



## Northwood Board of Selectmen Minutes of December 1, 2015

Chairman Timothy Jandebaur called the work session to order at 6:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

Selectman Timothy Jandebaur, Selectman Scott Bryer, Selectman Rick Wolf, and Town Administrator Joseph Gunter.

Selectman Timothy Jandebaur stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review the warrant articles.

### 2016 Proposed Warrant Articles

Mr. Gunter noted that the articles are draft and have not been reviewed by town counsel or DRA. He added that some of the figures noted in the warrant articles may change as well.

Selectman Bryer read Article 2, as follows:

#### **Article 2: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** for the second of five yearly payments, and to fund the payment by withdrawing the sum of **fifty six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** from the fire/ rescue vehicle replacement special revenue fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2015 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. **(No Tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 2, as written.** Selectman Bryer stated that there is no tax impact associated with this article because the money is coming from the fire/ rescue vehicle replacement special revenue fund. **Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 3, as follows:

#### **Article 3: 2016 OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **three million five hundred twelve thousand ninety-three dollars \$3,512,093.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million four hundred ninety-three thousand thirty six dollars \$3,493,036.00** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town 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. **(Tax impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**



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**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 3, as written. Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 4, as follows:

**Article 4: AMBULANCE PAYMENT**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **forty-eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617)** for the Fourth of five annual payments on a five year lease on Ambulance 1 and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of **forty-eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617)** from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2013 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 4, as written. Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 5, as follows:

**Article 5: DEFIBRILLATOR PAYMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand, three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$13,384)** for the third of three yearly payments for two defibrillators for the Northwood Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2015. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 5, as written.** Selectman Bryer noted that there would be a tax impact as the funds could be used to buy down the tax rate. Mr. Gunter explained that it is considered to be a tax impact if the town is raising the money for the budget. Selectman Jandebaur stated that this money has already been raised. **Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 6, as follows:

**Article 6: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. **(Tax Impact \$0.03 ) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 6, as written. Motion passed; 3/0.**



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Selectman Bryer read Article 7 into the record, as follows:

**Article 7: TOWN HALL HVAC SYSTEM UPGRADE** (*sample language and figures are subject to change*)

To see if the Town will vote to raise **two thousand three hundred ninety-five Dollars (\$2,395)** from taxation and raise **forty four thousand six hundred sixty-Six dollars (\$44,666 )** through the withdrawal of the previously established Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and to appropriate the total sum of **forty seven thousand sixty-one dollars (\$47,061)** for the purpose of upgrading the heating/cooling systems of the Northwood Town Hall. **(Tax Impact: \$0.01)** **(Majority vote required)** **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?)** **(Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 7, as written.**

Mr. Gunter stated that the tax impact is not known at this time as the bids have not been approved. Selectman Jandebaur stated that the facilities committee is reviewing the bids and will provide a recommendation to the selectmen. He added that there is approximately \$44,666 in the fund at this time. Selectman Bryer stated that if this article passes, this will drain this fund. Selectman Jandebaur stated that he would support withdrawing only \$44,000, which would leave \$666 in the fund. He added that he will explain to the budget committee that the bids are being reviewed and finalized.

Additional discussion was held regarding efficiency and fuel savings anticipated with the new system. Selectman Bryer asked if there is any information available estimating the potential savings. Selectman Jandebaur stated that the company may be able to provide that information. He added that the current system is antiquated and is not efficient. He noted that with the new system the air conditioners and electric heaters would no longer be needed throughout town hall. **Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 8 into the record, as follows:

**Article 8: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be used for the construction, reconstruction, and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts as recommended by the Highway Advisory Committee. **(Tax Impact: \$0.22)** **(Majority vote required)** **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?)** **(Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 8, as written.**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that this request is the same request that was asked for last year and passed. He added that there has been a lot of road work completed this year and he would like to see this pass again this year to continue with road projects.



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Selectman Wolf added that he agrees and would like to see this article pass.

Selectman Bryer requested a list of potential projects be available at the budget meetings. Selectman Jandebour stated that he has an ongoing list of potential projects as well as the completed projects. He stated that the board is trying to do the roads correctly so that they will not need to be addressed in a few years. He noted that he is very proud of the road work that was done in 2015.

**Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 9 into the record, as follows:

**Article 9: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000)**, to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen?) (Recommended by Budget Committee?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Jandebour, to recommend Article 9, as written.**

Selectman Wolf stated that he has a few questions relative to this reserve fund. He stated that it appears that the town is appropriating more than what is being spent. He stated that he believes that there was approximately \$35,000 in the fund last year. Selectman Bryer explained that there is revenue generated from the lagoon and that revenue is used for yearly maintenance for the lagoon. He does not feel that the money should be used for other items. Selectman Jandebour stated that he believes that there is a large expense every five or so years for additional maintenance. Mr. Gunter stated that the balance is \$67,793. He stated that he has spoken to Mr. Allain about the lagoon who explained that the laws have changed and should the lagoon shut down it will cost an incredible amount of money to replace the lagoon. Additional discussion was held regarding the lagoon fees. Selectman Jandebour suggested obtaining an estimate to see what it would cost to rebuild the lagoon and begin to establish a plan. He would like to see this added to the Tickler File and address it next year after budget season.

**Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 10 into the record, as follows:

**Article 10: APPOINTING AGENTS TO EXPEND**

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Control Expendable Trust Previously established in 2015. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 10, as written. Motion passed; 3/0.**



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Selectman Bryer read Article 11 into the record, as follows:

**Article 11: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000)** to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs and replacement of general government buildings. **(Tax Impact: \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 11, as written.**

Selectman Bryer asked if there is a spreadsheet available listing the proposed projects. Mr. Gunter replied yes and he will have it available for the budget committee on Saturday.

Selectman Wolf asked if the funds are also for unanticipated items. Selectman Bryer explained that in prior years the money was put into the department's budgets. He requested an itemized list and added that it should be available for the budget committee meeting. Selectman Jandebour stated that last year the amount was around \$22,000. Mr. Gunter read the proposed list of items to be addressed that he received from the facilities committee. He stated that the total cost of the proposed items is \$13,000.

Additional discussion was held regarding the repairs needed to library door. Mr. Gunter stated that there has been some difficulty locating a contractor for the project. Discussion ensued regarding using a commercial door.

**Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 12 into the record, as follows:

**Article 12: TRANSFER STATION EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty one thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents (\$21,659.61)**, to be placed in the existing Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing transfer station equipment and repairing and maintaining the transfer station buildings and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2015. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received from the sale of recyclable materials in 2015. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 12, as written.**



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Selectman Bryer stated that he watched a presentation regarding recyclables. He explained that there are not enough plastics now to fit the need to make necessary items. He asked what the town can do better relative to plastics.

Selectman Jandebour stated that he recently spoke to Jim Vaillancourt who expressed an interest in recyclables as well as the use of the recycling building. He stated that the board needs to have a discussion as to the direction of the highway department and once that is determined then we have to do a better job than what was done in the past to have a building built, fund the building, then fund recycling. He added that he believes that the next budgeting cycle will be more interesting as there will be money available; either taxes will go down or there will be projects done with funds that have become available. He stated that the school bond is done next year, \$289,000. He stated that he is interested in seeing the town try to purchase a building on School St. as a highway garage.

Selectman Wolf stated that he feels it would be hard to justify the need for a recycling building as there is not a lot of money to be made. He noted the local landfills and the amount of dumping are now not recycling. He added that there are many towns getting away from recycling. Selectman Jandebour stated that there are two reasons for recycling, saving money and no landfills. He added that recycling is cyclic.

**Motion passed; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 13 into the record, as follows:

**Article 13: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AND CONTROL  
EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment And Control Expendable Trust Deposit. **(Tax Impact: \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 13, as written.**

Selectman Jandebour stated that there is a problem in Northwood with invasive aquatic species. The proposal is to increase the request from \$6,000 to \$10,000. He stated that the town needs to help with this problem. He stated that he appreciates that other areas are being proactive and would like to be able to help out Northwood Lake and Jenness Pond.

Selectman Bryer stated that Northwood Lake is the only lake in town that has an invasive species problem. He added that he does not disagree with prevention; however, there are many other lakes in town to also protect. He stated that properties on the lake have higher property values and the owners have a vested interest in protecting the lake. He stated that he believes that the town should support the protection and prevention of invasive species; however, he stated that he feels this



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article cannot continue to increase. He stated that he would support the article with last year's figures but would not support increasing the amount to \$10,000 this year. He added that Deerfield and Epsom have both contributed to the matter. He asked about the Town of Pittsfield providing funds for Jenness Pond.

Selectman Jandebaur stated that the problem with Northwood Lake is escalating. He stated that last year the association indicated that they needed to be aggressive over the next few years and address the matter and then cut back after a few years. He noted that Pittsfield will not contribute at this time.

Selectman Wolf stated that invasive species is a problem in town that needs to be addressed. He understands Selectman Bryer's viewpoint.

Mr. Gunter stated that there is \$10,000 in the account at this time. Selectman Bryer recalled that \$4,000 was given to Jenness Pond and \$6,000 to Northwood Lake. Discussion ensued as to the actual amount in the fund at this time.

**Selectman Bryer offered an amendment to the motion to recommend reducing Article 13 to \$6,000; the amount that the article was last year. No second was offered.  
Selectman Jandebaur made an amendment to the motion, second by Selectman Bryer, to recommend reducing Article 13 to \$8,000. Motion carried; 3/0.**

Mr. Gunter will check into the current balance.

Selectman Bryer read Article 14 into the record, as follows:

**Article 14: BENEFIT PAY VESTED TIME EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. **(Tax Impact: \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 14, as written.**

Selectman Bryer asked for the current balance of this account. Mr. Gunter replies that there is \$28,586.

**Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 15 into the record, as follows:

**Article 15: CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND** *(figures are subject to change)*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty four thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars and four cents (\$34,935.04)**, to be deposited into the previously



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established Cable Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2015. This amount is equivalent to the amount received as cable TV franchise fees in the year 2015. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 15, as written. Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 16 into the record, as follows:

**Article 16: CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND** (*figures are subject to change*)

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 16, as written.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four hundred dollars (\$400)** to be deposited into the previously established Cemetery Improvement Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that amount from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2015. This amount is the equivalent of the amount received from the sale of cemetery lots in 2015. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

Selectman Bryer recalled that there was a way to not have to list these types of articles to just transfer funds year after year. Mr. Gunter replied that there is an article that can be adopted for these types of articles as well as payments for vehicles and the defibrillator. Selectman Bryer suggested that Mr. Gunter look into this wording for articles relative to revenues received into the appropriate funds. Mr. Gunter will look into this and will provide to the board and hopefully add for this year.

**Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Bryer read Article 17 into the record, as follows:

**Article 17: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAY (ROAD) AGENT**

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint the town highway (road) agent in accordance with RSA 231:62, rather than electing a highway agent. If approved, the elected highway (road) agent will continue to hold office until the March, 2017 town meeting, at which time the elected office shall terminate. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 17, as written. Vote: 2/1.** Selectman Wolf was opposed.



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Selectman Bryer read Article 18 into the record, as follows:

**Article 18: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred (\$500) dollars** to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust fund to support efforts to recognize the town's 250th anniversary. **(Tax Impact: Less than \$0.01) (Majority vote required)**  
**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 18, as written. Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Wolf asked if there would be enough money in the account to really do anything at this event. A discussion was held regarding the objective of the event and the funds. Selectman Jandebaur suggested talking to someone involved with the anniversary event at a future meeting.

**Article 19: EXPEND FROM THE RECREATION FACILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Selectman Bryer noted that Article 19 is incorrect as the funds were already raised and appropriated; the board is requesting authority to expend the funds. Selectman Jandebaur stated that this article should read similar to the wording of Article 10 and note the selectmen as the authorized agents to expend. Mr. Gunter will forward to town counsel for revisions.

Selectman Jandebaur read the following articles into the record proposing Article 20:

**Article 20a: TOWN OF NORTHWOOD ELECTRONIC SIGN PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-Four thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$24,250)** to be used for the purchase and installation of an electronic sign. **(Tax Impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required)**

**Article 20b: TOWN OF NORTHWOOD ELECTRONIC SIGN PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$30,250)** to be used for the purchase and installation of an electronic sign to be placed in front of town hall along with a stone wall base to surround the footing of the sign. **(Tax Impact \$0.07) (Majority vote required)**

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 20a, without the wall, as written.**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that there are two articles labeled as Article 20. He explained that one article proposes a wall for the electronic sign and the other does not. He stated that he believes that there are town's people that would build the wall and there would be no charge. He noted that he would really like to have a sign out front. He stated that bids have been obtained.

Selectman Bryer stated that he too would like to see a sign; however, with the recent tax rate increase he does not feel that this is an item that is a necessity to present this year.



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Selectman Jandebaur stated that he understands Selectman Bryer's viewpoint and added that there are so many activities and on goings in the town that the people are just not aware of, which he feels is a travesty.

Selectman Bryer stated that there is Access TV and other methods to educate the public and get the message out. Selectman Jandebaur replied that he would not watch a scrolling notice and will support the sign without the wall. Selectman Wolf stated that a sign is a great idea. He expressed concern if this article may take away from something else. He also noted that there is a sign ordinance and permit policy in town that will need to be followed.

**Vote: 2/1.** Selectman Bryer was opposed

Selectman Jandebaur read Article 21 into the record, as follows:

**Article 21: EROSION CONTROL AND RECONSTRUCTION FOR MARY WALDRON BEACH AND BOAT RAMP** (*Figures are to be determined*)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) to be used to repair and rebuild the boat ramp and beach at Waldron Beach. **(Tax Impact \_\_\_\_\_) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee?)**

Selectman Bryer asked if this article includes the parking area. Mr. Gunter replied yes. Selectman Jandebaur explained that the wall is being removed and rebuilt.

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, second by Selectman Bryer, to recommend Article 21, as written.**

Selectman Bryer stated that he supports this article and added that this is the beach that is used most in town. He stated that this project is a one-time expenditure if done correctly.

Selectman Wolf stated that he has been contacted about moving the boat ramp and to stop children from accessing the parking area.

Discussion ensued as to the topography of the area. Selectman Jandebaur explained the proposal. Additional discussion ensued as to the final cost.

Ms. Dole suggested that \$1 be added to the amount and amend it accordingly at town deliberative session. She expressed concern with timing for the budget committee work session and when the figures will be provided. Discussion ensued relative to the uncertainty of figures and amending the article at deliberative session.

**Selectman Bryer made a motion to table this warrant article until additional information is available. Selectman Wolf seconded. Motion carried; 3/0.**



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Selectman Jandebaur read Article 22 into the record, as follows:

**Article 22: CREATE A BRIDGE REPAIR TRUST FUND**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund per RSA 35:1, for the maintenance and upkeep of town bridges and to raise and appropriate **eighty four thousand dollars (\$84,000)** to deposit into the fund, further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from the trust fund. This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 **(Tax Impact \$0.18) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that this warrant article is specific to the bridge on Bow Lake Rd. culvert bridge. Mr. Gunter stated that there are two red listed bridges in town and the total cost for this bridge is \$250,000. The proposed amount of \$84,000 is the amount required over the next three years for the repairs. Selectman Bryer suggested that the name be changed to the Red Listed Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, which will address all of the red listed bridges in town.

Selectman Wolf stated that the state will address the bridge. Selectman Bryer stated that state can recommend that the bridge be closed and the town would not be acting with the public's safety in mind and not conquer with the state. Selectman Jandebaur stated that the town is liable if the bridge is not addressed.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Gunter stated that he has a report from the town's engineer as well.

Discussion ensued as to changing the name.

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, seconded by Selectman Bryer, to recommend Article 22. Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Jandebaur read Article 23 into the record, as follows:

**Article 23: ADOPTION OF RSA 162-K FOR MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS**

To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 162-K. Adoption of this RSA will allow the town to create development and revitalization districts and allow the Town to retain tax dollars for development projects. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen?)**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that someone needs to be prepared to speak to this article. Selectman Bryer stated that if there is no dollar amount it will not need to go before the budget committee.

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, seconded by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 23. Motion carried; 3/0.**



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Selectman Jandebaur read Article 24 into the record, as follows:

**Article 24: TO ADD TO THE POLICE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

To see if the town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Police Equipment Capital Reserved Fund. **(Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee?)**

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, seconded by Selectman Wolf to recommend Article 24.**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that this money will be used for equipment; light bars, radios, tazers. He stated that this is money that is not included in the budget. Selectman Wolf stated that there has been needless spending. He expressed concern with frivolous spending. Selectman Bryer stated that this is specific for equipment, non-disposable items. He stated that the police commission RSA only gives the commission authority to handle personnel matters. The selectmen have extended a courtesy to the commission to allow them to sign off on purchase orders. He added that the selectmen could bring all approvals for expenditures to the offices in town hall if there is a concern of purchases. Discussion ensued regarding the RSA's for police commission, specific to personnel matters, hiring, terminations, and compensation.

Selectman Bryer stated that the police chief did make a valid argument for the need for additional funding for equipment. He stated that he supports this article and will recommend it.

**Motion carried; 3/0.**

Selectman Jandebaur read Article 25 into the record, as follows:

**Article 25: TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER TO THE PAYROLL**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-five thousand eight hundred eighty-four dollars (\$55,804)** to establish a new full-time position for a patrol officer for the Northwood Police Department. The funds to be expended for wages and applicable benefits for the new position. **(Tax Impact \$.12) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?) (Recommended by the Budget Committee ?)**

**Selectman Jandebaur made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to recommend Article 25.**

Selectman Jandebaur stated that this amount is only covering the salary for 9 months. Selectman Bryer stated that when the police chief met with the selectmen there were many questions asked, statistics, calls, etc. He asked if these questions have been answered and if the information has been provided. Mr. Gunter stated that he will request the information. Selectman Jandebaur states that there has been ample time to provide this information.

Selectman Bryer stated that one item he asked how many officers are on staff at this time. He stated that he recalls that there are 9 officers at this time; chief and the school resource officer, 2 sergeants with one as the detective and the rest are either corporals or officers, and two are part-



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time. He stated that the resource officer is allocated to the high school making 8 officers available including the chief. He stated that there are 4,200 people in this time. He mentioned that typically there is a grant for officers and there are no grants available at this time. He stated that he will not support this article at this time without some type of funding mechanism where a significant amount of the portion for a new officer for the first few years are covered other than by taxation. He stated that he supports the police department and the effort that they do; however, he does not feel that this is the time to add the cost for an additional officer and he does not feel that there is a need for the additional officer at this time.

Selectman Wolf commented that he agrees with the points stated by Selectman Bryer. He added that he too feels that the tax payers need a break.

Selectman Jandebour stated that there are other areas that need the funding now, not for an additional police officer.

**Motion did not carry; 0/3.**

Selectman Bryer stated that the department head presented this warrant request and it can be assumed that the article is supported by the police commission. He suggested that out of respect for the department head and the fact that there is a commission; the selectmen should present the warrant article noting their recommendation to not support the article.

**Article 26: OTHER BUSINESS**

To transact any other business that can legally come before this meeting.

**Other**

***Bean Hole Bash***

Selectman Jandebour congratulated all of the winners of the Bean Hole Bash.

Winners:

***Horse Shoes***

Doug Smith, Bruce DeJardin

**Adjournment**

**Selectman Bryer motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Selectman Jandebour seconded. Motion carried; 3/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fellows-Weaver  
Board Secretary