

is a common bacteria that flourishes in the soil in areas of high groundwater flow. Although chlorination is being done, it is only a temporary fix and cannot correct the problem. Should the Summer Street Well go down, the remaining two wells would become stressed to keep up with the demand.

Recently, the town commissioned Emery & Garrett Groundwater Inc., a local firm from Meredith, NH, which specialized in the exploration and protection of groundwater resources, to help assess the status of the Summer Street Well.

It will take 2 years to complete a new well. With a 20-year bond, the increased cost to an average resident on town water will be about \$32/year.

Ms. Miller then introduced Rodney Bartlett, Public Works Director, who outlined the replacement of the Summer Street Well. Geophysical surveys to select test well drilling locations has been completed. The installation and testing of exploratory test wells will be the next step. Next will be a request of "Replacement Well" status from NHDES and the submission of a preliminary report to justify the replacement well. A large-diameter production well will be installed and long-term pumping tests will be conducted, including detailed water quality testing. A final hydrogeologic report will be submitted to NHDES and withdrawal permits will be obtained.

There were several speakers to the article. Moderator Runyon reminded everyone to conduct any and all debate with civility to honor Governor Walter Peterson.

Fran Chapman asked if there are any guarantees that we will get a productive well that meets all state standards if we are using a professional well drilling company. Mr. Bartlett indicated that there are no guarantees but that the testing being conducted indicate that the replacement well should be viable.

Rob Fox asked what the life expectancy is for a well. Mr. Bartlett estimated 40-50 years.

Kathy Schongar asked if the pump house will remain in the same location or if it needs to be rebuilt. Mr. Bartlett said that the pump house will need to be replaced and that the cost is covered in the bond.

Sharon Monahan asked how long has the iron bacteria been a contaminating problem at the Summer Street Well. Mr. Bartlett answered that the iron bacteria causes quality issues but that it is not a contaminant.

Kathleen Allen wanted to know what happens if the test sites don't work out. Mr. Bartlett replied that the three test sites appear to be very viable. He said that the current Summer Street Well will not be taken out of commission until the new well is built and producing.

Debate closed on Article 11 and Moderator Runyon put the question to a ballot vote, requiring a 2/3 majority to pass. Used yellow ballots. YES favorable, NO against. Moderator Runyon declared at 7:40 PM that the polls are open for voting and to remain open for one hour.

Deputy Moderator Patten announced at 8:43PM that the polls were closed. Counting of votes commenced by Supervisors of the Checklist, William Sweet, Denise Sweet, and Mary Lee Leedham.

At 8:55 PM Deputy Moderator Patten announced results of vote for Warrant Article 11:

YES	113
NO	1
Spoiled	0

Warrant Article 11 passed successfully with more than the 2/3 required votes.

Article 12. Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 - \$12,385,899

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Million Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (12,385,899)** for the operation of General Government, Water, and Wastewater. This represents the fiscal year 2015 budget period, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

This article does not include special or individual articles.

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, if the Official Ballot Session adopts an annual budget by approving **Article 3**, this article will be passed over.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, the Official Ballot Session has adopted the annual budget by approving Article 2. Therefore, Article 12 was **PASSED OVER**.

Article 13. Fire Rescue Department Ambulance Lease Purchase - \$240,000

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement of up to three years for **Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00)** for the purpose of lease-purchasing a replacement ambulance for the Fire Rescue Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. This appropriation is supported by the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund and has no effect on the tax rate.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

Motion: Select Board member Liz Thomas moved the article as read. Select Board member Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Motion: Amendment #1 to Warrant Article 13 was moved by Ms. Thomas, second by Ms. Miller.

The Board of Selectmen moved to amend the motion under Article 13 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement of up to three years for **One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00)** for the purpose of lease-purchasing an ambulance to replace one ambulance for the Fire Rescue

Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars** (\$60,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. This appropriation is supported by the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund and has no effect on the tax rate.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

Select Board member Thomas spoke to the amendment. She said that the smaller Type II ambulance is more cost effective to run, has a less expensive lease/purchase cost, and offers a more comfortable ride for patients.

Speakers include John Patterson who asked for comments from the new Fire/Rescue Chief, Ed Walker; and Kathleen Allen. Jennifer Sandlin, Advanced EMT with Peterborough Fire/Rescue pointed out that for patient comfort alone, we should go with the smaller ambulance.

Moderator Runyon asked the attending voters if they wanted to vote on the amendment at that time and received an overwhelming 'yes'.

Vote: By a show of paddles, Amendment #1 to Warrant Article 13 passed.

Moderator Runyon asked if there was anyone who wished to speak to the article or ask questions.

Fran Chapman asked if we can afford to carry the debt of the lease purchase to which Town Administrator Pamela Brenner responded, yes.

As there were no further questions, Moderator Runyon put the article to vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 13 was **PASSED**.

Special Recognition

Moderator Runyon recognized Select Board member Barbara Miller who spoke of outgoing Select Board Chair, Joe Byk. Other speakers included Sue Chollet (CIP Committee), Roland Patten (Budget Committee), Francie VonMertens (Conservation Commission), Ruth Holmes (Agricultural Commission), Debby Kaiser (Heritage Commission), and Jim Grant (Fire/Rescue and Parade Committee). Select Board member Liz Thomas offered that a resting area in his name will be created on Union Street in West Peterborough.

Select Board member Miller also thanked retiring Fire Chief Joseph Lenox for his years of service, vision and leadership. She then introduced new Fire Chief, Ed Walker and then introduced Chairman of the Library Trustees, Marcia Patten, who introduced new Library Director, Corinne Chronopoulos.

Moderator Runyon then recused himself and introduced Roland Patten who acted as Deputy Moderator for Articles 14 and 15.

Article 14. Technical Assessment of Downtown Parking Options - \$80,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Thousand Dollars** (\$80,000) for the purpose of site assessment, construction feasibility, design, and development of a probable cost of construction for the creation of new downtown parking at the so-called GAR Hall/Riverwalk parking option; this appropriation is to be offset by \$80,000 from the Greater Downtown Tax Incremental Fund revenues.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

Motion: Select Board Chair Joe Byk moved the article as read; Select Board member Liz Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Byk spoke to the article and turned over the presentation to Nicole MacStay. Up until 1994, there were 163 public parking spaces in downtown Peterborough. A 1997 survey prepared by the Office of Community Development identified 835 parking spaces in downtown, 225 town-owned and 121 of those which were on-street parking. By 1999, the way people park, do business and spend their leisure time in the downtown had changed dramatically. More activity in the downtown meant more demand for parking. In 2003 a circulation and street taskforce studied the traffic flows in the downtown and looked at way to improve parking for patrons. Many of the ten recommendations that came out of this study have been implemented into the 2003 Master Plan. In 2010, attention once again returned to downtown parking. A 2011 study to review the parking in the Depot Street municipal lot showed that the parking lot had been maximized. In 2012, the parking lot at the Fire Department was reconfigured, moving public parking to the front. Today, we have 324 public parking spaces in the downtown. Despite that public parking has doubled in the last 20 years, the perception that Peterborough has a parking problem still persists. There have been additional studies and a public hearing on October 1, 2013 to address the parking problem. At the public hearing, parking options were divided into three categories: NOWPARK, the use/reuse of existing parking, shared private lots, satellite parking and shuttle; NEWPARK, creation of new parking lot at location of Fire Station, which would be demolished and the Riverwalk/GAR Hall proposal; and NEWBUILD which would look at building a 2-level parking structure on a Vine Street property, on the Guernsey "Green Space", or at 35-45 Main Street. The feedback from the public hearing showed that the NEWBUILD options, NEWPARK at the Fire Department and shuttle options in NOWPARK received substantial negative responses primarily due to the high cost factors or their inconvenience. The GAR Hall/Riverwalk project received the most positive feedback due to its location, convenience and capacity.

The project makes sense for so many reasons: it brings parking to the business areas that shoppers, diners and business patrons want to access. It will support the redevelopment of the GAR Hall and it will support the extension of the Riverwalk project with a footbridge, parking, lighting, plantings and improved access. At this time the GAR Hall is a town-owned building without purpose and in desperate need of repair. This is just the first of many steps in the process.

Ms. MacStay turned the presentation over to Rodney Bartlett, Public Works Director. There will be four phases in the technical review of the project: The assessment phase (up to \$17,000), the conceptual design phase (\$30,000), the final design phase (\$30,000) and the bid phase (\$3,000).

Updates will be provided at each Select Board meeting. The assessment phase is the critical first phase to determine constructability.

There were many speakers to the article.

Debby Kaiser said that it was unclear as to who owns the land that the proposed new lot will be constructed. Mr. Bartlett responded that The Petersons are the current land owners.

Sharon Monahan indicated her concern for shore land protection issues caused by storm water run-off. Mr. Bartlett said that the first two phases will address those issues. If we cannot meet the requirements, the project will not go further.

JoAnn Carr asked if studies show that current parking lots at the Fire Department and Library are underutilized, why aren't we looking at using those existing spaces?

Karl Kaiser indicated that he would prefer that a park be created rather than a parking lot. Mr. Bartlett said that landscaping costs will be included in the cost to construct the parking lot and footbridge.

Other speakers included Loretta Laurenitis, Kathleen Allen, and Peter Gosline.

There was a motion by Fran Chapman to call the question. Debate closed on Article 14 and Deputy Moderator Patten put the question to a voice vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 14 was **PASSED**.

Article 15. GAR Hall Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of the GAR Hall Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a. The purpose of the Trust Fund shall be the improvement to parks and recreation facilities. This shall be an irrevocable trust fund, in which the principal and the interest may be appropriated and expended; net proceeds from the sale of the GAR Hall shall be placed into this fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend.

The Select Board recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Motion: Select Board Chair Joe Byk moved the article as read; Select Board member Barbara Miller seconded the motion.

Select Board Chair Byk spoke to the article. He said that the expendable trust fund is required by law when the deed for the GAR Hall was given to the town. Proceeds from the GAR Hall sale will be placed in this fund for improvements to parks and recreation facilities.

As there were no further questions or comments, Deputy Moderator Patten put the article to vote.

Vote: By a show of paddles, the majority was in the affirmative and Warrant Article 15 was **PASSED**.

Moderator Runyon recognized “Jim” Grant who spoke of Peterborough’s upcoming 275th birthday celebration. Events will be held October 10-11, 2014.

As there was no further business, Moderator Runyon asked for a motion to adjourn. John Franklin moved to adjourn, seconded by several residents. By a show of paddles, the vote was manifested in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Total Registered Voters on Checklist:	4,752
Total Registered Voters at Town Meeting:	117

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Guyette
Town Clerk