

TOWN OF WOLFEBORO DELIBRATIVE SESSION
Minutes
February 5, 2019
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 Linda Murray, Dave Bowers, Brad Harriman, Dave Senecal, and Paul O'Brien.

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

Staff and others: Acting Town Manager James S. Pineo, Finance Director Deb Zabkar, 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 12, 2019. He stated there are 32 warrant articles in total and they will not discuss Articles, 1-10 (1 relates to the election of candidates and 2 - 10 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 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 This appropriation, unless rescinded, shall not lapse until the fulfillment of the purpose or completion of the project being financed, pursuant to RSA 32:7 III.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

Linda Murray introduced the article noting that the this article addresses the continuing upgrades to the electric distribution, system specific to the 390 line that feeds the power from Tuftonboro to Glendon Street, in the Municipal Parking lot. This project will not affect the tax rate or the electric rate as the cost of this upgrade is already built into the current rate structure.

Barry Muccio addressed the Article referring to the PowerPoint and explaining that this project will upgrade the system to 12KV standards.

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

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

Brad Harriman introduced the article explaining the purpose of this article is to make upgrades to the Heath Brook. The permitting and engineering are complete and the State will cover 80% of the cost of this project.

Dave Ford addressed the Board to review the proposal as noted in the PowerPoint summarizing the scope of the project and explanations of costs.

Suzanne Ryan questioned if he is comfortable with the cost amounts and that the state will be reimbursing those funds.

Mr. Ford replied he has confirmed this project with the state.

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

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

Brad Harriman introduced the article and stated it is to address the annual road upgrades as planned by the Department of Public Works each year.

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

Claude Rosseiger stated that N. Wolfeboro Road shows an error in road width it should be 19 feet, not 22 feet.

Suzanne Ryan stated she would like to reduce that annual amount to \$700,000.

John Burt noted that there are now 53.5 miles of paved roads, which has increased over the past.

Warren Muir addressed the article with regards to Partridge Drive storm water discharging to the lake, and stated that this is a serious and urgent issue that needs to be addressed.

Bob Tougher stated he is not in favor of decreasing the road budget as there is a lot of work that needs to be addressed, this article received 90% of the vote last year showing that this is important to the voters.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 13, to reduce the appropriated request to \$700,000. Majority opposed, the motion failed.

Suzanne Ryan stated she would like to remove the 2-5 year non –lapsing language as it does seem to have a purpose, statutorily you cannot continue a project to the following year.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 13, to delete the last line of the article as follows “It is intended as a two year appropriation which will lapse on December 31, 2020 or when the project is complete, whichever occurs first”. Majority opposed, the motion failed.

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

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 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

John MacDonald addressed the PowerPoint summarizing the major increases and decreases in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget as well as the Enterprise Funds.

Claude Rossieger noted that the columns do not add up in the slides.

Finance Director, Deb Zabkar, replied that the intent was not to match the totals, as the slides represent the increases and decreases within several lines of the budget.

Mr. Rossieger stated it would make sense to have them match. He also noted the increase of the budget from 2009 is over 36%.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the subsidizing of the tax payers for the Water/Sewer Department.

Linda Murray replied that in the Water Department they receive a hydrant fee for the fire protection system which is 17.5% of the revenue and in the Sewer Department, the operation and maintenance is covered by the rate and the Capital is by tax payers.

Peter Goodwin noted an increase in the budget of 3.4% and the tax rate up 12-14%.

John MacDonald replied that includes all the Warrant Articles if they all pass. He stated if you ask the department heads, this is the hardest part of their job and they work hard to present fiscally sound budgets. He noted all budget meetings are open to the public and they welcome comments or input.

Seamus Oscalaidhe questioned the default budget and what stays in that budget.

Deb Zabkar replied contracted services and salaries and wages remain and items such as one-time expenses are removed. The default budget is set by the Department of Revenue.

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

ARTICLE 15: DOCKSIDE PUBLIC RESTROOM IMPORVEMENTS

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

Dave Senecal introduced the Warrant Article and explained the Town owns Dockside Restaurant and leases that space out, this project will address the outside public restrooms and make them more user friendly for the public.

Dave Ford addressed the Powerpoint and explained the project is upgrading the restrooms increasing the number of toilets.

Rosemary Loundsbary questioned if they could make all of them unisex.

Mr. Ford replied they did do that at Foss Field, but they cannot do that at this location due to the limited footprint.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the breakdown of cost, particularly what the foundation work will cost.

Mr. Ford replied he has a spreadsheet on this project in his office and is happy to share that information.

Suzanne Ryan questioned why they would bond the project if it is expected to be complete in 2020.

Linda Murray replied that it will most likely be completed and paid in 2020, but to ensure they have enough funds due to the unknowns of the foundation, they have prepared for that. She also stated in the past they have used staff to complete some these projects, they will not be doing that for this project.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 15, to change “2024” to “2021”. Majority opposed, the motion failed.

Claude Rossieger stated that he just built a structure on his property that cost \$300,000 and is not sure why such a renovation would cost that much. He also questioned why two budget committee members did not support this article.

Mr. Ford stated they have a detailed cost estimate for this project from Milestone Construction available at this office, but it is a unique construction project and they need to prepare for the unknowns.

John Burt replied he voted against it due to cost and does not agree with extending the payment beyond 2021.

Bob Tougher noted they had the same issue with the Foss Field Pavilion with an estimate of \$300,000 and the bids came back at \$400,000, construction estimates are up considerably.

Claude Rosseiger stated he feels this bears further discussion, costs received for public construction are so much higher, how do they explain that?

Gail Deitzer questioned if the restrooms are seasonal?

Mr. Ford replied that they will be insulated and heated most likely used for special events in the off season.

Mrs. Murray noted they were planning to use the Foss Field restrooms year round, but have since had to close them due to vandalism.

Ken Perry stated that two decades ago, the town tried to save money when they built the Public Safety Building, now they are looking to replace it.

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

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

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 16, to change “To vote to see if the Town will raise” to “To see if the Town will vote to raise”. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

Linda Murray introduced this article and explained that the pilot programs have been funded by the proceeds of the 2014 RIB lawsuit and part of working towards a long term solution.

Dave Ford addressed the article as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.

Suzanne Ryan questioned how long the pilot program will run before the state signs off on it.

Mr. Ford replied the state has been involved in the process and will be visiting the site this spring. The plan is to have the permitting in place for 2020 and if not, defiantly by 2021.

Mrs. Ryan questioned if the goal is to rest the spray fields or close them?

Mr. Ford replied, they currently use them at 40%, but the goal is only use them in reserve.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 11 - 16. 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 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)

Brad Harriman introduced this article as an opportunity to receive a large private collection of North American animals, but in order to do that the Libby will need to have upgrades to the temperature control to preserve this and its other collections. He explained the feasibility study will be done 1/3 by a grant and 1/3 by gifted funds.

James S. Pineo reviewed the proposed PowerPoint presentation outlining the project.

Seamus Oscalaidhe questioned the revenue received and charitable fees.

Brad Harriman replied that the Friends of the Libby contribute to the programs at \$12,000-\$15,000 per year.

Deb Zabkar replied that the income for the Libby last year was \$3,435 and \$43,851 is the proposed budget.

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

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

Dave Bowers introduced the article noting that the Town has these programs to allow replacements of equipment.

Deputy Chief Zotti addressed the article referring to the PowerPoint summarizing the purpose of saving for big ticket equipment purchases over time.

John Burt questioned the life span of the first call equipment.

Deputy Zotti replied the ladder trucks and engines have a 25 year lifespan, the fire boat is 30 years and utility vehicles are 10 years. They don't really have a 1st call policy as the response vehicle depends on geographic location of call.

Bob Tougher pointed out that in 2021 the ladder truck is scheduled for replacement and by the time it is delivered it will be 2022, the truck will be 30 years old at that time. He noted they do try to get all the usable life out of the equipment.

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

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

Brad Harriman introduced this article and stated that the Public Works Department developed a long term vehicle/ equipment replacement plan.

Mr. Ford stated the purpose of the Capital Reserve is to save for big ticket equipment purchases over time without spiking the tax rate.

Moderator Walker read the next article as follows:

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

Linda Murray introduced this article and stated that in 2014 this fund was established to make needed repairs to the plant.

Mr. Ford referred to the PowerPoint that summarizes the upgrades made to the plant since 2007.

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

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 3-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
Majority Vote Required

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 21, to change "To vote to see if the Town will raise" to "To see if the Town will vote to raise". Majority in favor, the motion passed.

Paul O'Brien introduced the article and explained that each year there are 50,000 calls for service and this fund will address saving for the replacement console.

Chief Rondeau addressed the PowerPoint explaining that at the last service review, the 15 year old console is not estimated to make it another 5 years and establishing this fund will help offset the total replacement cost of over \$300,000.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 17 - 21. 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 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

Paul O'Brien introduced the article that addressed the safety concern with our Town beaches and specifically Carry Beach.

Mr. Ford addressed the PowerPoint dealing with cyanobacteria in the lakes and the primary source of this problem is related to the storm water pollution.

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

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

Dave Senecal stated that Capital Reserve Funds are the best way to plan for the future of the departments.

Mr. Ford addressed the article via PowerPoint and stated that there are 23 town buildings and the Department Heads are responsible for their own buildings and explained a fund was established in 2006 to assist with major repairs.

John Burt questioned when they are going to get the assets management plan.

Mr. Ford replied that the plan will be available in 2019.

Suzanne Ryan stated that the reports that are printed in the Town Report as so small and suggested getting a larger print in the report for next year. She questioned the balances of several accounts and what needs to be done at Town Hall.

Mrs. Murray replied that they are changing the humidification to a commercial system, the one they put in is not sufficient.

Matt Sullivan clarified that for record retention, they need to address the humidity of the building.

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

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

Dave Bowers addressed the article and stated these funds were created to protect the town's assets.

Christine Collins addressed this article and stated the town has the oldest ski resort in America and we strive to preserve it and this fund is utilized to maintain the snow making equipment and the groomer.

Suzanne Ryan questioned the balance of the lodge account.

Deb Zabkar replied its \$61,913.

Suzanne Ryan questioned why they are not using the money from the fund.

Ms. Collins replied the groomer is what is in need of replacement and that last groomer (used) cost \$80,000.

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

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

Dave Senecal addressed the article and stated these funds are created to address the replacement or renovation of the Public Safety Building and at this time they are still reviewing locations.

Suzanne Ryan questioned why some members of the budget committee did not recommend the article.

John MacDonald replied that there seem to be enough in the fund to cover this cost.

Suzanne Ryan stated then if there is enough in the fund, they should just do it. She questioned the square footage needed for the Police Department.

Mr. Senecal replied they would need 1 ½ acres for both the Fire and Police Department, the Police Department would only need an acre. He stated the Fire Department prefers to be located on the Town water system.

James S. Pineo noted that the funding balance is not accurate as they have spent funds on the feasibility study.

Deb Zabkar replied the balance of the fund is \$23,400.

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

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)

Linda Murray introduced the article and stated it will address water quality issues as previously noted to.

Mr. Ford addressed this article with a PowerPoint presentation relative the storm water drainage into the lakes. He emphasized the importance of addressing this issue.

It was moved and seconded to restrict reconsideration on Articles 11 - 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: 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:

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

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

Dave Senecal introduced the article and stated this is a one year agreement with the local AFSCME Union for the staff of the Town.

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

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
	Total 2019	\$55,860
2020	Wages	\$48,649
	Benefits	\$11,021
	Total 2020	\$59,670
2021	Wages	\$49,654
	Benefits	\$15,333
	Total 2021	\$64,987

2022	Wages	\$47,173
	Benefits	\$14,418
	Total 2022	\$61,590

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 3-0)
 (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3)
 Majority Vote Required

Paul O'Brien introduced the article and stated this is a four year agreement with the local Police Union.

John MacDonald questioned the difference in benefits from Article 27 & 28.

Deb Zabkar replied Article 28 is in group two of the NH Retirement system.

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

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 3-0)
 (Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0)
 Majority Vote Required

Paul O'Brien introduced the article and explained that two vehicles within the Department have become unsafe and the Department plans to use this fund to purchase one.

Chief Rondeau stated it will have no impact on the tax rate.

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

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

David Bowers addressed the article and explained that this will give permission for the town to expend a gift of funds from a private donation.

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

ARTICLE 31: KENO

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

Ballot Question

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

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.

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

➤ ***New Business***

Claude Rosseiger stated that he would like to read the following resolution with regards to the events that have occurred over the last two months that have him concerned; ***RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen be called upon to make transparent the events of December and January that led to their preemptory action regarding the office of the town manager and related events, and to explain clearly to the voters their considerations and purpose in taking this action, by or before March 1.***

Moreover, that this explanation may not be withheld from voters on the grounds of personnel confidentiality, as the matter is one of governance, and that this removes it from the constraints of confidentiality, the voters representing the legislative function of the town, supreme to all others, and owed all and whatever information that relates to governance.

Patricia Waterman stated she would like to take a moment and acknowledge Thomas A. O'Dowd on his 51 years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist. She also noted some passing from previous year as follows; Stanley E. Stevens, Yvonne Bernier, Richard Clarke and Robert Tierney.

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

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

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