

Town of Peterborough

Town Meeting – Open Session

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Upper Town Hall, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH

Town Moderator L. Phillips Runyon III called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and began by reviewing the Rules of Town Meeting. This took place while the large number of voters in attendance made their way to the check-in tables with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Moderator Runyon recognized Tyler Ward, Chair of the Select Board who welcomed all in attendance. He introduced the two other members of the Select Board, Barbara Miller and Tyler Ward; Town Counsel, John Ratigan; Town Clerk, Linda Guyette; Supervisors of the Checklist, Bill Sweet, Denise Sweet, Carol Lenox and Karen Bannister; Town Administrator, Rodney Bartlett; and members of the Budget Committee and department heads in attendance. He described Peterborough's charter form of government which is a hybrid, incorporating official balloting and the open session, also known as town meeting. Mr. Ward recapped the results of yesterday's official ballot voting where there were 1,378 voters out of 5,513 registered voters on the checklist, for a 24.09% voter turnout.

Select Board Chair Ward described the eleven remaining warrant articles for deliberation and voting. He pointed out that Article 18, the budget for Fiscal Year 2019, will be passed over because Article 3 passed by ballot vote on Tuesday, May 8th.

OPEN SESSION ARTICLES

May 9th, 2018

Article 12. Renovations and Improvements to the Library -- \$8,500,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering, constructing renovations, interior fit out, and improvements to the Library and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)** 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 to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds and/or notes, it is intended that this appropriation will be supported by donations, gifts, grants, and other revenue sources in the amount of **\$5,500,000**.

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 6-1

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

Ms. Miller spoke to the article. One of the many reasons Peterborough is a special town is that the residents invented the public library. Before 1833, libraries were subscription or membership based

available to those who could afford it. The residents saw the value in making a library free and open to all. And to ensure that it remained free and open to all, they voted at Town Meeting to make the library tax-supported.

Ms. Miller then introduced Marcia Patten, Chair of the Library Trustees. Ms. Patten indicated that the idea for a new library was conceived more than 14 years ago but died due to the recession. In 2011 the non-profit group, The 1833 Society was formed to design and fund a new library. In 2014, the Library Trustees hired Corinne Chronopoulos as Library Director. They authorized her to spend as much as half her time working on the library project which would not have been possible without the support of the library staff. Ms. Patten then introduced Ms. Chronopoulos.

Corinne Chronopoulos, Library Director, spoke about how the current library is underserving our community. In addition to inadequate space and meeting rooms and an inadequate technology infrastructure, the current library building has inaccessible entrances, a failing fire alarm system and lack of a sprinkler system, an outdated electrical system, poor building insulation and an antiquated heating system, poor ventilation and air quality, and lack of flexibility due to structural deficiencies.

The proposed new library will include a children's space that is 4 times larger than the current children's area, plus a makerspace for youth. The new building will also include a community wing with three meeting rooms of various sizes, plus a technology classroom. The building will incorporate a biomass boiler and solar array to offset 100% of the electricity.

Projected Cost of New Library:

Construction including Demolition, Landscaping, Construction Management Fees & Insurance	\$6,322,073
Conceptual Design, Engineering & Architectural Fees	1,021,989
Other Costs (Land Purchase, Furnishings, Financing, Legal, Permits, Capital Campaign	702,391
Subtotal	<u>\$8,046,453</u>
Contingency (7.2%)	<u>453,547</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$8,500,000

With 65% of the funding covered by private donations and grants, the \$3 Million bond investment represents a smart investment for the Town of Peterborough. Should the project fail tonight, taxpayers will still be faced with \$3 Million in repairs and renovations.

There were a number of speakers who spoke in favor of the article including Liz Thomas, Tina Kriebel, Mason Bliss, and Jason Hackler.

Sharon Bailly and Karl Kaiser pointed out that we can spend \$3 Million to fix the existing library or \$3 Million on a new library.

Beth Barnosky voiced concern for the "poorer" people in town who may not have computers/printers or Internet access. The new library would offer accessibility to computers, printers and the Internet for all residents.

Several speakers spoke to their concern with the library project. Hope Taylor was concerned about the cost of all the items proposed, including the bridge that must be done.

David Weir, a previous Library Trustee, stated that a hardship on resident taxpayers will be created if pledges are not met. He proposed that the bond be tabled for one year.

Town Administrator Rodney Bartlett spoke to the financing of the library project. He indicated that unless the full amount of donor money is raised and liquid, the project will not go forward. Christopher Maidment said that, as a new resident, when they moved here, they didn't look at the library but were more concerned with the school district.

Robert Lambert pointed out that it's not just the cost of the items proposed this year but the new DPW building and fire station that are scheduled for the immediate future, as early as next year.

Michelle Hulbert questioned whether we should take time to develop the Master Plan to include the proposed DPW building, fire station, etc.

Karen Bednarski voiced concern about the need for additional parking. Per Ms. Chronopoulos, the site will not have additional parking. However, overflow parking will be available through the neighboring All Saints Church.

Steven Graves called the question, seconded by multiple residents, and passed by a majority voice vote.

With debate closed on Article 12, Moderator Runyon put the question to a ballot vote, requiring a 2/3 majority to pass. Used light blue and white ballots. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 7:53 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 8:53 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist, William Sweet, Denise Sweet, Carol Lenox and Karen Bannister.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 12:

628 ballots cast:

YES	502
NO	126

Warrant Article 12 passed successfully with more than the 2/3 required votes.

Article 13. Article 13 – Underground Utilities in Area of Main Street & US Route 202 -- \$460,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000)** for the purpose of placing overhead utilities underground in the area of Main Street and US Route 202 and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000)** 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 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 authorize the Select Board to pass any vote relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto. 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 6-2

Motion: Select Board Member Ed Juengst moved the article; Select Board Member Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Mr. Juengst spoke to the article. Relocation of the utilities coincides with the Main Street bridge project where utilities will be placed into the structure of the bridge. Simultaneously, the Town will take down poles along Concord Street, starting at the Keyes Sage House and running up to the intersection of Pine and Granite Streets, and bury the lines underground. This will create better continuity of service, lessen the chance for outages, and create better visibility in the area. As a bonus, it will fulfill one of the most requested aesthetic betterments from town visioning forums.

There were several speakers to the article including Robert Lambert who asked whether the poles could be moved onto Library land to save money. Per Mr. Bartlett, this is the time to do this because part of the construction costs will be assumed by PSNH/eversource.

John Patterson asked who owns the underground location of the lines, eversource of the Town? Per Mr. Bartlett, eversource does.

Sharon Monahan and Wendy Peters stated that they don't see any real benefits aside from aesthetics and cannot support something that is mainly aesthetics when taxpayers are being bled dry.

Kathleen Allen inquired to the total tax increase with all items as proposed. Mr. Bartlett responded that on a home assessed at \$200,000 the taxes will increase approximately \$500 this year.

With no further speakers, Moderator Runyon put the article to a ballot vote requiring a 2/3 majority vote. Used fuchsia pink and white ballots. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 8:19 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 9:19 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 13:

299 ballots cast:

YES	148
NO	151

Warrant Article 13 failed with less than the 2/3 required votes.

Article 14. Main Street Bridge Reconstruction and Improvements -- \$5,947,115

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Million Nine Hundred Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$5,974,115)** for the purpose of designing, engineering constructing and replacing the Main Street Bridge and related work and to authorize the issuance of not more than **One Million One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$1,194,823)** 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 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 authorize the Select Board to pass any vote relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto; with \$4,779,292 to come from Federal Highway Administration/New Hampshire Department of

Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid funds. Funded 80% Federal Highway Administration and 20% Town.

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 8-0

Motion: Select Board Chair Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board member Ed Juengst seconded the motion.

There was a motion by Mr. Ward to amend the article as written, second by Mr. Juengst.

Article 14. Main Street Bridge Reconstruction and Improvements – \$6,600,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,600,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering constructing and replacing the Main Street Bridge and related work and to authorize the issuance of not more than **One Million Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,320,000)** 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 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 authorize the Select Board to pass any vote relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto; with \$4,960,000 to come from Federal Highway Administration/New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid funds. Funded 80% Federal Highway Administration and 20% Town.

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 8-0

Mr. Ward spoke to the amendment. This is the same bridge project for which voters approved funding in 2016. There were some minor changes in configuration and the project now has the final approval of the State. However, costs have increased due to inflation and a rise in materials cost. The Town is still responsible for only 20% of the total cost of the project, Federal funds will cover 80%. Any further delay could jeopardize the project all together.

With no further speakers, the amendment was put to a voice vote. On show of paddles, the amendment passed.

Moderator Runyon put the article, as amended, to a ballot vote requiring a 2/3 majority vote. Used yellow and white ballots. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 8:28 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 9:28 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 14:

284 ballots cast:
YES 270
NO 14

Warrant Article 14 passed successfully with more than the 2/3 required votes.

Article 15. Transcript Dam -- \$300,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering, constructing improvements to the Transcript Dam and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)** 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 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 authorize the Select Board to pass any vote relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto.

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 8-0

Motion: Select Board chair Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board member Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Mr. Ward spoke to the article. The Transcript Dam was studied by Stephens Associates for several years. Alternatives were reviewed and cost estimates generated. The least costly rehabilitation of the dam is estimated at \$300,000 – which is what is recommended now. Breaching the dam was studied but there are a number of unknowns relative to the quality of the silt behind the dam and the management of that silt in the event of a breach. The requested appropriation will stabilize the existing structure.

Andy Peterson spoke in support of the article. Kathleen Allen asked what the downside is if we don't keep the dam. Per Mr. Bartlett, letting the dam breach itself will cause a great amount of silt to wash down the river.

With no further speakers, Moderator Runyon put the article to a ballot vote requiring a 2/3 majority vote. Used purple and white ballots. YES favorable, NO against. The polls were declared open at 8:36 PM and would remain open for voting for one hour.

Moderator Runyon announced at 9:36 PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist.

Moderator Runyon announced results of vote for Warrant Article 15:

261 ballots cast:
YES 232
NO 29

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

Article 16. To Rescind Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting. The previous Article 15 of this warrant replaces the funding for the Main Street Bridge Project.

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

Tina Kriebel made a motion to pass over Article 16 until the results were in from Article 14. This was seconded by Edmund Walker.

The amendment was put to a voice vote and was PASSED in the affirmative to pass over Article 16 until the results were in for Article 14.

Article 17. Reconstruction and Improvements to US Route 202 -- \$4,280,110

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$4,280,110)** for the purpose of designing, engineering, reconstructing and improving a segment of US Route 202 (portions of Pine Street and Concord Street), with \$3,424,088 to come from Federal Highway Administration (80%) and \$856,022 New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid funds (20%), this article is 100% offset by Federal Highway Administration and New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

Motion: Select Board member Barbara Miller moved the article; Select Board chair Tyler Ward seconded the motion.

There was a motion by Ms. Miller to amend the article as written, second by Mr. Ward.

Article 17. Reconstruction and Improvements to US Route 202 -- \$4,542,133

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Five Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$4,542,133)** for the purpose of designing, engineering, reconstructing and improving a segment of US Route 202 (portions of Pine Street and Concord Street), with \$3,633,706 to come from Federal Highway Administration (80%) and \$908,427 New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid funds (20%), this article is 100% offset by Federal Highway Administration and New Hampshire Department of Transportation. 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 8-0

Ms. Miller spoke to the amendment. It reflects the work intended for US Route 202 as part of the overall Main Street Bridge Project and although higher than the amount in the original article, there is still no impact on local taxes and is 100% offset by Federal and State funds. This work includes the intersection of Main Street and Route 202, and the retaining wall from Main Street south to Pine Street.

With no additional speakers, the amendment was put to a voice vote where it was unanimously PASSED.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the article, as amended, was put to a voice vote . The majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 17 was **PASSED**.

Article 18. Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 -- \$15,247,314

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Million Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$15,247,314)** for the support of General Government, Water, and Wastewater. This represents the fiscal year 2019 budget period, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

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 19. Municipal Facilities Review - \$200,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and authorize the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** for developing a conceptual design, preliminary cost estimate, and construction drawings for a new Department of Public Works Facility on a town owned parcel on Water Street adjacent to the wastewater treatment facility.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

Motion: Select Board chair Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board member Ed Juengst seconded the motion.

Mr. Ward spoke to the article. Originally intended for a \$500,000 bond to look into a new Fire/Rescue facility, it was decided by Town Administration and the Budget Committee that it may be more financially prudent and work best to move the DPW adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and re-locate Fire/Rescue to the current DPW site. Because the Evans Flats location is a flate site, the Town could use a "borrowed" or "free" set of plans for the new Fire/Rescue facility.

There were several speakers to the article, including Danis Collett, Sharon Monahan, and Francie Von Mertens.

Loretta Laurenitis asked "why now?" Per Mr. Bartlett, the buildings that currently house the DPW and Fire/Rescue are in severe disrepair and not getting any better.

Kathleen Allen asked whether a traffic light will be put in the location of South Meadow School. Mr. Bartlett responded that it hasn't yet been determined but may also be a consideration along with a pedestrian crossing in front of the school.

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**.

Article 20. Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund -- \$236,035

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 **Two**

Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars (\$236,035) 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 7-1

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

Ms. Miller spoke to the article. Due to the recent recession and Town Administration's efforts to keep the budget flat, a lot of items were put on the back burner. Town roads are currently in pretty tough shape and we're now trying to play catch up. She introduced Seth MacLean, Operations Manager for the Peterborough Department of Public Works.

Mr. MacLean outlined the Pavement Management Program that was instituted two years ago. It can help the Select Board, Town Administrator, CIP Committee and Budget Committee more accurately understand the size of investment the Town would be facing in coming years to fix the roads and to know whether the current budget would be adequate to meet those demands. The enhanced program uses engineering standards to rate each square foot of road and establish a detailed report for each. It determines whether the current operating budget is sufficient and if we are optimizing our funding. It also indicates whether we should introduce new treatment strategies to more efficiently spend town funds on the roads. The program also allows the town to move away from antiquated paper records and incorporate the roadway network into the town's GIS-based asset management system.

The Pavement Management Program differs from how roads are maintained in that instead of allowing roads to deteriorate, we try to make the right repair at the right time, for the right price. The goal is to maximize the value and life of a pavement network.

After a rigorous selection process, it was decided to work with BETA Engineering of Manchester, NH. They offered a product closely aligned with our specific needs, at the best price, with the Town's ability to own the software, with no licensing or maintenance fees. They also included comprehensive training on how to assess each roadway.

After all the roads were inspected manually, we learned that our rating was 70.45/100. We also learned the financial details of the current backlog of roadwork:

Reconstruction:	\$915,400	(\$45/sq yd)
Reclamation:	\$840,000	(\$32 sq yd)
Rehabilitation:	\$2,600,000	(\$14 sq yd)
Preventative Maintenance:	\$1,100,000	(\$6 sq yd)
Routine Maintenance:	\$135,400	(\$0.50 sq yd)

Roads that are maintained regularly are much less costly to repair. Spending \$1 on preventative maintenance early in the life of a repaved road can save upwards of \$6-\$10 on more costly rehabilitation years later. Keeping the roads in good repair saves the Town money in the long run.

Town Administration is asking for \$400,000 per year for the next 10 years that will be placed in a capital reserve fund that will go towards roads that need costly repairs and so that the present operating budget can be put toward the maintenance and preservation of "good" town roads. This year's request reflects the difference after a one-time State disbursement of \$163,965.

There were several speakers to the article including Mason Bliss, Kathleen Allen, Sharon Monahan, Robert MacDonald, and Raymond Cote. Robert Lambert asked how much is currently budgeted to take care of the roads. Mr. MacLean indicated that \$450,000 is currently budgeted. He also said that it will cost approximately \$4 million over the next 10 years to fix the roads.

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 20 was **PASSED**.

Article 21. To Rescind the Ambulance Operating Fund

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of the revenues received from fees charged for ambulance usage to expenditures for the purpose of defraying the ambulance service expenses? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Ambulance Operating Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. This article is contingent upon the passage of article 22.

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

Motion: Select Board Member Ed Juengst moved the article; Select Board Chair Tyler Ward seconded the motion.

Mr. Juengst spoke to the article. The purpose of this article is to rescind the current Ambulance Operating Fund and convert it from a Special Revenue Fund to a Revolving Fund. The Special Revenue Fund was established in 1997 under RSA 31:95-c. It requires that funds are limited to those activities funded primarily through user fees and funds “shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body” (i.e. at Town Meeting). This restricts the fund from being used for regular business-type activities.

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 21 was **PASSED**.

Article 22. To Establish an Ambulance Revolving Fund pursuant RSA 31:95-h

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ambulance Revolving Fund for the operation of and related expenses incurred by the Town’s Ambulance Service as authorized by RSA 31:95-h. The revenues from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town’s general unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same pursuant to the policy developed by the Select Board. These funds may be expended only for the operations, equipment and activities of the Town’s Ambulance Service. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be deposited into the fund with said funds to come from town’s unreserved fund balance. [This represent the monies from the discontinued Ambulance Operating Special Revenue Fund]. No amount to be raised by taxation.

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 Ed Juengst moved the article; Select Board Chair Tyler Ward seconded the motion.

Mr. Juengst spoke to the article. This article would convert the current Ambulance Fund to a Revolving Fund under RSA 31:95-h, as allowed by a change in NH State law in 2005. The Ambulance Revolving Fund would still be limited to funding only the activities of the Ambulance Service, with user fees generated by the service. The ambulance budget will still be reviewed by the Select Board, Budget Committee and Town Meeting. However, it will operate like a business, where they can repair and replace vehicles and equipment when required, with the approval of the Select Board, and the department will be able to take advantage of beneficial opportunities as they arise.

There was one other speaker to the article. Raymond Cote said that it feels like a loss of control by the townspeople. Chief Ed Walker responded that the annual fund balance is \$750,000.

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 22 was **PASSED**.

Article 16. To Rescind Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting. The previous Article 15 of this warrant replaces the funding for the Main Street Bridge Project.

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

Motion: Select Board Chair Tyler Ward moved the article; Select Board Member Ed Juengst seconded the motion.

Robert Eichler pointed out a typographical error in the article. The article currently reads “the previous Article 15 of this warrant replaces the funding for the Main Street Bridge Project” when it should read “the previous Article 14 of this warrant replaces the funding for the Main Street Bridge Project.”

The amendment to the article was moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Juengst. With no speakers to the amendment, it was put to a voice vote where it was unanimously PASSED.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting. The previous Article 14 of this warrant replaces the funding for the Main Street Bridge Project.

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

Because Article 14 was passed in the affirmative with at least 2/3 voter approval, there is no need for Article 8 of the May 2016 Town Meeting.

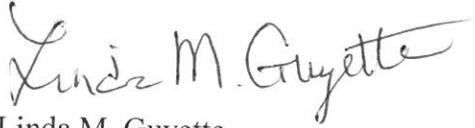
With no additional speakers, the article, as amended, was put to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 16 was **PASSED**.

As there was no further business, Moderator Runyon asked for a motion to adjourn. By a show of paddles, the vote was manifested in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

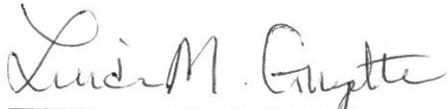
Total Registered Voters on Checklist: 5,513
Total Registered Voters at Town Meeting: 649

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Guyette
Town Clerk

This is a true and certified copy.



Linda M. Guyette, Town Clerk