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Selectmen's Meeting

February 6, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman; Jonathan W. Tolman, Edward J. Charest (absent with prior notice), Christopher P. Shipp, Russell C. Wakefield; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; and Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

ABC Members: Jean Beadle, Chair (absent with prior notice), Alan Ballard, Vice-Chair, Kathy Garry, Barbara Sheppard, Christopher Shipp (Selectmen's Representative)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Joel announced that Peter Jensen passed away yesterday unexpectedly. He asked that everyone observe a minute of silence in remembrance of Peter. Joel said that Peter is one gentleman that the Town will sorely miss.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: Joel opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

1. **2014 Budget & Roads Program:** Joel asked Carter to give an overview. Carter said that basically the proposed operating budget is flat. He explained that on the Excel budget sheet provided, the corresponding Warrant Article is listed on the right hand side of the sheet. Carter briefly stated that Executive Officers went up to cover the pool of allowances for the employees' cost of living and contingencies. Administration also saw an increase. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector were both flat. Assessing went down and includes \$13,000 to contract with an independent utility appraiser. He explained that the increase in assessments will justify the added expense and it is expected to see a decrease in the overall tax rate for 2015. The Police Department's budget has decreased due to one position being eliminated, and a modest decrease in overtime in the Canine Program, as we anticipate it will be discontinued in the third quarter due to the canine retiring or "aging out". The Fire Department has increased due to equipment purchases. Highway is also up approximately 2%. The Town Road budget, along with private roads has increased. Carter reminded everyone that the VNA budget has greatly decreased due to the merger with the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association (fka Meredith, Center Harbor Visiting Nurse Service), along with a decrease in revenue. All CIPC recommendations, except for one, were funded. Carter said that the Town needs to raise approximately half a 1 million dollars less from last year. Joel asked and Carter and Heidi confirmed that includes all of the Citizen Petition requests. 1) Jerry Hopkins asked and learned that the Town would be contracting with George SanSoucie for the utility assessor. Carter added that he is thought to be a leader in his field. There are two reasons to contract with a utility assessor: Potential to add to the assessments, and submitting the MS-1 on time, versus receiving values from the NH DRA's utility assessor approximately one month after the MS-1 deadline, resulting in our tax bills going out late. Mr. Hopkins suggested that legal issues may arise and suggested adding to the legal

budget. 2) Joe Cormier commented that he thought that the proposed budget that was posted on the Town's website in November should have had the 2013 actuals listed. Carter replied that those figures are not available until the third week in January. Mr. Cormier asked about the \$160,000 in the Technology Fund, which was created in 2007. Carter replied that the purpose of the fund created by the Selectmen in 2007 was to expand broadband technology. It is a separate account. The Town is working to develop the broadband plan and to spend down this account. Recently the Town was awarded a broadband grant from UNH to do that. There are areas of Town with no service and other areas that are very slow. The Selectmen have been talking with all vendors in an effort to meet this goal. Mr. Cormier questioned why the Town continues to fund this when it hasn't spent any of the money. Carter stated that the only way to extinguish this fund would be through Town meeting.

2. 2014 Roads Program:

Joel Made the Motion to allow Selectmen Ed Charest, who is recovering from knee surgery and in the hospital, to participate in the vote using the telephone (speaker phone). Russ Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: Joel read the warrant article. 1) Josh Bartlett said that he thought that the Sidewalk Study report was incomplete, as it did not include an assessment of need. He requested that the Selectmen not recommend it. 2) Kim Prause stated that she was one of the petitioners from last year's citizen petition, and said that the intent was to have the Town vote on it and then to identify the cost. She asked the Selectmen to accept the report. Chris asked Ms. Prause about last year's petition, the wording receive report for consideration and construction. Ms. Prause agreed, but it did ask for the report.

Joel asked the Selectmen and the members of the ABC to consider allowing Jean Beadle, Chair of the ABC, who was absent due to the death of her husband, to submit her recommendations in writing. All were in agreement. Jon Made the Motion and Chris Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 3: Joel read the article. He explained that both the Fire and Police Departments are called upon to provide special services or duty for special non-Town events. The Revolving Fund would allow each Chief to not have to budget for these special duties, which are an unknown expense. 1) Bud Heinrich questioned expenses coming from the general fund, but the payment was not going back to the general fund, but a separate fund. He also questioned the language of the article and thought that the "...purposes set forth herein" were not described. Carter replied that the purpose is stated in the second line of the article. This is for the cost of personnel only and will result in a cleaner budget process. 2) Josh Bartlett agreed that there needs to be clarification of how the money can be spent. Chris commented that health insurance costs don't go up as a result of special duties, but asked if the cost being charged will cover other expenses. Carter said it would, adding that a couple of years ago both Chiefs increased the cost for

special duties for this purpose. 3) Kathy Garry asked about the revenue line. Carter said that if adopted it will go away for 2015. 4) Joe Cormier asked how it would work and Carter explained that the revenue for special details would go into the Revolving Fund. 5) Mr. Heinrich thought that the money should go back to the departments versus the Selectmen expending. Joel reminded Mr. Heinrich that all funds come to the Town of Moultonborough and go into the general fund, not back to the departments. Carter said it lets the Chiefs deal with details and separates it from the regular service. Chief Dave Bengtson explained that a special service was requested from the Fire Department and he had to search through his budget to pay staff. With the Revolving Funds, the money will be there. 6) Jerry Hopkins asked how the Selectmen can spend without appropriating. Carter replied that the statute allows it. 7) Mr. Heinrich said it makes it hard to discern how the money is spent. Jon said that other than the Revolving Fund, there is no way to replenish funds in the department's budget. This is much cleaner and not coming from the tax levy, but is self-funded. Russ agreed saying it takes care of unanticipated details and costs. As there were no further questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 4: Joel read the article. Carter explained that the Town has two choices, they can have this warrant article yearly, to authorize the Board to sell tax deeded properties, or pass this article which will allow the Selectmen to do so until it is rescinded. He explained that in 2001 this was adopted, but without the language “yearly” or “until rescinded”. Carter said that they had been operating incorrectly. As there were no questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 5: Russ read the article. 1) Bud Heinrich questioned the definition for employee, which he thought did not include volunteers or subcontractors. Carter said that volunteers are “officers” as they are elected or appointed. Contractors can't be controlled by ordinances, but by contract. 2) Eric Taussig thought that under exemptions (b) was ambiguous. Carter asked to add the word ‘that’ after “...employee or officer is *that* shared...” Approved by Consensus. He provided an example to explain, that a benefit that is provided to all residents, should not be withheld or unavailable to “employees” and thus penalize them. Mr. Taussig thought it would be better to just increase the monetary value and be specific. Carter said he felt strongly that this shouldn't be increased. 3) Jerry Hopkins asked if the ordinance can be revised by the Selectmen or only at Town Meeting. Carter replied that it could only be revised at Town Meeting. 4) Diane Bartlett asked about #4., e.), disclosures. Carter explained that this pertains to personnel matters (HIPPA), non-public materials, i.e. collective bargaining, legal issues/law suits, and proprietary information. 5) Bud Heinrich thought that the definition of family should include in-laws, etc. Carter said that if needed it could be built out at a later time. No further questions were asked and Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 6: Russ read the article. Carter said that this was corrective action, as the Selectmen didn't have the authority to accept this property when they did. He added that the Conservation Commission could have, but they didn't. This was found when doing deed research for a recent tax deed. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if the Town approves this will it result in legal problems. Carter said that the former owner (now believed to be deceased) willingly deeded the property to the Town, and he didn't expect any challenge from the grantor. 2) Jerry Hopkins suggested correcting the language removing "...on 34,100 +/- square feet..." to read *of* 34,100 +/- square feet. Agreed by Consensus. Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 7: Russ read the article. 1) Josh Bartlett asked that the note be explained. Jon said that the funding would be from old tax money. Mr. Bartlett then asked about the language of "...with \$240,900 of this amount to be used for the actual purchase, carryout certain remediation..." suggesting that it wasn't clear. Carter said that Town Counsel has reviewed it, but he'll ask him to take a look at it again. 2) Steve Maguire asked what the Selectmen intend to do with the property. Joel replied that they don't have anything intended as of yet. Mr. Maguire thought that the goal was to build up the village and attract more business, and questioned why the Selectmen are taking 5 acres out of the tax revenue. 3) Sally Carver spoke in favor of purchasing the property. She recalled while she was on the School Board, that the Moore property (now Laconia Savings Bank) had been offered to them and as they couldn't identify a purpose at that time, they turned it down. Looking back she said that if they had made the purchase it would've resolved a lot of issues, such as sidewalks. Ms. Carver thought the Town needs a people place, and a bigger place to vote. She said that if the Town doesn't own it, then they can't do anything with it. 4) Kim Prause asked if the Committee would be reporting at Town Meeting. Carter said it was up to the Town Moderator. Ms. Prause asked for and Carter gave confirmation that \$240,900 was the purchase price and the balance requested was for the work to be done. 5) Jerry Hopkins suggested adding the words '*...with remaining funds to be used to carryout...*' Joel said and the Selectmen agreed that they would have Town Counsel review the wording again. 6) Josh Bartlett asked about the Voters Checklist and the number of voters. Mr. Hopkins replied that at the last election there were 3,721 voters. Mr. Bartlett disagreed saying he was told there were much less voters. 7) Cristina Ashjian, Heritage Commission Chair, said she was in support of the purchase and Ms. Prause's request that the Committee report their findings at Town Meeting. 8) Hollis Austin suggested that wording be added that the Town would offset this purchase by reducing the number of properties it presently owns. Joel said that they weren't ready to do anything with it. 9) Ms. Carver replied to Mr. Bartlett, confirming the number of voters, adding that the Voters Checklist is a fluid document, available for public scrutiny/viewing, and is located in the lobby. As there was no further questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 1 No [Alan])

ARTICLE 8: Carter reported that the year should be 2006 and not 2005. Chris read the article. Carter reported that the Town had one person qualify for the Disabled Exemption

based on the present income limits, but became disqualified when their Social Security payments went up. This increase would make the limits the same as the Elderly Exemption and was brought by the Town Assessor, Gary Karp. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if a person's primary residence would be excluded and learned that it would. There was no further discussion. Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 9: Chris read the article. 1) Paul Punturieri asked where this was on the budget and Carter said under 2013, second page. These funds would go to the general fund. 2) Joe Cormier asked where it could be found in the budget documents on the web and learned from Carter it was listed under Trustees of Trust Funds. As there were no further questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 10: Jon read the article. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if this meant private or public cisterns. Carter replied that the Town can't spend money on private property. Joel said that presently it is set up for the construction of dry hydrants only and not the repair. Chief Dave Bengtson added that for Balmoral and Suissevale, there were 3 hydrants added, and amending this would allow the Fire Department to make repairs and get them back into service. Carter said that the annual contribution amount of \$2,500 is a rough estimate and they will be developing an annual required contribution plan from the Water Resources plan the Fire Chief is developing. The Selectmen will be the expending authority. He added that when developers are required to add cisterns and then the Town has to accept them, we need to be able to make the repairs. No further questions were asked. Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 11: The article was read, pointing out that Wentworth Shores Road – 2,550' Reclaim & Page should be *Pave*. So noted. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if the engineering costs were just for the intersections. Highway Agent Scott Kinmond replied that this covers everything, including the surveying for all of the road projects, and the clerk of the works. Scott added that the estimates are somewhat fluid. Carter said that he would be adding *Shores* after Wentworth. No further questions were asked. Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 12: The article was read. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if the \$37,500 in the Capital Improvements was needed considering the citizens petition. 2) Kathy Barger sponsor of the Citizen's Petition asked how to handle this. Carter said she should amend Article 37 at Town Meeting by deducting the approved budgeted amount of \$37,500. 3) Steve Maguire asked and learned that repairs in the amount of \$37,500 were made last year.

Joel reminded everyone that at the initial construction of Phase II of the Pathway that DOT would not allow the Town to attach the Pathway to the state road, and doing this eliminated the need to dig as deep, and would be cheaper to have the gravel strip between the road and path. It has been a maintenance nightmare as the gravel is kicked up by cars and prevents a hazard on the Pathway. Mr. Maguire asked if the cost to the repair is as much as the initial construction. 4) Kathy Barger replied that the cost of the repairs wasn't even close. She felt strongly that it needs to be repaired before someone gets hurt. 5) Bud Heinrich asked if the school has a tele-arm lift truck. Scott replied that it has a scissor lift that can't be used in all applications. He added that the cost of \$40,000 is for a used vehicle. 6) Referring back to the Pathway, a citizen commented that the overall cost to build had been \$900,000. 7) Donna Kuethe, Recreation Director replied that was incorrect, stating that the taxpayers paid \$35,000, the Pathway Committee raised \$35,000 and then, the Town spent \$50,000, the Committee raised another \$35,000, and then received grants. 8) Alan Ballard, speaking as a CIPC member said that this had been discussed on numerous occasions and the CIPC recommended the budgeted amount. Jon agreed, adding that Article 37 is a citizen's petition. He asked if Article 12 passes, would the petitioners amend Article 37 by \$37,500. He then asked if the Highway Department can get it done in two years. Scott said he'd received joint work force estimates and also state excavation permits to do it in the spring and fall. Russ asked Scott about the \$40,000 for the tele-arm lift truck and if it would be better to hire contractors to perform all of the tree cutting versus this expense. Scott replied that independent contractor tree service costs \$2,100 per day and then Town staff has to be assigned to insure that only authorized trees are cut. As Time Warner no longer installs or takes down the Town flags and wreaths, they have been using Meredith's lift truck, but this can't continue. Scott said that Meredith uses their lift truck on a daily basis. The discussion ended and Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 13: The article was read. Chris asked if this article limits them to the Blue Ribbon Commission's (BRC) vision. Jon said that the CIPC discussed a feasibility study, and does this ask only to do a site study. Carter replied that it did. This site study would be done first and then a feasibility study. 1) Bud Heinrich questioned the pertinence of the BRC, when they were disbanded over a year ago. Russ said it was still pertinent, but thought that this was premature, as the Master Plan isn't complete yet. Mr. Heinrich said that the vote on the Master Plan was not in favor of purchasing anymore land for recreational purposes. Jon said that this article comes from the 2013 Town meeting and was without any funding. He agreed that it was premature, but thought that the study was OK. Joel said that they first need to find an area to do this. Ed agreed. As there were no further questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 No [Russ])

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 1 Yes – 3 No [Alan, Kathy, Barbara])

ARTICLE 14: Russ read the article. 1) Bud Heinrich questioned the \$25,000 in the Technology CRF. As this was previously discussed, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 15: Russ read the article. As there were no questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 16: Chris read the article. Joel reported that they've discussed this for several years. Last year three neighborhood meetings were held and there was a lot of interest to move forward. 1) Steve Maguire supported the article and said it was a good start.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 17: Chris read the article, and as there were no questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 18: Jon read the article. Phyllis Prouty, Chair of the Board of Library Trustees, stated that the total costs to run the Library are \$489,972 and the Library is contributing \$12,500 from unrestricted funds. 2) Jerry Hopkins asked if there was a breakdown of costs in the Town Report. Mrs. Prouty replied that their books can be reviewed at the Library. It was pointed out, and Heidi confirmed that the figure of \$447,472 was incorrect and needs to be changed to \$477,472. As there was no further discussion, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 19: Jon read the article. As there were no questions, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 20: Joel read the article. Joel reported that this was new. He asked Chief Bengtson and learned that Sandwich was considering sharing the cost. 1) Steve Maguire asked why the Selectmen want to equip the truck with paramedic equipment. Joel explained that the Town has several volunteers who are paramedics, but without any kind of paramedic equipment and it can't be expected that Stewarts allow our volunteers to use their equipment. As there was no further discussion, Joel called for the vote.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

Joel called for a recess at 9:33 p.m. The Selectmen reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Joel Made the Motion to allow Ed to complete his vote in writing, tomorrow, for the citizen's petitions. Russ Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously. The Selectmen wished Ed a comfortable good night.

ARTICLE 21: Joel read the article. 1) Joe Cormier replied to Mr. Hopkins' question that no cost would be involved to enforce this article. 2) Jerry Hopkins asked how it would be enforced. Mr. Cormier, sponsor of the petition said it would be under Ordinance #10, Noise, and would provide the Police Department with more tools. 3) Steve Maguire said he was not in support, as the Town is a resort area and people come here with the expectation of being able to use fireworks. He thought that there were more responsible people, than not. He thought it was wrong to prohibit it. 4) Joe Cormier stated that other towns prohibit it. Russ commented that there are 3 citizens' petitions to control it. He was more inclined to favor Article 22 with time limits. Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 0 Yes – 4 No)

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 0 Yes – 4 No)

ARTICLE 22: The article was read. 1) Clelia MacKay said she was in support of the time limits and it provides regulations. 2) Steve Maguire said the limit of 10 p.m. is too early and thought it should be changed to 11 p.m. Joel reminded him that this was a citizens' petition and the Selectmen can't change it, but it can be amended at Town Meeting. 3) Kim Prause asked how this was different from the present ordinance which was recently amended. 3) Joe Cormier said that it is Ordinance #10, Noise and it falls under a different statute. Chris said that people on Long Island clearly have a problem with fireworks. He thought other areas are troubled by different noises and felt that it was hard to single out one single noise (fireworks), when everyone should have the same rights. 4) Jerry Hopkins asked if the petitioner meant New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. 5) Hollis Austin asked about the safe distance per decibels and learned from Mr. Cormier that it is 800'. Jon agreed that fireworks were a problem. He thought that the recently amended Noise Ordinance gave the Police Chief clearer rules. He acknowledged that this was a problem for many veterans. 6) Scott Bartlett suggested to first see how it works under the amended Noise Ordinance and then look at the problem.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 3 Yes – 1 No [Chris])

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 0 Yes – 4 No)

ARTICLE 23: Russ read the article. 1) Steve Maguire questioned the previous article. 2) Eric Taussig, the sponsor of the citizens' petition said that you can't realistically ban fireworks, but you can deal with all noise. 2) Don Muscavitz thought that changing the Noise Ordinance times from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. would have a negative impact on contractors. Joel agreed, adding that the way this is written, that work on Fridays couldn't start until 8 am. Russ said this is the lakes region, full of second home owners and contractors. Changing the start time would negatively impact their livelihoods. 3) Don Muscavitz asked if this also refers to boats. Jon commented that his father had most of his work done by 8 a.m. As there were no further comments, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 0 Yes – 4 No)

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 0 Yes – 4 No)

ARTICLE 24: Russ read the article. 1) Sally Carver spoke in support of the article, saying that the Loon Center is an integral part of the Town. As there were no further questions or comments, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 25: Chris read the article. As there were no questions, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 26: Chris read the article. 1) Sally Carver asked if this was just for Moultonborough residents and learned that it was. 2) Steve Maguire questioned the Town's priorities, wondering why only \$7,500 was funded. Russ informed him that this was a citizen's petition and not a Town warrant article. He reminded Mr. Maguire that he can amend this and increase the amount at Town Meeting. There were no more questions. Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 27: Chris read the article. 1) Bud Heinrich said he is concerned with the sequence of events. The Planning Board's subcommittee will be studying the Village issue and he thought that this should be completed first before considering sidewalks. 2) Kim Prause, co-sponsor of the 2013 and this year's citizen's petition, said that last year they felt the Town needed a plan. She thought that the Master Plan and the Village Charette, and now the Village subcommittee are just ways to postpone this question. Chris asked Ms. Prause if last year's article's intent was to lead up to the Town considering and generating a plan. Ms. Prause replied that it gave the Town the opportunity to look at it. She requested that the Selectmen accept the report. Russ felt that last year's warrant article required that only a study be done. 3) Paul Punturieri, Planning Board member, stated that the subcommittee for the Village came up not to derail the Sidewalks study. He asked what accept and receive on Article 2 meant. Jon replied that Article 2 is not contingent on Article 27. Russ added that he thought \$590,000 wouldn't cover the cost of phase I, and it will be an unfinished project. 4) Ms. Prause acknowledged that working with DOT, it wouldn't get it done in 2014, but they need to know the cost. 4) Joanne Coppinger, co-sponsor of Article 27 said that this article used 2015 numbers and allowed for extra time. 5) Mr. Punturieri said that the Village study will be done by 2015. Joel agreed that if it was to be done it would cost a lot more money. 6) Kathy Barger said that 16 years ago the Pathway Committee started

with a grant, and it is important to finish things that have already been started. Chris read the Article from the 2013 Town Meeting, emphasizing the wording “...for consideration of plan or plans...” which he interpreted as meaning to go forward with it at the 2014 Town Meeting. Jon disagreed, saying that it was consideration of plan or plans without funding. He felt that the Selectmen complied with the article. Russ commented that the petitioners were happy with the study. Carter reminded the Selectmen of the lengthy debate over the wording for Article 2, with the various words, received, accept, endorse. 7) Ms. Coppinger said that there was only one plan with multi phases, and what is now being requested omitted two walking segments which can be undetached in the future. 8) Ms. Prause said that they knew that the purchase of the Taylor property was being considered and thought it was appropriate to go ahead. Jon commented that it will be decided at Town Meeting. The report is done. He added that he doesn't see sidewalks going past Murphy's Store.

(By Petition)

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 1 Yes – 3 No [Jon, Russ, Joel])

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 1 Yes – 3 No [Alan, Kathy, Barbara])

ARTICLE 28: Jon read the article. Jon commented that the Central NH VNA & Hospice was a competing agency with the Town's VNA. As they do provide hospice, he thought that this could be amended at Town Meeting to just fund hospice. 1) Charlotte Leavitt spoke in support, stating that 73 residents received services in FY 2013: 15 received hospice care, 18 pediatric care, with a balance of home visits of 743. Carter commented that it didn't make sense to invest in a competitor. 2) Bud Heinrich said he was in favor. 2) Kathy Barger also spoke in support. 3) Jerry Hopkins asked and learned that it is a non-profit organization. Speaking as Town Moderator, Mr. Hopkins didn't think that the article could be amended to provide just hospice as Jon had suggested. Joel called for the vote as there were no further questions or comments.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 29: Jon read the article. Joel called for the vote as there were no questions or comments.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 30: Joel read the article. As there were no comments or questions, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 31: Joel read the article. 1) Bud Heinrich asked if there was anyone to speak to this article. As there was no response, Joel said that it was not required, but he strongly recommended that someone speak to it at Town Meeting. Mr. Heinrich added that he looked at the web-site and felt that the federal government was involved, and they need more information. 2) Kathy Barger said that she's familiar with Child and Family Services, which started in the Manchester area over 100 years ago, and has branched out over the state. She said it is a credible agency and she is in support of the article.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 32: The article was read. 1) Jane Uehlein spoke in support of the Lakes Region Food Pantry, stating they've been opened less than one year, and to date they have 150 +/- patrons. They are opened twice a month and it is for Moultonborough residents only. 2) Sally Carver spoke in support, stating that she has visited and found that it was busy, clean, very organized, and a nice place. 3) Hollis Austin said that this is due to the poor economy and asked Ms. Uehlein what she saw as the trend. Ms. Uehlein replied that as they have only been one open a year, it is hard to say what the trend is, but she feels the word is out that the food pantry is there.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 33: Joel read the article. As there were no questions or comments, he called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 34: Russ read the article. As there were no questions or comments, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 35: The article was read. Joel called for the vote as there were no questions or comments.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 36: The article was read. 1) Bud Heinrich asked where the Inter Lakes Day Care was located and learned in Meredith. He questioned if Moultonborough children

are being cared for there and learned that they were. As there were no questions or comments, Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 0 No)

ARTICLE 37: The article was read. 1) Kathy Barger asked the Selectmen and learned that she should amend this article at Town Meeting, as long as the budget is approved which includes the \$37,500 for the repair of Phase II of the Pathway. There were no further questions or comments. Joel called for the vote.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 2 Yes – 2 No [Alan, Kathy])

Carter said that he would wait to receive Ed and Jean’s votes, along with any minor edits or recommendations that DRA may have. Russ Made the Motion to approve the 2014 Town Warrant as written with any minor edits per the NH DRA. Chris Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

Jerry Hopkins asked about reading the articles vs. a slide show. The Selectmen didn’t think the slide show was necessary. Upon a verbal polling of the audience, Mr. Hopkins said that he would have a slide show.

Joel closed the public hearing at 11:05 p.m.

IV. REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES: Russ Made the Motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 17, 23 and 30, 2014 as written. Chris Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

V. CITIZEN INPUT: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Approval: Payables Manifest & Signature File:

DATE	DOCUMENT	MAP/LOT#
1/27/14	Out of State Conference, VNS	N/A
2/6/14	Administrative Abatement	213-017-000- CG0-020
2/6/14	Personnel Matter	N/A
2/6/14	Personnel Matter	N/A
2/6/14	Acceptance of DES Milfoil Grant, \$52,431	N/A
2/6/14	Abatement, Granted	092-025
2/6/14	Abatement, Granted	068-014
2/6/14	Intent to Cut	212-001
2/6/14	Intent to Cut	114-033-001
2/6/14	Application for Construction of Driveways	195-007

2/6/14	Veterans' Tax Credit – Granted	099-153
2/6/14	Veterans' Tax Credit – Granted	146-006
2/6/14	Veterans' Tax Credit – Granted	121-055
2/6/14	Payables Manifest & Signature File (2014) \$81, 273.51	N/A

Joel read the Payables Manifest & Signature File for February 6, 2014. Chris Made the Motion to approve the Payables Manifest & Signature File. Jon Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board & Staff Liaison and Update Reports: Carter told the Selectmen that he is working on his capstone paper and requested using information about Moultonborough VNS and permission to use their logo in his report. Russ Made the Motion to give Carter permission to use Town information and the VNA's logo. Joel Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously. Russ reported that the Planning Board's sub-committee for the village has been set up. The Selectmen will have one seat and will be appointing two alternates. Chris said he would like to do it. Carter said that this will be on the February 20th agenda. He added that it is important to find new citizens to volunteer, and reminded everyone that this would be a nine month commitment. Chris asked about the firefighter's job application deadline and learned that it was February 27th.
2. Planning Board Minutes, January 8 & 22, 2014: Acknowledged.
3. Milfoil Committee Minutes, January 9, 2014: Acknowledged.
4. Heritage Commission Minutes, January 13, 2014: Acknowledged.
5. Recreation Advisory Board Minutes, January 13, 2014: Acknowledged.
6. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, January 15, 2014: Acknowledged.
7. CIPC Minutes, January 16, 2014: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Time Warner Cable, January 15, 2014 (2), Channel & Possible Program Changes: Joel reported that this was their usual letter.
2. Bud Heinrich, January 20, 2014, CIPC – Fire Tankers: Joel reported that Mr. Heinrich is concerned about the Chief's proposal to purchase fire tankers.
3. Citizen Petition, Central NH VNA & Hospice, \$5,000: Previously Acknowledged.
4. Citizen Petition, Moultonboro/Sandwich Senior Meals Program, \$11,000: Previously Acknowledged.
5. Citizen Petition, Starting Point \$1,215: Previously Acknowledged.
6. Citizen Petition, Child & Family Services, \$5,000: Previously Acknowledged.
7. Citizen Petition, Lakes Region Food Pantry, \$5,000: Previously Acknowledged.
8. Citizen Petition, Sandwich Children's Center, \$3,000: Previously Acknowledged.
9. Citizen Petition, Winnepesaukee Wellness Center, \$10,000: Previously Acknowledged.
10. Citizen Petition, Moultonborough Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Coalition, \$14,000: Previously Acknowledged.
11. Citizen Petition, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School, \$1,350: Previously Acknowledged.
12. Citizen Petition, Repairs to Phase II Pathway, \$60,375: Previously Acknowledged.

X. **CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Bud Heinrich commented that the last work session was excellent, but only 15 minutes were dedicated to the fire trucks being considered. Carter commented that the discussion has been on-going, and the Selectmen will have to ratify what is being proposed. Mr. Heinrich commented that the tanker/pumper that is being considered can only be used as one thing at one time. When it is being used as a tanker, than the pumper can't be used, and vice versa. Chris said that he too asked for additional information, but he isn't concerned about the tanker. 2) Hollis Austin agreed with Mr. Heinrich and said it is worthy of discussion. Joel felt that it is the Chief's recommendation and at some point the Selectmen need to listen to what he wants. Chris said that it should be put on the agenda. Carter said he would, but at that point it will be the third discussion.

XI. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Not needed.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Russ Made the Motion to Adjourn. Chris Seconded.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Joel adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

Approved

Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas