

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen  
Public Meeting Minutes-Approved  
December 21, 2016

**Members present:** Chairman Brad Harriman, Linda Murray, Dave Bowers, and Dave Senecal

**Members absent:** Luke Freudenberg

**Staff present:** Town Manager David W. Owen, Finance Director Pete Chamberlin, Fire Chief James Pineo, Public Works Director Dave Ford, Police Chief Dean Rondeau, and Recording Secretary Michele Chamberlain

Chairman Harriman opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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

Mr. Owen stated a non-public session is needed to discuss non-public minutes and collective bargaining for AFSCME.

Linda Murray stated she would like to add another item to the agenda. She stated it would be listed under New Business as 4H entitled Discussion of Fire Department Utility Package.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to add Four H, Discusion of Fire Department Utility Package to the agenda. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Minutes**

Chairman Harriman asked for approval from the Board of the December 7, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the minutes of December 7, 2016 Regular Meeting with amendments to pages 10 and 13. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Bulk Vote**

- A. Weekly Manifests  
December 16, 2016  
December 23, 2016

- B. Property Tax Credits/Exemptions

**Approvals:**

- i. 19 Sleepy Hollow Road Tax Map 268, Lot 7
- ii. 1 Sunny Oak Terrace Tax Map 177, Lot 10-16
- iii. 317 Sewall Road Tax Map 241, Lot 64
- iv. 5 Cedar Drive Tax Map 201, Lot 34-113
- v. 6 Laurel Circle Tax Map 201, Lot 34-9

**C. Notices of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber**

- i. Locust Lane Tax Map 173, Lots 35, 36, 35-2, 37
- ii. North Line Road Tax Map 52, Lot 3

**D. 2016 Equalization Preliminary Ratio Study**

**It was moved by Chairman Harriman and seconded by Linda Murray to remove B. ii from the Bulk Vote to be voted on separately. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Dave Owen asked to have an additional Bulk Item added to the agenda so the Board could accept the generous donation of \$4,290.00 from a generous benefactor for a Staff Christmas Party.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to add \$4,290.00 from a generous benefactor for the Town's Christmas Party to the Bulk Vote. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the Bulk Vote with the two changes. Dave Bowers abstained. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Selectmen Linda Murray asked for a motion to accept number B. ii in the Bulk Vote.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to accept number B. ii in the Bulk Vote. Brad Harriman abstained. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**New Business**

## **A. Monthly Budget Expenditures and Revenues Report**

Pete Chamberlin, Finance Director, addressed the Board. He stated the overall expenditures should be less or equal to 91.63% at this point in the budget. He stated the General Fund was at 84.5%, Water Fund 87.2%, Electric Fund 81.9%, Sewer Fund 91.4%, Pop Whalen Fund 86.2% with an overall at approximately 84.33%.

Mr. Chamberlin stated apparently prior to the audit adjustment there was some Pop Whalen revenue from 2015 in the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be an adjusted amount for Parks and Recreation.

Josephine Amatucci stated, Hello What about the Public Input.

Chairman Harriman stated Public Input is at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Amatucci yelled, No I am going to talk now because the last time.

Chairman Harriman asked Ms. Amatucci to sit down.

Ms. Amatucci stated no, the last time you did this you abused me. You abused me the last time you did this. You did not hear my voice at the end.

Chairman Harriman stated you will speak at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Amatucci stated I will let the newspaper reveal to the public that State Superior Court found me to be frivolous.

Chairman Harriman stated you are out of order, Ms. Amatucci.

Ms. Amatucci stated I am addressing my grievances.

Chairman Harriman stated at the end of the meeting you are allowed to state your grievances in Public Input for three minutes and that is it.

Ms. Amatucci yelled, you are going to abuse me. You are going to abuse me.

Chairman Harriman stated no, you are allowed three minutes at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Amatucci stated someone shut me off. Hello????

Chairman Harriman stated because you are out of order.

Ms. Amatucci stated what.

Chairman Harriman stated you are out of order.

Ms. Amatucci yelled loudly at Chairman Harriman, I'm not out of order. You are! Why don't you have Public Input now?

Chairman Harriman stated no.

Ms. Amatucci yelled you have to let me speak so the People know what you are doing and you let the People know they have to pay me according to the Federal Court this Town is going to pay me big time.

Chairman Harriman stated you are out of order and you will be asked to leave if you do not sit down.

Ms. Amatucci yelled I'm going to see how you abuse me at the end of this meeting.

Chairman Harriman stated you have to wait until the end of the meeting.

Ms. Amatucci yelled I'm going to see. I'm going to see.

Chairman Harriman stated ok.

Ms. Amatucci yelled you don't want the People to know the truth.

Chairman Harriman stated next on the agenda is 2017 Operating Budget Capital Outlay Carry Forward List.

#### **B. 2017 Operating Budget Capital Outlay Carry Forward List**

Pete Chamberlin, Finance Director, addressed the Board. He stated there is a list of Capital Outlay projects that need to be carried forward into the coming fiscal year so that they may be completed. He stated originally the Cate Park Stonewall Repairs was on the list but a purchase order has come through to cover that and the work will be done this spring.

Linda Murray thanked Mr. Chamberlin for the detail of his report. She stated when she read the monthly report she could not tell if there was a purchase order out or not. She thanked Mr. Chamberlin for the detail of the report so these details could be understood.

Ms. Amatucci interrupted by saying are you going to remove the voice when I appear.

Ms. Amatucci stated Hello, Hello, Are you going to remove the voice.

Ms. Amatucci yelled I want to tell the people that you remove my voice when I talk.

Chairman Harriman loudly told Ms. Amatucci to be quiet.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the 2017 Operating Budget Capital Outlay Carry Forward List. Members voted and none being opposed, the motion passed.**

### **C. Boat Agent Agreement with Goodhue Hawkins Navy Yard**

Mr. Owen stated Goodhue & Hawkins seeks to renew its Boat Agent Agreement with the Town for the coming year. This has been a highly beneficial and remunerative arrangement.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve and sign the Boat Agent Agreement with Goodhue & Hawkins Navy Yard for the year 2017. Members voted and none being opposed, the motion passed.**

Linda Murray thanked Mr. Durgin.

Steve Durgin, addressed the Board. He thanked them for their continued support. He stated the Town Clerk Staff are great to work with and he looks forward to many more years.

Ms. Amatucci yelled I want the People to know about Public Input because they don't want the People to know what they are doing. She yelled they are criminals.

### **D. Vacancy in State Representative Position**

Mr. Owen stated Harold Parker has announced his resignation from his elected position of State Representative effective January 5, 2017. He has accepted a position working for in-coming Governor Sununu. This will leave a vacant State Representative position from Wolfeboro.

Mr. Harold Parker addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for the honor of allowing him to serve for the Town.

The Board thanked Mr. Parker for his time and work for the Town.

Mr. Owen stated Town Clerk, Pat Waterman has provided information about the procedures for filling a vacant State Representative's seat. It involves holding a special election at substantial cost just for filling the vacancy. Alternatively, the Selectmen could decide not to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled general election. Ms. Waterman further advises that it is already too late to have the election of a State Representative to take place at the upcoming March Town Election.

Mr. Bowers stated he felt the Town was well represented and that the Board could wait to fill the vacancy at the upcoming election.

Chairman Harriman agreed.

Linda Murray stated she was comfortable waiting. Although part of her is concerned that the voters should be represented. She stated we had two representatives and now we will only have one but the substantial cost of the election would make this difficult. She stated she has mixed feelings.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to leave the present position of the State Representative in Wolfeboro vacant and to be filled at the next February election. Members voted and none being opposed, the motion passed.**

Mr. Parker stated he is always happy to talk to the Selectmen if they need him.

### **E. Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum**

Linda Murray stepped down.

John Simms addressed the Board. He stated the Railroad Museum had their first meeting last week. He stated they renamed their not-for-profit organization from the Wolfeboro Model Railroad Museum to the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum. They are now proposing that the Town increase its financial commitment to the renovation project from \$75,000.00 to \$95,000.00, and in exchange they will commit to raising the balance of the funds required for the renovation of the building for use as a museum from private donors. This may require them to raise as much as \$250,000.00 in private donations to cover the renovation costs, which are now estimated to cost as much as \$300,000.00 - \$350,000.00.

Mr. Simms stated the first warrant article was voted 3 to 1 and he asked if they could have a revote so he could get a unanimous vote. He stated the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum would like the support of the Selectmen because it will make a difference for their fundraising support.

Mr. Owen stated in the packet for the Selectmen it shows the revised warrant articles and he suggested a vote on the new warrant articles.

Dave Bowers suggested striking out the words, "This warrant article shall be null and void if the warrant article for the lease of the Freight House Building to the Museum fails to be approved by the voters." in the lease agreement. Mr. Bowers stated if the warrant article does not pass the Town will still own the building and then the Museum could still lease the building if they raise the appropriate funds. Mr. Bowers suggested the warrant article state the Board of Selectmen will agree to lease the building to the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum.

Dave Bowers asked Mr. Simms if he agreed.

Mr. Simms stated he believed he did but wanted to paraphrase what Mr. Bowers had stated. Mr. Simms stated the lease will stand on its own and will not be subject to the first warrant article.

Mr. Bowers agreed.

Mr. Simms stated there also will not be any obligations on either side.

Mr. Owen asked if Mr. Bowers was suggesting that the language at the end of the warrant article be removed. Which read: "This article shall be null and void if the warrant article for the lease of the Freight House Building to the Museum fails to be approved by the voters."

Mr. Bowers stated yes.

Dave Senecal stated he did not agree. He felt the whole thing should be tied to whether the Town agrees to putting up the money as part of the agreement. Mr. Senecal stated if they turn down the money the warrant article will be null and void anyways. Mr. Senecal stated if the people don't approve the \$75,000.00 / \$95,000.00 then the Town still could lease the building to them. He asked if the intent would then be to have the organization raise the money.

Mr. Bowers stated he hoped the voters would approve the article but if they don't then the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum could still move forward with the project by raising their own funds.

Mr. Senecal asked Mr. Simms if there was any paperwork on the amount of the project changing from \$150,000.00 to \$300,000.00-\$350,000.00. Mr. Senecal asked if there were any blueprints.

Mr. Simms asked for approval from the Town before the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum spent money on any plans.

Mr. Simms stated there is a third warrant article that he would like to read to the Board. It stated: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to move the Old Railroad Freight House Building to another location on Wolfeboro Tax Map 217, Lot 46, the parcel where it is currently located, if the Board of Selectmen determines that the alternate location will facilitate the renovation of the building and better serve the needs of the Town. Further, to authorize the expenditure of funds from the warrant article for the renovation of the Old Railroad Freight House Building for any such relocation.

Mr. Senecal stated they should discuss the first two warrant articles first.

Chairman Harriman agreed.

Chairman Harriman asked the Board for their feelings on moving the amount from \$75,000.00 to \$95,000.00 for the project. He stated the Town would be responsible for \$95,000.00 with the project costing \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 in total.

Mr. Senecal stated he had a problem with the rising figures without any paperwork to back up these new figures.

Mr. Senecal suggested to Mr. Simms to have a rough sketch or some drawing for the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Simms stated he would put some sketches and concepts together.

Mr. Senecal thought it was the only way they were going to sell the concept. He stated people like to see what they are buying. He stated if Mr. Bowers was to make a motion to increase the amount to \$95,000.00 he thought that would be the first necessary step.

Mr. Bowers suggested simplifying the warrant article to say if the \$95,000.00 is raised then the Board of Selectmen “may”, not will, in their discretion advance \$95,000.00 upon reviewing the plans of the museum.

Chairman Harriman stating selling the concept to the Board is going to require some plans or sketches.

Chairman Harriman asked the Board what they would like to do about the first warrant article.

Mr. Owen stated right now is says \$75,000.00.

Mr. Senecal asked Mr. Owen if all the warrant articles have been to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Owen stated yes although Mr. Simms was at the Budget Committee last week and he explained this to them so they know that something is coming.

Mr. Senecal said ok.

Mr. Simms asked about the timeframe of the fundraising to be December 31, 2018.

Chairman Harriman asked the Board if they would like a revised warrant article or to have the old one stay in place.

Mr. Senecal stated if we change it to \$95,000.00 it also reads the current estimate to be between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00.

Mr. Owen stated those are the additional funds required above and beyond the \$95,000.00.



Mr. Senecal stated ok.

Chairman Harriman stated that is important. He stated the amount should be updated to be as close to the accurate number which is \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

Mr. Owen stated then the language of the warrant article should be changed to the full estimated discretion.

Chairman Harriman asked to change the language of the warrant article so it stated \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

Mr. Owen stated then the wording of the article would need to be changed.

Mr. Owen and the Board agreed to change the wording of the article to read: (currently estimated between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00, with a total project cost of \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.)

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the warrant article with the \$95,000.00 on behalf of the Town with the current estimated total project cost of \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00. Members voted and none being opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Harriman stated the next warrant article is for the lease of the building.

Ms. Amatucci stated I am not a frivolous litigator. She yelled the Federal Court found Owen, Chief Chase and Houseman guilty. The Federal Court found them guilty and they have to pay me a lot of damages. She yelled I am not a frivolous litigator.

Chairman Harriman stated Josephine you will have your time at the end of the meeting to discuss that.

Ms. Amatucci said goodbye and Owen is going to pay me big time. She yelled the Federal Courts aren't corrupt like the State Courts.

Chairman Harriman continued to read the warrant article, Lease to the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum.

It was moved by Dave Bowers to make the motion.

Mr. Owen stated so we are deleting the last sentence.

The Board agreed.

Dave Senecal seconded.

The Board voted 3-0.

Mr. Simms asked for an expiration date.

Chairman Harriman asked if they could modify the article.

Mr. Owen asked for the language.

Mr. Simms stated he was not sure of the language but asked for the end date of December 31, 2018 for the fundraising.

Chairman Harriman suggested the language to read: This article shall be null and void if the warrant article for the renovation of the Railroad Freight House Building fails to be approved by the voters **or funds not raised by December 31, 2018.**

**It was moved by Chairman Harriman and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the warrant article: Lease to the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum with the above changes. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Mr. Owen stated the additional language would read: if the funds are not raised by December 31, 2018.

Mr. Simms stated the third warrant article relates to the relocation of the Old Railroad Freight House Building by one building length north of its current location.

Dave Ford addressed the Board. Mr. Ford stated the Town owns the ground portion of the road so we can lay out the road and connect the parking lot with Railroad Avenue and pave it. He stated right now this is an area with a blind corner so it would improve the safety of the road and the move could be more cost effective.

Mr. Simms stated there were some concerns about moving the building so he asked if Ms. Stier would address the issue.

Maggie Stier, Chairman of the Heritage Commission, addressed the Board. She stated the Board typically looks for integrity of a historical building with site location being one of the seven or eight criteria. She stated since the move is such a short distance and the reasons were compelling, both financial and safety reasons, that the Heritage Commission sees no reason why this move would have an adverse effect on any potential listings through the state or the national register.

Chairman Harriman stated it makes sense to have that option available. He asked Mr. Owen if the last sentence that read: Further, to authorize the expenditure of funds from the warrant article for the renovation of the Old Railroad Freight House Building for any such relocation, was needed.

Mr. Owen stated the Town manages the project.

Dave Senecal stated he was still having a hard time with no plans. He stated we have nothing to say what this is going to cost. He stated his experience with moving buildings is that a cost is hard to come up with even when you are moving it that short of a distance. He stated the building should be very easy to move but it says to authorize the expenditure of funds so how much is that going to take away from doing the renovations. It could cause the figure of \$350,000.00 to go even higher.

Mr. Simms stated he thought it was easier to build a foundation without the building being on top of it.

Mr. Senecal asked if Mr. Simms was using this as part of this number for the renovations.

Mr. Simms agreed.

Mr. Senecal stated he was ok with that if it was understood that way. He stated if we are looking at an added cost that is over and above your original renovation costs then that is a big difference. Mr. Senecal stated this needs to be explained to people so they understand.

Mr. Simms thanked Mr. Senecal for his advice.

Mr. Senecal stated we need all of the information on the proposal because people are going to ask these questions.

Dave Senecal agreed to move this warrant article but stated it needed more information at some point.

Mr. Simms stated we are just asking for the option. Whether we decide to go with the option will be determined by the cost of the designs.

Mr. Senecal suggested having a detailed list of costs with the price of what it would cost to leave the building there and what it is going to cost to move it. Mr. Senecal stated it may be less money to move it.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the warrant article: Relocation of Old Railroad Freight House Building. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed, by a vote of 3 – 0.**

#### **F. Effluent Disposal Study Warrant Article**

Dave Ford addressed the Board. He asked the Board to amend the Effluent Disposal Study Warrant Article so the language could be changed to authorize the borrowing of money. He stated the State was appropriating funds for communities to do asset management. Mr. Ford stated the funds come from their SRF program. Mr. Ford stated

the money is loaned to communities and when the project is completed the loan is forgiven. The project cost is \$30,000.00.

Linda Murray stated she likes having the two warrant articles because adding to the bonded amount never made sense to her. She stated this is fantastic.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the Wastewater Asset Management Plan Warrant Article. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed, by a vote of 4 – 0.**

Linda Murray stated this does not include the Effluent Disposal Study correct. She stated it just is everything else.

Dave Senecal stated no, it does not include the Effluent Disposal Study.

The Board discussed to add collection system to the title of the warrant article.

### **G. Mast Landing Parking Lot Warrant Article**

Dave Ford addressed the Board. He explained the plans to the Board for improving the Mast Landing Parking Lot. He stated in the lower area they would be expanding the parking lot by adding 9 additional spaces which include 6 boat trailer parking spaces and another handicap space. He stated he hopes that this project would be done in the spring before the area becomes too busy. Mr. Ford stated the plans will be available at the Town Hall and on the Town website for anyone who would like to see them.

### **H. Fire Department Utility Package**

Linda Murray stated she had some issues with this so she would like to discuss her thoughts with the Board.

Linda Murray stated:

I want to make it clear that I have no issue with the New Fire Chief Pineo or the fire department for redesigning how they address the replacement of Utility Truck #1. That is a very valid process and I support that kind of thinking.

My issue is how the utility package is funded.

Most of the items being requested in the utility package have in the past been funded in the operating budget under capital outlay which would go through the review of the Town Manager, BOS and Budget Committee. The operating budget's capital outlay section is for items under \$100,000.00.

The utility package items which have never been part of the list of replacement vehicles or apparatus to be purchased for Capital Reserve Account are:

- a. Trailer for boat - \$4,200.00
- b. Trailer for UTV – we already have one - \$3,122.00
- c. Ski-doo - \$9,560.00
- d. Polaris Ranger - \$20,649.00
- e. Forestry skid unit for the Polaris Ranger – \$5,895.00 (this price is a guess)
- f. Misc. equipment/contingency - \$10,000.00

The purchase of Chevrolet Pick-up Truck with Forestry skid unit as the replacement for Utility #1 seems to fit the Capital Reserve list at a price of \$33,936.00. This includes the forestry skid unit of about \$10,000.00 plus graphics and radio of about \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Ms. Murray stated she was ok with this if it also addressed medical calls.

My issues are:

In this week's BOS packet there is a letter to Dave Owen from Fire Chief Pineo requesting a Utility package and not replacing Utility #1 Truck in kind. This is the first time I have heard about this change.

The Utility package purchase was not part of the Fire Department's presentations to the CIP Committee, the BOS, the Budget Committee and voters at the 2016 Deliberative Session.

The Utility package was not discussed as a change to the Capital Reserve Account with the CIP Committee, the Budget Committee or the BOS during the 2017 operating budget process or 2017 warrant article review sessions.

To me this is a big change in policy on how the Town/BOS accounts to the voters on the spending of Capital Reserve Funds and what items are acceptable to be spent from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account.

To me a Capital Reserve Account is used to save for the replacement of large vehicles, equipment, a special list of smaller item (Abenaki Ski Area) or other large items so the Town will not have to incur the expense of bonding these purchases. A Capital Reserve Account is just like a savings account with Voters approving a set dollar amount to be placed in the Capital Reserve Account for a specific purpose based on the backup materials presented to the Public. The Selectmen have the authority to spend and I believe I have a responsibility to spend the funds for the items presented to the Voters.

At the 2016 Deliberative Session, I spoke about the tax benefits to voter by funding Capital Reserve Accounts and each Department Head explained what will be spent from their Capital Reserve Account and in what year. I feel it is very important for the BOS to spend the Capital Reserve funds for the items presented to the voters. If there is some valid reason for a change in the Capital Reserve Account purchase request, the change must be part of an open discussion at a BOS meeting with the discussion listed on the BOS agenda. The Board and the public should have a written statement as to the reason

for the change, backup information, spreadsheet and a formal presentation to the Board and to the Public explaining the change and rational.

To me it is very important that the BOS credibility is preserved. I became a Selectman in 2005 with a default budget and only one warrant article that passed. This was due to a cell tower being buried in the Electric Department Budget. It took the Town a number of years to catch up with all the items that were cut out. I will give you one for example the signs Downtown which we are still working on. Since, that time the Board has worked very hard to win back the support of the voters by doing a Voter's Guide, meeting with groups to explain and answer questions about the budget and warrant articles and a pre-deliberative session presentation on Community TV.

What I look at

To make sure I am being fair I went back to check my records to make sure what was presented to the Voters, the BOS, the Budget Committee and the CIP Committee was being addressed.

Two needs for Utility #1 are forestry and medical calls.

In the CIP request form – Justification the replacement Utility #1 a front-line service vehicle. Utility #1 – responds to all medical and forestry calls – now I believe it is the back-up medical vehicle.

The medical call issue is not being addressed in any materials I have received.

Questions

Is the fire department saying that the purchase of the utility package requested will met the Utility vehicle needs of the Town for the next 10 years? That the Pick-up Truck will be called Utility #1 to fit the Capital Reserve items.

How will medical call be address in the remote areas where Utility #1 can go and the bigger trucks cannot?

If Utility #1 replacement is not equipped with medical capability what will be the back-up medical vehicle for the Town?

I do not have an update Capital Reserve spreadsheet to show me what the Fire Department vehicle replacement list now will look like.

Is the fire department going to add these smaller pieces of equipment to the Capital Reserve list for the fire department vehicle replacement?

Saving Money

Is the Fire Department willing if the BOS approves these items to decrease its request for the 2017 appropriation to the Fire Vehicle and Apparatus Capital Reserve account from \$189,000.00 (\$64,669.00 - the difference between items to be purchase) to \$121,331.00.

#### In Conclusion

I cannot support these smaller items being spent out of the Fire Truck and apparatus Capital Reserve Account. I feel these smaller items all under \$50,000.00 should have been included in the 2017 operating budget capital outlay section to go through the review of the BOS and Budget Committee as has been the Town's practice in the past. Some of these purchases, I believe could have been funded through the operating budget and I would have supported some of them.

Ms. Murray stated she felt she had an obligation to the voters to speak up on this matter.

Mr. Owen stated he felt that the Fire Department knew what materials and equipment they needed and if they felt a lighter truck would meet all of their needs then he was in favor of supporting that decision.

James Pineo, Fire Chief, addressed the Board. He stated the Utility #1 is being replaced with this package. It is being traded in. He stated the purpose for the pickup truck is that it is a much lighter truck so he can outfit the truck as efficiently as a manufacturer who is going to charge us around \$120,000.00. When we built this package one of the first questions we discussed was how we were going to fund the Utility package. The solution that we came up with was being able to incorporate several functions and we feel this package will meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Pineo stated the 2017 Polaris Ranger 900XP ESP will be equipped with tracks which are designed for year round use. It will hold 55 gallons of water and will be able to act as a secondary vehicle for access to the snow machine during the winter months.

Mr. Pineo stated the replacement of the snow machine is prudent because it is a 2000 model. There are concerns with this existing machine because the tracks are not studded. The replacement track with ice studs has a cost of \$1,657.95 for a machine that has a value of \$500.00.

Mr. Pineo stated we have one bid for the forestry skid units.

Mr. Pineo stated a 2017 Mission Trailer is needed for transportation of the 2017 Polaris Ranger.

Mr. Pineo stated we have a 20 foot enclosed trailer that has not been used in years and we will be considering the possibility of selling it or if it can be used by another department within the Town.

Mr. Pineo stated the 2017 Sea Lion Trailer will be used for the transportation and storage of Boat 1. This will provide the Fire-Rescue personnel greater control in the removal, deployment and storage of Boat 1.

Mr. Pineo stated he understood Ms. Murray's concerns for the budget but he felt a lot of the issues were because he was new and was a little naive of the system. He felt he was giving the taxpayers a lot for their dollar. He stated the whole package will cost under a hundred thousand dollars. The package will cost around \$90,000.00 compared to the cost of \$155,000.00.

Linda Murray asked about the four wheeler ranger. She wanted to know if they were replacing it or if they were going to have two vehicles.

Mr. Pineo stated no, they were not replacing it. They would have two vehicles. He stated the principal behind that is in the summertime we would use that as a rapid access in remote areas. The problem with the existing ranger is it is a four wheel ranger not a six wheel ranger and we can't carry patients on it. He stated the Gator is a six wheel ranger that is set up to carry patients. Therefore, the plan is to use the ranger to immediately access the patient and provide immediate care and then use the Gator for transporting the patient.

Linda Murray said ok. She asked if they do this package if that packet will then become the 2026 Utility packet. She asked if these things will then become part of the Capital Reserve Account. She felt they needed to account what they are doing to the public. She asked for a new sheet and to have those items part of that sheet and the replacement for them. Ms. Murray stated that is one of her concerns. She asked that what Mr. Pineo is stating now is the ranger can be a medical vehicle and it would be a back-up vehicle.

Mr. Pineo stated yes, and the Gator will be replaced in ten years. He stated the Ranger in the packet will have a life span of twenty years.

Ms. Murray asked if these items would then be used out of the Capital Reserve Account instead of the out of the Capital Outlay.

Mr. Pineo stated that is a great question and it is something that he and the deputy have been talking about.

Mr. Senecal asked how many forestry skid units are you talking about.

Mr. Pineo stated two.

Mr. Senecal questioned if the miscellaneous fund of \$10,000.00 was going to be used.

Mr. Pineo stated probably around \$5,000.00. The miscellaneous equipment is for 2 leaf blowers, chain saw, spray in bed liner, Tonneau Cover, studded winter tires and 4 DOT helmets.



Mr. Senecal stated then it could only cost \$85,000.00.

Chairman Harriman suggested that Chief Pineo prepare a presentation on this for the warrant articles that will appear on the Community Television.

Mr. Pineo stated he would do that.

Linda Murray stated the miscellaneous items are generally part of the regular budget. She is concerned about the Town policy not being followed. She stated the public needs to know we are doing this one time.

Linda Murray asked if the Board was willing to cut the Capital Reserve Payment.

Mr. Pineo stated then you are asking to drop the warrant article of \$186, 000.00 down to 122,000.00.

Ms. Murray stated it is the cost difference between the \$155,000.00 and what we are spending. Then she suggested explaining to the taxpayers what we are spending.

Chairman Harriman stated he supported that with the explanation.

Ms. Murray stated we are saving almost \$60,000.00.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to reduce the Fire Department's Capital Reserve Account from \$186,000.00 to \$122,000.00 for the year 2017. Members voted and none being opposed, the motion passed, by a vote of 4 – 0.**

### **Old Business**

None

### **Other Business**

Linda Murray asked about the Town Report. She stated she had two possibilities of pictures that her brother-in-law, Russ Schundler had done. She stated one is a winter season and the other is of the Mount Washington coming into the Town docks.

The Board discussed the use of these pictures on the Town Report.

Linda Murray asked who they were going to dedicate the Annual Town Report to this year. She stated usually Pat Waterman gave them a list of people to choose from.

Dave Bowers suggested Barbara Naramore.

Mr. Owen stated he will get a list together.

## **Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Owen stated the following:

The Town now officially owns the Old Railroad Building. The closing was last Friday and the deed was recorded at the Register of Deeds.

He stated there was a pipe break in the Great Hall. The pipes were coolant feed lines to the two heater/chillers in the balcony area. Fortunately, the custodian was here when the pipes burst and she called for assistance and the problem was found quickly. There was damage to the walls as well. The apparent reason for the problem is a draft running in the wall space where these pipes run. The coolant system does not run in the winter and is wrapped with insulation. However, the installation and/or design did not consider the impact of this draft. This is significant and will continue to be a problem.

He received a report from New England Soundproofing. On page 4 his recommendation is to bring the sound down to 1.00 Seconds and the cost is \$17,578.00.

Linda Murray asked if the panels were going to be on the walls or whether they were going to be hung.

He stated there is a second petition for the zoning warrant article to change the business directional signs.

He stated he received a letter from Matt Sullivan, Director of Planning and Development about the Excavation Permit currently being considered by the New Durham Planning Board.

Linda Murray stated she had heard it was going back to the ZBA and would not happen until February.

Mr. Senecal stated their Planning Board met last night.

Mr. Owen stated he received communication today from Lakes Region Planning Commission and they are looking for Planning commissioners to be appointed from Wolfeboro. Mr. Owen stated he passed this information along to the Planning Board.

## **Committee Reports**

Dave Senecal stated he and Mr. Owen have been dealing with AFSCME and the Police Department. He stated they have reached an agreement with the Police Union and they have another meeting tomorrow with AFSCME. He stated he attended a few parties, Stu Chase's retirement party and the Town Employee Christmas Party.

Linda Murray stated she attended the Budget Committee Meeting last night, a Chamber Social, a Fisherville Meeting and the Planning Board Meeting in New Durham. Also, she attended the Special Events Committee to continue work on Last Night in Wolfeboro.

Chairman Harriman attended both parties last week.

Dave Bowers attended the parties as well.

### **Questions from the Press**

Tom Beeler questioned if the Town had heard back from the Federal Court as opposed to the State Court. He asked if the Town had been served.

Mr. Owen stated Ms. Amatucci has a number of filings before the Federal Court but no formal decisions have been made.

### **Public Input**

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

None

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to enter into non-public session under RSA 91:3 II (a) to discuss collective bargaining. Roll call vote, Chairman Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Dave Bowers – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Board re-entered public session at 9:03 PM.

**Dave Senecal moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to seal the minutes of the December 21, 2016 non-public meeting. Dave Bowers seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Dave Bowers – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to adjourn at 9:04 PM. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Chamberlain