Meeting called to order promptly at 9:09am, Northwood Elementary School, Northwood, NH. Announcing Keith McGuigan as moderator. He discussed rules-motion and second. Also spoke about secret ballot voting. Keith addressed about forming a line at microphone and keep distancing. You will have Three minutes to speak. Voting is with yellow card by raise of hand.

Town Dedication to Robert Young for 30 plus years to Town. Keith declared award to Bob Young and citizen of the year: Beth moved and Betty second, all in favor, YES. Keith (moderator) had panel introduced: Hal Kreider select Board member along with Matt Frye, Anne Boudreau, Pam Sanderson and Tim Colby, as well as Legal Counsel, Walter Mitchell. Town Administrator Walter Johnson and Finance Cheryl Eastman Town Clerk, Marisa Russo and Deputy Missy introduced by Hal Kreider. Moderator asked the audience to join in with the Pledge of Allegiance. Complaint of speaker is hard to hear—could microphone and mask be adjusted. After Pledge, Articles 2-3 were skipped.

**Article 1: Elections**

To choose all necessary officers for the 2021 Town Openings

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Article 2: SECTION VI.A WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT
Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows:
Amend Section VI.A Wetlands Conservation Overlay District to update those uses permitted by right and by Special Exception within the Wetlands Conservation Overlay and its required setback areas; to clarify the process and required application materials for granting a special exception; and to clarify the standards regulating Prime Wetlands and wetlands within the Conservation Area Overlay District by introducing a new term, "High-Priority Wetlands", and creating a new Section VI.A(6) regarding their regulation.

Article 3: SECTION VI.E STEEP SLOPE PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT
Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows:
Amend Section VI.E Steep Slope Protection Overlay District to clarify that relief to this overlay is granted through a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and not a Conditional Use Permit. This amendment is for clarification purposes and would not alter the regulatory impact of this overlay.

Article 4: 2021 OPERATING BUDGET
WHO moved: in absence of Ginger Dole, vice chair Tom Chase to put in motion
Who second Betty
Joe still says words are mumbled.
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 nine hundred sixty-two thousand and sixty dollars ($3,962,060). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million seven hundred three thousand sixty-six dollars ($3,703,066) 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 Net of estimated revenue $3.54.) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4C) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14 - O)

Hal: wants to talk about the cost of articles all clear to see. Any discussion from the floor, yes, Tim Jandebeur-would like to make a motion to the budget. He would like it to be from $3,962,960 to $3,571,500.00 and also make this a secret ballot for an amendment to article 4 with budget
Against proposed amendment is Ted Wilkinson VOTE NOW
Joe: Where is this person, he's in the library out loud from audience in Gym. Second by Joe to vote
Hal: Comment on proposed amendment, the budget includes what he feels is needed to run smoothly.
Keith: Any other comments before voting on $3,571,500.
VOTE: amendment for budget proposal of $3,571,500 YES 18 NO 22.
Hal moved to put on ballot as written.
Matt second Moderator amend fails KEEP in favor of operating budget of $3,962,060 as written on ballot
Article 5: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty-six thousand six hundred seventy-two dollars ($56,672) as the first payment on a 5 year lease/purchase agreement for a Tanker Truck with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the $300,000 down payment it has committed to spend. This purchase is in accordance with the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: Tim Colby
Second was Beth Boudreau
Moderator to vote to put on ballot, passes to be placed on ballot as written

Article 6: AMBULANCE LEASE PURCHASE
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars ($26,225), as the first payment on a 7 year lease/purchase agreement for an Ambulance with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the $100,000 down payment it has spent on it. This purchase is in accordance with the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: Matt Frye
Second: Pam
Hal: Also, Not to reconsider Article #4
Second: Matt
All in favor not to revisit #4-YES
Moderator: vote to keep on ballot as is, passes to be placed on ballot as written

Article 7: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000) for the acquisition of communication equipment pursuant to the second year of the three-year Fire Department Mobile Communications Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan will replace all our portable and mobile radios over the three-year period. This purchase is in accordance with the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. (Tax Impact $0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who motioned: Pam
Second was Beth to put on ballot
No discussion, move to vote per moderator, all in favor the majority-YES keep on ballot as written
Article 8: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-six thousand three hundred and ninety-one dollars (96,391.00), to be placed in the following existing expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19-a. These amounts represent the amount of user fees deposited in the general fund in 2020 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2020. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: Cable $63,478, Transfer Station $98,291, and Cemetery: $57,633.

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(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 14-0)
Who moved motion: Matt
Second: Hall
Moderator: Vote, YES-All approved to put on ballot as written

Article 9: VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: $40,394. (Tax Impact $0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)
Who motioned: Pam
Second: Beth
Moderator: Vote, All approved to put on ballot as written

Article 10: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of twenty-six thousand one hundred six dollars ($26,106) for the third year’s lease payment of the seven-year lease/purchase agreement of a highway dump truck that was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting. If this is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses all the money it has spent in prior years. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Tax impact $0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)
Who moved: Tim
Second: Beth
Moderator; Vote, to put on ballot as written, YES majority vote

Article 11: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars ($18,500) to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: $107,417. (Tax Impact $0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)
Who moved: Matt
Second: Pam
Moderator: Vote to put on ballot as written, YES
Article 12: POLICE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000) to be deposited into the previously established Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: $17,125. (Tax impact $0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: Tim
Second: Pam
Moderator: Vote to be put on ballot as written-YES

Article 13: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand six hundred and eighty-one dollars ($5,681), 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. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: $118,027 (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: Pam
Second: Beth
Moderator: Vote to be put on ballot as written-YES

Article 14: DISCONTINUE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bicentennial Committee Trust Fund created in 1974 since the purpose was accomplished and the funds cannot be used for any other purpose. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality’s general fund. Estimated balance $8,400 as of December 31, 2020. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Who motioned: Beth
Second: Tim/Pam same time, tim with discussion:
Hal: discussion recommended by a few people-misleading, thought to be used for celebration. It’s raised for bicentennial activities. Hal: To make amendment to change to continue of bicentennial trust not transfer.
Second: Matt
Pam: This took a while to discover the change, bicentennial needs to continue and have a purpose
Tom chase: Was consideration giving to change the name?
Since the posting of the warrant, we propose the following amendment to the article.

Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to continue the Bicentennial committee Trust Fund and not transfer the said funds with accumulated interest to the municipality’s general fund (recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Moderator: VOTE to amend to new wording to be put on Ballot-YES all in favor. Matt moved, Pam second
Article 15: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars ($8,400 see prior article) to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund to support efforts to recognize the Town's 250th Anniversary in 2023, said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2020. (Tax Impact zero) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

AMENDMENT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars ($8,400 see prior article) to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust fund to support efforts to recognize the Town’s 250th Anniversary in 2023, said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2020 (Tax impact zero) (majority vote required) (Recommended by Board of selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 14-0)

Who moved: Hal
Second: Pam/Matt same time
Hal: amend to strike words see prior article
Second: Pam
Moderator: VOTE to amend word see prior article, passed to adding on ballot

Article 16: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand two hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents ($20,297.79) for the fourth of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the backhoe. This lease agreement was approved in 2018 and does contain an escape clause so if the article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and all prior expenditures will be lost. (Tax Impact $0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 14-0)
Who moved: Tim Second: Beth Betty Smith: Just to clarify, does it or does it not contain escape clause? Hal: IT DOES
Moderator: VOTE to keep as written on ballot-YES

Article 17: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) to be used for the construction, reconstruction, paving, and ditching and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts as recommended by the Highway Advisory Committee. This would include Town Road Projects including paving Bigelow Road, culvert work on Harmony Hill, etc. (Tax Impact $0.22) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 12-0)

Who motioned; Tim
Second: Beth
Comments Hal: About Tim talking about money towards roads. He got string feedback and this needs to be done
Hal: 45 miles of road total, $100,000 to repave, $450,000 should spend a year on roads, $350,000 is what we are spending and now only $150,000. We won’t be able to keep up. Board went with folks.
Matt: reason kept with town is because of road planning process, hope for long term plan
Moderator: Vote to put on ballot as written-YES approved
Article 18: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2020 is $3,260. (Tax Impact $0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: Pam
Second: Matt
No comment or discussion
Moderator: Vote to put on ballot as written-YES approved

Article 19: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT and CONTROL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Control Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2020 is $300. (Tax Impact $0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who moved: pam
Second: Matt
No comment or discussions
Moderator: All approved to be put on ballot as written-YES approved

Article 20: TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand ($5,000) to be deposited into the previously established Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2020 is $1. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact $0.01)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14/0)

Who moved: Matt
Second: Pam
Moderator: All approve to be put on ballot as written-YES approved

Article 21: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST 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 Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs, and replacement of general government buildings including the Chesley Memorial Library. Current balance as of December 31, 2020: $49,565. (Tax Impact $0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) Who moved motion; Beth Second: Tim Moderator: All approve to keep on ballot as written-YES approved
ARTICLE 22: ESTABLISH A PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY SITE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for acquisition of land for a new public safety facility, said purpose to include the land acquisition cost, site evaluation, design and engineering, and other costs associated with the development of the site, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars ($295,000) to be placed in said fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund without further authorization. Majority vote required. (Estimated Tax Impact $0.43) (Recommended by the Select Board 5 — 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2)

Who motioned: Beth
Who second: Matt
Hal: motion to funding. Plan came together after budget. NO TAX impact changing fund source

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Hal, To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for acquisition of land for a new public safety facility, said purpose to include the land acquisition cost, site evaluation, design and engineering, and other costs associated with the development of the site, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars ($295,000) to be placed in said fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund without further authorization. Said funds to come from the unrestricted fund balance as of December 31, 2020, Majority vote required. (Estimated Tax Impact $0.00) (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0)

Pam second
Gentleman in red shirt from library comment: What is fund balance: That’s the fund 2.5 million
Hal: we didn’t do anything because of Covid, this is first year to put at appropriate level-overall goal to smooth tax rate
Gentleman in red shirt: We have a surplus but tax bill went up
Hal: Last year was difficult with change to properties
Gentleman: Still doesn’t understand-walked away
Moderator: VOTE to amend #22 passes and amend from fund balance-YES

ARTICLE 23: ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing information technology equipment both hardware and software for town departments, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand six hundred dollars ($23,600) to be deposited in said fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said account without further authorization. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2020. 9 (No tax impact). Majority vote required. (Recommend by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Who motioned; Matt
Second: Tim Colby
Hal: speaks about this-originally looked to upgrade but not a good choice now. Asked for money back and went to fund balance. Now we have better way to spend.
Moderator: Vote to put on ballot as written-YES approved
ARTICLE 24: CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to expand the purposes of the Cable Expendable Trust Fund established in 2000 from "creating, maintaining, and upgrading a broadcast system" to include paying costs for improving communications to Town citizens from Town's Boards, Committees, and Departments. Said improvements to include but not limited to e-mail communications, message signage, newsletters, etc. 2/3 vote required. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0)
Who motioned: Hal
Who second: Matt
Moderator: Put on ballot as written-YES

ARTICLE 25: ESTABLISH A ROAD IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for improvements to Town roads including but not limited to paving, installing, and replacing culverts, ditching, grading, and full reconstruction, etc. and to raise and appropriate the sum of one Hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) to be placed in said fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund without further authorization. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2020. Said funds will be used for road improvement projects as outlined in the Town's Road Surface Management Plan and for emergency road repairs as they arise. (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1)
Who moved: Tim
Who second: Hal
Hal: Comment, we need to keep putting money in working on highway plan. Hasn’t been in 10 years. This fund will help us and better the town
Moderator: Put on ballot as written-YES

ARTICLE 26: MODIFY THE ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAXES
Shall the town, in accordance with RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b, modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $113,620; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years $162,500; for a person 80 years of age or older $211,250. If approved, these amounts will be effective as of April 1, 2021. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0).
Who motioned: Pam
Who second: Matt
Comment Matt: Age category was wrong. Home values increased by 40%
Pam second

AMEND TO CHANGE ARTICLE FOR AGE: Shall the town, in accordance with RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b, modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, $113,620; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years $162,500; for a person 80 years of age or older $211,250. If approved, these amounts will be effective as of April 1, 2021. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
Matt: These were set for decades. Took a look of value and tried to adjust what was fair.
Moderator: Amend to change article for age approved-YES all in favor
Article 27: OTHER BUSINESS

To transact any other business that can legally come before this meeting. **Moved: Beth Second: Tim NO**

COMMENT/DISCUSSION: go on ballot as written. Adjourned at 10:36am from moderator Keith McGuigan

Respectfully submitted, I attest this to be a true copy

[Signature]

Marisa Russo
Town Clerk/Tax Collector