

TOWN OF WOLFEBORO DELIBRATIVE SESSION
Minutes
February 6, 2018
Great Hall at Wolfeboro Town Hall

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:

Board of Selectmen members: Chairman Luke Freudenberg, Dave Bowers, Dave Senecal, Linda Murray and Vice-Chairman Brad Harriman.

Budget Committee members: Chairman John MacDonald, John Burt, Bob Tougher, Bob Loughman, Bob O' Brien and Brian Black. Excused members, Bob Mulholland.

Staff and others: 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 13, 2018. He stated there are 34 warrant articles in total and they will not discuss Articles, 1-8 (1 relates to the election of candidates and 2 - 8 are relative to Planning and Zoning articles which already had their own public hearings).

Warrant Articles

Moderator Walker read the article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 9: LIBRARY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million dollars **(\$5,000,000) to be funded as follows: bond issue not to exceed Four Million Eight Hundred Fifty Five Thousand dollars (\$4,855,000), said bond amount to be reduced by donations and pledged donations currently estimated at One Million Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) generated by the Wolfeboro Public Library Foundation, and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Library Reserve Fund currently estimated at Twenty Two Thousand dollars (\$22,000) and the balance from the Wolfeboro Public Library's Building Fund currently estimated at One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand dollars (\$123,000), for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Wolfeboro Public Library building, to include both the interior and exterior of the building, parking lot and other site improvements**, and to include the cost for architect services, engineering services, construction manager services and contingencies. Further, to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Million Eight Hundred Fifty Five Thousand dollars (\$4,855,000) of bonds or notes for this purpose in accordance with the Municipal

Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, 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 negotiate and issue such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms for this purpose. Further, to authorize the Selectmen **to accept the gift of pledged donations currently estimated at One Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) generated by the Wolfeboro Public Library Foundation to be used to offset the costs of the project and to reduce the amount needed to be bonded.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018-\$0.00, 2019-\$0.005, 2020-\$0.160 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 5-0)

3/5 majority vote required

Dave Bowers stated he represents the Board on the Trustees of the Library and stated this is a well thought out project that will enhance the community.

Cindy Scott, Director of the Library, addressed the article (referring to the PowerPoint presentation) by providing a brief overview of the proposed project. She noted architect Ron Lemarre of Lavallee Brensinger.

John Sandeen, Wolfeboro Public Library Foundation President, addressed the Board to propose an amendment as follows:

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 9, the language of pledge donations to “donations & pledged donations” in both places within the article. Being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Bob Woerheide, Wolfeboro Public Library Treasurer, addressed the Board to propose an amendment as follows:

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 9, changing One Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$ 1,200,000) to One Million Three Hundred dollars (\$ 1,300,000). Being majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 10: CONSTRUCTION OF WESTWOOD DRIVE SUBJECT TO BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand dollars (**\$263,000**) for the layout, design, and construction of **Westwood Drive** over existing private rights-of-way as a Town Road conforming to current construction standards and requirements. Pursuant to RSA Chapter 231, Laying Out Highways, Sections 28-33, **this project will be subject to betterment assessments** so that all costs of the layout, design and construction, including applicable interest, surveying costs, legal fees and other incidental costs, will be assessed against property owners abutting or served thereby. Further, to authorize the issuance of \$263,000 of 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 will not result in any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.00, 2019--\$0.00, 2020--\$0.00 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 9-0)

(3/5 Majority vote required)

Luke Freudenberg introduced the article noting that the Town held the required public hearings and the article proposes the Town take over the road subject to betterment assessments.

Dave Ford addressed the Article referring to the PowerPoint and explaining that this project will be subject to betterment assessments.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the length of the road and if a survey will be recorded. She also questioned the width.

Mr. Ford replied 3,850 ft. and the road will be laid out to the original plans at 22 feet wide, in the 50 ft. right of way.

Attorney Puffer replied that once the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the road and the return of layout is recorded with the Town Clerk, the Town owns the road.

Mrs. Ryan replied that she wants the public to understand that this means the road is the Town's forever and she is not sure that is clear in the wording of the Warrant Article.

Attorney Puffer replied he believes the language is clear it will be a town road.

Suzanne Ryan offered the following amendment, to add "and acceptance of" after construction in the first sentence. Being no second the motion failed.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 9. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 11: STORMWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars **(\$30,000) for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the Town's Stormwater collection system**, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds and notes not to exceed \$30,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Wolfeboro, additionally to authorize the Board of Selectmen **to apply for and**

accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid by \$30,000 and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Board of Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any necessary vote relating thereto. **This project will not result in any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.00 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 9-0)

3/5 majority vote required

Linda Murray introduced the article explaining the purpose of this proposal is have an asset management plan similar to what was approved last year, which was for the waste water system.

Dave Ford addressed the Board to review the proposal as noted in the PowerPoint to continue with long-term planning.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 10 & 11. 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 12: 2018 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 **\$27,340,249**. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be \$26,814,660, 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: 2018--\$5.04 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

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

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

(Majority vote required)

Luke Freudenberg introduced the article stating that the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee worked hard to provide a fiscally sound budget.

Budget Committee Chairman John MacDonald provided a brief overview summarizing the budget highlighting the increases and decreases.

Lynn Slocum questioned the decrease to the Welfare Budget.

Chairman MacDonald replied that the Budget Committee supports the Welfare Budget, but the decrease is based on usage and it was determined the director was able to provide the services with less funds.

Kathy Eaton questioned the notation of the electric enterprise fund increase and that it would not affect the tax rate, but looks as though it is included.

Finance Director Pete Chamberlin clarified the tax rate is affected by the Operating Budget and the Warrant Articles, not by the Enterprise Funds.

The Moderator read the next Warrant Article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 13: TOWN ROAD UPGRADES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand dollars (**\$870,000**) for the purpose of upgrading Town roads and drainage systems.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.439 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 5-4)
(Majority vote required)

Brad Harriman introduced the Warrant Article and stated the purpose of the Warrant Article is to make the repairs and/or maintenance to the Town roads and protect those assets.

Dave Ford addressed the Board and provided the overview of this annual request for the roads scheduled for upgrades and repairs in the PowerPoint.

Suzanne Ryan stated that every year this article request goes up and she supported it when it was at a lower amount and feels that this a generous amount and totaled with the operating costs is over a million dollars just for Town Roads. She amended the article as follows:

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 13, to reduce the appropriated request to \$600,000.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Ryan noted that four of the budget committee members did not support this article.

John MacDonald stated he voted against supporting this article because he is not in support of the increase because he feels that not all of the projects are getting done each year, he would support the article at \$800,000. He questioned how many have been paid for and did not get done this year?

Mr. Ford replied there are numerous projects ongoing and all of that is outlined in his Capital Projects summary presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Ryan withdrew that above motion and moved to make the following amendment;

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 13, to reduce the appropriated request to \$800,000. Majority opposed, the motion failed.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 12 & 13. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 14: RECONSTRUCTION OF 390 LINE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand dollars **(\$1,210,000) from the Electric Enterprise Fund for the purpose of reconstruction of the 390 line** which feeds the Town's electric power supply from Tuftonboro to Wolfeboro. **Such expenditures will not result in any increase in the tax rate or electric rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.00 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 9-0)

Majority vote required

Linda Murray introduced the Warrant Article explaining the 390 line is the main power line into Wolfeboro that is proposed to be upgraded and this project will not have any effect on the tax rate or the electric rate as the cost of this upgrade is already built into the current rate structure.

Barry Muccio, Director of Operations of the Municipal Electric Department, addressed the article and provided a brief overview of the proposed project to upgrade the 50 year old line as summarized in the PowerPoint presentation.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 15: REPAIR DOCKSIDE DOCKS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand dollars **(\$90,000) for the purposes of (1) making immediate repairs to the existing town docks, and (2) engineering and permitting required repairs to the existing dock system and retaining walls as per the Town Docks Asset Management Study performed by Tighe & Bond Engineers.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.045 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 9-0)

Majority vote required

Dave Senecal introduced the article as a proposed project to address just the immediate repairs needed to the town docks.

Dave Ford addressed the Board and reviewed the Powerpoint presentation that summarized the repairs.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 16: DOCKSIDE DOCKS EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand

dollars **(\$25,000)** for the purposes of designing and permitting the expansion of the **Dockside Docks.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.013 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 5-3)

Majority vote required

Dave Senecal introduced this article as a proposed project to expand the existing town docks.

Dave Ford addressed the article to summarize the proposed project to include expansion in length to the current docks and will remain the same width as outlined on the PowerPoint presentation.

Dave Bentley questioned if either of the articles 15 or 16 address the boat ramp.

Mr. Ford replied that the boat ramp project is under construction and the funding for that was approved last year.

Kathy Eaton addressed the article representing both the Wolfeboro Trolley Company and the Economic Development Committee, stating both support this expansion project noting the town docks are the front door to Wolfeboro.

Suzanne Ryan questioned if both articles are coordinated in construction and questioned the lack of support from the Budget Committee.

Mr. Ford replied the projects will be coordinated.

Bob Loughman, member of the Budget Committee, who stated he did not support this article because he does not see a dramatic economic benefit to Wolfeboro from this project, noting Wolfeboro has the most dock space compared to other towns on the lake.

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

ARTICLE 17: 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.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Linda Murray introduced this article as a project to upgrade the restroom facilities at the town docks.

Mr. Ford addressed this article and summarized the proposed article as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.

Gail Deitzer questioned if the restrooms will be open year round.

Mr. Ford replied yes, depending on the needs and they will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 14 - 17. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 18: EFFLUENT DISPOSAL STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$500,000) for the purpose of designing and permitting the long-term effluent disposal solution and** to make required site work upgrades in accordance with NHDES and the Town's Administrative Order by Consent (ACO), **and also to acquire an approximately 5-acre parcel of land in Tuftonboro adjacent to the Town's Rapid Infiltration Basins site for the purpose of completing required improvements. Said** Five Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$500,000) shall be transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.** Such expenditures **will not result in any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.00 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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Brad Harriman introduced the article noting that the Town has been working on a long term solution for the effluent disposal system.

Dave Ford addressed the article referring to the PowerPoint summarizing the proposal explain the process of using pilot programs to ensure the best long term solution for the Town.

Suzanne Ryan questioned if there are enough funds to purchase the additional property.

Mr. Ford replied they are in negotiations with the Whitten Family Trust and yes they will have enough funds for the purchase.

Being no further discussion Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 19: SEWER REHABILITATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars **(\$50,000) from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of designing and permitting upgrades to the sewer collection system to reduce infiltration. The activities will be paid for from a legal settlement and will not result in any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.00 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 8-0)
Majority vote required

Luke Freudenberg introduced the article for the design and permitting.

Mr. Ford summarized the article outline on the PowerPoint.

ARTICLE 20: REPLACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTROL PANELS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars **(\$175,000)** from the Water Enterprise Fund **for the purpose of upgrading Control Panels and Computers at the Water Treatment Plant. These activities will not result in any increase in the tax rate.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018-\$0.00 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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Dave Bowers introduced the article that is proposed to upgrade the electrical panels and other preventative maintenance.

Mr. Ford summarized the project as outline on the PowerPoint.

Being no comments, Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 21: PINE STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars **(\$260,000)** from the Water Enterprise Fund **for the purpose of replacing the existing water line in Pine Street.** These activities will not result in any increase in the tax rate.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018-\$0.00 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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Brad Harriman introduced the article that will replace the old cast iron pipe on Pine Street.

Mr. Ford summarized the proposed project to replace the original 1890's pipes that creates orange water at times on Pine Street as summarized in the PowerPoint presentation.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows;

ARTICLE 22: BAY STREET SIDEWALK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand dollars **(\$45,000)** **for the purpose of designing and permitting a sidewalk along Bay Street.**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.023 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

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

(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3)

Majority vote required

Linda Murray introduced the article that provides a safe pedestrian walkway on Bay Street.

Mr. Ford addressed the project as outlined on the PowerPoint for the design for a sidewalk on Bay Street.

Bruce Terkleson, resident of Taylor Community, stated that there are many walkers on that road and without a sidewalk this is very dangerous.

Kathy Eaton addressed the article stated this has always been a goal of the community since the town moved forward with business development in that area. She stated there are now over 28 businesses on Bay Street and the development of a sidewalk is essential.

John Simms of Eastern Lakes Housing Coalition addressed the Board in support of the sidewalk, but noted that Harriman Hill is located off Rt. 109A and would like to see that intersection of Bay Street and 109A addressed to have a better connection with Center Street.

Suzanne Ryan noted that during the bridge reconstruction in 2007 the businesses at that time did not support a sidewalk. She feels that some discussion should happen with the businesses as some of them may lose road frontage. She questioned the lack of support from the Budget Committee.

Bob Tougher stated that he voted against the project as he feels it is a desirable project and not a necessary project and that a lot of projects need to happen in the next ten years with \$10 million dollars to be bonded and that this is not a prudent time to put forth this project.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 23: DOCKSIDE DOCKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote **to establish a Dockside Docks Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing and improving the Dockside Docks facilities** and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars **(\$100,000) to be deposited in said Capital Reserve Fund**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Selectmen are designated as agents to expend the funds in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.050 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 6-2)

Majority vote required

Linda Murray stated that Capital Reserve Funds are the best way to plan for the future of the departments and plan for the Town's future by spreading the cost over a number of years.

Mr. Ford addressed the article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 24: DOCKSIDE PARKING LOT 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 Dockside Parking Lot Capital Reserve Fund**, which is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Selectmen have been designated as agents to expend the funds in this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated tax rate impact: 2018--\$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 8-0)

(Majority vote required)

Mr. Ford addressed this article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 25: 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: 2018--\$0.094 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 8-0)

Chief Pineo and Deputy Chief Zotti addressed the article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 26: 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 Board of Selectmen has been designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.086 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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Mr. Ford addressed this article.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 22 - 26. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 27: 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 existing **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: 2018--\$0.008 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 7-1)

Christine Collins, Parks and Recreation Director, addressed this article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows;

ARTICLE 28: 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 added to the existing **Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen has been designated agents to expend this capital reserve fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.063 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 8-0)

(Majority vote required)

Mr. Ford addressed this article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows;

ARTICLE 29: BUILDING MAINTENANCE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (**\$75,000**) to be added to the existing **Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund** established for the purpose of **making needed repairs and performing needed maintenance to the Town's building facilities**, to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Board of Selectmen have been designated as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund. Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.038 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 8-0)

Majority vote required

Mr. Ford addressed this article.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows;

ARTICLE 30: LIBBY MUSEUM FEASIBILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000), of which amount two-thirds (2/3) of the cost will be borne by a private foundation and one-third (1/3) by the Town, for the **purpose of conducting 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.**

Further, to authorize the Selectmen to accept the monies from the private foundation to be used for said purpose. **The amount to be raised by general taxation shall not exceed Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000).**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2018--\$0.013 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 8-0)
Majority vote required

Brad Harriman introduced the article and explained the public/private partnership of the Libby Museum between the Town of Wolfeboro which covers the operating expenses and income of the museum and the Friends of the Libby Museum assist in fundraising and maintenance of the exhibits.

Dave Ford reviewed the outline on the proposed study on behalf of the Museum Director, Alana Albee, who was not able to be present at this meeting.

Mr. Skelly questioned if there is an admission fee.

Mrs. Murray replied there is a cost to adults of \$5 and children are free.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 27 - 30. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 31: LAKES REGION MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM-EXTENSION OF TIME

To see if the Town will vote **to amend Article 22** approved by the voters at the 2017 Town Meeting **by extending the deadline for the Town's receipt of private funds from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2021.** 2017 Warrant Article 22 established a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of renovating the Old Railroad Freight House Building at 61 Railroad Avenue and raised and appropriated the sum of Ninety Five Thousand dollars (\$95,000) to be placed in said Capital Reserve Fund; and the Town's expenditure of said amount was contingent upon the raising of private funds for said purpose. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by the Town in 2017 shall continue to be contingent upon the Town's receipt of private funds being raised for said purpose. **The present Article shall not raise any additional Town funds.**

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

John Simms, President of the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum, addressed the article to explain that the article was previously approved, but they have discovered some challenges with the building that is taking more time than intended and are requesting an extension in time.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 32: AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPAYMENT OF TAXES

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 80:52-a which will authorize the prepayment of taxes and will authorize the collector of taxes to accept payments in prepayment of taxes.

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

Majority vote required

David Owen addressed the article to explain that as a result of the new adoption of tax laws, the Town had a sudden increase in taxpayers wishing to prepay their tax bills. Unfortunately the Town was unable to accept prepayments as they need to approve such process according to State Statute, which this article will allow them to do.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 33: AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE CHAPTER 47-ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 47-1 entitled "Distribution of Campaign Materials" to read as follows: "The distribution of campaign materials and electioneering is prohibited in the Town Hall rear parking lot and on the sidewalks adjacent to said parking lot during any election held at the Town Hall." Distributing campaign materials shall mean distributing, wearing, or posting any campaign materials in the form for a poster, card, handbill, placard, picture, pin sticker, circular, or article of clothing which is intended to influence the action of the voter within the Town Hall. Electioneering shall mean to act in any way specifically designed to influence the vote of any voter on any question or office.

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

Majority vote required

David Owen stated this article was requested by the Town Clerk to update the electioneering rules since the Town has relocated its polling place to the Great Hall at the Town Hall.

John MacDonald questioned the State Law and that someone with a bumper sticker on their car supporting a candidate would not be able to park in the back parking lot, he feels this is a suppression of freedom of choice.

Attorney Puffer noted that such is in accordance with State Statute. He noted a typo in line five "for" should be "of".

Suzanne Ryan stated she feels this should be up to the Moderator on Election Day and questioned where those would campaign.

John Burt stated that he feels this article has interpretation problems; those now read it one way, those in the future may have different interpretation.

Blair Moffett stated that this is an article that pleads for common sense and space protection for voters and it would impossible not to use the sidewalks, he feels what was originally proposed is reasonable.

Steve Wood noted that he campaigned out back on the sidewalk at one time and there is not a lot of places to do it without being close to the entrance.

It was moved by John MacDonald to amend the article to add "within 75 feet of the entrance of the polls", the motion was seconded and being majority opposed, the motion failed.

It was moved by Suzanne Ryan to amend the article to add the language “as determined by the Moderator”, the motion was seconded and being majority opposed, the motion failed.

It was moved by John Thurston to amend the article to add “within 50 feet of the entrance of the polls”, the motion was seconded and being majority opposed, the motion failed.

It was moved by Kathy Eaton to amend the article to strike “rear parking lot during any election held at the Town Hall.” And change to “The distribution of campaign materials and electioneering is prohibited in the Town Hall and in the Town Hall rear parking lot during any election held at the Town Hall.”, the motion was seconded and being the majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker read the next article in its entirety as follows;

ARTICLE 34:

Are you in favor of ELECTING the Zoning Board of Appeals as allowed in accordance with State Statute RSA 673:3.

BY PETITION

Majority vote required

Suzanne Ryan stated that article requests to allow voters to elect Zoning Board members vs. being appointed by the Selectmen as they are now.

Mark Hodder addressed the article to state he is support of this article noting all other similar boards are elected vs. appointed. He noted that it should reference the Board of Adjustment, not Appeals.

David Owen this article was submitted by petition and has to be printed as submitted.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded to amend “Appeals” to “Adjustment”. Being majority in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 29 - 34. Moderator Walker called for a vote and being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Moderator Walker stated that concludes the review of the Warrant and opened the session up to New Business.

Luke Freudenberg on behalf of the Selectmen thanked David Owen for his service to the Town for the last 12 years as Town Manager.

Mr. Owen thanked the staff and public and the people of Wolfeboro stating it was a pleasure to serve this community.

Patricia Waterman noted the passing of previous town employees or board members this past year as follows; Bernard Rattigan, Roger Moody and Jean Harriman. She also noted

that Pete Chamberlin, Finance Director, is retiring this year and thanked him for his service to the town and she acknowledged Tom O'Dowd's 50 years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist.

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

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio
Recording Secretary
Town of Wolfboro