

Town of Northwood Deliberative Session Minutes February 2nd, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:03am, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Northwood, NH. Announcing himself Hal Kreider as Moderator, Assistant Moderator: Bob Young, Board of Selectman: Donald Hodgdon, Scott Bryer and Beth Boudreau, Town Clerk: Savannah Audet, Legal: Ed Lawson, Finance: Sandy Garrett, Town Administrator: Heather Thibodeau as well as Budget Committee Member: Ginger Dole. Discussion on the order of the meeting and expectations, how to vote and how to request a secret ballot vote. He explained that the procedures of this meeting were listed in the handout given out at the time of registration along with the Voter's Guide.

He noted that the Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of the action of the "first session" would be held at the Parish Center at St. Joseph's Church, 844 First NH Turnpike, in said Northwood on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 and that the polls will be open from 7:00am-7:00pm.

He asked the audience to join in with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, acknowledging all Veterans in attendance. He then went on to present the warrant, indicating that the first item on the warrant was the election of officers.

Jim Vaillancourt, point of order: To allow non-residents to speak on important issues. Moderator recommends list of non-residents allowed to speak - Town Lawyer: Ed Lawson, Police Chief: Glen Drolet, Fire Chief: Mike Tetreault and Town Administrator: Heather Thibodeau can speak as well as the representatives from Turnstone Corporation involved in the engineering/construction for the Safety Complex. Motion carries.

[Article 1: ELECTIONS](#)

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

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Openings	Position	Term
(2)	Board of Selectmen	3 years
(1)	Board of Selectmen	1 year
(4)	Budget Committee	3 years
(1)	Budget Committee	2 years
(2)	Budget Committee	1 year
(1)	Cemetery Trustee	3 years
(1)	Library Trustee	3 years
(2)	Planning Board	3 years
(1)	Police Commission	3 years
(1)	Supervisor of the Checklist	1 year
(1)	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

Moderator asked for discussion.

Candidates were introduced to Lucy Edwards (The Forum) in order to get their photos taken etc.

Article 2: NORTHWOOD SAFETY COMPLEX

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Ginger Dole seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five million nine hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$5,975,000)** for the purpose of purchasing land, and for designing, engineering and constructing a Public Safety Complex, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$5,975,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions if the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. . There is no tax impact in 2019. The tax impact in 2020 is \$1.18 est. **(Tax impact: 0) (3/5 vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Tim Jandebaur, 33 Welsh Road - Complaint with the way the project has been handled. Believes the Right to Know Law 91: A was violated. States that there were no public meetings to discuss. He has filed for a court case due to this. Concerned that there aren't any minutes to refer to. Believes the budget has been violated. Would like the Board of Selectman to explain further details, specifically rent payments for the proposed land.

Selectman Bryer, Defer to Police Chief Drolet

Chief Drolet, Land agreement “if the closing is extended for additional time, they have held the property until we sign the agreement, half that amount would come back to us at closing”

Joe McCaffrey, Has great respect for first responders. Agrees we need good facilities. Believes that great facilities don't make great first responders. Would like full transparency with the project. What are the problems with the current situation? What are the remedies?

Steven Scholz, Resident for six years, been helped several times for first responders. Believes we need a new safety facility. Question about design and would like to know if the Safety Complex would meet LEAD certifications, energy efficient, green, minimal impact to our environment.

Jason Lacombe, President of SMP Architecture prides himself on energy efficiency and is LEAD certified. Building LEAD certification has not yet been determined.

Mr. Scholz, When is LEAD certification determined?

Mr. Lacombe, LEAD certification is determined post vote. Most municipal clients do not seek LEAD certification due to administrative costs.

Dave Coursin, Attended the last presentation for the Board of Selectman and is confused and concerned with the process to determine that this is the complex needed. Spoke with architect and Fire Chief to gather information to compare Town mobility and equalize financially against other communities. Increase of cost as years go on due to the lack of skilled workers. Farmington, value engineering can save money. If we delay there will be higher costs. Respects people who have raised concerns. People involved have done a very good job on the project.

Jim Hadley, Old Mountain Rd - Does not support article as there has been some articles in local newspaper stating Northwood has an excellent chance for a US dept of Agricultural Grant. He stated that since Northwood doesn't have a median household below 80% of the State metropolitan median household income that the town would not be qualify. Another topic mentioned, State Fire Marshal may possibly condemn the Ridge fire station and may need to be closed. State Fire Marshal was not aware of any plans to condemn or close the Northwood Ridge fire station. State Fire Marshal would be more than happy to conduct an inspection at the request of the Fire Chief. Hadley urges the Selectman to have an inspection done. No bench marks have been done compared to other complexes done in the last five years. Hand out given on the Farmington Public Safety Complex. Urges Selectman to expand safety committee, and conduct a true lifecycle cost analysis.

Linda Smith, point of order - Bring to attention that there are more blue ballots if a secret ballot is needed.

McCaffrey, Surprised that more people aren't speaking to this as this is the most expensive project in Town history. Agrees with Hadley that more comparison to other communities should be done. Would like our money spent wisely rather than spend it because we may have it. Ignoring the legality of this project is concerning.

Ginger Dole, 91 Rochester Rd - Having been on the budget committee, there were questions asked and answered about this project. It is an expensive project. Surprised that Hadley called the State Fire Marshal. The concern was that IF the State Fire Marshal declares the building needs unsafe and needs to be closed, where do the fire trucks go? In terms of being the most expensive project in history, there have been additions to elementary school which were bonded and needed. Would prefer we spend the money now instead of waiting to the future and spending more.

Tom Chase, Catamount Road – Jim Hadley is right, we're too rich of a town to qualify for poverty funding. Went to Tax collector to get figures in regards to taxes that haven't been paid. Tax Collector stated the Town has collected in excess of 12 million dollars with approximately 400 thousand dollars outstanding (approximately 4%). Does not want to make a decision of the safety complex to be based on the 4% of population (assuming there is a translation between the dollar amount and the number of people). Believes the remaining 96% should participate in this project.

Tim Jandebour, Do the ends justify the means? We have had a history of not doing what the tax payers want. Despises Facebook, but many people on Facebook feel that even if voted down, the selectman will approve it anyway. A few years ago he was on the committee to look at the safety complex and at the time, he was for the safety complex but believes nothing has been done since 2015. Heard that President of architectural company is a personal friend of the Fire Chief and was handed Safety Complex project. Not sure if that is true or not. Believes it may be true due to the "sleezy" way the project has been done.

Chief Drolet, Response to Accusation – "Sleezy? ... not even close" SMP was awarded this contract not because of personal friendship. Never met Jason Lacombe until he started working on this contract. SMP reached out 4 or 5 years ago and offered their services for free to get the project up and running. Loyalty is important. Acknowledges things might have not been done right with the initial meetings. Those issues are being remedied at this time. Everything was voted on by the Board of Selectman. "Nothing sleezy." Committee was involved with technical changes/enhancements to the plans.

Farmington has been mentioned several times. Cheaper building 2.4 million dollars, 3 years ago. The builder says that building can be done for just under 3 million dollars now. List on table with issues that we (Northwood) face that Farmington does not. Well (\$10k), Fire Pump (\$50k), Cistern (\$85k), site cost differential, easier excavation in Town owned sand pit (Farmington), (\$210k excavation, \$474k land purchase) two structures we need to demo \$25k (assuming Fire Department cannot burn in training), elevator \$100k two story structure, contingencies \$800k for the "uh-ohs" as the building is built. What's not spent from contingency goes back to the tax payer. DOT requires a turning lane on Route 4 (\$75k). Rough total of 2.4 million dollars difference compared to Farmington. \$2.4 million plus \$3 million is \$5.4 million which is within a couple hundred thousand of our proposal. \$5.9 million is not a final number, all conceptual. We need to compare apples to apples, not apples to oranges. Farmington is not the same as Northwood in terms of the building and design and I would request people not get personal.

Annette Blake, Old Turnpike Road - Question to people who aren't familiar with this project, can Narrows be renovated to address issues?

Chief Drolet, Will speak on police side, if we renovate narrows, we're still not addressing the Police Station. The proposed station is more in the center of the Town versus everything being on the west side of Town.

Chief Tetreault, Renovating the Narrows station would solve some problems but Ridge station is not designed to accommodate fire apparatus. So, it would not address issues with the Ridge station.

Dave Ruth, Route 4, Have the Board of Selectman decided how long the bond is?

Selectman Bryer - 20 year bond

Mr. Ruth, Am I voting for the proposal of the building that we're being shown, or to raise money? Has the Board of Selectman signed a contract to build the building?

Selectman Bryer , No, as we don't have appropriation until the vote has passed (3/5 of Town). Town did sign a purchase and sale agreement where if it doesn't pass, there will be an escape clause.

Chief Drolet, only agreement is with the land owner, purchase and sales agreement states land will be held until March. If it passes you will pay this amount, if it doesn't, it'll go back on the market.

Mr. Ruth, If it does pass and we decide to raise money for a safety complex, then according to RSA's the Town will have to go back out for more bids?

Selectman Bryer, The Town has hired a construction management company. Would like to have the construction management company speak to the bidding process.

Stacy Clark, President of Turnstone Corporation, construction manager, went through the RFQ and RFP process. Building committee recommended Turnstone to the Board of Selectman who voted to hire. Need a construction manager to prepare budgets and walk through the pre-construction process where systems and material are chosen and determine what the building is going to be. When vote goes through, then design can begin. At this time full design has not been done. Design team (SMP Architecture) will go into full design once article passes (civil, electrical, mechanical, fire etc.). Through the design process, work as a team to review and determine design makes sense and fits within budget. Once full design is reached, each division requires 3 to 5 qualified bidders. Reviews the scopes of work and will typically go with the lowest bidder. Turnstone manages the bidding process from a high level.

Mr. Ruth, What are RSA's that give Board of Selectman responsibilities away to have Turnstone Corporation do the bids.

Selectman Bryer, I'm not an engineer, fire chief is not an engineer, and police chief is not an engineer. In my 20 years as a Selectman, this is the most professional and organized project

I've been involved in. Let's bring in professionals to advise us and give recommendations to get this done right. Nothing can move forward with the approval of Board of Selectman.

Chief Drolet, if Stacey form Turnstone Corporation recommends xy&z and if the Board of Selectman don't agree, then xy&z doesn't get the job.

Diane Kizirian, Lucas Pond Rd – Is the Narrows Station good for any other use? Can we utilize it for any other use (meeting center, etc) Ridge Station as well?

Chief Drolet, Narrows will remain Fire Station. Only station to close is the Ridge Station. Ridge Station is on School property and is owned by the Town. Maybe the school can use Ridge Station as a storage shed etc. Police Station would be decommissioned/sold. Potential \$200k available in a sale of Police Station back to the Town. Previously mentioned demo is to existing structures on proposed Safety Complex site.

Ms. Kizirian, Does the Town own any other property that we can use for the Safety Complex?

Chief Drolet, Town does own other properties, but nothing that can be used for this project. Nothing with ½ mile of existing station for response times. Have looked at 5 potential sites.

Grace Mattern, West Street – Would like clarification as she's heard rumors that the plans have not been out to bid.

Chief Drolet, four companies responded to the RFP and RFQ process. Those companies were interviewed. Turnstone Corporation was recommended by the Building Committee.

Betty Smith, thinks that we've beaten the dead horse long enough. Move the question.

Joe McCaffrey, Raising another point of order

Moderator asked the body if we want to vote to end discussion. Requires a 2/3 vote. 48 yes, 16 no. Discussion has been ended. Vote to put on ballot as shown.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 3: LAND PURCHASE FOR THE NORTHWOOD SAFETY COMPLEX

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded. In case article #2 fails will the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred twenty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$229,900)** for the purchase of land located at 635 First NH Turnpike consisting of 6.91 acres +/- for the future placement of the Public Safety Complex. **(Tax Impact: \$0.49) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Tom Chase, Been to three out of four presentations of this facility. This is the best place to put this facility on Route 4. Able to serve east end of Northwood as West end has Narrows Station. Seems to me that none of you have been arrested lately or have gone to an emergency EMT training at the Ridge Station as I have, so you don't have a sense of how profoundly inadequate

these two facilities are. Encourage you to visit these facilities to understand yourself how bad they are. Ridge station doesn't have a sprinkler system. Yet, has hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment. Includes a down-sized fire truck to fit the small station. Encourages to visit facilities and take your neighbors.

Tim Jandebour, filed a series of right-to-know questions to the Town after the first informational meeting after it became quite clear some odd things were going on. When was the committee formed? October 29th 2018 and October 16th. Has been through all of the minutes. Easily the worst minutes I've seen in my life. – Warned by Moderator to stay on topic – October 16th, only one person on committee. Were these meetings posted per RSA?

Ginger Dole, point of order, what does this have to do with the article to purchase the property for the proposed Safety Complex?

Mr. Jandebour, They had meetings illegally. Were these meetings posted per RSA? No. Were minutes taken per RSA? No. Regarding the issue if part of this went out for bid. As I understand it, somewhere between \$15k - \$20k has been spent on this project to one company. Was this expenditure put out to bid per Northwood Town Policy? Chief Drolet's answer is no.

Steve Bailey, Catamount Road – This piece of property ties into and gives frontage for the 100 acres that the Town owns for the ballfields and the State Park. Even if we don't build the building there, it would behoove us for the Town to buy it for future Town use.

Bob Strobel, Is there any risk if the budget fails? Would we still be required to fund this? Potential risk by listing warranty in a particular order?

Sandy Garrett, Legal reviews warrants, since it's a bond, it has to be the first article on the warrant.

Mr. Lawson (Legal) confirmed. Under RSA, bond warrants need to be listed first.

Jim Hadley, Old Mountain Road – Mentioned earlier that Board of Selectman made a deposit for the land for \$10k and bebies there are monthly or quarterly payments of \$2,500. Can Board of Selectman explain where the fund came from?

Chief Drolet, no money has been put down on the land. Nor any rental fees.

Mr. Hadley, Purchase and Sale has been signed and no deposit required by seller? If article 2 or 3 does not pass, you can walk away?

Selectman Bryer, Yes

Marie Correa, Mill Pond Road, If question 2 does not pass, but 3 passes how do we pay for this?

Selectman Bryer, we would raise appropriations, one-time \$0.49 one-year tax impact (\$229k tax raise for one year)

Diane Kizirian, can we clarify the need for the \$100k elevator in this building since it is so thin and not build further back on the 100 acre that Town already owns?

Chief Drolet, As the property goes back there are wetlands. Also, increasing driveway length and utilities increases cost. \$100k for elevator versus \$300k for a longer driveway.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 4: 2019 OPERATING BUDGET

Ginger Dole moved and Michael Moore seconded: 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 seven hundred sixty thousand six hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$3,760,658)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million six hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,616,815)** 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: \$0.24) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion. None.

Moderator asked for a motion to place Article 4 on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 5: LANGUAGE - PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded: To see if the Town will add the following language, to the previously established Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund; Insert "These funds may be expended for all costs related to the Public Safety Complex and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend." **(No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (2/3 vote required)**

This article changes the language of the trust fund to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend.

Moderator asked for discussion.

Jim Vaillancourt, has heard money was taken out of the 2018 budget to pay for expenses related to the Safety Complex. Also heard that once given the right to expend funds out of this, money from that will go back to the 2018 budget?

Selectman Bryer, Correct, money was taken from the 2018 budget. Money could go back to the 2018 budget, but doesn't have to. Originally intended to use capital reserve funds to pay for architect. After legal review it was determined that money cannot be used because it requires a formal Town meeting to expend those funds. When you have a capital reserve fund, you can't use it until the next Town meeting. Last year, Town voted to appropriate \$200k to fix the Narrows Station. Project went out to bid, bids came back twice the amount appropriated. Town did not have the money to fix the Narrows Station. Since this money could not be used, \$18k from the budget was used to hire professionals to come in and make recommendations to fix the Narrows Station.

Sandy Garrett, Intent is to make Board of Selectman agents to spend from this fund, no ill intent, just housekeeping issue.

Mr. Vaillancourt, Not talking about ill intent. As an elected Trustee of Trust Funds, I'd like to understand that if passed, can the Board of Selectman go back into 2018 and grab expenses and pay for them out of the capital reserve fund? Up to this point only the governing body has approval to spend from this fund.

Selectman Bryer, the intent is not to take money out of the capital reserve fund and place into the operating budget.

Mary Faiella, the phrase "which was omitted by error" seems to be speculation or opinion and would like to move to strike that phrase out of article. It was voted not to appoint.

Selectman Bryer seconded

Moderator asked all in favor, motion passed

Ms. Dole, confused after no tax impact it reads majority vote required. Recommend by the Board of Selectman 3/0 and again 2/3 vote required. Looking for clarification. Need a majority vote to place this on ballot and on Election Day we need 2/3 to become effective?

Mr. Lawson (Legal), requires 2/3 vote to amend the capital reserve fund on Election Day

Bob Strobel, proposed 2nd amendment to strike the words "(Majority vote required)", 2nd from Marie Correa.

Tom Chase, should a second quotation mark to delineate the phrase being added to the language of the capital reserve fund?

Legal, the purpose of the meeting is to determine the exact language of the articles. A motion needs to be made to adjust the language of an article. The language following "No Tax Impact, etc." is simply comments added to the article by the Selectman and Budget Committee.

Mr. Strobel, motion to add quotation, Tom Chase – seconded

Moderator asked for discussion on adding the quotation.

Moderator asked all in favor, motion passed

Moderator asked for further discussion.

Ms. Faiella, asked about who establishes 2/3 vote requirement?

Selectman Bryer, State statute

Ms. Faiella, where is the language of this article being added?

Sandy Garratt – The language of the article will be inserted into language of the capital reserve held by the Towns trustees.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as amended. All in favor, motion passed.

Moderator changed to Bob Young

Article 6: APPOINTING PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN IN PLACE OF ELECTED ROAD AGENT

Ginger Dole moved and Betty Smith seconded: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint the town public works foreman in accordance with RSA 231:62, rather than electing a highway agent. If approved, the elected road agent will continue to hold office until March, 2020 town meeting, at which time the elected office shall terminate. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Gail Tobbe, this is on the ballot every year. Voters keep saying “no” in the past so why is this on the ballot? Why is it better for the selectman to take over the role over an elected official?

Jon Boudreau, the answer is simple, we were spoiled with Charlie, he was a full-time highway guy and road agent. The road agent now is less than part time. It has been voted down in the past because the elected road agent was the full-time highway guy. That is not the case now because he does not live in Northwood.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 7: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Byer seconded: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** for the fifth of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the new pumper truck, and to fund the payment by withdrawing the sum from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved in 2015 and does not contain an escape clause. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 8: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Ginger Dole seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty thousand eight hundred eighty six dollars (\$40,886)**, 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 2018 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2018. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15/0)**

Cable Expendable Trust Fund	\$19,059.00	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	\$21,427.00
Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund	\$400.00		

Moderator asked for discussion.

Jim Vaillancourt, would like to clarify that the Cable Expendable trust fund was \$19k short because we did not receive the second payment from the cable company, will see more next year as this wasn't received this year.

Joe McCaffrey, In regards to the Transfer Station, does "user fees" include fees of recyclables? User fees doesn't translate to return from recyclables. Should be better terminology used to explain the fees? Who presides over the expenditure of those fees?

Selectman Bryer, Board of Selectman has final say on expenditures.

Selectman Hodgdon, it goes into the General Fund.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 9: VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT

Selectman Byer moved and Ginger Dole seconded: 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. **(Tax Impact: \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed

Article 10: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Byer seconded: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement for **one hundred sixty one thousand six hundred seventy dollars (\$161,670)** for the purpose of leasing a new highway dump truck and to raise and appropriate an amount of twenty six thousand one hundred six dollars **(\$26,106)** for the first year's lease. The lease Agreement contains an escape clause. **(Tax impact: \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 11: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Byer seconded: 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. **(Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 12: POLICE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Selectman Byer moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded: 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. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee (13/0))**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Moderator changed to Hal Kreider.

Article 13: POLICE DEPT. CREATION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Ginger Dole moved and Betty Smith seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-four dollars and nine cents (\$16,994.09)** 20% of the total salary and benefits for the creation of a School Resource Officer position. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of a warrant article at the School District that would raise and appropriate the remaining 80%. **(Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0/3) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10/3)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 14: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Sandy Garrett moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen thousand six hundred twenty five dollars **(\$14,625)**, 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 3/0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 15/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 15: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Bryer seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventeen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$17,750)** 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 \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 16: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Bryer seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand dollars (\$2,000)** 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 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 17: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Mike Smith seconded: 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 second of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the new backhoe. This lease agreement was approved in 2018 and does contain an escape clause. **(Tax Impact: \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 18: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING

Ginger Dole moved and Betty Smith seconded: 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: \$0.21) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Jim Vaillancourt– was at budget committee hearing and asked this question if we have funding in the operating budget for road repair? Question is if I vote “no” on this article, what paving do I get out of the operating budget? If I vote “yes”, what additional paving will I get? The answer given at the time was unknown and to be given at the deliberative session. What paving will we get extra if we vote for this warrant article?

Steve Bailey, Highway Advisory Committee Chairman – We have a road plan and try to adhere to it. If we don’t vote in the \$100k. We started this a few years ago to give people the choice. It costs around \$300k to adhere to the road plan. We didn’t adhere to the road plan because we didn’t have the money. By the time we were through, we were about five to six years behind. If you vote it down, you’ll get less road work done.

Mr. Vaillancourt, we’re eight years into a five year road plan. When we had a road plan we were able to pave certain roads with this amount of money. Understands we need \$200k to pave but would like to know what roads would be paved with this warrant article.

Mr. Bailey, according to the road plan, we are right on schedule.

Bob Strobel, I wrote the road plan many years ago. The plan is probably due for a price increase as it’s outdated. May be able to get an update within the next year. This money was originally planned to leave the roads at status quo. The \$100k was originally intended to bring the roads from a C- to a B- in terms of quality. This is still the case. Have recommended to roll this into the operating budget.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 19: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Michael Moore moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded: 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. **(Tax Impact: \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 20: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AND CONTROL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Michael Moore moved Betty Smith seconded: 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. **(Tax Impact: \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 21: SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Selectman Hodgdon moved and Selectman Bryer seconded: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement for **one hundred eighty seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$187,700)** for the purpose of leasing the Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment and to raise and appropriate an amount of forty five thousand dollars **(\$45,000)** for the first year's lease payment. The lease Agreement contains an escape clause **(Tax impact: \$0.10) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Moderator asked for discussion.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 22: Allow Keno Games within Northwood

Selectman Bryer moved and Selectman Hodgdon seconded: **To see if the Town shall allow the operation of Keno games within the Town of Northwood. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)**

Mr. McCaffery this passes, Keno games would be allowed at various retail outlets in Town?

Selectman Bryer, believes they have to put in a request (restaurant/bars type facilities) not 100% sure about retail outlets.

Mr. McCaffrey, does the Town receive any portion of betting activity?

Selectman Bryer, I don't have the exact percentages believes if these facilities operate in Town, then a portion would go back to Town.

Mr. Lawson (Legal), would have to look that up, would assume that there's a mechanism in place for the funds to go back to the Town.

Mr. McCaffery, is curious if a portion of this activity goes back to the Town?

Selectman Bryer, I cannot give an accurate answer how much would go back to Town, does not want to speculate.

Selectman Hodgdon, February 12th, 6PM Public Hearing at Town Hall to discuss the topic further.

Marie Correa, would like to know who opposed this?

Selectman Bryer, we received a letter for NH Lottery, sent out to all municipalities that did not have Keno. Explaining the benefits of Keno. Thinks it'll be a good way to bring revenue into the town if we allow places to have Keno.

Ms. Faiella, is there a requirement that this article be put on the ballot?

Selectman Bryer, It's at the request of the NH Lottery.

Moderator asked a motion to place on the ballot as shown. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 23: OTHER BUSINESS

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

Bob Strobel, Planning Board Chair – Wants to inform the people that there are 6 zoning amendment articles on ballot. See Bob for questions.

Betty Smith, made a motion to adjourn and motion to not re-consider any further discussion on articles already discussed.

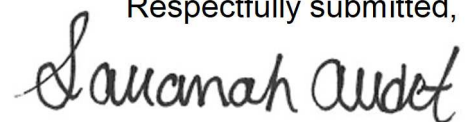
Moderator asked for discussion.

None of articles may be reconsidered and will go on the ballot as shown or amended. All in favor, motion passed.

Betty Smith, Motion to adjourn, Mike Smith seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

With no further business to come before the group, on motion made and seconded, it was voted to end the meeting at 11:42am.

Respectfully submitted,



Savannah Audet, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector