

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
January 3, 2019  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** John MacDonald, Chairman, Paul O'Brien, Selectmen's Representative, Brian Black, Robert Moholland, John Burt, Steve Johnson, Robert Loughman, Bob O'Brien, Members.

**Members Absent:** Bob Tougher, Vice-Chairman, Tom Bell, Member.

**Staff Present:** Jim Pineo, Interim Town Manager, Deb Zabkar, Finance Director, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

*Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the Great Hall.*

*Chairman MacDonald introduced the members of the Board and Staff.*

*The Committee participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Chairman MacDonald opened the public hearing.*

**OPERATING BUDGET**

John MacDonald reviewed the 2019 Operating Budget. Following review of the Planning Board budget, he stated the Committee received a funding request in the amount of \$500 from the Wolfeboro Heritage Commission. He stated the request is to support education and training expenses for members and alternate members of the Commission. He noted \$200 is requested for 8 copies of Preserving Community Character and 6 registrations for members to attend the Statewide Preservation Conference. He stated the BOS approved the request on 1/2/19.

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Brian Black to increase the Planning Board budget by \$500. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Suzanne Ryan requested that the Operating Budget presentation (in the future) include an additional column that shows the proposed budget by the Budget Committee for each department.

John MacDonald requested confirmation that with the increase of \$500 the operating budget is \$27,893,891.

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Warrant Article #11**

**Electrical Distribution Conversion Phase #5 New 12.47 KV Substation and Distribution Conversion From 4KV to 12.47 KV (Forest Road and North Main Street); \$3,675,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #11.

Brian Black stated he understands this is an ongoing project to upgrade the system however, requested Barry Muccio, Director, Municipal Electric Department, to speak to how the Town benefits from the project.

Barry Muccio stated the project is based on a systems study in 2003; noting the existing voltage has been around since the 1960's. He noted the project includes the replacement of the substation since it is at the end of its useful life. He noted the results will decrease amperage by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Warrant Article #12                      Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Construction; \$1,240,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #12.

**Warrant Article #13                      Town Road Upgrades; \$800,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #13. He asked if the construction of drainage systems are associated with the warrant article.

Dave Ford replied no, all systems tied to roads are not connected to water or sewer.

John Burt asked Mr. Ford if he has a list of roads to be upgraded.

Dave Ford replied yes.

John Burt stated the Committee hasn't been informed of which roads are included in the project.

Robert Loughman stated the list of roads were included in the CIP documents provided to the Committee.

Referencing the 2019-2028 CIP, John MacDonald stated the roads to be upgraded in 2019 are as follows; rebuild Allen Road and focus on overlays for roads that were re-built in 2018 including: College Road, Trotting Track Road, Keewaydin Road, and North Wolfeboro Road. Additional roadwork will be completed on Pine Street and Lehner Street, including some additional drainage and sidewalk on Pine Street and Partridge Drive. Survey, engineering and permitting work will be completed for Bryant Road, High Street and Park Avenue, with the intent of construction occurring in 2020.

**Warrant Article #14                      Operating Budget; \$27,893,891**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #14.

**Warrant Article #15                      Dockside Public Restroom Improvements; \$150,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #15.

**Warrant Article #16                      Effluent Disposal Pilot Study; \$500,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #16.

**Warrant Article #17                      Libby Museum Feasibility Study & Final Design; \$40,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #17.

**Warrant Article #18                      Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; \$186,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #18. He questioned the status of the Capital Reserve Fund.

Jim Pineo stated there will be a balance of approximately \$80,000 after the purchase of the aerial truck for \$975,000.

**Warrant Article #19                      Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$170,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #19. He questioned the balance of the Capital Reserve Fund.

Dave Ford stated the request for 2019 includes the purchase of a pickup truck and loader; noting a balance of \$97,000 following those purchases. He stated there was an emergency purchase for the replacement of the grader in 2018.

John MacDonald stated that some members of the public have asked him why there is an increase in the number of larger trucks being purchased.

Dave Ford stated the Department has two 10-wheelers; noting such carries more sand, has more power and does some of the work that the grader does. He stated the Department previously used 1-tons with wings for plowing however, the weight of the wings were too heavy for the trucks therefore, the Department began purchasing 1.5-

ton trucks. He noted a cost savings from the purchases of such. He stated he will be increasing the amount by \$5,000 in 2020.

**Warrant Article #20                      Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund; \$125,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #20.

**Warrant Article #21                      Establish Dispatch Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$102,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #21. He verified the Capital Reserve Fund is temporary and that it won't exist once the dispatch console is purchased in 2022.

Dean Rondeau stated the intent is to purchase the console and then decrease the amount of the annual appropriation.

John MacDonald asked how long the Fund would remain in effect.

Dean Rondeau replied 10 years maybe longer; noting the replacement cost of the console is \$350,000.

Paul O'Brien stated the Capital Reserve Fund goes away in 2022.

John MacDonald stated other warrant articles include a time limit and asked why this article does not.

Dean Rondeau stated he would recommend the article end in 4 years and then discuss the matter at that time; noting his recommendation in four years would be to establish a Capital Reserve Fund at a much lower amount in order to plan for the future.

Deb Zabkar stated that in order to close the Fund a vote will be required to do such at that time.

John MacDonald asked if language could be added that states the appropriation will expire in 2022.

Linda Murray replied no.

Jim Pineo stated such could be tied into the replacement of the Public Safety Building.

Dean Rondeau stated he doesn't know if the Public Safety Building will pass in 4 years and expressed concern if the console is tied to the Public Safety Building.

John Burt confirmed the console could be moved if needed. He stated there should be a time limit on the warrant article.

John MacDonald asked when the console needs to be purchased.

Dean Rondeau replied 2022 unless there is a catastrophic failure before then.

John Burt asked when the console was last updated.

Dean Rondeau replied 2003/2004.

Steve Johnson questioned the cost of the equipment.

Dean Rondeau stated he previously provided that information to the Committee.

**Warrant Article #22                      Carry Beach Water Quality Study; \$50,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #22.

**Warrant Article #23                      Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund; \$50,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #23.

John Burt questioned the target amount for such and current balance.

Dave Ford stated the Fund was established in 2016 with an appropriation of \$30,000. He stated funding requests were asked in 2017 for \$50,000 and 2018 for \$75,000.

John Burt stated he would not vote for such because there is no target for appropriations of the Fund.

**Warrant Article #24                      Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund; \$16,750**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #24. He questioned the balance of the Fund.

Christine Collins stated the next expense will be the purchase of the groomer.

Deb Zabkar noted the balance of the Fund is \$73,248 prior to the cost of a recent repair to the groomer.

John Burt questioned the cost of the repair.

Christine Collins replied \$11,552.

John MacDonald asked how long the repair would extend the life of the groomer.

Christine Collins replied 3-5 years.

**Warrant Article #25                      Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund; \$20,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #25 and questioned the balance of the Fund.

Deb Zabkar replied \$43,048.

John MacDonald questioned the recent expenditures of the Fund.

Jim Pineo replied a consultant for the space needs assessment for the existing site for approximately \$60,000. He stated the BOS approved such under the direction of the former Town Manager Dave Owen. He stated the Town received an estimate from the same engineer of the space needs assessment of \$40,000 to review other sites.

Robert Loughman stated the Fund was established in 2001 and asked if the same level of funding has been appropriated since 2001.

Jim Pineo stated he does not know the last time funds were put into the account however, he could research it.

**Warrant Article #26                      Water Quality Improvements; \$50,000**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #26 and asked if Warrant Article #22 and Warrant Article #26 could be combined since both address water quality.

Dave Ford stated originally one project was proposed however, the project was then split into three projects. He stated the BOS formed a committee to review water quality issues; noting the scope of Warrant Article #26 is more general and includes an educational component.

John MacDonald asked if there is a chance the Town could receive a grant from the State for the project proposed at Carry Beach.

Dave Ford stated the Town will qualify for grants following the completion of the study.

**Warrant Article #27                      AFSCME Contract Agreement; \$50,711**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #27 and questioned the number of employees affected by this article.

Deb Zabkar replied 30-40.

**Warrant Article #28                      Police Union Contract Agreement; \$55,860**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #28. He questioned the difference between the AFSCME and Police Union contracts; noting the Police Union includes less number of employees but, is \$4,000 more.

Deb Zabkar stated the NH retirement percentage for the two unions are quite different.

John MacDonald confirmed health benefits are not included in it.

Deb Zabkar stated benefits included in the articles are retirement, taxes and workers compensation insurance.

John MacDonald confirmed there will only be an increase of \$48,649 in 2020 for the Police Union contract.

Deb Zabkar replied in the wages for the Union employees.

Jim Pineo stated there may be a change if the NH Retirement system changes their rates during their biannual review.

John MacDonald asked if it is included in the contract.

Deb Zabkar replied yes, in the benefits and noted when the NH retirement rates increases the Town is mandated to increase the employee's benefits.

**Warrant Article #29                      Special Detail Fund; \$52,721**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #29 and requested the balance of the Fund.

Deb Zabkar replied approximately \$60,000.

John MacDonald questioned the status of the Fund once the cruiser is purchased.

Deb Zabkar stated the Fund will always have ins and outs from funds received from details.

Bob O'Brien asked what happens with the money received from the trade-in of a vehicle.

Dean Rondeau stated if the Town receives any money he stated he would ask to reduce the cost of the cruiser.

John Burt asked if the cruiser purchase is to replace an existing operating cruiser.

Dean Rondeau replied no, it will replace two inoperable cruisers.

**Warrant Article #30                      Library To Expend Gift Proceeds; \$118,463.01**

John MacDonald read Warrant Article #30.

John Burt asked if the proceeds would go toward the expansion of the Library.

Cindy Scott stated the receipt of the funds were unexpected and received after the warrant article passed. She stated the proceeds will be used to furnish the children's room and purchase other furniture.

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob O'Brien to close the public hearing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Chairman MacDonald requested the presentations, warrant articles and budget book be made available at the Town Offices for the public.

## **WARRANT ARTICLE VOTES**

**Warrant Article #11**                      **Electrical Distribution Conversion Phase #5 New 12.47 KV Substation and Distribution Conversion From 4KV to 12.47 KV (Forest Road and North Main Street); \$3,675,000**

*It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by John Burt to recommend Warrant Article #11. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).*

**Warrant Article #12**                      **Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Construction; \$1,240,000**

*It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Robert Loughman to recommend Warrant Article #12. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).*

**Warrant Article #13**                      **Town Road Upgrades; \$800,000**

*It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Brian Black to recommend Warrant Article #13. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).*

**Warrant Article #14**                      **2019 Operating Budget; \$27,893,891**

*It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #14. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).*

**Warrant Article #15**                      **Dockside Public Restroom Improvements; \$150,000**

*It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Steve Johnson to recommend Warrant Article #15. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – no, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - no, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (5-2).*

**Warrant Article #16**                      **Effluent Disposal Pilot Study; \$500,000**

*It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Robert Loughman to recommend Warrant Article #16. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).*

**Warrant Article #17**                      **Libby Museum Feasibility Study & Final Design; \$40,000**

*It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #17. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).*

**Warrant Article #18**                      **Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; \$186,000**

*It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #18. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).*

**Warrant Article #19**                      **Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$170,000**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Brian Black to recommend Warrant Article #19. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - no, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).**

**Warrant Article #20                      Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund; \$125,000**

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Robert Loughman to recommend Warrant Article #20. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).**

**Warrant Article #21                      Establish Dispatch Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$102,000**

John MacDonald asked if the language of the warrant article could be changed.

Jim Pineo replied no because the BOS have already voted on the existing language.

John MacDonald stated he feels there should be an expiration date included in the language of the article. He stated the equipment is needed however, does not want the warrant article to be extended beyond the purchase of the equipment.

Robert Loughman asked if the warrant article language could be reworded next year.

Linda Murray stated it would have to be amended.

Robert Loughman asked if it could be amended for next year's budget process.

Jim Pineo stated he would research such.

John Burt stated there is an opportunity to amend the article at the Deliberative Session.

Robert Loughman asked if a member of the Budget Committee could make the amendment to the warrant article.

Linda Murray replied yes.

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Brian Black to recommend Warrant Article #21. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Warrant Article #22                      Carry Beach Water Quality Study; \$50,000**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by John Burt to recommend Warrant Article #22. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - no, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).**

**Warrant Article #23                      Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund; \$50,000**

**It was moved by John Burt to not recommend Warrant Article #23. There being no second, the motion fails.**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #23. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).**

**Warrant Article #24                      Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund; \$16,750**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #24. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (6-1).**

**Warrant Article #25**

**Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund; \$20,000**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Steve Johnson to not recommend Warrant Article #25. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - no, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – no. The motion passed (5-2).**

**Warrant Article #26**

**Water Quality Improvements; \$50,000**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article #26. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Warrant Article #27**

**AFSCME Contract Agreement; \$50,711**

**It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob O'Brien to recommend Warrant Article #27.**

***Discussion of the motion:***

Steve Johnson stated this is the warrant article that the Budget Committee cannot express itself whatsoever and he doesn't agree that the Budget Committee has to vote yay or nay over it and the Committee has to give its stamp of approval.

John MacDonald asked Mr. Johnson why he feels the Committee has no control over it.

Steve Johnson stated the chair noted at the beginning of the meeting that discussion of salaries is beyond the Committee's control and have no say over the budget or input on the discussion of salary.

John MacDonald stated the only input the Committee has is to vote to recommend or vote against the article.

Steve Johnson stated he doesn't want to recommend anything that he hasn't had input or discussion on.

John Burt informed Mr. Johnson he could abstain.

**Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – abstain, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, Steve Johnson – no or abstain, whatever it needs to be.**

Staff requested clarification of Steve Johnson's vote; she asked whether Mr. Johnson would like to abstain or vote no.

John MacDonald asked Mr. Loughman and Mr. Johnson which vote they wanted; abstain or no.

Robert Loughman changed his vote to no.

Steve Johnson replied abstain.

Staff confirmed that Robert Loughman's vote is no and Steve Johnson's vote is abstain.

John MacDonald stated he doesn't know how the vote will reflect an abstention.

Staff explained the abstention would be reflected in the vote and requested confirmation of Steve Johnson's vote as an abstention.



Steve Johnson stated he would vote no.

**Roll call vote confirmed as follows: Robert Loughman – no, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, Steve Johnson – no, John MacDonald - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (5-2).**

**Warrant Article #28                      Police Union Contract Agreement; \$55,860**

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article #28.**

***Discussion of the motion:***

John MacDonald stated he personally doesn't like to have a commitment for four years because a lot can change with regard to economy and other things however, he would support the article.

**Roll call vote confirmed as follows: Robert Loughman – no, John Burt - no, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, Steve Johnson – no, John MacDonald - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (4-3).**

**Warrant Article #29                      Special Detail Fund; \$52,721**

**It was moved by Steve Johnson and seconded by John Burt to recommend Warrant Article #29. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Warrant Article #30                      Library To Expend Gift Proceeds; \$118,463.01**

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Steve Johnson to recommend Warrant Article #30. Roll call vote: Robert Loughman – yes, John Burt - yes, Bob O'Brien - yes, Bob Moholland - yes, John MacDonald - yes, Steve Johnson - yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).**

Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 5, 2019 at 7PM at the Great Hall.

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Robert Loughman to adjourn the January 3, 2019 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM  
8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wolfeboro in the [L.S.] County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Great Hall at the Town Hall in said Wolfeboro on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM** for the deliberative portion of the Annual Town Meeting to act upon the said Town Warrant. Voting for elected officials and final voting on the Town Warrant will take place by ballot on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 in the Great Hall at Town Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose:

one (1) Selectman for three years  
one (1) Treasurer for One (1) year  
one (1) Library Trustee for two (2) years  
one (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years  
one (1) Police Commissioner for three (3) years  
one (1) Budget Committee Member for two (2) years  
three (3) Budget Committee Members for three (3) years  
two (2) Planning Board Members for three (3) years  
one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years  
one (1) Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for three (3) years

**ARTICLES 2-8 RESERVED FOR PLANNING BOARD ZONING AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 9: PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: PINE HILL ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENT**

To see whether the Town will vote to:

Amend Section 175-2C. (12) entitled "Pine Hill Road Development District Pine Hill Road" of the Wolfeboro Planning and Zoning Ordinance by adding the following properties along Filter Bed Road (as extended), as it runs from Varney Road to Pine Hill Road also known as Route 109A, the Pine Hill Road Development District, and removing the same from the Rural Residential District?

Tax Map 175, Lot 12	Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank, Inc.
Tax Map 189 Lot 8	Town of Wolfeboro (only that land within 100' of Filter Bed Road)
Tax Map 189, Lot 9	Moniz
Tax Map 189, Lot 10	Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro and Bank, Inc.

Tax Map 203, Lot 8	Mansfield
Tax Map 203, Lot 9	Hart
Tax Map 203, Lot 10	Wagon Wheel Trust
Tax Map 203, Lot 11	Piper
Tax Map 203, Lot 13	Doucette
Tax Map 203, Lot 14	Fair Family Trust
Tax Map 203, Lot 15	Green Mountain Realty, LLC
Tax Map 203, Lot 17	Isabella Cove Holding Company, LLC
Tax Map 203, Lot 18	Morgan
Tax Map 203, Lot 19	Morgan

Inserted by Petition

## ARTICLE 10: PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE TO CHANGE BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGN CODE

To see if the town will vote for the following changes in the **Business Directional Sign** code section (175-44, E, 1+2). Words in ***bold italicized*** will be added, ~~struck~~ will be removed.

### E. Placement of Signs

(1) All signs, except for business directional signs, shall be prohibited within the public right-of-way. ***Business directional signs are allowed on private property. Business directional signs are allowed in the town right-of-way.*** Signs shall be permitted within the setback area provided its placement does not cause a safety hazard or impede the sight distance associated with the entrance exit to the site or to the travelling public.

(2) Business Directional Signs shall be limited to ***one pair (mounted back to back on single post)*** at each intersection where travelers must change direction from one public way to another to reach a particular business, to a maximum of two ***pair*** within the Town for the business. Such signs shall be uniform in size and shall conform to the following specifications:

Sign Element	Specification
Width	36 inches
Height	6 inches
Letter height	Maximum of 4 inches
Material	1/2 –inch to 3/4 –inch wood board or equivalent.

(a) Directional information, including one arrow figure only, shall be provided on each sign.

(b) The Town may remove a sign if it is not properly maintained or if business operations cease. The location of all new business directional sign posts shall be approved ***by the town Codes Enforcement Officer*** ~~Director of Public works~~ and the posts shall be pressure treated, four inches by four inches, post painted white or Public Works approved alternative.

Inserted by Petition

**ARTICLE 11: ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION CONVERSION PHASE #5  
NEW 12.47KV SUBSTATION AND DISTRIBUTION CONVERSION FROM 4KV TO 12.47  
KV (FOREST ROAD AND NORTH MAIN STREET)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Million Six Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,675,000)** from the Electric Enterprise Fund for the purpose constructing a **New 12.47kV Substation at the former Substation #1 site and converting the distribution system voltage from 4kV to 12.47 kV on Forest Road, North Main Street and surrounding areas.** Further, to authorize the issuance of \$3,675,000 in bonds or notes for this project in accordance with RSA 33, Municipal Finance Act, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate the rate of interest, maturity, and other terms for this purpose. This project shall be paid entirely by surplus funds of the Electrical Enterprise Fund and will not result in any increase in the tax rate or the electric rate. This appropriation, unless rescinded, shall not lapse until the fulfillment of the purpose or completion of the project being financed, pursuant to RSA 32:7 III.

**No tax impact.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

3/5 Vote Required

**ARTICLE 12: PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,240,000), of which **80% (\$992,000) will be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)** as a State Aid Bridge Project, for the purpose of engineering, permitting, and constructing the **Pleasant Valley Road Bridge replacement project over Heath Brook. The amount to be raised by general taxation requested herein is \$248,000.** The total project cost for this project is One Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,380,000). One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) has been expended from 2016 appropriations for preliminary design and engineering for the project. This appropriation shall not lapse until the fulfillment of the purpose or completion of the project or at the end of the 2022 fiscal year, whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.125 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 13: TOWN ROAD UPGRADES**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$800,000) for the purpose of upgrading Town roads and drainage systems.** It is intended as a two year appropriation which will lapse on December 31, 2020 or when the project is complete, whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.405 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 14: 2019 OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein **totaling \$ \$27,893,891**. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be **twenty-six million, eight-hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred seventy dollars (\$26,856,570)**, which is the same as last year's operating budget, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$5.88 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended/Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 15: DOCKSIDE PUBLIC RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to **reconstruct and expand the public restrooms at the Dockside restaurant facility** to provide year-round Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible public restrooms at the Dockside facility. This appropriation is in addition to the 2018 appropriation—Article 17-- for one hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000) which has been legally encumbered for this project. Total appropriations are \$300,000. This is a non-lapsing article which will last until the project is complete or until December 31, 2024, whichever occurs first.

Estimated tax rate impact: 2019-\$0.076 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 16: EFFLUENT DISPOSAL PILOT STUDY**

To vote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)** from the **lawsuit settlement funds** in the Sewer Enterprise Fund **for the purpose of completing NHDES Administrative Order requirements including the following activities: engineering, permitting, pilot testing and wetlands mitigation as required**. This is a multi-year appropriation and is intended as a two year appropriation which will lapse December 31, 2020 or when the project is complete, whichever occurs first.

#### **No tax impact.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 17: LIBBY MUSEUM FEASIBILITY STUDY & FINAL DESIGN**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** for the purpose of **continuing to conduct a feasibility study**

**on design options to best accommodate both the current Libby Museum collection and additions to it, by improving and/or expanding the existing historic museum building.** Continuing work toward final design and construction will include a survey, utility relocation, construction grade drawings, bid package and bidding assistance, engineering and permitting to prepare the project for construction. **Said funds will be withdrawn from the 2018 Libby Museum Trust Fund previously established from a gift to the Libby Museum from the Betty Jane Schroth Revocable Trust in the amount of \$118, 463.01.**

**No tax impact.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 18: FIRE TRUCKS AND APPARATUS REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.094 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 19: PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.086 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 20: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.063 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 21: ESTABLISH DISPATCH EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To vote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred two thousand dollars (\$102,000)** to establish a **Dispatch Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of replacement of the **dispatch console** or other related equipment, installation, and related expenses. Said fund shall be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. Furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.052 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

**(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of X to X)**

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 22: CARRY BEACH WATER QUALITY STUDY**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars **(\$50,000)** for the purpose of **studying, engineering, and permitting a solution to environmental concerns related to water quality at Carry Beach**. This shall be a non-lapsing warrant article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2024 whichever occurs first.

Estimated tax rate impact: 2019-\$0.025 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 23: BUILDING MAINTENANCE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be deposited in the existing **Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** previously established **for the purpose of making needed repairs and performing needed maintenance to the Town's building facilities**. Said fund is under the custody of the Trustee of Trust Funds. The Selectmen have been designated as agents to expend funds in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019-\$0.025 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 24: ABENAKI SKI AREA CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$16,750)** to be added to the **Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund** previously established **for the purpose of purchasing or repairing the snowmaking equipment, the groomer, light poles and mechanical, electrical and safety equipment related to the Abenaki Ski Area**. Said fund is under the custody of the

Trustee of Trust Funds. The Selectmen have been designated as agents to expend funds in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.008 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 25: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in the **Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund** previously established in 2001 for the purpose of acquisition of property, architectural/engineering fees, rehabilitation of property, construction or reconstruction of property related to the Public Safety Building.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.010 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)  
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 26: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for the purpose of providing matching funds for NH Department of Environmental Services Section 319 Watershed Assistance grants for Winter Harbor, a Section 319 grant for the Lake Wentworth watershed, for watershed education, and water quality testing.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.025 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 27: AFSCME CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

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

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Increase</u></b>	
2019	Wages	\$44,569
	Benefits	\$ 6,142
	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>\$50,711</b>

And further to raise and appropriate the **sum of Fifty thousand seven hundred eleven dollars (\$50,711)** for the upcoming fiscal year; such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.



Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.026 per thousand of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 28: POLICE UNION CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	
2019	Wages	\$45,681
	Benefits	\$10,179
	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>\$55,860</b>
2020	Wages	\$48,649
	Benefits	\$11,021
	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>\$59,670</b>
2021	Wages	\$49,654
	Benefits	\$15,333
	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>\$64,987</b>
2022	Wages	\$47,173
	Benefits	\$14,418
	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>\$61,590</b>

And further to raise and appropriate **the sum of Fifty-five thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$55,860)** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2019--\$0.028 per thousand of Assessed Valuation  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)  
**(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of X to X)**  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3)  
Majority Vote Required

#### **ARTICLE 29: SPECIAL DETAIL FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty two thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars (\$52,721)** which represents a portion of accumulated revenue in the **Special Detail Revolving Fund**, created by Article 23 in 2006, which has been allowed to accumulate from special details in prior years. Said appropriation will be

used to purchase a replacement cruiser and to allow the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing cruiser by sale or trade in, whichever is in the best interest of the Town.

**No tax impact.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of X-X)

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 30: LIBRARY TO EXPEND GIFT PROCEEDS**

To see if the Town will authorize the Wolfeboro Public Library Board of Trustees to expend the funding representing a gift to the library from the Betty Jane Schroth Revocable Trust in the amount of \$118,463.01, which was received in 2018.

**No tax impact.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)

Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 31: KENO**

Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the Town of Wolfeboro?

Ballot Question

**ARTICLE 32: ADOPT ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT**

To see whether the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit? The credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500 for Veteran and \$700 for Surviving Spouse, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Wolfeboro under RSA 72:28.

Given under our hands and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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Selectmen  
  
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A true copy of Warrant---Attest

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