

# TOWN OF WOLFEBORO DELIBRATIVE SESSION

## Minutes

February 4, 2013

Kingswood Arts Center

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Being 7:00 PM Moderator Randy Walker called the session to order. He entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ➤ *Welcome and Introductions*

Moderator Walker introduced the following Town Officials present this evening:

**Budget Committee members;** Chairman John MacDonald, John Burt, Stan Stevens, Bob Tougher, Matt Krause, Bob Mulholland, Frank Giebutowski and Brian Black.

**Board of Selectmen members;** Brad Harriman, Dave Bowers, Dave Senecal, Linda Murray and Chairman Sarah Silk.

**Staff;** Town Manager David Owen, Finance Director Pete Chamberlin, Town Counsel Mark Puffer and Town Clerk Pat Waterman.

Moderator Walker explained the process of the Deliberative Session and the purpose of the meeting is to determine the form of the articles for the ballot on March 11, 2014. He stated there are 18 warrant articles in total and they will not discuss Articles, 1-5 (1 relates to the election of candidates and 2-5 are relative to Planning and Zoning articles which already had their own public hearings).

### Warrant Articles

Moderator Walker read the article as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 6: Middleton Road—Construction of Improvements**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (**\$1,350,000**) **for the construction of Middleton Road improvements, including new roadway and drainage improvements.** This is a proposed NHDOT municipally managed project and **the State will refund 2/3rds of the cost; the Town's present share is \$450,000.** Further, to authorize the issuance of \$450,000 of bonds or notes for the Town's share of the project in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity, and other terms for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eighty-Five dollars (**\$5,085**) **for the payment of interest** on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2014.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.003; 2015-\$0.030

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(3/5 majority vote required)

Dave Senecal stated the engineering for this project was funded last year and this article will address repairing the severe damage of this road.

Brad Harriman stated this road is in rough condition and although it is a State road it is maintained by the Town, but because of that NH DOT will fund 2/3rds of the project.

Dave Ford, Public Works Director, addressed the article (referring to the PowerPoint presentation) by summarizing that it is a Municipally Managed project. The road is a State Class II but is maintained in the winter by the Town. He stated due to lack of funding the State has no intentions of making the much needed repairs to the road and proposed the municipally managed project where the State would pay 2/3rds of the cost and the Town would contribute 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the cost. Once the road has been brought up to Town standards the road will become a Town road.

Moderator Walker opened the article up for discussion.

Tom Bickford questioned the additional cost to maintain such a road per year and wouldn't they be adding to the maintenance costs by accepting the road.

Mr. Ford replied he does not have that answer, but noted they maintain 66 miles of roads with a \$1 million dollar budget. He explained the town is already maintaining the road, but by repairing the road to Town standards they can help reduce the maintenance costs to that road.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the status of the State's funds last year.

Mr. Ford replied they had no problems.

Mrs. Ryan questioned the life expectancy of the road.

Mr. Ford replied 14-15 years.

Being no further discussion, Moderator Walker read the next article as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 7: Reduced-Scope Renovations of Wolfeboro Town Hall**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million dollars (\$4,000,000) to be funded as follows: **bond issue not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine dollars (\$3,889,699) (to be reduced by pledged donations currently estimated at Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand dollars [\$736,000] generated by The Friends of Wolfeboro Town Hall, Inc.), and transfer the balance from the Town Office Facility Capital Reserve Fund (currently estimated at \$110,301); for the purpose of renovating the Wolfeboro Town Hall building**, to include both the exterior and interior of the building to make it completely handicapped accessible and both building and fire code compliant, but excluding the parking lot and landscaping improvements, replacement windows, clock faces, and other improvements previously funded and completed. This also includes the costs for the architect's services, construction manager services, and contingencies. Further, to authorize the issuance of not more than three million eight hundred eighty-nine thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$3,889,699) of bonds or notes for this purpose in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act, such sum to be reduced by any federal, state, or private

funds made available therefor, (including the aforementioned pledged donations), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred dollars (**\$11,300**) for the **payment of interest** on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2014; and further to authorize the Selectmen to **transfer the balance of the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Office Facility**, which currently has a balance of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred One dollars (**\$110,301**), for this purpose and to **accept the gift of pledged donations currently estimated at \$736,000 generated by The Friends of the Wolfeboro Town Hall, Inc., which will be used to offset the cost of the project and reduce the amount needing to be bonded.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.006; 2015-\$0.150  
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-2)  
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-2)  
(3/5 vote is required)

Joyce Davis, of the Friends of the Town Hall, stated she is proposing an amendment to the amount of pledges received and amended that to \$ 750,000 in two places in the article.

***It was moved by Joyce Davis and seconded to amend Article 7 to as follows: amend line four change Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand dollars (\$736,000) to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$750,000) and to amend the third line from the bottom of the article from \$736,000 to \$750,000. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being majority in favor, the motion passed.***

Josephine Amatucci stated that the Friends of the Town Hall only have \$31,000 in cash after seven years of raising funds and has a concern about the pledges not being in writing with no signed documents.

Roger Murray, member of the Friends of Town Hall, stated that the pledges are legal written documents that are contingent upon the Warrant Article passing.

***Dave Owen of 4 Lary Road moved to make the following amendment to Article 7; by revising the “balance of the Town Hall Office Facility Capital Reserve Fund (currently estimated at \$110,301)” to reflect the current balance of that fund, \$111,440. This also has the effect of reducing the “bond issue not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Eight-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$3,889,699)” to a “bond issue not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,888,600)”. It was seconded and being majority in favor, the motion passed.***

Sarah Silk stated that this article is unprecedented as the Town has the opportunity to benefit from private pledges to help off-set the cost of the project and those pledges are only good this year. She explained they have been able to make some upgrades over the past few years with ADA and the parking lot and have down scaled the project plans; it is time for the Town to be responsible for the building and bring it up to today's standards. She stated we don't want to pass up  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars.

Linda Murray stated the Town has benefited from many “Friend” organizations over the past years and they are always working hard to improve for the future.

Rob Houseman, Director of Planning and Development, referred to the PowerPoint presentation summarizing the project explaining the plan is to renovate the first floor for the current Town Office Departments but to change it to one entrance with a lobby area. He noted the Annex would also be renovated for the current Town Office

Departments and access the front of the building without going outside. He reviewed the renovations of the second floor great room and the exterior brick work and window work. He stated that they have done some phased work over the past few years, but have reached a crossroad where that approach will no longer work.

Josephine Amatucci stated she is confused about the proposed renovation. They are not proposing to add to the office space and the layout looks like a puzzle. She stated this is an enormous renovation and they really have no way of knowing exactly how much it is going to cost. She feels they would be better off building a new building.

Jody Person questioned if the improvements that have been done would be wasted.

Rob Houseman replied that the improvements made to date were done with the intent of not having to throw away that work.

Jody Person questioned if the original \$500,000 plans are being used.

Mr. Houseman replied that the McGinley, Kalsow & Associates plan was used to provide the modified plan (reduced scope).

Joyce Davis stated she supports Article 7 and its public/private partnership. She explained the mission of the Friends of the Town Hall and summarized the work they have done over the last 7 years and many improvements have been made, but the building is still in need of much needed repairs and noted that the building represents a poor image.

Paula Garvey stated she is in favor of this article.

Gary Baker stated he is also in favor of the article and has been a member of the friends for 7 years. He feels the Town should have a sense of pride for the building and noted the majority of the voters have supported their efforts to renovate the building. He stated he has heard some comments that it is the same \$4 million dollar proposal as last year, but it is not. They heard the people about seeking a public/private partnership and have worked hard on that effort. They also heard the comments to not use the second floor for offices and a capital reserve fund was established.

Cathy Giebutowski questioned the two Board of Selectmen members and two Budget Committee members who voted against recommending the article and if they would like to state why. She also questioned the availability of parking for 300 people who would use the second floor.

Rob Houseman replied that parking has always been an issue in the downtown, but noted they can utilize off-street parking and the additional municipal lots as well as the church across the street.

Dave Senecal stated he voted against recommending this article because he felt the amount was a lot for the Town to absorb at this time. He stated the Town has done a lot of phased worked and would like to continue with that approach. He stated the plans do not gain any additional office space than they have now and \$4 million dollars is a lot of money to not gain any additional space.

Brad Harriman stated he also voted not to recommend the article for similar reasons as Mr. Senecal. He feels \$4 million dollars is a lot of money for taxpayers for the renovation and would prefer to continue doing it in phases. He would like to see them do the exterior and the roof next.

Dave Bowers stated that the building was only purchased for \$1 with the intent to make the renovations and it would cost a lot more to build this building today for more than the \$3.5 million dollars they renovate it for. He noted with regards to parking, they just held 1<sup>st</sup> Night in which it was reported 3,000 people attended, so he feels the parking situation can be handled. He stated that now is the time to do this as interest rates are the lowest they have ever been.

John White stated that every year they discuss this issue and no matter what it is the comment is always "it's too much money". He feels they will get more bang for the buck by doing the project and now is the time to do it.

Frank Giebutowski stated he is one of the Budget Committee members who voted not to recommend the article as he does not feel a lot of time was spent planning the project as there is no room for growth in the plan and they really need to take a look at the Town's space needs for the next 20 years before they consider the renovation.

Mimi Dye stated it is an iconic building in Wolfboro and she is favor of the project.

Suzanne Ryan stated that she supports the Town officials who voted not to recommend the article and their thoughtfulness of not putting the burden on the taxpayers. She noted that you cannot make the statements that bonding is free as the Town will pay substantially in 2029 at about \$1.6 million dollars for the \$5 million dollar Sewer Bond. She stated this project will cost about \$1.35 million dollars in interest. She stated that the voters have showed they support incremental repairs and questioned how they plan to exit 300 people out of that second floor in an emergency.

Josephine Amatucci stated she proposed a better alternative by building a 10,000 square foot building (2 stories) on the empty lot between the Library and the Public Safety Building. She stated this project would cost the town about \$93,500 per year (up to 20 years) vs. \$376,000 per year (up to 20 years) for an old building. She proposed they build a new building and rent space out in the old building.

Pete Chamberlin clarified they have \$1.6 million dollars in debt in the Sewer Fund. He noted that last year they were paying \$161,975 for a 20 year note.

Linda Murray stated many studies have been done on the space at the Town Hall with the last space needs study done in 2003. She noted the growth of the town departments has not changed from 2003 to 2012. She stated they have been discussing this project since 1989 and it has been 10 years since they purchased the building. In 2012 they discussed phasing the project but determined it would cost more to do it that way. She clarified that it will cost \$570,000 just to update the utilities. She stated they have \$750,000 from a public/private partnership and this is the time to support it.

Peter Goodwin stated they need to move forward with this project the current interest rates are at 1- 1 ½ %. It is time to renovate this iconic building. ***He called the question, being a majority in favor, it passed.***

***It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 6 & 7. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.***

Being no further discussion, Moderator Walker read the next article as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 8: Public Works Garage Facility Upgrades**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars (\$160,000) for the design and construction of upgrades to the Public Works Garage Facility** on Pine Hill Road, including to replace and enlarge the salt storage

shed, to construct new spreader hangers, and to make needed repairs to the Public Works Garage, and further to authorize the issuance of \$160,000 of bonds or notes for this project in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred dollars **(\$1,800) for the payment of interest** on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2014.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.001; 2015-\$0.015

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)

(3/5 majority vote required)

Dave Senecal stated this article will address improvements at the Public Works Garage.

Dave Ford referred to the PowerPoint presentation summarizing what is to be replaced as follows; the salt shed that was built in the mid 1960's, spreader hangers replaced and upgrade some of the heating and electrical issues and well as insulated windows.

Suzanne Ryan questioned why the Town chooses to bond this article. She questioned the rate and how long it will be bonded for.

Dave Owen replied the thought was to keep a stable tax rate and that \$100,000 is about a nickel on the tax rate, so it would be about an 8 cent increase.

Mrs. Ryan questioned the rate and how long.

Mr. Owen replied they would get that information from the bond band at the time but estimated it to be around 3% and the Board of Selectmen will most likely not recommend bonding it for more than 10 years.

Mrs. Ryan questioned the estimated interest in 10 years.

Pete Chamberlin replied about \$35,000.

***It was moved by Suzanne Ryan and seconded to amend Article 8 by removing the reference to bonding as follows: and further to authorize the issuance of \$160,000 of bonds or notes for this project in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms for this purpose, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$1,800) for the payment of interest on any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds that is payable in 2014.***

#### ***DISCUSSION:***

Mrs. Ryan's stated her point was why pay \$35,000 for \$160,000; she would rather pay the 8 cents.

***Moderator Walker called for a vote. Based on the vote being close he called for a hand count. 49 in favor, 45 opposed, the motion passed.***

***It was moved by Suzanne Ryan and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Article 8 as amended. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.***

Being no further discussion, Moderator Walker read the next article as follows:

**ARTICLE 9: 2014 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 \$24,415,881. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be \$24,114,657, 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: 2014-\$4.42

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

John MacDonald, Chairman of the Budget Committee, stated he would like to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and Department Heads for working hard on the budget. He summarized the proposed budget and noted that the Board of Selectmen's and Town Manager's guidelines for 2014 was a 0% increase on the operating budget with exceptions for contractual obligations and legal requirements (including collective bargaining agreements, and it also does not include the cost of fuel oil, diesel fuel or gasoline). He noted there are increases in salaries and benefits in all funds. He also reviewed the individual notable increases or decreases in the departmental budgets.

Vaughn Dugan questioned the significant decrease in electricity.

John MacDonald stated that the new Electric supply contract was negotiated at lower a rate which provides a decrease to the cost of electricity and this is an important benefit of having a Municipal Electric Department.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the legal fees for the Rapid Infiltration Basin project (RIB) and if they are budget the same amount as last year and if those will be recovered.

Dave Owen the same amount of legal funds as last year has been budgeted in the Sewer Fund (not on the tax rate). The Town has claimed damages in the amount of \$9 million dollars and if they prevail they have a possibility those legal costs will be recouped.

Peter Atherton of Wright Pierce Engineers stated he wished to speak.

Moderator Walker stated the residents present will have to vote if they want to hear him speak or not. (Mr. Atherton is not a resident of Wolfeboro)

***It was moved by Randy Walker and seconded to allow Peter Atherton of Wright Pierce Engineers to speak.***

**DISCUSSION:**

Sarah Silk called a point of order and stated that she does wish to allow this unless the Town's Special Counsel is present.

John White stated they shouldn't discuss the lawsuit here; they should stick to the subject.

Bob Lemaire stated he has been following the suit for a long time and this is highly irregular. He feels they do need to have an open discussion about this lawsuit, but this is not the place to do it.

Roger Murray stated that he does not see how this is relevant to the budget.

Dave Ford stated that the Town voted to approve \$8.1 million dollars for Wright Pierce's design that failed and the Town gave Mr. Atherton plenty of opportunity to correct it, he would like to hear him speak.

***It was moved and seconded to terminate debate on Article 9. Majority in favor, the motion passed.***

***Moderator Walker called for a vote majority opposed to allowing Mr. Atherton to speak, on the motion failed.***

***It was moved and seconded to restrict redisscussoin of Warrant Article 8. Majority in favor, the motion passed.***

Being no further discussion, Moderator Walker read the next Article as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 10: Town Road Upgrades**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Twenty Five Thousand dollars (**\$625,000**) for the purpose of upgrading Town roads and drainage systems.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.307

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)

(Majority vote required)

Brad Harriman stated the town has 66 miles of roads that need to be maintained and he supports this article to do that.

Dave Ford stated the Town has 52 miles of paved roads and 14 miles of gravel roads to maintain, the purpose of this article is to propose solutions to address roads in poor condition, fair condition and maintenance/drainage systems. He stated the roads scheduled for 2014 are to reclaim, regrade, base pave and drainage of Forest Road (Carry Beach to end), reclaim, regrade, base pave and drainage of Birch Road, reclaim, regrade, base pave, and drainage of Libby Street. 1.75" shim/overlay and drainage of Jenness Farm Road (paved sections only). 1" overlay (base drainage done in 2013) of Stoneham Road (Jenness Fm. Rd to Class VI) and Chip seal sections of Beach Pond and Pleasant Valley Roads. He noted a \$6,000 contingency fund is included.

Gary Baker questioned the status of Cross Road.



Mr. Ford replied that project was put on hold pending a wetland permit.

Suzanne Ryan questioned Jenness Farm Road when it was completed.

Mr. Ford replied it was not completed, it needs the 1" overlay.

#### **ARTICLE 11: Sidewalks Upgrades**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$100,000) to reconstruct and repair sidewalks on South Main Street.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.049

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0-1)

(Majority vote required)

Sarah Silk stated this section of road is the busiest section as it services the schools and needs to be addressed for the safety of the students.

Mr. Ford stated the town has 7.5 miles of public sidewalks they need to maintain and 50% of them are in poor condition. He stated this project proposes to replace the sidewalk from Treadwell Lane to Kingswood Regional High School.

#### **ARTICLE 12: Interim Town Offices**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars **(\$50,000) for the costs associated with renting, fitting out, and moving to interim Town Offices at Huggins Hospital to house Town Departments during the period of the Brewster Memorial Hall renovations in 2014.** This article shall be null and void if the Reduced-Scope Renovations to Brewster Memorial Hall Renovations article fails to be approved by the voters. A similar amount will be required for rent and moving expenses back to the Town Hall in 2015.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.025

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Sarah Silk stated they are always working to ease the burden of the tax rate and this lease will be the same lease as in 2011.

Rob Houseman explained that the Hospital will lease a portion of the Hospital formally used for maternity and extended care which will have its own entrance for Town Office space during renovations.

***It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded not to consider reconsideration on Warrant Articles 10, 11 and 12. Majority in favor, the motion passed.***

#### **ARTICLE 13: Library Expansion Study**

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Wolfeboro Library Board of Trustees to expend a sum, not to exceed Thirty Thousand dollars **(\$30,000) for the purpose of an**

**expanded feasibility study** including, but not limited to, alternative plans **for expansion of the Wolfeboro Public Library. Said sum to be taken from the Wolfeboro Public Library's Building Trust Fund.** Approval of this Warrant Article will have no impact on the Town's tax rate.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$0.000

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

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0-1)

(Majority vote required)

Dave Bowers stated he is the Board of Selectmen representative to the Library and feels this is one of the best run organizations and is a town social center.

John Sandeen, Chair of the Library Trustees, stated he urges the voters to vote yes on this article. The Library is seeking to use \$30,000 of their funds to get an expanded feasibility study as the Library has reached its limit in space. He provided a summary of what the Library Trustees have done since discussing the Library expansion since 2004 including purchasing an adjacent lot next to the Library and would like to look at either an expansion or building an entirely new building on the purchased lot.

#### **ARTICLE 14: Replace Digger/Derrick Truck for Electric Department**

To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$200,000) from the Electric Enterprise Fund for the purpose of replacing ME-4, a 1994 digger/derrick truck.** This acquisition **will not result in any increase in the tax rate or electric rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.000

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Brad Harriman stated this truck has served the town well; it is 20 years old and is an integral part of the Electric Department. He noted that they have spent a lot of funds on mechanical issues with the vehicle and replacing the vehicle will not have an impact on the tax rate.

Barry Muccio, Director of Operations of the Municipal Electric Department, stated the primary use of the vehicle is setting poles, transformers and pulling wire. He stated the truck will no longer handle 45 and 50 foot poles.

#### **ARTICLE 15: Establish a Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote **to establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 **for the purpose of making needed repairs and improvements to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant** facility, inclusive of architectural/engineering fees, and costs of rehabilitation, construction or reconstruction of the facility, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars **(\$125,000) for this purpose**, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.061

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Linda Murray stated this is a new Capital Reserve account that was recommend by the CIP Committee that will be funded yearly in an effort to keep the tax rate down.

Dave Ford stated the building was built in the 1970's and although they recommend replacing it in the past, they have made an effort to do some upgrades and would like to fund a Capital Reserve account at \$125,000 a year to help offset future upgrades or repairs.

***It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Warrant Articles 13, 14 and 15. Majority in favor, the motion passed.***

**ARTICLE 16: Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Account**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand dollars **(\$176,000) to be transferred to the existing Fire Trucks and Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Account**, 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: 2014-\$0.087

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Dave Senecal stated this is an annual request to help offset the purchase of new Fire apparatus.

Chief Morrill stated this is an annual Warrant Article that has received a lot of support in the past to keep the tax rate to a minimum when purchasing new apparatus.

**ARTICLE 17: Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Account**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand dollars **(\$165,000) to be transferred to the existing Public Works Vehicle & Equipment Capital Reserve Account**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Selectmen have been designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Account.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.081

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Dave Senecal stated this is similar to the Fire Department Capital Reserve to help offset the cost of new vehicles.

Dave Ford stated this is part of good financial planning and is funded at \$165,000 to offset the cost of new vehicles in the Highway and Sewer Department. He noted they are not purchasing anything this year as they needed to last year due to the Fire at the Public Works Garage that burned two vehicles.

**ARTICLE 18: Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars **(\$15,250) to be placed in the Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund** under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated as agents to expend these funds.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2014-\$0.007

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

(Majority vote required)

Linda Murray stated the Friends of Abenaki donated the snow making equipment and groomer and this fund will help plan for repair and replacement of that equipment.

Ethan Hipple, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the repair and replacement of the equipment over 20 years.

➤ ***Other Business***

John MacDonald stated he would like to take a moment to acknowledge a public servant who has served the Town of Wolfeboro for 40 years first as an employee, the Budget Committee and then an Official on the Legislative level and that person is Stan Stevens. He thanked him for all his years of service to Wolfeboro.

Being no further business, Moderator Walker called for a motion to adjourn.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Amelia Capone-Muccio**

Recording Secretary

Town of Wolfeboro