

Town of Northwood Deliberative Session Minutes February 5, 2022

Meeting called to order promptly at 9:06 am, Northwood Elementary School, Northwood, NH. Announcing Keith Mcguigan as moderator. Pledge of Allegiance at 9:07 am. He discussed rules-motion and second. Also spoke about secret ballot voting. Keith addressed about forming a line at microphone. You will have Three minutes to speak. Voting is with yellow card by raise of hand.

Board members present: Hal Kreider, Matt Frye, Ann Boudreau and James Guzofski. Town Administrator, Walter Johnson and Finance Cheryl Eastman, Legal Counsel, Laura Spector-Morgan, Town Clerk, Marisa Russo and Deputy Town Clerk, Missy Rowe.

Hal Kreider would like to nominate Kate McNally for Citizen of the Year. Matt Frye second. No further nominations. All in favor.

Article 1: Elections To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Opening	Position	Term
(2)	Board of Selectman	3 years
(4)	Budget Committee	3 years
(1)	Budget Committee	2 years
(1)	Cemetery Trustees	3 years
(1)	Cemetery Trustees	2 years
(1)	Moderator	2 years
(1)	Library Trustee	3 years
(2)	Planning Board	3 years
(1)	Police Commission	3 years
(1)	Trustees of the Trust Funds	3 years
(1)	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:

To establish a new definition of Private Campsite as the use of property not within a campground or camping park for camping on a seasonal basis, to permit Private Campsites subject to certain performance criteria, and to establish the performance criteria that apply to this use, including requiring a camping permit from the building inspector, defining the "camping season" as April 15 to October 15, establishing rules for occupying private campsites both within and outside of "camping season", limiting the number of private campsites on the property, providing requirements for solid waste and sewerage disposal and prohibiting the collection of fees for use of the private campsite?

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:

Are you in favor of repealing Article II Self-Contained Camper Trailers from the Town of Northwood General Ordinances? Should Article 2 proposing an amendment to the Northwood Development Ordinance to regulate such uses fail, this article shall become null and void.

Article 4: 2022 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 eight hundred eighty-one thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars (\$3,881,364)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million seven hundred thirty-four thousand ninety-eight dollars (\$3,734,098)** 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 \$3.13) (Majority vote required) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-3)**

Motioned: Ginger Dole, speaks about the recommended budget and how it would not pass. Proposed budget 4% over default.

Second: Betty Smith.

Tom Chase supports budget committee number.

Hal Kreider doesn't agree feels it's false sense of economy/outsourcing/shipping costs. Recommends to amend to \$3,998,864

Second: Matt Frye

Moderator, Keith McGuigan: Open floor for discussion

Tim Jandebour bipartisan group, all but one voted on budget.

Ginger Dole, middle of the road increase is better than the default. It was recommended cutting the police department \$80,000 and fire department \$40,000.

Betty Smith, Board of Selectman cannot touch the library budget and the Board of Selectman decided to cut over \$20,000. Judy Loto, I appreciate crunching numbers but we need a functional police and fire department

Tom Chase agrees with Hal. Tim Jandebour all but one voted in favor of 4%

Jim Guzofski encourages people to watch the online meetings.

Matt Frye, budget chair went around 3 times, wanted to trim the fat. There needs to be a compromise.

Rep. Paul Tudor \$50,000 cruiser, forego one cruiser

Judy Loto comparing Epsom to Northwood. Epsom has larger building. Northwood has to spend additional money on fire trucks to accommodate building size.

Moderator, Keith McGuigan: Vote on amended amount of \$3,998,864 by using yellow cards

41 Yes

25 No

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, voted all in favor the *amended Article 4 to be put on ballot as written.*

Kevin Bataran – Fire Department, everything is going up, works two different jobs, improvements need to be done on both buildings.

Betty Smith, with the increase does any of that 20K come back to the library?

Hal Kreider, the library budget was \$180,000 - \$200,000 in past years. The proposed \$280,000 a 40% increase is too much. The Select Board agreed to 25% increase.

Tom Chase, final comment, voters agreed to Board of Selectman budget.

Moderator, Keith McGuigan: Voted as amended

Jim Guzofski, Board of Selectman motion, not to reconsider going back to article #4

Matt Frye, Board of Selectman: Second. Vote was not to reconsider article #4.

Article 5: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred twenty-six thousand Dollars (\$126,000)** for the purchase of a six-wheel dump truck with plow, wing and sander for the highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of **one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account. This purchase replaces the existing 2006 six-wheel dump truck. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 6: 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 third and final 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. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021 **(Tax Impact \$0.) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 7: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** to be used for the construction, reconstruction, paving, and ditching and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts. Proposed Town Road Projects including paving, shimming, crack sealing etc. on a portion of Bow St., Jenness Pond Rd., Old Pittsfield Rd, Old Turnpike Rd. and Ye Old Canterbury Rd in accordance with the Town's 2022 road plan said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. **(Tax Impact \$0.00) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 12-1)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 8: RT 4 RECREATION COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000)** to continue improvements to the recreation complex including but not limited to expansion of parking, improving drainage, ledge removal, loaming and seeding and general improvements to the existing fields. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. **(Tax Impact \$0.) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Second: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Matt Frye plans on improvement of fields mostly blasting to level to use for of the site.

Article 9: TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)** to begin the updating of the Town’s 2002 master plan. This sum will provide an update of the Vision and Land Use Chapters which are the required sections. Revisions to the master plan are recommended every 5 to 10 years. Said amount to come from taxation. **(Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 10: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-two thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$52,237)** as the second 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 and the first-year payment. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Ann “Beth” Boudreau, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, this vehicle helps with water capacity.

Article 11: AMBULANCE LEASE PURCHASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$26,225)**, as the second 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 and the first-year payment. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 12: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE/PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **twenty-six thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$26,439)** for the fourth-year 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. **(Tax impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, this vehicle we pay someone to run it for the town when we need it versus hiring on trucks and drivers at \$75 to \$95 per hour. It is a good deal for our money.

Article 13: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand two hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$20,298)** 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 the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Question, Moderator, Keith McGuigan, does this have clause? Walter Johnson, Yes.

Moderator: Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Article 14: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty- three thousand nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$133,954)**, 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 2021 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: Cable \$98,480 Transfer Station \$100,465, and Cemetery: \$59,800.

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Cable Expendable Trust Fund \$33,546	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund \$97,208	Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund \$3,200
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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))

Article 15: 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, 2021: \$30,419. **(Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, this is the town's liability, if someone leaves unexpectedly this helps with paying for the person's accrued benefits.

Article 16: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$126,048. **(Tax Impact \$0.00) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Ginger Dole, points out previous ballot of highway department truck.

Article 17: 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 in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$23,148. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, be prepared as things come up by having the funds set aside.

Article 18: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$10,875)**. 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, 2021: \$104,989 **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, we need to monitor and maintain the lagoon.

Deb Ward, repair on lagoon? Where is lagoon and what repairs are needed?

Chris Brown, the money needs to be there for repairs of lagoon, the lagoon is at the transfer station behind the swap shop, it's the septic dump ponds.

Article 19: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to 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 in this fund as of December 31, 2021 is \$2,514. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, we need to protect our lakes, prevention less expensive than treatment.

Article 20: 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 in this fund as of December 31, 2021 is \$302.00. **(Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, funds for control and plan to get permits.

Norm Royce, President, Northwood Lake Association, thanks everyone for prior support, we spend \$40 thousand on chemical treatment and \$30 thousand on divers. We're looking at the same amount for this year.

Article 21: TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand (\$10,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$4.00. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, need help with dead or dying trees, no more money in the budget. Kit Lord, Bow Street has been overrun with Japanese Knotweed. Any pamphlets with information on this for neighbors to identify. Also, identified water hemlock, which is toxic to humans has been spotted in the area as well.

Article 22: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** 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. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$33,399. **(Tax Impact \$0) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, keep up with town buildings.

Article 23: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be deposited into the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and replacement of the Town's computer hardware and software programs. The balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021 is \$16,612. Said amount to come taxation. **(Tax Impact \$.02). Majority vote required. (Recommend by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, Peterborough can be a learning experience. Peterborough lost \$1 million due to IT security issues. We can't afford to lose that kind of money.

Article 24: ROAD IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be deposited into the Roads Improvement Expendable Trust fund for improvements to Town roads including but not limited to paving, installing and replacing culverts, tree removal prior to road work, crack sealing, ditching, grading, and full reconstruction, etc. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Said funds will be used for road improvement projects as outlined in the Town’s 2022 Road Surface Management Plan and for emergency road repairs as they arise. The balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021, is \$150,076. **(No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, need money as safety net and increases in bid prices.

Ann Scholz, lots of development going on Gulf Rd, which is causing much damage to our roads.

Hal Kreider, when you see something like that, please call Chris Brown and if you can’t reach him, please contact the Town Administrator, Walter Johnson.

Article 25: CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND AMENDMENT.

To see if the Town will vote to expand the original intent of the Cable Expendable Trust Fund, which was established in 2000 to now include other means of improving the communications between the Towns boards, committees, and departments with the town's residents. In 2000, the principle means of communication between the town and its residents was through a community bulletin board on a cable channel. Voting for this article would allow the Town to use this fund for other means of communication between the Town and its residents such as but not limited to email communications, a sign at Town Hall, electronic newsletters, etc. The Board of Selectmen will remain the agents to expend such funds, as stated in the original warrant article. **2/3 vote required. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, cable funds are building up, we want to return to cable subscribers with improved communications that will be good for town, \$20,000 - \$30,000 per year to town.

Article 26: NARROWS FIRE STATION PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand (\$35,000)** to reconstruct the subbase and repave all the existing paved areas at the Narrows fire station. Said amount to come from taxation. **(Tax Impact \$.05) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)**

Who Moved: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Second: Matt Frye, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, Vote to put on ballot as written. YES

Discussion, Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, about ready to lose the pavement there, not sure if it will make it through the winter. Recommend we pave it this year.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote, in the event of the proposed 2022 town budget not passing, to provide a onetime 2% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2022 for all “at-will” (non-contract) town employees and further to raise and appropriate \$41,816 to cover the salary and benefits-cost associated with the increase. **This article is by petition. (Tax Impact \$.06) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)**

Who Moved: Tim Jandebour, Budget Committee

Second: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is a statutory law, wording cannot be amended.

Discussion: Tim Jandebour, concerns of another default budget. To ensure town employees get a 2% cost of living increase in pay.

Yes, as written

Article 28: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b, to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 31:14? This will provide a check and balance to the default budget, by having the budget committee approve it, just as they do the regular budget. **This article by petition.**

Who Moved: Tim Jandebour, Budget Committee

Second: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is a statutory law, wording cannot be amended

Discussion: Tim Jandebour, raises concerns/we do not have that budget committee each year.

Ginger Dole, disagrees with this petition, how can the budget committee access these records?

Hal Kreider, it's reviewed by the state department of revenue.

Yes, as written

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the budget committee's elected membership, from a current membership level of twelve (12) elected members-at-large to a membership level of six (6) members-at-large. Presently, the budget committee is comprised of twelve (12) elected members-at-large; one appointed school district representative; one appointed selectmen representative; and three appointed village district representatives. No members-at-large will be elected following approval of this article until 2025, at which time two members-at-large will be elected each year for a term of three years, unless at any time the number of members-at-large is less than (6) six. This reduction of elected members-at-large is in compliance with NH RSA 32:15 Budget Committee Membership. **This article is by petition.**

Who Moved: Tim Jandebour, Budget Committee

Second: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is a statutory law, wording cannot be amended.

Discussion: Ginger Dole, doesn't understand the rational/purpose.

Paul Tudor, if you ever sat on a board no one agrees with 12 elected

Michael Moore, the larger number is better wider participation is a good thing, it brings different opinions,

Tom Chase, agrees with Mr. Moore, having more people gives a broader understanding of issues. Leave number where it is.

Jim Gustofski I support this, watch the meetings on TV, there was a lot of discussion outside of pertaining to the budget should streamline the discussion to the budget, speed up the process and come to a more concise decision

Tim Jandebeur, constant problem getting people to run, hard time with getting budget committee members except this year, lack of citizen participation,

Brian Winslow, should have more people running, larger committee gives citizens access to more members, potential for write ins when not enough run, hopes article is defeated.

Ginger Dole, meetings can still take place with 9 people which is a quorum

Yes, as written

Article 30: To see if the town will vote that any new additional full-time positions (not personnel), be approved by the town voters via a warrant article at the annual election. **This article is by petition.**

Who Moved: Paul Tudor, Budget Committee

Second: Tim Jandebeur, Budget Committee

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is an article that is advisory and non-binding, the Selectmen have the ability to spend the budget as they see fit, wording cannot be amended.

Discussion: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman, Selectmen respect voters' wishes but there are some situations where the Selectmen may have to act between voting, to protect the town and keep the town running as it should, tying the Boards hands on this can work against the town's best interest.

Yes, as written

Article 31: Shall the Town rescind the action taken at the 1987 Town Meeting establishing a Police Commission so that the authority over the police department shall revert to the Board of Selectmen. **This article is by petition.**

Who Moved: Paul Tudor, Budget Committee

Second: Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is a statutory law, wording cannot be amended.

Discussion: Ginger Dole, please explain rational.

Tim Jandebeur, we would have more control of money in the Police Department, buying vehicles and hiring personnel without permission from the town, Selectmen more accessible, meet more often, listen better to what the people want.

Chief Drolet, non-resident, to Board of Selectman, did I ask permission for new personnel/vehicles? Yes from Board of Selectman

Paul Tudor, hired personnel prior to getting approval from Board of Selectman.

Ginger Dole, to clarify, cruiser in budget for the past 5 years. Back in 87' there was a conflict between two of the Board of Selectman and Police Commission. Town decided another layer between the Board of Selectman and Police Commission was appropriate.

Ginger Dole to town counsel, Laura Spector-Morgan, do petition articles automatically go on warrant? Reply: yes, they can be amended unless the language is specified by state statute then you can't amend that language.

Tim Jandebeur, cites RSA 39:3 read this about petition. My point Board of Selectman have to put it on the warrant article. We can amend article

Moderator, Keith McGuigan move to # 32 vote majority yes

Opposed to be on ballot as written

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to place the funding of all town vehicle purchases on the annual town warrant for approval by voters prior to any funds being expended for the purpose of vehicle acquisition, including either purchase or lease. **This article by petition.**

Who Moved: Tim Jandebour, Budget Committee

Second: Cheryl Dean

Moderator, Keith McGuigan, this is an amendable article and is advisory as Selectmen can spend the money in the budget as they deem necessary,

Tom Chase, if article were to pass this would require the Board of Selectmen to put all vehicles on warrant.

We need 5 cruises and should be swapped out. All vehicles on ballot a waste of time.

Diane Kizarian, this is ridiculous, what if something breaks, we have to wait a year? We can't wait 1 year.

Hal Kreider, Board of Selectman are not comfortable with this one.

Ginger Dole, these vehicles get a lot of wear and tear, this is not a necessary article.

Paul Tudor, we have a 2020 with little miles and 2 2021 with no miles. They can't buy a vehicle until we agree on budget.

Tim Jandebour, the purchase of 2 vehicles that were not approved and were bought anyway. I've had conversations with Ginger Dole regarding this. I say citizens should have a say.

Ginger Dole, Tim is correct, I was upset with the 2 that weren't approved but enough people showed frustration and asked that this not happen again.

Cheryl Dean, this is an advisory we are just getting a feel of public thought.

Hal Kreider, to Walter clarify that this was taken from budget and not fund balance.

Yes, as written

Moderator, Keith McGuigan apologizes for not introducing Board and others on the panel.

Adjourned at 11:47 am

Submitted By:

Marisa Russo-Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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