



43 **Police #4210**

44 The budget is currently approved with gross expenses of \$648,465, revenue of \$4,075, and net  
45 expenses of \$644,390. Lee said the Committee was looking for ways to offset the salary  
46 increases – possibly in the cruiser line. Chief Joe Gordon explained that the Board of Selectmen  
47 encumbered \$24,000 of the 2016 budget into 2017 to go toward the purchase of one cruiser.  
48 Lee asked if the \$25,000 that is still in the cruiser line for 2017 is still needed. Chief Gordon said  
49 yes because those funds are to purchase the second cruiser. Any other funds needed to  
50 purchase or outfit both cruisers will come from the Special Detail Revolving Fund. He said both  
51 cruisers absolutely need to be replaced. Lee asked if there is any way to use some of the 2016  
52 surplus to purchase the other cruiser as well. Lynne explained the 2016 surplus goes back into  
53 the general fund and there could have been a warrant article to ask for some of those funds to  
54 purchase a cruiser, but the deadline for warrant article submission has passed. The only other  
55 way to use those surplus funds is in the fall when the tax rate is set. The Board of Selectmen  
56 can use funds to offset the tax rate. Steve commented that he thought there would be some  
57 funds from the two vacant part time officer positions. Chief Gordon said that all the vacant  
58 positions have been filled at this time. Steve said at the last Selectmen’s meeting it was  
59 discussed that the officers would not be able to get into the academy until December. Chief  
60 Gordon explained that they will be entering the academy in August and graduate in December.  
61 In the meantime, they can complete their field training here in Sandown before the academy.  
62 Then when they graduate they will be ready to go out on their own. There was general  
63 discussion about the payroll and related lines and how to fund the increases. Several members  
64 feel the risk of default is significant. Chief Gordon agreed, but stated that the three largest  
65 increases in the budget were not the Police. There will be more increases next year with Union  
66 negotiations. Michael feels that one cruiser would be more palatable this year and increases  
67 that come up next year will be known at the start of the budget season, not at the last minute  
68 like this year. Steve agreed, saying that the raises that were approved in December by the  
69 Board of Selectmen put the Budget Committee in a terrible position. Chief Gordon commented  
70 that the town has gone down the same path for other individuals and departments in the past.  
71 Joe said that the department is losing the part time Corporal. Joe offered to remove \$5,086  
72 from payroll for that vacated position. The process to fill that spot will be a timely process. He  
73 said that would change the payroll line to \$514,021. He added that once you skip a year in  
74 purchasing a needed cruiser, there will be an increase in vehicle maintenance costs to go along  
75 with that. Michael asked if the Overtime line should change if the payroll line is adjusted. Joe  
76 said that any overtime shifts that need to be filled must first be offered to full time officers  
77 before being filled by part time officers, per the union contract. **Michael made a motion** to  
78 adjust the Overtime line to \$33,125, as requested by the Department. **Motion seconded** by  
79 Sue. The vote was 6 in favor and Lee opposed. **Motion carried.** There was discussion  
80 regarding whether the vehicle maintenance line can be reduced because of having two new  
81 cruisers. Joe said that he already took that information into account when he estimated the  
82 vehicle maintenance line at \$8,756. Lynne added that the actual Vehicle Maintenance  
83 expenses in 2016 are \$9,067, so it shows a reduction with two new cruisers to \$8,756. Sue  
84 commented that the Budget Committee is on board that the Police need increases, but don’t

85 know how to fund them. There was further discussion on how to arrive at a figure for payroll.  
86 Lee said he is not happy about how we got into this situation. **Lee made a motion** to adjust the  
87 payroll line to \$514,021. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor. **Motion carried. Michael**  
88 **made a motion** to adjust the Grievance Pay line to \$249. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in  
89 favor. **Motion carried. Lee made a motion** to reduce the Incremental Sick Days to \$3,927.  
90 **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor. **Motion carried. Michael made a motion** to  
91 reduce the Education Incentive line to \$5,877. **Motion seconded** by Fran. All voted in favor.  
92 **Motion carried. Lee made a motion** to accept the Police budget #4210 with gross expenses  
93 \$691,501, revenue of \$4,075, and net expenses of \$687,426. **Motion seconded** by Tom. All  
94 voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**96 Executive #4130**

97 Lynne explained the breakdown of the costs for the computers and the server. The new  
98 desktops are about \$700 each and \$13,000 for the new servers. The rest of the funds in that  
99 line cover the anti-virus, back-up, and offsite storage. Michael asked if the \$10,000 for  
100 Stormwater Management is going to be in a revolving fund so that any unused portion could be  
101 used in future years. Lynne said not this year. Any unused funds will go back into the general  
102 fund in 2017, but after we have a better idea of what the costs will be it would make sense to  
103 make it a special fund next year. **Sue made a motion** to approve the Executive #4130 budget  
104 with gross expenses of \$268,327, revenue of \$350, and net expenses of \$267,977. **Motion**  
105 **seconded** by Lorna. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

106

**107 Town Clerk #4140-02**

108 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Town Clerk budget #4140-02 with gross expenses of  
109 \$54,540, revenue of \$1,686,670, and net expenses of -\$1,632,130. **Motion seconded** by Fran.  
110 All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**112 Election and Registrations – Supervisors #4140-03**

113 **Sue made a motion** to accept the Elections & Registrations – Supervisors budget #4140-03 with  
114 gross expenses of \$3,725, revenue of \$50, and net expenses of \$3,675. **Motion seconded** by  
115 Fran. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**117 Election and Registrations – Moderator #4140-04**

118 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Elections & Registrations – Moderator budget #4140-04  
119 with gross expenses of \$6,465, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$6,465. **Motion seconded**  
120 by Sue. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**122 Finance #4150-05**

123 **Michael made a motion** to approve the Finance budget #4150-05 with gross expenses of  
124 \$59,088, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$59,088. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All voted  
125 in favor. **Motion carried.**

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127 **Assessing #4150-06**

128 **Lorna made a motion** to approve the Assessing budget #4150-06 with gross expenses of  
129 \$68,110, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$68,110. **Motion seconded** by Tom. All voted in  
130 favor. **Motion carried.**

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132 **Tax Collector #4150-07**

133 **Sue made a motion** to accept the Tax Collector budget #4150-07 with gross expenses of  
134 \$63,318, revenue of \$13,659,167, and net expenses of -\$13,595,849. **Motion seconded** by  
135 Lorna. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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137 **Treasurer #4150-08**

138 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Treasurer budget #4150-08 with gross expenses of  
139 \$3,870, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,870. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in  
140 favor. **Motion carried.**

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142 **Budget Committee #4150-09**

143 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Budget Committee budget #4150-09 with gross expenses of  
144 \$250, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$250. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
145 **Motion carried.**

146

147 **Benefits #4155**

148 Sue asked why the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee numbers don't agree.  
149 Cheryl explained that the Board of Selectmen approved this budget before the changes were  
150 made to the Police budget and they did not go back and revise the Benefits. The Budget  
151 Committee approved their budget with the changes reflected. **Tom made a motion** to approve  
152 the Benefits budget #4155 with gross expenses of \$552,654, revenue of zero, and net expenses  
153 of \$552,654. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor except Michael and Lee who  
154 abstained. **Motion carried.**

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156 **Planning Board #4191-11**

157 **Sue made a motion** to approve the Planning Board budget #4191-11 with gross expenses of  
158 \$30,207, revenue of \$6,000, and net expenses of \$24,207. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All  
159 voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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161 **Zoning #4191-12**

162 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Zoning Budget #4191-12 with gross expenses of \$2,430,  
163 revenue of \$1,700, and net expenses of \$730. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
164 **Motion carried.**

165

166 **Government Buildings #4194**

167 Sue questioned why the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee budgets don't match.  
168 Lynne explained that the Board of Selectmen reduced their original budget to \$92,950. The

169 Budget Committee further reduced the budget by another \$10,000 for the cost of the A/C at  
170 the Police Station. **Tom made a motion** to approve the Government Buildings budget #4194  
171 with gross expenses of \$82,950, revenue of \$1,000, and net expenses of \$81,950. **Motion**  
172 **seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**Cemetery #4195**

175 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Cemetery budget #4195 with gross expenses of \$3,801,  
176 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,801. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
177 **Motion carried.**

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**Insurance #4196**

180 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Insurance budget #4196 with gross expenses of \$101,511,  
181 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$101,511. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
182 **Motion carried.**

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**Trustees of the Trust Funds #4199**

185 **Sue made a motion** to approve the Trustees of the Trust Funds budget #4199 with gross  
186 expenses of \$450, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$450. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All  
187 voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

188

**Rescue #4215**

189 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Rescue budget #4215 with gross expenses of \$47,250,  
190 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$47,250. **Motion seconded** by Michael. All voted in  
191 favor. **Motion carried.**

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**Fire #4220**

195 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Fire budget #4220 with gross expenses of \$148,035,  
196 revenue of \$100, and net expenses of \$147,935. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
197 **Motion carried.**

198

**Building Inspector #4241-20**

200 Tom explained that there is a project on Wells Village Road that will be generating a lot of  
201 permits and therefore payroll for the inspectors. The payroll lines will end up being overspent,  
202 but there will be more than enough revenue through the permit fees to offset them. Lee feels  
203 that since there is offsetting revenue he would like to leave the budgets as they stand. **Lorna**  
204 **made a motion** to approve the Building Inspector budget #4241-20 with gross expenses of  
205 \$9,800, revenue of \$15,000, and net expenses of -\$5,200. **Motion seconded** by Tom. All voted  
206 in favor except Sue who abstained. **Motion carried.**

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211 **Code Enforcement #4241-21**

212 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Code Enforcement budget #4241-21 with gross expenses  
213 of \$3,650, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,650. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All voted  
214 in favor except Sue who abstained. **Motion carried.**

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216 **Plumbing Inspector #4241-22**

217 **Lorna made a motion** to approve the Plumbing Inspector budget #4241-22 with gross expenses  
218 of \$6,700, revenue of \$6,000, and net expenses of \$700. **Motion seconded** by Tom. All voted  
219 in favor except Sue who abstained. **Motion carried.**

220

221 **Electrical Inspector #4241-23**

222 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Electrical Inspector budget #4241-23 with gross expenses  
223 of \$7,100, revenue of \$8,000, and net expenses of -\$900. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All voted  
224 in favor except Sue who abstained. **Motion carried.**

225

226 **Septic Inspector #4242**

227 **Lorna made a motion** to approve the Septic budget #4242 with gross expenses of \$3,310,  
228 revenue of \$4,000, and net expenses of -\$690. **Motion seconded** by Fran. All voted in favor  
229 except Sue who abstained. **Motion carried**

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231 **Highway Facility #4311**

232 Sue asked why the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen's budgets don't agree. Lee  
233 said he had moved to increase the internet line. **Sue made a motion** to approve the Highway  
234 Facility budget #4311 with gross expenses of \$7,800, revenue of zero, and net expenses of  
235 \$7,800. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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237 **Highway Operating #4312**

238 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Highway Operating budget #4312 with gross expenses of  
239 \$598,010, revenue of \$1, and net expenses of \$598,009. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in  
240 favor. **Motion carried.**

241

242 **Street Lights #4316**

243 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Street Lights budget #4316 with gross expenses of \$2,000,  
244 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$2,000. **Motion seconded** by Sue. Voted in favor 6 to 1  
245 with Tom opposed. **Motion carried.** Tom commented that we only have 11 street lights in  
246 town and he doesn't know why we would want to shut half of them off.

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248 **Sanitation Facility #4321-28**

249 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Sanitation Facility budget #4321-28 with gross expenses of  
250 \$9,464, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$9,464. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in  
251 favor. **Motion carried.**

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253 **Sanitation Operating #4321-29**

254 **Sue made a motion** to approve the Sanitation Operating budget #4321-29 with gross expenses  
255 of \$362,513, revenue of \$15,000, and net expenses of \$347,513. **Motion seconded** by Lee. All  
256 voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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258 **Sanitation Site #4325**

259 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Sanitation Site budget #4325 with gross expenses of  
260 \$2,000, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$2,000. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in  
261 favor. **Motion carried.**

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263 **Recycling #4326**

264 Sue asked why the Budget Committee and Selectmen's budgets don't agree. Lee said he had  
265 moved to increase the disposal and hauling lines to more closely match the run rates. 2016  
266 actual amounts are over-spent by \$9,000 and \$7,000. Tom said that he had taken Lee's  
267 comments regarding un-stickered vehicles at the transfer station and he reported that Artie is  
268 looking into it. Tom reminded citizens to say something to the attendants at the transfer  
269 station if they see someone without a sticker because it ends up costing the tax payers more  
270 money if people from out of town are dumping trash here. Lee added that the people he saw  
271 did have stickers, but Lee knows they no longer live in Sandown. **Lee made a motion** to  
272 approve the Recycling budget #4326 with gross expenses of \$66,451, revenue of \$15,000, and  
273 net expenses of \$51,451. **Motion seconded** by Sue. Vote of 6 in favor and Michael abstaining.  
274 **Motion carried.**

275

276 **Health Officer #4411**

277 **Sue made a motion** to approve the Health Officer budget #4411 with gross expenses of \$4,167,  
278 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,167. **Motion seconded** by Fran. All voted in favor.  
279 **Motion carried.**

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281 **Animal Control #4414**

282 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Animal Control budget #4414 with gross expenses of  
283 \$15,764, revenue of \$500, and net expenses of \$15,264. **Motion seconded** by Michael. All  
284 voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

285

286 **Health and Human Services**

287 Sue questioned if a request had been received from Community Health Services of Greater  
288 Derry. Lynne reported that there has not been any request. **Tom made a motion** to approve  
289 the Health and Human Services budget #4415 with gross expenses of \$17,893, revenue of zero,  
290 and net expenses of \$17,893. **Motion seconded** by Michael. All voted in favor. **Motion**  
291 **carried.**

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295 **Community Assistance #4445**

296 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Community Assistance budget #4445 with gross expenses of  
297 \$9,251, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$9,251. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. All voted in  
298 favor. **Motion carried.**

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300 **Parks & Recreation #4520-36**

301 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Parks & Recreation budget #4520-36 with gross expenses  
302 of \$92,936, revenue of \$1, and net expenses of \$92,935. **Motion seconded** by Fran. All voted  
303 in favor. **Motion carried.**

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305 **P&R – Summer and Special Recreation #4520-37**

306 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Summer & Special Recreation budget #4520-37 with gross  
307 expenses of \$63,690, revenue of \$50,913, and net expenses of \$9,639. **Motion seconded** by  
308 Fran. All voted in favor except Steve who abstained. **Motion carried.** Steve added that he had  
309 intended to abstain on the vote for the Parks & Recreation budget #4520-36 as well.

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311 **Recreation Building Operations #4520-38**

312 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Recreation Building Operations budget #4520-38 with  
313 gross expenses of \$17,330, revenue of \$3,516, and net expenses of \$13,814. **Motion seconded**  
314 by Sue. All voted in favor except Steve who abstained. **Motion carried.**

315

316 **Library #4550**

317 **Tom made a motion** to approve the Library budget #4550 with gross expenses of \$307,929,  
318 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$307,929. Michael asked if the bank fee situation has  
319 been resolved. Kirsten reported that it has and they will not be required to pay the extra \$600.  
320 **Motion seconded** by Michael. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

321

322 **Patriotic Purposes #4583**

323 **Motion made** by Sue to approve the Patriotic Purposes budget #4583 with gross expenses of  
324 \$4,750, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,750. **Motion seconded** by Fran. All voted in  
325 favor. **Motion carried.**

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327 **Conservation #4619**

328 **Fran made a motion** to approve the Conservation budget #4619 with gross expenses of \$8,574,  
329 revenue of \$240, and net expenses of \$8,334. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted in favor.  
330 **Motion carried.**

331

332 **Debt Expense Principle #4711**

333 **Lee made a motion** to approve the Debt Expense Principle budget #4711 with gross expenses  
334 of \$50,000, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$50,000. **Motion seconded** by Sue. All voted  
335 in favor. **Motion carried.**

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337 **Debt Expense Interest #4721**

338 **Sue made a motion** to approve the Debt Expense-Interest budget #4721 with gross expenses of  
339 \$26,025, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$26,025. **Motion seconded** by Lee. All voted in  
340 favor. **Motion carried.**

341

342 **TAN Notes #4723**

343 **Sue made a motion** to approve the TAN Notes budget #4723 with gross expenses of \$8,000,  
344 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$8,000. **Motion seconded** by lee. All voted in favor.  
345 **Motion carried.**

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347 The bottom line of the 2017 proposed operating budget is \$3,893,589, revenue of \$15,477,283,  
348 and net expenses of a negative \$11,586,832. This is an increase of \$233,059, or 6.37% over the  
349 2016 budget.

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351 At 7:30, Steve called for a 15 minute recess.

352 The meeting resumed at 7:45 with a review of Warrant Articles.

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354 Warrant Article 2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including  
355 appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the  
356 amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first  
357 session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,893,589. Should this article be defeated,  
358 the default budget shall be \$3,739,018, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments  
359 required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special  
360 meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating  
361 budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in  
362 ANY other warrant articles. Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is TBD. The Board of  
363 Selectmen will vote to recommend or not at their 11/23/17 meeting. **Recommended by the**  
364 **Budget Committee by vote of 6-1-0 with Lee voting no.**

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366 Warrant Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to  
367 accept a Highway Block Grant in the sum of One Hundred Sixty One Thousand One Hundred  
368 Twenty Seven Dollars (\$161,127) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by  
369 the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen, said  
370 sum to be supplied by the State of New Hampshire. Estimated tax impact of this warrant article  
371 is \$0. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
372 **Committee by vote of 7-0-0.** Tom commented that the Board's intent was to include the Block  
373 Grant in the operating budget, but was then removed because of the large increase in the  
374 proposed budget. It is Tom's intent to include it in the operating budget next year.

375

376 Special Warrant Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four  
377 Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$406,250) to be added to the previously

378 established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Estimated tax impact of this warrant  
379 article is \$0.80 per thousand.

380 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
381 **Committee by a vote of 6-0-1.**

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383 Special Warrant Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred  
384 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously  
385 established.

386 Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.20 per thousand. Recommended by the Board  
387 of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

388

389 Warrant Article 6. Shall the Town adopt the all veterans' tax credit as set forth in RSA 72:28-b in  
390 the amount of \$500 which is the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit adopted by  
391 the Town under RSA 72:28? If this Article is adopted, the all veterans' tax credit shall take  
392 effect on April 1, 2017 and shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on qualifying  
393 veterans' residential property.

394 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
395 **Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

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397 Special Warrant Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five  
398 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously  
399 established.

400 Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.01 per thousand. Recommended by the Board  
401 of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

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403 Special Warrant Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven  
404 Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust  
405 Fund.

406 Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$ 0.01 per thousand. Recommended by the Board  
407 of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

408

409 Special Warrant Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five  
410 Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to retrofit the existing Central Fire Station rear garage to  
411 accommodate an emergency vehicle. This article is designated as a special warrant article by  
412 the Board of Selectmen. Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.07 per thousand.  
413 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
414 **Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

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416 Special Warrant Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two  
417 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Sandown Senior Affairs  
418 Transportation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Estimated tax impact of this  
419 warrant article is less than \$0.01 per thousand.

420 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
421 **Committee by a vote of 6-0-1.**

422

423 Special Warrant Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty  
424 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve  
425 Fund previously established. Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.10 per thousand.  
426 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-0. **Recommended by the Budget**  
427 **Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

428

429 Petitioned Warrant Article 12. Shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Commission in  
430 accordance with the provisions of N.H. RSA 673 and 674, and authorize the Board of Selectmen  
431 to appoint or authorize no less than 3, and no more than 7 members and up to five alternates,  
432 to the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a. All appointees shall meet the  
433 qualifications as outlined herein. Further, shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Fund in  
434 accordance with the provisions of N.H. RSA 674:44-d and to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to  
435 be placed in the fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-1-0. Pamela  
436 Goudreau spoke to the Committee regarding this petition. She explained the basic principle of  
437 a Heritage Commission and its benefits. Heritage Commissions give local governments the  
438 ability to recognize and protect historical and cultural resources. They also open up  
439 opportunities for funding grants for projects that wouldn't otherwise be available to any private  
440 group or organization. This will help to maintain the historic structures in town without an  
441 adverse tax impact. The only funds needed from the town would be to cover the cost of the  
442 recording secretary to take the minutes of the Commission's meetings. It works like a  
443 Conservation Commission does for land, except it is for historic structures. Pam said that the  
444 Commission would have to go to the town to get permission to spend any money out of the  
445 Heritage Fund. It is up to the Town to set up the Commission however it would best benefit the  
446 town. Lee said he would abstain from voting on this because of the trivial amount of money,  
447 but he questions what funding could be asked for in the future. Steve will abstain from the  
448 vote because he doesn't understand the benefit to the town at this point. He has heard the "it  
449 won't cost the town any money" before, but it quite often ends up having to be funded in the  
450 future. Sue doesn't feel she has enough information to vote. Michael said he is very unfamiliar  
451 with this type of Commission. Steve is concerned that it is another land use board that will be  
452 controlling what we do. Fran said that the Commission would be looking at all town historic  
453 properties at the same time and what needs to be done for them, not just one building at a  
454 time. She said grants right now are very small and if we need large grants for large projects,  
455 those grants are State or Federal. Those grants are not usually given unless they are dealing  
456 with a Heritage Commission. **Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 2-0-5** with  
457 Tom and Fran voting yes. All other members abstained.

458

459 Special Warrant Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen  
460 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$19,950) for design costs related to Town hall office  
461 space conversion to include schematic design, design development and budget estimate. This

462 article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen. Estimated tax  
463 impact of this warrant article is \$0.04 per thousand. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
464 by a vote of 4-1-0. This article was brought about because the offices in the town hall are  
465 running out of space and having handicap accessibility issues and safety and privacy concerns.  
466 Lynne needs to have a private area to have meetings for Community Assistance and legally  
467 sensitive discussions. The heavy outside door at the top of the stairs outside the Town Clerk's  
468 office is difficult for handicapped or elderly people to open and get around. The kitchen space is  
469 basically wasted because it only gets used a couple days a year. This article will find out if the  
470 taxpayers want to explore the options we have. If this article passes, there will be another  
471 article next year to ask for the funding to complete the project. **Recommended by the Budget**  
472 **Committee by a vote of 7-0-0.**

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474 Lynne announced that the filing dates for candidates to run for offices are January 25 through  
475 February 3 at the Town Clerk's office.

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477 Tom thanked the Budget Committee for a good experience as his first time sitting on the  
478 Budget Committee.

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480 At 8:30, Steve adjourned the meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Cheryl Eastman

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