

MINUTES

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM

In-Person Session at the Great Hall 2nd Floor, 9 Union St. Wolfeboro

6:30 PM-Regular Session

Chairman Brad Harriman calls meeting to order.

BoS members Present: Brad Harriman, chair, Luke Freudenberg, vice chair, Brian Deshaies, Linda Murray, David Senecal.

Staff: James Pineo, town manager

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3

Action Taken -Mr. Pineo says there is one item under real estate.

Mr. Harriman MOTION to table agenda item #4 Board/Committee Appointments because there are length of terms that were not correct in the notice and there are vacancies to be filled. SECOND by Linda Murray. No discussion. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Mr. Harriman says board appointments will be done at a later date.

1. Consideration of Minutes

i. March 15, 2023, Regular Meeting

Corrections/additions –

Mrs. Murray: page 1 – add people who were present/requirement of minutes.

Page 6: fifth paragraph: correct to read – Mr. Drouin suggests dividers will allow two sports on the floor at the same time, gaining full multi-purpose court use.

Mr. Harriman asks for a MOTION. Mr. Freudenberg moves to accept the 3/15 minutes as amended. All APPROVE motion as amended 5-0.

2. Public Hearing(s)

Temporary Event Permit applications

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the New England Lyman Group to host a Boat Show on June 10, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Town Docks. Permit #2023-27

Elizabeth [Betsy] Bryant, board of directors of New England Lyman Group and co-chair with her husband for the show. This is the 22nd show with 50s music; a lot of neat boats. NH Boat Museum invited to publicize their programs, NH Marine Patrol invited to display about safe boating. The email from WPD Chief Dean Rondeau received that there is no need for police presence since none needed in the past. It's a static show with a good group/attendance.

Mr. Harriman notes that the docks are marked that will be used for the show.

Mrs. Bryant says correct; the ramp will not be blocked so boats can come and go.

Mr. Harriman opens the public hearing. No comments; public hearing closed.

Asks for questions from board. None.

Mr. Senecal makes MOTION to issue a Temp Event permit to the New England Lyman Group to host a Boat Show on June 10, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Town Docks. Permit #2023-27.
SECOND Mrs. Murray. No discussion. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Mrs. Bryant thanks the board.

ii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Lions Club to host the 47th Annual Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race at Albee Beach and the Town Docks on May 20, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Permit #2023-29.

Mrs. Murray recuses herself from the issue.

Roger Murray, Wolfeboro Lions Club. The race will follow same course – from Albee Beach ending at Town Docks. Rescue boats will be on Lake Wentworth; workers at the Crescent Lake dam portage and Excelsior Mill portage. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Race begins at 1:15 p.m. Everyone should be off the course by 3 p.m. We've got 19 classes to accommodate people of all ability or inability. We will work with fire department to get some personnel along the whitewater portion of Smith River. It worked great last year. They viewed it as a training opportunity. We viewed it as welcome assistance. Funds from the race benefit Wolfeboro Lions scholarships.

Mr. Harriman opens public hearing. Public hearing closed. Board questions/comments. None.

Mr. Deshaies MOTION to issue a temporary event permit to the Wolfeboro Lions Club to host the 47th Annual Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race at Albee Beach and the Town Docks on May 20, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Permit #2023-29.

SECOND Mr. Freudenberg. Mr. Harriman asks for discussion; none. All APPROVE motion 4-0-1 (Mrs. Murray abstains).

ii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Children's Center to host a Color Fun Run/Walk along Bridge Falls path from the Railroad Station out to Cotton Valley Rail Trail on August 6, 2023, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Permit #2023-30.

Sarah Morgan Board of The Children's Center and fundraising committee. Event last year did not happen because of unforeseen issues from the state with work on the rail trail, event was postponed. Received state permit for Cotton Valley Trail for this year. Awaiting town/BoS approval.

Mrs. Murray MOTION to issue temporary event permit for the Children's Center to host a Color Fun Run/Walk along Bridge Falls path from the Railroad Station out to Cotton Valley Rail Trail on August 6, 2023, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Permit #2023-30

SECOND Mr. Deshaies. Mr. Harriman asks for discussion; none. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Ms. Morgan thanks the board.

iii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the annual Bike and Walk day throughout town on May 12, 2023, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Permit #2023-31

Beau Betz, parks and recreation staff. Bike and Walk Day has been done for some time. Two stations set up – Huggins Hospital and at Cate Park. Free breakfast, smoothie/making bike from Makers Mill. This promotes an alternate way to get to work; just getting out for the day; promotes healthy lifestyles and get people outside in beautiful, spring weather.

Mr. Harriman opens public hearing. None. Public hearing closed.
No board comments/questions.

Mr. Deshaies MOTION to issue temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the annual Bike and Walk day throughout town on May 12, 2023, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Permit #2023-31 . Adds he did the event for 14 years with Carpenter School kids and it's fantastic.

SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman asks for discussion; none. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Mr. Betz thanks board and remains at podium for more temp. event permit requests.

iv. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the 39th Annual Granite Man Triathlon at Carry Beach and along various State and Town roads on August 19, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Permit #2023-32

Beau Betz, parks and recreation: Corrects that it is the 40th event. Begins at Carry Beach with $\frac{3}{4}$ mile swim; 15 mile bike ride then 4.2 mile run. 160 participants last year – first year back since COVID. Registration now open; expecting a lot more participants this year. Great race for a good cause.
Mr. Harriman opens public hearing. No comments. Closes public hearing.

Mr. Pineo states there may be construction in the area then. Wants to make parks and rec aware. Depends on how quickly we're able to mobilize for the low pressure sewer line construction/installation that was approved on Forest Road.

Mr. Harriman comments accommodation would be made for safety along Forest Rd.
Mr. Pineo says yes; just wanted to make that known.

Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to issue temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the 40th Annual Granite Man Triathlon at Carry Beach and along various State and Town roads on August 19, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Permit #2023-32
SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman asks for discussion; none. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

v. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the 29th Annual Granite Kid Triathlon at Brewster Beach and along Clark Road on July 15, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Permit #2023-33.

Beau Betz, parks and recreation: It's the 30th annual event. Great family event with 62 participants last year. Takes place at Brewster Beach; $\frac{1}{2}$ mile bike ride; just under a mile run; and a very short swim. Fun and safe for kids. Excited to have this event again.

Mr. Harriman opens the public hearing. None-public hearing closed. No board questions/comments.

Mrs. Murray MOTION to issue temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department to host the 30th Annual Granite Kid Triathlon at Brewster Beach and along Clark Road on July 15, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Permit #2023-33.

SECOND Mr. Senecal. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Mr. Betz thanks the board.

vi. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Children's Center to host Fairy Land at Cate Park on July 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Permit #2023-34.

June Connors board member Children's Center and Child's Advocacy Center of Carroll County. Asking for three event permits.

The Children's Center to host annual Fairyland Festival Cate Park on July 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Fairyland festival is family event with puppeteers, dancers and Bobby Bear and guitar. Face painting; scavenger hunt; fairy wings and wands at gazebo.

Mr. Harriman notes permits are done one at a time. Opens the public hearing. None - closed public hearing. Board comments/questions:

Mrs. Murray notes that a temporary sign permit is needed for any signs to publicize the event.

Mrs. Connor says she's done that.

Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to issue Temp permit for the Children's Center to host Fairy Land at Cate Park on July 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Permit #2023-34.
SECOND Mr. Senecal. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

vii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Children's Center to host a Fairy Find along Bridge Falls path on July 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Permit #2023-35.

June Connors of The Children's Center board says this is the 4th year for Fairy Find. Family friendly stroll along Back Bay and the trail ending at Center Street. Children search for golden, wooden fairies in the trees and hundreds of painted rocks. Children dress up in fairy costumes; photos taken in the fairyland backdrop. Fairy Land and Fairy Find are strengthening family events; free to all.

Mr. Harriman opens the public hearing. None - closed public hearing. Board comments/questions. None.

Mr. Deshaies MOTION to issue temporary event permit for the Children's Center to host Fairy Find along Bridge Falls path on July 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Permit #2023-35.
SECOND Mrs. Murray. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

vii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the The Child Advocacy Center to a Child Safety event on the Bridge Falls path and Glendon Street parking lot on June 10, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Permit #2023-36.

June Connors, new event for CASA and free for all. Taking place on the CASA brick site on Back Bay. Child safety is the focus. Fire and police chiefs supportive. Fire truck and firefighter to talk about fire safety. Bike patrol officer will speak with children about bike safety. Bike helmets will be given to any child who needs one. Crafts, information about water safety, table to create a first aid kit and information from Child Advocacy Center.

Mr. Harriman opens the public hearing. None - closed public hearing. Board comments/questions. None.

Mrs. Murray MOTION to issue temporary event permit for The Child Advocacy Center to a Child Safety event on the Bridge Falls path and Glendon Street parking lot on June 10, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Permit #2023-36.
SECOND Mr. Senecal. All APPROVE motion 5-0.

Mrs. Connor thanks the board.

Mr. Harriman says this is the second public hearing on this; Demolition of Town Building
i. In accordance with RSA 41:14-a, notice is hereby given to all residents of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, that a Public Hearing for the purpose to solicit comments regarding Demolition or Disposal of a town owned building on town owned property. Public Hearing shall be held on Wednesday March 29, 2023, at 6:30PM. and April 5, 2023, at 6:30PM. A vote on the matter by the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen shall take place on April 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall at Wolfeboro Town Hall 7 Union Street. The purpose of this demolition/disposal is for the new Lehner Street Sewer Pump Station.

Demolition or Disposal of Building

Tax Map 218 Lot 012

Address 5 Valley Lane

Mr. Pineo explains removal of the building is for installation of the new Lehner Street pump station. Since the first public hearing, several people have contacted him with interest in the building. Concurrent to the April 19th vote put out another official request to see if anyone is interested in purchasing and taking the building. But we need to be tight on the schedule of that. Once the pump station arrives we need to get mobilized on it. We have a potential opportunity to repurpose this building. We'll see what comes back.

Mr. Harriman opens the public hearing.

Suzanne Ryan- Asks age of the building other than the tax card.

Mr. Pineo says he does not have that with him.

Mrs. Ryan is curious to know whether the building had any valuable timber that could be recycled.

Mr. Pineo says the engineer on this project says the building has little to no value. I have not been in the building and seen it. That's what the engineers working on the project have stated.

Mr. Harriman closes the public hearing. Discussion from board?

Mrs. Murray says it'd be good to get the date of the building.

Mr. Pineo says he'll get that information and will post an announcement in the newspaper for any bids. We'll coordinate with the engineer about the timeframe for removal. It is a tight schedule.

Mr. Harriman says this item will be on the April 19th BoS agenda for final vote.

3. Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifests

i. March 17, 2023, \$469,993.72

- ii. March 24, 2023, \$103,880.06
- iii. March 31, 2023, \$ 792,885.54

B. Property Tax refund/abatements

- i. 61-11 Haines Hill Rd Tax Map 86 Lot 1-11 \$237.57
- ii. 77 Center Street Tax Map 204 Lot 55 \$527.17
- iii. 65 Trotting Track Rd Tax Map 147 Lot 6 \$2,086.41

C. Intent to Cuts/Warrants

- i. 406 Stoneham Rd Tax Map 138 Lot 1 \$292.72 Warrant
- ii. Bickford Rd Tax Map 72 Lot 7
- iii. Bryant Rd Tax Map 167 Lot 18
- iv. Stoneham Rd Tax Map 138 Lot 1
- v. Rollingwood Dr Tax Map 145 1-1 & 145-22

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D. Current Use Application/updates

- i. Pork Hill Rd Tax Map 23 Lot 1-2
- ii. Boulder Brook Rd Tax Map 269 Lot 7
- iii. Pork Hill Rd Tax Map 8 Lot 1-1 & 1-2
- iv. 603 Stoneham Rd Tax Map 89 Lot 1
- v. 55 North Wakefield Rd Tax Map 122 Lot 1
- vi. Red Brook Circle Tax Map 221 Lot 20 land use change tax
- vii. Waumbec Rd Tax Map 159 Lot 22
- viii. 205 Trotting Track Rd Tax Map 146 Lot 8

E. Tax Exemptions/Credits

- i. 139 North Line Rd Tax Map 34 Lot 10
- ii. 9 Kennyann Drive Tax Map 177 Lot 10-66
- iii. 13 Partridge Drive Tax Map 215 Lot 19
- iv. 21 Clark Rd Tax Map 231 Lot 17
- v. 1 Finch Street Tax Map 142 Lot 43
- vi. 9 Greenleaf Drive Tax Map 243 Lot 16
- vii. 38 Friar Tuck Way Tax Map 279 Lot 24
- viii. 115 Square Hill Tax Map 132 Lot 1-1
- ix. 38 Friar Tuck Way Tax Map 278 Lot 24

F. Raffle Permit:

- i. Wolfeboro Lions Club- Raffle at Smith River Canoe Race

Mrs. Murray MOTION to approve Bulk Vote items A-E.

SECOND Mr. Freudenberg. All APPROVE 5-0.

4. Board/Committee Appointments: Mr. Harriman says the board earlier this evening voted to table the board and committee appointments to a future date; there were open spots and term expirations that were not correct in this notice.

5. New Business

A. Approval: Commercial Vessel Landing Permit-Winni Adventurer

Mr. Pineo says Bob Slap is attending remotely.

Mr. Slap is requesting a commercial vessel land permit again this year. Last year had 10 trips; so 20 touches for under 15 minutes at the commercial docking area. Submitted on application this year for 15 round trips or 30 stops at Town Docks. Found out today he is \$1-million short of liability coverage for the town; in the process of increasing that. Have an agent working on that post haste. Asks for conditional approval based upon proof of insurance to meet insurance liability requirements for Wolfeboro.

Mr. Harriman asks whether Winni Adventurer uses the dock where the electric department boat is docked.

Mrs. Murray asks whether the other dropdown was built where we want them to come in this year.

Mr. Harriman acknowledges that and asks Mr. Slap if he's aware that there's another dock.

Mr. Slap says Amy sent photos of the new location new location for the commercial docking.

Mr. Harriman says OK; any questions from board?

Mrs. Murray says not – just as though insurance is obtained.

Mr. Deshaies notes the last request should be waived or removed for reserve dates upon departure times and locations; should be attached to this specific document. We don't have that. They (Winni Adventurer) has a very fluid way for departures. We'll have to be sure that's removed from this document.

Mr. Harriman says OK; any other comments?

Mrs. Murray asks if they have any general times when they'll be at the commercial dock?

Mr. Slap says it's random. Generally pickups are at 10-10:30 a.m. Dropoffs around 4 p.m. It can vary.

Mrs. Murray asks because a timetable is needed in case anyone else wants to come in and use the commercial dock. I'm fine with generally knowing around 10:30 or 4:30.

Mr. Deshaies ask if it's five or seven days a week.

Mr. Harriman says it's 15 landings.

Mr. Slap says it's 15 pickups/15 dropoffs – 30-total.

Mr. Deshaies says is it weekends? Weekdays?

Mr. Slap says it's spread out. Typically guests are on a week's vacation and they like to go midweek when the lake is quieter; less on weekends.

Mr. Harriman says pickups and drop-offs are quick?

Mr. Slap says very quick.

Mr. Harriman asks if board has more questions – and asks for the motion.

Mrs. Murray makes MOTION to approve the 2023 Commercial Vessel Landing Permit-Winni Adventurer with the estimated time and no designated day; and conditional upon pending insurance certificate coming through.

Mr. Freudenberg SECONDS. All approve – 5-0

Mr. Harriman states Mr. Slap is all set pending the insurance certificate.

Mr. Slap promises to do that swiftly.

B. Approval: Pickleball proposal-Pop Whalen

Joe Santoro says the indoor pickleball facility has been discussed for several years. States at his last appearance the BoS approved a feasibility study which is complete.

Paul Blanc from Norway Plains and Victor Drouin from Friends of Pop Whalen are in attendance for technical questions.

What's provided in their research appears to show put a facility on the location originally suggested by Linda Murray and Brian Deshaies. Maps indicate the facility could house 8-10 courts and the potential for another three outdoor courts at the project completion. Asks for approval to move into the next phase – engineering study and code compliance research.

Mrs. Murray says it's her understanding the pickleball club will pay for the building; maintain and staff the building.

Mr. Santoro says yes. If parks and recs has something they want – please tell us. We intend to pay for it fully and cover costs.

Mrs. Murray asks Mr. Pineo if an MOU (memorandum of understanding) is needed before we get going. Some things may be missing. We need some kind of a document so we know it won't be on the taxpayer.

Mr. Pineo says a legal document should be in place. Conceptually, the building does seem to fit the area. However, this is preliminary. I'm not sure once we get into the nuts and bolts of the engineering how well this will work. We already have a documented parking problem. We have a documented well problem that is maxed out when the arena is in operation. And we have restrictions where an additional well could be used. I have not seen an updated plan. The proposal does not include any bathroom facilities or storage areas. I think there's a real problem with access and egress for users and emergency services. I think the concept is great. I just don't know how this is going to look going forward and what it will look like and how it will work.

Mr. Harriman asks about restroom facilities – whether [pickleballers] would use facilities in Pop Whalen or your own in the pickleball facility and whether that would be an increased load on the septic system?

Mr. Santoro says the image on the screen is outdated. The current plan is for where the left two courts are; there'd be a lobby and bathroom facility; two locations for that. As far as a septic system - if Paul Blank can join me to answer these questions.

Paul Blanc of Norway Plains Associates. 11x17 current plan copies are before board members. We considered bathrooms and water. We would use the fields out there now. Those are new tanks installed about a year ago. We calculated they are oversized. We went through that with Pop Whalen was being designed to check those loads.

Mrs. Murray asks isn't the leach field up top?

Mr. Blanc says yes.

Mrs. Murray you've calculated the loads to that field.

Mr. balance says correct; we confirmed the calculations that were done in 1996 in regard to Pop Whalen.

Mrs. Murray says so you're using calculations from a 1996 leach field?

Mr. Blanc says that's when the calculations were done; he's not sure about when the field was installed.

Mrs. Murray says she wants to know when the field was installed and what its life is; since we've added more for Pop Whalen and if we add this; we need to know the capacity and how old it is.

Mr. Deshaies comments that if it was '96, the Abenaki lodge is new.

Mr. Blanc says we'll look into that -all the technical aspects.

Mr. Harriman notes that when you get to the next level and you go to the planning board, you'll have to have stormwater management with wetlands in that area. Any runoff will need to be dealt with.

Mr. Blanc says that's the biggest thing. He says there's a high probability that the location where there are two outside courts might be needed for stormwater management/treatment. The ponds adjacent to the sidewalk and some four bays for all treatment prior to going into the wetlands; that's the

toughest part on this. Everything else is pretty straightforward. I agree that parking is valuable out there. All that will be taken care of in the planning stage.

Mrs. Murray says that's the piece bothering her. Parking – once you have a high school game going; people at the ski slope and you have people parking out on 109A. We're going to need more parking. There's not enough parking now for the events. We have to figure that out. That really concerns me.

Mr. Blanc says adding 12 spots is in the plan. (Describes location) near the septic tank. In the new plan I gave you, there are 12 spots. By the maintenance building-behind there, we could get 10 spots there maybe 12. That could be good for employee parking.

Mr. Deshaies asks how many people attended last year's pickleball tournament?

Mr. Santoro answers 350 people, But this is not intended to be a tournament location. This is for the people who are residents here or from nearby.

Mr. Deshaies says this would be used for a tournament?

Mr. Santoro answers no – outdoor courts would be used because 17-18 courts are needed for a tournament. This facility is for residents or visitors of Wolfeboro to use on an all-season basis. This is not a site for a tournament.

Mr. Deshaies responds- 14-15 courts isn't enough for a tournament?

Mr. Santoro says no. If you're counting the ones in the ice rink, we would only use those in foul weather. The intent here is to provide an indoor facility for local residents to maintain their health and viability.

Mr. Deshaies says there could be a tournament there.

Mr. Santoro says that could be in the future. Now that is not the objective. The objective is to provide a social and physical recreational area for the people in this room and the local area. With regard to parking, Linda. If there's ever a conflict or high demand, the club and rec department can work out a schedule – even close down during the high peak periods and operate Monday-Friday to avoid congestion like you mentioned until we work out the final parking solution.

Mrs. Murray states we need to have a parking solution before we go through with it. We need the solution; if that's what we all agree to. I'm assuming you play doubles all the time?

Mr. Santoro – yes.

Mrs. Murray – so this facility would handle about 32 people.

Mr. Santoro says – and there could be some backup; plan on about 50. Currently every Saturday and Sunday we have about 45-50 people playing and that is what we anticipate would be the demand in the winter as well.

Mrs. Murray says that will give us something to look at as we figure out the parking.

Mr. Deshaies asks when there could be some kind of construction budget; yearly operating budget and any type of revenue stream; reserve account or endowment so we don't end up in a situation where in 5-10 years we have to start raising money through the taxpayers.

Mr. Santoro says we have those things covered; I didn't think you wanted to share those in a public setting because we're probably going to need competitive bids. We have a reserve fund. If Jim wants to meet with us – we'll be happy to share those numbers.

Mr. Harriman asks Mr. Santoro what he's looking for from the board.

Mr. Santoro says – a green light.

Mr. Harriman... to the next step develop plans.

Mr. Santoro says consistent with what Jim thinks we should do. We want to be sure to follow codes/requirements/procedures and deliver to the people what they really want and need.

Mr. Harriman recaps – concerns are parking plan; engineering for stormwater, sewage; water – our well system is pretty much taxed.

Mrs. Murray says drafting an MOU should happen so we know who's paying for this and it won't be on

the back of the taxpayer.

Mr. Deshaies adds the MOU should be at the beginning and we're going into a more binding document going forward.

Mrs. Murray says getting the information now and agree on is what is wanted. Once building is going to happen, we would probably go to a legal agreement.

Mr. Harriman asks for a MOTION based on the comments and what we need to move forward.

Mr. Deshaies asks if the proper DES (Department of Environmental Services)

Mr. Blanc replies – yes. Says we'll have to go through:

- Wetlands mapping
- Site-specific soil testing
- DES loading for septic
- Adhere to stormwater management for the town which we're familiar with.

Mr. Santoro says we plan to deliver to the town a fully compliant facility at no cost to the town. All we need is a green light to move onto the next step.

Mrs. Murray says she'll try a MOTION that the BoS agree to have the pickleball club move forward with a design of a facility which will have:

- **Heat**
- **a sprinkling system**
- **places for snow removal**
- **access for police, fire, ambulance services**
- **emergency egress for users**
- **verification that we have enough water and sewer infrastructure to support the facility.**
- **document or documents showing there will be adequate parking or some kind of system to ensure that there is adequate parking.**
- **clarity on any impact to the sensitive wetland areas**
- **an MOU agreement in the beginning followed by a legal agreement afterwards**
- **planning process and approval**
- **the financial wherewithal – showing to Jim Pineo – to build the facility, maintain it now and in the future.**

Mr. Deshaies SECONDS. Mr. Harriman adds that they received a number of emails in support of the facility, which will be part of the minutes.

Mr. Pineo says the emails will be attached.

Mr. Deshaies asks – how will the building be staffed?

Mr. Harriman says it will be figured out in the MOU.

Mrs. Murray says that's theirs.

Mr. Santoro adds he does this in Florida and it's run by all volunteers and it runs well.

Mr. Harriman calls for VOTE. ALL APPROVE. 5-0.

Mr. Harriman says, you're moving forward Joe.

Mr. Santoro thanks the BoS.

[applause]

Mr. Harriman asks for order as some of the public exits.

C. Approval: Pop Whalen Ice Rink Rates

Mr. Pineo says last meeting, rates were approved; but one was left - the 24-hour/full day rates. You received a memo from the parks and recreation director of a rate \$1200 a day and received backup information showing the average moving forward and the other memos associated with it for the development of the rates. Needs to be made clear that the full day rates are for an organization that comes in, uses facility and sets up. They aren't contemplating the breakdown of the vendors or the activity taking place in the arena. Therefore, they're paying a premium for that. If it's a two-day event, Saturday, it's \$1200. Second day, 8-hours they'd be using the facility.

Beau Betz, assistant director, parks and recreation is here to answer questions – along with me.

Mr. Harriman asks if someone is renting the arena for the weekend, does that stop anyone else from using the facility meeting rooms for a small event/meeting at the same time a large event is going on in the arena.

Mr. Pineo says that would be on a case-by-case basis. They would identify whether they need those rooms or not. If they don't that leaves us the opportunity for us to utilize the rooms. I'm not sure what parking would be available. If there's a large event going on in the arena, I don't know if booking an event in a meeting room for an additional 25 people – there'd be enough parking to accommodate that.

Mr. Betz says if they're paying \$1200 to rent the facility, they'd want access to the conference and multi-purpose rooms – the entire rink.

Mrs. Murray asks whether it includes locker rooms. Is this enough money if they're going to have use of locker rooms, etc. She asks that during non-ice time if the arena is rented for \$150 for three hours, I'm assuming locker rooms are not part of these fees that we have.

Mr. Betz says he believes that's correct. The locker rooms I believe are just for use as locker rooms or changing rooms. But if you have a flower show, you have vendors there; maybe the vendors use the restroom; the public uses the restroom in the main lobby area. I don't know what they'd use those rooms for.

Mrs. Murray suggests if there's broom hockey. And people want to take a shower. I want to have everything in here. Either the locker rooms are included or they're not included. Define exactly what that includes and even with time. We're going to clean more; have more expense.

Mr. Deshaies suggests if there's a baseball card show, they might want to use the locker rooms to store valuable things; they might use those rooms or the function rooms to lock things up. He asks about the \$1200 is for one day. But if they need time to set up the day before and break down the day after. The way it's worded they only pay for one day. Should they pay more because they're still tying up the building. And what if two groups wanted it on the same weekend but one wanted it on Sunday; another group that wanted it Saturday and Sunday is wiped out because the Sunday group will be setting up the day before. They should use it for one day; or if they need setup or breakdown spilling into the day before and day after they should pay a fee associated with that.

Mr. Pineo says are you saying there should be a setup and breakdown fee?

Mr. Deshaies says only if they're going to go beyond their one-day rental. If they could get in there at five a.m. and get out by midnight – that's one day. If they set up at 3 p.m. the day before and not cleanup until 10 a.m. the day after the event, they've tied up three days, potentially.

Mr. Harriman asks if Mr. Pineo said there was an hourly rate if they came in the day before.

Mr. Pineo says he tried to explain that in the memo – but maybe not.

Mr. Harriman says if they came in three or four hours on Saturday to set up, they'd pay the hourly rate for that time; same for breakdown the next morning – there'd be fees on each end.

Mr. Deshaies says what if somebody wants the Saturday- you lock them out?

Mr. Harriman says if it's already booked and they've rented that time, yes.

Mr. Freudenberg notes if there's a flower show or bridal show, they're going to set up the day before. That becomes a whole weekend from Friday afternoon to late Sunday morning.

Mrs. Murray says Jim made a chart for her. All fees are listed. There's one piece of paper. It says that does not include locker rooms; this is for this length of time, so we are looking at the same document and how you calculate it.

Mr. Deshaies asks if the rental fee includes our cleanup of the facility afterwards.

Mr. Betz- yes.

Mr. Freudenberg asks if there's a birthday party and the AV system is needed. We have to schedule our AV person to come in to plug things in. There needs to be an accounting for that too. People will want to use that. We don't want anyone coming in and using it; having a problem after because somebody hooks up to it and something happens.

Mr. Deshaies says during a show they could be announcing things.

Mrs. Murray says if it's on the chart –

Mr. Harriman says – it's all spelled out.

Mr. Pineo says looks as though we've got more work to do.

Mr. Betz agrees.

Mr. Harriman asks if people are trying to book the facility now.

Mr. Betz says we'd like to start booking in the rink. We don't have anybody asking for a full day or weekend rental at this point.

Mr. Harriman says if we moved this into our next meeting, we'd probably be alright.

Mr. Betz – yes.

Mr. Deshaies- looking at events at the Everett Arena in Concord. A lot of those groups go from place-to-place. Events move around to different communities. If we reached out to other community centers; other rinks; places where they're having events, those same groups might decide we'll have an event in Wolfeboro, too.

Mr. Harriman asks Mr. Pineo if we've given you the information to move forward.

Mr. Pineo – we'll certainly try.

Mr. Freudenberg asks if someone does reach out now, are we tracking that so we can get them an answer. We want to lock down as many events as we possibly can for the summer, especially with the new facility.

Mr. Betz – if anyone had contacted us inquiring about holding an event, we would not turn them away.

Mr. Freudenberg- OK – perfect.

D. Discussion: Friends of Pop Whalen letter agreement & locker room usage agreement.

Mrs. Murray steps down; she represents the BoS seat on the board of Friends of Pop Whalen.

Mr. Pineo provided a last-minute update to the letter agreement; changes highlighted in yellow.

Allows us to better work with the Friends of Pop Whalen to deliver MOUs and license agreements to individuals or organizations that may want to enter into an agreement regarding the locker room.

Corresponded with Victor Drouin, Friends of Pop Whalen the past couple of days.

Mr. Drouin – on the letter of agreement.

Victor Drouin, Friends of Pop Whelan: On the letter of agreement there are a few snags. Trying to memorialize what we agreed to. A lot of this is in previous selectmen meeting minutes. Some of it's a cleanup. We never had a separate operating agreement as we went through; there were various commitments. This hopefully summarizes where we are in 2019. We entered into a public-private partnership to renovate the 37-year old facility. The goal was to take it from a five-month ice arena to a year-round recreational facility. General premise was for the town to pay for the structure. When we created the budget, we created two lines of costs. The building – chillers, insulation the roof, structure, interior lighting at Pop Whalen was in your [town] column. The other column was the Pop column – the 10,000 foot expansion, new lockers, lobby area, revised concessions, etc. We took those two things - \$42. [million] for you; \$2.7 [million] for us; that's laid out here in the document. We agreed you'd raise your portion through a bond through the voters, which it was. The Friends of Pop would come through with private donations, licensing agreements, advertising, sales etc., to raise our \$2.7. In the course of this agreement we've gone out to do license agreements and MOUs for the lockers with Brewster, Kingswood to help us fundraise; both of those had been hit up prior; part of the needs analysis so they knew what was coming. Licensing was to complete fundraising effort. It's a big need for us. Next to last paragraph on first page is we want to memorialize to work with these donors that we've committed to so over the years – going back to September 2019 we've been saying that the Friends of Pop is doing all the naming for these locations. We're in a bit of a quagmire. We're trying to figure out what we have rights to and what we don't. I want to make sure we get this clear. The goal was to create consistency throughout the thing with you; what we're selling to the donors – over \$2-million

; we have a little bit of a jam-up. We want to have a clear path to finish our fundraising and delivering what we sold. If we don't, we have a different issue. Given the funding delays of the two major locker MOU users which is Kingswood and Brewster, basically, I'm asking you to not utilize. That was part of our \$2.7 million. I'm asking the town not to use those lockers essentially until such time as we receive funding from them. I know that they've come to the town and asked to use the lockers because they're there. They knew going into this very clearly that that they had not committed verbally to these lockers, we would not have built it for them. Then they backed up and asked why are they here? They said further what rights do you have to negotiate and help with MOUs and license agreements, so why are here; why doesn't Jim Pineo come? Unless you can clone Jim and get him to attend more meetings, that becomes problematic. We had gotten the commitments and then carried the water down the road. Some of this is memorializing how we got here. If you allow them to say the lockers are there, just use them, I don't think that's good for a public-private partnership (PPP) and sends a strong message to them that they never have to pay. Someone's going to be stuck with a half-million bucks. I ask that you look at that one seriously.

I memorialized this – the banner sales was done previously; two meeting minutes, that we would take over the banner sales; the first two years -goes to Friends of Pop; third year to town. That is re-memorialized here.

Lastly, Friends of Pop has been working the last couple years on various grant opportunities; last year not a lot out there. There seem to be more things brewing that may be available to us. Friends of Pop can go in with some grants as a non-profit and apply for grants. We'd use the funds to pay the \$2.7 million. In some cases, these funds are only available to municipalities or developer. You qualify; we're your funding partner (Friends of Pop) but not your developer. If we were to go get \$100,000, we're asking permission to come to Jim for your EIN; I need this information; we're going to file for this so if we get those dollars, we can say to Jim \$100,000 would be coming from X grant application. We're asking that \$100,000 get applied to our debt -\$2.7 million that we owe you.

I was on a call today for one of the grants; some of the grant programs are not to fund what's built;

they're for what's coming. Projects that are not started. Our goal is to continue through and say we're working on a grant opportunity and maybe we need to bring in the energy commission or whoever. It was clear in the call I was on today, if we started an application and we did not qualify, we could pass that work on and you could continue and carry that. It would benefit both parties as time goes on. That's my request for the letter of agreement.

Mr. Pineo: To clarify, when we went through bond council because of the proposed donation, Victor had to speak with bond council and he clarified a lot of these commitments relative to ad space, etc., through a bond council. They were aware of this going into the bonding so it's not a surprise at all.

Mr. Deshaies notes it's a tricky thing now; so many grants out there for so many different projects. It's difficult for Wolfeboro and many towns to write the grants. We don't have the manpower. I found out from a gentleman from DES that Wolfeboro missed out on a \$200,000 grant recently because we did not have anyone to write it. (Asks Mr. Drouin) You'll be writing this grants yourself or have a grant writer working with you?

Mr. Drouin: almost all these programs, we're in pretty good shape. We think this one will be about 60 hours to prep it. Once we get it to 80-90%, they assign you a grant reviewer; we have to carry in 2% of whatever the request is essentially for one of the state-approved firms. They come in and review the application and offer changes; advice on whether you qualify or not. They guide you and get you in the right direction.

Mr. Deshaies suggests reaching out to Josh [Arnold] Makers Mill who's done a lot in grant writing. Nancy Hirshberg, Energy Committee, is working on a grant now -solar for the library. They can be a resource.

Mr. Harriman asks on locker room with Kingswood and Brewster, is that two for each school?

Mr. Drouin – yes.

Mr. Harriman – how many locker rooms are in the facility now; if we take those four from use?

Mr. Drouin: We built eight – for flow; Two for teams on the ice; and two for teams coming next. There's always a flip flop. Fully equipped with bathrooms, showers, etc.

Mr. Harriman asks what happens if the money you're looking for doesn't come through - \$125,000 – each locker room – and you get grants or donations – would you still limit it to Kingswood and Brewster or would the lockers be more open to the public?

Mr. Drouin- Town attorney put a time limit on this. If we by 2026 - fail to come up with a user and money – we still have to pay you no matter what. It's really reimbursing us. The town should take the position that it doesn't matter. We had some options - people we could have brought in to occupy those locker rooms We stood back at Linda's request and let Kingswood and Brewster do their thing. They were legacy users, give them some grace. You know how well I do with grace; so we're giving them grace right now.

Mr. Pineo: Mr. Drouin is correct – December 31, 2026, time frame in there. I anticipate that if something doesn't transpire by that point, we would go at this in a collaborative way to figure out what we're going to do with those locker rooms in the future.

Mr. Deshaies asks if all the money is acquired and locker rooms finished by 2026 would we allow him to lease the locker rooms to Brewster/Kingswood on a per year or couple year basis in order to recoup some of their money?

Mr. Drouin says the Governor Wentworth School District vote was a few weeks ago; we have not gone down this path. The subject was broached by Brewster about an annual fee. Some of those issues may come into play. We could come back. They can't write a check today; but if we do it this way and structure the deal, there they go. If it happens it frees up the facility to flow better. We built

them for that intention. That's the goal – to have those two schools at Pop and use them [the locker rooms].

Mr. Harriman asks about the banners and board advertising. It's a three-year commitment with advertisers; two years of revenue to Friends of Pop; third year, revenue goes to town. After that does town sell the advertising?

Mr. Drouin says after year two, we'll have the billing down; whatever is sold is sold. If there are more banners to sell, it converts to the town; you would send the invoices and collect directly. Checks payable to Town of Wolfeboro instead of Friends of Pop Whalen. We give you a working file.

Mr. Senecal MOTION that we sign a letter of agreement dated March 31, 2023, the one that has the highlighting on it.

Mr. Freudenberg SECOND. Mr. Harriman sees no other discussion. APPROVED 4-0-1 (Mrs. Murray abstains).

Mr. Pineo: the backup document – the locker room agreement – there are a couple of issues that need to be clarified. The term is item #11. The issue is the BoS can only enter into a five-year term. This agreement reads there's a term of the useful life of the building. We've got to negotiate to deal with this going forward. It's in the best interest of us and Back Bay Hockey to table this. We've got this one big hurdle to work through.

Mr. Deshaies hopes the building duration is more than five years.

Mr. Drouin says this MOU has been around a while. It came through the tow; sent it to Kingswood and Brewster; Back Bay Hockey took the same one and it got rejected yesterday by town council because of the term. This mechanism of MOU may need to change. The letter of agreement broadened the wording – whether it's a lease agreement, MOU or whatever town council finally determines – is an appropriate method to get the job done. Because of that, probably table this for today because you guys are probably not authorized to sign this right now.

Mr. Harriman says we can work through it and get to an agreement. Thank you, Victor.

(Mrs. Murray re-takes seat.)

E. Discussion: Port Wedeln Drainage Upgrades

Mr. Pineo says the 2022 warrant proposed the Port Wedeln drainage upgrade; \$430,290, with \$231,203 to be bonded. We were supposed to receive Port Wedeln Association funds for this work. We also received the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) just under \$200,000. Stantec has initiated the work. We've run into some fairly significant roadblocks. They're here to be able to speak to these roadblocks and get direction from the board on where they'd like to go.

Jerry Fortin and Jonathan Bork from Stantec.

Mr. FORTIN speaks:

PowerPoint presentation to give an overview of the project. At 30% in the design phase. Jim asked we come in and brief the board. These are photos of Winterhaven Drive. One looking up the hill away from the lake, Other is along Winterhaven Drive looking toward Lloyd Road.

Project background; understanding of project issues; brief review existing conditions and proposed improvements and adjacent issue of Port Wedeln Association beach erosion issues; and drainage with adjacent property.

Port Wedeln and Winterhaven Drive located adjacent to Winter Harbor, north side of town along Route 109. You can see ongoing drainage issues. Photo top right is bottom of Winterhaven Rd. just above the

marina where the road ends at the lake; sediment buildup at the catch basin. Bottom right photo: beach north of where Winterhaven Drive ends. Beach erosion visible. Ongoing erosion and flooding – project is to address drainage issues on Winterhaven Rd. issues. Port Wedeln Association doing a separate project for beach improvements on their property adjacent to the marina. The town project is NHDES-funded; two funding sources- ARPA and Clean Water State revolving fund and town makes up the difference. Port Wedeln Association agreed to contribute to the project I think about \$100,000.

The project was initiated by another consultant. Their work included scope of project, alternative analysis and preferred design was arrived at – 24-inch piping system extending from Lloyd Rd. 300-400 feet above where Winterhaven ends at the lake – as you can see on this graphic extends down to the lake and bypasses the area of the marina off to the south and then discharges to the lake.

It's that blue line/right hand of screen; there's manholes on it- juts out and discharges to the lake.

This was approved through DES with a construction budget of \$280,000 based on this concept for the work.

Stantec hired by town March 2022 to do final design, permitting and construction; did initial review to understand the project and picked up from there. The existing piping system – at Lloyd Rd. there's a 24-inch pipe that connects to a 12-inch pipe running down the hill and connects to manhole at the bottom; discharges just above the marina onto a riprap slope through a 15-inch pipe. That pipe has insufficient capacity to handle runoff that's occurring. At and above Lloyd Rd. there's a shallow roadside drainage swale that picks up water along the north side of Winterhaven Rd. That swale ices in the winter – you see recent photos of ice; left looking south along Winterhaven Rd. down towards Lloyd; photo on right at Lloyd at intersection. Sheet of ice extended all the way down to the marina. There's inadequate capacity in the drain system along Winterhaven Rd. We estimate it has a one-year storm capacity or less. What happens is – when this can no longer handle the runoff, it surcharges and will run along the roadway down the hill.

Looking at existing conditions, the drainage basin along Winterhaven Rd. extends approximately 2500 feet uphill above Lloyd to the east – almost to route 109. 33-acre area drains to the intersection. 65% of drainage basin is group D soil which a poor soil. Soils rated A-E. Group D almost like wetland soil – saturated.

Road grade along Winterhaven varies from about 12% near the top to almost 30% at the bottom between Lloyd Rd and the lake itself. Hydrograph analysis we did indicates a 24 inch pipe **will not manage a 100-year storm**. That was submitted in the original application to DES.

Our 30% design here and proposed improvements; we've essentially kept the same concept as the application to DES with refinements we believe are necessary. Looking at the closed piping system, at a minimum it's typical that for a roadway drainage system – any typical roadway is designed to a 10-year storm event. We don't believe it's practical to design to a 100-year storm event as per the original application. It can be done with mitigation and detention basins. But with the slopes and the side of the hill and existing conditions for quite a long time, a 36-inch pipe will handle a 10-year storm with the additional improvements we've shown here.

Improvements include a 36-inch pipe from Lloyd to the lake, a number of manholes on that drain line, to step it down the hill as you can see in the bottom graphic and that limits the design velocity to 14-feet per second. Then we turn and discharge to the lake beyond the marina per the original concept.

Mrs. Murray asks if there was any kind of a catch tank, sediment tank in any of this?

Mr. FORTIN-- Yes. There's a sediment tank proposed at Lloyd Rd. consistent with the original DES application. We've kept that as a low flow bypass designed to what's called the water quality flow per DES requirements. It's a 3000 gallon tank that is a storm scepter, you'd call it; handles TSS takes

sediment out for flows up to about a one inch runoff. There'll be a concrete headwall with a riprap apron at the pipe outlet and the scour protection is moved beyond the marina so it discharges to a location where there's a natural bank beyond the marina.

We're also proposing to reconstruct the roadside swale on the north side of Winterhaven Rd. – that's swale that's icing up. We're proposing to open that up as a riprap swale with an underdrain system that'll lower the water table, keep soil dry and allow that soil/swale to function. When that swale hits the bottom at Lloyd Rd., we've proposed a 36-inch flared inlet to pick up the flow; more robust – not as susceptible to clogging and able to pick up peak flow for the 10-year storm. Reconstruction of the driveway culverts along that swale to give those additional capacity – as you can see in one of the photos; if the culvert plugs the water just comes out into the road. We want to keep it in that swale for the entire length of the run to Lloyd. There'll be some back grading of the swale along Lloyd to capture as much of the flow along Lloyd as we can to direct it back to this system. Essentially to pick up the south side of Winterhaven Rd. there were three culvert crossings. We propose to extend an 18-inch pipe up from Lloyd about 300 feet to about Bernard Dr. they'll pick up the south side of the road separately which is about a third of the catchment area that drains to Lloyd. That work is beyond the scale of the original application submitted to DES. We believe that work is necessary to pick up the water and prevent it from surcharging and running down the hill.

One more issue to discuss – The project scale for Winterhaven Rd. Original budget was \$280,000 for construction. We've done an estimate with our 30% design. We think the value is almost in the range of almost \$1 million just for construction – everything you saw on that plan. When we spoke to Jim and Steve they asked us to come before you to have this update project discussion. We have reached out to NHDES to ask if there would be additional funding available if the budget could be increased for this project. They said it is; we said we need to speak to the board and get confirmation before we go any farther in terms of making a 30% submission or opening a conversation with DES. That's the Winterhaven Rd project.

About the adjacent property and beach erosion: we are addressing the drainage associated with Winterhaven Rd. We've looked beyond the boundaries of Winterhaven Rd. catchment area and it's unknown whether the Winterhaven project alone will take care of the associated problems with the beach erosion. We think it's unlikely. Because in the adjacent drainage basin, there's a cross-culvert on Lloyd Rd, maybe 350 feet to the north of Lloyd and Winterhaven intersection. That basin is about seven (7) acres that drains down to the beach area on the north side. It's unclear where that outlets. There's a house there; an inlet side you can see at Lloyd, but you can't see an outlet side.

We did this over the winter; there's still two feet of snow last time Jonathan went out.

Mr. Deshaies said they traced it all the way down into one little white pipe that lands on the beach and washes out one area. The rest of the erosion on the beach very clearly looks like it's just the water coming down Winterhaven, spilling across their front yard and Washington onto the beach.

Mr. Fortin: Yes. The percentage of how much would be handled is unclear. It's not going to take of 100% when we fix Winterhaven.

Mr. Deshaies said it would do a real good job and then it'll fall on the owners of Port Wedeln to maybe help take care of the rest with that one pipe that discharges right onto their beach.

Mr. Fortin: Yes. You have that pipe. What's unusual – this is a plan – you can see the catchment area, number one that's adjacent to ours -the lower-dotted red line when you come down Winterhaven. The

one above that, that's seven acres, the basin that goes to the cross culvert to Lloyd. The other thing that happens – there's a couple of acres west side of Lloyd that sheets directly down to the top of the retaining wall that's above the beach. At one point, if you look at the plan at the bottom, they installed an 18-inch pipe to an inlet that's above the retaining wall. That's not typical construction. You usually have an underdrain system like a six-inch pipe to relieve groundwater and hydrostatic pressure behind the wall. It's unusual to see an 18-inch pipe extended above a wall which kind of tells us there's a pre-existing condition with a lot of water getting in there.

Mr. Deshaies says looking at that wall today with Linda... you don't see any erosion; top of wall has sticks/acorns you would think would be washed off. In front of the wall, evidence of water running over the wall and washed-out areas.

Mr. Fortin: There may not be; but we don't know the condition of the pipe. The pipe could be separated; it's at a steep angle. Joints don't like to stay together on an angle. What we're saying is that if we do Winterhaven Rd., it might not take care of 100% of the problem.

Mrs. Murray says it won't do anything for 20-year or 50-year storm. You would have similar conditions you have now. It'd be interesting to see what percentage of 20-30-40-year storms we're having with climate change and how much we're really going to solve by spending \$1-million. That's far different than the warrant article that was going to do the whole thing for \$480,000.

Mr. Fortin: It's typical to design roadway drainage for 10 year storm. Had discussion about planning for updating subdivision regs. Some communities require detention and water quality, but they incorporate stormwater ponds. The way you can handle larger storm events is to incorporate those ponds; you need easements; you need to acquire land on the lots to build these ponds so you can throttle the flow before you let it go down the hill.

Mrs. Murray: My understanding is at the bottom of Winterhaven is where there's going to be this catch tank; or will it be at Lloyd.

Mr. Fortin: It will be up at Lloyd. It's not practical to put it at the bottom for maintenance.

Mrs. Murray: You'll still have the water coming down at a pretty fast clip.

Mr. Fortin: What we did with our design; Original concept had one pipe coming down the hill at 25% and then tank taking the energy out of it. We don't do things like that. This steps the water down the hill and we limit the velocity by limiting the pipe slope. This is like going down a set of stairs. Instead of one big structure at the bottom we have manholes stepping down the hill to control the flow as it goes down. Then it'll turn and go into the lake and the last bit of that system is at 1% grade to slow the water down even further before it's discharged onto the riprap.

Mr. Deshaies: If one inch of rain fell on that street, how much would be captured by the piping; how much would still run into the road and that area?

Mr. Fortin: The 10-year storm is about four inches of rain. It'll capture 100% of that four inches with this design. That's what DES requires; with the adjustments for climate change we're using the latest rainfall data that's required by DES.

Mrs. Murray: How much of the sediment drops in that tank and how much keeps going?

Mr. Fortin: That's calculated by DES methodology – called water quality flow. One-inch of runoff in the equation and the tank is designed to treat that runoff. You get better water quality by the frequent rainfall events. Frequent storms are usually one-inch or less. Over a year, you've taken the sediment out of each rainfall event. You're not trying to design for a 10-year storm event to control the sediment. It's not possible. You get four-inches of rain in 24 hours.

Mrs. Murray: thinking more like when the snow melts and then a rainstorm, it may not be four inches; you're getting the runoff. I'm on Wolfeboro Waters; we're doing a lot of testing in there. One of the places we're finding a lot of phosphorus is in the sediment. The more of these we have coming into the lake, the more phosphorus. The more sediment we could remove the better. A second tank? Would that pick up much more for the cost – or would not make sense?

Mr. Fortin: This is the typical DES design. You treat one-inch runoff. The second tank is not really going to gain you anything. The best approach to treat nitrogen and phosphorus is open ponds; stormwater quality pond where you can expose it to sunlight, store it; it requires a different approach. We could step back and take a different approach. We'd have to go into the neighborhood and acquire land; build a stormwater pond someplace before we let it into this piping system.

Mrs. Murray understands; not reasonable. Just looking at what we can do.

Mr. Fortin: It's the biggest bang for the buck, though.

Mrs. Murray: I'm looking at what we can do with what we have and get as much of sediment out. The pipes and water coming down Winterhaven now, it's in the open; can absorb into the land. When you do the pipes, are you going to put any holes so it also has the ability to flow and also be absorbed into the land?

Mr. Fortin: If you look at these grades at 12%; if you see that 25-30-28% grade at bottom of Winterhaven you don't get any infiltration on those kinds of slopes. Above Bernard, it all stays the same. It's all open swales and that will help delay it to the extent it does now.

Mrs. Murray: Once we start at Bernard, you start picking up...

Mr. Fortin: At Bernard we start to make improvements because we need the capacity at the bottom side of this watershed; we need the capacity to pick up as much water as possible.

Mr. Harriman: On the step design, it makes sense to keep the water speed under control. At catch basins, in the sketch, it looks like the outlet flow of the 36-inch pipe, is that the base of the catch basin – are there some going to be built into those or further filtration – sedimentation drop at each of the catch basins or just drop them?

Mr. Fortin: The manholes – we have the bottom – about a foot below the outlet of the pipe.

Mr. Harriman: OK

Mr. Fortin: We're 12-13-14 feet in the ground. The deeper we go through, we're trying to limit it. The drops are going to flush. Ideally with catch basins you want them off a trunk line because the trunk line flow just flushes them anyway. That's why we have the tank in Lloyd; the low flow bypasses through the tanks and into the 36-inch pipe. That will catch that frequent rain event and filter that out. This line will flush because it's on such a steep drop down the hill. There's not much you can do to keep it from flushing out if it gets into this.

Mr. Harriman: There wouldn't be that much maintenance on our end after the fact to clean those subs out?

Mr. Fortin: Yes – that will flush the tank at Lloyd; it's put up there so the highway department can get to it and clean it. Keeping it clean is a key thing with that tank.

Mrs. Murray: Any estimate how quickly that would fill and need to be cleaned out? Once a year, twice a year?

Mr. Fortin: It has to be monitored. We're picking up a pretty large area and we have one tank at that location. It depends on how much of the material gets hung up above the driveway culverts. We're doing the theoretical calculation, but it'll have to be monitored the first year and see.

Mrs. Murray: Asking because we usually come in once a year and pump out our things.

Mr. Fortin: That's typical for municipalities to clean once a year.

Mrs. Murray: But if it's not realistic and it's going to fill and we're not getting our bang for the buck...

Mr. Fortin: I suspect a lot of it will get trapped. We have open drainage in this situation. A lot of the sand comes from winter operations. There's sanding./salting of roads. And you get leaves/debris. If you had a totally curved and catch basins and more of an urban-type drainage system it would be getting in the basins. When you have roadside swales, you get some of that; but you get more dispersed runoff of that. The data shows roadside swales and open drainage are much better than closed drainage with catch basins.

Mr. Pineo: The big takeaway here is the warrant article proposed we were going to solve the beach erosion problem. We're not positive that is going to happen with this project. And we're significantly short on funds. Stantec needs some direction from the board of selectmen. What would you like us to continue doing – if anything?

Mr. Harriman: I think we should move along with this design; It seems a lot of good thought has gone into it. I understand it's a price tag. I'd rather spend more money and have it done right than throw \$300,000 into a design and installation of something that's probably not going to work for us.

Mrs. Murray: For \$1-million; we're going to have to have a warrant article; we're going to have to go back to the voters. There's no way we're going to pull this off without that and applying to DES. Looking to a 2024 warrant article.

Mr. Harriman asks if there's anyone from the Port Wedeln area with questions.

Mr. Fortin: We would open conversation with DES if we can increase grant funding for the estimate we have.

Mr. Bork: (off mike) says it's possible.

Mrs. Murray: Voters have to allow us to reappropriate it and they say it's OK to spend it. So if we can get it from DES – without the voters' approval.

Mr. Bork (off mike): also worried about the Port Wedeln \$100,000. We weren't going to guarantee that we were going to fix 75% of their issues, would they pull their donation.

Mrs. Murray: Do we have anything in writing from them?

Mr. Pineo: No. Don't believe there was any document in place. Recalls that was a topic of conversation; the board wanted to make sure there was an agreement in place before we put a shovel in the ground. I'll doublecheck; does not recall documentation with them Perhaps need to have a forum with that group to go over this; let them know that while this is what was proposed, the reality is we're not going to know if it's going to solve the problem until the project's done.

Mr. Fortin: To read the correspondence, it sounds like it's 100%. We can't guarantee that; maybe it takes care of 75% of that. You took a look. There are extenuating issues that Winterhaven does not address.

Mr. Deshaies: The initial assumption was that Winterhaven was causing the washout on the beach area. That changes when you see a pipe in the middle of the beach with water coming out of it.

Mrs. Murray:
There was a section that you could see that it was coming from Winterhaven.

Mr. Deshaies: Yes.

Mrs. Murray: You had the pipe- then another two washouts.

Mr. Deshaies: I would say 75% is a conservative figure. It could fix more than that.

Mr. Fortin: No one can put a percentage on it at this point; there are multiple issues at the beach. It's not just Winterhaven Road.

Mrs. Murray: Walk there now with snow gone as we did today; you'll know where it's coming from. I think we move forward; do what we can and find out from DES and try to look at a 2024 warrant article; meet with them [Port Wedeln] – unless we call a special meeting.

Mr. Pineo: Already have a list of items for the 2024 warrant already started.

Mr. Harriman: Jerry [Fortin] You're at \$1-million on construction; what would you anticipate on the engineering and oversight?

Mr. Fortin: The project isn't much different; the value has changed; we don't see it being much different from what it originally was. We're at 30% design; we're on target. We have a different design; construction costs more.

Mr. Pineo: For clarity, if we authorize you to move forward in hopes of going forward in 2024 with a bond, will you be able to produce a fairly firm number for the December timeframe so we can put it in the bond.

Mr. Fortin: Yes. We're not ready to release it but we've got a pretty detailed estimate. We do a lot of work for DOT as everyone knows; we do a lot of estimating. I feel our numbers are pretty good. We work with DOT all the time; always doing drainage pipe and bidding and construction. We use the latest DOT prices in this and always put some contingency at 30%.

Mr. Deshaies: The next time you walk the project, can you contact Jim and have him contact the board; I would love to walk it with you.

Mr. Fortin. (Yes) We wanted to inform you now, not after we build it.

Mrs. Murray: Good for the board to look at it; very interesting place with all the slopes and water coming down at different spots and under people's property.

Mr. Fortin: It's a challenging project.

Mrs. Murray to Mr. Pineo: It would be a good idea to have a good estimate for the CIP.

Mr. Pineo: Our CIP process usually closes up in August. I know you say you've got a pretty good estimate now. I'll work with you guys; if we can get that estimate and a breakdown refined by August.

Mr. Fortin: For sure. We're hoping we can proceed and we can work this out with DES, our next step is to file for our wetlands permit. That takes about 90 days. Schedule- how we envision this working; if we had permits in hand, contract documents on the shelf for bidding by the fall – by December; then it's being held for the warrant article. If it's a go, the project's ready to bid and construction can start in summer 2024.

Mr. Ineo: I'll work with Stantec to get a meeting scheduled with the association to deliver what we talked about tonight and get input.

Mr. Harriman asks if there should be a motion or is there consensus.

Mr. Pineo: I'm good.

Mr. Fortin/Bork – Thank you.

F. Approval: Capital Reserve Fund expenditure for pickup truck \$60,000

Mr. Pineo: the warrant article process capital reserve funding made way for two purchases this year. First is the foreman's pickup truck. The current truck has been sent to solid waste. Steve [Randall] has a proposal in front of you. We did raise an appropriate \$300,000; there's a balance of \$34,150 plus the \$300,000 going in.

Steve Randall, Public Works: requesting funds be released for purchases. Has the paperwork and can answer questions.

Mr. Senecal asks the color.

Mr. Randall: says the truck is white.

Mr. Harriman: does the truck need to be built?

Mr. Randal: it's sitting on the lot in Concord and has been on hold about a month. It's nearly identical to the water department truck bought last year – except a single cab F350 toolbox body.

Mr. Harriman: Yes. Then the other truck's set to go up to solid waste.

Mr. Randall: Right. The existing HD12 will go to solid waste; be renumbered; new one will be HD12.

Mr. Harriman: The old one will go away?

Mr. Randall: They don't have one right now; it got traded in last fall. They have a Chevy pickup right now.

Mr. Harriman: OK.

Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to approve capital reserve funding of \$60,000 for the pickup – no more than \$60,000.

SECOND Mr. Senecal. Mr. Harriman says there's a motion to approve up to \$60,000 – Public Works expenditure for the new truck. ALL APPROVE – 5-0.

G. Approval: Capital Reserve Fund expenditure for loader \$150,865

Mr. Pineo says the same thing with the second one. It's a Volvo loader. The spreadsheet shows you some of the expenses. It's the same motor delivered in the PowerPoint presentation. It falls in the bid requirements – NH state bid pricing. Steve can answer questions.

Mr. Deshaies: No Caterpillar?

Mr. Randall: Costs too much money.

Mr. Deshaies: You like Volvos?

Mr. Randall: I do. We already have three Volvo pieces now. The loaders and excavator.

Mr. Harriman says – and the grader.

Mr. Randall: Yes, the grader, too.

Mr. Senecal MOTION to spend no more than (Mr. Pineo says a round number is requested) \$160,000 for a Volvo loader from the capital reserve fund.

SECOND Mr. Freudenberg. Mr. Harriman says MOTION and second to spend up to \$160,000 for the purchase of a new Volvo loader for the highway department. ALL APPROVE 5-0.

Mr. Harriman asks Mr. Randall if the loader is all ready to go at the dealer.

Mr. Randall: That dropped yesterday. They're wiring it up for the broom; it wasn't there as of this morning. It should be there soon.

Mr. Harriman says just the attachments and it'll be ready to go.

Mr. Randall: Yes -ready to go. The plow's still a couple of months out; Hopefully we won't need it. [laughs] I am working on some attachments which we can talk about at a later date. They're not finalized yet.

Mr. Deshaies asks how's the mini excavator is coming.

Mr. Randall: They're putting the rotator on that now. Waiting for a couple more buckets. Hopefully, we'll have that within a couple weeks.

Mr. Deshaies: what brand is that one?

Mr. Randall: A Kubota.

Mrs. Murray quips you should name it "Brian." [laughs]

Mr. Randall says you can name them all "Brian." MB was really good; they gave us a loaner yesterday to use for the water leak we had downtown because they didn't have one ready to go.

Mr. Deshaies: Is it similar to the one you're getting?

Mr. Randall: Yes. It was a zero turn versus a regular like we're buying. It's essentially the same machine and it worked great. Pretty much the same one we've rented quite often over the last few years as I was told.

Mr. Harriman thanks Mr. Randall.

H. Discussion: Warrant Article 36- Cate Park

Mr. Pineo: the petition warrant article creates an ADA compliant standard ramp in Cate Park We do have a bid out. The concern is we don't know what we're going to receive for bids. The BoS does have the ability to waive that bid process through the procurement policy. This is a petition warrant article so it's really advisory; we need the BoS authorization to approve a project and get it moving forward. I

believe the petitioner is here this evening to speak on behalf of the project. This was approved by the voters 912-551. I can try to answer questions; the petitioner can answer more as well.

John Thurston, petitioner: I gave some things to Amy about the slope requirements for the ADA ramp. The specifics are under ADA requirements; build a ramp that's 30-feet no higher than 30-inches. That equals a one-inch rise every 12-inches. We had a rise of 42-inches. That required us to break our ramp down into two sloping sections with a required five-foot platform in the middle – it's on the chart.

[gives copy to BoS]

The initial requirement for a 30-inch rise and 30 feet wasn't going to be met. We had to look at the ADA special exception on ADA ramps on 405 exception: "in existing sites, buildings and facilities ramps shall be permitted to have a running slope steeper than 1-12, complying with 405.2 where such slopes are necessary due to space limitations." A slope steeper than 1-8 is prohibited. If we did a little math, we know that 1-12 is a rise of one inch in 12 inches of run. A 1-8 is a one inch rise in eight inches of run. A total of a ramp is 15 feet, converted into inches 180 inches; divided by eight – gives you a rise of 22.5 which says we would be less steep than the limitations. So we fall under the special exception for our Cate Park ramp requirement. So it is ADA compliant. I also gave a few other pictures here. [gives to BoS] The first photo is a brick patio; the same brick 4"x 8;" creates that perfect herringbone; allows water to get trapped and pulled down into the subsurface. Also, what's special about those bricks is the truncated dome requirement for the visually impaired goes at the beginning and end of each ramp. That brickmaker makes those truncated domes in their brick so they would go together and have the same thickness. When you're laying them out it works a lot better in that fashion. The second photo is the downtown post office. The steps are granite which is 12 inches wide; the plan would be to have granite on both sides and across the middle [of the ramp] [gives copy to BoS] – 12 inch granite on the sides; the top and back of each transition area; brick in between and granite on the sides allows you to anchor in the railing posts which are also ADA compliant.

Mr. Harriman: For the public to hear, too. We all went down there [Cate Park] about a week ago and met on site. There's a potential project going on in the same area with an underground electric being proposed out there. We talked about the location and how it would fit in with John Thurston's proposal for the ramp. It looks as though we can make it fit in. You know the area we have to work with; everybody was able to get on the same page so there were no surprises for any of the parties there on their separate projects within the footprint of what we need there. Good to do that.

Mr. Harriman says the RFP is out there, Jim. We don't know what will come in. Would you want to have this set up for the authorization to waive the procurement policy in the event we don't get competitive bids?

Mr. Pineo: don't know what Mr. Thurston's schedule is for the project. Think he wants to get moving sooner rather than later. It's two-fold – if we receive no bids to be able to waive the process; and evaluate the bids; if we're not satisfied with the bids to waive the process. The second part would be to authorize the project to move forward. You guys have the authority of these funds where it was a petition warrant article – which is advisory; you need to give that authorization.

Mr. Harriman: OK

Mr. Deshaies: How often will the bricks have to be reset? If they're not smooth wheelchairs would have an issue going up if bricks are not even.

Mr. Thurston: Bricks should never have to be reset. You bring the crushed stone all the way to the top; bricks are sitting on the stone surface. There's no stone dust underneath that's going to sag and get spongy. That's the purpose of the stone base so it never will settle out.

Mr. Deshaies: While this is being done, should we put conduits while everything's dug up for future electrical wires should they come along somewhere down the road?

Mr. Pineo: That's a conversation I can have with Mr. Thurston and Barry Muccio to figure the best avenue to deal with that.

Mr. Thurston: The total area from the existing granite stairs over to the WinniPaw building is 10 feet. My area that would take up the walkway area would be six feet. That leaves you four feet which allows you to do whatever you want to do. The electrical service nearby makes it pretty easy.

Mrs. Murray: when is the closing date on the RFP?

Mr. Pineo; can't remember; can dig it out.

Mr. Thurston says – next week on Wednesday (April 12). Opening bid is 2-2:30 p.m.

Mr. Deshaies: is there any maintenance need on the adjacent walkway and stairs or are they in good shape right now.

Mr. Thurston: Those stairs, like all the rest of those stairs have under pieces. Over the years, soil that froze and expanded and pushed some of those out. We've been going around the park and we've fixed a lot of the steps. They're not bad; missing a piece here or there. The rest of the steps around the park – they'll need to be addressed – cemented with a grout bag so everything is held together like the rest of the park.

Mrs. Murray: If we put out an RFP, we should wait; do the vote based on that coming in. If there was no RFP, I'd have no problem voting it ahead. If there are people out there wanting to put in bids; I don't know why we put it out in the first place.

Mr. Pineo: If there are other questions – after that bid opening takes place, we can come back at the 19th meeting to move forward with the project.

Mrs. Murray: We could do a quick meeting on that Wednesday. Open up the bids and make a decision; I don't know where the rest of the board is. Probably be a five minute meeting and get it done.

Mr. Pineo: OK

Mr. Thurston: I'm ready to go. It's time sensitive; seven-eight weeks brings you to June 9th. The good part is half is heavy machinery, once you get the walkway, you've got three weeks of putting in railings and machinery is out of there. At that point, they can use the existing granite stairs there now; I can rope off the area I'm working on and it doesn't affect anybody else.

Mr. Harriman: If we schedule a meeting at the time of the bid opening; we're all there for the noticed

meeting. Make a decision right then.

Mr. Pineo: I will notice a meeting. We traditionally allow bidders one hour to look at the bids. Will schedule a meeting one hour after the opening. The 12th, John?

Mr. Thurston: Yes, Wednesday, the 12th; 2-2:30 p.m.

Mr. Harriman: 3 p.m. then?

Mr. Pineo: OK. Any further questions for John? (none)

Mr. Thurston: thanks.

I. Approval: Request to sell raffle tickets in Town Hall Lobby

Mr. Pineo: request by individual to sell raffle tickets in lobby of town hall. We received a legal opinion that it's not a good idea to move forward with such. The board should make a decision and put this one behind us.

Mr. Senecal MOTION to deny the request of Josephine Amatucci to sell raffle tickets in the Town Hall based on recommendation by the Town Attorney; and the Board previously voted not to participate in a raffle.

Mr. Deshaies SECOND. Mr. Harriman- any other discussion? All APPROVE 5-0.

J. Discussion: Right to Know request follow regarding election

Mr. Harriman: Pat Waterman received a Right to Know request and she has provided some information to claims made. The Right to Know request was completed within the requirements.

We received her memo; I'll read it into the minutes/record.

"During the discussion of article 12, the Libby Museum renovation/expansion project at your March 15, 2023 meeting, Ms. Boudman made a statement a I quote, that she knows "quite a few people did not get their absentee ballots; There are a lot of people who feel very disenfranchised by this vote."

I would like to let our residents know that every effort is made to assure everyone has a right to vote and no one has ever been "disenfranchised" during any election held in Wolfeboro."

Mrs. Murray: I have more statistics that she sent out.

5424 on the checklist at the election.

1518 voted

She sent 240 absentee ballots

198 were returned; only 12 were returned after the election

The ones she [Mrs. Waterman] sent out and the one people who came into town hall and filled out their absentee ballot – we had 346 absentee ballots in this last...

Mr. Senecal: They all had a good chance at them.

Mrs. Murray: yes. A lot of them did.

Mr. Harriman: Thank you.

K. Discussion: Resident question with regards to Special Town Meeting

Mr. Pineo quickly summarizes legal opinion on this. RSA 31.5 does allow for special town meetings to appropriate funds under two circumstances.

1. At least 50% of voters in town attend to cast a ballot at that election.
2. We petition Superior Court for a special town meeting in the event of an emergency.

The first process requires 50% of the registered voters to turn out; can be initiated with a petition of 50 voters; but need 50% of registered voters to turn out and cast a ballot for it to be valid is my understanding.

Linda said we have in excess of 5400 registered voters. That's a huge turnout. That would be problematic for a special election.

Moving forward; what constitutes an emergency under Superior Court:

Severity of harm to be avoided; the urgency from the petitioners' need; whether or not the claimed emergency was foreseeable or avoidable. Whether the appropriation could have been made at the annual meeting; whether there is an alternative remedy requiring an appropriation.

That summarizes the legal opinion. It's a fairly high bar to go forward with a special town meeting. It's my understanding we received some correspondence back from the Friends of the Libby Museum which may put that topic behind us.

Mr. Harriman: does that answer your question Suzanne? Come up?

Suzanne Ryan: That was sort of a 'hail Mary' pass to see if we could hold a special town meeting. I take exception with the first part you read that 50% - I think the statute says OR 50 voters. It's irrelevant because - I attended - along with Brad - the Friends of the Libby; I think they took a vote; They're going to return the funds to the donors. Some have had money pledged for up to five years. So the town didn't raise their portion - correct me if I'm wrong - they felt they just had to return those funds; they could not hold them any longer. The issue is moot. There's no sense in trying to hold the public hearing or get 50 voters because there is no match; the \$2.2 (million) is gone - officially gone. Thank you for trying.

Mr. Harriman: yes. Thank you.

6. Other Business

Mrs. Murray: I was away. I had the packet scanned to me. I looked at it on my iPad. Word documents are fine. But if there are any plans - anything like that - we really need the hard copy. You can't magnify it and get to see the whole document.

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Senecal: none

Mr. Harriman: planning board meeting last night; Friends of Libby Museum meeting that Suzanne mentioned. They did formally send a letter to us saying they are withdrawing the \$2.2 million; they are returning the funds and pledges back to the donors.

Mrs. Murray: CIP meeting reviewed the process for the 2023 CIP looking at making changes for 2024. Went to library interviews for new director. Wolfboro Waters met: reviewed stormwater regulations;

testing for summer 2023; assessment subcommittee of Wolfeboro Waters met with the lake associations. Brian can fill you in on EDC. Two Friends of Pop Whalen; went to Cate Park went to look at electric and the ramp.

Mr. Freudenberg: went to police commission meeting and zoning board meeting this past week.

Mr. Deshaies: cable franchise meeting that went well – plodding along; EDC meeting – happy with EDC direction; they have their bearings and good missions; meeting at Cate Park; energy committee meeting- interesting: approached by a middle school student who is part of a club – EnviroCon – focus on environmental issues. Every year have special focus – this year on climate change. They have questions – how is Wolfeboro addressing climate change; where are you getting funding to help address climate change. They came to me because they went to Ossipee and asked; the answer from Ossipee was at a local level you can't do anything for climate change. They came to our meeting; they were shocked and said how eye-opening, different progressive Wolfeboro is. I invited them. The student and her teacher came. It was fascinating. She was a wonderful girl and wants to come to meetings on a regular basis.

8. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Pineo: couple of meetings with fire and police agencies regarding the project. The architects will most likely have plans done in the May time frame. Then the construction manager can get the bids out and we can get the guaranteed maximum price contract. The groundbreaking will probably take place in the August timeframe. As we move forward – and item I have to work through and reach out to Joyce tomorrow – see if the library will work with us to allow the contractors to be able to use a portion of the back parking lot during mobilization for that project. It's a tight space. There's not a lot of places for them to stage equipment, materials, etc. I'm working with Banwell and CCI on what that model will look like.

We also had a cable franchise committee meeting – as Brian said; there's a follow-up meeting next week. After that one, not sure if we'll come forward and ask for public hearing for the community and BoS to consider signing a contract or not. We'll have a better handle after that meeting.

Have a meeting tomorrow with Horizons regarding the low pressure sewer lines. I'll have a better handle from that meeting. We'll have to discuss connection fees as I get a better handle on that project tomorrow where they are with the design plans.

Busy – back from vacation getting caught up and getting some of these projects moving. And some old projects – amazingly – we're already talking about 2024 warrant articles.

Mr. Harriman: You're back in your office, too.

Mr. Pineo: Flood repairs are complete. The doorway that was sheet rocked over – we had the door downstairs in the basement for that to be installed; it was painted. That saved us money there. Great security measure going forward. My office door will remain open. But the 10-11 people working in that corner; if there's an aggressive person, they have the ability to egress the building without going into the public area.

There's a huge safe in the town manager's office; a locksmith came in; we've got that safe working. There will be a place to secure documents and be able to keep my office open. If I'm

not there, staff can egress if need be.

In the ceiling where the freeze occurred, they put a louvered vent in the suspended ceiling to escape and hopefully prevent a freeze-up in the future and spray foam insulation. God to slowly get moved back.

Mr. Harriman. Nice. Questions from the press?

9. Questions from the Press - NONE

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

Roni Harding, Wolfeboro resident: (reading statement) – giving to BoS plus sample pages of books that many parents, grandparents and fellow citizens do not believe are appropriate for minors because of their sexually explicit, graphic illustrations, profanity, vulgar topics and overall obscenities. They are not desirable inclusions in the taxpayer funded public library. Contrary to what Mr. Deshaies has stated, these are not the books that have been around for years and years without issue. These are very recent publications with copyright dates from 2020-2023.

It's likely that none of you have seen or read these types of books. I hadn't either. Our families are also misinformed and unaware when they voted in March. However, Bobbi Boudman and a certain few residents are very aware of these materials and they knew if families were fully informed and knew about the nature of these books, the vast majority would deem them inappropriate and want them removed – or at a minimum monitored and restricted to adults only. That was a rather misleading and deceptive warrant article 39. It's disappointing to me – a former educator to think that he was aboard, voted to recommend a warrant without seeing all these questionable books and examining them first. I remind you that according to federal law, obscene materials are not a protected First Amendment right and federal law strictly prohibits the distribution of obscene matter to minors. At this point an advisory to anyone who's watching this – my husband didn't want me to tell you this because I never use this language which is why I'm so appalled that this material is a newly popular genre for teen readers, apparently. This first one you'll get a copy of, I believe nationwide the most requested book to be removed from public libraries. [Reads from book] The author says - "I got a new ***harness today. I can't wait to put it on you. It will fit my ****perfectly. You're going to look so hot. I can't wait to have ***in my mouth. I'm going to give you the ** of your life. Then I want you inside me."

That's what I'm talking about; and there's examples of pages; I don't want to say the words because they're like F words and terrible things. These are the kind of books that are out there now. These are the kind of books – these last two are already in GWRSD. It's been confirmed by 91A Right-to-Know request.

I think the issue is people not being aware and not informed. I didn't know until I started reading some articles that came out on some of my educational online newsletters that these even existed. I want to emphasize that it's truly disappointing that those warrant articles, I believe, were deceptively announced to voters. And voters are totally unaware that these kinds of books exist. I bet you've never seen them; never read them; I hadn't either. They're horrendous -totally obscene; totally not necessary for any reason. I don't know what the solution is except to educate people, especially parents and grandparents. I have shown

them to people. I ordered a couple of the books. My husband said he would get charged with possessing child pornography. He was worried about ordering these materials. They're really inappropriate. I can't emphasize that enough. It's not true that they are books that have been around for a long time. Nobody has a problem with those. I love all the books that have been around for a long time. This is a brand new, current genre. They're called graphic novels. I'll give you these copies. They're extremely graphic; they're just examples. There are much worse in the books. I don't know what the solution is; I don't know whether someone needs to propose another town warrant. My suggestion is, since it passed and people didn't have any idea about what they were voting for – everyone I talked to said they did not want their kids to read that, didn't want that in the library; didn't want that distributed by the school district – but they didn't know. There are reasons to possibly remove inappropriate books from public and school libraries. People just didn't know. Thank you.

Mr. Harriman: Other public input?

11. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A

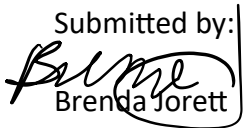
Mr. Freudenberg makes MOTION to go into NON-PUBLIC SESSION.

Mrs. Murray SECOND. All APPROVE – 5-0.

8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting dates: April 19, 2023, Regular Meeting

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Submitted by:

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