

1 **DRAFT**
2 **Minutes**
3 **Budget Committee – Public Hearing**
4 **Town of Sandown, NH**
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8 Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
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10 Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall

11 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall, Upper Hall

12 Present: Sue Reynolds, Chair, Steve Finnegan, Vice-Chair, Fran Rosenau,
13 Lorna Walker, David Solomon, Amanda Knight, and Tom
14 Tombarello, Selectmen’s Representative

15 Recording Secretary: Cheryl Eastman
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17 Sue called the meeting to order at 6:06. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
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19 Sue outlined the procedure for tonight’s hearing.
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21 **Highway Facility #4312**

22 Artie Genualdo spoke to this budget. Sue explained that the last time the committee looked at
23 this budget it was overspent. Artie transferred funds in from the Highway Block Grant and the
24 budget now is under spent. Artie said that this process of using Block Grant to offset expenses
25 has been done each year, but there will come a time when we will not be able to do that. Every
26 time it happens, it takes away from planned projects. Sue talked about the new
27 Consulting/Engineering line that has \$20,000 proposed. Tom **made a motion** to reduce the
28 Consulting/Engineering line from \$20,000 to \$10,000. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Vote was in
29 favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.** Sue said the Plowing line had been increased by the Board of
30 Selectmen. She would like to see it go back to what Artie had originally requested. If so, she
31 would be willing to run for Budget Committee again to hopefully ensure more increases are
32 added to this line in the future. She understands the increases are needed, but we can’t make
33 up for all the infrastructure shortages in one year. David said he would like to see it stay where
34 the Board of Selectmen recommended. He feels that we know what we really spent without the
35 Block Grant offsetting it. He would prefer to use the Block Grant for construction or
36 reconstruction of roads instead of being used as a safety net for the plowing line. David added
37 that it will take years to catch up to where we can use the Block Grant solely for what it is
38 intended. Sue said that the Board of Selectmen will be using the 2019 Block Grant to purchase
39 two pieces of equipment. Fran would like to see the plowing line changed to \$200,000 instead
40 of \$190,000. Sue said she would support that. Lorna agrees with \$200,000. Tom wants it to stay
41 at \$210,000 because in 2015 and 2017 we were overspent in that line by \$155,000. He feels it is
42 not good budgeting practice if we know we will spend it but don’t budget for it. Lorna asked why

43 in 2016 the line wasn't overspent. Artie said that 2016 was not a bad winter. Sue **made a motion**
44 to reduce the plowing line to \$200,000. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Vote was in favor 4-3-0 with
45 Steve, David, and Tom against. **Motion carried.** Sue said Artie had asked for \$100,000 in the salt
46 line and the Board of Selectmen increased it to \$115,000. David asked if Block Grant funds had
47 been used to offset this line as well. Artie said yes, the same as the plowing line. David feels this
48 line should stay at \$115,000 because it was overspent. Amanda suggested splitting the
49 difference. She added that its not like we are not trying to fully fund these lines but doing it over
50 the course of a couple years. Sue agreed. Fran stated that we have already cut some out of the
51 Highway budget and doesn't think we should cut more. Sue **made a motion** to reduce the salt
52 line to \$110,000. **Motion seconded** by Tom. The vote was in favor 4-3-0 with Fran, David, and
53 Steve against. **Motion carried.** Tom **made a motion** to accept the Highway Operating budget
54 #4312 with gross expenses of \$701,318, revenue of \$1, and net expenses of \$701,317. **Motion**
55 **seconded** by Lorna. The vote was in favor 5-2-0 with Steve and David against. **Motion carried.**

56

57 **Executive #4130-01**

58 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Executive budget #4130-01 with gross expenses of \$292,188,
59 revenue of \$350, and net expenses of \$291,838. **Motion seconded** by Steve. The vote was in
60 favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

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62 **Town Clerk #4140-02**

63 Sue **made a motion** to accept the Town Clerk budget #4140-02 with gross expenses of \$52,791,
64 revenue of \$1,393,137, and net expenses of negative \$1,340,346. **Motion seconded** by Fran.
65 The vote was in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

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67 **Elections & Registrations – Supervisors #4140-03**

68 Sue **made a motion** to accept the Elections & Registrations – Supervisors budget #4140-03 with
69 gross expenses of \$3,725, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,725. **Motion seconded** by
70 Lorna. The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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72 **Elections & Registrations – Moderator #4140-04**

73 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Elections & Registrations – Moderator budget #4140-04 with
74 gross expenses of \$6,895, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$6,895. **Motion seconded** by
75 David. Vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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77 **Finance #4150-05**

78 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Finance budget #4150-05 with gross expenses of \$76,834,
79 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$76,834. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in favor
80 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

81

82 **Assessing #4150-06**

83 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Assessing budget #4150-06 with gross expenses of \$77,155,
84 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$77,155. **Motion seconded** by Tom. The vote was in favor
85 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

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87 **Tax Collector #4150-07**

88 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Tax Collector budget #4150-07 with gross expenses of
89 \$68,203, revenue of \$65,850, and net expenses of \$2,353. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote
90 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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92 **Treasurer #4150-08**

93 Tom made a motion to accept the Treasurer budget #4150-08 with gross expenses of \$4,051,
94 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,051. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in favor
95 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

96

97 **Budget Committee #4150-09**

98 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Budget Committee budget #4150-09 with gross expenses of
99 \$361, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$361. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in
100 favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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102 **Benefits #4155**

103 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Benefits budget with gross expenses of \$632,486, revenue of
104 zero, and net expenses of \$632,486. **Motion seconded** by Steve. The vote was in favor 7-0-0.
105 **Motion carried.**

106

107 **Planning Board #4191-11**

108 Fran made a motion to accept the Planning Board budget #4191-11 with gross expenses of
109 \$25,854, revenue of \$2,000, and net expenses of \$23,854. **Motion seconded** by David. The vote
110 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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112 **Zoning Board of Adjustment #4191-12**

113 Sue **made a motion** to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustment budget #4191-12 with gross
114 expenses of \$2,680, revenue of \$2,000, and net expenses of \$680. **Motion seconded** by Fran.
115 The vote was in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

116

117 **Government Buildings #4194**

118 Tom **made a motion** to accept Government Buildings budget #4194 with gross expenses of
119 \$85,351, revenue of \$1,000, and net expenses of \$84,351. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote
120 was in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

121

122 **Cemetery #4195**

123 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Cemetery budget #4195 with gross expenses of \$3,801,
124 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,801. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. The vote was in favor
125 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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127 **Insurance #4196**

128 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Insurance budget #4196 with gross expenses of \$109,608,
129 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$109,608. **Motion carried** by Fran. The vote was in favor
130 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

131

132 **Trustees of the Trust Funds #4199**

133 Sue **made a motion** to accept the Trustees of the Trust Funds budget #4199 with gross expenses
134 of 451, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$451. **Motion seconded** by Steve. The vote was in
135 favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

136

137 **Police #4210**

138 Chief Joe Gordon spoke to this budget. He explained that the cut of \$5,373 taken out of the
139 cruiser line at the last meeting for the build out of the car had already been applied to the Special
140 Detail revolving fund. The amount requested in the cruiser line covers just the lease payments
141 on the vehicles, nothing more. He asked the Committee to put the \$5,373 back into the cruiser
142 line to fund the build out of the cruiser. He stated the Special Details fund currently has around
143 18,000. Steve **made a motion** to change the cruiser line from \$14,150 to \$19,523. **Motion**
144 **seconded** by Tom. Sue said if the funds are not added back in, then in future years a potential
145 default budget would not support the basic lease payments. The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion**
146 **carried.** Sue **made a motion** to accept the Police budget #4210 with gross expenses of \$752,635,
147 revenue of \$3,275, and net expenses of \$749,360. **Motion seconded** by Steve. The vote was in
148 favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

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150 **Rescue #4215**

151 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Rescue budget #4215 with gross expenses of \$48,650,
152 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$48,650. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote was in favor
153 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

154

155 **Fire #4220**

156 Chief Bill Tapley and Deputy Chief Mike Devine spoke to this budget. Sue wanted to talk about
157 the stipend line increases. She feels that it needs to be increased, but she wants to split it over a
158 couple years. She would like to see the Chief reimbursement line go back to \$3,000 for this year.
159 Bill said that it has been at least eight years since that line was increased. Tom explained that
160 the chief uses his own personal vehicle for the job since we don't have a Fire command vehicle.
161 Amanda asked for clarification on all the stipend lines. Chief Tapley said the chief reimbursement
162 line is to compensate him for his vehicle and other expenses. The fire fighters and the engineer's
163 stipends are for the people's time and expenses. The fire fighters are based on responses to calls
164 and attending training and the total is divided between 35 people.

165 Jeff Farrell spoke about the fact that if you take the amount of the chief's reimbursement and
166 convert it to an hourly rate it is very small. He answers calls day, night, and even when he is on
167 vacation. Lorna stated she would like to leave the stipends as they are. Fran stated that the
168 increases in stipends over the years were a consistent increase. This proposed increase is slightly
169 higher. Chief Tapley said that was the number the Engineers came up with and there was never
170 an intended set increase amount. The consensus of the Committee is to leave the stipends as
171 they are. Fran **made a motion** to accept the Fire budget #4220 with gross expenses of \$161,703,
172 revenue of \$100, and net expenses of \$161,603. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in favor
173 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

174

175 **Building Inspection #4241-20**

176 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Building Inspection budget #4241-20 with gross expenses of
177 \$13,115, revenue of \$23,000, and net expenses of negative \$9,885. **Motion seconded** by Sue.
178 The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

179

180 **Code Enforcement #4241-21**

181 Amanda **made a motion** to accept the Code Enforcement budget #4241-21 with gross expenses
182 of \$3,650, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,650. **Motion seconded** by Tom. The vote
183 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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185 **Plumbing Inspection #4241-22**

186 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Plumbing Inspection budget #4241-22 with gross expenses of
187 \$9,564, revenue of \$11,000, and net expenses of negative \$1,436. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The
188 vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

189

190 **Electrical Inspection #4241-23**

191 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Electrical Inspection budget #4241-23 with gross expenses of
192 \$10,101, revenue of \$11,500, and net expenses of negative \$1,399. **Motion seconded** by Fran.
193 The vote was in favor 6-0-1 with Tom abstaining. **Motion carried.**

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195 **Septic Inspector #4242**

196 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Septic Inspector budget #4242 with gross expenses of \$4,960,
197 revenue of \$5,000, and net expenses of negative \$40. **Motion seconded** by Steve. The vote was
198 in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

199

200 **Highway Facility #4311**

201 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Highway Facility budget #4311 with gross expenses of \$7,600,
202 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$7,600. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. The vote was in favor
203 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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205 **Street Lights #4316**

206 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Street Lights budget #4316 with gross expenses of \$2,580,
207 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$2,580. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote was in favor
208 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

209

210 **Sanitation Facility #4321-28**

211 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Sanitation Facility budget #4321-28 with gross expenses of
212 \$9,464, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$9,464. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. The vote was
213 in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

214

215 **Sanitation Operating #4321-29**

216 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Sanitation Operating budget #4321-29 with gross expenses
217 of \$375,031, revenue of \$18,000, and net expenses of \$357,031. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The
218 vote was in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

219

220 **Sanitation Site #4325**

221 Sue **made a motion** to accept the Sanitation Site budget #4325 with gross expenses of \$3,000,
222 revenue of \$1, and net expenses of \$2,999. **Motion seconded** by Tom. The vote was in favor 7-
223 0-0. **Motion carried.**

224

225 **Recycling #4326**

226 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Recycling budget #4326 with gross expenses of \$103,351,
227 revenue of \$18,000, and net expenses of \$85,351. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in
228 favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

229

230 **Health Officer #4411**

231 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Health Officer budget #4411 with gross expenses of \$4,232,
232 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,232. **Motion seconded** by David. The vote was in favor
233 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

234

235 **Animal Control #4414**

236 Chief Joe Gordon spoke to this budget. Sue asked if the payroll line could possibly be reduced
237 since any new employees coming on in 2019 won't be for the full year. She is proposing reducing
238 the payroll line to \$8,423. David said if we reduce this line this year, it will have to be increased
239 next year to cover a full year. Sue **made a motion** to reduce the payroll line to \$8,423. **Motion**
240 **seconded** by David. The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.** Sue **made a motion** to accept
241 the Animal Control budget #4414 with gross expenses of \$12,458, revenue of \$500, and net
242 expenses of \$11,958. **Motion seconded** by Tom. The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

243

244 **Health & Human Services #4415**

245 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Health & Human Services budget #4415 with gross expenses
246 of \$18,845, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$18,845. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Tom
247 commented that there will be a warrant article to support the organization Isaiah 58 NH. An

248 article for them last year was voted down but the Board wanted to try again. The vote was in
249 favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

250

251 **Community Assistance #4445**

252 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Community Assistance budget #4445 with gross expenses of
253 \$11,452, revenue of \$300, and net expenses of \$11,152. **Motion seconded** by Lorna. The vote
254 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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

257 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Parks & Recreation budget #4520-36 with gross expenses of
258 \$97,189, revenue of \$1, and net expenses of \$97,188. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was
259 in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

260

261 **Summer & Special Recreation #4520-37**

262 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Summer & Special Recreation budget #4520-37 with gross
263 expenses of \$67,258, summer recreation revenue of \$53,000, Special Program revenue of \$2,850,
264 and net expenses of \$11,408. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote was in favor 6-1-0 with David
265 against. **Motion carried.**

266

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

268 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Recreation Building Operations budget #4520-38 with gross
269 expenses of \$17,755, revenue of \$5,528, and net expenses of \$12,227. **Motion seconded** by
270 Fran. The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

271

272 **Library #4550**

273 Tom **made a motion** to accept the Library budget #4550 with gross expenses of \$335,334,
274 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$335,334. **Motion seconded** by Fran. The vote was in favor
275 5-2-0 with Steve and David against. **Motion carried.**

276

277 **Patriotic Purposes #4583**

278 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Patriotic Purposes budget #4583 with gross expenses of
279 \$4,750, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,750. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was in
280 favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

281

282 **Conservation Commission #4619**

283 Fran **made a motion** to accept the Conservation Commission budget #4619 with gross expenses
284 of \$8,921, revenue of \$240, and net expenses of \$8,681. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was
285 in favor 6-1-0 with David against. **Motion carried.**

286

287 **Debt Expense – Principle #4711**

288 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Debt Expense - Principle budget #4711 with gross expenses
289 of \$50,000, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$50,000. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote
290 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

291

292 **Debt Expense – Interest #4721**

293 Steve **made a motion** to accept the Debt Expense - Interest budget #4721 with gross expenses
294 of \$18,396, revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$18,396. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote
295 was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

296

297 **TAN Note #4723**

298 Steve **made a motion** to accept the TAN Note budget #4723 with gross expenses of \$4,000,
299 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$4,000. **Motion seconded** by Tom. Amanda asked if this
300 was a line that would be brought back up over the years. Lynne stated there is no way of knowing
301 if this will be needed in any given year or not. The vote was in favor 6-1-0 with Amanda against.
302 **Motion carried.**

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304 The new total bottom line for the proposed budget is \$4,299,746 which is a 6.11% increase over
305 last year.

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307 Fran said that she would like to compliment the Board of Selectmen for managing to do what
308 they did during 2018 with a default budget. Last year's proposed increase was 6.7% and it failed.
309 This year is a proposed 6.11% and should pass since it covers increases for two years. She is
310 hoping the town gets out and votes and accepts this budget. We need it to pass. We need to see
311 some progress in the budgets. Tom thanked all the committee members for volunteering their
312 time. Amanda said Sue did a wonderful job as Chair this year.

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314 **Review Minutes**

315 The Committee reviewed the minutes of Jan 3, 2019. Amanda wanted to clarify her comments
316 on line 44. She is aware that the fireworks are not part of the Old Home Days warrant article.
317 She meant to say that since the town votes to pass the Old Home Day funding in the warrant
318 article each year, that tells her that the town is in favor of the fireworks as well. Fran **made a**
319 **motion** to accept the minutes of January 2, 2019 with the addition. **Motion seconded** by Sue.
320 The vote was in favor 7-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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322 At 7:20 the committee took a five-minute recess.

323 Meeting reconvened at 7:25.

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325 **Review of Warrant Articles**

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327 **Warrant Article 2.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including
328 appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the
329 amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first

330 session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,299,746. Should this article be defeated,
 331 the default budget shall be \$4,058,443, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments
 332 required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special
 333 meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating
 334 budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in
 335 ANY other warrant articles. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$ 6.54 per thousand.
 336 (Recommended/Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-0-0). Lynne said the Board of
 337 Selectmen will be making a recommendation on this at their meeting Monday night. Sue **made**
 338 **a motion** to recommend Article 3 as read. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Roll call vote was Fran-
 339 yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David – no, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried**
 340 6-1-0. The article is recommended.

341
 342 **Warrant Article 3.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to
 343 accept a Highway Block Grant in the sum of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty
 344 Seven Dollars (\$166,857) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by the
 345 Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen, said sum to
 346 be supplied by the State of New Hampshire. Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0
 347 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Steve **made a motion** to recommend Article
 348 3. **Motion seconded** by Tom. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes,
 349 David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

350
 351 **Special Warrant Article 4.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred
 352 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000) to be added to the previously established Road
 353 Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.62 per thousand.
 354 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Lorna **made a motion** to recommend Article
 355 4. **Motion seconded** by Sue. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David
 356 – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

357
 358 **Warrant Article 5.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term
 359 lease/purchase agreement not to exceed five years in the amount of Two Hundred Three
 360 Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$203,430) for the purpose of leasing/purchasing a truck
 361 with plow and sander for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of
 362 \$40,686 for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.
 363 Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand. (Recommended by the Board of
 364 Selectmen: 5-0-0). Steve asked for clarification on an escape clause. Lynne explained that it is a
 365 clause in the lease in the event in future years funding for the lease is not appropriated we can
 366 give the vehicle back with no penalty. Amanda wanted to consider Article 6 with this one since
 367 they pertain to the same vehicle. **Warrant Article 6.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the
 368 sum of One Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$179,700) to purchase and
 369 equip a truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department. Should Article 5 pass, this
 370 Article becomes null and void. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.27 per thousand.

371 (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-5-0). Tom explained that leasing the vehicle
 372 saves the town money. The Board of Selectmen want people to vote to lease the vehicle. Sue
 373 **made a motion** to recommend Article 5. **Motion seconded** by Tom. Roll call vote was Fran-yes,
 374 Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-
 375 0-0. The article is recommended. Sue **made a motion** to recommend Article 6. **Motion seconded**
 376 by Steve. Roll call vote was Fran-no, Steve – no, Sue – no, Lorna – no, David – no, Amanda – no,
 377 and Tom – no. **Motion failed** 0-7-0. The article is NOT recommended.

378
 379 **Warrant Article 7.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
 380 (\$15,000) to purchase a lawn mower for the Highway Department to maintain grounds for the
 381 Town. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.02 per thousand. (Recommended by the Board of
 382 Selectmen: 5-0-0). David **made a motion** to recommend Article 7. **Motion seconded** by Fran.
 383 Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and
 384 Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

385
 386 **Special Warrant Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred
 387 Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$173,500) to be added to the Bridge Capital
 388 Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.26 per thousand.
 389 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Tom said that this article last year failed. This
 390 is very important because we have two bridges that are going to need repairs. If the bridges are
 391 not maintained, the roads will have to be closed. Amanda **made a motion** to recommend article
 392 8. **Motion seconded** by Steve. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes,
 393 David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

394
 395 **Warrant Article 9.** Shall the town modify the optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with
 396 RSA 72:28 II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750. The all Veterans' tax credit will
 397 also be modified from \$500 per year to \$750. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
 398 Tom **made a motion** to recommend article 9. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Amanda asked why
 399 there is no tax impact on this article. Paula Gulla explained that there is no money being
 400 appropriated in this article and it is impossible to tell how many vet credits there will be any given
 401 year. She added that at the Deliberative Session they will let the voters know how many there
 402 currently are and the dollar amount of that. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes,
 403 Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is
 404 recommended.

405
 406 **Special Warrant Article 10.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine
 407 Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$29,586) for treatment to control exotic aquatic
 408 species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Costs will be offset by
 409 \$8,490 in grant funds and a \$10,500 donation from the Phillips Pond Association. This is a special
 410 warrant article. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.05 per thousand. (Recommended by the
 411 Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). David said the donation from the Phillips Pond Association is
 412 fantastic. Fran **made a motion** to recommend article 10. **Motion seconded** by David. Roll call

413 vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes.
 414 **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

415
 416 **Special Warrant Article 11.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight
 417 Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) for the purpose of site work and expansion costs of the Center
 418 Cemetery. This is a special warrant article. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per
 419 thousand. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Steve **made a motion** to
 420 recommend article 11. **Motion seconded** by Fran. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue –
 421 yes, Lorna – yes, David – no, Amanda – abstain, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 5-1-1. The article
 422 is recommended. David said for him it was strictly a numbers thing. There are a lot of other
 423 things that he feels need to pass and it adds up.

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 425 Lorna asked for the difference between a warrant article and a special article. Paula explained
 426 that an article MUST be considered special if it involves Capital Reserve Funds, Expendable Trust
 427 Funds, bonding or notes, by petition, or an appropriation to a capital project. The Board of
 428 Selectmen can also declare an article special. Being a special article means that the funds can
 429 ONLY be used for that purpose and if a project is not completed, the funds can be encumbered
 430 for one year.

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 432 **Special Warrant Article 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty
 433 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve
 434 Fund previously established. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.08 per thousand.
 435 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Sue **made a motion** to recommend article 12.
 436 **Motion seconded** by Fran. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David
 437 – yes, Amanda – no, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 6-1-0. The article is recommended.

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 439 **Warrant Article 13.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five
 440 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to support charitable organization, Isaiah 58 New Hampshire. If this
 441 warrant article passes, future appropriations will be included in the operating budget. Estimated
 442 tax impact of this article is less than \$0.01 per thousand. (Recommended by the Board of
 443 Selectmen: 5-0-0). Lorna **made a motion** to recommend article 13. **Motion seconded** by Steve.
 444 Lynne spoke to the help this organization has given her with community assistance work. They
 445 provided housing assistance in an amount of \$3,725 and food assistance for \$2,400 last year.
 446 They are totally funded by donations. If this article passes, this organization will be added to the
 447 Health & Human Services budget. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes,
 448 David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

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 450 **Special Warrant Article 14.** Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the
 451 provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund for the
 452 purpose of stormwater management and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred
 453 Dollars (\$500) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to
 454 expend from the fund. Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$0.01 per thousand.

455 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). David **made a motion** to recommend article
456 14. **Motion seconded** by Steve. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes,
457 David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

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459 **Special Warrant Article 15.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight
460 Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously
461 established. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.01 per thousand. (Recommended by the
462 Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Amanda **made a motion** to recommend article 15. **Motion seconded**
463 by Fran. Tom said the town is mandated to do a revaluation every five years and this article failed
464 last year so we are trying to catch up again. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes,
465 Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is
466 recommended.

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468 **Special Warrant Article 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand
469 Dollars (\$30,000) for painting and exterior repairs to the Town Hall. This is a special warrant
470 article. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.05 per thousand. (Recommended by the Board
471 of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Tom **made a motion** to recommend article 16. **Motion seconded** by Steve.
472 Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue – yes, Lorna – yes, David – yes, Amanda – yes, and
473 Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 7-0-0. The article is recommended.

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475 **Special Warrant Article 17.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven
476 Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund
477 previously established. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.01 per thousand. (Recommended
478 by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0). Fran **made a motion** to recommend article 17. **Motion**
479 **seconded** by Sue. Erica Olsen spoke to this article. She has been a member of the Old Home
480 Days Committee for over 10 years. She said what the committee gets done with \$7,000 is a lot
481 and the event is a family-oriented event. She feels it would be sad if this does not pass. Paula
482 Gulla added that the committee also generates around \$1,500 in revenue from vendor fees for
483 this event. That money goes into the general fund. Roll call vote was Fran-yes, Steve – yes, Sue
484 – yes, Lorna – yes, David – no, Amanda – abstain, and Tom -yes. **Motion carried** 5-1-1. The article
485 is recommended.

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487 **Warrant Article 18.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Seven
488 Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$10,765) which will increase each selectman’s annual stipend by
489 \$2,000 and appropriate \$765 for payroll taxes. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.02 per
490 thousand. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-5-0). Steve **made a motion** to
491 recommend article 18. **Motion seconded** by Sue. Tom said that one Selectman brought this idea
492 forward and did a survey of comparable towns. The Selectmen’s stipend has been \$2,000/yr for
493 a long time. He feels that this needs to be looked at, but this year isn’t the year. Dawn Nicolaisen
494 asked why it is on the ballot if the Board of Selectmen don’t recommend it. Jon Goldman said
495 that this was generated by one Selectmen and over the recent weeks, the Board has realized this
496 is not the time. The consensus of the Board was to include it on the warrant to start the

497 conversation. Sue feels the Selectmen deserve an increase, but this is not the year. Roll call vote
498 was Fran-yes, Steve – no, Sue – no, Lorna – no, David – no, Amanda – no, and Tom -no. **Motion**
499 **failed** 1-6-0. The article is NOT recommended.

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501 **Warrant Article 19.** Shall the Town explore the possibility of adopting a single 18-month
502 accounting period running from January 1 of the calendar year following adoption and ending
503 June 30 of the next following year. Thereafter, accounting periods for the Town shall run from
504 July 1 to June 30 of the following year. (Recommended/Not Recommended by the Board of
505 Selectmen: 0-0-0). The Board of Selectmen have not made a recommendation on this article
506 because it doesn't contain any money. Sue **made a motion** to recommend article 19. **Motion**
507 **seconded** by Lorna. Lorna supports changing to a fiscal year because with a calendar year we
508 already start a budget cycle before we vote on the budget. There was general discussion about
509 the process that would be required to make this change. Jon Goldman said this article is just to
510 get an idea if the town is interested in exploring this idea. If the article passes, then an
511 exploratory committee would be set up to look at the options, procedures, and come up with a
512 plan. Amanda feels the wording of this article is confusing because it is saying that if this passes
513 then using an 18-month accounting period would be the only option. There was discussion about
514 re-wording this article. This article is not binding – just looking for potential interest. A vote would
515 have to go before the town again before this is enacted. Fran moved the question. Roll call to
516 vote to recommend the article as written was Roll call vote was Fran-no, Steve – yes, Sue – no,
517 Lorna – abstain, David – no, Amanda – no, and Tom -abstain. **Motion failed** 1-4-2. The article is
518 NOT recommended.

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520 Sue thanked the Budget Committee members for their time and energy during this season. There
521 is a diverse make-up of this committee and it has made for some interesting conversation and
522 points of view. She added that next year there will be 4 open positions and urged residents to
523 get involved.

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525 The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. The
526 election will be Tuesday, March 12.

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528 At 8:35, Sue adjourned the meeting.

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531 Minutes respectfully submitted by

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535 Cheryl Eastman