

Approved by the Selectmen-March 2, 2020 –Reviewed by the Moderator

Minutes of the New Boston Deliberative Session
February 2, 2020

Moderator Nyquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Moderator Nyquist recognized Rev. Woody Woodland to give the invocation. Moderator Nyquist recognized Cathy Strausbaugh, Deputy Clerk, Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, Karen Scott, Selectperson, Christine Quirk, Selectperson and Joseph Constance, Selectman and Chair.

Moderator Nyquist noted that New Boston has followed the town deliberative process since 1999. The voters present have a lot of power in the way that an article is presented on the ballot. Then the voters will have the final say at the March 10th election.

Moderator Nyquist explained the different ways that the voters could vote at this meeting. 1) a voice vote, 2) a division vote, 3) a secret ballot. He explained each procedure. Moderator Nyquist explained that he would read each article in its entirety and ask for a motion to place the article on the warrant, he would ask for someone to second the motion and then allow for any discussion. Anyone wishing to discuss the article would step to the microphone, state their name and address and speak to the article. If anyone wishes to amend an article they would present the amendment in writing to the moderator. The amendment would be discussed and then a vote taken on the amendment. Should the amendment fail they would then go back to the original article for a vote to place on the warrant. All remarks will be directed to the moderator.

Moderator Nyquist noted that he would be following Roberts Rules of Order. He explained that at anytime during these proceedings a voter may make a motion to restrict reconsideration of a warrant article (s). The voters will vote on that motion and if the motion carries there will no further discussion of that article (s).

Moderator Nyquist recognized Joseph Constance. Selectman Constance recognized Christine Quirk for her 18 years of continuous service to the Town of New Boston as a selectperson. He recognized her many hours of work and dedication, her service as a Selectperson representative to numerous Town Committees. He presented a framed proclamation. There was a standing ovation from the voters.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,939,000), for the design and construction of a new fire and EMS facility in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the repurposing/demolition of the present Fire Station. Said sum to be raised by issuance of a serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,939,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bond(s) or note(s) as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 4-3)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as written. Christine Quirk Seconded the motion.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road – Mr. MacDonald made an amendment to the article to reduce the amount of the new station listed as (\$2,939,000) and insert the new amount of the station to be (\$2,750,000). Mr. MacDonald explained that this reduction is due to removing some of the things that were in the original plan. The training room and the chief's office would be reconfigured. They would do without some of the furniture and they would raise money for the items that would go into the kitchen and they would change the outside of the building to have vinyl siding.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on the amendment. Seeing none he called for a vote.

All those in favor of the amendment please signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and the amendment carries. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on Article 5 as amended. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 5 will be placed on the official ballot as amended.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling five million eight hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred four dollars (\$5,832,204) . Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be five million three hundred twelve thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$5,312,639) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 5-2)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 6 be placed on the ballot as presented. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Selectman Constance explained that the budget process is lengthy. It begins in November and ends in January. It involves all department heads who try to keep their budgets as low as possible. The budget is presented to the selectmen and then to the finance committee who scrutinize every detail. It then goes to a public hearing and finally to this deliberative session. The budget includes updated salaries, new employees, health and retirement insurance. There are a few articles not included in the budget that will be voted on individually. He explained that department heads look for grant money whenever possible. This past year the highway department received \$250,000 in grant money. The fire department received \$240,000 and the police will be looking for grant money to help subsidize the cost of body cameras for each of the officers, bullet proof vests and laptops. Selectman Constance indicated that 23 new homes were constructed this past year. There were 183 new homes over the last 6 years. This has placed more demands on our fire, highway and police departments as well as the school at a time when towns are receiving less money from the state government.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote to place Article 5 on the official ballot. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 6 will be placed on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak, 9 Davis Lane who made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 – 6. Seconded by Laura Bernard. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and reconsideration of Articles 5 and 6 are restricted.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Fred Hayes. I am unclear. You discussed the GIS and paper reduction. Are those items in the budget?

Selectman Constance. No, they are in separate articles.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 7 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Scott seconded the motion.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and Article 7 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for refurbishing the pumper fire truck located at the Hilltop Station, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Discussion:

Don Chapman, 136 Francetown Road. The article says that we must raise and appropriate a sum to be taken out of capital reserve which does not make sense to me.

Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, we must appropriate first then we can spend. The Selectmen are not agents to spend the funds.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road. What does no funding to be raised by taxation mean?

Selectman Quirk. No new taxes to be raised this year. The money is already there. We are asking permission from the voters to withdraw the money.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 8 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$35,300)** to purchase and install a holding tank system at the Bunting Fire Station and associated work to eliminate the current discharging of floor drain liquids into

the Piscataquog River. The facility is currently in violation of State and Federal Clean Water Act per RSA 484-A:6 which prohibits such discharge of any waste water into wetlands, surface water or storm water drainage systems. If Article Five 5 passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 9 be placed on the official ballot as written. Selectperson Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Fred Hayes, 519 Bedford Road, I presume this is a tank that will need to be pumped. What will that cost be? This would be money to come from the unreserved fund balance as it is an emergency.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road, this is a 3,000 gallon tank and we could probably get 1 ½ years before pumping at \$500 each time. I am just guessing because we have not been in this situation before. There is always the possibility that money could come from the unreserved fund balance.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and Article 9 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for funding additional cost of Fire Department dispatch services contracted with the Town of Goffstown. If Article 6 passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Scott who moved that Article 10 be placed on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Quirk.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 10 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) Account for the Emergency Management Department for planning and funding anticipated future upgrades to the Town's Emergency Services communications and related systems now existing at the Emergency Communications location and related sites, and furthermore, to incorporate the radio and digital communications systems for the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 11 on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 11 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-four thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$44,639) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purchasing of a new Fire Department Command Vehicle, including necessary equipment such as lights and inside emergency and communications related equipment. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved that Article 12 be placed on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance.

Discussion:

Mark Suennen, 325 Twin Bridge Road. The CIP is a six-year program. This was on a six-year cycle and someone made a decision to move this to a 2-year cycle. What is the emergency that someone took this out of sequence.

Selectman Constance, This is not considered an emergency but a critical need. At some point in time Chief MacDonald will not be using his personal vehicle.

Mark Suennen, So someone made a decision to move this in front of all other requests.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road, This is \$64,000 for a command vehicle. It is a top priority. In the last 12 years we have not lost a grant. It is hard to go from emergency to emergency without appropriate communication when it is a life and death situation. This is not a luxury vehicle. When there is a critical situation, control and communication is absolutely necessary. I am working from the back of an old jeep with 2 portable radios, a scratch pad and a white board. We are without appropriate radio communication to get the right people to the scene.

Thomas Sullivan, 78 Briar Hill Road, How long has Dan been using his personal vehicle to benefit the town?

Dan MacDonald, 21 years.

Don Chapman, 136 Francestown Road. When did this grant become available? Is this something that we can take advantage of now rather than later?

Dan MacDonald, Grants become available each year but they are not for the same things. Sometimes they are for trucks and other kinds of equipment. The list comes out late December or January.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I need to know how much the grant is and when we can get it.

Dan MacDonald, It is \$15,000. We would use it for 2 radios one primary and one that is remote, both at different frequencies that will go to different places.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and Article 12 will be placed on the official ballot.

At this time Moderator Nyquist recognized State Representative David Woodbury. Mr. Woodbury made a motion to ask the voters to consider Article 33 at this time. He explained that Kat McGhee, one of our state representatives who represented New Boston wanted to speak to this body regarding Article 33. Even though Representative McGhee does not live in New Boston, Moderator Nyquist granted the request. Representative McGhee explained that 75 towns are taking up this article on their warrants. It is based on a 2007 Federal Bill and there is no obligation to spend any money. This issue will be address in January where economist will

address climate change and what are the most cost-effective solutions. Climate change should be addressed at the federal level and should engage everyone who produces or imports fossil fuels to the state. Any fees that were charged would come back and it is a way to change the way people behave. It is called a carbon cashback. There is no rebate but your voice will add to others around the state.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Caleb Jacob of Fraser Drive. Mr. Jacob proposed an amendment to the article that would read: "New Boston recognizes that climate change is real" Moderator Nyquist asked if his motion was to delete Article 33 to read that one sentence. Mr. Jacob responded with a yes.

Fred Hayes 519 Bedford Road. Can a petitioned article be amended?

Moderator Nyquist, Yes.

David Woodbury, 37 McCurdy Road, I oppose the amendment. Partially for the hard work that many people have put into this and it is a serious matter.

Mr. Jacob, I don't feel that the town is in this business. We should not be asking the selectmen to do this on our behalf.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I support the amendment because we should not be taxed on supporting people's behavior.

Representative McGhee, Similar concerns come up with this kind of policy. It is a market-based solution not a tax collecting article. Money will go back to the consumer. The money collected will diminish pollution.

David Woodbury. The voters of New Boston will make up their mind at the ballot box. To remove it would not reflect the voters of the town.

Mr. Jacob, We are here because the town is taxing our money. You do not get something for nothing. Factories will be charged more for their pollution and they will pass that onto the consumer.

Thomas Vaillancourt, 52 Fieldstone Drive, this is the opposite of the amendment. The petition reflects the people who want to put it on.

Mr. Jacob, I agree. I had a petitioned warrant article and it was erased right here.

Cynthia Wilson, 58 Mason Drive. Can we change the amendment?

Moderator Nyquist. This body has the power to change or amend the article.

Dick Moody, 19 Baker Lane. I move the question. Seconded by Gail Cousins, 58 Ridgeview Lane

Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote to move the question. There were 77 to limit debate and 8 to continue debate.

Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote on the amendment. All those in favor signify by saying aye all those opposed nay. They ayes have it and the amendment fails.

Back to the main motion to move Article 33 to the official ballot. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 33 will appear on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak who moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 7 – 12 including Article 33. Seconded by Tom Miller. All those in favor of restricting reconsideration signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Articles 7 - 12 and Article 33 are restricted for reconsideration.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 13 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 13 will appear on the official ballot.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for purpose of purchasing a new small six-wheel dump truck for the New Boston Highway Department to be withdrawn from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 14 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and article 14 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 15 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor of Article 15 signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 15 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$132,000) to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new backhoe for the New Boston Highway Department. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0) Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 16 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 16 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for road improvements on Hooper Hill Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 17 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any

discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 17 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the existing Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 18 on the ballot as written. Selectman Constance seconded the motion. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 18 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for reconstructing the Bedford Road culvert, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 19 on the ballot as written. Selectman Constance seconded the motion. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 19 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to be used to complete the 2021 town-wide revaluation as required by law. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 20 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 20 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to be withdrawn from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the total property revaluation of the properties. This article is dependent on passage of the previous article. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 21 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion.

Discussion: Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I am confused between Articles 20 and 21. The explanation for Article 20 is now in the Article 21. If 20 fails then where does the money come from? And how much will be raised by taxation? My point is that it is taxpayer money. Not that there is no new taxpayer money.

Fred Hayes, 519 Bedford Road. It looks like what is in the warrant article should be in the explanation. We should strike the term “no funds to be raised by taxation”, Seconded by Rodney Towne 169 McCullum Road.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on the amendment, All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and the amendment passes. Back to the main article. All those in favor of Article 21 as amended signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 21 will be placed on the official ballot as amended,

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the upgrade of the water tank in the cellar of the Town Hall to include all electrical, plumbing and replacing the water lines. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 22 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 22 will be placed on the official ballot as written.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of necessary drainage construction on the west side of Town Hall to alleviate the flooding in the basement of the Town Hall with said funds to include engineering and necessary construction costs to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 23 on the ballot as written, seconded by Selectman Constance. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 23 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the first of a three-year appropriation request for implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS), Mapping System for use by all Town departments and to be placed on the Town’s web page for public use. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 24 on the ballot as written, seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Mark Suennen, 325 Twin Bridge Road. This item was on the CIP which is a 6 year project list. How many years has it been on now?

Selectman Constance, it has been on 2 years.

Mark Suennen, I thought that the criteria for CIP projects to be moved to a shorter period of time was only in case of an emergency. What is the emergency for this. What will we be saving by spending the money now?

Selectman Constance, our town maps are not accurate. It is difficult for our Planning and Building Departments to decipher boundaries for new houses. Our town boundaries are not correct. We could be avoiding law suits, we need to know what the town's boundaries are.

Mark Suennen, The schedule that the CIP decides is critical and moving it out of sequence confuses the planning.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 24 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Record Retention Expendable Trust and raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for digitizing the Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to Expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 25 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The Ayes have it and Article 25 will be placed on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak who moved to restrict reconsideration for Articles 13 -25. Seconded by Laura Bernard. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Articles 13 – 25 are restricted.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of the Mill Pond Foot Bridge Project and to appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in said fund, to come from unassigned fund balance (these funds represent donations previously collected); furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 26 on the ballot. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Fred Hayes 519 Bedford Road, This is to clarify that there is \$6,000 left in this fund and the Selectmen cannot spend it with voter approval. There is just asking the voter to give the Selectmen permission to spend that money. The \$6,000 is already there. This article is not asking for any money.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 26 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500) for purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air

conditioning and heating units at the New Boston Police Station. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 27 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 27 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units in the Recreation Department Offices (Old Engine House). (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 28 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 28 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to paint the Recreation Department Building (Old Engine House) with a primer and one coat and perform the necessary carpentry prep work required. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 29 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 29 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for providing body cameras for the Police Department. This will be the first of a five-year appropriation request. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved that Article 30 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 30 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to adopt pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by

the Town. State education and County taxes are excluded from the exemption. The Exemption shall be granted for a maximum of 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of 5 years. If adopted the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved that Article 31 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 31 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to convey a conservation easement to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy on five existing Town Forests in order to provide permanent protection from uses of these parcels that could damage or destroy their scenic, recreational, ecological and natural resource value. These parcels are as follows: Lydia Dodge Forest (Map 7 Lot 70, 244.7 acres); Sherburne Forest (Map 7 Lot 22, 70.0 acres); Bob Todd Forest (Map 7 Lot 74-1, 58.48 acres); Siemeze Forest (Map 2 Lot 115, 85.0 acres); Colby Forest (Map 2 Lot 118, 8.0 acres). The Forestry Committee will continue to manage these forests per RSA 31:110, as voted by the Town in 1996, Article 15. (Majority vote required)

Moderator Nyquist noted that this article was placed on the warrant by a member of the Forestry Committee. He asked that someone from that committee speak to the article.

Discussion: Tom Miller, 77 Bedford Road. The article is self-explanatory. This would just be adding a higher layer of protection to our forests.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 32 will be placed on the official ballot.

Article 34: Moderator Nyquist recognized Laura Bernard who moved that the Deliberative session be adjourned. Seconded by Rodney Towne.

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Strausbaugh
Deputy Clerk