Town of Peterborough
Town Meeting – Open Session
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Upper Town Hall, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH

Town Moderator L. Phillips Runyon III called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and began by reviewing the Rules of Town Meeting.

Moderator Runyon recognized Barbara Miller, Chair of the Select Board who welcomed all in attendance. She introduced the two other members of the Select Board, Karen Hatcher and Tyler Ward; Town Counsel, John Ratigan; Town Clerk, Linda Guyette; Supervisors of the Checklist, Bill Sweet, Denise Sweet and Carol Lenox, plus acting Supervisor of the Checklist, Kathy Sullivan; Town Administrator, Rodney Bartlett; department heads in attendance including Corinne Chronopoulos, Library Director; Fash Farashahi, IT Director; Scott Guinard, Police Chief; Jeff King, Recreation Director; Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator, and Ed Walker, Fire Chief. She described Peterborough's charter form of government which is a hybrid, incorporating official balloting and the open session, also known as town meeting and recapped the results of yesterday's official ballot voting where there were 1,541 voters out of 5,675 registered voters on the checklist, for a 27.15% voter turnout.

Select Board Chair Miller described the four remaining warrant articles for deliberation and voting. She pointed out that Article 17, the budget for Fiscal Year 2020, will be passed over because Article 3 passed by ballot vote on Tuesday, May 14th.

OPEN SESSION ARTICLES
May 15th, 2019

Article 15. Water Supply Acquisition & Infrastructure (Bond Article) **$8,260,000**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($8,260,000)** (gross budget) for the purpose of land acquisition, engineering, preparing plans and specifications, right of way, construction of wells and their associated equipment, new water treatment and pumping facilities, and transmission piping to connect the Cold Stone Springs well site to the existing Peterborough municipal water distribution system, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; said sum to be in addition to any federal, state or private funds made available therefore, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $4,047,400 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. 33.1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, the use of the EPA Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIFIA), USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services State Revolving Fund, with the balance of $4,212,600 to come from private contributions from users of the water supply and/or transmission line and/or grants from such sources as the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to apply for and accept other grants, gifts, or other forms of assistance to facilitate the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and pass any vote relating thereto. Should this article be approved but the grants and or private donations not be awarded or received, this article shall be considered null and void. This general obligation bond is intended to be supported 100% by water user fees.
By ballot vote (Requires 2/3 vote).

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 7-0

Motion: Select Board Chair Barbara Miller moved the article; Select Board Member Tyler Ward seconded the motion.

Ms. Miller indicated that there was an amendment to the article:

Article 15. Water Supply Acquisition & Infrastructure (Bond Article, Amended) $8,260,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($8,260,000)** (gross budget) for the purpose of land acquisition, engineering, preparing plans and specifications, right of way, construction of wells and their associated equipment, new water treatment and pumping facilities, and transmission piping to connect the Cold Stone Springs well site to the existing Peterborough municipal water distribution system, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Four Million Forty Seven Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars** ($4,047,400) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. 33.1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest and the maturity and other terms thereof as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, the use of the EPA Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIFIA), USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services State Revolving Fund; with the balance of **Four Million Two Hundred Twelve Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars** ($4,212,600) to come from private donations and/or contributions from users of the water supply and/or users of the transmission line and/or federal, state or other aid/grants from such sources which may be available for said project, including but not limited to, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. The Select Board is hereby authorized to apply for, obtain and accept any grants, gifts, aid or other forms of assistance to facilitate the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and to take any other action and to pass any vote relative thereto. Should this article be approved but the grants and/or private donations not be awarded and received by the Town, this article shall be considered null and void. This will be a general obligation bond with the intention to be supported 100% by water user fees.

By ballot vote (requires 2/3 vote).
The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 7-0

Motion: Select Board Chair Barbara Miller moved the article; Select Board Member Tyler Ward seconded the motion.

Town Administrator Rodney Bartlett spoke to the amendment. The amendment was required to correct some of the wording. He also gave a brief history of the project. In 1982, the town's South Well on Sharon Road was determined to be contaminated with VOCs and was taken off line. The South Well remains off line. In 1999, the Hunt Well was brought online but was taken off line almost immediately because of iron and manganese levels. In 2017, an investigation of the Cold Stone Springs well site (formerly known as the Barking Dog well site) in Jaffrey and Sharon was initiated. Discussions of a possible collaboration with the Town of Jaffrey also began in 2017 and we have developed a use and financial philosophy with Jaffrey to share the use, capita costs, operations and management. W have the support of the Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund Commission to move the project forward. In addition, we will be applying to the USDA Rural Development and NHDES State Revolving Fund for loans and/or grants. With funding from Jaffrey, Peterborough's maximum loan exposure will be $4.047

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ARTICLE 15 – WATER SUPPLY ACQUISITION AND APPURTENCIES FOR THE PETERBOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT – 8,260,000 (BOND ARTICLE)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($8,260,000)** (gross budget) for the purpose of land acquisition, engineering, preparing plans and specifications, right of way, construction of wells and their associated equipment, new water treatment and pumping facilities, and transmission piping to connect the Cold Stone Springs well site to the existing Peterborough municipal water distribution system, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Four Million Forty Seven Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars** ($4,047,400) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. 33.1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest and the maturity and other terms thereof as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, the use of the EPA Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIFIA),

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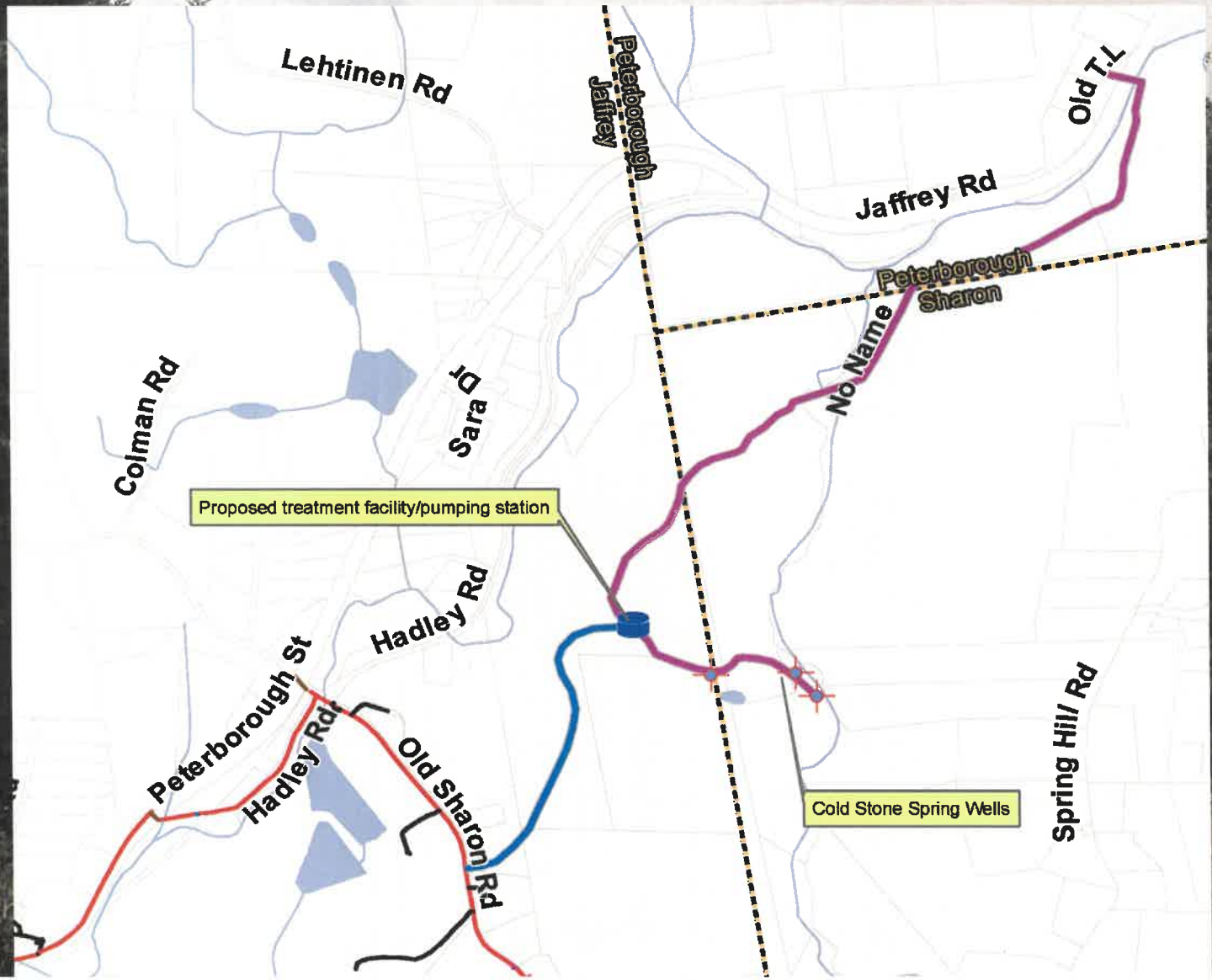
ARTICLE 15 – WATER SUPPLY ACQUISITION AND APPURTENCIES CONTINUED

USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services State Revolving Fund; with the balance of **Four Million Two Hundred Twelve Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars** ($4,212,600) to come from private donations and/or contributions from users of the water supply and/or users of the transmission line and/or federal, state or other aid/grants from such sources which may be available for said project, including but not limited to, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. The Select Board is hereby authorized to apply for, obtain and accept any grants, gifts, aid or other forms of assistance to facilitate the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and to take any other action and to pass any vote relative thereto. Should this article be approved but the grants and/or private donations not be awarded and received by the Town, this article shall be considered null and void. This will be a general obligation bond with the intention to be supported 100% by water user fees. (Two-Thirds Ballot Vote Required).

Cold Stone Springs Well Site

INTERCONNECTION CONCEPT



Million and the water rate impact is estimated to be less than $0.01/per gallon. The project will be presented at Jaffrey's 2020 Town Meeting in March 2020.

Preliminary engineering review includes the site acquisition (528 acres +- @ $2.7 Million), control and treatment facility ($2.31 Million) and the Peterborough interconnection ($3.25 Million).

The quantity permitted is 576,000 gallons per day. The site has impacts from nitrate and perchlorate, but both are below recognized health standards. Removal "bench tests" show both contaminants can be reduced to non-detectible levels.

Resident Joanne Carr proposed an amendment to the amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Four Million Dollars ($4,000,000)(Gross Budget) for the purpose of land acquisition, preliminary engineering, water quality testing and water rate structure study; to connect the Cold Stone Springs well site to the existing Peterborough municipal water distribution system, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; And to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33.1 et seq, as amended; and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, the use of the EPA Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIFIA), USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services State Revolving Fund, with the balance of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) to come from private contributions from users of the water supply and/or transmission line and/or grants from such sources as authorized to apply for and accept other grants, gifts, or other forms of assistance to facilitate the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and pass any vote relating thereto. Should this article be approved but the grants and or private donations not be awarded or received, this article shall be considered null and void. This general obligation bond is intended to be supported 100% by water user fees. (Two-Thirds Ballot Vote Required)

Motion: Joanne Carr moved the amendment; Francie Von Mertens seconded the amendment.

Ms. Carr spoke to the amendment. There are too many unknowns in the current amendment. And at the proposed 1 cent per gallon increase to a water user's water bill, at an estimated 150 gallons per day usage, an average water user would realize a $547 annual increase in their water costs.

Scott Johnson asked if the bond payments will be paid by water users or by the entire town. Mr. Bartlett stated that it would be paid for by the water users.

Richard Sanders asked what happens if Jaffrey doesn't approve their share in March 2020. Mr. Bartlett said that, according to the amended article, the article would be considered null and void.

Andy Dunbar asked why we are bonding for $8 million rather than our $4 million share? Mr. Bartlett replied that we have to bond for the gross amount.

Sharon Monahan was concerned that the cost of this will be on the backs of the existing water users only.

Catherine Flemming asked how the amendment proposed by Ms. Carr will affect the project if it goes forward.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WARRANT ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Four Million ($4,000,000) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of land acquisition, preliminary engineering, water quality testing and a water rate structure study; to connect the Cold Stone Springs well site to the existing Peterborough municipal water distribution system, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; ~~said sum to be in addition to any federal, state or private funds made available therefore~~. And to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million ($2,000,000) ~~million~~ of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. 33.1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ SELECT BOARD to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to, the use of the EPA Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIFIA), USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services State Revolving Fund, with the balance of Two Million ($2,000,000) to come from private contributions from users of the water supply and/or transmission line and/or grants from such sources as the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to apply for and accept other grants, gifts, or other forms of assistance to facilitate the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above and pass any vote relating thereto. Should this article be approved but the grants and or private donations not be awarded or received, this article shall be considered null and void. This general obligation bond is intended to be supported 100% by water user fees. (Two-Thirds Ballot Vote Required)

Agree with other changes -

JoAnne Carr

354 Summer ST

Ed Juengst stated that this project has been in the works for some time now and that it is a great opportunity for the town of Peterborough. He is concerned that we could lose our "place in line" should we drag our feet or make changes to the parameters of the current article.

Bob Lambert is concerned that water has gone up over the last two years and that this will be an additional increase to water users. Mr. Bartlett stated that this would be the last major increase aside from normal cost of delivery increases.

Alan Bannister asked when water from the Cold Springs well site actually go into use. Mr. Bartlett replied that mid-2021 at the earliest of 2022 due to the construction required. Cold Springs would supplement the current water supplies.

Francie Von Mertens inquired as to how much construction will be required on the pipeline. She is concerned about the impact on the natural conservation of the site. Mr. Bartlett replied that all 528 acres along the Gridley and Contoocook Rivers will be conserved, protected as a water supply, and open to the public. No motorized vehicles will be allowed.

Select Board Chair Tyler Ward asked how does $4 Million get us there?
Select Board Member Karen Hatcher asked whether the proposed amendment will put into jeopardy the work that has already been done on this project.

Town Counsel John Ratigan pointed out that competition for funding of this type is huge and that timing is critical. Peterborough would not want to lose its place in line for the funding.

Kathleen Allen asked if we don't pass this, or if Jaffrey doesn't pass this, is there a Plan B? Mr. Bartlett said that there is no Plan B. If we don't approve this, we can't apply for funding until June 2021 or 2022.

Judy Ferstenberg asked whether someone currently on town water/sewer would be able to "disconnect" from the town utilities and put in a private well and septic if the costs are too high. Mr. Bartlett replied that, in most cases, that would not be viable.

Other speakers to the proposed amendment included David Weir, Ivy Vann, Marlena Ferstenberg, Don Parkhurst, John Patterson, Joellen DAmbrosio, Jeanne Dietsch, Robert MacDonald, Bret Sullivan and Ken Phillips.

Mr. Bartlett spoke further to the amended article. He addressed the preliminary engineering work required, water quality testing and water rate structure studies.

Kathleen Allen asked about PFOA contaminants as they have been linked to autism in children. Mr. Bartlett indicated that the tests perform indicated that no perchlorate was detected in the three production wells. No perchlorate was detected in 13 of the 22 monitoring locations. Of the nine samples where perchlorate was detected, concentrations decreased in five of them since 2016 and four increased. The highest perchlorate concentration measured in 2017 was found at the furthest location of the aquifer near Old Sharon Road, that increase was only .3 ug/l higher than the 5.2 ug/l measured in 2016. Both amounts are still well below the 15 micrograms per liter established by federal and state EPA guidelines.

With no further debate, the amendment as proposed by Ms. Carr was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the negative and the proposed amendment **FAILED**.

With no further debate, the amendment was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the positive and the proposed amendment **PASSED**.

With debate closed on Article 15, Moderator Runyon put the question, as amended, to a ballot vote, requiring a 2/3 majority to pass. Used blue ballots. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 8:47 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 9:47 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist, Denise Sweet, Carol Lenox and Kathy Sullivan.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 15:

175 ballots cast:

YES	143
NO	31
Spoiled	1

Warrant Article 15, as amended, passed successfully with more than the 2/3 required votes.

$4,000,000 (Bond Article)

Article 16. Public Works Facility (Bond Article) **$4,000,000**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Dollars** ($4,000,000) for the purpose of designing, engineering, and constructing of a Public Works Facility and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Four Million Dollars** ($4,000,000) of bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or any and all other aid, grants, gifts or revenue source that may be or may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto.

By ballot vote (requires 2/3 vote).

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 2-1

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-4

Motion: Select Board Member Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board Member Karen Hatcher seconded the motion.

Mr. Bartlett spoke to the article. Three options were considered: a new facility on Water Street; retrofit the SDE Building; renovate the Elm Street facility. Two public information sessions were held on April 23, 2019 and May 7, 2019. The potential cost savings to renovate the existing DPW building on Elm Street and build a new 10,000 sq ft cold storage building is estimated at $2.5 Million.

On May 7th, the Select Board voted unanimously to support an amendment to this article to propose renovating the Elm Street facility. Therefore, there was an amendment to the original article:

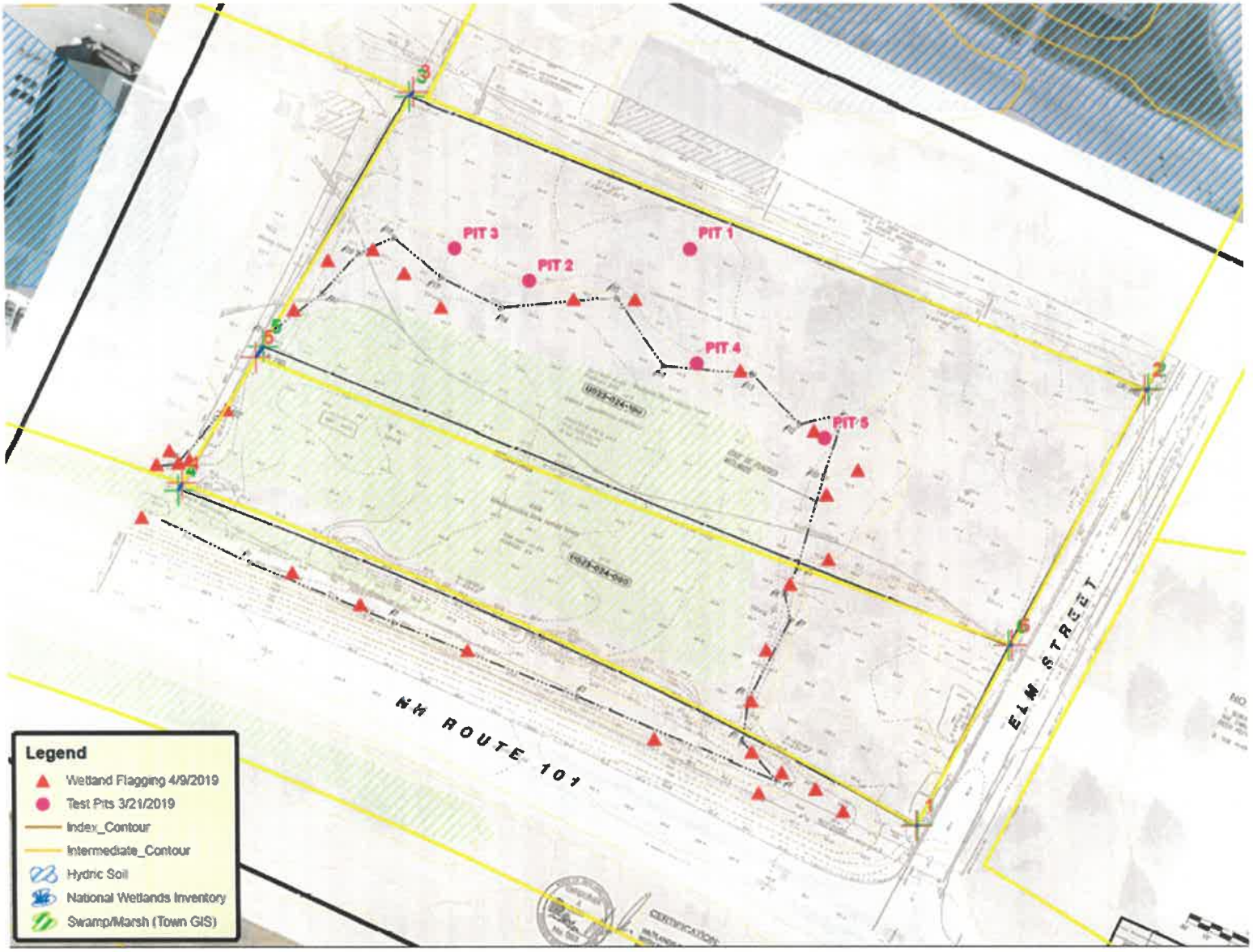
AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 16 – PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY $2,500,000 (BOND ARTICLE)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars** ($2,500,000) for the purpose of designing, engineering, and constructing of a Public Works Facility and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars** ($2,500,000) of bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or any and all other aid, grants, gifts or revenue source that may be or may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder and pass any other vote relative thereto.

By ballot vote (Requires 2/3 vote to pass).

The Select Board recommends this amendment by a vote of 3-0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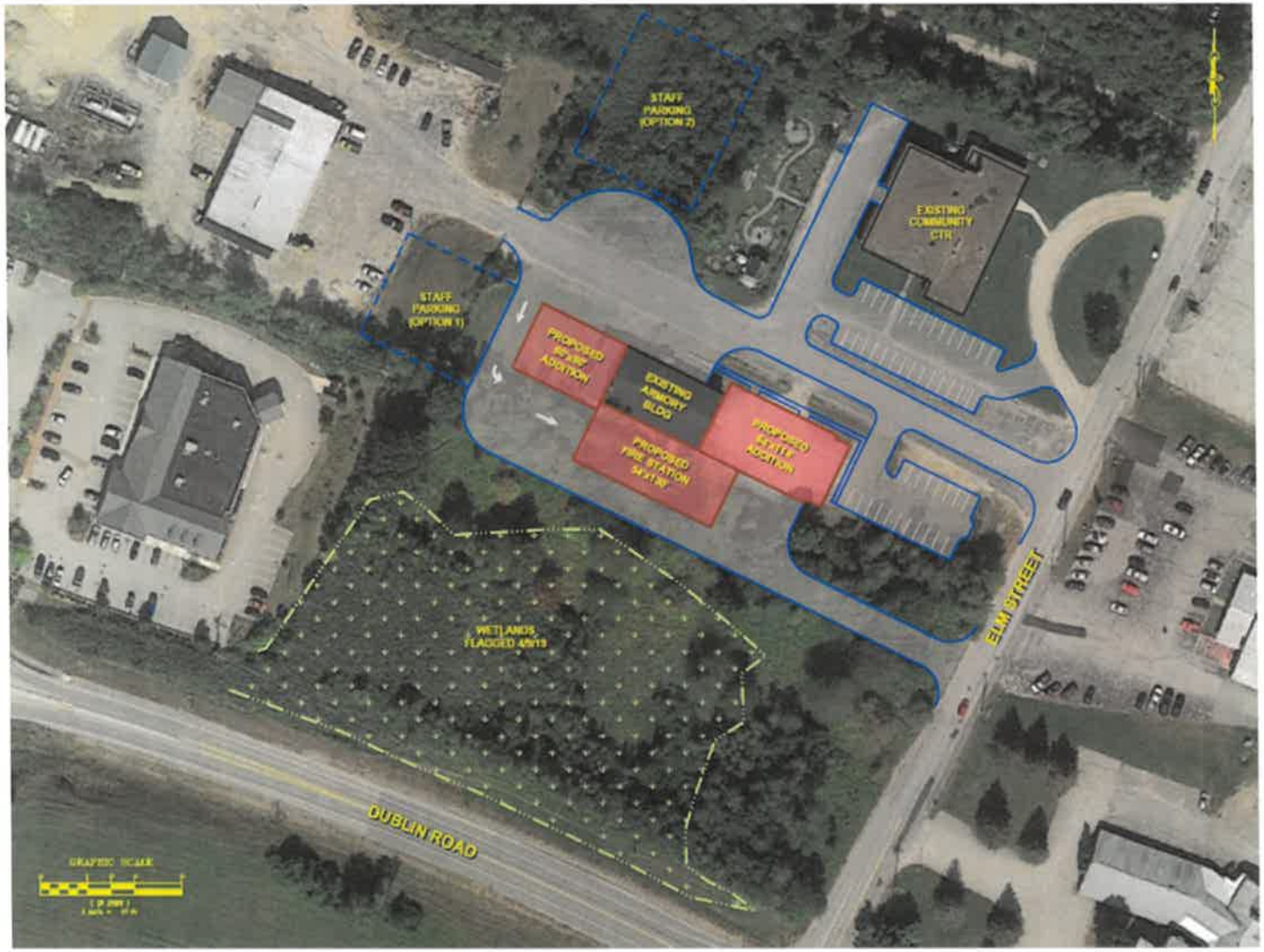

EXHIBIT

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.

CLIENT: TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

PROJECT: CONCEPTUAL FIRE STATION PETERBOROUGH, NH

CONCEPTUAL SITE LAYOUT

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SHEET 1 OF 1

Article 16. Public Works Facility (Bond Article, Amended) **$2,500,000**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars** ($2,500,000) for the purpose of designing, engineering, and constructing of a Public Works Facility and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars** ($2,500,000) of bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or any and all other aid, grants, gifts or revenue source that may be or may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder and pass any other vote relative thereto.

By ballot vote (requires 2/3 vote).
The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

Motion: Select Board Member Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board Member Karen Hatcher seconded the motion.

Mr. Bartlett spoke further to the amended article. In the near future, the Town will be looking to re-locate the Peterborough Fire & Rescue at the former Armory site, next to the Community Center. The Town has contacted the Harris Center about the availability of the site between the Community Center and Route 101 which will provide enough buildable area to relocate PFR.. The Harris Center reports that it understands that the site can be taken through eminent domain and is willing to work with the Town to provide for public safety and enhance conservation values.

Kathleen Allen asked where on the map the proposed police department will be. Mr. Bartlett pointed it out on the map.

With no further speakers, the amendment was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was unanimously in the positive and the proposed amendment **PASSED**.

With no further speakers, Moderator Runyon put the article to a ballot vote requiring a 2/3 majority vote. Used fuchsia pink. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 9:07 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 10:07 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 16:

156 ballots cast:

YES	138
NO	18

Warrant Article 16 passed with more than the 2/3 required votes.

Special recognition was given to Barbara Miller, outgoing member of the Select Board for her 12 years of service to the town. She was presented with a road sign, "Miller Way" which will be placed at the entrance to the new parking lot on Grove Street.

Article 17. Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 **$16,142,345**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Million One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars ($16,142,345) for the support of General Government, Water, and Wastewater. This represents the fiscal year 2020 budget period, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.
The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6-1

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, the Official Ballot Session has adopted the annual budget by approving Article 3. Therefore, Article 18 was **PASSED OVER**.

Article 18. Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund **$400,000**

To see if the town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) to be known as the "Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of the orderly repairs and upgrades of the roadway system and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) toward this purpose and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 7-0

Motion: Select Board Member Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board Member Karen Hatcher seconded the motion.

Ms. Miller spoke briefly to the article and then introduced Seth MacLean, Assistant Director of Public Works. Mr. MacLean spoke about the Pavement Management Program: the practice of planning for pavement maintenance and rehabilitation with the goal of maximizing the value and life of a pavement network. It was initiated to provide Town administration and the Budget and Capital Reserve Committees with information that would provide them with a better understanding of the size of investment that was required to address the roads in town. It began with clearly defined goals:

- To better understand the current condition of the roadway network using engineering standards
- To determine whether the operating budget of $450,000 was sufficient and, if not, how much additional funding would be needed to address the entire roadway network
- To move away from the antiquated paper records and incorporate the roadway network into the town's GIS/Asset management system

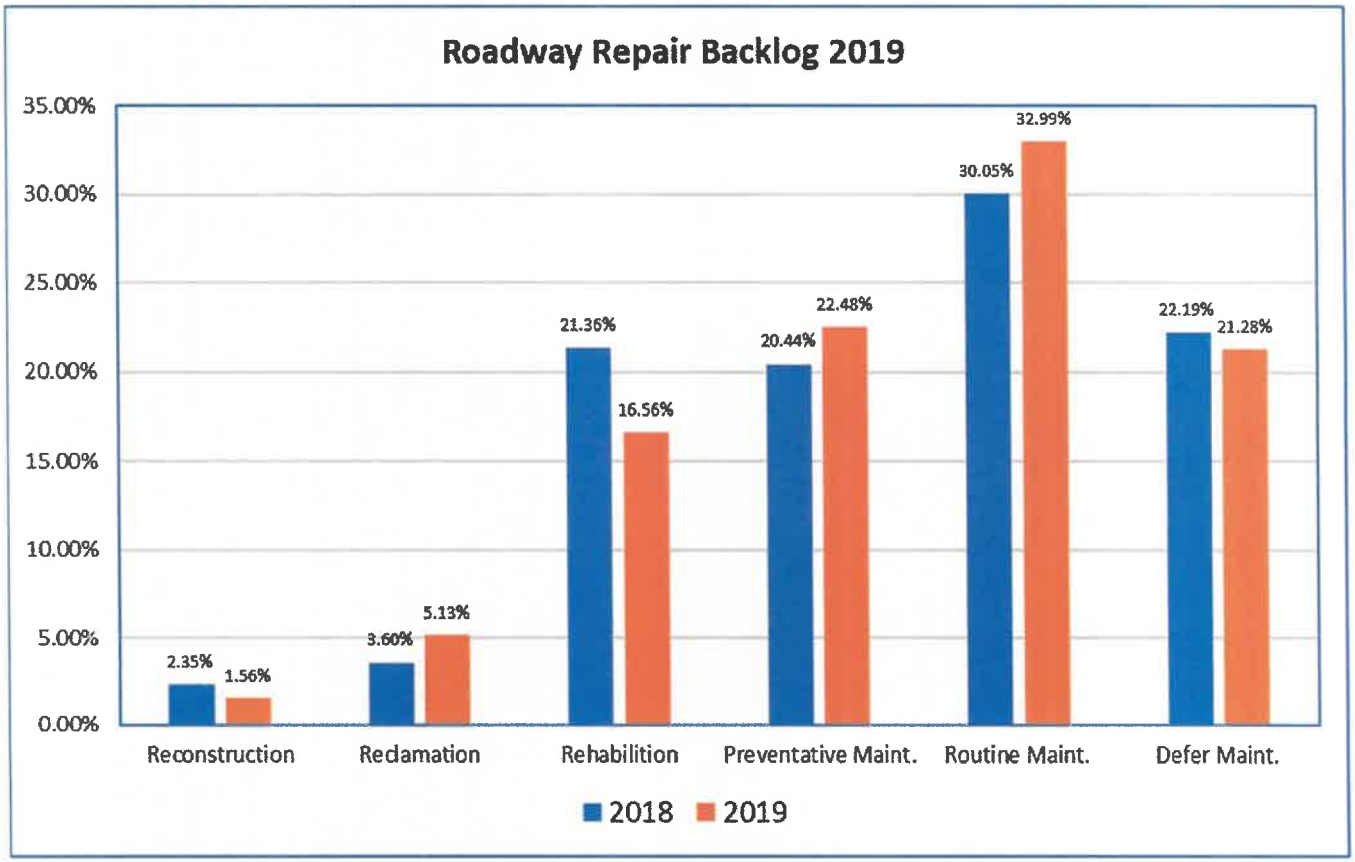
It is far less expensive to preserve roads that are in good condition that to have to rehabilitate, reclaim or reconstruct roads that are in poor condition:

Peterborough's Road Surface Rating (RSR):

2018 = 70.45

2019 = 72.38

- Reconstruction
  - $557,000
- Reclamation
  - $1,176,500
- Rehabilitation
  - $2,200,000
- Preventative Maint.
  - $1,320,000
- Routine Maint.
  - $154,000



Reconstruction ($45/sq yd)
Reclamation ($32/sq yd)
Rehabilitation ($14/sq yd)
Preventative Maintenance ($6/sq yd)
Routine Maintenance ($0.50 sq yd)

Last year, after the first round of assessments, the town's roads received a 70.45 score (0-100 scale). It was determined that there was a backlog of approximately $4.5 Million in expensive reconstruction, reclamation and rehabilitative work. It was also learned that our then current operating budget of $450,000 was sufficient to preserve the roads that were already in good or adequate shape, but insufficient to address both the backlog of costly work and on-going preservation. It was determined that an additional $400,000 per year, over ten years, would be sufficient to allow the Town to catch up on the more costly treatments (reconditioning, reclamation and rehabilitation) while allowing for the operating budget of $450,000 to preserve and maintain roads that are in a better shape.

With that additional $400,000 that was received through the 2018 Town Meeting and a one-time disbursement from the State, the DPW was able to reclaim six roads: Sand Hill Road, East Hill Road, Arundel Road, Cunningham Pond Road, Vose Farm Road, and Hunt Road. And with the existing operating budget, Union Street and surrounding streets have been crack sealed, Carley Road and Old Greenfield Road will be chip sealed, improved drainage on sections of Summer Street and Hunter Farm Road, plus small patching and asphalt upgrades of roads all over town. Hunt Road and Cunningham Pond Road are also slated for chip sealing.

This year, Town Administration is asking for $400,000 that will be placed in a capital reserve fund to continue moving the project forward and address some of the roads in need of the more costly repairs. By catching up on costly but necessary treatments of roads that are in poor condition, by 2028, we can achieve the goal of doing mostly just inexpensive treatment options and preservation of the town roadway network.

There was one speaker to the article. Loretta Laurenitis asked is any monies come from the TIF districts. Mr. Bartlett replied that monies do not come from the TIF districts.

With no additional speakers, the article was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 18 was **PASSED**.

Article 19. Ambulance Lease Purchase **$325,000**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement of up to three years for Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($325,000.00) for the purpose of lease-purchasing a replacement ambulance for the Fire Rescue Department. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. First payment will be scheduled in FY2020. This is a special, non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7, VI and it shall not lapse until June 30, 2025. This lease purchase is supported by the Ambulance Revolving Fund and has no effect on the tax rate.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 7-0

Motion: Select Board member Karen Hatcher moved the article; Select Board chair Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Chief Ed Walker spoke to the article. The intent of the article is to replace Ambulance 2, a 2000 Ford ambulance. It had been purchased used from the Town of Marlborough in 2015. This ambulance will be a specialty ambulance, equipped with four-wheel drive, able to accommodate additional providers, and able to accommodate bariatric patients. It will be funded through the Ambulance Revolving Fund and has no impact on the tax rate.
Kathleen Allen asked if the vehicle is four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. Chief Walker responded four-wheel drive.

With no additional speakers, the article was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 19 was **PASSED**.

As there was no further business, Moderator Runyon adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Total Registered Voters on Checklist:	**5,675**
Total Registered Voters at Town Meeting:	**188**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Guyette
Town Clerk

This is a true and certified copy.

Linda M. Guyette

Linda M. Guyette, Town Clerk