Hanson, Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, introduced the present members of the Committee. Chair Roland Patten was absent due to health reasons.

6:00 PM – Public Hearing on FY2020 Budget

Mr. Hanson said the total budget for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$16,142,345.00, with tax rate increasing 2.1% in operating budget, and estimated tax with Capital items increasing 1%.

Mr. Bartlett explained that ultimately it will be a 1% increase, including operating budget, all CIP and warrant articles. Mr. Bartlett said the operating budget is the base budget for all departments, and has a proposed increase of 1.95% to maintain present level of service and while addressing most requests from Department Heads.

Mr. Richard Clark asked why Highway Department retirement is down 36% even though salaries are up 13%. Ms. MacStay explained she would need to go back and look at the Excel sheet to determine if it was an error or just not budgeted correctly in the prior year.

Mr. Andrew Dunbar asked about Community Development, Emergency Management, and General Government, which had the greatest overall budget increases. Ms. MacStay explained that salary costs were shifted out of EDA and into Community Development, and there was a request for Outside Services for

work being done for Community Development and Planning. Regarding Other Government, the biggest jumps was due to merit increases. The greatest cost in Emergency Management is the request for radio repeater to be installed at Monadnock Community Hospital.

Chair Miller noted that the rate of inflation was 2.44%, which means the proposed budget is essentially a flat budget, and a very responsible one.

Resident Ms. Joanne Carr said the municipal tax rate has fluctuated over the years, making it hard to predict what taxes are going to be on an annual basis. She said she was seeking assurance that the Select Board and Budget Committee are attentive to stabilizing the tax rate. She said it's difficult not knowing when the warrant articles that were passed the previous year are going to hit. Mr. Hanson said everything that was approved at Town Meeting last year are in this year's budget.

Resident Ms. Libby Reinhardt asked for confirmation that the issue of bonds won't change the numbers as presented, and they could improve if they were issued at a lower interest rate. Mr. Hanson confirmed.

Mr. Henault explained that money requested for CIP items is collected over time to avoid large expenditures all at once.

Resident Mr. Bill Taylor said taxes went up 30% on his property, so that didn't seem like a modest or responsible increase to him: "We just got completely whacked."

Mr. Ward asked Mr. Bartlett to explain revaluation. Mr. Bartlett said property assessment is required by the State Department of Revenue every five years, and the intent is to make sure property is fairly assessed. Increase in the assessed value of homes generates higher tax bill, which helps the overall budget to be fairly spread across town property owners. If the proposed operating budget and CIP items pass as currently written, tax rate is projected to increase 1% (if the assessed value of one's property does not change in the next year). Ms. MacStay pointed out that is only in regards to the municipal tax portion.

Ms. Carr said the rate fluctuates year to year, but is always an increase, and house values fluctuates almost year to year. She said she is confounded why her house value changes every one-to-two years.

Mr. Leo Smith said it is a DRA requirement that all properties are evaluated on fair market value of sales. Assessments for single family homes were below where they should have been - State says target range was 92-93% relating to assessment to overall market value (called the equalization ratio). Before revaluation, the Town was at 80% of what fair market values were. Target was 95-96%. The reassessment is statistically based, and the revaluation affects the whole town.

Resident Ms. Christina Reichl said she believed the recent assessments were too high, as her neighborhood has houses that have been on the market for 24 months.

Mr. Leo Smith said there is an abatement process that property owners can go through if they have doubts about their assessments. Though the deadline has passed for 2018, residents could file an abatement for 2019.

Mr. Hanson said questions should be addressed to him.

Audience member Mr. Matthew Cabana said that assessed values tend to be static compared to appraised value. He noted that he doesn't have a vote at Town Meeting because he isn't a Peterborough resident, even though he is a Peterborough property-owner and tax-payer. He said he understood that assessed value changes over time, but typically if a property or town is assessed in an up-market, the total value of the town will increase, and if assessed value is up, the tax rate should drop. With the last tax bill, the assessed value went up, but tax rate didn't drop, so he was seeking an explanation for that.

Mr. Bartlett explained that there were net increases in expenditures for both the school and municipal budgets due to the articles that were voted in at last year's Town Meeting. The tax rate dropped, but didn't drop enough to make it a zero impact. If not for the approval of those items, taxpayers would have seen a

decrease in their bill. He said that the Library, Town House, Transcript Dam, and Main Street Bridge projects are all in the budget if they bond this year. If for some reason the bonding does not happen, the funds won't be spent.

Mr. Cabana asked for confirmation that the new DPW Facility and Fire Station were not included. Mr. Bartlett confirmed.

Mr. Taylor asked if it was known what next year's tax impact will be. Mr. Bartlett said the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting was scheduled for April 2nd, and at the Open Session on May 15th, Administration will have projections for tax dollar and water rate. The reason they are not available yet is because Administration is working currently to find ways to reduce the cost and get a better idea of the many funding mechanisms at work. The \$8.26 million in warrant article for the water project is worst case scenario (no participation from Jaffrey, DES, etc.). Mr. Bartlett said Administration will be working very hard to identify those numbers between now and May 15th.

Mr. Taylor said he was concerned that if those numbers aren't known, residents won't know potential impact, and he asked how the Town was going to get the word out about the project.

Mr. Ward encouraged residents to show up to Deliberative Session and Town Meeting, and asked Mr. Bartlett to confirm that the Water project would not affect the tax rate. Mr. Bartlett confirmed, and said it would be financed through the water user rate.

Mr. Ward said putting projects off costs more money in the long run.

There was a discussion about the ways that voters can obtain information about the budget and warrant articles prior to Town Meeting, and the importance of residents being informed and having time to consider the options before having to vote.

Motion: Mr. Hanson made a motion to recommend the Operating Budget with CIP items as presented.
Vote: Budget Committee voted 6-1 in favor (Mr. Clark opposed). Motion passed.

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made a motion to recommend the Operating Budget with CIP items as presented.
Vote: Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Hearing on Public Works Facility Bond

Mr. Bartlett said the Town has discussed new facilities since 2007. No Town facilities have gone through any major renovations since then, excepting the Town House (new floor in Upper Hall, new roof in the spring, and brickwork coming next year). The Wastewater Treatment Plant was paid for by user fees and grant funding. The needed replacement of Fire Station and DPW Facility has been noted for some time. Last year the decision was made to look at the DPW facility replacement first, and to build it on the same site as the WWTP so all public works functions at were at the same location, which would free up current DPW for new Fire Department Building. The Town has built on work the NHDOT has done over the last several years. Administration searched the recent constructions for a facility that would best match Peterborough's needs and the best match was found in Salem. The present Elm St. facility has 8000sq ft, in 3 or 4 pieces, and a salt shed, which is comparable. The project in Salem was competitively bid – 6 bids received in March 2017, and project completed in May 2018. The low bid was \$3.594 million by DL King, so Administration has reached out to them to see what it would be in 2020 dollars. To finalize one of their designs would be in the \$3.3-3.4 million range. If those numbers are supported, next step will be to reach out to designers, and the bid could go out by April 1st, ended by May 1st. The Town has the basic site plans for the Salem facility. Moving the facility would also include new fueling depot, emergency generator, and sitework. That project would be approximately \$3.4 million.

Mr. Clark asked if the site was already prepped for building. Mr. Bartlett said it requires site work, but the cost is already included in the numbers.

Resident Ms. Bonnie Ackerhoff asked if the new DPW facility would be down by Dubois Farm Road, and if there would be an opportunity for abutters to have a say. Mr. Bartlett said it would be built on the same site that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is on. One of the goals is to use land already owned by the town because we didn't want to take existing commercial/industrial property of the tax rolls. Mr. Bartlett encouraged attendance and participation at Town Meeting on May 15th.

Resident Ms. Lisa Acker of Colonial Square said the new potential site is very close to her property and asked if there was any other town-owned land it can be built on. She was concerned her reselling ability could be affected and asked if there was a map of plans available. Mr. Bartlett said no site plan had been done yet, but the site is between former NEBS building and structure of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Ms. Acker asked when would building begin. Mr. Bartlett replied that construction would start in spring of 2021, at the earliest (if it is passed at Town Meeting).

Mr. Taylor inquired if Evans Flats had been investigated as a potential site for building. Mr. Bartlett said they originally looked at the Fire Department being part of present maintenance facility on Evans Flats. One of difficulties was the interaction with traffic at the Community Center, especially after school and Saturdays. The Town recently reached out to the Harris Center, that owns the property between Elm Street and 101. There is Conservation Commission interplay - Wetlands mapping for those sites encompasses most of that area, so there isn't a lot of buildable property. The land has been "okay" relative to stability for existing building, but there are concerns about stability for new structure. DPW reconstruction on present site has been considered, though that would impact Fire Department plans. The Town has looked at a number of sites going back to 2008. Ideally Police and Fire would be kept close to downtown, and there is more flexibility for location of the Highway Department. The current plan seems like the least costly approach, though the difficulty of finding labor for constructions jobs has driven the cost of construction up.

Mr. Taylor said he felt the Fire Department was the most pressing issue. Can there not be a DPW renovation and Fire Department added? Would it be less expensive to combine on one site? Mr. Bartlett responded that they have not come to the conclusion that it is not doable, though "we have gotten far enough to know it would be difficult."

Resident Ms. Loretta Laurenitis said she wished there had been a community meeting prior to public hearing and it came as a surprise that this was going to be on the Warrant. She said it says in the Master Plan that the Town will need to address potential traffic impacts on Pheasant Road, and voiced that she would like to see more opportunity for public input about the project before Town Meeting.

Mr. Matthew Cabana, who is a Realtor, said on the record that he would forgo his real estate commission if any property he had listed was sold as a result. He said the cost of labor and construction is high, and he believed the SDE Building that could support multiple municipal services. The building has 26,000 square feet of warehouse space and is on the market for \$2.9 million.

Ms. Carr said she felt that, with no site plan and numbers in place, putting the DPW Facility project on the warrant was "very premature." She asked Budget Committee to consider tabling it.

Mr. Hatcher said she appreciates the community process, and the suggestions from the audience make a lot of sense. Though a lot of work has already been completed, it might be a good idea to take a step back and make "maximum use of what we have."

Ms. Fuller said the atmosphere seemed adversarial when we're all in this together, and asked what intermediate steps the community can do other than defeat a warrant.

Ms. Acker said maybe there is a cheaper alternative.

Chair Miller said the Town has been looking at potential properties for more than ten years, and has invested years of research. She assured the group that this project has had a "long-term, well-thought out approach."

Mr. Donald Parkhurst said one thing to consider about the SDE Building as a site for the Fire Department is the response district, which includes Francestown, Dublin, Sharon, and Hancock. Having it on that side of Town might prove difficult.

Ms. Reichl said she felt it was reckless to put high-traffic volume in the way of children.

Mr. Jeff Fuller said the “cart is before the horse from public’s point of view,” and the public does not seem convinced of practical application. There could be a lot of dangerous traffic in a school zone.

Motion: Mr. Hanson motioned to support the Public Works Facility Bond as presented.

Vote: 3-4. Motion failed.

Motion: Chair Miller make a motion to support the Public Works Facility Bond as presented.

Vote: Mr. Ward seconds. 2-1 (Ms. Hatcher opposed). Motion passed.

Public Hearing on Water Supply Bond

In 1982 it was determined that South Well on Sharon Road, east of NHBB, was contaminated and so it was taken out of service and became a Super Fund site. Since then NHBB has spent over \$33 million in trying to clean up the site, but it is evident that, without further major treatment, it will never be used as a drinking water site again. Administration was approached by engineers who worked for Cold Stone Spring Well site, located in Jaffrey and Sharon. There are three wells associated with the site, originally part of Barking Dog well site. Permitted by DES for large ground water withdrawal, and a construction estimate completed in June of 2018. Interconnection would be very close to where NHBB is. Administration reached out to Jaffrey about emergency interconnections and potentially sharing the well site, and the response was very positive and they expressed interest in being part of the overall project.

Administration has reached out to several sources for grant funding. Engineering report done by Underwood Engineers outlined cost of rehabilitation, control building, treatment, plus transmission main was \$8.26 million.

There were two contaminants found - nitrate & perchlorate. The bench tests completed in 2015 were 100% successful in reducing levels to non-detect levels. The calculated cost includes treatment for those in the event of future problems. Purchase and Sales agreement has been drafted for the area, which is roughly 500 acres and fronts on both sides of Gridley River, and East Side of Contoocook. Peterborough owns the parcels on the north sides.

Last week the Jaffrey Select Board voted to enter into the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), as did Peterborough Select Board. It will go to funding sources next, and now cost sharing discussion process will begin. Hopefully those details will be available for Town Meeting in May. Administration is working on agreement with the present owner to wait until July of 2020 before we enter into closing documents, to ensure time for due diligence and the financial process, and to allow Jaffrey to go through their March 2020 Town Meeting.

Mr. Clark asked about the maximum production and usage of current wells, and if there been an increase in usage. Mr. Bartlett replied that about 200 gallons a minute are used, with 600 gallons a minute possible at maximum between the three wells.

Mr. Clark said he appreciated the new well site is on a different aquifer than the existing wells, which will ensure there is a good water source in the event of one of the aquifers being contaminated.

Ms. Hatcher said she appreciates that the Warrant Article has a failsafe so no single entity is on the hook if the project doesn’t come together as expected and hoped for. Mr. Bartlett said none of the funding agencies want to be the sole financial source. Bond amount is limited to 50%. EPA will provide a loan up to 49%.

Mr. Robert Wood asked if there was a low-range figure for what the project would cost. Mr. Bartlett responded that the transmission main, which is \$3.25 million, would be the only portion of the Town’s cost that would not be shared with Jaffrey. The remainder could be shared in a variety of ways, and there is the

potential for \$2.5 million out of the remaining \$5 million to be covered. There will be meters on the transmission mains for both towns, so the towns will be held accountable only for the water they're using.

Mr. Wood said there are about 1,800 rate payers in Town, so 1,800 accounts would be paying for project. He asked where the perchlorate comes from. Mr. Bartlett said the source has not been identified, but the plume has been mapped. Amounts have gradually decreased, and are well below health risk numbers. The same ionization process would be used for both nitrate and perchlorate: "If we do make determination that treatment is necessary, we'll have the funds." It is stipulated in the purchase and sales agreement that the Town has the right to retest all wells for contaminants leading up to the purchase.

Mr. Wood shared that he serves on the Conservation Commission, and has been advocating for water rate analysis and readjustment for water and sewer rates. He said this should be done whether bond passes or not, as water rate has been increasing over the last few years. Low end users in the system are supporting high end users.

Ms. Reinhardt asked, if rate can't be raised high enough, does it then go back to taxpayers? Mr. Bartlett explained that Town has a better bond rating than the Water Department. To get to the point to make the Town responsible, the Water Department would have to go out of business, and the potential of that is nil. All the vote does is *authorize* bonds to be issued, it does not *require* that the bonds are issued. Whatever the financial package turns into, the Board will have to vote whether to proceed.

Ms. Reinhardt asked who owns the site. Mr. Bartlett said Cold Stone Springs, which operates out of Chicago with relationships in Peterborough, owns a portion, David Bonsal owns a portion, and there is one other owner.

Resident Ms. Anne Booth said it sounded like a good use for Barking Dog. She is an abutter to part of the land, and asked what will happen to the land once the Town owns it. Mr. Bartlett explained the intent is to put conservation easement on the whole parcel. The intent has been to conserve the land, and most conservation easements are restrictive.

Ms. Booth asked how control building would be accessed. Mr. Bartlett answered it would be accessed by way of Chamberlain Road, which comes by Sharon Road in Jaffrey. There is a plan to minimize impact by using existing roads.

Reporter Ms. Ashley Saari from the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript asked if Jaffrey would be a co-owner of the site or a user? Mr. Bartlett said it was being negotiated.

Ms. Laurenitis asked why the Town can't access the source of Upland Farms Spring Water. Mr. Bartlett said the Town doesn't own the property. Administration reached out to the owners to see if they would be interested in selling, and they were not receptive.

Mr. Andrew Dunbar asked if barium, radon, and uranium were tested for. Mr. Bartlett said all the usual regular water supply contaminants will be tested for. Mr. Dunbar asked how Sharon comes into the project. Mr. Bartlett said it would be a collaborative and cooperative effort with Sharon and figuring out the details would be part of due diligence.

Mr. Taylor asked if Administration had come across any kind of promise made by Peterborough or Jaffrey to the company that originally drilled the wells, as the original intent of the wells was to offer one to Peterborough, one to Jaffrey, and have one as an income source. Mr. Bartlett said the wells had a long history, but there was never any commitment made from Jaffrey or Peterborough to those original owners nor to present owners.

Ms. Carr said she thought it was a good project, "providing redundancy and capacity for both communities," and extra water supply is important for Peterborough to grow. The Conservation Commission, of which she is a member, is interested in the conservation elements of the project, as one side of the site abuts the nature

conservancy property. If it is good economic development project, we should consider contribution from taxpayers, rather than leaving the sole burden on the 1,800 rate payers. Rate payer analysis should be on a graduated scale, so large users would be encouraged to be more conservative with their usage). Ms. Carr recommend language at the end of the article be moved to the beginning, to avoid confusion.

Ms. Alpaugh-Cote said the Town House and school systems run on town water, and asked what percentage is consumed and paid for by the Town. Mr. Bartlett said he didn't have percentages, but every town facility receives a water and sewer bill (including the WWTP).

Ms. Reinhardt asked, "why are we voting on \$8 million if bond is for \$4 million?" Mr. Bartlett explained that the DRA requires that the gross amount is approved.

Mr. Brett Sullivan asked about approximate cost of the site. Mr. Bartlett said it's a little bit less than \$2000 an acre – "Land value is the least of all the expenses."

Mr. Ronnie McIntire asked, if the project goes forward, what happens to public access to the land after the land is acquired? Mr. Bartlett said there would be restrictions (motorized vehicles would not be allowed), and protection around the individual wells and control building. As to the site in general, it would be open to the public.

Ms. Booth asked how that would be monitored. Mr. Bartlett said there was the possibility of a joint monitoring effort between the Conservation Commissions of the three towns.

Mr. Taylor said he would rather Peterborough owned the whole site, and could then generate revenue from Jaffrey.

Mr. Brett Sullivan asked what happens if one of the towns decided they don't want to continue. Ms. Hatcher said all those questions have been discussed. "Regionally, if we're going to find ways to work together on other issues, this is a great opportunity."

Ms. Reichl asked if the new aquifer be able to support both towns if other wells went down. Mr. Bartlett said the site was permitted for 576,000 gallons a day. The system could temporarily cover needs of both towns if necessary.

Motion: Mr. Bob Hanson made a motion to the Budget Committee to recommend the warrant article regarding the Water Supply Bond.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed. Budget Committee unanimously recommends the Water Supply Bond.

Motion: Chair Miller made a motion to the Select Board to recommend the warrant article regarding the Water Supply Bond.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed. Select Board unanimously recommends the Water Supply Bond.

Chair Miller called a brief recess at 8:27 PM. Meeting resumed at 8:35 PM.

Review of Monetary Warrant Articles

Article 4: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS - \$95,000

Mr. Clark asked how Winter Operation fund budget is doing. Mr. Bartlett answered that we're still below what we budgeted. Ms. MacStay said there will be opportunity to amend the warrant articles on April 2nd, at the Deliberative Session.

Budget Committee vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 5: TRANSFER FROM CEMETERY FUND - \$3,000

Budget Committee Vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 6: POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$18,100

Budget Committee Vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 7: FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$40,000

Budget Committee Vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 8: FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY ALARM TRUCK PURCHASE - \$75,000

Mr. Henault asked for details. Chief Walker explained the bucket truck is used to maintain the municipal fire alarm cable and fiber optic cables, and is also utilized by Buildings & Grounds, Recreation, and DPW for projects like repairing lights in parking lots, ball fields, and tennis courts.

Mr. Ward asked if the fire department charges other departments for use of the truck. Chief Walker said no, it's all going into the tax rate at the end of the day.

Budget Committee vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Ms. MacStay explained the next items were for the Select Board to vote on, as they did not involve raising or appropriating any funds.

Article 9: VETERANS TAX CREDIT

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 10: SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL DISABILITY TAX CREDIT

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 11: ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ASSET LIMITS

Select Board Vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 12: BLIND TAX EXEMPTION

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Ms. MacStay said Article 13 and 14 are petition articles. Article 15 regards the Water Supply Bond discussed this evening and Article 16 regards the Public Works Facility (recommendations have already been voted on).

Article 17: ROADWAY SYSTEM UPGRADED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND- \$400,000

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Seth MacLean how much of the budget given last year was spent so far this year.

Mr. MacLean said to date \$586,000 has been spent total this year against total budget of \$850,000. There are still two outstanding contracts (crack seal roads).

Chair Miller asked Mr. MacLean to confirm that a plan for the roads had been submitted to the Select Board.

Mr. MacLean confirmed.

Budget Committee vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Article 18: AMBULANCE LEASE PURCHASE - \$325,000

Mr. Clark asked about the \$325,000 for an ambulance. Chief Walker explained that the new ambulance would be larger, equipped for geriatric patients and more of a specialized vehicle, weighing about 18-19 thousand pounds.

Budget Committee vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 7-0

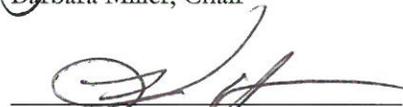
Select Board vote to recommend the article: All in favor: 3-0

Chair Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Kreutz, Administrative Assistant

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:


Barbara Miller, Chair


Karen Hatcher


Tyler Ward

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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