

**OFFICIAL**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gahara called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman William Gahara, David Dickson, James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Michael Pischetola, David Ross, Nancy VanScoy, and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)  
D. Boutin arrived at 7:15

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 16, 2009

***J. Gorton motioned to table the minutes of December 16, 2009. Seconded by G. Longfellow.***

January 9, 2010

***G. Longfellow motioned to table them minutes of January 9, 2010. Seconded by P. Loiselle.***

**AGENDA OVERVIEW**

***G. Longfellow motioned to change the February Council meetings to February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by M. Pischetola.***

***Vote unanimously in favor***

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Bruce Filmore, Homes for a Life Time: I have been trying to contact the Town Administrator and get on the agenda since October. I sent a letter to the Administrator. I am working on a subdivision on S. Bow Road and would like to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. I spoke with Dale Hemeon and he has no problem with the reduction. South Bow Road is currently 25mph and I want the speed limits on the new subdivision to be 25 mph as well.

This will be placed on the January 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.

B. Gahara suggested he speak with the Police Chief prior to the next meeting.

**NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Available Board Positions**

1. Planning Board, alternate member, exp. 6/2012
2. Zoning Board of Adjustment, alternate member, exp. 6/2010
3. Trustee of the Trust Funds, exp. 6/2012

**Appointments**

Phil Denbow, 8 Nancy Lane – ZBA, alternate member, exp. 6/2012

***J. Gorton motioned to appoint P. Denbow to the Zoning Board as an alternate member with a term to expire 6/2012. Seconded by G. Longfellow***

***Roll call vote unanimously in favor***

***N. VanScoy motioned to appoint Russell Young, 54A Dale Road, to the Town Hall Preservation Committee. Seconded by D. Ross.***

***Roll Call vote unanimously in favor.***

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Proposed Charter Amendment
- b. Placing Snow & Ice on Street & Sidewalks Ordinance

### **Heritage Commission re: Head School Update & Moose Plate Grant**

K. Northrup, Chairman of the Heritage Commission

We received \$10,000 from the Moose Plate Grant for the Heads School. To date, \$9161 has been expended. Repair of the tin ceil and the plasterwork are specific crafts. We were hoping to complete the project last fall but all the electrical work was not complete. As required by the grant, a preliminary report was submitted. A final report will be submitted upon completion of the electrical work. Copies of photographs of the chapel and the renovations were provided.

Safety Center Reconstructive/Renovation Presentation – HL Turner & Harvey Construction

Turner presented findings and found the exterior of the building appears well but inside there are many problems with moisture and air. Photos showed air and water penetrating the building. Once the study was completed, we advertized and selected Harvey Construction. We've come to a cost effective solution to address the problems. Our initial report was \$1.5 - \$2.7 million.

Harvey Construction: A Contract Management approach is different from a General Contractor. We are acting as your agent on a fixed fee. Unlike a GC that gives you a fee, we will put all work out to bid and if the money comes in less, we will return that to the town. You get the benefit of all trades bidding out. Working with Police/Fire/Carol and HL Turner, we compiled and addressed all the issues. The GNP was put together and we verified our numbers and we tested the market going to one or two contractors. You have a guaranteed maximum price. HL Turner will complete the plans and we will take those documents and put them out on the street to be bid out. When complete, we will give a one (1) year warrantee. That is one full calendar year to vent out any problems. The town can go to a two-year warrantee but there is a cost associated with that.

HL. Turner: Many of these issues were noticed very early on and no action was taken. From a design side, our responsibility legally is 7 years. Harvey Construction and HL Turner are here to stand behind what they do.

D. Dickson: I support this because we must take action. We have two more years of payments on the original bond. We don't have a choice but we will need to hard sell this to the town.

P. Loiselle: The initial proposal is quit complex. There are a number of exclusions.

Harvey Construction: The exclusions are there for clarification. We want to be clear what is excluded. It is not potential for additional cost but to clarify what exactly the bottom line was.

P. Loiselle: I was looking to see "We will" rather than "We will endeavor to. We want ownership. We are now hearing a one-year support and that's too little for a million dollar project.

Harvey Construction: One year is standard and the town never indicated they wanted a longer guarantee. We take the building through a full calendar season.

P. Loiselle: We talked to Harold about the water seepage. It appears windows weren't properly installed.

Harvey Construction: We are looking at replacing all the windows based on the condition and the way they were installed, they lend themselves to air infiltration and the seals are gone. We are looking at a total new envelope.

P. Loiselle: Can you replace the windows without ripping walls and brick apart. Will the new windows be more easily removed and replaced? Most window companies will warrantee windows for 10 years.

Harvey Construction estimated a total building replace would cost approximately 5.5 to 6 million dollars.

C. Granfield: We have held many meetings to discuss these costs including looking at what role public works will have. We also discussed if they will stand behind this work. Past experience with other reputable companies, if there was a problem, they were there to assist. Both groups have stated they will be available to the public at the deliberative session to present any information.

N. VanScoy: What is the estimated timeframe for completion?

Harvey Construction: From the start of construction, it should be no more than 7 months. We are trying to minimize the intrusion.

P. Loiselle: What was the condition of the roof?

HL Turner: The apparatus bay roof was in very good condition.

HL Turner: We will submit an intent form for an energy grant and follow up with the complete application.

P. Loiselle requested a cost for a 2-year warrantee.

J. Gorton thanked the individuals for an outstanding job.

HL Turner thanked the town staff for all their help.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Budget & Warrant Articles**

Questions regarding use of Impact Fees were researched by Carol and determined that Impact fees could not be used.

**A** -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,538,000 for the reconstructive renovations of the Safety Center, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,538,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorized the Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 for the purposes of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and interest payments on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required)

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.03*

*15 year bond with principal payments of \$101,600 plus interest*

***N. VanScoy motioned to accept the warrant Article for the Renovation and Repair of the Safety Center as presented. Seconded by J. Gorton.***

D. Ross: I think the tax impact needs to be clarified. The first year cost will be \$56,000 for a rate increase of .03 but what is the tax impact going forward for future years?

C. Soucie: It will be approximately .09 cents in the subsequent years.

J. Gorton stated he agrees we need to show what the future impact of the bond will be.

P. Loiselle: The warrant article states to add that language to the warrant article.

***Roll Call vote unanimously in favor.***

**B** - Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of Town Meeting 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. Note: This Article does not include special warrant articles #X through #XX.

This will be the budget Committee's number. The Council approved \$195,807 less than last year's operating budget. The Council is recommending \$14,418,105.

**C** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,463 (Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three Dollars) for salaries and benefits to be set-aside in a merit wage pool for non-union full-time and part-time Town personnel.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
2010-11	\$54,477	\$ 8,986

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.04.  
Reflect a 2% increase

D. Ross felt this should be left to the voters to decide.

N. VanScoy asked for the number of employees.

C. Soucie: 41 full time employees and 13 part time employees which does not include the Library employees.

D. Ross: We have reduced the raises by 50% over the past few years. In the past, they got 2% cola and 2% merit. We now give 2% merit only. I think it deserves to be on the warrant.

**Roll call vote unanimously in favor.**

**D** - To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett Police Commission and the Hooksett Police Union which calls for the following increases in salaries, taxes, retirement and other benefits at the current staffing level:

**Estimated increase over prior year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Taxes, Benefits &amp; Retirement</u>
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

**No action taken**

**D-1** - Shall the Town, if article #D is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #D cost items only?

**No action taken**

**E** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 (Forty-Two Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town-Wide Computer Development Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.03*

**D. Dickson motioned to decrease Warrant Article E to \$0. Seconded by G. Longfellow. Withdrawn**

**D. Dickson motion to eliminate Warrant Article E. Seconded by G. Longfellow.  
Vote unanimously in favor**

**F** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02*

**G. Longfellow motioned to approve the Warrant Article as written. Seconded by P. Loiselle.**

D. Ross stated that this should be removed. We recently did a reval and the State was pleased.

C. Soucie: The next reval is due on or before 2015. The cost was \$116,000 for this reval. The Capital Reserve Fund has \$42,000.

**M. Pischetola motioned to amend from the Article from \$40,000 to \$20,000. Seconded by D. Ross.**

G. Longfellow: The reval is income generating. If you slow down the reval, you will lose money.

**Roll Call vote on amendment**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Vote 5:4 motion carries on amendment**

**Roll Call Vote on amended motion (warrant for 20,000)**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Vote 6:3 motion carries**

**G** - Combined with E – Town Wide Computer Fund

**H** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town of Hooksett's Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01*

C. Soucie stated there is \$10,000 currently in the fund. There was discussion about doing the updates in sections rather than all at once.

N. VanScoy: The Master Plan is now 5 years old. It is getting to the point that it needs to be updated. J. Duffy stated that there has been no money spent to date.

***D. Dickson motioned to remove Warrant Article H. Seconded by G. Longfellow.***

***Roll Call Vote***

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

**I -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Road Impact Fee Traffic Study Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01*

***D. Boutin motioned to approve Warrant Article I for \$10,000 as written. Seconded by P. Loiselle.***

D. Boutin: We collect impact fees and if we don't use it we will have to give the money back. We should move this so we can utilize the funds.

G. Longfellow: J. Duffy was looking for \$17,000 and \$12,000 was encumbered. I'm not clear about all these funds.

C. Soucie: This is the only way you can get money into a capital reserve. The other funds you use them or encumber them. This is putting money in a reserve and can't be used for other purposes and sits there until it's utilized.

P. Loiselle: This is to study the intersections.

D. Boutin: We have already started working on this. At the budget hearing, the money that Jo Ann had was encumbered for specific projects that had not yet started. If we don't do this, and start the work, we will have to return the money to the applicants.

J. Gorton: With interest.

***Roll Call Vote***

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

**J -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Feasibility Study and Associated Cost for the Southern Leg of the Alternate North/South Highway Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01*

**P. Loiselle motioned to eliminate Warrant Article J as written. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

C. Soucie: There is \$56,000 currently in fund. Carol Granfield recommended 0.

**Vote unanimously in favor**

**K** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Council to enter into a seven year lease agreement for \$340,000 the purpose of leasing a fire engine for the Fire-Rescue Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,712 (Fifty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.04*

**N. VanScoy motioned to approve Warrant Article K as written. Seconded by P. Loiselle.**

Chief Williams: This is the priority item and the only item that the Town Administrator approved. The truck being replaced failed the pump test. It is a 1985 which makes it is difficult to get parts.

P. Loiselle: Can this be purchased with Impact Fees?

Chief Williams: Impact Fees can be used if we add a new vehicle and do not replace Engine 1.

B. Gahara suggesting table this to look into that strategy.

**D. Boutin motioned to table to look into this option. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

**L** -To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Forestry Vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.03*

**N. VanScoy motioned to approve Warrant Article L as written. Seconded by J. Gorton.**

**D. Boutin motioned to table until we can see if we can keep the original truck and add a new truck using impact fees. Seconded by Nancy VanScoy**

G. Longfellow: I think we could cut this for another year. There are more priorities.

**Vote unanimously in favor to table**

**M** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Fire Air Packs & Bottles Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01*

**N. VanScoy motioned to approve Warrant Article M as written. Seconded by D. Boutin.**

C. Soucie stated there is \$90,000 currently in the fund.

**Vote unanimously in favor.**

**N** - To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Fire Engines and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.06*

**P. Loiselle motioned to approve Warrant Article N as written. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

D. Ross: Historically towns leave these purchases up to the townspeople and not up to one body. I think the taxpayers should make these large decisions.

**D. Boutin moved to amend the motion to remove the Warrant Article N. Seconded by M. Pischetola.**

D. Boutin: What is the Administrator's recommendation on this article?

C. Soucie: C. Granfield did not recommend funding this purchase because it was not requesting a purchase for this year. This was recommended by the CIP Committee, which met after the Administrator's review. So the CIP wanted to set up a reserve for the next few years. The CIP met after Carol's review.

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Vote 7:2 motion carries**

No vote on the original motion, article is removed.

**O** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Emergency Radio Communication Development Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02*

**D. Boutin motioned to remove Warrant Article O. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

C. Soucie stated there is currently \$170,000 in the fund.

C. Granfield stated that this article was brought forward by the CIP Committee to spread future cost out over several years.

**Vote unanimously in favor**

**P** - To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Plow Dump Trucks and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (Seventy-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.05*

**D. Boutin motioned to remove Warrant Article P. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

**G. Longfellow motioned to amend to \$50,000. Seconded by P. Loiselle**

D. Hemeon: The plow truck cost \$132,000 last year. So the \$75,000 is half the cost. The plan was to put half this year and buy next year.

**Roll Call Vote on amendment**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>Yes</b>



**B. Gahara**                      **No**

**Vote 3:6 motion failed**

**Roll Call Vote on original motion to remove article**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Vote 6:3 motion carries**

**Q** - To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Backhoe and Loader and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.  
*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02*

**P. Loiselle motioned to approve Warrant Article Q. Seconded by D. Boutin.**

D. Hemeon: The cost of the backhoe is approximately \$140,000 – \$150,000. The current backhoe is 2001.

M. Pischetola: Why don't we put the 84,000 back in the budget and then get a warrant for \$50,000.

**Roll vote unanimously in favor.**

**R** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund already established.  
*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01*

**D. Boutin motioned to approve Warrant Article R. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

\$82,000 currently in fund  
The impact fee fund has \$138,000

G. Longfellow: This was set up originally to get the town to the point where it could use impact fees. We have now reached that point and we can now use impact fees.

C. Granfield: We do need the funds but we can use the impact fees and the committee needs come up with a plan to use those funds.

D. Hemeon: The committee is looking at buying a piece of land next to Peterbrook. They will be working with Conservation to acquiring that land. Projected price on that property is hopefully not more than \$350,000 for 7 acres of flat land.

B. Gahara: We didn't fund this line and we are getting to a point where we are maximizing our fields. We are coming up against a hard time to find space for recreation fields.

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Vote 8:1 motion carries**

**S** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund already established.

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02*

**N. VanScoy motioned to approve Warrant Article S as written. Seconded by J. Gorton.**

\$219,000 currently in the fund.

***Vote unanimously in favor***

#### **T-Option One**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the establishment of an automated trash collections/curbside recycling program in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 (One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend. (Total amount of the project is \$960,000 with \$560,000 already in the Solid Waste Special Revenue fund)

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02*

#### **T-Option two**

Are you in favor of the Town adopting an automated trash collection system? An automated trash collection system is one that allows for the mechanical pick up of trash by use of specialized lifts and containers. An automated trash collection system once implemented would also allow the Town to adopt curbside recycling. Current collection trucks will need to be replaced in the next several years.

Automated trucks would provide more service with no additional personnel. (Total amount of the project is \$960,000 with \$560,000 already in the Solid Waste Special Revenue fund)

#### **T. Option 1 and Option 2**

***D. Boutin motioned to approve Option 2. Seconded J. Gorton***

D. Boutin: Option 2 is to present a referendum to the voters and let them decide if that is how they want to handle solid waste.

G. Longfellow: I worry about this. It doesn't list anything. This Council has never decided to support automated recycling. I put out a cost and no one told me it was wrong. Christine put a cost out and I told her where it was wrong. I think this is premature. This is not the time to put a \$960,000 burden on the town.

D. Dickson: We are not asking for any money with option 2. If passed, we will request money in May.

G. Longfellow: It will be like the sewer plant where everyone voted it in and then got the bill and was very upset.

D. Ross; The wording states that if the town votes in favor, we will be adopting this system. An automated trash collection system also allows for curbside recycling collection. There is too much left to interpretation.

P. Loiselle: Option One is very clear. It states the impact on taxes. The .02 tax impact is on the \$175,000 going in this year. If we vote on Option One, you will get the consensus of the Council regarding that issue.

D. Boutin: We will have to put something out at the Deliberative Session so people can see what it is. This becomes a permanent increase in their property tax but I think the voters have a right to decide.

D. Ross: If you want it to be a referendum it should be worded as such.

N. VanScoy: This will be confusing.

**Roll Call Vote**

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	No
J. Gorton	No	D. Ross	No
P. Loiselle	No	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	No	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	No		

**Vote 8:1 motion fails**

**P. Loiselle motioned to approve Option 1. Seconded by N. VanScoy.**

D. Dickson stated we must move forward and supports this.  
This is an .11 tax increase.

M. Pischetola asked if the \$560,000 could be used to buy trucks, which will need to be replaced in the next 5 years.

G. Longfellow: The Town of Goffstown has 7000 pick-ups with 2 trucks for 10 hours shifts. Hooksett only has 4000 pick-ups and that is only 4-hour shifts per day. What will you use those people for?

D. Boyce: You will need time to change the oil, maintain the vehicle. We will not be adding personnel. There is still yard work and other things to do.

**Roll Call Vote**

D. Dickson	Yes	M. Pischetola	No
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	No
P. Loiselle	Yes	D. Boutin	No
G. Longfellow	No	N. VanScoy	Yes
B. Gahara	Yes		

**Vote 5:4 motion carries**

**P. Loiselle motioned to reconsider T, Option one. Seconded by Boutin**

D. Ross: We are premature with moving forward and we don't have a clear plan on what we will do and what it will cost and who will be paying for them. There are too many unknown and it will create a problem. We are trying to level fund.

P. Loiselle: As much as I support making strides in recycling, I agree we are on financial hard times and I reluctantly will vote not to support it.

**Vote 7:2 motion carries**

**D. Boutin motioned to remove T option 1. Seconded by D. Ross.**

**Roll Call Vote**

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	No	D. Ross	Yes
P. Loiselle	Yes	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	Yes		

**Vote 6:3 motion carries**

**V**

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?

Amend Article 3, (Town Council) Section 3.2 (Qualifications of Councilors) to read: Only voters who at all times during their term of office are and remain residents of the Town shall be eligible to hold the office of Councilor. Eligible candidates will be registered voters and will have resided in Hooksett for at least one year immediately before the election. Councilors elected from districts must be legal residents of that district at the time of election. If a Councilor shall move from his/her said district and shall remain a resident of the Town, he/she shall remain the elected district's Councilor until the next election. The Council is the sole judge of qualification for office. A majority of the Council may after investigation and hearing declare a vacancy if a member is ultimately convicted of a violation of the Town Charter. Council may also declare a vacancy if a member has missed three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in sequence, or has missed one quarter (1/4) of all meetings within one (1) calendar year, or has interfered with Administration, or falsified records, misapplied Town funds or property, or has been ultimately convicted **as a felon** of a Federal or State crime.

Note, this paragraph changes as shown and the last three paragraphs in Section 3.2 remain. Will ask legal counsel best way of addressed this change of three words and deletion of "punishable by imprisonment for more than five (5) years.

**W**

The police commission for the town of Hooksett shall be appointed by the town council. Such commission shall consist of five persons each of whom shall have been a resident of the town for at least five years next preceding his appointment. This act shall not take effect unless it is adopted by a majority of those present and voting at any annual or special town meeting held in the town of Hooksett. "Shall the provisions of an act entitled "An Act relative to the Hooksett police commission, passed at the 2010 session of the legislature be adopted?"

***N. VanScoy motioned to reconsider Warrant Article C (non-union merit wage pool). Seconded by D. Boutin***

M. Pischetola: I think it is unfair for union employees to get a raise and non-union employees to get nothing.

***Vote to reconsider fails 4:5***

***Boutin motions to reconsider F (Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund). Seconded N. VanScoy  
Vote unanimously in favor.***

***D. Ross motioned to remove Warrant Article F (Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund). Seconded by P. Loiselle.***

***Roll Call Vote***

D. Dickson	Yes	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	Yes
P. Loiselle	Yes	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	Yes		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

***D. Dickson motioned to extend the meeting to 10:30. Seconded by J. Gorton  
Vote unanimously in favor***

***N. VanScoy motioned to reconsideration Q (Capital Reserve Fund for a Backhoe and Loader). Seconded by J. Gorton.  
Vote unanimously in favor of reconsideration.***

***P. Loiseau motioned to reduce Warrant Article Q to \$10,000. Seconded by N. VanScoy  
Roll Call Vote***

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	No
J. Gorton	No	D. Ross	No
P. Loiseau	Yes	D. Boutin	No
G. Longfellow	No	N. VanScoy	Yes
B. Gahara	No		

***Vote 2:7 motion fails***

***D. Ross motioned to remove Warrant Article Q. Seconded by D. Ross  
Roll Call Vote***

D. Dickson	Yes	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	Yes
P. Loiseau	Yes	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	Yes		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

***D. Boutin motioned to reconsideration Warrant Article M (Firefighter Airpacks). Seconded by Ross.***

***Vote on reconsideration unanimously in favor***

***D. Ross motioned to remove Warrant Article M. Seconded by D. Boutin***

D. Dickson	Yes	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	Yes
P. Loiseau	Yes	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	Yes		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

***D. Boutin reconsideration Warrant Article S (Town Building Maintenance Fund). Seconded by N. VanScoy***

***Vote to reconsider unanimously in favor***

***D. Boutin motioned to reduce Warrant Article S from \$30,000 to \$20,000. Seconded by P. Loiseau  
Vote unanimously in favor***

***P. Loiseau motioned to make a rule that the Council has the ability to reconsider a motion more than once. Seconded by D. Boutin***

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	No	D. Ross	No
P. Loiseau	Yes	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	Yes
B. Gahara	No		

***Vote 5:4. motion failed 2/3 needed***

**D. Boutin motioned to reconsideration Warrant Article I (Road Impact Fee Traffic Study).  
Seconded by J. Gorton.**

**Roll Call Vote**

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	Yes
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	No
P. Loiselle	No	D. Boutin	Yes
G. Longfellow	No	N. VanScoy	No
B. Gahara	Yes		

**Vote 4:5 motion fails.**

**N. VanScoy motioned to reconsider Warrant Article R (Park and Rec. Capital Reserve Fund).  
Seconded by G. Longfellow.**

**Roll Call Vote**

D. Dickson	No	M. Pischetola	No
J. Gorton	No	D. Ross	No
P. Loiselle	No	D. Boutin	No
G. Longfellow	Yes	N. VanScoy	Yes
B. Gahara	No		

**Vote 2:7 motion fails.**

Warrant Articles K and L are tabled. The impact on the tax rate including K and L is .11 and without it is .08.

D. Dickson asked if the Budget committee might be able to find \$20,000 to reduce the Operating Budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorization to Sign – Town Administrator**

C. Granfield: This is housekeeping to provide the Town Administrator authority to sign when the Town accepts grants.

*Resolution of the Town Council*

*As authorized by law, the Town Council may accept grants of State or Federal Aid. Upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Town Council to accept any such grant, the Town Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, indefinitely, until rescinded, to do and perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all necessary and ordinary documents on behalf of the Town Council in connection therewith or incidental thereto.*

*As authorized by law, the Town Council may acquire or transfer real estate, or lesser interest, right, restriction, covenant or easement therein. Upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Town Council to acquire or transfer any such interest in real estate, the Town Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, indefinitely, until rescinded, to appear at all closings and to otherwise do and perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all necessary and ordinary documents on behalf of the Town Council in connection therewith or incidental thereto.*

**D. Ross motioned to adopt and sign both resolutions. Seconded by P. Loiselle  
Vote unanimously in favor (D. Boutin absent for vote)**

**SNHU Pole & Wire License for Dining Facility**

Pole and Wire License: The Planning Board approved of the agreement with the condition that the Town is not responsible and recommends the town Council sign the agreement.

***D. Ross motioned to sign the agreement. Seconded by M. Pischetola. Vote unanimously in favor.***

**Fire Station Location Study Impact Fees**

Chief Williams: Since the development of Exit 10, there has been numerous discussion of adding an additional fire station near this location. Impact Fee Studies have indicated the need for an additional fire station near this location. There has never been an actual fire station study completed in this community. By completing a fire station location study, it should give us a better understanding as to where the best possible locations of such facilities should be located and what our staffing level needs would be. Proposals for the study were solicited from three companies. The best deal is Municipal Resources, which is the most affordable. Funding will come from Fire Impact Fees collected.

***D. Ross motioned to authorize the expenditure of Fire Impact fees in the amount of \$12,500 in order to have a Fire Station Location and Staffing Study conducted and to authorize the Town Administrator to proceed with awarding the contract to Municipal Resources, Inc. Seconded by M. Pischetola.***

N. VanScoy: What will we get for our \$12,000?

Chief Williams: This would provide information regarding response time, etc. We are not within the allowable response time for Exit 10 but we are not within the response time for other areas of town as well. There has never been a fire station location study done.

C. Granfield: There has been a lot of discussion of sites and the intent is to have an outside source looking at this rather than the Fire Department. It will be an outside recommendation for location as well as staffing recommendations.

P. Loiselle: There was some interest in Manchester doing a joint venture. Wouldn't that be the most cost effective option?

Chief Williams: We agreed and wrote the grant, which was not successful.

G. Longfellow: I don't believe that Hooksett can support a third Fire station now or in the future. We have two (2) operating with a four (4) million dollar budget. If you add another station, you will increase their budget two (2) million dollars. How safe can you be? You can have a station on every corner and still not be perfectly safe. You must decide how much you want to spend on safety. Police and Fire are spending more than half the budget.

Chief Williams: That is what the study will give you. It may determine that an additional fire station isn't needed.

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>D. Dickson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Pischetola</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>J. Gorton</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Ross</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>P. Loiselle</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>D. Boutin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Longfellow</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N. VanScoy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>B. Gahara</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

***Vote 8:1 motion carries***

**Fire-Rescue Fees Update**

Chief Williams presented a new Fire-Rescue Fee Schedule, which is reviewed annually and updated as needed. All of the fee adjustments are currently inline with other comparable communities and with 2010 Medicare rates plus 10%. This has no fiscal impact and creates revenue for the town.

***D. Ross motioned to adopt the Fire-Rescue Fee Schedule as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle  
Vote unanimously in favor (M. Pischetola absent for the vote)***

**Bond Reduction**

1292 Hooksett Road

***D. Dickson motioned to release the Bond from Coastal Partners at 1292 Hooksett Road in the  
amount of \$2118.00 as recommended. Seconded by D. Boutin.***

***Roll Vote unanimously in favor.***

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

C. Granfield: Currently the deed for the Village School does not allow the Town to lease out areas of the building. This can only be changed through a School District Warrant Article. A Warrant Article has been drafted by the School Board's attorney and will be placed on the ballot. I will be attending the School Deliberative Session to answer any questions.

The Town will be kicking off a new "Hooksett Gets Healthy" program February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Benefits Fair held in December was a success.

Working on the Perambulation with Denise Pichette Volk

DRED recently approved five (5) zones for state tax credits

Hooksett Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Economic Development Committee – P. Loiselle – The committee met today and is looking at options for Old Town Hall.

Conservation Commission – D. Ross – The Conservation Commission will celebrate the Clay Pond Project on January 26, 2010.

ZBA – J. Gorton – The appeal for a rehearing from Crown Communication was granted. 1373 Hooksett Road, Peterbrook is before the Board for a Variance within the Performance Zone

Park & Rec. – N. VanScoy – The committee is looking into Portable Ice Rinks as well as more no sport related activities.

Town Hall Preservation Committee – N. VanScoy – Will meet next Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Board – N. VanScoy – M. Pischetola, at a prior Council meeting, raised the issue of a fee for bonds. Counsel informed the Town Administrator that it is legal to charge a fee for handling of bonds but the Board was not receptive to implementing such a fee.

***D. Dickson motioned to extend the meeting to 11:00 pm. Seconded by D. Ross.  
Vote unanimously in favor.***

P. Loiselle raised the issue of graffiti in town.

J. Gorton received complaints about the distribution of the Hooksett Banner.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

M. Miville: 42 Main

As a member of the CIP Committee, I feel that comments made tonight were a slap in the face. The CIP process, which took over 6 weeks, decided to spread out funding. We just spend \$432,000 on warrant articles and as a budget member, I will be voting against. You as a Council did see this year as a year to cut. At Saturday's workshop, I heard the Police Chief make a statement, based on my understanding of the budget, to cut the funding of one vacant officer and supervisor. The Police Department is approved for 29 officers and they are only funding 27. He is authorized to have 29 officers but funds 27 officers. Understand that at the Dec 8 and 15 Police Commission meetings, they voted to have a hiring freeze for



the remainder of the year. I don't know why they are doing this. They voted on a freeze. I agree with M. Pischetola, you hire your staff first, and then you buy your supplies.

David Pearl, 79 Main Street: Be aware, we are losing 2 more police officer this week. That brings the number of officers that have left to 12. The Council needs to look at abolishing the Police Commission.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91:2d**

***N. VanScoy motioned to enter into non-public session under RSA 91:2d at 10:45 pm. Seconded by P. Loiselle.***

***Roll Call unanimously in favor***

The Town Council met with D. Hess, Conservation Commission to discuss land acquisition.

***P. Loiselle motioned to exit Non-Public Session at 10:55. Seconded by D. Boutin.***

***Vote unanimously in favor.***

***D. Boutin motioned to enter into an agreement with MS&G as presented by D. Hess. Seconded by D. Ross.***

***Vote unanimously in favor***

**OTHER BUSINESS**

C. Granfield stated that the school asked if there was space available at the Town Hall for the Out of School Suspension Program, which was being housed at the Hooksett Public Library. It was left that C. Granfield would meet with the School Superintendent to resolve.

D. Ross stated he does not agree that town facilities should be use as school facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan