

the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt. All voted favorably, the item passed.

Article 2:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$688,900.00) for the purpose of financing the water distribution system improvements to connect the existing waterline at Green Hill Rd to the existing waterline(s) south of the covered bridge, and all costs incidental and related thereto, Six Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$688,900.00) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 *et seq.*, as amended; to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Commissioners to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Commissioners to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars (\$19,289.00) to pay for the first year's interest on the bond. (2/3rd vote required)

Recommended by Commissioners.

The article was read then discussion on the article was opened to the public/precinct members.

Richard Davee of Wright-Pierce showed a graphic of the proposed Rt. 16 option and explained how the new waterline would connect to existing Jackson Water Precinct waterlines to make a loop for water distribution improvement purposes. He also gave the precinct members an idea of how the pipes would be installed. There is the potential of possible new precinct members with this option. Test drilling has already been done in this area.

Burr Phillips of Civil Solutions showed a graphic and explained the so-called "Cross Country" option that would run new water lines across part of the Wentworth Golf Club's course next to Green Hill Road, and through the woods to connect to existing Jackson Water Precinct water lines near the Red Fox Bar and Grille. There could possibly be a substantial savings by going with this option. One approximate guess was a savings of up to \$90,000.00. No test drillings have been done in this area to check for ledge and no official estimates have been given for this option. It will be explored further to see if this is a more cost effective option for the project.

During the question and answer period, several things were discussed such as why the project is necessary at this time. It was explained that through the course of doing routine maintenance several gate valves have failed. It brings to light that if certain valves fail, water distribution to parts of town could be interrupted. With no loop in the system, there is no way to get water to those areas of town if there is a failure in the distribution system. Also, it makes it very difficult to isolate areas to be worked on. If there is a redundancy to the system, one area could be shut down for repairs and maintenance without cutting off the water supply entirely.

Another aspect is water quality. Wherever there are dead ends in the system, compounds in the water can build up. If there is a loop in the water distribution system those components do not build up as easily. The water moving more freely and circulating makes for better quality all around.

This project was considered in 2011 but because the economy had taken a major down-turn a few years prior and was slowly recovering, it was not acted upon. At that time, the project would have cost far less than the estimated

cost today. As time goes on, the cost of this project will likely continue to rise. If the project is approved at this time, it will cost precinct members less in the long run.

Questions were asked about other possible sources of funding.

Bill Johnson of In Addition has been extensively researching funding options.

Unfortunately in the area of grants, Jackson is a small town with few precinct members up against many, many applicants with large projects. Although this project is very substantial to us, it is considered minor when compared to other larger projects. We are placed low on the list in receiving grants.

Bill has also been researching loans and comparing interest rates.

After all questions and discussion had been brought forward;

Karl Meyers made a motion for the article to be voted on; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

Moderator Matesky called for a vote of the precinct members.

The voting was opened at 5:53P.M.

The voting was closed at 6:53P.M.

The ballots were reviewed and counted. The results were unanimous.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 3:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$193,556.00 as necessary to defray Precinct cost for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same:

Commissioners favor.

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 4:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,949.00 to pay the annual principal and interest on the Rural Development Loans.

Commissioners favor.

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 5:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,907.00 to pay the annual principal and interest on the New Hampshire State Revolving Loan Payment.

Commissioners favor.

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 6:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,300.00 to provide hydrant water service to the Town of Jackson with \$6,300.00 to be reimbursed by the town for said services.

Commissioners favor.

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 7:

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of demolishing the lower dam and upgrading the upper dam and piping in the ensuing years. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the improvement is completed or by March 3, 2020, whichever is sooner.

The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 8:

To see if the Precinct will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed into the "Water Precinct Improvements" Expendable Trust Fund, the commissioners to be agents to expend from this fund. The sum will be taken from the Jackson Water Precinct's general fund surplus.

Commissioners favor.

Karl Meyers made a motion to accept; the motion was seconded by Kevin Pratt.

The Precinct Members voted favorably. The item passed.

Article 9:

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

There was no further business or discussion.

Karl Meyers made a motion to close the Annual Meeting; Kevin Pratt seconded the motion and all voted favorably.

The Annual Meeting was closed at 6:57P.M. by Moderator Matesky.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Ensor, Secretary

4/14/17