

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
BUDGET COMMITTEE
January 12, 2016
Minutes**

Members Present: John MacDonald, Chairman, Frank Giebutowski, Vice-Chairman, Robert Moholland, Matt Krause, John Burt, Steve Johnson, Bob Tougher, Members.

Members Absent: Luke Freudenberg, Selectmen's Representative, Brian Black (excused), Harold Parker, Members.

Staff Present: Dave Owen, Town Manager, Pete Chamberlain, Finance Director, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2016 Operating Budget

Chairman MacDonald opened the public hearing.

John MacDonald reviewed the proposed 2016 Operating Budget PowerPoint presentation, see attached.

Pete Chamberlain stated the net increase of debt service is associated with the first payment due on the Brewster Building.

Dave Owen noted that effective January 1, 2016 the Town employs its own electric line crew; noting the Town no longer contracts with NH Electric Co-op.

John MacDonald noted the Town is saving approximately \$70,000 by employing its own line crew.

Pete Chamberlain stated the 2016 Operating Budget is \$25,535,860.

Warrant Articles

Dave Owen stated the BOS voted to recommend all warrant articles 5-0.

Chairman MacDonald requested a roll call vote for each warrant article. n

Article 4 Whitten Neck Waterline Upgrade; \$550,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 4; Whitten Neck Waterline Upgrade, see attached.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to recommend Warrant Article 4; Whitten Neck Waterline Upgrade. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

**Article 5 Layout and Reconstruction of Winnepesaukee Drive Subject to Betterment Assessments;
\$830,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 5; Layout and Reconstruction of Winnepesaukee Drive Subject to Betterment Assessments, see attached.

It was moved by Frank Giebutowski and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article 5; Layout and Reconstruction of Winnepesaukee Drive Subject to Betterment Assessments. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes,

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to recommend Warrant Article 12; Sewall Road Voltage Conversion. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Article 13 Establish Dockside Parking Lot Capital Reserve Account; \$100,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 13; Establish Dockside Parking Lot Capital Reserve Account, see attached.

John Burt questioned whether the capital reserve account is being established to pay for the construction of the improvements or if funding would include engineering.

Dave Owen stated the account is being established because the cost of the project will be in excess of \$200,000. He noted the project includes a minimal approach of amenities (BOS' position); noting the parking lot reconstruction and I&I issues will be addressed.

Linda Murray stated the costs associated with the sewer reconstruction would come from the Sewer Fund and the costs associated with the parking lot reconstruction would come from the capital reserve account.

John Burt stated he is hesitant to support the warrant article because the article doesn't state a specific target amount; noting he would prefer the language to reflect a projected cost.

John MacDonald questioned the timeline for the project.

Dave Owen replied 1-2 years.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article 13; Establish Dockside Parking Lot Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; no, John Burt; no, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; no, Matt Krause; no, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion failed (3-4).

Article 14 Foss Field Replacement Building Capital Reserve Fund; \$100,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 14; Foss Field Replacement Building Capital Reserve Fund, see attached.

John Burt asked if such is an existing account.

Dave Owen replied yes.

John Burt questioned the balance of the account.

Dave Owen replied approximately \$101,000.

John Burt questioned the target cost.

Dave Owen replied approximately \$250,000.

Bob Tougher stated the project has been on the CIP for a number of years; noting the project was facilitated by the demolition of the two buildings on Lehner Street. He stated the purpose of the account is to avoid bonding the project. He noted that if the warrant article is voted down and not approved, the CIP Committee will continue to recommend the project to the BOS.

John MacDonald questioned the timeline for the project.

Bob Tougher replied 2017. He stated \$250,000 is not a reliable figure because the engineering has not been completed.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to recommend Warrant Article 14; Foss Field Building Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; no, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; no, Matt Krause; no, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (4-3).

Article 15 Establish a Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund; \$30,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 15; Establish a Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, see attached.

John Burt asked how much has been budgeted for building maintenance over the last five years.

Dave Owen replied \$80,000-\$100,000.

Frank Giebutowski questioned why operating expenses are included in a capital reserve account.

Bob Tougher stated the intent of the CIP Committee has been to eventually set up a building maintenance fund similar to the school district in which maintenance projects are identified. He stated the Committee is trying to be proactive rather than reactive relative to maintenance issues.

John Burt stated the school district identifies their projects; noting this warrant article does not identify any projects.

Bob Tougher stated the warrant article is not an article with a cash expenditure rather; it is defined as a capital reserve account.

It was moved by Frank Giebutowski and seconded by John Burt to not recommend Warrant Article 15; Establish a Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; no, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (6-1).

Article 16 Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Account; \$186,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 16; Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Account, see attached.

John Burt questioned the balance of the account.

Frank Giebutowski replied \$672,728 as of 7/1/15.

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by John Burt to recommend Warrant Article 16; Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Article 17 Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Account; \$170,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 17; Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Account, see attached.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Tougher to recommend Warrant Article 17; Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Article 18 Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Account; \$16,750

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 18; Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Account, see attached.

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Bob Tougher to recommend Warrant Article 18; Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Article 19 Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Account; \$125,000

John MacDonald read Warrant Article 19; Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Account, see attached.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by John Burt to recommend Warrant Article 19; Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Account. Roll call vote: John MacDonald; yes, Frank Giebutowski; yes, John Burt; yes, Bob Tougher; yes, Steve Johnson; yes, Matt Krause; yes, Bob Moholland; yes. The motion passed (7-0).

There being no further questions or comments, Chairman MacDonald closed the public hearing.

Other Business

John MacDonald thanked Dave Owen for his years of service as Town Manager.

Frank Giebutowski requested consistency among departments with regard to submittal of warrant article supporting documentation.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the January 12, 2016 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

Budget Committee meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016 has been cancelled.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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****Please note these minutes are subject to amendments and approval at a later date.****

TOWN OF WOLFEBORO

PROPOSED 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

SELECTMEN'S & TOWN MANAGER'S GUIDELINES 2016

- Discretionary Budget totals limited to a targeted Zero (0%) increase relative to the final 2015 operating budget.
- Exceptions for contractual obligations, legal requirements or the costs of collective bargaining agreements
- Discretionary items include the cost of fuel oil, diesel fuel and gasoline

2016

INCREASES IN SALARIES & BENEFITS ACROSS ALL FUNDS

- Cost of Salaries increased 3.5% or \$ 182,000
- Benefits as a whole increased 3.4% or \$ 94,690 for the year. Of this total:
- Cost for Health Insurance coverage increased 3.4% or \$ 45,402 for the year
- Cost for Dental Insurance coverage decreased 5.45% or (\$ 4,503)
- Cost for NH State Retirement increased 3.8% or \$ 27,647
- Cost for Workers Compensation increased 8.3% or \$ 8,418

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Executive		\$ 11,250
	Cable Channel	(\$ 2,586)
	Insurance	\$ 3,381
	Legal	\$ 10,000
Finance		\$9,951
	Payroll	\$ 4,754
	Benefits	\$3,531

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Zoning Board		\$ 196
Planning Board		\$10,348
Outside Services	\$10,000	
Planning Department		\$4,549
Salaries	\$2,554	
Benefits	\$1,806	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Technology		\$5,908
Website Maintenance	\$3,605	
Computer Maintenance	\$3,349	
Computer Software	(\$ 5,000)	
Computer Hardware	\$3,954	
Brewster Building		\$21,236
Building Maintenance	\$11,715	
Heat & Oil	\$8,754	
Building Maintenance	(\$1,920)	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Cemeteries		(\$908)
Town Manager		\$19,178
Salaries	\$11,698	
Benefits	\$7,603	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Town Clerk		\$10,382
Salaries	\$3,356	
Benefits	\$2,396	
Elections	\$3,200	
Outside Services	\$1,305	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Assessing		(\$96,162)
Salaries	\$1,323	
Benefits	\$1,062	
Abatement Processing	\$13,605	
Cyclical Data Collection	\$34,320	
Property Revaluation	(\$139,000)	
Other Services	(\$4,088)	
Postage	(\$3,250)	
Misc Operating Expense		\$1,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Tax Collector		\$22,536
Salaries	\$5,237	
Benefits	\$18,744	
Outside Services	(\$1,200)	
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000	
Machinery & Equipment	(\$1,440)	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Department	Line Item	Total + or -
	+ or -	
Police		\$81,452
	Salaries	\$37,669
	Benefits	\$27,706
	Gasoline & Oil	(\$7,327)
	Machinery & Equipment	\$17,337
	Vehicles	\$4,667

PUBLIC SAFETY

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Fire		\$62,278
	Salaries	\$14,363
	Benefits	\$12,011
	Rentals & Leases	\$37,474
	Diesel Fuel	(\$2,160)
Code Enforcement		\$3,092
	Salaries	\$2,215

PUBLIC SAFETY

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Emergency Management		\$784
Public Safety Building		(\$208)
Communications		\$20,333
Salaries	\$12,195	
Benefits	\$8,238	

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
DPW Administration		\$7,728
Salaries	\$5,246	
Benefits	\$2,121	
Highways & Streets		(\$47,634)
Salaries	\$5,383	
Benefits	(\$36,809)	
Rentals & Leases	(\$2,340)	
Gasoline & Oil	(\$1,980)	
Diesel Fuel	(\$11,850)	

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Public Works Garage		(\$38,809)
Salaries	\$6,569	
Maintenance Vehicles	(\$10,500)	
Outside Services	(\$1,500)	
Electricity	(\$1,000)	
Building Maintenance	\$1,600	
Gasoline	(\$19,800)	
Diesel	(\$20,600)	
Propane	\$1,976	
Buildings	\$2,000	

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
PW Buildings & Grounds		(\$488)

SANITATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Solid Waste Disposal		(\$14,114)
Salaries	\$8,720	
Benefits	\$5,391	
Outside Services	(\$21,785)	
Consultants	(\$2,000)	
Machinery Maintenance	(\$2,500)	
Rentals & Leases	(\$1,768)	
Household Hazardous Waste	\$1,695	
Operating Supplies	(\$1,500)	
Diesel Fuel	(\$1,944)	

HEALTH & WELFARE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Health Officer		\$21
Animal Control		\$1,088
Agencies		(\$9,927)
Welfare		(\$47,639)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Parks Administration		\$24,418
Salaries	\$5,390	
Benefits	\$18,014	
Parks Maintenance		(\$12,281)
Salaries	\$2,529	
Benefits	\$1,764	
Heat & Oil	(\$4,016)	
Rentals & Leases	(\$15,500)	
Land Improvements	\$2,500	
Propane	\$1,601	

CULTURE & RECREATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Beaches		
Salaries	\$1,380	
Ground Maintenance	(\$2,832)	
Programs	(\$1,000)	
		(\$1,600)
Abenaki		
Salaries	\$7,586	
Benefits	\$1,252	
Electricity	\$1,235	
Propane	\$4,000	
		\$17,118

CULTURE & RECREATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Hockey Rink		\$0
Programs		\$21,222
Salaries	\$2,974	
Benefits	\$416	
Rentals & Leases	\$18,200	
Operating Supplies	(\$1,200)	
Community Center		\$588

CULTURE & RECREATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Library		\$13,607
Salaries	\$8,234	
Benefits	\$4,068	
Custodial Services	\$2,395	
Outside Services	\$1,737	
Heat & Oil	(\$4,406)	
Computer	\$2,175	
Maintenance		
Books & Periodicals	(\$3,630)	
Misc Revenue	(\$2,414)	

CULTURE & RECREATION

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Patriotic Purposes		(\$855)
Libby Museum		\$991
Clark House		\$2,837
Building Maintenance	\$2,000	

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Conservation Commission		\$3
Economic Development		\$541

DEBT SERVICE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Long Term Principal		\$252,840
Long Term Interest		\$105,181
TAN Interest		(\$2,500)

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Department

Line Item + or -

Total + or -

Transfer Out To Sewer Fund

(\$20,270)

CAPITAL OUTLAY

• Capital Outlay

\$18,029

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND INCREASE

Overall Increase In General Fund	\$457,290	3.63%
Significant Cost Centers In Budget:		
Salaries & Wages	\$166,608	3.72%
Health Insurance (Includes 7.6% Rate Increase)	\$39,628	2.99%
Other Benefits	\$43,659	3.90%
Debt Service	\$355,521	52.89%
Net Decrease Of All Other Line Items	<u>(148,126)</u>	
	\$457,290	

GENERAL FUND BUDGET INCREASES OVER TIME

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
8.04%	4.56%	6.07%	2.32%	1.41%	2.39%

2015
3.63%

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
**** FUNDED BY FEES, TRANSFERS IN AND OTHER**
REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Sewer Technology		\$1,000
Sewer Collections		(\$5,492)
Salaries	\$2,418	
Benefits	\$1,535	
Administrative Allocation	\$1,380	
Electricity	(\$5,000)	
Maintenance Supplies	\$6,107	
Machinery & Equipment	(\$6,150)	
Debt Service Principal	\$740	
Debt Service Interests	(\$7,286)	

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
 *** FUNDED BY FEES, TRANSFERS IN AND OTHER
 REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Wastewater Treatment Plant		(\$17,483)
Administrative Allocation	\$1,380	
Electricity	(\$4,771)	
Debt Service Interest	(\$13,724)	

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND ** FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Water Distribution		(\$19,577)
Salaries	(\$3,730)	
Benefits	\$1,490	
Administrative Allocation	\$3,219	
Gasoline & Oil	(\$3,250)	
Debt Service Principal	\$4,992	
Debt Service Interest	(\$21,578)	

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

** FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Water Treatment Plant		\$1,323
Salaries	\$3,829	
Benefits	\$1,513	
Administrative Allocation	\$3,219	
Debt Service Principal	(\$1,000)	
Debt Service Interest	(\$3,780)	

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Capital Outlay		(\$5,000)
Water Technology		\$1,000

ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND

** FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Electric Administration		\$61,777
Salaries	\$20,474	
Benefits	\$5,724	
Legal	\$11,000	
Telephone	\$3,828	
Outside Services	\$25,000	
Administrative Allocation	\$18,875	
Building Maintenance	\$2,000	
Gasoline & Oil	(\$1,350)	

ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND

** FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Purchase Costs		
Salaries	\$506,131	
Benefits	\$212,930	
Telephone	\$1,800	
Outside Services	\$25,000	
Contract Service	(\$818,813)	
Machinery Maintenance	\$2,500	
Gasoline & Oil	\$1,750	
Diesel	(\$3,390)	
Safety Equipment	\$2,800	
Professional Development	\$9,350	
Debt Service Interest	(\$12,207)	
		(\$69,939)

ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND

** FUNDED BY FEES AND OTHER REVENUE

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Electric Generation		\$167,625
	Electricity	\$166,062
Capital Outlay		(\$10,800)
Includes Line Worker Retooling		
Electric Technology		\$1,000

POP WHALEN ENTERPRISE FUND
****FUNDED BY FEES AND TRANSFERS IN**

Department	Line Item + or -	Total + or -
Pop Whalen Ice Rink		(\$11,730)
Salaries	(\$9,303)	
Benefits	(\$943)	
Administrative Allocation	\$2,328	
Heat & Oil	(\$4,032)	
Debt Service Principal	\$710	
Debt Service Interest	(\$1,700)	
Capital Outlay		(\$4,325)

OVERALL BUDGET INCREASE

2014

General Fund	\$457,290	3.63%
Sewer Enterprise Fund	(\$22,975)	(1.29%)
Water Enterprise Fund	(\$23,254)	(1.28%)
Electric Enterprise Fund	\$148,663	1.75%
Pop Whalen Enterprise Fund	<u>(\$16,055)</u>	<u>(5.81%)</u>
Sub-total Enterprise Funds:	\$86,379	.070%
Total General & Enterprise Funds:	\$543,669	2.18%

ESTIMATED TAX RATE

Approved Tax Rate 2015	\$5.29
Estimated Tax Rate 2016 (Incl. Warrant Articles)	\$5.78
Increase Per Thousand:	
General Fund Portion	\$0.58
Warrant Article Portion	<u>(\$0.09)</u>
Total Increase:	\$0.49
Major Contributors To Rate Increase In 2016	
Decrease In Fund Balance To Offset Tax Rate	\$0.20
Decrease In One Time Insurance Premium Revenues	\$0.14
Increase In Debt Service Expense Brewster Building	\$0.15

TAX EFFECT

• \$ 100,000 Home	\$ 49
• \$200,000 Home	\$ 98
• \$300,000 Home	\$ 147

ARTICLE 4: Whitten Neck Road Water Line Upgrade

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars **(\$550,000) for the design and reconstruction of the Whitten Neck Road water line**, including restoration of the road surface, and further to authorize the issuance of not more than five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) of bonds or notes for this purpose in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act, such sum to be reduced by any federal, state, or private funds made available therefor, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred dollars **(\$3,900) for the payment of interest** on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2016. **All payments for such design and reconstruction**, including the payment of principal and interest payable and interest payable on any bonds or notes, **shall be paid from the Water Fund, not from general taxation.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(3/5 Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 5: Layout and Reconstruction of Winnepesaukee Drive Subject to Betterment Assessments

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars **(\$830,000) for the layout, design, construction and reconstruction of Winnepesaukee Drive and that portion of Knights Pond Lane located within the Town of Wolfeboro**, as shown on the Subdivision Plan dated January 3, 1989. The layout will be over existing private rights-of-way as a Town Road which shall conform to the Town's present construction standards and requirements. **The project will be subject to betterment assessments pursuant to RSA 231:28-33, so that all cost of the layout, design and construction will be assessed against property owners abutting or served by the layout.** Further, to authorize the issuance of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$830,000) of bonds or notes for this project in accordance with RSA Ch. 33, the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate the rate of interest, maturity and other terms of said bonds or notes for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand dollars **(\$7,000) for the payment of interest** on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2016.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
3/5 Majority vote required

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 6: Acquisition of Old Railroad Freight House Property

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (**\$125,000**) **for the purpose of acquiring for general government use the land together with any improvements thereon known as the old railroad freight house,** more recently used by Wolfeboro Oil Co. as a warehouse, **(Tax Map 217, Lot 46) which is located behind the railroad depot and at the head of the Russell C. Chase Bridge Falls Path** for purposes of consolidating the Town's holdings along Back Bay, and to authorize the Selectmen to purchase said property for general government purposes, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory environmental assessment report relative to the presence of any hazardous materials on the site.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.064 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)
(Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 7: 2016 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$25,535,860. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be \$25,202,280, which is the same as last year's operating budget, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$4.77 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)
(Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 8: Town Road Upgrades

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (**\$675,000**) for the purpose of upgrading Town roads and drainage systems.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.343 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 9: Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Design

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars **(\$140,000) for preliminary engineering, design, and permitting** for a municipally managed State Bridge Aid project **for the replacement of the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge over Heath Brook**. The Town will be reimbursed eighty percent (80%) of the One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000), or One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000), by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation once the Bridge design is complete and approved by NHDOT to advertise for bids for construction, with the remainder to be raised by general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.014 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 10: Mast Landing Parking Lot Upgrades

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars **(\$30,000) to engineer and design Mast Landing Parking Lot upgrades,** including parking, pedestrian, and stormwater treatment improvements. Construction of these improvements will be contingent upon further appropriation of funds.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.015 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)
Majority vote required

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 11: Solid Wastes Building Expansion

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars **(\$20,000) to engineer an expansion of the Solid Wastes Facility building** by designing additional storage space of approximately 1,100 square feet.

Estimate Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.010 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)
(Majority vote required)

Revised 1-13-16

ARTICLE 12: Sewall Road Voltage Conversion Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars **(\$450,000) from the Electric Fund to convert the Sewall Road distribution voltage** from 4 kV to 12 kV, including all side taps, conductors, insulators, transformers, and deficient pole structures. **These activities will not result any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 13: Establish Dockside Parking Lot Capital Reserve Fund

To see whether the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for the **purpose of reconstructing the Dockside Parking Lot** and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) **from the General Fund to be deposited in said Capital Reserve Fund**. The Selectmen are designated as agents to expend the funds in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated tax rate impact: 2016-\$0.051 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 14: Foss Field Replacement Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$100,000) to be added to the Foss Field Replacement Building Capital Reserve Fund** as established under Article 16 of the 2001 Town Meeting to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated as agents to expend these funds.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.051 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 15: Establish a Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote **to establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 **for the purpose of making needed repairs and performing needed maintenance to the Town's building facilities**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars **(\$30,000) for this purpose**, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016-\$0.015 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 16: Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand dollars **(\$186,000) to be added to the existing Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Selectmen have been designated agents to expend this Capital Reserve Account.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.095 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 17: Public Works Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand dollars **(\$170,000) to be added to the existing Public Works Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.086 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 18: Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars **(\$16,750) to be added to the Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund** under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated as agents to expend these funds.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.009 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 19: Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars **(\$125,000) to be added to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated agents to expend this capital reserve fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2016--\$0.064 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
(Majority vote required)

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