

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2022**

**Members present:** Chairman Dave Senecal, Vice Chair Brad Harriman, Luke Freudenberg, Linda Murray, and Brian Deshaies.

**Staff present:** James S. Pineo, Town Manager, Kathryn Carpentier, Finance Director.

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Non-Public Session RSA 91 A: 3 e**

Mr. Pineo stated a non-public session is not needed.

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**1. Consideration of Minutes**

➤ ***November 16, 2022***

***It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of November 16, 2022, as submitted. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.***

**2. Public Hearings**

*Unanticipated Funds*

- i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at their meeting, which starts at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for the acceptance of unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), to accept a donation valued at \$13,000 from the Friends of Abenaki for snowmaking equipment at Abenaki Ski Area.

Chairman Senecal opened the Public Hearing.

Bill Swaffield, Friends of Abenaki, presented the Town with a \$13,000 donation for snowmaking equipment.

Chairman Senecal closed the Public Hearing.

***It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Linda Murray to accept unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), a donation valued at***



**\$13,000 from the Friends of Abenaki for snowmaking equipment at Abenaki Ski Area. Members voted, being none opposed, the motion passed.**

ii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for the acceptance of unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to a donation of from the NH Charitable Foundation-Wolfeboro Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to the Adopt-a-Tree program for the planting of trees in Wolfeboro.

Linda Murray excused herself from the Board and stepped away.

Chairman Senecal opened the Public Hearing.

Jim Pineo spoke on this donation to kick off an Adopt a Tree program.

Bill Swaffield, who served as the Tree Warden on the 1980s and 1990s, explained that many of the 150 plus trees that had been planted during his tenure now suffer from disease. He hopes many of these trees will be replaced.

Chairman Senecal closed the Public Hearing.

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Brad Harriman to accept unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to a donation of from the NH Charitable Foundation-Wolfeboro Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to the Adopt-a-Tree program for the planting of trees in Wolfeboro. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

#### *Town Ordinance Change*

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire regarding amendments to the Town of Wolfeboro Ordinance Chapter 112 Peace and Good Order to add the following article:

#### ***Article III Trash Cans/Receptacles***

*§112-4 No person shall place a Trash Can or similar receptacles at curbside or roadside overnight.*

Chairman Senecal opened the Public Hearing.

John Simms explained many households and businesses put out their trash receptacles in the evening and Wakefield Disposal picks up the trash during early morning hours.



Linda Murray suggested tabling this for now so that it may be worked on and reworded to include "more than one night."

Brian Deshaies suggested it could read "trash receptacles need to be placed after 6pm and removed by 12pm the next day".

Chairman Senecal stated he did not have a problem accepting it the way it is currently written.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to table the discussion regarding amendments to the Town of Wolfeboro Ordinance Chapter 112 Peace and Good Order to add the following article: Article III Trash Cans/Receptacles: §112-4 No person shall place a Trash Can or similar receptacles at curbside or roadside overnight. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

### 3. Bulk Vote

#### A. Weekly Manifests

i. December 9, 2022	\$ 3,721,276.37 (county check)
ii. December 16, 2022	\$ 438,010.02

#### B. Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Warrant/ Warrants

i. North Line Rd	Tax Map 115 Lot 8
ii. Trask Mountain Rd	Tax Map 26 Lot 1 \$1,648.56
iii. 603 Stoneham Rd	Tax Map 89 Lot 1 \$ 13,916.24
iv. 336 Haines Hill Rd	Tax Map 34 Lot 12 \$368.82

#### C. Property Tax Refunds and Abatements

i. 883 Center St #13 2022	Tax Map 102 Lot 8-S5 \$107
ii. 883 Center St #S13 #14 2022	Tax Map 102 Lot 8-S4 \$46
iii. 883 Center St #S13 #15 2022	Tax Map 102-8-S7 \$ 45.00
iv. 55 Ambrose Way #16 2022	Tax Map 188-8-24 \$119.30
v. Abenauke Drive #17 2022 pt.1	Tax Map 260 Lot 49 \$166.00
vi. South Main Street #17 2022 pt. 2	Tax Map 260 Lot 50 \$101
vii. South Main Street #18 2022 pt 1	Tax Map 232 Lot 4 \$747.00
viii. South Main Street #18 2022 pt 2	Tax Map 232 Lot 5 \$2,207.00
ix. Beach Pond Rd #19 2022	Tax Map 54 Lot 18-13 \$509.00

#### D. Property Tax/ Exemptions and Credits

i. 23 Robin Acres Drive	Tax Map 126 Lot 37
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**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to accept Bulk Vote A, B, C and D. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**



#### 4. New Business

##### A. Discussion: Wolfeboro Waters Committee Update

Warren Muir, Wolfeboro Waters Committee member and Chairperson of its Assessment Subcommittee, presented a power point presentation detailing their 2022 Update.

Richard Masse, Chair of the Prevention and Mitigation Subcommittee and Abigail Adams, Chair of the Communications Subcommittee also spoke.

Linda Murray thanked the Chairpersons for coming and educating the public.

##### B. Discussion: Lakes Region Model Railroad request to use Railroad vacant space

John Simms asks that the Model Railroad Museum be able to rent unoccupied space in the Railroad Station until April 30, 2023, for a prorated share of rent and utilities.

Linda Murray stated the space in question equals 773.5 sq ft.

Mr. Simms said that the summer occupant is using part of the space for storage, so they are looking at using and paying for 500 sq ft.

Jim Pineo will work with Mr. Simms on producing a written agreement.

Chairman Senecal asked the Board if anyone had a problem with this and everyone responded no.

##### C. Approval: Investment Policy

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to Table the Investment Policy Discussion. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Kathryn Carpentier, Finance Director, proposed a special year end meeting to be held Thursday, December 29 at 5pm at the library. The Investment Policy and other tabled items will be discussed.

##### D. Approval: Default Budget 2023 tabled

##### E. Discussion: Actual vs. Budget Report-November Finance

Kathryn Carpentier presented the Actual vs Budget Report through November 2022. She stated the General Fund operating budget is currently at 91.9% and the General Fund



Revenues is currently on track at 63%. She also reported on the appropriations and Estimated revenues for other funds.

F. Discussion: 2023 Estimated Revenues tabled

G. Approval: Town Report Bid, cover, dedications

Brian Deshaies suggested that Avis Stevens, formerly of 8 Lary Rd, who recently passed away at the age of 100, be added to the dedications.

Luke volunteered to write a first draft of the annual report to be discussed at the next meeting.

No action needed at this time.

H. Approval: Josiah Brown Scholarships

Jim Pineo said two individuals applied for the scholarship and both are worthy.

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**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to award each applicant of the Josiah Brown Scholarship \$3000. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

I. Approval: 2023 Deliberative Session date, time, location

Jim Pineo proposed bringing the Deliberative Session back to Town Hall on February 7, with an inclement weather date of February 9, at 7pm.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to hold the 2023 Deliberative Session on 2/7, with an inclement weather date of 2/9, at 7pm at Wolfeboro Town Hall. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

J. Approval: Non-Capital Water Quality Capital Reserve Fund expenditure-Rust Pond

Linda Murray stated that last March the Board had approved \$20,800 for this project. There is an additional \$2,200 that will not be covered per Tavis Austin, Wolfeboro's Director of Planning and Development, and, therefore, she is requesting the approval of \$23,000 to cover the entire project.

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the \$23,000 Non-Capital Water Quality Capital Reserve Fund expenditure for the Rust Pond project. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

K. Approval: Water & Sewer rate changes

Jim Pineo reminded the board of Underwood Engineer's presentation at the last BOS meeting regarding the Town's water and sewer rates. He also stated that, as discussed with Brenda



LaPointe from the Billing and Collections Department, rate increases will be billed the month following the effective date.

Linda Murray agrees with Underwood Engineers' recommendation to increase water by 4% in 2023 and by 3% every year after and sewer by 9% in 2023 and 3% every year after. She supports the increase beginning January 2023.

Brad Harriman also expressed his agreement with Underwood Engineers' figures to get caught up.

Brian Deshaies agrees as well, however, he said he felt bad for the residents of Wolfeboro and wished it could be 3% with a 1% increase thereafter.

Luke Freudenberg supports Underwood Engineers' suggestions stating they were reasonable.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to increase water and sewer rates by 3% and 9% respectively and 3% every year after beginning January 2023. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

L. Approval: AFSCME Union Contract Ratification.

Jim Pineo said the Town was able to close negotiations with AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was able to secure a 2-year contract. Year 1 recognizes 5% increase (\$107,733 including wages, pension, and payroll taxes) in raises and year 2 recognizes 3.5% (\$75,000). This covers forty-three employees.

A wage and benefit study will be conducted in 2024 per Mr. Pineo.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the AFSCME Union Contract Ratification. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

M. Approval: NEPBA Union Contract Ratification

Jim Pineo said the Town was able to secure a contract with the collective bargaining unit for the police officers. Year 1 includes a 5.5% wage increase (\$64,780) and year 2 includes a 3% wage increase (\$28,720). Seventeen employees are represented in this contract.

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to approve the NEPBA Union Contract Ratification. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

N. Approval: Consideration of approval of Non-Union staff raises

Jim Pineo asked the Board to give non-union staff the same consideration as union members and award a 5% wage increase. This would be a total wage increase of \$90,424 which will have a 3-cent increase on the tax rate.



**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the Non-Union staff raises by 5%. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

O. Approval: 2023 Warrant Article final review

Jim Pineo started his presentation by stating that during the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the net financial impact on the General Fund was \$1.17. As of today, it had been reduced to \$0.81. The decrease is due to one project being moved to a bond. It also reflects the petitioned Warrant Articles and two collective bargaining agreements. Bond Hearings will be held January 4, 2023, with an inclement weather date of January 11, 2023.

He then presented the following Warrant Articles to the Board using a power point presentation.

Article E - Municipal Electric Bond

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to recommend the Municipal Electric Utility Boat Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to move the Municipal Electric Utility Boat Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article F – Mini Excavator

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Linda Murray to recommend the Mini Excavator Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Brad Harriman to move the Mini Excavator Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article G – Sewer Pump Station Upgrades

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Linda Murray to recommend the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brad Harriman to move the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article I – Police Vehicle Replacement

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to recommend the Police Vehicle Replacement Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**



It was decided by the Board to hold off voting to move the article to the warrant after the Police Commission vote.

Article J – AFSCME Contract

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to recommend the AFSCME Contract Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the AFSCME Contract Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article K – Police Union Contract

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to recommend the Police Union Contract Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Police Union Contract Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article L – Town Road Upgrades

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Brad Harriman to recommend the Town Road Upgrades Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Linda Murray to move the Town Road Upgrades Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article L2 – Green Street Upgrade

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to recommend the Green Street Upgrade Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Green Street Upgrade Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article M – Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to recommend the Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to move the Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**



Article – School Resource Officer Middle School

Tabled

Article CRF A – Fire Truck Lease Purchase

Tabled

Article CRF B – Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Funding

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brad Harriman to recommend the Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article CRF C – Sidewalk Capital Reserve Funding

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to recommend the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to move the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article CRF D – Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funding

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to recommend the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Article CRF F – Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Funding

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to recommend the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**



Article CRF G – Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to recommend the Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

Article CRF H – Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to recommend the Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

Article CRF I – Tree Removal & Replacement Expandable Trust Funding

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to recommend the Tree Removal & Replacement Expandable Trust Funding Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move the Tree Removal & Replacement Expandable Trust Funding Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

Article Warmth and More Fund – Expanded

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to recommend the Warmth and More Fund – Expanded Article. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Linda Murray to move the Warmth and More Fund - Expanded Article to the Warrant. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

P. Approval: 2023 Holiday schedule and Life & Disability Renewal 2023

The Board was presented with the proposed 2023 Holiday Schedule prepared by Michele Chamberlain, HR Coordinator/Finance.

It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.



Kathryn Carpentier presented the Life and Disability Renewal 2023 as prepared by Michele Chamberlain. She explained that benefits will increase at no additional cost. These benefits include basic life insurance and short- and long-term disability insurance. The policy will take effect January 1, 2023, and is valid for 3 years.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to authorize James Pineo, Town Manager, to sign the Life & Disability Renewal Agreement. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

## 6. Other Business

Brian Deshaies read a statement (attached) to the Board outlining his concern about the "actions taken by Wolfeboro's Planning Board" at their meeting on December 20, 2022. He is looking for feedback from the Board.

Brad Harriman stated that the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinances that Brian is referring to have not been adopted by the Planning Board, only presented to the public.

## 7. Committee Reports

Mr. Harriman attended the Wolfeboro Community TV annual meeting, a Planning Board meeting, the Christmas party, the Pop Whalen open house, the tree felling at the Libby Museum, and he met with Cobb Hill at the Libby Museum.

Chairman Senecal attended the Wolfeboro Community TV annual meeting and the Christmas party.

Ms. Murray attended the Wolfeboro Community TV annual meeting, a Charrette Committee meeting, a Library Trustees meeting, a Library Search Committee meeting, a Budget Committee meeting, an EDC meeting and the Pop Whalen open house.

Mr. Freudenberg attended the Police Commission meeting and the Christmas party.

Mr. Deshaies attended the Christmas party, the Pop Whalen open house, an EDC meeting, 3 Budget Committee meetings, and an Energy Committee meeting.

## 8. Town Manager's Report

Jim Pineo stated that he and Chairman Senecal participated in the Construction Managers Interviews for the public safety building. CCI was unanimously chosen. He also reported that the core borings on Forest, Varney and at the public safety building are taking place this week. He thanked Brad Harriman for meeting with Cobb Hill at the Libby Museum and he recognized all Town employees who did a fantastic job during the last storm.

## 9. Questions from the Press



Elissa Paquette, Granite State News Collaborative, asked for clarification on whether there will be further hearings on the Planning Board's Warrant Articles or if the discussion phase is over.

Per the Board, discussion public hearings are over, and they now go to the public.

10. Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes per person and not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

Suzanne Ryan recognized Brian's courage and thanked him for speaking about the Planning Board.

Being not further business before the Board, Chairman Senecal entertained a motion to adjourn.

**It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Linda Murray to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Respectively Submitted,  
Melissa Pillone



# Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen 2023 Warrant Article Decision to place on Warrant

DECEMBER 21, 2022

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## Timeline – Bond Hearings

### ► January 04, 2023 – 6:00PM Bond Hearings

►Public Safety Building	\$12,500,000
►Libby Museum	\$1,490,000
►Sewer Line Extension	\$1,000,000
►South Main Street Water line	\$1,690,000 (SRLF)

### ► January 11, 2023 @ 6:00PM Inclement Weather date

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## Article E – Municipal Electric Utility Boat

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of replacing the Municipal Electric Department boat, trailer, and associated equipment. The amount of \$170,000 shall be funded from Electric Enterprise Fund. This expenditure shall not result in any increase in the tax rate. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
  - ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
  - ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
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- ▶ **Motion to place Municipal Electric Utility Boat on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article F – Mini Excavator

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of purchasing a mini excavator. The amount of \$78,000 shall be funded from the General Fund. The amount of \$26,000 shall be funded from the Water Enterprise Fund. The amount of \$26,000 shall be funded from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.03 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
  - ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
  - ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
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- ▶ **Motion to place the Mini Excavator on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article G – Sewer Pump Station Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$648,000 for the purpose of paying for increased cost of engineering, equipment, construction and inspections of the Lehner and Mill Street sewer pump stations. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7.VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

This will be paid from State Aid Grant in the amount of \$648,000 over the next 5 years from the RIB Project which would result in no tax rate impact.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ **Motion to place the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article I – Police Vehicle Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,000 for the purchase of a Police cruiser replacement vehicle and ancillary vehicle equipment with \$5,000 from the Police Detail Revolving Fund created by Article 23 in 2006 which has accumulated from special details in prior years. Additionally, this warrant article also grants permission to the Wolfboro Police Commission to dispose of one existing cruiser by sale, auction, trade, or disposal, with any proceeds to be returned to the Town's General Fund.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.03 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ **Motion to place the Police Vehicle Replacement on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article J – AFSCME Contract (PENDING)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year 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 current staffing levels of 43:

Year	Wages	Benefits	Totals
2023	\$86,963.00	\$20,870.00	\$107,733.00
2024	\$60,917.00	\$14,475.00	\$75,392.00

And further to raise and appropriate \$107,733.00 for the current 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 levels.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.04 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
- ▶ Motion to place the AFSCME Contract on the 2023 Warrant

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## Article K – Police Union Contract (PENDING)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Local # 39 of the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) which calls for the following increases in wages and benefits at current staffing levels of 17:

Year	Wages	Benefits	Totals
2023	\$44,843.00	\$19,936.00	\$64,780.00
2024	\$22,080.00	\$6,640.00	\$28,720.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,780.00 for the current 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 levels.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
- ▶ Motion to place the Police Union Contract on the 2023 Warrant

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## Article L – Town Road Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850,000 for the purpose of upgrading and engineering for Town roads, sidewalks, and drainage systems. To authorize funds in the amount of \$850,000 from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first. This appropriation will have shall not result in any increase to the tax rate.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

**Motion to place the Town Road Upgrades on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article L2 – Green Street Upgrade

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$530,000 for the purpose of upgrading Green Street. Funds shall be utilized for engineering fees, storm water drainage systems, the replacement of water and sewer mains and rebuilding the roadway.

\$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund shall be for the purpose of engineering and replacing vintage water mains which service Green Street.

\$430,000 from general taxation shall be for the purpose of engineering and replacing the existing sewer main in Green Street, storm water drainage systems and rebuilding of Green Street.

This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.18 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
- ▶ **Motion to place the Green Street Upgrades on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article-M Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits

Shall the Town of Wolfeboro vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500 per year. If readopted, the All-Veterans' Tax Credit, previously adopted, will also be \$500 per year, the same amount as the Optional Veterans Tax Credit. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

- ▶ **Motion to place the Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article – School Resource Officer Middle School

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,706 for the purpose of creating a new position within the Wolfeboro Police Department effective June 5, 2023. During the regular school year this position shall be assigned the position of School Resource Police Officer (SRO) for the Middle School. The remainder of time, outside the regular school year, this position shall be assigned as a town of Wolfeboro patrol officer.

The school district, SAU49, shall pay the Town of Wolfeboro 50% of payroll and benefits which is \$22,338, for this position for up to 73 school days (August 2023 – December 2023), outlined below.

Current MOU with SAU49 \$300 per day					
	school days	# of days	2023 Costs	school days	# of days
SAU49 SRO Cost	\$ 300	73	22,338	\$ 300	180
Town SRO Cost	\$ 179	73	13,083	\$ 199	180
Town Payroll	\$ 465	77	37,215	\$ 565	80
		Total Cost	72,706		Total Cost
		school only	\$ 485	school only	\$ 505

This position shall be created and filled only if both the Town warrant article and the SAU49 operating budget pass. If both articles are successful, this position shall be fully funded in future years with the SAU49 paying half of payroll and benefits for up to 180 school days, outlined above.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of

(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of)

**Motion to place the School Resource Officer Middle School on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article-CRF A Fire Truck Lease Purchase TABLE

### OPTION 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the existing Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.13 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

### AND OPTION 2 (this should be a separate Warrant Article if approved)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800,000 for the purpose of acquiring a replacement fire engine and with said funds being reimbursed from the existing Fire Trucks and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation will have shall not result in any increase to the tax rate.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

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## Article-CRF B Public Works Vehicles & Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the existing Public Works Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.13 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

- ▶ Motion to place the Public Works Vehicles & Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant

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## Article-CRF C Sidewalk Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the existing Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.03 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ Motion to place the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant

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## Article-CRF D Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the existing Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ Motion to place the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant

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## Article-CRF F Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.08 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
  - ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
  - ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
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- ▶ **Motion to place the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article-CRF G Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the existing Non-Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a watershed management plan, including, engineering, design, permitting, best management practices for storm water drainage and nutrient mitigation, grant matching and education which is under the Trustees of Trust Funds with the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
  - ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
  - ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
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- ▶ **Motion to place the Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article-CRF H Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the existing Abenaki Capital Reserve Fund which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with Selectmen designated as agents to expend.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ **Motion to place the Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article-CRF I Tree Removal & Replacement Expendable Trust Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to establish a Tree Removal and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. Said funds shall be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend.

- ▶ Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.05 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of
  
- ▶ **Motion to place the Tree Removal & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund on the 2023 Warrant**

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## Article Warmth and More Fund - Expanded

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize an expansion of the existing "Warmth and More Fund" as approved by voters in 2021 for the purpose of expanding the program to operating a wood bank to assist those in need of firewood for heating purposes. Passage of this article would allow the Town to accept donations of firewood into the wood bank. Distribution of firewood for heating purposes would be determined by the Welfare Director.

Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

- ▶ **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of**
- ▶ Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

- ▶ **Motion to place the Tree Removal & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund on the 2023 Warrant**



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I have strong concerns about the actions taken by Wolfeboro's Planning Board at last night's meeting. The proposed amendments to Wolfeboro's zoning ordinances adopted by Planning Board will allow irrefutable changes to our community's growth and character. Members of the public and a minority of the Planning Board discussed the harm such changes would bring to Wolfeboro, mentioning an erosion of checks and balances involved in community planning, loose interpretations of the proposed amendments hurting Wolfeboro's ability to control growth and costs for taxpayers, and losing our town's character and charm from over-densification.

As a Select Board, we should be concerned about allowing unchecked community growth. The proposed amendments to Wolfeboro's zoning ordinances adopted by Planning Board last night may lead to too densely populated village districts and over-taxed public services, millions of dollars in bonded projects and property taxes, and ultimately lead to a building moratorium once our municipality cannot adequately control costs because of unchecked growth. The last point was actually discussed at last night's Planning Board Meeting as a mitigation to the proposed zoning amendments. A building moratorium is not the desired mitigation tactic to over-growth because it would hurt Wolfeboro's builders, laborers, and realtors who rely on a healthy construction economy.

Yes, we need healthy growth; however, without considering costs to everyone else, we may limit our ability to grow. Residents can only endure so much in new yearly taxes, especially with the current inflation rate. The Select Board should control costs and preserve taxpayers' well-being and Wolfeboro's character.

Wolfeboro must reconsider the proposed zoning amendments adopted by the Planning Board, or we will be forced to rethink our community's character and the costs placed upon taxpayers to fund this growth. I do not think the proposed zoning amendments are sustainable.



