

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Public Meeting Minutes-Unapproved
January 8, 2020

Members present: Chairman Dave Senecal, Brad Harriman, Linda Murray, Dave Bowers and Paul O'Brien

Staff present: Town Manager Jim Pineo, Public Works Director Dave Ford, Planning Director Matt Sullivan, Police Captain Mark Livie, Finance Director Troy Neff, Libby Museum Director Alana Albee and Recording Secretary Michele Chamberlain

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II

Mr. Pineo stated a non-public session is needed to discuss litigation.

Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Senecal asked for approval from the Board of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Paul O'Brien to accept the minutes of December 18, 2019 as amended. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Public Hearings

A. Temporary Event Permit

i. Level Up Pickleball Camp to be held at Foss Field Pickleball Courts on August 28, 2020 - August 30, 2020 from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Permit #1959

Chairman Senecal opened the public hearing.

Ms. Murray stated she did some research about Level Up Pickleball Camp is a for profit camp so it does not fit the criteria of an event. She suggested that the Board of Selectmen grant them the use of the tennis courts for the time they are requesting. Parks and Recreation will charge them \$500.00 and we will grant them permission to use town property but not as a temporary event.

Chairman Senecal closed the public hearing.

It was Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve permission for using town property for the Level Up PickleBall Camp to be held at Foss Field Pickleball Courts on August 28, 2020 - August 30, 2020 from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Parks and Recreation will charge them \$500.00. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

ii. New England Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society to host Boat Show at Town Docks, Parking Lot, Cate Park & Gazebo on July 25, 2020 from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Permit #1960

Chairman Senecal opened the public hearing.

Scott Robinson, President of the New England Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society, addressed the Board. He stated this will be the 47th year for the Lake Winnepesaukee NE Chapter, Antique & Class Boat Society show. We have been in Wolfeboro for the last 4 years and are very happy to be here.

Chairman Senecal stated access to the fire boat is required.

Mr. Robinson stated absolutely.

Ms. Murray stated an updated insurance certificate is needed.

Mr. Robinson stated his insurance company does not allow for him to apply for that until 2 weeks prior to the event but he usually brings the certificate to Town Hall two days prior to the event.

Chairman Senecal closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Linda Murray to approve a Temporary Event Permit application for the New England Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society to host Boat Show at Town Docks, Parking Lot, Cate Park & Gazebo on July 25, 2020 from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM contingent that the insurance certificate is provided. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

iii. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northern New England Chapter to host a Walk Fundraiser with cookout on May 16, 2020 at Foss Field, 88 Lehner St. Wolfeboro NH from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Permit #1961

Chairman Senecal opened the public hearing.

There was not a representative present.

Mr. O'Brien stated an updated insurance certificate is needed.
Chairman Senecal closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Paul O'Brien to approve a Temporary Event Permit application for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northern New England Chapter to host a Walk Fundraiser with cookout on May 16, 2020 at Foss Field, 88 Lehner St. Wolfeboro NH from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM contingent that an insurance certificate is provided. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifest

- i. December 20 , 2019
- ii. December 27 ,2019
- iii. January 3, 2020

B. Property Tax Abatement/refunds

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| i. 232 Middleton Rd | Tax Map 274 Lot 5-1 |
| ii. 146 Oakwood Rd | Tax Map 569 Lot 59 |

C. Yield Tax Levy

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| i. New Garden Rd | Tax Map 254 Lot 1 | \$6,690.77 |
| ii. 308 Stoddard Rd | Tax Map 59 Lot 5 | \$163.79 |
| iii. 55 Furber Lane | Tax Map 147 Lot 3 | \$644.07 |

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Paul O'Brien to accept the Bulk Vote Items A - C. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Board Appointments

- i. Eli Roxby – Energy Committee- Alternate Member

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to appoint Eli Roxby as an alternate member to the Wolfeboro Energy Committee for a term to expire March of 2021. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

- ii. Doug Smithwood– Energy Committee- Member

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to appoint Doug Smithwood as a member to the Wolfeboro Energy Committee for a term to expire March of 2021. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

New Business

A. Finance Revenue/Expenditure Report - November



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November 30, 2019 Financial Overview of Expenditures

Fund Name	Target Budget Funding Rate	Current Expense Rate	Variance
General Fund	91.667%	93.372%	-1.705%
Water Fund	91.667%	91.026%	.641%
Electric Fund	91.667%	61.324%	30.343%
Sewer Fund	91.667%	90.638%	1.029%
Pop Whalen Fund	91.667%	80.999%	10.668%
Overall Expend-To-Date Rate	91.667%	82.759%	8.908%

November 30, 2019 Financial Overview of Revenue YTD

Fund Name	2018	2019	Variance
General Fund	35,363,336.04	\$35,639,507.02	\$276,170.98
Water Fund	\$1,598,717.80	\$1,527,493.71	\$71,224.09
Electric Fund	\$9,504,505.98	\$8,847,837.73	\$656,668.25
Sewer Fund	\$1,616,985.43	\$1,547,287.05	\$69,698.38
Pop Whalen Fund	\$163,428.14	\$119,812.87	\$31,296.94
Total 2018 to 2019 Compare	\$48,489,893.42	\$47,684,274.36	805,619.06

Ms. Murray stated she spoke with Mr. Neff and he answered all her questions.

The Board thanked Mr. Neff.

B. Abenaki Recreational Area 'Fat-Bike' Policy Adoption-Public Comment

Matt Sullivan, Planning Director, addressed the Board. He thanked a small working group for their efforts to help develop this policy and the Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association for their dedication and work for the last 50 years for these trails. These trails have been enjoyed by thousands of individuals thanks to the hard work of the Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association. There were some concerns during the 2018/2019 winter season. There were some conditions due to fat biking that members of the Cross Country Ski Association and the Town were concerned about. As a result the Town was asked to help with this concern and to identify some conditions for the shared use of the trails. This policy was developed to address these concerns. He stated as of today there is no formal usage policy to use the Abenaki Recreational trails so this would be the first step in that direction. Therefore, the Town has no ability to enforce this today because there is no policy. This policy is viewed as a short term solution for a development of a long term plan for multiple users on the Abenaki Recreational trails.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the policy as follows:

Town of Wolfeboro

Abenaki Trail System

'Fat-Tire' Bike Policy

January 8th, 2020

Amended 01/08/2020

1. Permitted Trail Points of Access

- a. Abenaki Lodge Complex
- b. Parking Lot on Filter Bed Road

2. Required Bike Specifications

- a. Both tires must be a minimum width of 3.8"
- b. Tire pressures equal to or less than 8 psi

3. Trail Restrictions

- a. Permitted Bike Usage Trails:
 - i. Home Run (lower half) to and including Short Cut
 - ii. The Climb (upper sections to and after Short Cut)
 - iii. Grand View Loop (except Holy Chute outrun (unless HC is designated one-way for skiers))
 - iv. Snowmobile trails along the power line
 - v. Filter Bed Road
 - vi. Internet from Filter Bed parking area to Upper Bog Hill Run
 - vii. Upper Bog Hill Run (Internet to Filter Bed Road)
- b. Usage of trails other than those indicated above on public property is prohibited.

4. Use Restrictions

- a. Fat bike users must stay on designated trails only as delineated in Section 3.A.
- b. Fat bike users shall yield to all other users when riding (Skiers don't have brakes, but fat bikers do.)
- c. Fat bike users shall ride on the firmest part of the track
- d. Fat biker users shall not ride on or in the **classic tracks**
- e. Fat bike users shall stay to the outside side of the trail corners and look for oncoming traffic
- f. Fat bike users shall leave adequate space for skiers to pass (side-by-side riding is prohibited)
- g. Allow the trail time to set up after grooming and before riding
- h. Be an ambassador for the sport: stay polite, educate other riders, encourage good behavior
- i. Riding is only permitted when conditions will not leave a rut deeper than 1 inch in depth or when snow conditions are slush or thawing. (If you have to get off to push your bike, the snow is too soft)

- j. Fat biking is not permitted upon any posting of closure by the Town of Wolfeboro or via website posting or other notification by the Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association (WCCSA).

5. Ticket/Pass Holder Requirements

- a. All users of groomed XC trails (skiers and fat bike riders) must display a daily pass (ticket) or season pass and by doing so agree to comply with the terms of this policy.
- b. Individual daily fat tire bike only passes are available for a fee to be agreed upon by the Town of Wolfeboro and the WCCSA. Daily ski passes are also good for fat tire biking on designated trails only.
- c. Any ski-only season pass shall qualify as a valid season pass for fat-tire activities, Season passes will only be available at WCCSA headquarters
- d. Passes will be free to seniors (age > 75) and children (age 12 and under)
- e. Daily passes (tickets) will be available at WCCSA headquarters (within the Nordic Skier shop) and at Abenaki Ski Area

6. Fines/Penalties

- a. Any individual found to be in violation by the Town of Wolfeboro may be subject to pass revocation and may endanger all future fat tire bike use on Town trails. Please think twice before riding.

7. Amendments and Review

- a. This policy is intended as a 'pilot' for the 2020 year, during which it will be reviewed and shall be considered for a one (1) year renewal annually by the Board of Selectmen, prior to the winter season, until such time that an independent network of 'fat bike' trails can be constructed and a limited number of access and crossing trails can be reviewed.
- b. A biannual review of this Policy, pre and post- winter season, shall occur between the Town of Wolfeboro, WCCSA, and other stakeholders as needed.
- c. Any amendments to this policy must be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

8. Adoption

Adopted by the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen on the date of January 8th, 2020.

Mr. Sullivan stated there have been a lot of concerns related to safety that have been expressed by many individuals. He read amendment #7a (This policy is intended as a 'pilot' for the 2020 year, during which it will be reviewed and shall be considered for a one (1) year renewal annually by the Board of Selectmen, prior to the winter season, until such time that an independent network of 'fat bike' trails can be constructed and a limited number of

access and crossing trails can be reviewed) and wanted it to be clear that the policy was a pilot for one year.

Chairman Senecal stated the amendment means the policy will be for 2020. He questioned if the policy would run until January 1, 2021.

Mr. Sullivan stated correct.

Ms. Murray thanked Mr. Sullivan for getting someone designated to be able to enforce the fine. She stated she supports the amendment because it is important to review new policies annually.

Mr. Sullivan stated if any safety concerns became apparent before the next review he wanted to be able to address these concerns immediately with the parties involved.

Ms. Murray stated she would like these issues noted to the Board.

Mr. Sullivan stated absolutely the Board would be notified but they wanted to be able to address issues if they arise.

Mr. O'Brien agreed it should be a one year policy. He stated the policy discusses 10 things that can not be done and fines & penalties. He stated after the policy is reviewed next year he would like to encourage language about what can be done. We should be leaning on what is permissible. He thanked Mr. Sullivan.

Chairman Senecal asked for public comment.

Nancy Hirshberg, Representative of Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association, addressed the Board. She read the following petition: (See Attached Sheet) Ms. Hirshberg stated the petition was signed by 87 residents. She stated it was written before Mr. Sullivan made the amendment to the policy. She stated she felt it addressed many of the concerns.

Mr. Bowers questioned how Mr. Flagg felt about the issue.

Ms. Hirshberg stated he will speak next.

Steve Flagg, Representative of Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association and Head Groomer, addressed the Board. He stated he grooms the trails for the skiing starting at 4 AM every day. He has devoted 50 years to this sport of Nordic skiing. He felt that the biking community and cross country skiing can co-exist but he feels they should build their own separate trails and groom those trails. The Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association have no problem with the trails crossing each other but it is not a good mix of having fat bikes and skiers on the same trail. A lot of Nordic Centers are opening up some of their trails to fat bikers but this is about generating revenue. Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association is not looking for revenue from fat bike users. It is important that when they

build their own trails and they are ready to groom that the existing cross country trails that we have built and maintained since the 70's be returned back to cross country skiing only.

Ms. Murray questioned if he had been contacted about the fat bike policy.

Mr. Flagg stated yes and he attended all the meetings.

Ms. Murray questioned if he was okay with a one year policy.

Mr. Flagg stated yes. He would like to work together with fat bikers so they can develop their own trails but he feels fat bikes and cross country skiing on the same trails is not a good mix.

Normandie Mindheim, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. He stated he signed the petition because this is a safety issue. He stated Gunstock allows fat bikers on their trails and it makes it difficult for skiers. It is a safety issue. He showed the Board a pair of skis that he uses on the cross country ski trails.

Bobbi Boudman, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. She stated she is a citizen but also has a recreational background. She stated there should be fat biking in Town. It should be promoted and encouraged but there are safety issues on the way it is being addressed. She stated the policy needs to be tweaked because of safety issues. She addressed concerns she had about the Abenaki Lodge Complex. There are a lot of little children that ski there and having fat bikers on these trails is dangerous. She felt the fat bikes should go behind the building on the Home Run trail. There are different types of grooming (soft & hard). Tire pressure is based on whether the trail is soft or hard groomed. She suggested reviewing the tire pressure allowance. The Nordic High School team uses these trails and they are flying down these trails. She suggested not allowing fat biking from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM while the high school team is using the complex. On Monday nights there is a learn to ski program for little kids and they are not able to stop. She felt that during school times and class times there should not be fat biking. This is a safety issue! Fat bikers should not be leaving a rut. She questioned if the budget would allow for someone to be posting the trails when they are not allowed. She suggested signs should be posted when fat biking is allowed. This should be a policy for one year only!

Chairman Senecal stated signs could be posted very easily and he felt if there were racing going on signs could be posted. Parks and Recreation could post signs and mark off any trails that could not be used.

Ms. Murray questioned if the Twister Trail had been divided.

Ms. Bean stated a fence was not installed.

Ms. Murray stated she thought a fence was supposed to be installed.

Ms. Bean stated yes but plans changed.

Elizabeth Bean, President of the Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association, addressed the Board. She stated the Town asked us if the trails could be used by fat bikers. It was reviewed by many that this was all Town land but it is not. There are a lot of private land owners. The main issues that we face going forward are the safety concerns, maintaining the trails surfaces and that we respect private land owners. We have spent a lot of time reviewing this. We have explored ways to share the trails with fat bikers. The result is only a portion of the trails meet these requirements. These are the trails in yellow on the map. Fat bikers will not be allowed on Holy Chute and the Climb. She felt the Grand View trail could be a shared used trail. If there are issues cross country skiers could be asked to use Holy Shoe as a one way trail. She felt the cross country ski trails would not attract a lot of interest for fat bikers because there are other options available to them that are free. Fat bikers do not need groomed trails. She would like a good trial year but was not sure it would be used enough. Fat bikers will have to meet certain specifications and stop using the trails if they sink in or cause ruts. They will need to stay out of the classic tracks and yield to skiers. When we meet with the town administrators they agreed to most of the things we suggested. She stated by creating a policy we get the benefit of adverting the abuse of the trails by others. The Cross Country Ski Association has given this matter a lot of thought and time and we hope to have an amicable relationship with the town administrators and other recreational groups. We would prefer that the policy pass as a one year trial period and that it is reviewed on an annual basis. If any safety issues arise that changes would be immediate as Mr. Sullivan advised.

Ms. Murray questioned Home Run and the slopes coming down. She questioned if this would be far enough away if a fat biker comes down the slope and does not stop that we are not endangering skiers.

Ms. Bean stated Home Run is pretty flat.

Ms. Murray questioned if Ms. Bean felt comfortable with kids coming down the slope and not running into fat bikers.

Ms. Bean stated fat bikes do not move that fast in the snow. Cross Country Skiers move faster.

Ms. Murray stated she was concerned about a kid out of control that they might hit a fat biker. If there is plenty of room then it should not be an issue.

Ms. Bean stated fat bikers should yield to the skiers. We have restricted a lot of the trails to fat bikers because of these issues.

Ms. Murray stated she is satisfied if they can get out of the way from a kid coming down the slope.

Michelle Rafalowski, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. She stated she is a skier and tried fat biking once and it is really slow. She lives near the trails and they are used a

lot. She is impressed by the collaboration that happened between the fat bikers and cross country skiers. She applauds their efforts to coming to a happy meeting place. She stated 30 years ago snowboarders wanted to ski on the slopes with downhill skiers and a lot of people were against that at the time. This is about changing culture and we need to accommodate fat bikers. We need to figure out what changes to make so this can work for everyone. She stated having a trial period is amazing. We need to respect private landowners and all recreational sports. She agreed that during races that other sports should not happen. It is important to embrace change but change is hard. We need to establish the culture that is right for Wolfeboro. She congratulated all the people involved because it has brought significant results.

Dan Coons, Wolfeboro Resident, addressed the Board. He stated he lives on Sewall Road and Sewall Woods is a treasure! It is a wonderful place to live and having the trails right there is amazing. He is an avid skier and a fat biker. The conditions are not always right for biking. He agreed that people come to Wolfeboro to ski but they also come to fat bike. Fat bikers are old and young. There has been a lot of money and effort spent on the cross country ski network in Wolfeboro but several thousand dollars was spent to put in stone dust specifically for biking in Wolfeboro. We wanted people off the roads so they would be comfortable riding through the woods. Mountain bikers and Fat bikers would prefer not to be biking on a twelve foot wide cross skier trail. We would prefer to be riding on single track trails. It probably would take at least \$100,000.00 to build 10 miles of trails at Abenaki. This is not something that will happen in the next two years. It is a slow process and it will take time. He stated he would like to commend the two groups for hampering out this agreement for amicable usage of the trails between the groups. He stated he did not take part in this. He agreed with Michelle that 30 years ago snowboarders were feared and now it has become a way of life. He felt biking would be the same. It is important to promote this as a business opportunity. It will give younger people an interest in living here. He understands the concerns about safety but felt that bikes are easier to control than skiers. Bikes have breaks. Mountain bikers and horses have existed for many years. When a horse goes by the biker stops and the same thing will happen with skiers. If the conditions are right for fat bikers then they will not leave dents in the trails. If dents are made then they should not be on the trails.

Andrew Ingram, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. He stated he is one of the founders of Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance. He has been a professional outdoor athlete for his entire career. He moved his family here instead of Colorado or Montana because of the proximity to the mountains and ocean. He stated he respects Steve Flagg and everything he has done for the cross country skiers. He stated around the nation fat biking is changing rural America. He stated fat biking and mountain biking is an economic growth factor in rural areas. There have been many meeting with the Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance, Wolfeboro Cross Country Skiers Association and Wolfeboro Administrators. There are a lot of restrictions for fat biking in this one year trial period. It has been a proven fact around the country that fat biking attracts a younger democrat willing to relocate. They come with a disposable income that is needed for business in those towns. It is Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance's goal to build out winter fat biking trails at Abenaki. Last night we purchased a

snow dog groomer. He stated he hopes the Town will support this because it could have a great impact on the future.

Keith Simpson, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. He stated he is a cross country skier and would like to speak on behalf of senior citizens. We might not be as quick to get out of the way. It is wonderful to be young and able to ski and bike. He felt a year trial period was a good idea.

Mr. Bowers suggested a one year trial as proposed and revisit it in a year to see how it went.

Chairman Senecal seconded the motion. There are two things involved; safety and the two groups that got together to make the agreement. It sounds like the majority of the people do not have a problem with the policy as long as it is for one year. We just need to make it very clear that this policy is for only one year! This policy will be readdressed next year.

Ms. Murray stated she wanted the minutes to reflect that the policy we are discussing is the January 8th, 2020 which is an amended policy.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Chairman Senecal to adopt the 'Fat-Tire Bike Policy' dated January 8th, 2020 (amended) for a trial period of one year. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

C. NH DOT Request to reduce speed limit-NH Route 28 from Walt's Lane to Coves End Road

Dave Ford, Public Works Director, addressed the Board. He handed out materials to the Board. (See attached sheets) He stated in August 2017 we asked NH DOT to reduce the speed from 40 mph to 30 mph along NH Route 28 between Walt's Lane and Coves End Road. The request is to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph, essentially connecting the existing 30 mph speed limits associated with Pickering Corner to the north and intersection of Middleton Road to the south. He received a letter from NH DOT on December 11, 2019. The traffic engineer recommended the speed limit for the northern and southern segments of the study area be 35 mph and the remaining 3,000 foot segment in the middle be 40 mph. There was some confusion about the speed limits and when we reached out to Bill Lambert, Traffic Engineer/Administrator of NH DOT for clarification. Mr. Lambert suggested making a uniform 35 mph speed limit. Mr. Ford stated we would like NH DOT to use context sensitive solutions. We want to slow people down. Mr. Ford asked NH DOT if they could look at traffic calming measures.

Mr. O'Brien stated to summarize the proposal from NH DOT is that the speed limit be 35 mph all the way to Coves End Road.

Mr. Ford stated correct.

Mr. O'Brien stated the current speed limit is 40 mph.

Mr. Ford stated there are combined speed limits of 30 mph and 40 mph.

Mr. O'Brien stated it sounds like you would like the speed limit to be 30 mph.

Mr. Ford stated no he did not say that. There are some things we can not change and NH DOT is making an adjustment in the speed limit which is huge. He would like to have further discussions with NH DOT about speed. He would like to see the speed limit by the golf course and the high school at 30 mph. He thought having the speed limit 35 mph might be a compromise with NH DOT. We need to do additional traffic calming solutions reminding people of their speed. Mr. Ford stated Bill Lambert stated in his latest email that he was working with the State Police, NHDMV, NH Chiefs of Police and the NH Judiciary to address a number of speed management issues, including submitting a grant application for a community based speed management project. Mr. Lambert stated the group will be discussing candidate communities next week and he could suggest NH 28 be considered. Mr. Ford would like the Town to participate in this.

Chairman Senecal agreed the Town should ask to be a participant in the study. We need to look at this further. He felt a 40 mph speed limit was okay. He felt further involvement was needed. We should put this on hold for now.

Mr. Ford stated if Chief Rondeau was okay with the idea then they would ask to become part of the speed management project.

Mr. Harriman stated he liked the idea. It is a compromise. When there are flashing yellow lights by the school the speed limit will drop to 25 mph which is pretty significant.

Chairman Senecal thought it would be hard to just go 25 mph.

Mr. Harriman stated the traffic signs help people become aware of their speed. It slows them down. He liked the idea of traffic calming measures and educating people. It will take a while to get people used to a new speed limit. He was in favor of it.

Mr. O'Brien stated the letter from Mr. Lambert dated December 11th, 2019 did not state this.

Mr. Ford stated yes, that is where the confusion came into place because he referenced the traffic report and then he changed his mind.

Mr. O'Brien questioned which letter can we depend on from Mr. Lambert. Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie and the Police Commission have all said that speed is an issue in this Town. He agreed they should get involved in the speed management study.

Ms. Murray agreed with getting involved in the study. She stated it is important to build our relationship with the State. We will be better off if we do.

Mr. Ford agreed. He stated Brewster Academy has contacted an engineer to put in a flashing beacon for their crosswalk.

Mr. Ford stated so he will let NH DOT know that we would like to hold off on the speed limit for further discussion but would like to be part of the speed management study. Also, he would like to discuss some items for traffic calming at a staff meeting.

Ms. Murray agreed. We gain by doing this. She would like to see more communication.

Mr. Pineo asked Chairman Senecal if the Board could go over the petition warrant article from the Girlscouts so they could get home at an early hour.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Pineo read the petition as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for the renovation of the Electric Generator building located at 22 Lehner Street. Mr. Pineo stated the Town Clerk, Patricia Waterman has verified the 25 signatures.

The Electric Llamas (Girl Scouts) addressed the Board. Ms. Bickford stated since November we have been busy. We entered a regional championship for our project and have discussed it with many community members. We made changes to our plans after having discussions with people. We received feedback from Bergeron Technical Services. We created a petition warrant article with our revisions and collected the required 25 signatures. We collected 80 signatures but only 57 were registered voters. We have received all kinds of support from members of the surrounding communities. We are happy to present to you are petition and hope you will support our petition.

Ms. Murray thanked the Electric Llamas. She stated they had a booth about their project during Last Night.

The Board thanked the Electric Llamas.

D. Warrant Articles Q and V revisit

Warrant Article N: AFSCME Contract Agreement

Mr. Pineo stated the first article to revisit is Article N: AFSCME Contract Agreement. Mr. Pineo read the article. (see attached sheet)

Mr. Senecal questioned if the union agreed.

Mr. Pineo stated the union agreed to all of the language changes.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve warrant article N. It was recommended 5 – 0. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Warrant Article Q: Libby Museum Renovation and Expansion

Mr. Pineo read the article. (See attached sheet)

Mr. Pineo stated there has been a lot of dialogue over the last few days over this topic. He gave the Board a copy of an article; NH museums have a \$265 million economic impact.

Ms. Murray stated \$2.8 million is a huge amount to be asking the taxpayers to spend on the facility. The issue is we have not come to all the agreements, January 6 and February 14.

Mr. Pineo stated some of the pledges and the timeframe when they come in require us to bond the entire amount. We need an agreement by February 14th with the Town and the Biber Foundation. We need to have a conversation with the Biber Foundation.

Mr. Harriman stated the Biber Foundation agreed to a certain amount of money paid out in a three year period. If we bond the entire amount then when the Town receives the money they can make the payments. We are meeting as a group with the Friends of the Libby Museum tomorrow night. He felt the group was committed to raising the money and they have already raised \$91,000.00. This does not include any money from the Betty Jane Schroth Revocable Trust. He questioned if the \$64,567.00 was subtracted from the \$2.8 million.

Ms. Murray stated we will be reducing that small amount but she was still concerned with the amount because it is so high.

Mr. Harriman stated Ms. Albee and Alan Harding, Representative of the Biber Foundation are here to answer any questions.

Chairman Senecal stated during the filming of these warrant articles someone should be present to explain the figures and how they offset things. He agreed with Ms. Murray that this will be difficult to pass. We need to show that the \$2.8 million dollars is not the actual number that will be needed. This needs to be explained.

Mr. O'Brien stated the warrant article will need to be re-written.

Mr. Bowers questioned if the article does not pass will the Libby Museum be in a crises. What is Plan B?

Ms. Murray stated the Budget Committee is voting on the warrant articles tomorrow night and the taping of the articles is on January 15th. We need to be able to speak and sell this warrant article or it will not pass. It seems like we are behind the eight ball about getting all the figures. The Deliberative Session is February 4th.

Alana Albee, Libby Museum Director, addressed the Board. She stated she was going to be cheerful. She thanked everyone involved in the project, Friends of the Libby, the Biber Foundation and the Selectmen. She stated this warrant article is proposed to save the oldest

natural historical museum in New Hampshire and will bring it up to current standards. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2.8 million dollars. The Town is proposing at this point to bond the project in full. However, the momentum from donors is high. We have raised 26% and fundraisers are aiming to raise 46% of the cost. The Town's share will then be 54% which is just over \$1.5 million dollars. The museum is unheated and uninsulated. It is the responsibility of the Town as determined in 1956 by the probate court for the care of the museum. The museum is now 108 years old and in 2019 a full building assessment was completed. The report revealed a crumbling foundation, weakening roof structure, asbestos, mold and leaking sills. The rare 1912 original Libby Collection is being damaged by high moisture and extreme temperatures. Restoration of the existing building plus a modest addition has been designed. The front and side of the building will remain unchanged. The rear modest addition will house the Apex system, anchor the existing building, allow for ADA accessibility and provide additional storage space. Efforts to raise funds only began 6 months ago and nearly \$700,000.00 is firmly committed. This combined with the gift from Betty Schroth secures 26% of the funds required to date and the Biber Foundation has provided a gift in writing of \$600,000.00 and a new collection of 200 North American mammals. The Biber Foundation has been a long term partner with the museum. The opportunity to save the museum made dissipate tonight if the vote is no. Large donors are hesitating to contribute because the Town has not yet made a commitment and it is a municipal building. In summary all technical work has been done and costed. The total cost of the project with enhanced parking would cost \$2.8 million dollars. However, 46% of the cost will be raised by donors! The Town's cost is estimated at 54% or \$1.5 million dollars. If we don't move forward with this partnership over \$700,000.00 will be lost and costs and interest rates will likely go up. Fundraising will dissipate. She stated she realizes there are legal issues on how warrant articles should be written but she felt the bonding items could be reduced since we are highly committed to raising the funds. We have only had 6 months and we have raised \$700,000.00.

Mr. Bowers stated the pledges need to be codified, signed and put in the warrant article. The numbers need to be included and the article needs to be revised.

Ms. Murray stated the full amount needs to be appropriated and then we can say we hope the different amounts are raised. We have to appropriate the \$2.8 million dollars. If we do not appropriate the full amount then we can not do the project. When we did the Town Hall we appropriated the 5 million dollars and subtracted the capital reserve. The Betty Schroth fund can be subtracted.

Mr. O'Brien stated he said on December 4th if he can not understand it then he can not vote for it. The numbers keep changing! If we bond \$2.8 million dollars the annual mortgage payment will be ten times the amount of growth of the budget this year. He questioned if a plan had been developed. He asked three questions. 1) Do we have a complete plan? He did not think a clear plan had been developed. 2) Is this the right thing for us to do? He stated clearly the Libby Museum needs some attention. He felt we needed to start using words like endowment and the Town could be a partnership in that but right now we are asking the taxpayers to pay for it all. 3) Business Plan He stated we should have a business

plan that tells us what we want to accomplish and how we are going to pay for it. If we do not have this then we will be making it up. This is not a good idea. Mr. O'Brien asked if Chairman Senecal wanted a motion.

Chairman Senecal stated they need to come up with the figures so we can sell this to the voters. The first warrant article explained things better.

Mr. O'Brien questioned if we needed to put the pencils down on warrant articles.

Ms. Murray stated she thought we were at that point. Figures could be changed at the Deliberative Session. We need to notice a public hearing by the 14th. We need to know what we are doing.

Mr. O'Brien questioned if tonight was the night.

Ms. Murray stated she felt tonight was the night.

Mr. Pineo stated we need to get this material to DRA by next week.

Mr. Harriman stated in the previous warrant article that we had last week it had the breakout figures which have the information we want to see. The number has changed from the Biber Foundation. It has dropped down to \$600,000.00. We will know tomorrow night if we will be committed to the \$438,850.00 figure for donations and pledges. He suggested working the numbers into the warrant article that were presented by Ms. Albee so it would be a matter of record. (Biber Foundation - \$600,000.00, Donations and Pledges generated by the Friends of the Libby - \$438,850.00) These numbers could be changed at the Deliberative Session.

Ms. Murray stated it does not state it will be paid over a three year period. We will need to add our plan for short term borrowing. How much will we need to borrow for the three years?

Mr. Harriman stated we could use the money coming in each year from the Biber Foundation to reduce the amount for that year's bond payment for the amount that the Town would have to put in.

Mr. Pineo stated he was not sure how we would go about doing that. The reason the warrant article reads the way it does is because there has been a significant amount of correspondences that have happened over the last several days. It has made this number a moving target. We may have an idea but at the end of the day the Town is responsible for making sure that we have the money to make the bond payment.

Mr. O'Brien stated that is right.

Mr. Pineo stated we need to be able to pay the contractors when the work is done.

Mr. O'Brien stated when information is opaque it is hard to convince people to vote for it.

Ms. Murray stated the Town Hall was too expensive the first time around. The cost was \$6.6 million dollars. People did not want to pay that much. This is why she is worried about this warrant article. If we don't have money against it then it will not pass.

Mr. O'Brien stated he was not comfortable with it.

Alan Harding, Representative of the Biber Foundation, addressed the Board. He stated he would rather be in his position than our position. We want to help the Town with this museum. We have two major contributors of exhibits, his neighbor and the Bruce Lauber. They both want a facility that is environmentally friendly to their exhibits. We need an Apex system. He questioned what Mr. O'Brien meant about an endowment.

Mr. O'Brien stated an endowment is a contribution of a fund that is used by non-profit organizations.

Mr. Harding stated really.

Mr. O'Brien stated are you asking the question or are you trying to insult me.

Mr. Harding stated let's slow down. He stated he is trying to find out what is needed.

Mr. O'Brien stated a business plan.

Mr. Harding stated then why don't you draw one up. The Town should draw it up.

Mr. O'Brien stated it was not his job. The question was asked of this team during the summertime.

Mr. Harding questioned what team?

Mr. O'Brien stated this team. Ms. Albee. He stated he made an outline of a business plan and he presented it to the team on October 19th. He asked the Wright Museum to help the Town figure it out what it takes to run a museum. He provided this information to the team.

Ms. Albee stated we do not have the resources to do a business plan.

Mr. Harding questioned if they had a business plan or not.

Ms. Albee stated it is not that anyone is disagreeing with the need for a business plan but there were no resources put on the table by the Town to pay for someone to do a business plan. Our approach with the architects was to provide you with a base line of what it would cost to run the Libby Museum exactly as it is now. How much additional money would it cost if it was restored? The cost was just over \$10,000.00. We then took the next step to

tell you exactly how you can raise \$10,000.00 to run the museum as a conditioned space. This could be done by a combination of things (increasing the admission cost and/or increase the number of visitors). If you want a full business plan the Town is going to have to put up the resources. She reminded the Town that all the work that was done this year has been done on the feasibility and it was paid for by the Biber Foundation and the Schroth.

Ms. Murray stated there was \$25,000.00 from the taxpayers. She read the agreement #5 with the items that were supposed to be provided to the Town. She questioned if Mr. Harding wanted this clarified as well. She stated she did not think they were talking about a business plan but these items needed to be answered.

Ms. Albee stated the Alba report provides that information.

Ms. Murray stated she is not saying it does not have the information. She was just explaining what we were expecting.

Ms. Albee stated yes, it is provided in section 3 – 5 on the Alba report.

Mr. Harding stated we have gone through several iterations. We have had two Town Managers and two architects. If nothing is done this will be a disaster. He questioned if they should discuss what is wrong with the building.

Chairman Senecal stated we are all aware of what the issues are with the building. We have discussed this a few times and some of the issues have been corrected. This issue tonight is to decide if we want to support \$2.8 million dollars.

Mr. Harding stated yes. It is the number that counts but the number needs to be defined.

Chairman Senecal stated when we go to the Deliberative Session there should be a Powerpoint Presentation.

Mr. Harding questioned if he was expected to do this.

Chairman Senecal stated Ms. Albee could have this information. The taxpayer is going to want to know the cost of the warrant article.

Mr. Harding stated it will cost \$2.8 million dollars.

Chairman Senecal stated all the figures need to be spelled out.

Mr. Harding stated he is not in that type of business. He gives the money. We make grants.

Chairman Senecal stated yes but we need to explain to the public why we need to spend \$2.8 million dollars.

Mr. Harding stated it will not be that much.

Chairman Senecal stated he understood that but it needs to be explained to the taxpayers.

Mr. Harding stated you are saying the public does not know that.

Ms. Murray stated we could reduce the article by \$600,000.00 which is being paid over three years by the Biber Foundation. We need to explain the short term borrowing. We could write that \$700,000.00 is pledged right in the warrant article. She questioned if the pledges are signed.

Ms. Albee stated we have the balance of the Schroth trust and \$91,000.00 from the Friends of the Libby and the Biber Foundation. The three total \$756,498.00 which is 46% of the cost.

Ms. Murray stated she misunderstood. She thought they had \$700,000.00. We can write in the amounts that we have in the bank.

Mr. O'Brien agreed. We could stagger the contributions from the Biber Foundation.

Ms. Murray stated we need to include the short term borrowing. The Town will need to pay for the construction and we do not have the money in the bank.

Mr. Harding stated according to the agreement if things are not done by February 14th we can stop the agreement. We do not want to do this. We want an agreement that we can all live with. If the Town does not agree then they will be leaving \$600,000.00 on the table. This is up to you! What will you be left with? You will have a building that can not accept the gifts. You will have a building that is drifting. You will have a building that has asbestos in the ceiling and all kinds of other problems. We may have to limit the number of people that enter the building because of a weight factor. If you want to keep this museum as a museum we have to build an extension which holds the Aphex. We need to have the correct atmosphere for the exhibits. It is your choice! My function is to provide funds for what we believe it a fabulous investment. If you don't think it is a good investment then do not vote for it! It is as simple as that. He felt that the museum would be a benefit to Wolfeboro. A natural history museum is a very popular type of museum. The Town will lose if this goes away! He questioned who would vote no and what would it take to change their minds.

Mr. O'Brien stated a business plan.

Mr. Harding stated fine but who is going to do it.

Mr. O'Brien stated we could not vote on this tonight and agree on the table on contents of a business plan in the next 60 days and then we could look at it this summer to see if we want to do it in 2021.

Mr. Harding questioned his last sentence.

Mr. O'Brien stated we could look at this for 2021.

Mr. Harding stated you can do what you want. We have the money and we want to spend it. Who else has a question?

Chairman Senecal stated he would make a motion for \$2.8 million dollars with the knowledge at the Deliberative Session that Mr. Harriman, Ms. Albee or a representative of the Friends would explain what is going to be done.

Mr. Harriman stated he would second the motion for discussion.

Ms. Murray stated she could not vote for it unless we are able to write a warrant article that we can subtract or let the taxpayer know that there is going to be money over a three year period from the Biber Foundation. There is \$91,000.00 from the Friends of the Libby and the amount from the Schroth. She questioned if Mr. Harding could give the Board a signed pledge for the \$600,000.00.

Mr. Harding stated sure.

Ms. Murray stated we need this type of wording for her to be able to vote for it.

Mr. Bowers agreed. He needed this information as well or he would vote no.

It was moved by Chairman Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the Article Q: Libby Museum Renovation and Expansion for \$2.8 million dollars. Members voted. Linda Murray – no, Paul O'Brien – no, Dave Bower- no, Brad Harriman – yes, and Chairman Senecal – yes.

Ms. Murray stated we need things written down. The taxpayers need to know how the money will be spent.

Mr. Bowers stated he loves the Libby Museum and he has supported it his whole life but he does not like this warrant article.

Chairman Senecal stated we could do it at the Deliberative Session.

Ms. Murray stated no.

Chairman Senecal stated he would like to finish. We discussed these articles at the Deliberative Session. Correct? Someone will ask what we are spending and we better have an answer!

Mr. Pineo stated we can not continue to allow people to change agreements midstream. The taxpayers are the ones that have to absorb \$2.8 million dollars. He understands that Mr. Harding has the ability to provide the funds but the number keeps changing. It has been a

moving target since day one. The amount changed as early as this week. As a result of this coming in over a three year period he is concerned. The Friends of the Libby are doing a fantastic job but it still is a lot of money to raise in a short period of time. Therefore, the warrant article was written this way.

Mr. Harding questioned if the Board received the email.

Mr. Pineo questioned which email.

Mr. Harding stated the email from January 7th.

Mr. Pineo stated he received an email from Mr. Harding.

Ms. Murray stated this sounds like part of the problem that these things are coming in and we should have already had this written. The Budget Committee will be looking at the warrant articles on Thursday. We are trying to get a handle on this and then it changes. It changes and there is no consistency. It will be hard to sell and it is hard to explain to people.

Ms. Albee stated she understood and she agreed with her suggestion that the warrant article should have those additional details. She received an email from Mr. Harding explaining the Biber's commitment in writing to the \$600,000.00. She forwarded this email to Mr. Pineo.

Mr. Pineo stated correct.

Ms. Albee stated she asked Mr. Pineo to have a conversation with Mr. Harding so they were both very clear about the commitment from the Biber Foundation.

Ms. Murray stated she is frustrated. She reads her packet and views all the information. She understands the importance of the Libby. She has tried writing multiple warrant articles but things keep changing and that is the frustration from us. We are supposed to vote on this tonight.

Ms. Albee stated she appreciates that and she has not seen the warrant article either. She was not involved in the writing of the warrant article. She stated she is a summer employee.

Mr. O'Brien stated that says it all. We voted on it. He agreed Ms. Albee is a summer employee. There is a lot of moving parts. He stated if he can not understand it he can not vote for it and he does not understand it.

Mr. Harding questioned if Mr. Puffer wrote the warrant article.

Ms. Murray stated no. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen work on the warrant articles. The warrant articles go to town counsel for review. The articles that are going to

be bonded go to DRA for their review. Mr. Puffer has not seen all the different articles written for the Libby.

Mr. Pineo stated Mr. Puffer has seen all but the latest warrant article which is taken directly from DRA's website.

Chairman Senecal stated this is going to the Budget Committee tomorrow night.

Mr. Harding read the last paragraph of the email. We will execute the February 14th withdrawal. If the Town would like to revisit it in the next few days we will be willing to listen but it is too bad.

Mr. Sullivan stated the motion was made and it failed. There was not a clear motion after that.

Ms. Murray stated there was a motion to support.

Chairman Senecal stated yes and it failed.

It was moved by Linda Murray to not recommend Article Q: Libby Museum Renovation and Expansion.

Mr. O'Brien stated he was confused.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Board is moving the warrant article forward but they are not recommending the article.

The Board agreed.

Chairman Senecal stated the Board is not supporting the warrant because it was a 2 – 3 vote.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Board is going to forward the warrant article forward but not recommend it because the vote it 2 -3.

The Board agreed.

Warrant Article V: Municipal Revaluation

Mr. Pineo stated he spoke with a vendor today and they have agreed to do the revaluation. We are working on the contract but we do have a price. Mr. Pineo read the article as follows: (See attached sheet)

There will be no tax impact.

Mr. O'Brien stated the first price was \$180,000.00.

Mr. Pineo stated correct, that was from our current assessor.

Mr. O'Brien stated this is the best estimate from the new vendor.

Mr. Pineo stated yes, the vendor feels comfortable that the number is solid.

Ms. Murray suggested adding the RSA requiring the Town to do a revaluation.

Mr. Pineo stated yes.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Linda Murray to support Article V: Municipal Revaluation. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Ms. Murray stated the warrant articles need to put them in order. She suggested those following order:

- #11 – Libby Museum
- #12 – Carry Beach Parking Lot
- #13 – Re-evaluation
- #14 – Accrued Leave
- #15 – Roads
- #16 – Operating Budget
- #17 – Recreational Dock
- #18 – Water Quality Improvements
- #19 – Public Safety Building
- #20 – PWD Truck
- #21 – Fire Trucks
- #22 – Building Maintenance
- #23 – Bridge Falls Path
- #24 – Abenaki
- #25 – Dispatch Console
- #26 – Police Special Detail
- #27 – Water Backhoe
- #28 – Electric bucket truck
- #29 – Union Contract
- #30 – Con Com White Face
- #31 – Warmth & More
- #32 – Freight Station

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Paul O'Brien to put the warrant articles in order by numbers as presented by Ms. Murray. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Ms. Murray stated we need to assign warrant articles for the presentation next Wednesday.

The Board decided on the following information:

Libby Museum – Brad Harriman
Carry Beach Parking Lot – Paul O'Brien
Re-evaluation – Linda Murray
Accrued Leave – Linda Murray
Roads – Brad Harriman
Operating Budget – Paul O'Brien
Recreational Docks – Dave Senecal
Water Quality Improvements – Linda Murray
Assessing Contract rev – Paul O'Brien
Public Safety Building – Dave Senecal
PWD Truck – Dave Bowers
Fire Trucks – Dave Bowers
Building Maintenance – Dave Senecal
Bridge Falls Path – Linda Murray
Abenaki – Linda Murray
Dispatch Console – Dave Senecal
Police Special Detail – Dave Senecal
Water Backhoe – Linda Murray
Electric bucket truck – Paul O'Brien
Union Contract – Dave Senecal
Con Com White Face – Dave Bowers

Ms. Murray questioned if the Board wanted their vote on Article W: Conservation Commission White Face.

Chairman Senecal stated it is not needed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Paul O'Brien to remove any votes on Article W. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

E. Warrant Article Railroad Freight Shed

Mr. Pineo stated Mr. Simms is here to discuss this tonight and we received correspondence about this at 1:00 PM today.

John Simms, Representative of the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum, addressed the Board. He apologized for the latest of the material. We have raised funds to support the operation of the museum if we turn over the funds to the Town then it would become essentially a Town project. The Town does not want to take over another museum. The museum is a 501-3c entity and it is using its own funds to proceed with stage #1. We are our own fundraising entity and the Town is provided some funds to help us. We are in a Town own facility and we will be leasing the building from the Town. It was suggested that the Town give the Capital Reserve Fund to the museum in a stage sequence order but the Town does not like to transfer capital reserve funds to an entity. The solution is as we receive some invoices the Town will pay them directly to the contractors. By the time everything is

paid for the Town will have paid vendors in the amount of \$95,000.00 and the museum would have paid \$285,000.00. The museum would manage the project and the Town would pay some of the vendors out of the capital reserve fund.

Mr. O'Brien questioned how much of the \$80,000.00 is hard written down pledges.

Mr. Simms stated about \$40,000.00.

Mr. O'Brien stated are they conditional. How many dollars are conditional?

Mr. Simms stated the LCHIP grant is conditional (\$130,000.00) and another \$60,000.00 is phased. He felt they would be paid because it is based on completion of phases. They want to make sure we are on schedule.

Ms. Murray stated we need to have a certain amount of money in the bank to get the LCHIP grant.

Mr. Simms stated correct. It is a match.

Ms. Murray stated if we pay some bills it will be up to the museum to continue raising the money in order to get the LCHIP grant. We will be responsible for the same as the LCHIP grant.

Mr. Simms stated the risk is only if there is a serious overrun. There should be no risk.

Ms. Murray stated she met with Mr. Simms before and told him she could not vote yes on the warrant article because the original warrant article was specific about having a public museum. This warrant article would be a change in a capital reserve account and it would take a 2/3 vote. We are changing the purpose if the voters approve it.

Mr. Simms agreed.

Ms. Murray stated she liked that the Town money would only go towards the building. If for any reason the museum goes belly up the Town will have a renovated building. She could support this warrant article.

Chairman Senecal questioned if Town Counsel had reviewed it.

Mr. Pineo stated no.

Mr. O'Brien questioned the original warrant article.

Ms. Murray stated the \$95,000.00 was for a public museum.

Mr. O'Brien stated now it is being used as a match.

Ms. Murray stated yes for the rehabilitation of the building.

Mr. O'Brien stated \$130,000 is based on a match. The Town has \$95,000.00. What does the museum have?

Mr. Simms stated we have cash of \$103,000.00.

Mr. O'Brien questioned it is cash.

Mr. Simms stated yes. We have \$103,000.00 in our bank account.

Mr. O'Brien stated we have adequate cash to get the LCHIP grant as long as the \$95,000.00 is released.

Mr. Simms stated yes.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the warrant article subject to the Town Attorney's approval. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Ms. Murray stated it will be listed as article #23.

Mr. Harriman questioned the tax impact. The \$95,000.00 has already been raised in 2017. He suggested that the tax impact should say zero.

Ms. Murray agreed. We will also need to include a 2/3 majority vote is required.

Mr. O'Brien stated we are basically asking to repurpose the \$95,000.00.

Mr. Simms stated we are tightening up what the money will be used for.

Ms. Murray stated everything else is at their cost.

Mr. Simms stated it is on our shoulders.

Mr. Pineo questioned what he should do if Attorney Puffer has any concerns.

The Board agreed Mr. Pineo should call them.

F. Warrant Articles Petitions received to date

Zoning Petition

Ms. Murray stated that goes to the Planning Board and they put it on with their articles.

Warrant Article Petition – Albee Beach- Suzanne Ryan- December 5, 2019

Chairman Senecal stated this will be presented as written. We can not make any changes.

Ms. Murray stated correct but minor changes can be made at the Deliberative Session.

Warrant Article Petition – Carry Beach – Michael Hodder – December 9, 2019

Mr. Pineo stated Ms. Waterman has verified the voters required to place these petition warrant articles on the 2020 Warrant.

G. Town Report Cover Photo ideas

Ms. Murray stated she asked her brother-in-law, Russell Schundler to give her some pictures of Carry Beach that they could use for the Town Report since we will be doing water quality improvements there. This would be for the front cover.

Mr. Pineo stated Ms. Capone-Muccio suggested having a phone index of Town telephone numbers on the back cover.

The Board agreed it was a good idea to have a phone index on the back cover.

The Board agreed it would be nice to have pictures of Town beaches on the Town Report. We want to show the importance of our beaches to the Community.

Mr. Bowers stated he had some pictures of different Town Beaches that he could provide to the Board.

The Board agreed to continue looking for pictures.

Ms. Murray stated we need to decide who to dedicate the Town Report to this year.

Ms. Murray suggested Pat Waterman – 50 years of service.

Other Business

Ms. Murray stated Last Night Wolfeboro was a big success. Todd Neff was General Wolfe and he was at the Country Bookseller, Town Hall and Congregational Church. He attended the lasagna dinner as well. The fireworks were cancelled because of too low of a cloud cover which was disappointing. She thanked the Chamber for their willingness to support the fireworks. She discussed the total number of guests at each event with a grand total of 1,164 participants. We raised a little over \$1,000.00. She thanked all the sponsors.

Committee Reports

Paul O'Brien stated he attended Budget Committee Meetings. He stated we have gathered information from Consolidated Communications and only 6% of our Town has the appropriate download speeds. He will have more information about this at a later time.

Brad Harriman stated he attended a Planning Board Meeting. We had the final public hearings on the warrant articles. He has a Friends of the Libby Museum Meeting tomorrow night.

Dave Senecal stated he attended a ZBA Meeting on Monday.

Dave Bowers stated he is gathering pictures for a number of historians.

Linda Murray stated she attended an Energy Committee Meeting and the Budget Committee Meetings with Paul O'Brien.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Pineo stated the following:

He has been working on warrant articles, budgets and museums. They have taken up the bulk of his time for the last several weeks.

We need to schedule the bond hearings. The last day to notice them is on January 14th and the last day for the bond hearing is January 21st.

The Board agreed to schedule the bond hearings on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 PM.

The employees will be holding an ice fishing tournament on February 29th at Mirror Lake. It will be similar to last year's event.

Questions from the Press

Ms. Paquette requested a copy of the petition warrant article from the Girl Scouts (The Electric Llamas).

Mr. Pineo stated he would email it to her.

Public Input

Limited to 3 Minutes per resident, not to exceed 15 minutes in total

Michael Hodder, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for all their hard work on the Libby Museum and other warrant articles. He asked for the public input to be scheduled at the beginning of the meetings like it used to be. He thought there should not be a timeframe as well. He stated allowing public input in the beginning of the meeting allowed citizens to address topics about the agenda. He would like to go back to

the old way with public input in the beginning and public input at the end with no limit on time.

Chairman Senecal stated there was always a limit and he would like to keep it that way.

Mr. Bowers stated limits are not enforced.

Mr. Hodder stated it should not be limited so heavily.

Anne Blodget, Representative of the Heritage Commission, addressed the Board. She agreed with Mr. Hodder. The Heritage Commission unanimously favors preservation of the Libby Museum building. It is one of four sites listed in Wolfeboro on the National Register of Historic Places. The Wolfeboro Heritage Commission urges the Board of Selectmen to bring this warrant article to the voters. She questioned who wrote the article for the Libby Museum because no one took responsibility for it.

Mr. Pineo stated he wrote it.

Ms. Blodget stated it is really sad that it died on the wording.

Suzanne Ryan, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. She stated she is very disappointed about what is happening with the Libby Museum. She agreed that \$2.8 million dollars was a lot of money but we should look at it a different way. She agreed with Mr. O'Brien that the Town will be the sole principal of this project. The Town does not own the building but the Town is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the building. The deed reflects that we can not permanently close the building. We can close it temporarily for repair but we can not close it just because the rich town of Wolfeboro does not have the money. When the public hearing takes place she hopes the Board will vote differently. Ms. Ryan stated she hopes the people will come back and agree their case some more. We only have a few options to close it temporarily, start a capital reserve or if the building is unsafe the building code needs to look at it and decide if it should be condemned. She is in favor of this unique opportunity! She would like the Board to look at all the options! She stated the Board of Selectmen are legally responsible for that building. She stated by statute the Budget Committee has the option after they make their recommendations to post a mini meeting after the Deliberative Session and change their vote. She questioned if the Board of Selectmen have the same option. She would like the Board of Selectmen to find out if they have this same option.

Tim Goodwin, Representative of the Wolfeboro Community Television, addressed the Board. He stated next Wednesday, January 15th at 8:00 AM is the annual meeting for the Wolfeboro Community Television at the Lakes Region Technology Center. He invited the Board of Selectmen to join them. It is the same day as the taping of the warrant articles.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Paul O'Brien to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II to discuss litigation. Roll call vote, Dave Bowers – yes,

Linda Murray – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, Paul O’Brien – yes and Dave Senecal – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 10:22 PM.

Linda Murray moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to seal the minutes of the January 8, 2020 non-public meeting. Chairman Senecal seconded. Roll call vote, Dave Bowers – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, Paul O’Brien – yes and Dave Senecal – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Chairman Senecal and seconded by Paul O’Brien to adjourn at 10:23 PM. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Chamberlain

Town of Wolfeboro

Abenaki Trail System

'Fat-Tire' Bike Policy

January 8th, 2020
Amended 01/08/2020

1. Permitted Trail Points of Access

- a. Abenaki Lodge Complex
- b. Parking Lot on Filter Bed Road

2. Required Bike Specifications

- a. Both tires must be a minimum width of 3.8"
- b. Tire pressures equal to or less than 8 psi

3. Trail Restrictions

- a. Permitted Bike Usage Trails:
 - i. Home Run (lower half) to and including Short Cut
 - ii. The Climb (upper sections to and after Short Cut)
 - iii. Grand View Loop (except Holy Chute outrun (unless HC is designated one-way for skiers))
 - iv. Snowmobile trails along the power line
 - v. Filter Bed Road
 - vi. Internet from Filter Bed parking area to Upper Bog Hill Run
 - vii. Upper Bog Hill Run (Internet to Filter Bed Road)
- b. Usage of trails other than those indicated above on public property is prohibited.

4. Use Restrictions

- a. Fat bike users must stay on designated trails only as delineated in Section 3.A.
- b. Fat bike users shall yield to all other users when riding (Skiers don't have brakes, but fat bikers do.)
- c. Fat bike users shall ride on the firmest part of the track
- d. Fat biker users shall not ride on or in the **classic tracks**
- e. Fat bike users shall stay to the outside side of the trail corners and look for oncoming traffic
- f. Fat bike users shall leave adequate space for skiers to pass (side-by-side riding is prohibited)
- g. Allow the trail time to set up after grooming and before riding
- h. Be an ambassador for the sport: stay polite, educate other riders, encourage good behavior
- i. Riding is only permitted when conditions will not leave a rut deeper than 1 inch in depth or when snow conditions are slush or thawing. (If you have to get off to push your bike, the snow is too soft)
- j. Fat biking is not permitted upon any posting of closure by the Town of Wolfeboro or via website posting or other notification by the Wolfeboro Cross Country Ski Association (WCCSA).

5. Ticket/Pass Holder Requirements

- a. All users of groomed XC trails (skiers and fat bike riders) must display a daily pass (ticket) or season pass and by doing so agree to comply with the terms of this policy.
- b. Individual daily fat tire bike only passes are available for a fee to be agreed upon by the Town of Wolfeboro and the WCCSA. Daily ski passes are also good for fat tire biking on designated trails only.

- c. Any ski-only season pass shall qualify as a valid season pass for fat-tire activities, Season passes will only be available at WCCSA headquarters
- d. Passes will be free to seniors (age > 75) and children (age 12 and under)
- e. Daily passes (tickets) will be available at WCCSA headquarters (within the Nordic Skier shop) and at Abenaki Ski Area

6. Fines/Penalties

- a. Any individual found to be in violation by the Town of Wolfeboro may be subject to pass revocation by the Town Manager or their designee and may endanger all future fat tire bike use on Town trails. Please think twice before riding.

7. Amendments and Review

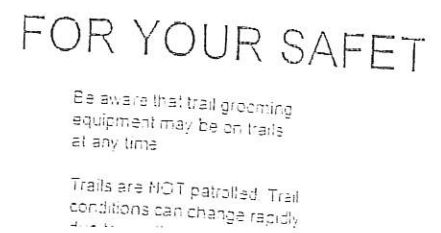
- a. This policy is intended as a 'pilot' for the 2020 year, during which it will be reviewed and shall be considered for a one (1) year renewal annually by the Board of Selectmen, prior to the winter season, until such time that an independent network of 'fat bike' trails can be constructed and a limited number of access and crossing trails can be reviewed.
- a.b. A biannual review of this Policy, pre and post- winter season, shall occur between the Town of Wolfeboro, WCCSA, and other stakeholders as needed.
- c. Any amendments to this policy must be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

8. Adoption

Adopted by the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen on the date of January 8th, 2020

_____	Selectmen
_____	Of
_____	Wolfeboro

TRAIL PASSES REQUIRED FOR TRAIL U



NH Law: 4A:508:14 releases
landowners of any responsibility
or liability



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

December 10, 2019

Mr. David W. Ford
Director of Public Works
84 South Main Street
P.O. Box 629
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

B.O.S. 1-8-20
FILE COPY mtg

Re: Request to reduce speed limit
NH Route 28 from Walt's Lane to Coves End Road

Dear Mr. Ford:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a long overdue response to your August 17, 2017 request to reduce the speed limit along NH Route 28 between Walt's Lane and Coves End Road. The request is to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph, essentially connecting the existing 30 mph speed limits associated with Pickering Corner to the north and the intersection of Middleton Road to the south. The subject segment is approximately 6,000 feet long. While the engineering and traffic investigation for evaluation of the speed limit was completed in the fall of 2018, subsequent discussions related to the Wolfeboro, 29615 project, rumble strips, and crosswalks all contributed to the delay in responding to your request.

To begin, speed limits and speed management are very complicated issues, one that has received significant attention in recent months. For the most part, speed limits on state highways are determined by the New Hampshire General Court as reflected in RSA's 265:60 through 265:66. RSA 265:60, Basic Rule and Maximum Limits, defines the statutory speed limits based on the character of the property abutting the highway. By statute, 30 mph is reserved for business districts and urban residence districts and 35 mph is reserved for rural residence districts. All three of these terms are defined elsewhere in statute. Arguably, the "business district" for Wolfeboro extends from approximately Sewall Road on NH Route 109 (North Main Street) to Pickering Corner and then north on NH Route 28 (Center Street) to Grove Street. The segments just beyond the segment described above could be considered "rural residence district" for some distance in all directions, but then transition to the "other locations" where the statutory speed limit is 55 mph.

Obviously, the line of demarcation between zones is not always obvious in actual conditions. In addition, as the state has grown over the years, land use adjacent to state highways doesn't fall as neatly into these three categories as may have been the case when the statutes were conceived. For that reason, the commissioner of transportation has been granted the authority, delegated to the state traffic engineer, to determine a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit based on an engineering and traffic investigation (RSA 265:62). While the content of said investigation is not defined by statute, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requires that it include an "analysis of the current speed distribution of

free-flowing vehicles" or speed study. It also recommends that the posted speed limit be within 5 mph of the measured 85th percentile speed. The New Hampshire DOT also utilizes an "expert system", USLIMITS2, developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a tool for the evaluation of speed limits. The engineering and traffic investigation conducted as a result of your request is attached for your information.

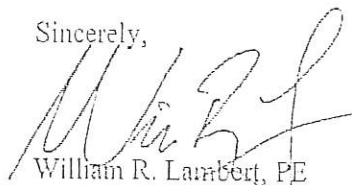
The engineering and traffic investigation included speed studies in four separate locations in order to capture the various sub-segments within the length of the requested reduced speed limit. Further, the southern-most segments on either side of Middleton Road were combined to reflect one homogenous segment for the purpose of evaluating the speed limit utilizing USLIMITS2. As you can see, the recommended speed limit for the northern and southern segments of the study area is 35 mph, while the recommended speed limit for the remaining 3,000-foot segment in the middle is 40 mph. This would reduce the existing 40 mph speed zone by approximately half. I note that the recommended speed limits north of Walt's Lane are somewhat less than the measured 85th percentile speed, most likely due to the input variable related to high pedestrian and bicycle use. The USLIMITS2 output recommends "implementing engineering measures to reduce speeds before lowering the recommended speed limit".

It is my recommendation that the speed limit along NH Route 28 be 35 mph from approximately 600' north of Oakwood Drive (the beginning of the existing 30 mph speed limit through the intersection with Middleton Road) to the existing 30 mph speed limit north of Coves End Road. Where this recommendation essentially increases the speed limit through the intersection with Middleton Road, I would ask that you provide the town's concurrence with this recommendation. I would also recommend that the speed limit changes be made in conjunction with the implementation of engineering measures to reduce speed, presumably through the planned Wolfeboro, 29615 project.

Again, I regret the delay in responding to your request and note that the above recommendation is not precisely what was requested. I believe that the recommended 35 mph speed limit reflects the rural residence character of the subject highway segment. It is important that posted speed limits be credible for actual conditions and not simply a desired value based on subjective criteria. Otherwise, they are not respected by motorists, are challenging to enforce, and can lead to disrespect for more credible speed limits in other locations. That being said, I would note; however, that the speed data indicates that traffic speeds between Pleasant Valley Road and Walt's Lane may warrant some targeted enforcement.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



William R. Lambert, PE
Traffic Engineer/Administrator

CC: Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner
Alan Hanscom, District 3 Engineer
Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Sen. Jeb Bradley, Sen. District 03

1-8-2020

SUBJECT: Rt. 28 Request to reduce speed limits

E-mail response received today at 3:53PM, from Bill Lambert, NHDOT

Dave,

You raise a number of questions and as you learned from my out of office reply, I am away from my desk the rest of this week.

I did want to give make a couple of points while I have a chance:

1. As I recall, I was recommending a uniform 35 mph speed limit from south of Middleboro Road to the existing 30 mph, despite the USLIMITS2 recommendation to keep the existing 40 mph. I would have to check my letter to verify.
2. You may be interested to know that I am working with State Police, NHDMV, NH Chiefs of Police, and the NH Judiciary to address a number of speed management issues, including submitting a grant application for a community based speed management project. We will be discussing candidate communities next week and if you are interested, I can suggest NH 28 be a consideration.

Best regards,
Bill

David Ford

From: David Ford
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Lambert, William
Cc: Matthew Sullivan; Rollins, William; James Pineo (townmanager@wolfeboronh.us); Linda Murray; Bourque, Jonathan; Fortin, Gerard
Subject: RE: Questions on Speed Reduction recommendation
Attachments: Revised Rt 28 proposed traffic speed changes 1-8-20.pdf

Bill,

After sending e-mail last night I continued to study Nick Sanders report to you dated 10-8-18 and found that I had overlooked the last page of his narrative report in which he provided the software recommendations, that you appear to endorse and are requesting Town concurrence. I have revised my sketch showing the short stretch (about 3,000 feet) of road to remain at 40 MPH. That is what I will present to BOS tonight.

MT THOUGHT:

I am concerned on your methodology and relying mostly on the USLIMITS2 program and its recommendations.

Issues we would like to discuss with you:

- 1- NHDOT use the CSS method in evaluating the Towns request.
- 2- We feel strongly that the area in question should be reclassified as "Business District" or "Rural Residence District".
- 3- We also are concerned about increasing the regulatory speed limit to 35 MPH thru one of our most dangerous intersections which is now signed with a cautionary speed limit of 10 MPH.
- 4- We do note that your letter does acknowledge the flexibility that the Department has on setting speed limits and would ask to have a follow up meeting with you and your traffic engineers prior to making a final decision.
- 5- Timing: DOT has a schedule overlay in the spring of 2020. We would like NHDOT to consider:
 - a. making minor traffic calming measures after the overlay, which would include;
 - i. narrowing the travel lanes by bringing in the fog lines
 - ii. Signage
 - iii. Portable radar/speed notification signs that could be moved throughout this corridor to remind motorist of their speed
 - iv. Commitment from local police for increased speed increased police target enforcement in the area
- 6- The Town would also like to discuss Cross Walks, RRFB and Pickering Corner striping; prior to overlay

Thanks for your efforts and considerations on these issues,

Dave

From: David Ford
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Lambert, William <William.Lambert@dot.nh.gov>
Cc: Matthew Sullivan <planningdirector@wolfeboronh.us>; Rollins, William <William.Rollins@dot.nh.gov>; James Pineo (townmanager@wolfeboronh.us) <townmanager@wolfeboronh.us>; Linda Murray <lmurray@wolfeboronh.us>
Subject: Questions on Speed Reduction recommendation

PETITION TO THE WOLFEBORO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 8, 2020

To the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen:

The Wolfeboro X-Country Ski Trail system is a local treasure and an economic engine during the winter months when our business community needs it most. Non-skiers might not be aware that with several thousand visitor ski days annually, the spectacularly maintained trail system is one of the most popular winter activities in Wolfeboro and is enjoyed by young and old. On any winter weekend one will find visitors from throughout the Northeast and beyond who come to enjoy our beautiful, meticulously maintained Nordic trails, often also partaking in our local restaurants, cafes, hotels and other accommodations. Locals use the trails daily, including the Kingswood Nordic ski team which has produced some of New England's top skiers.

The Wolfeboro X-Country Nordic ski trail system has won numerous accolades including a New Hampshire Magazine "Editors' Pick" as "Best Cross-Country Ski Deal": "Leading the pack with community-run, family-friendly, affordable, and beautiful cross-country skiing" and "XC Ski Village of the Lakes Region".

The trails that make up the system at Sewall Woods and Abenaki were built and maintained over the past fifty years by volunteers with privately raised funds. Hundreds of thousands of local dollars have been invested in equipment, design, construction and maintenance. Thousands of hours of work went into piecing together a public private partnership with many private landowners. It is a model of the kind of economic and recreational development between the public and private sector of which we should be proud.

Attributes that make the trail system so special include the beautiful setting, the length of the trail system which allows for a wide variety of topography, and most especially, the meticulously maintained quality of the trails for both skate and classic Nordic skiing. It is arguably the finest Nordic ski center in NH south of the White Mountains.

The Town of Wolfeboro has proposed a new policy which would allow Fat Tire bikes on selected Nordic ski trails within the Abenaki trail system with specific use restrictions. **We the undersigned are deeply concerned that this new policy will adversely impact the Nordic ski trails and open the door to many other exemptions that will ultimately destroy the experience and success that has been created.**

We wholeheartedly support the allowance of fat bikes on Town owned Abenaki property and are pleased that like the Nordic ski community, the bikers (Wolfeboro Single Track) are organizing to build and maintain new trails on Town owned property for their use. **For issues of safety and quality of the trails however, we do not support the Nordic ski trails being used for winter fat tire biking.**

Currently the Nordic ski trails prohibit many activities during the ski season including pets, snowmobiles, walking or any other activities that will damage the groomed ski trails, create a safety hazard or interfere with the experience. We are greatly disappointed that the Town appears not to value the

economic benefit of the Nordic ski trails and felt that they needed to accommodate the bikers and allow them to use some of the Wolfeboro X-Country Association built and maintained groomed trails.

While greatly displeased with the proposed policy, in the spirit of compromise, we ask that the Board of Selectmen approve the 'Fat Tire' Bike policy for one season only, giving the bikers the opportunity to complete construction of their own single track trails for their use which they would then maintain. At the end of this season, we request that the Nordic ski trails revert to Nordic skiing only in the winter months.

Signed:

Signers of the Petition				
	First Name	Last Name	Town/City	State
1	Nancy	Hirshberg	Wolfeboro	NH
2	Susan	Hirshberg	Wolfeboro	NH
3	John	Wall	Wolfeboro	NH
4	Maria	Found	Wolfeboro	NH
5	Jeannie	Muir	Wolfeboro	NH
6	Keith	Simpson	Wolfeboro	NH
7	Donna	DiCasparro	Wolfeboro	NH
8	Grace	Garvey	Plymouth	NH
9	Paul	Zimmerman	Tuftonboro	NH
10	Katherine L.	Turner	Wolfeboro	NH
11	Alan	Vittum	Wolfeboro	NH
12	Linda	Heilig	Wolfeboro	NH
13	Jerome	Holden	Wolfeboro	NH
14	Margaret	Martin	Wolfeboro	NH
15	Anne	Corson	Wolfeboro	NH
16	Dave	Corson	Wolfeboro	NH
17	Kathy	Roseen	Tuftonboro	NH
18	Sarah	Day	Wolfeboro	NH
19	Mary	Roseen	Tuftonboro	NH
20	Sharon	Stackhouse	Wolfeboro	NH
21	Richard	Page	Mirror Lake	NH
22	Al	Sochard	Wolfeboro	NH
23	Martha	Cummings	Wolfeboro	NH
24	Nadine	SanAntonio	Ossipee	NH
25	Carole	Holyoake	Ossipee	NH
26	Ramona	Donahue	Wolfeboro	NH
27	Donna	Solod	Wolfeboro	NH
28	Gene	Solod	Wolfeboro	NH

29	Mary	Simpson	Wolfeboro	NH
30	Beverly	Woods	Wolfeboro	NH
31	Grigory	Petrov	Wolfeboro	NH
32	Kaitrin	Downey	Wolfeboro	NH
33	Colin	Downey	Wolfeboro	NH
34	Tatiana	Downey	Wolfeboro	NH
35	Duane	Downey	Newton	MA
36	Elaine	Bussey	Andover	NH
37	Kim	Reed	Tuftsboro	NH
38	Barbara	McCracken	Wolfeboro	NH
39	Bruce	McCracken	Wolfeboro	NH
40	Matthew	Bean	Wolfeboro	NH
41	Sarah	Bean	Wolfeboro	NH
42	Cindy	Guttman	Wolfeboro	NH
43	Dawn	Childers	Mirror Lake	NH
44	Nancy	Hughes	Wolfeboro	NH
45	David	Childers	Mirror Lake	NH
46	Nancy	Van Lonkhuyzen	Wolfeboro	NH
47	Craig	Gemmell	Wolfeboro	NH
48	Nancy	Reed	Wolfeboro	NH
49	Gary	McGloin	Wolfeboro	NH
50	Normandie	Mindheim	Wolfeboro	NH
51	Linda	Matchett	Wolfeboro	NH
52	Deb	Burton	Wolfeboro	NH
53	Nancy	Jones	Wolfeboro	NH
54	Tamara	Weeks	Wolfeboro	NH
55	Steve	Day	Wolfeboro	NH
56	Michelle	Dodge	Wolfeboro	NH
57	Becky	Swaffield	Wolfeboro	NH
58	Bill	Donohue	Gilmanton	NH
59	Paul	King	Tamworth	NH
60	Christian	Boudman	Wolfeboro	NH
61	Bobbi	Boudman	Wolfeboro	NH
62	Jeff	Palleiko	Wolfeboro	NH
63	Brooke	Doerler	Wolfeboro	NH
64	Mark	Pierce	Wolfeboro	NH
65	Donna	Kasianchuk	Wolfeboro	NH
66	Virginia C.	Panaccione	Wolfeboro	NH
67	Corinne	Ferguson	Wolfeboro	NH
68	Tim	Ferguson	Wolfeboro	NH
69	Susan	Wrightsmen	Wolfeboro	NH

70	Marty	Nowland	Wolfeboro	NH
71	Blair	Moffett	Wolfeboro	NH
72	Gogi	Millner	Wolfeboro	NH
73	Pat	Estes	Ossipee	NH
74	John	Kiley	Wolfeboro	NH
75	Amy	Kiley	Wolfeboro	NH
76	Laurel	Skowron	Wolfeboro	NH
77	Sandy	Wing	Wolfeboro	NH
78	Lauren	Shealy	Wolfeboro	NH
79	Wayne	Gehman	Wolfeboro	NH
80	Louise	Gehman	Wolfeboro	NH
81	Marsha	Gough	Wolfeboro	NH
82	Maida	Kreis	Wolfeboro	NH
83	Lisa	Boeing	Wolfeboro	NH
84	Nancy	Gilbert	Wolfeboro	NH
85	Mark	Boeing	Wolfeboro	NH
86	Anna	Gallagher	Wolfeboro	NH
87	Carol	Bense	Wolfeboro	NH

Article N: AFSCME Contract Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local #534 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	
2019	Wages	\$38,915.00
2020	Benefits	\$7,324.00
	Total	\$46,239.00

*And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Nine Dollars **(\$46,239.00)** for the current fiscal year; such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in "wages and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels."*

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2020--\$0.023 per thousand of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of X-X)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of X-X)

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE Q: Libby Museum Renovation and Expansion

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars **(\$2,856,599)** for the purpose of **Libby Museum Renovation and Expansion**, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Eight Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety nine Dollars **(\$2,856,599)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact:

2020-\$XXXX per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

2021-\$XXXX per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

2022-\$XXXX per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of X-X)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of X-X)

3/5 Majority Vote Required

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ARTICLE V: Municipal Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. The assessors and/or Selectmen shall appraise all real estate within the municipality so that the assessments are full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. These funds will pay for the Town's reevaluation in 2020 and will come from the Town's unassigned fund balance.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2020--\$0.000 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of X-X)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of X-X)

Majority Vote Required

1/8/20 - 11 am.

Proposed Warrant Article for the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum, Inc (LRMRM).

To see if the Town will vote to approve use of \$95,000 held in a Capital Reserve established by Warrant Article #22 at the 2017 Town Meeting, for the **purpose of matching an LCHIP grant of \$130,000** awarded to the **Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum (LRMRM)** for the **rehabilitation of the Freight Shed** in the center of Wolfeboro (Tax map 217, lot 46). **LRMRM has raised the balance of funds from private sources** for this rehabilitation phase of work, the total cost of which is estimated to be \$380,000. Additional funds and pledges for repurposing the building (currently estimated to be \$80,000), including an ADA bathroom and an internal environmentally controlled space, are the sole responsibility of LRMRM with \$40,000 already on hand for this work. The installation of the Museum layouts and all other Museum related material by LRMRM, at LRMRM's sole cost, will follow issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the Town, at which time the lease between the Town and LRMRM approved by Warrant Article #24 at the 2017 Town Meeting will become effective.

The funds held in the Capital Reserve will be used by the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen or their designee, for **payment of invoices properly incurred for work on the rehabilitation activity.**

If this Warrant Article is approved by the voters, it will supersede conflicting language in Warrant Article #22 from the 2017 Town Meeting and of Warrant Article 31 from the 2018 Town Meeting, both of which were approved by the voters.

This Warrant Article does not require any new town funds.

Roof	\$40,000 every 25 years	\$1,600/yr.
External Paint	\$10,000 every 10 years	\$1,000/yr.
Mowing, etc.	\$50 every week for 30 weeks	\$1,500/yr.
Misc.	\$1,000/yr.	\$1,000/yr.
Total		\$5,100/yr.