

2019 FARMINGTON NH TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2019

Moderator, Mike Morin opened the meeting at 7:03pm with Boy Scout Troop #188 posting colors and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morin announced for all registered voters to be sure to check in and get a card to vote. He made exit announcements, and stated for all newly elected officials who ran unopposed to stay after to get sworn in. Kathy King and Ann Titus, members of the Farmington Women's Club, presented a plaque for "Woman of the Year". This year's award was presented to Angela Hardin. Mr. Morin also wished a Happy Birthday to Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kathy Seaver.

The moderator also explained that Article 5 needs 2/3 Ballot vote and voting would be open for an hour, so we will start with that article and go on to others that would not need a ballot vote while waiting out the one-hour requirement.

Article 01. Election of Officers. To choose two Selectmen for three years, one Town Clerk-Tax Collector for three years, three Budget Committee Members for three years, one Budget Committee for one year, one Treasurer for one year, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for one year. (Official Ballot) Election was held 3/12/19.

Mr. Morin read the results of yesterday's election and Article 2, Article 3 and Article 4.

Article 02. Zoning Amendments. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

Amendment 1. To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions. Amendment to definition of "Accessory" includes modification of the language to change the word "primary" to the word "principal". Definition to read: "Accessory. A structure or use subordinate and customarily incidental to a principal structure or use on the same lot."

Yes 359 no 164

Article 03. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

Amendment 2. To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 1.14 Definitions. Amendment to modify the definition of Street Frontage to match the Zoning Ordinance definition of street frontage with the definition of street frontage in the Subdivision Regulations. Definition to read: "Street Frontage": The horizontal distance between side lot lines measured along the street line. When a lot is bounded by more than one street, only one shall be deemed the frontage street and that street frontage must provide sufficient frontage as required by the Zoning Ordinance."

Yes 398 no 125

Article 04. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows: (Official Ballot)

Amendment 3. To amend Zoning Ordinance Section 2.00 Base Zoning Districts to add new Section F "Principal Uses". Section F to read: "Principal Uses. All lots are allowed only one principal use except as expressly provided otherwise in this Ordinance. Each lot requires a principal use in order to have an accessory use."

Yes 330 no 190

Article 05. New Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck (By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease-purchase agreement for 5 years, for an amount not to exceed the sum of \$620,000 (Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of lease-purchasing a Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck and necessary fire equipment. Funding is to come from general taxation. (By Petition) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Selectmen Recommend: No (0-5) Budget Committee Recommend: No (2-7-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: Unknown

Mr. Morin read Article 5, a motion to approve as read was made by Jodi Connolly and seconded by Penny Morin. Bruce Manchester made a motion to amend the article to "To see if the town will authorize the select board to enter in to a five-year lease agreement for an amount not to exceed \$520,000 for the purpose of leasing a Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck and all necessary equipment for the Fire Department and to raise appropriate the sum of \$108,680 for the first year's payment for this lease. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Town attorney, Kerri Roman stated that the forgotten "Raise and Appropriate" in this amendment, invalidates the entire article, if added, because it was forgotten in the original warrant and to add it changes the purpose of the warrant. She also stated that if this passes without the raise and appropriate, it would authorize the board to enter in to the agreement and the raise and appropriate would be handled the next year. She explained that with large amounts like this, the lease agreement's first payment is not due until the following year. With this recommendation, Moderator Mike Morin, asked Bruce Manchester if he would like to amend his motion, Mr. Manchester agreed. The moderator reread the motion that now only dropped the amount by \$100000 and the escape clause and then asked if there were a second on the floor. The motion was seconded by Kayla Morin.

The Town Attorney believed that the amendment of an escape clause would cause the 2/3 vote not to be necessary. She asked for a short recess to discuss this. After the recess and a discussion with the attorney, Bruce Manchester offered a friendly amendment to remove the escape clause sentence, leaving just the reduced money requested to \$520,000. Kayla Morin agreed to accept the change. Discussion ensued and when all questions were answered about why the select board originally were against this and now are for it and what benefit the new truck will give the town for water availability, Tim Brown made a motion to call the question, Jodi Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed by a show of cards vote to call the question. The motion to accept the amendment passed by a show of cards vote.

Some discussion ensued on what the tax impact will be as well as questions on why a petition warrant article was done and why it was not discussed during the Budget Process. With all questions answered, the moderator opened voting at 7:55pm. Voting closed at 8:57.

The result of the ballot vote on Article 5, as amended, was Yes 85, No 48.

The motion failed by 4 votes to get 2/3rds necessary.

A motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 5 was made by Neil Johnson and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. The supervisors counted cards: 56 Yes, 63 No. The motion failed.

Town Attorney, Kerri Roman explained that if we vote to reconsider Article 5, it must be reconsidered at least 7 days from now in a special meeting, no new vote can be taken tonight.

Tim Brown made a motion to reconsider Article 5, seconded by Penny Morin. Discussion ensued, Paula Proulx wanted to remind voters that this article would be advisory only. Manny Krasner asked Paula Proulx if she is saying that the truck will be bought next year anyway. Paula Proulx stated yes. Tim Brown asked if the select board may still decide to enter into a lease agreement as long as the first payment is not until next year and a warrant article is passed to raise and appropriate the funding next year. The answer was yes. David Kestner stated that you have already been given the will of the voters because the article failed 2/3rds vote. He states this is wrong. Tim Brown posed a question to town council, Kerri Roman asking if because the 2/3rds vote failed, does this fall under the no means no rule. Kerri Roman said no, because there is no raise and appropriate. A motion to call the question was made by Kayla Morin, seconded Jodi Connolly. Motion passed by a show of cards vote.

Tim Brown withdrew his motion to reconsider Article 5 based on the previous discussion, Penny Morin agreed to withdraw her second of the motion. No vote was taken to reconsider.

Article 06. SCBA lease. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$239,466.00 for the purpose of leasing thirty-four Scott Air-Packs, which are self-contained breathing apparatus with accessories, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,736.33 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. An escape clause allows the Town to return the equipment if the funding is not available. (Majority vote required).

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00 for 2019

.14 for 2020

.14 for 2021

.14 for 2022

.14 for 2023

Moderator Mike Morin read Article 6. There was a motion to accept the article as read by Steve Henry and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. Discussion opened with Charlie King asking how many packs there are. Town Administrator, Arthur Capello, answered with 34. Penny Morin asked if there is there a plan to replace packs on a rotating schedule going forward. Arthur Capello stated that there is a CRF for it, they do not want to replace on a rotating schedule because it would waste years of use of the current packs. Steve Henry explained that all are expiring at the same time because all were bought with grant money at the same time. Samantha Place stated that the CRF is to save money so the town can buy again at bulk rate when they are expiring. Martin LaFerte asked if this is approved tonight, is this all said and done tonight or will this come forward again for the next 4 years. Arthur Capello explained tonight is the only vote, it will be part of the operating budget. If there is no money, then an escape clause allows them to send them back. Linda McElhinney stated that last year \$15000 was put in the CRF fund. What was that used for and how much is in the fund? Arthur Capello stated that there was \$40000 in the fund, but it cannot be used for the first year's payment, it can only be used for the last year's payment. Diane Ficco asked where the will money come from. Arthur Capello said there is no money due this year. The first payment is not due until next year. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed by a show of cards vote.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 6 was made by Neil Johnson, seconded by Ann Titus and passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 07. Operating Budget. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$6,943,076 for General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact .30

Mike Morin read Article 7. A motion was made to accept Article 7 as read by Jodi Connolly and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

A Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7 was made by Neil Johnson and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. The motion passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 08. KENO (By Petition). Shall the Town allow the operation of Keno games within the Town? (By Petition)

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Article 8 was read by the moderator. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Jodi Connolly and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. Discussion began with Blanche Tanner asking if Keno is the only funding for Kindergarten. Superintendent Ruth Ellen Vaughn responded that Farmington has received Keno-Garten funding for 2 years and now there is actually a movement to remove Kindergarten from Keno. Budget Committee member, Samantha Place, stated that Keno is a good source of income for businesses in Farmington and that she goes out of town to play, so Keno would bring new business to town. Samantha also stated that the town would receive money from rooms and meals tax from Keno. Steve Henry stated that at the beginning of this meeting we pledged to a flag to allow people to have their own choices, why not approve it. Angie Cardinal asked why this has to be a ballot vote, Kerri Roman quoted RSA 284:51 subparagraph 1. Voting was done by ballot. Yes 92, No 18. Article 8 passed.

Article 09. Solar Exemptions (By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to amend the exemptions adopted pursuant to RSA 72:62 via Article 4 at the March 9, 1983 Town Meeting to read "The Town votes to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:62 which provides for an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under the statute." (By Petition)

A Motion was made by Erin Zayak to accept the article as read and seconded Jody Connolly. Discussion began with Jeffrey Grazulis speaking to the article stating that by giving 100% solar exemption it allows people the freedom to break away from electric companies. Budget Committee member Charlie King asked how will this affect commercial solar farms? Town Attorney, Kerri Roman referred to RSA 72: a town can allow exemptions for residential, solar arrays must use a PILOT. Since Farmington already does this, there is no affect. The more revenue that is generated from the Solar Array, the higher the PILOT. Several residents spoke to buying solar panels within the past few years and are upset to think it will now change, one resident wanted to know why she never received an exemption, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Kathy Seaver, explained that many years ago when the exemption was introduced, the amount was \$5000 and at the time that was about the same value that would be added to the assessment, so it was a wash. They agreed to not assess the value of the panels unless someone applied for the exemption. With discussion ending, a show of cards vote was taken and Article 9 passed.

Article 10. Optional Fiscal Year in Farmington (By Petition). Shall the Town of Farmington adopt a fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th and furthermore authorizes the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to produce an 18-month budget for that purpose under the provisions of NH RSA 31:94-a.

During the time differences, the Town of Farmington operates without an approved operating budget during the months of January, February, and part of March. If the voters of Farmington adopt the provisions of RSA 31:94-a this March, the 2019 fiscal year will remain unchanged. For the years 2020-

2021 the Town may budget receipts and expenditures, raise and appropriate revenues, and assess taxes on the basis of a single 18-month accounting period starting January 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Thereafter, the Town shall operate all fiscal affairs on the basis of a 12-month accounting period starting July 1, 2021. (By Petition)

Selectmen Recommend: No (0-5)

Moderator Mike Morin read Article 10 and then stated that he will recuse himself from moderating this article. Manny Krasner was already sworn in as assistant Moderator and was asked to moderate this article. A secret ballot request was handed to Mr. Krasner by Penny Morin. He called the names on the list and all were present. The names were: Penny Morin, Mike Morin, Stan Freeda, Kyle Leach and Joyce White. Penny Morin motioned to accept the article as read, it was seconded by Kayla Morin. Mrs. Morin stated that it came to her attention that the town was having a cash flow problem starting in August of 2018. She also stated that the town's MS-535 is due to DRA in April but if they change to the optional fiscal year, the MS-535 would not be due until Sept. Neil Johnson addressed the voters to explain that according to DRA, if this article passes, 18 months of budget would have to be paid for in a 12 month period. The town tax rate would increase by approximately \$4 per thousand. There are contracts coming up that would also affect the tax rate. Mr. Johnson also stated that only 2 times have taxes been due in January in 44 years, those years are 2008 & 2018. Steve Henry shared that in his 13 years on the budget committee he has seen the challenges putting together a budget so far in advance puts on the school, why would we put this on the town when it is not necessary? It is not a good solution to the revenue issue. Mike Morin stated that the town could move the Election to April or May instead of snowy cold March. He also mentioned that the MS-535 is due April 1st, this year it was turned in Oct 31st. Paula Proulx reiterated that the town does not have a cash flow problem and that the only time there has been is if the rate is not set on time so tax bills are not mailed out timely. Ms. Proulx also explained that the town does not spend much money between Jan – March. Until the budget is approved, they only pay payroll and necessary expenditures. The Town Clerk explained that the town cannot have an April election like Mike Morin said, unless they become SB2, but they could have it in May. She also said that the School could have theirs in April and have a separate election but it is not a profitable solution. Charlie King spoke and is opposed to changing to the optional fiscal year. He has been on town committees for years and stated that the board does not have any issue managing money. Angie Cardinal read from RSA 24:15 stating that the town of Farmington cannot expend money Jan – Mar that has not been appropriated (however if you read the RSA, it reads very differently than was read by Angie Cardinal and pertains only to Counties). Town Council, Kerri Roman, quickly cited RSA 32:13 II that states In towns with a March annual meeting and a January through December fiscal year, the Municipality is allowed to spend between January 1 and the date a budget is adopted on items that are reasonable in light of prior year's appropriations and expenditures for the same purposes during the same time periods. Steve Henry asked if this passes if there will there be separate elections for school, town and then separate meetings? Penny Morin said, no, it's a chance for the two to work together. Angie Cardinal then asked for a breakdown of the unexpended fund balance that is receivables. Arthur Capello stated that it changes daily but consists of uncollected taxes, uncollected water/sewer, Code Enforcement liens, interest on any outstanding balances, etc. Jodi Connolly motioned to call the question, it was dully seconded. Penny Morin removed her name from the list of secret ballot requesters. Neil Johnson presented a new list for secret ballot, signed by Neil Johnson, Paula Proulx, TJ

Place, Jodi Connolly and Elizabeth Johnson. All were present, so ballot voting was opened. With a vote of Yes 12, No 71. Article 10 failed.

Article 11. Acceptance of private road (By Petition). To see if the Town will vote to accept Richards Way as a class V Town road (By Petition).

Selectmen Recommended: No (0-5)

Mr. Morin read Article 11 and then asked the governing body if they would allow a non-resident land owner who is the author of the petition warrant article permission to speak? A motion was made by Bill Cameron and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. With no discussion, the motion passed by a show of cards vote. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Elizabeth Johnson and seconded by Steve Henry. Candid Arcidy asked if the selectmen will change their vote based on new information received from her? The Select board spoke to say they would all recommend to accept the road. After much discussion on the process and quality of the road and how the acceptance of the cistern next year would affect the acceptance of the road, the final question was to be sure that Candid Arcidy as the property owner will sign off so that there will be no payment of "damages" for property lost for the town taking over the road. It was stressed that the new process and standards were followed by this property owner to get this road accepted by the town. With no further discussion, Article 11 passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 12. Sidewalk Plow. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

The moderator read article 12. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Stan Freeda and seconded by Jodi Connolly. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 13. Bridges and Road Design CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Bridges and Road Design Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to pay the 20% of the required funding from NH State Bridge Aid. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$102,300

The moderator read article 13. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Sylvia Arcouette. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 14. Building Inspector Position SRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of paying for the Building Inspector and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Building Inspector Position Special Revenue Fund previously established for this purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of February 2019: \$12,316

The moderator read article 14. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Steve Henry, and seconded by Samantha Place. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 15. Recreation Equipment CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the replacement of equipment. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in fund as of December 2018: \$18,216

The moderator read Article 15. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Deb Reed and seconded by Dave Connolly. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 16. Town Employee Financial Obligation CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Town Employee Financial Obligation Capital Reserve

Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectman Recommends: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommends: Yes (8-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$18,500

Article 16 was read by Mr. morin. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Neil Johnson and seconded by Jodi Connolly. With no discussion, the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 17. Add to Highway Dept Motorized Equipment CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Dept Motorized Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to assist the Town with the replacement of Highway Equipment. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$115,646

The moderator read Article 17. A motion to accept the article as read was made by Neil Johnson and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. With no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 18. Reevaluation CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommends: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$50,430

Mr. Morin read Article 18. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Deb Reed, seconded by Ann Titus. With no discussion, the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 19. Master Plan CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited in the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$16,005

Article 19 was read by Mike Morin. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Penny Morin and seconded by Jodi Connolly. Discussion opened with Diane Ficco asking in general what it means for money to come from the unassigned fund balance and what is this money? Arthur Capello explained that it is money from incoming revenue to either buy down the rate or use for future needs. Charlie King asked if there is money to cover these? Arthur Capello stated that there is money to cover. Samantha Place stated that if there isn't enough money to fund them all then the articles will be funded in order they are on the warrant, Arthur Capello confirmed this statement. Angie Cardinal asked if it's the order they are being voted on or the order on the warrant. The answer from Arthur Capello was that it is the order on the warrant.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 20. Landfill Closure Fund CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,429 for the purpose of testing groundwater at the closed landfill and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Landfill Closure Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (10-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$142,763

The moderator read Article 20. A motion was made by Steve Henry to accept the article as read and seconded by Dave Connolly. With there being no discussion, a vote was taken and the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 21. Fire Vehicles and Equipment CRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be deposited into the Fire Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to fund this appropriation with said sum to be raised through ambulance billing and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$926

Article 21 was read by Mr. Morin. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Kathy King and seconded by Jodi Connolly. Discussion began with Linda McElhinney stating that she heard in a budget meeting that this money is to be used for future vehicles and asked is this true or has it been earmarked for other items? Neil Johnson said it is not earmarked for anything specific yet, it could be used for future vehicles or other Fire Department needs. Linda McElhinney then asked if Fire Chief Reinert would respond. Chief James Reinert said the money is needed for the second payment on cardiac monitors on ambulances and portable radios. Martin Leferte stated that it says to appropriate \$40000 with money to come from ambulance billing, but what happens if there is not \$40000 in ambulance billing? Arthur Capello stated that an average of \$300,000 - \$350,000 is taken in each year from ambulance billing, and this will allow us to move \$40,000 of that money to this account". Arthur Capello also stated that there has already been \$100,000 come in from ambulance billing since January. The attorney explained more about how the Capital Reserve Fund works. Steve Henry explained that \$100,000 has come in since January first so the money is there. Angie Cardinal asked what ambulance money is spent on? Arthur Capello stated that it goes in the general fund, it is part of anticipated revenue. Another resident asked if we have increased the billing this year. Kerri Roman explained why we have to "raise and appropriate", it doesn't mean the billing has to be increased. With no more discussion, a vote was taken and article 21 passed by a show of cards vote.

A motion to restrict reconsideration of articles 12-21 was made by Neil Johnson, seconded by Jodi Connolly and approved by a show of cards vote.

Article 22. Discontinue Police Outside Detail SRF. To see if the Town will rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Police Department Special Details to expenditures for the purpose of paying all expenses associated with payroll and equipment of police officers performing outside details. These funds will be placed in the town's general fund in accordance with RSA 31:95-d and then deposited into a newly created Police Outside Details revolving fund under Article 24. If this Article fails, Article 24 is null and void. If this Article passes and Article 24 fails, this Article will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established (Majority Vote required). (Ballot Vote Required).

Selectman Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

The moderator read Article 22. Neil Johnson made a motion to accept the article as read, seconded by Sylvia Arcouette. Charlie King asked why these articles have to be taken together? Attorney Kerri Roman explained that the town must rescind the SRF with Article 22. That money by law has to go to the

general fund unless we create a revolving fund. Article 24 creates the revolving fund to move the money in to. Article 23 is not necessary if 22 and 24 both pass because now the money is in a fund that the Select board along with the Chief may make expenditures as needed. If both fail, then Article 23 moves money into the original Special Revenue Fund to operate the same as before. Ballot vote. Yes 53 No 1

Kathy Seaver motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 10, seconded by Neil Johnson. The motion carried by a show of cards vote.

Article 23. Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Police Outside Detail payroll, related expenses and cruiser purchase, and to authorize withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose, such amount to be raised from police outside detail revenue, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the special detail work expenses are paid and/or cruiser purchase is completed or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This Article is null and void if Articles 22 and 24 pass.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

After the moderator read Article 23. A motion to approve Article 23 as read was made by Stan Freeda and seconded by Linda McElhinney. After an explanation from the attorney, a motion was made to table this article by Steve Henry and seconded by Jodi Connolly. The motion to table passed by a show of cards vote. After Article 24 passed, a motion to take this article off the table was made by Manny Krasner and seconded by Nancy Schuft. Attorney Kerri Roman explained that this article is unnecessary, but has to be voted on. This article failed by a show of cards vote.

Article 24. Establish Revolving Fund per RSA 31:95-h. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Special Details and to raise and appropriate from the Town's fund balance the amount of \$1,944 for deposit into said revolving fund. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. If Article 22 passes and this Article fails, Article 22 will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established. (Majority Vote required).

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Mike Morin read Article 24. Neil Johnson then made a motion to accept Article 24 as read, seconded by Jodi Connolly and approved by a show of cards vote.

Article 25. Fund Future Technology Improvements CRF by TDS Fee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Future Technology Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said funds to come from TDS Franchise Fees and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectman Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$24,067

The moderator read Article 25. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Steve Henry and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. With no discussion, the article passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 26. Farmington Cable TV SRF. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of staff payroll, cable TV programming, equipment, and/or repairs associated with Farmington Cable TV, with said funds to come from the Community Television Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$142,495

Article 26 was read by Mike Morin. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Neil Johnson and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. With no discussion, Article 26 passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 27. Purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing Fire Department a Thermal Imaging Camera. Said sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0) Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (9-0)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Mike Morin read Article 27. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Dave Connolly and seconded by Ann Titus. With no discussion, a vote was taken and Article 27 passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 28. Depreciation of Waste Water Treatment Plant. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund previously established to help offset the depreciation of the plant, with \$25,000 to come from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund surplus and the remainder to come from the unassigned fund balance. The town will match what is deposited from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund surplus. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes (8-1)

Estimated Tax Impact: .00

Total in the fund as of December 2018: \$256,360

Article 28 was read by Mike Morin. A motion was made to accept the article as read by Neil Johnson and seconded by TJ Place. With no discussion, Article 28 passed by a show of cards vote.

A Motion was made to restrict reconsideration of Article 28 by Neil Johnson, seconded by Ann Titus and the motion passed by a show of cards vote.

Article 29. All other business. To allow the Town to conduct any other business that may come before this body.

A Motion to adjourn at 11:34 was made by Manny Krasner, seconded by Penny Morin and approved by a show of cards vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Seaver

Town Clerk-Tax Collector