

2012

MINUTES OF THE

219TH MEETING OF THE

TOWN OF MILFORD

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2012

219th Meeting of the

Town of Milford

February 4th 2012 – Deliberative Session

March 13th 2012 – Elective Session

Total Registered Voters: 8679

Number of Voters at Deliberative Session: 76

Total Votes Cast: 1818

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting opened at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The Moderator, Peter Basiliere, opened the meeting and advised that the inhabitants qualified to vote were called upon to act upon the Warrant in accordance with Senate Bill #2, more precisely known as New Hampshire RSA 40:13, officially known as the "Official Ballot Referendum form of Meeting". This was the sixteenth Town Meeting under this law.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen put a motion on the floor, seconded by the Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee and voted unanimously in the affirmative to suspend the reading of the Warrant.

The inhabitants were called upon to transact all business other than voting, and were advised by the Moderator that on March 13 2012, the Second Session, voting by official ballot, would take place with the polls opening at 6 a.m. and closing no earlier than 8 p.m., to be held at the Milford Middle School Gymnasium, to act upon all matters of the Warrant as well as election of officers and other matters to be voted upon.

Present for the meeting were: Board of Selectmen, Nate Carmen, Chairman, Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman, Michael Putnam, member, Katherine Bauer, member and Tim Finan, Member. The Budget Advisory Committee: Matt Lydon, Chairman, Bert Becker, Deanna Carter, Karen Mitchell, Paul Burkhardt, Peggy Seward, Rod Wilkins, Rose Evans and Jim Roccio.

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners: Robert Courage, Chairman, Michael Putnam, member and Dale White, member. Town Clerk, Peggy Langell; Deputy Town Clerk Clare Callahan; Town Administrator, Guy Scaife; Police Chief, Fred Douglas; Director of Public Works, Rick Riendeau; Fire Chief, Jack Kelly; Director of Community Development, Bill Parker; Assessor, Marti Noel; Library Director, Michelle Sampson; Ambulance Director, Eric Schelberg; Finance Director, Jack Sheehy; Welfare Director, Susan Drew; Recreation Director, Nicole Banks; Water Utilities Superintendant, David Boucher; IT Director, Bruce Dickerson; Town Counsel, William Drescher.

Election Officers present: Peggy Langell, Town Clerk; Clare Callahan, Deputy Town Clerk.

Audio Assistance and video taping was prepared by Michael McInerney, assisted by Justin Atwood, Zackery Knowles, Meghan Bouffard and Dan Finan.

The Minutes were prepared by Lorraine Carson.

The invocation was delivered by Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Eric Schelberg, Ambulance Director.

The Moderator advised the assembly that the Annual School District Deliberative Session will take place on February 9 2012.

The Moderator advised the assembly that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee will be meeting this afternoon to discuss their support/lack of support on the warrant articles. The Moderator also noted that this year the ballot will include details of the support or lack of support for the ballot questions to be voted upon, as had been done in the past, but will not include numbers for or against.

The Moderator recognized and thanked Town Counsel, William Drescher, for his presence at this meeting.

The Moderator announced that the Dollars for Scholars had provided various foods and coffee for purchase, which is available in the Banquet Hall.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Nate Carmen introduced the members of that Board: Gary Daniels, Tim Finan, Katherine Bauer and Michael Putnam. He also introduced the Town Administrator, Guy Scaife, and the preparer of the minutes, Lorraine Carson. He introduced Jack Sheehy, Director of Finance and William Drescher, Town Counsel.

The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee, Matt Lydon, introduced members of that Committee: Bert Becker, Deanna Carter, Karen Mitchell, Paul Burkhardt, Peggy Seward, Rod Watkins, Rose Evans and Jim Roccio. He explained that the Budget Advisory Committee is appointed by the Moderator and that all are volunteers.

The Moderator introduced the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners: Robert Courage, Chairman, Michael Putnam and Dale White.

Nate Carmen, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented the Safety Awards for 2011. The Awards were presented to Leo Jasion, Janitor for Town Buildings, and Joel Trafford, Janitor and general all-round handyman for the Wadleigh Memorial Library. Both awards included the following wording: "For outstanding safety awareness and response for Town facilities and employees – Safety measures taken to protect fellow employees and yourself are principal responsibilities that are frequently taken for granted. However with your tenacity and steadfast devotion towards maintaining and improving safety, all those around you can forge ahead rest-assured that your watchful eye and timely actions are making our work places safer. The Milford Board of Selectmen commends you for your dedication and service".

The Moderator explained to the inhabitants that this session of Town Meeting was to put the articles on the Warrant into the form of questions which would then be placed on the Ballot. This ballot would then be voted upon at the second session of this Town Meeting on March 13 2012. He added that this official ballot would include all the usual ballot issues such as voting for officers and zoning issues, together with the Warrant Articles before this session but in the form of questions. The complete School Warrant will also be part of the official ballot to be voted on at the second session on March 13 2012.

The Moderator advised that this meeting would be conducted from the Warrant as posted and as provided at this meeting. It would be assumed that the Board of Selectmen has moved the question and that the Budget Advisory Committee has seconded it unless otherwise stated. Should the Budget Advisory Committee not support an article, then the Moderator will assume it is seconded by a member of the Board of Selectmen. After all discussion is complete he would instruct the Town Clerk to place the question on each article on the ballot.

It was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative that the Moderator would not read each ballot question on the Warrant.

Moderator Peter Basiliere stated he would conduct the Town Meeting following the "Moderator's Rules". These rules were provided in written form to all individuals present at this meeting. Those rules are as follows:

"New Hampshire law gives the moderator the authority to establish rules of procedure for the Deliberative Session and also gives the voters the power to overrule the moderator's rules and rulings. These Rules of Procedure are how the moderator intends to govern the meeting, in the absence of any challenges to the rules, to ensure a fair and orderly meeting.

Registered Milford voters must check in at the checklist table, where they will receive a sticker that must be worn while in the hall and a voting card. Anyone wishing to speak must wear this sticker in order to be recognized. Non-residents will be allowed to speak only after a positive vote by the meeting on a motion to allow the non-resident(s) to speak.

When a vote is called for, registered voters will vote on the motion by holding up their voting card. The moderator will cast a vote only to break a tie or to create a tie.

Anyone wishing to speak must do so at the microphone located at the center aisle. Please state your name and street address your first time at the microphone. For subsequent trips to the microphone, stating your name will be sufficient.

All questions or comments must be directed to the moderator, not to individual officials, committee members or audience members.

Except for presenters explaining proposed articles, speakers have a three minute time limit. If the speaker asks a question, one follow-up question is allowed before stepping away from the microphone. If the speaker has additional questions about or comments on a particular issue, they may be raised only after all other speakers already in line have spoken.

Discussion and voting will be taken one amendment at a time.

While a proposed amendment to a dollar amount may be made verbally, an amendment that changes the language of a question must be submitted in writing. Time will be allowed for the voter to write the proposed language on a piece of paper. Important note: The language of the warrant article for the operating budget is stipulated by state statute and may not be changed.

Anyone wishing to call the question must do so from the microphone. A speaker may not call the question immediately after speaking on the issue.

Upon an affirmative vote to call the question, anyone already in line as well as members of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee who had already indicated a desire to address the topic will be permitted to speak on the issue.

The meeting may, on an article-by-article basis, restrict subsequent reconsideration of the vote on a warrant article.

Upon a vote to restrict reconsideration, the moderator will prohibit any further action on that question. The motion to restrict reconsideration does not have to be made immediately after the original vote.

An affirmative vote to restrict reconsideration may be reconsidered. If the restriction is overturned, however, by statute the actual reconsideration will take place at a recessed session of the town meeting held at least seven days later (RSA 40:10).

The motions to call the question and restrict reconsideration are not debatable. Upon a second, the moderator will ask for a vote by the meeting.

A petition for secret ballot must be submitted to the moderator prior to the vote by at least five voters. The five voters must be present when the petition is submitted.

The Moderator shall take a secret yes/no ballot vote when seven or more voters who are present question any non-ballot vote immediately after the moderator declares the result of the vote and before any other business is begun (RSA 40:4-b).

Five voters present may request a recount of any vote taken by secret yes/no ballot if the request is made immediately after the announcement of the result. The moderator will order a recount immediately if the secret yes/no vote margin is less than 10 percent (RSA 40:4-a).

The Moderator may command a police officer or legal voter to remove from the meeting and detain any person conducting himself or herself in a disorderly manner (RSA 40:9).

The Moderator's Rule(s) may be overturned by a simple majority vote."

The Moderator explained that each article can be discussed and debated and deliberated and after that one of two actions needs to be taken. The original wording of the warrant article can be maintained in which case it will appear on the Ballot as it is in the Warrant, and no vote is required because nothing was changed. The other action is to vote to amend the wording of the warrant article. If this amendment is approved the amended article is placed on the Ballot. To amend the wording, a simple majority vote is all that is required.

The Moderator requested that each individual wishing to speak, make every effort to limit discussion in an effort to avoid the lengthy town meeting such as occurred last year. He requested precise presentations be made also.

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The results of the voting for Town Officers and School Officers is as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectman – 3 Year Term

Mark J. Fougere	1026*
Gary Daniels	1178*
Kevin Federico	723

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term

Mary Dickson	1036*
Gil F. Archambault	455

Library Trustee – 3 Year Term

Kim Paul	1102*
Jennifer Martin Hansen	1326*
Deborah Faucher	23*

Town Moderator – 2 Year Term

Peter Basiliere	1505*
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Town Treasurer – 1 Year Term

Brian W. Sanborn	1397*
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Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term

Brad Chappell	1462*
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Supervisor of The Checklist – 6 Year Term

Darlene J. Bouffard	1430*
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Water & Wastewater Commissioner – 3 Year Term

Mike Putnam 1429*

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

School Board – 3 Year Term

Peter Bragdon 1446*

School District Moderator – 2 Year Term

Peter Basiliere 1566*

School District Treasurer – 2 Year Term

Rosemarie Evans 1516*

School District Clerk – 2 Year Term

Joan Dargie 1471*

* Deemed elected by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2 – BALLOT VOTE – ZONING CHANGES

To vote on Planning Board proposed zoning changes and amendments.

The Planning Board SUPPORTS all Amendments:

Ballot Vote No. 1

1. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #1: Add to Article I: INTRODUCTION, Section 1.02.0 Authorizations, a "Shall, should and may" statement to clarify terminology throughout the ordinance

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment clarifies the use of the terms "shall" as required, "should" when recommended and "may" when optional throughout the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 1.

Ballot Title: Zoning Ordinance Authorization

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #1) is as follows:

YES: 1425 NO: 270 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 2

2. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #2: Amend Article II: GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 2.01.0 Lot of Record and add Section 2.02.0 Non-Conforming Uses to align with revised definitions

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment clarifies the definition of Lot of Record and adds Non-Conforming Uses to simplify administration and align with revised definitions. The Planning Board supports Amendment 2.

Ballot Title: Lot of Record and Non-Conforming Use

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #2) is as follows:

YES: 1390 NO: 287 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 3

3. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #3: Amend Article IV: DEFINITIONS by adding "Dwelling Unit, Mixed-use" and "Use, Non-conforming"; amending "Lot of Record"; and removing "Kennel", "Nursery", and "Nursery Stock"

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment adds definitions for "Dwelling-Unit, Mixed-use" and "Use, Non-conforming", amends the definition of "Lot of Record"; and removes definitions for "Kennel", "Nursery" and "Nursery Stock" as they are not used in the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 3.

Ballot Title: Zoning Ordinance Definitions

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #3) is as follows:

YES: 1338 NO: 310 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 4

4. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #4: Amend Article V: Zoning Districts and Regulations, to Add "Dwelling unit, Mixed-use" as an Acceptable Use in Section 5.05.1 Commercial (C) District, Section 5.07.1 Limited Commercial-Business (LCB) District, and Section 5.08.1 Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) District; and Add "Filling Station" as an Acceptable Use in Section 5.08.1 Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) District

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment adds "Dwelling unit, Mixed-use" as an Acceptable Use in Commercial (C), Limited Commercial-Business (LCB) and Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) Districts; and adds "Filling Station" as an Acceptable Use in Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) District. The Planning Board supports Amendment 4.

Ballot Title: C, LCB and ICI Districts Acceptable Uses

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #4) is as follows:

YES: 1272 NO: 360 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 5

5. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #5: Amend Article VI OVERLAY DISTRICTS, Section 6.05.0 Nashua and Elm Street Corridor Overlay District, to amend the name of the Nashua and Elm Streets Corridor Overlay District and update document references

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment modifies the name of the Nashua and Elm Street Corridor Overlay District to be consistent with the other overlay district titles and updates document references. The Planning Board supports Amendment 5.

Ballot Title: Nashua and Elm Street Corridor District

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Question #5) is as follows:

YES: 1351 NO: 283 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 6

6. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #6: Add to Article VI: OVERLAY DISTRICTS, Section 6.06.0 Commerce and Community District

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment adds a new overlay district, the Commerce and Community District, to create a framework for development on the BROX properties and vacant lands off of Route 101 and Perry Rd. The Planning Board supports Amendment 6.

Ballot Title: Commerce and Community District

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #6) is as follows:

YES: 1229 NO: 401 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 7

7. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #7: Add to Article VI: OVERLAY DISTRICTS, Section 6.07.0 West Elm Street Gateway District

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment adds a new overlay district, the West Elm Street Gateway District, to encourage industrial-commercial development or redevelopment to compliment Milford's community character and enhance access management in the area of Elm Street, Old Wilton Rd, Savage Rd, and part of Route 101 in west Milford. The Planning Board supports Amendment 7.

Ballot Title: West Elm Street Gateway District

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #7) is as follows:

YES: 1283 NO: 353 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 8

8. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #8: Amend Article VII: SUPPLEMENTARY STANDARDS, Section 7.06.0 Sign Ordinance to update Monument signs, Directional Signs and Building Markers

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment requires address numbers to be displayed on Monument Signs, allows Directional Signs in the Residence 'A' District and updates Building Markers to be made of noncombustible materials. The Planning Board supports Amendment 8.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance Minor Amendments

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #8) is as follows:

YES: 1264 NO: 404 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 9

9. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #9: Amend Article VIII: ADMINISTRATION, Section 8.01.0 Enforcement, and Article VII: SUPPLEMENTARY STANDARDS, Section 7.06.0 Sign Ordinance, to comply with enforcement modifications made to the New Hampshire's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA)

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment removes duplication of enforcement information and updates the zoning ordinance to comply with revisions to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA). The Planning Board supports Amendment 9.

Ballot Title: Administration and Enforcement

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #9) is as follows:

YES: 1359 NO: 285 PASSED

Ballot Vote No. 10

10. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #10: Amend Article X: ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF, Section 10.01.0 Variances, to comply with amendments made to the New Hampshire's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA); Section 10.02.0 Home Occupations, to limit the need for a Certificate of Compliance to the space dedicated to a Home Occupation; Section 10.02.6 Accessory Dwelling Units, to divide 'A' into two sections and make minor administrative updates to aid in enforcement; and move Article II GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 2.06.0 Equitable Waiver to Article X: ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF, Section 10.07.0 Equitable Waiver and modify to comply with amendments made to the New Hampshire's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA)

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment modifies Variances to comply with amendments made to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA); amends Home Occupations to limit the need for a Certificate of Compliance to the space dedicated to a Home Occupation; modifies Accessory Dwelling Units to divide into two sections and make minor administrative updates to aid in enforcement; and moves Equitable Waiver to the Administrative Relief section, and amends Equitable Waiver to comply with amendments made to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA). The Planning Board supports Amendment 10.

Ballot Title: Administrative Relief (Variance, Home Occupation, Accessory Dwelling Unit and Equitable Waiver).

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #10) is as follows:

YES: 1262 NO: 361 PASSED

ARTICLE 3 - AMBULANCE FACILITY - \$2,214,000

Article 3 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand (\$2,214,000) Dollars to purchase land, demolish existing structures, construct and furnish a stand-alone ambulance facility and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$2,214,000 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from general taxation, and to authorize the Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be available for this purchase, and to authorize the Selectmen to take all other necessary action to carry out this project, said actions to include anything necessary to prepare said land so that it would be available for the construction of such facility including due diligence, site assessments, and demolition of existing structures. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty (60%) percent affirmative vote to pass.

Ballot Question 3 – Ambulance Facility - \$2,214,000

Ballot Question #3 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand (\$2,214,000) Dollars to purchase land, demolish existing structures, construct and furnish a stand-alone ambulance facility and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$2,214,000 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from general taxation, and to authorize the Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be available for this purchase, and to authorize the Selectmen to take all other necessary action to carry out this project, said actions to include anything necessary to prepare said land so that it would be available for the construction of such facility including due diligence, site assessments, and demolition of existing structures? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #3 for Warrant Article #3 as presented in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Katherine Bauer addressed the assembly and stated the Board of Selectmen unanimously support the proposal for a stand-alone ambulance facility. Secondly there is a Facilities Committee which has been totally dedicated to this project and the degree of their research is outstanding. Mark Fougere, chairman of this Committee and Eric Schelberg, Ambulance Director, presented the details of the project. Mr. Fougere addressed the assembly and stated six months ago the Selectmen requested the Facilities Committee reconvene to find a new solution for the ambulance. The Committee was asked to investigate a stand alone facility, and after considerable work, the committee voted to support a four-bay ambulance facility at a cost of \$2.2 million. Eric Schelberg addressed the assembly and stated that the Milford Ambulance Service has been in operation since 1974. At that time in the course of the first year, the Ambulance responded to 344 calls. In 2011 the Service responded to 1451 calls. He noted that the majority of the staffing is volunteer. Mr. Schelberg stated this year 2012, they anticipate responding to over 1700 calls due largely because our Service became the provider for patient transfers out of the Milford Medical Center, because of the demise of the Rockingham Ambulance Service. He stated that in 2011 the Ambulance Service brought in just under \$500,000 in revenue based on patient billing, which goes into the General Fund and helps offset the cost of operating the service.

Mark Fougere addressed the assembly and stated that it has been well discussed over several years that the current location of the Service in the Town Hall is severely lacking in a number of requirements, including the fact that the new ambulances now available will not fit into the bays in the Town Hall, they being wider than the current ambulances the Town has, both of which need replacing because of age and wear and tear.

Mark Fougere stated that in searching for a site for the stand-alone facility, a site on Cottage Street was researched. However, in the process, contamination of the site was found, the cleaning up of which would severely delay progress in constructing the facility on this site. The Facilities Committee then chose the site located at 66 Elm Street which they felt was a good site.

It was noted that the new building will have four ambulance bays. By the Service moving out of the Town Hall, it will make space for office.

Eric Schelberg stated that the new site is still within the downtown area and the new location will not impact response time to calls.

Relative to the four bays, it was noted that two will be used for the current two ambulances, one will be used for the paramedic response unit which currently stands outdoors, and the remaining bay will be for future growth. The new building will be of concrete and contain approximately 8200 sq. ft. A 100 year life is expected out of the building. Eric Schelberg advised that both existing ambulances will be replaced by two new and wider units in 2013. The youngest of the two existing ambulances will be retained as a back up, and the oldest unit will be disposed of.

In response to a question from the floor, Finance Director Sheehy stated that the cost of the interest on the bond is based on a 3.5% interest bond, but the total amount is not known at this time. He estimated it would be approximately \$8,000.

Relative to the issue of a new traffic light on Elm Street at this time, Director Schelberg stated the issue will need to be studied by the Traffic Safety Committee which will include a traffic analysis. No decision has been made at this point relative to just what type of emergency warning will be used. It could be an independent emergency warning signal at Columbus Avenue at its intersection with Elm Street, or use could be made of the currently installed pre-emption light at the West Street traffic light, or it could end up a combination of both possibilities. He stated at this time no decision has been made and cannot be made until a study has been done.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated a lot of the work needed in developing the building had already been done; the current proposed site costs less than the Cottage Street site; the issue of the traffic light will be receiving further attention; relative to interest on the bond, Ms. Bauer stated that currently there are very low interest rates which works to the Town's advantage.

There being no further discussion or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #3 is as follows:

YES: 1120 NO: 667

Article #3 was voted in the affirmative.

It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Article #3.

ARTICLE 4 - OPERATING BUDGET - \$11,767,325

Article #4 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an amount totaling Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-five (\$11,767,325) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine (\$11,727,859) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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. This is

a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Note: The proposed Operating Budget reflects an increase of 1.8% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or an increase of \$207,051.

Ballot Question 4 - Operating Budget - \$11,767,325

Ballot Question #4 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an amount totaling Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-five (\$11,767,325) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine (\$11,727,859) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #4 for Warrant Article #4 as presented in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated that a lot of work was put into developing the Budget as proposed for 2012, in an effort to keep the dollar amount down as much as possible. He commended the individuals who worked on this project. He stated the Budget as presented is unanimously supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Matt Lydon, Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee addressed the assembly and stated the Committee supported this Article 8 to 1, and added that the Committee believed what was presented was reasonable, and that the small increase in total was acceptable particularly in light of the fact that 2011 was a default budget.

Selectman Gary Daniels advised that the increase in the 2012 Budget as proposed over the 2011 Budget amounts to 2.3%, and not 1.4% as was previously stated.

Paul Burkhardt of the Budget Advisory Committee, addressed the assembly and stated that he was opposed to the Budget for 2012 as proposed. He stated that last year the Town of Milford voted down the operating budget and this gave him the message that expenditures by the Town needed to be reduced. He expressed the opinion that when various department budgets for 2012 were presented, there appeared to be no consideration given to any reduction. Mr. Burkhardt expressed the opinion that he found a negative attitude towards cutting expenses by those individuals responsible for preparing the budget.

Town Administrator, Guy Scaife, addressed the assembly and stated the issue of the default budget was taken very seriously and in addition to working with a default budget, the Town received approximately \$300,000 less in revenue from the State which was anticipated. The Town adapted to the default budget and also generated enough savings during 2011 to offset the lack of revenue from the State. He stated that a lot of work proposed for 2011 was not done in order to save funds, and the wage increase as proposed was not put into effect. In the end the Town was able to add a small amount back to fund balance of about \$100,000.00. He explained that the town also incurred income during the second half of the year which was not expected. Mr. Scaife stated that this Budget as proposed for 2012 is a 1.8% increase over last year. He stated that because our Ambulance Service has taken over where the Rockingham Ambulance Service left off, it will result in about \$130,000 in revenue coming in during this year. This will go directly into the General Fund and help offset expenses.

Relative to wage increase, Mr. Scaife explained that there has been no increase to employees for two years. The current Budget includes a 0 to 3% increase which is a merit increase.

The Town Administrator stated that the police budget includes the replacement of two cruisers which is in accordance with the established plan for this replacement.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated she wished to express her appreciation to Guy Scaife and all the department heads who worked very hard to keep expenses down.

There being no further discussion or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #4 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #4 is as follows:

YES: 1208 NO: 490

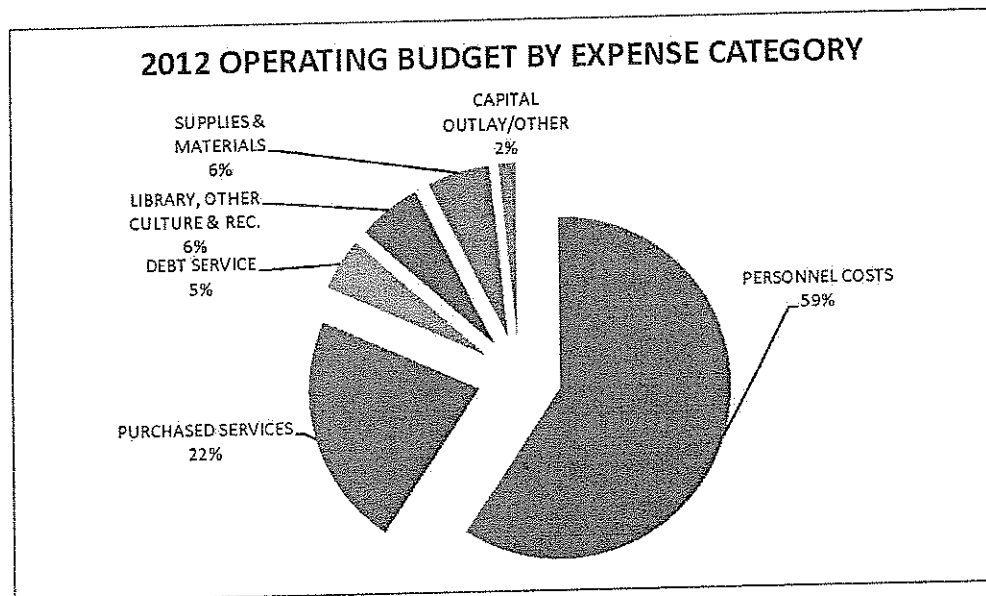
Article #4 was voted in the affirmative.

The 2012 Proposed Budget by Department appears on the next page of these Minutes.

2012 PROPOSED BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2011	2011	2012	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ACTUAL (Note 2) AS OF 01/18/2012	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	%
	(unaudited)				
Executive - Administration	\$ 315,289	\$ 301,282	\$ 305,507	\$ 4,225	1.4%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 121,728	122,612	\$ 137,644	15,032	12.3%
Assessing	\$ 190,609	191,450	\$ 167,635	(23,815)	-12.4%
Finance & Tax Administration	\$ 270,295	267,497	\$ 280,080	12,583	4.7%
Information Systems	\$ 333,176	341,133	\$ 271,329	(69,804)	-20.5%
Legal	\$ 40,853	42,495	\$ 42,500	5	0.0%
Employee Benefits (Note 1)	\$ 2,020,277	2,040,767	\$ 2,083,888	43,121	2.1%
Community Development	\$ 362,268	367,413	\$ 470,163	102,750	28.0%
Insurance	\$ 98,595	113,000	\$ 114,000	1,000	0.9%
Community Media	\$ 15,999	15,750	\$ 15,243	(507)	-3.2%
Police	\$ 1,900,996	2,013,611	\$ 2,024,751	11,140	0.6%
Ambulance	\$ 546,652	540,152	\$ 615,353	75,201	13.9%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 470,800	514,306	\$ 520,480	6,174	1.2%
Other Public Safety (MACC Base & Hydrant Rental)	\$ 559,603	560,291	\$ 578,452	18,161	3.2%
Department of Public Works	\$ 2,107,306	2,169,097	\$ 2,188,692	19,595	0.9%
General Government Buildings	\$ 189,104	199,862	\$ 205,638	5,776	2.9%
Cemeteries	\$ 120,143	122,544	\$ 137,759	15,215	12.4%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 209,039	170,659	\$ 207,097	36,438	21.4%
Other Health & Welfare (Host Homes & Mediation)	\$ -	10,500	\$ -	(10,500)	-100.0%
Recreation	\$ 112,392	115,068	\$ 119,599	4,531	3.9%
Library	\$ 680,554	688,304	\$ 684,852	(3,452)	-0.5%
Other Culture & Recreation (Historical Society)	\$ 3,000	3,000	\$ 3,000	-	0.0%
Conservation	\$ 21,935	21,935	\$ 22,217	282	1.3%
Debt Service	\$ 612,545	627,546	\$ 571,445	(56,101)	-8.9%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 11,303,158	\$ 11,560,274	\$ 11,767,324	\$ 207,050	1.8%

Note 1: All employee benefit costs are accounted for in this department and are not allocated to corresponding departments.
Note 2: 2011 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/18/2012. Audit adjustments are still outstanding.



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ARTICLE 5 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,693,966

Article #5 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-six (\$1,693,966) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Selectmen supports this Warrant Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Note: The proposed Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget reflects a decrease of 2.4% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or a decrease of \$41,676.00

Ballot Question 5 - Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget - \$1,693,966

Ballot Question #5 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-six (\$1,693,966) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #5 for Warrant Article #5 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

David Boucher, Water Utilities Superintendant spoke on this Article. The Moderator announced the fact that both the Finance Director, Jack Sheehy and David Boucher were non-residents of Milford. He stated that unless there were objections, he would allow both to speak without an official vote. There were no objections.

Mr. Boucher stated that the Budget for 2012 is 2.4% less for the Wastewater Treatment Facility than it was in 2011. He stated that during 2011 there were some major projects that had to be accomplished. He stated that this year one major pump has to be replaced, which is a large pump and expensive. He added that some projects scheduled for this year have come in below quotes.

The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee stated it unanimously supported this budget as proposed. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen added that his Board also had unanimous support for the budget as proposed.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #5 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #5 is as follows:

YES: 1362 NO: 330

Article #5 was voted in the affirmative.

Noreen O'Connell put a motion on the floor, it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Articles #4 and #5.

ARTICLE 6 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,361,299

Article #6 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty One Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-nine (\$1,361,299) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Note: The proposed Water Department Operating Budget reflects a decrease of 1.5% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or a decrease of \$20,458.00.

Ballot Question 6 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,361,299

Ballot Question #6 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty One Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-nine (\$1,361,299) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #6 for Article #6 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

David Boucher, Superintendent of the Water Department, addressed the assembly and stated this year's proposed budget is 1.5% less than it was last year. He stated some mandatory projects for this year include two standpipes which have to be cleaned. Also two non-usable wells in town have to be decommissioned. These are the Kokko Well and the Keyes Well. According to the State an official procedure has to be followed to decommission them. During 2011, he stated, water maps also had to be updated, which therefore does not have to be included in this year's budget.

The Budget Advisory Committee stated it had no comments and was unanimously supportive of the Budget as proposed.

The Board of Selectmen stated it was also unanimously in favor of the Budget.

Robert Courage, Chairman of the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners, addressed the assembly and stated that included in this Budget there is the cost which is annual to the City of Nashua Water System, amounting to \$200,000 which is for a standby inter-municipal connection. This allows Milford to purchase from Nashua up to 2 million gallons of water per day should Milford's demand exceed its capability to produce. He stated that this often happens during the course of a year.

Mr. Courage added the Commission is actively pursuing locations of additional water supplies which will supplement supplies in the future. In order to proceed with this process, the Department of Environmental Services requires the Town to do a river study of the Souhegan River because two potential sites that have been located are adjacent to the River. The study has to be done by the U.S. Geological Survey and \$75,000 has been included in the budget for this year for this survey of the Souhegan River. He added that there was a matching fund grant available.

Mr. Courage advised that in 2013 there will be an additional bond payment needed for the Union Street water main replacement project which was voted for by the Town last year.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #6 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #6 is as follows:

YES: 1336 NO: 334

Article #6 was voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 7 - FIRE ENGINE # 4 REPLACEMENT
(Annual Payment \$67,700/Total Purchase Price \$437,000)**

Article #7 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a pumper/tanker fire engine with the appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will replace the current 1987 Pierce Pumper/Tanker) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$67,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is Four Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand (\$437,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question Article 7 - Fire Engine # 4 Replacement (Annual Payment \$67,700/Total Purchase Price \$437,000)

Ballot Question #7 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a pumper/tanker fire engine with the appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will replace the current 1987 Pierce Pumper/Tanker) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$67,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, as more-particularly described in Article 7? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #7 for Warrant Article #7 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was so voted.

Selectman Finan addressed the assembly and stated that this article seeks to approve a lease/purchase agreement to replace Fire Engine 4 for a total price of \$437,000, with annual payments of \$67,700. This is a 1987 pumper/tanker and at 25 years old, it is the oldest engine in the fleet. It is the primary response vehicle. This vehicle has an open cab where the fire fighters sit when responding to a fire, and this kind of accommodation is no longer permitted, it being a life safety issue. He stated the Board of Selectmen unanimously support its replacement.

The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee advised it supported this article with a vote of 8 to 1.

There being no questions or comments on this article, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #7 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #7 is as follows:

YES: 1213 NO: 487

Article #7 was voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 8 - PUBLIC WORKS BACKHOE, RUBBER-TIRED
(Annual Payment \$23,800/Total Purchase Price \$113,000)**

Article #8 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a Backhoe, Rubber-Tired, with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the current 1998 Ford tractor/loader/backhoe) and to raise and appropriate the sum of an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand, Eight Hundred (\$23,800) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is not to exceed One Hundred Thirteen Thousand (\$113,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 8 - Public Works Backhoe, Rubber-Tired (Annual Payment \$23,800/Total Purchase Price \$113,000)

Ballot Question #8 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a Backhoe, Rubber-Tired, with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the current 1998 Ford tractor/loader/backhoe) and to raise and appropriate the sum of an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand, Eight Hundred (\$23,800) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, as more-particularly described in Article 8? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #8 for Warrant Article #8 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated this is a warrant article that has been before town meeting in the past for a replacement of the backhoe the Town has had for a long time and which has had serious problems. The replacement of this machine is \$113,000 whereas when work commenced on finding a replacement, the cost was a lot higher.

He stated this article is unanimously supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee addressed the assembly and stated his Committee supported this article 8 to 1.

Finance Director Sheehy addressed the assembly and advised that with the planned five year lease, the total cost will amount to \$119,000.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #8 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #8 is as follows:

YES: 1021 NO: 663

Article #8 was voted in the affirmative.

Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor, it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6, 7 and 8.

ARTICLE 9 - AFSCME UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2009 – 2013) - \$50,510

Article #9 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$50,510) for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

COST ITEMS

	2011 <u>Retroactive</u>	2012 <u>Estimated</u>	2013 <u>Estimated*</u>
Wages & Overtime	\$10,733	\$30,853	\$10,490
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,295	\$ 6,629	\$ 2,245
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Totals	\$13,028	\$37,482	\$12,735

NOTE:

*These figures represent the estimated 3% across-the-board salary increase for the first three months of 2013 (terminating on March 31, 2013).

Wage Increases:

April 1, 2009: 0% increase
April 1, 2010: 0% increase
April 1, 2011: 2% across-the-board increase
April 1, 2012: 3% across-the-board increase
April 1, 2013: Performance-based increase with "me too" clause based on percentage increase approved by Board of Selectmen for all other employees.

Ballot Question 9 - AFSCME UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2009 – 2013) - \$50,510

Ballot Question #9 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$50,510) for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto, as more particularly described in Article 9? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #9 for Warrant Article #9 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated the Board of Selectmen were unanimously in support of Article 9, but noted that Selectman Bauer abstained from all discussion on this article because she has a relative amongst one of the negotiating parties.

Mr. Carmen stated the Board was very satisfied with the negotiating teams which put forth an agreement which is fair to all parties and agreed to by all parties.

The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee stated that his committee was unanimously in agreement with the Article #9. He stated as a Committee, it appreciated the concessions made by the Union.

Russell Kincaid addressed the assembly and questioned the meaning of the "me too" clause in this article. Town Administrator, Guy Scaife responded by explaining that it means the Union employees agree that they will be on the same wavelength as the non-union employees of the Town.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #9 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #9 is as follows:

YES: 1067 NO: 603

Article #9 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10 - TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2012 - 2013) - \$21,035

Article #10 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract year 2012 and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,035) for fiscal year 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto. \$15,050 is to be raised by general taxation and \$5,985 is to be raised by Water & Sewer User Fees. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water and Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

COST ITEMS FROM GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

	2012	2013 <u>Estimated*</u>
Wages & Overtime	\$12,900	\$4,386
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,150	\$ 731
Totals	\$ 15,050	\$5,117

COST ITEMS FROM WATER & SEWER USER FUNDS

	2012	2013 <u>Estimated*</u>
Wages & Overtime	\$5,139	\$1,747
Fringe Benefits	\$846	\$ 288
Totals	\$5,985	\$2,035

NOTE:

The contract calls for the following cost items:
04/01/2012 – 0 to 3.0% wage increase based on performance.

*These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2013 to cover salary increases to contract termination date of March 31, 2013.

Ballot Question 10 - Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2012 - 2013) - \$21,035

Ballot Question #10 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract year 2012 and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,035) for fiscal year 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto, as more particularly described in Article 10? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water and Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #10 for Warrant Article #10 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated that this article is unanimously supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Lydon addressed the assembly and stated that this article is unanimously supported by the Budget Advisory Committee.

In answer to a question from the floor regarding health insurance contribution, Guy Scaife stated this article does not change the contribution but the contribution is consistent throughout all union and non-union employees. Employees pay 15% of the premium with the Town paying 85%. He added that over the past few years the deductible has gone from \$250.00 to \$500.00 and now at \$1,000.00.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #10 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #10 is as follows:

YES: 980 NO: 683

Article #10 was voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor and it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Articles #9 and #10.

Article #29 was taken up at this point in the Deliberative Session. Action on this article is to be found under Article #29 in numerical order.

ARTICLE 11 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$35,000

Article #11 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents, the amounts and agencies to be determined in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 11 - Social Services - \$35,000

Ballot Question #11 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents, the amounts and agencies to be determined in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #11 for Warrant Article #11 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated she was presenting the majority report on this article. She stated there is one selectmen who has a different opinion, and that will also be presented. She stated that there are twenty one agencies that come under the "Social Service" warrant article. The demand from these services has increased and remains so and she felt that the Town is receiving a good deal for the \$35,000 being requested at this time. She explained that if the Town had to provide these services, it would result in considerably more expenses. She expressed her appreciation for all of the individuals who volunteer for these agencies.

Selectman Daniels addressed the assembly and moved to amend the figure to \$30,000. It was seconded. He stated this was one of three articles that he is proposing to reduce because the Town suffered an unexpected large expense to fix Jennison Road bridge for which repairs there is an article on this Warrant for \$18,000. By reducing the three proposed articles, the funds would be used for the bridge work and thus prevent a further increase in property taxes.

He added that some of the twenty one agencies are not necessary for the operation of the Town.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee addressed the assembly and stated his Committee unanimously supported this article.

Judy Hohenadel addressed the assembly and questioned if there were any agencies on the list that are not dependent on employment or unemployment. Guy Scaife, Town Administrator responded by stating many of these agencies are assisting individuals who are not employed because they are not employable. He added that the amount of \$35,000 has been the total since 2007 with no increase. He estimated that were the Town to have to provide the services provided by the agencies, it would amount to about \$100,000 which the Town would have to pay.

Susan Drew, Welfare Director addressed the assembly and stated she supports this article. Were it not for these funds supporting the agencies, the Town would have considerable additional expenses to meet each year.

There being no further questions or comments on the amendment, the Moderator called for a vote. The amendment failed.

There being no further questions or comments on the main motion for \$35,000, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #11 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #11 is as follows:

YES: 1275 NO: 413

Article #11 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12 - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICE - \$26,500

Article #12 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Five Hundred (\$26,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 12 - Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service - \$26,500

Ballot Question #12 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Five Hundred (\$26,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #12 for Warrant Article #12 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Janet Langdell, one of the two representatives of the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative, addressed the assembly. She stated the other representative is Marsha Nelson, present in the Auditorium. She explained this organization serves the towns of Milford, Amherst, Hollis and Brookline. She stated that there has been a considerable increase in the total number of rides per year over the three years of service, adding that most of the rides requested by Milford residents are for business needed to be conducted in the same town, whereas rides requested by Amherst residents, are mainly for trips to Milford, all of which provides a positive economical benefit to Milford through this service. She explained that whereas in the beginning this service was three days/week but it has now been expanded to five days per week.

After Ms. Langdell presented several comments and details about the service, and there being no questions or comments from the assembly, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #12 on the Ballot as quoted above.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee support Article #12 unanimously.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #12 is as follows:

YES: 1434 NO: 335

Article #12 was voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor, which was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative, to restrict reconsideration of Articles #11, 12 and 29.

ARTICLE 13 - CONSERVATION LANDS FUND - \$20,000

Article 13 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to add to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A

purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

[Moneys from this Fund for land or easement acquisition can only be expended by the Conservation Commission after a public hearing and approval of the Board of Selectmen.]

Ballot Question 13 - Conservation Lands Fund - \$20,000

Ballot Question #13 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to add to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A purposes, or take any other action relative thereto, as more-particularly described in Article 13? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #13 for Warrant Article #13 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated she was presenting the Board of Selectmen's majority report to support this article. She expressed the opinion that this was a reasonable amount, considering what the Commission does for the Town in general. She stated the Commission works very hard to keep Milford the type of environment that its citizens wish to live in, and the Board has always been very supportive of its work. She stated she felt that to reduce this article to \$10,000, which is proposed by one of the Selectmen, is insufficient to cover operating expenses of the Commission and still leave funds available for land preservation that may come up during the year.

Selectman Daniels moved an amended figure of \$10,000 for this article; it was seconded. Mr. Daniels stated this is the second article he intended to try to reduce so that the difference could be put towards the expense of the Jennison Road bridge. He requested support for this amendment.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated the Committee voted nine to zero to support the article as written at \$20,000. He added that the funds are needed to restore the Conservation Commission's land fund so that funds are available when needed for land preservation. He stated the Committee commended the Conservation Commission for the diligent work it does for the Town.

Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Audrey Fraizer, stated that it has been proven that lands preserved from development have a tax positive impact on the Town. She spoke at length in support of the funds being requested and detailed their usage. She urged that the article remain at \$20,000.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and advised that the reason why the Commission's land fund balance is so low at the moment is because the Commission purchased land, as described in Article #27, at auction. The Commission had considered purchasing the same piece of land a while ago for a considerably larger amount of money. This land, because of the economy, eventually went to auction but at that auction the Commission was \$5,000 short of funds to meet the price. The Commission received a contribution of \$5,000 from an individual who was at the auction, and therefore was able to purchase this land. Mr. Carmen stated that by reducing the requested funds, it would severely handicap the Commission in actions it may need to take relative to land preservation.

There being no further questions or comments on the amendment, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment failed.

There being no further discussion or comment on Article #13 as presented, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #13 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #13 is as follows:

YES: 1107 NO: 632

Article #13 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14 - PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS - \$20,000

Article #14 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 14 - Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations and Plantings - \$20,000

Ballot Question #14 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #14 for Warrant Article #14 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Michael Putnam addressed the assembly and stated that this funding covers the costs of the Public Works, Fire and Ambulance Departments for the Pumpkin Festival, holiday decorations during Christmas time, seasonal plantings and such like. He added that the Board of Selectmen unanimously support this article.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee addressed the assembly and stated this article was unanimously supported by his Committee.

There being no discussion or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #14 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #14 is as follows:

YES: 1221 NO: 553

Article #14 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15 - DO-IT OPERATING BUDGET SUPPORT - \$20,000

Article #15 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development programs in and around downtown administered by the Milford Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT), or take any other action relative thereto. This article is requested by DO-IT. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 15 - DO-IT Operating Budget Support - \$20,000

Ballot Question #15 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development programs in and around downtown administered by the Milford Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT), or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #15 for Warrant Article #15 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated the Board of Selectmen unanimously supported the amount of \$20,000. She stated that this is a volunteer organization, except for the Directorship which is a paid position. She explained that DO-IT has expanded its vision this year from the downtown area which has been the main focus since its inception, to include the entire Town of Milford.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated that the Committee unanimously supported this article. He added that it promoted economic development in Milford and is generally for the benefit of the community.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #15 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #15 is as follows:

YES: 1112 NO: 623

Article #15 was voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor, which was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration of Articles 13, 14 and 15.

ARTICLE 16 - JENNISON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT/PHASE I - \$18,000

Article #16 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars (\$18,000 to be raised by general taxation and \$72,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement Program) for the purpose of funding the engineering and permitting associated with the bridge replacement on Jennison Road or take any other action relative thereto. The state program is an 80 / 20 matching fund with the town providing the 20%. This will be a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

NOTE:

The proposed 2012 article for Phase 1 will fund the engineering and permitting of this bridge replacement project and a second warrant article for the construction phase will be proposed for 2013. The second article will also be an 80 / 20 match with the state funding 80% and the town 20%. Once the engineering phase is complete we will have cost data for the 2013 Phase two warrant article; our preliminary estimated is for a gross amount of \$110,000, with the towns share being \$22,000 or 20%.

Ballot Question 16 - Jennison Road Bridge Replacement/Phase I - \$18,000

Ballot Question #16 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars (\$18,000 to be raised by general taxation and \$72,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement Program) for the purpose of funding the engineering and permitting associated with the bridge replacement on Jennison Road or take any other action relative thereto, as more-particularly described in Article 16? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #16 for Warrant Article #16 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Gary Daniels addressed the assembly and stated a temporary bridge now replaces the original bridge which was recently lost. The \$18,000 being requested is to take care of the permitting, and Phase 1 engineering of the project for a permanent bridge. He added that the Board of Selectmen will be requesting funding of the total cost in a future year.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated this Committee unanimously supports this funding. He added that this represents the Town's portion; funds are also coming from the State.

In answer to a question from the floor by Robert Courage as to where the Town stands on the State's list of such replacement work, Chairman Nate Carmen explained that Milford is high up on the list for State funding, and that funding should be available by next year.

Town Administrator Guy Scaife addressed the assembly and stated that Milford was very fortunate in that Executive Councilor David Wheeler was able to move this project onto an emergency list. He stressed that the fact the State put the Town on the emergency list means that the Town's share of the funding has to be available immediately otherwise its position on the list will be compromised.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #16 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #16 is as follows:

YES: 1351 NO: 383

Article #16 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000

Article #17 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 17 - Summer Band Concerts - \$9,000

Ballot Question #17 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #17 for Warrant Article #17 as printed in the Warrant, along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Putnam addressed the assembly and stated the funds being requested supports the Summer Band concerts which help to make Milford such a great place in which to live. The Board of Selectmen, he stated, unanimously supports this article.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated the Committee had voted nine to zero to support this article. These concerts, he stated, provide entertainment and culture for all ages.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #17 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #17 is as follows:

YES: 1107 NO: 647

Article #17 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18 - MEMOIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADE TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,000

Article #18 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 18 - Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support - \$6,000

Ballot Question #18 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #18 for Warrant Article #18 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Putnam spoke on this article and stated that as he had mentioned above, part of what keeps Milford a great place in which to live are the various parades held annually. He stated the Board of Selectmen unanimously supported this article.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated the article had the unanimous support of his Committee.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 18 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #18 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #18 is as follows:

YES: 1324 NO: 427

Article #18 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19 - FIREWORKS - \$4,500

Article #19 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks display and associated support functions (traffic control, crossing details, etc.) at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 19 - Fireworks - \$4,500

Ballot Question #19 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks display and associated support functions (traffic control, crossing details, etc.) at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #19 for Warrant Article #19 as presented in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Selectman Finan advised that over the last three years there were no town-funded fireworks displays. For 2012 the Recreation Commission and Recreation Department approached the Board of Selectmen and recommended that this article be placed on the Warrant this year in order to be able to get the voters' opinion on whether or not the citizenry wishes to go forward with the fireworks or not.

He pointed out that this year the amount being requested is much less than in previous years because the Town was able to negotiate considerable savings with the vendor over a three year non-committed deal. This means that the issue will be voted on at each town meeting for the next three years, with next year's total being \$6,500 if so voted, and the third year, if the voters approve, the total will be \$8,500. Mr. Finan added that fireworks also serves as a community enrichment event. There are also many businesses in the area that benefit from this event.

Selectman Finan noted that the Board of Selectmen supported this article four to one.

Selectmen Gary Daniels addressed the assembly and stated this is the third and final area where he wished to reduce the total being requested in order to fund the Jennison Road Bridge.

Mr. Daniels put a motion on the floor to amend the figure to zero. It was seconded.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated it had voted seven to two to support this article. He stated the Committee felt the dollar amount was low, and also that the tax payers should be the ones to decide. He added that when there has been no fireworks and other events were held in its place, said events were well supported.

Janet Langdell questioned what was included in the "associated support functions" for this event and the cost involved. Town Administrator Guy Scaife answered the question by stating that the language referencing "other services" could have been eliminated. He stated that the entire amount of \$4,500 goes to the vendor for the fireworks itself. He stated that the only other expense involved in the fireworks display is a crossing guard. He added that there are other events for the July 4th celebrations for which additional services are required but really none for the fireworks display.

Peggy Seward put a motion on the floor to remove the wording "other services". There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment failed.

Ms. Seward then placed an amendment on the floor and it was seconded to change the wording of this article by removing the words "and associated support functions (traffic control, crossing details etc.)" There being no discussion on the proposed amendment, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed.

There being no further discussion or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #19 on the ballot as amended.

Amended Ballot Question #19 will therefore read:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th July type fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Amended Article #19 is as follows:

YES: 1038 NO: 773

Amended Article #19 was voted in the affirmative.

Gary Daniels moved and it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Articles 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Nate Carman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to take a ten minute break from proceedings. The recess commenced at 11.55 a.m. The Meeting reconvened at 12.10 p.m.

ARTICLE 20 - AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO RENT OR LEASE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY - \$0

Article #20 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years (until rescinded) per RSA 41:11-a, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town meeting at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to such rescission shall remain in effect. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 20 - Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Rent or Lease Town-Owned Property - \$0

Ballot Question #20 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years (until rescinded) per RSA 41:11-a, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town meeting at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to such rescission shall remain in effect? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #20 for Warrant Article #20 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated this article gives the Board of Selectmen the ability to advance on growth opportunities very quickly instead of having to wait for a Town Meeting. He noted that all agreements etc. will be reviewed by Town staff and Town Counsel.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #20 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #20 is as follows:

YES: 1429 NO: 295

Article #20 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21 - AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO LEASE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY - SHEPARD PARK SCOUT HOUSE - \$0

Article #21 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Ricciardi Hartshorne Post 23 of the American Legion regarding the Town-owned small wooden structure at 7 Shepard Street within Shepard Park (Map 31, Lot 34), traditionally used for scouting activities, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the American Legion or scouting activities cease to function or no longer need this 7 Shepard Street facility, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 21 - Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property – Shepard Park Scout House - \$0

Ballot Question #21 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Ricciardi Hartshorne Post 23 of the American Legion regarding the Town-owned small wooden structure at 7 Shepard Street within Shepard Park (Map 31, Lot 34), traditionally used for scouting activities, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the American Legion or scouting activities cease to function or no longer need this 7 Shepard Street facility, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #21 for Warrant Article #21 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen stated that the Board of Selectmen unanimously support this Article.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #21 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #21 is as follows:

YES: 1519 NO: 194

Article #21 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22 - AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO LEASE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY – MCAA/NORTH RIVER ROAD FIELDS - \$0

Article #22 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA) regarding the Town-owned playing fields on North River Road (Map 08, Lot 11), traditionally used by the MCAA for athletic events, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the MCAA cease to function or no longer need these North River Road Fields, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 22 - Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property – MCAA/North River Road Fields - \$0

Ballot Question #22 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA) regarding the Town-owned playing fields on North River Road (Map 08, Lot 11), traditionally used by the MCAA for athletic events, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the MCAA cease to function or no longer need these North River Road Fields, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #22 for Warrant Article #22 along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen stated the Article is unanimously supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Robert Courage addressed the assembly and requested what the purpose of this article is, because it is a town field and through the work of the MCAA all upgrading, fertilizing etc. has been done at their expense. He understood that all the involvement in this field by the Town is to mow the field and pick up the trash.

Selectman Finan explained that there previously was a ten year lease with the Town leasing the property to the MCAA for their use, and that lease is about to expire and this Article simply renews it.

In answer to a question from Judy Hohenadel, it was established that the MCAA does not pay for this lease.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #22 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #22 is as follows:

YES: 1525 NO: 182

Article #22 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23 - AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONVEY A PERMANENT EASEMENT ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY (FORMER PUTNAM STREET) - \$0

Article #23 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement to the owner(s) of Map 26, Lot 177, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would benefit Map 26, Lot 177, and facilitate an emergency access and egress from the premises to the area formerly known as Putnam Street). The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 23 - Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey a Permanent Easement on Town-Owned Property (Former Putnam Street) - \$0

Ballot Question #23 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement to the owner(s) of Map 26, Lot 177, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would benefit Map 26, Lot 177, and facilitate an emergency access and egress from the premises to the area formerly known as Putnam Street)? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #23 for Warrant Article #23 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen addressed the assembly and stated that part of the temporary emergency access agreement between the Town and the owners of Map 26 Lot 177 needs to be granted to allow emergency access to Putnam Street. The granting of an easement such as this, he explained, requires the vote of Town Meeting. He explained that the owners of this lot constructed an emergency access to their building which happened to be on Town Land identified as Putnam Street. This sought after vote of Town Meeting is to ensure the emergency access.

There being no comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place the Ballot Question #23 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #23 is as follows:

YES: 1352 NO: 289

Article #23 was voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 24 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BROX PROPERTIES PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND (Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14)
-- \$0**

Article #24 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see whether the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to create an expendable trust fund known as *The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund* the purposes of said trust shall be to defray costs of construction of municipal infrastructure improvements in the form of highway improvements and/or the provision of municipal water and sewer facilities servicing the above referenced BROX properties, located in the West Milford Tax Increment Financing District, when, as, and if the construction of such improvements is approved by the boards, agencies and other bodies from which approval of such construction is required. The Board of Selectmen shall be agents to expend the trust, and may, at its discretion, divert unneeded funds required for BROX properties public infrastructure construction to the general fund. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 24 - Establishment of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund (Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, And 14) -- \$0

Ballot Question #24 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to create an expendable trust fund known as The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund the purposes of said trust shall be to defray costs of construction of municipal infrastructure improvements in the form of highway improvements and/or the provision of municipal water and sewer facilities servicing the above referenced BROX properties, located in the West Milford Tax Increment Financing District, when, as, and if the construction of such improvements is approved by the boards, agencies and other bodies from which approval of such construction is required. The Board of Selectmen shall be agents to expend the trust, and may, at its discretion, divert unneeded funds required for BROX properties public infrastructure construction to the general fund? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #24 for Warrant Article #24 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the ballot. It was seconded.

Bill Parker, Director of Community Development addressed the assembly and stated this Article is the result of on going work to put tools in place to begin to sell the Town owned Brox Property which is zoned for commercial and industrial use.

He explained that based on a purchase and sales agreement with a development company that the Town is working with, the idea came forward about a year ago because this company is interested in purchasing the former police station on Elm Street, to establish this Fund to allow the funds from the sale of the Police Station site to be put into a special fund entitled Brox Infrastructure Improvement Fund. Mr. Parker stated this article actually is to establish the fund so that if the sale of the police station goes through, the funds generated can go into this Fund. These issues are covered in this Article and also in Article 25.

Matt Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated that the Committee voted 7 to 1 with one abstention to support this article. He stated there are some zoning changes proposed on the Ballot, particularly #4, 6 and 7 which relate to zoning changes that would add residential development to the Brox property.

Mr. Parker explained that this fund is an expendable trust fund that can only be established by Town vote; it serves as a 'reserve' fund to finance capital projects, capital acquisitions, revaluations and to fund maintenance or operational costs. The Fund will be used specifically for infrastructure costs to provide necessary water lines, sanitary sewer, roads and storm water systems to serve the undeveloped Town-owned commercial and industrial properties in the Brox area. He stated that there is interest in the property but there is no infrastructure.

Mr. Parker explained that the Board of Selectmen are the authorized agents to dispense funds from this Fund, and only for infrastructure related costs for the Brox Property. Also the expenditure can only be done after review and recommendation from appropriate Town boards and advisory groups. He noted that establishment of this Fund will not raise property taxes.

John McCormack, chairman of the TIF Group which is charged with coming up with financing mechanisms for developing infrastructure at the Brox Property, stated there is considerable long-term potential for both commercial, industrial and residential development.

Mr. McCormack stated there is limited access to the Brox Property and added that access from Route 101 would be the main route to go for access. This would immediately lead to development potential of the property.

In answer to a question, Mr. Parker stated we do not know the percentage of industrial vs. residential potential in this entire property. He stressed that Articles 24 and 25 are for commercial/industrial development only.

Town Administrator Guy Scaife addressed the assembly and stated the purpose of Articles 24 and 25 is to put the Town in a position to develop the Brox Property. He explained that the Town is currently working with a developer who works in high end developments, because only high end developers would be able to pay for the infrastructure. Mr. Scaife stated both articles cover industrial and commercial development only.

Robert Courage addressed the assembly and stated when this property was originally purchased, the object was to create a tax-positive profit from the land. It includes land for schools, recreation land, and residential development. The original plan included cemetery land, a future fire station and such like. He reiterated that there is a huge cost to put in the infrastructure into the site in order to generate the interest of developers. By putting funds from the anticipated sale of the police station, he stated, is a good way of creating initial funds for this sort of improvements to the site.

Bill Parker addressed the assembly and stated that once the police station is disposed of, it is then time for the developer to start purchasing portions of the Brox Property. For each acre of the Brox property that is purchased, \$5,000 comes back to the Town and into the general fund.

After considerable further discussion and comments, the question was called. It was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

There being no further discussion and no amendments to this article, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #24 on the ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #24 is as follows:

YES: 1225 NO: 436

Article #24 was voted in the affirmative.

Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor; it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Articles #20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

ARTICLE 25 - FUNDING OF THE BROX PROPERTIES PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND - \$0

Article #25 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to deposit any proceeds realized from the sale of the former Police Station property (Tax Map 13, Lot 5), which sale the Selectmen were authorized to undertake by virtue of the approval of Article 25 at the 2006 Town Meeting, into *The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund*. This Article is contingent on the passage of the preceding Article establishing *The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund*. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 25 - Funding of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund - \$0

Ballot Question #25 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to deposit any proceeds realized from the sale of the former Police Station property (Tax Map 13, Lot 5), which sale the Selectmen were authorized to undertake by virtue of the approval of Article 25 at the 2006 Town Meeting, into The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund. This Article is contingent on the passage of the preceding Article establishing The BROX Properties

Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund, as more-particularly described in Article 25? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #25 for Warrant Article #25 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was so voted.

The Board of Selectmen support this Article.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 7 to 1 with one abstention to support this article.

Bill Parker addressed the assembly and stated with this Article, when the old police station is sold, the monies realized will be placed in the Fund, to be able to commence the infrastructure.

Peggy Sewer addressed the assembly and questioned if the police station is sold and the \$500,000 therefrom is placed in the Fund, will additional funds be needed for infrastructure? Bill Parker responded by stating that it is the plan not to go back to the Town for any additional funds.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #25 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #25 is as follows:

YES: 1207 NO: 444

Article #25 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26 - AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONVEY A PERMANENT SUBDIVISION IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE EASEMENT – FALCON RIDGE SUBDIVISION (MAP 3, LOT 4) - \$0

Article #26 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement for the placement of a sign, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen see fit, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would burden Map 3, Lot 4, and facilitate the placement and maintenance of a monument sign on designated open space consisting of Map 3, Lot 4. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 26 - Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey A Permanent Subdivision Identification Signage Easement – Falcon Ridge Subdivision (Map 3, Lot 4) - \$0

Ballot Question #26 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement for the placement of a sign, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen see fit, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would burden Map 3, Lot 4, and facilitate the placement and maintenance of a monument sign on designated open space consisting of Map 3, Lot 4? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #26 for Warrant Article #26 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen addressed the assembly and stated that the Board of Selectmen unanimously support this article. The purpose of it is to create an easement to put up a sign.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #26 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #26 is as follows:

YES: 1238 NO: 385

Article #26 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 27 - PRATT LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONVEYANCE (MAP 45, LOT 2) – \$0

Article #27 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a conservation easement to a qualified land preservation trust, which easement will burden the property consisting of Map 45, Lot 2, (known as the 'Pratt Land'), which land was recently acquired by the Town by deed recorded at Book 8360, Page 2043 in the Hillsborough Registry, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town and, in order to implement the condition contained in said deed calling for such a conveyance. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Ballot Question 27 - Pratt Land Conservation Easement Conveyance (Map 45, Lot 2) – \$0

Ballot Question #27 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a conservation easement to a qualified land preservation trust, which easement will burden the property consisting of Map 45, Lot 2, (known as the 'Pratt Land'), which land was recently acquired by the Town by deed recorded at Book 8360, Page 2043 in the Hillsborough Registry, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town and, in order to implement the condition contained in said deed calling for such a conveyance? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #27 for Warrant Article #27 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen addressed the assembly and stated this article involves the placing of a conservation easement on this land, which has already been purchased by the Conservation Commission as conservation land. The giving of this easement was part of the Purchase and Sales Agreement. He stated that the Board of Selectmen supports this article unanimously.

Chairman Carmen explained the Conservation Commission needs to have this warrant article in order to get the needed permission to place the conservation easement on the property. He added that the Conservation Commission attempted to purchase this land several years ago when it was for sale at a much higher price. That land sale did not occur and the land was later put up for auction.

Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Audrey Fraizer, addressed the assembly and explained this is a 34 acre lot which the Commission purchased at auction as detailed above. The Commission has received a request for an easement on the property and what this will do is to protect it from ever being not conservation land. Such an easement will not restrict use of the land for hiking trails etc.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #27 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #27 is as follows:

YES: 1353 NO: 288

Article #27 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28 - CHANGE TOWN TREASURER TO AN APPOINTED POSITION – \$0

Article #28 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, will vote to discontinue the elected treasurer office, and, instead, authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer who shall have the same powers and duties as required of a town treasurer under applicable law. Upon the passage of this article, the person holding the elected office of treasurer at the time of the vote to discontinue shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the office, at which time the elected office of treasurer shall terminate irrespective of the length of that officer's term. When the selectmen appoint the treasurer, such appointment shall be made in writing, which writing shall include the compensation to be paid in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) annually, or take any other action relative thereto. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Ballot Question 28 - Change Town Treasurer to an Appointed Position – \$0

Ballot Question #28 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, vote to discontinue the elected treasurer office, and, instead, authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer who shall have the same powers and duties as required of a town treasurer under applicable law. Upon the passage of this article, the person holding the elected office of treasurer at the time of the vote to discontinue shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the office, at which time the elected office of treasurer shall terminate irrespective of the length of that officer's term. When the selectmen appoint the treasurer, such appointment shall be made in writing, which writing shall include the compensation to be paid in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) annually, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Nate Carmen moved that the proposed Ballot Question #28 for Warrant Article #28 as printed in the Warrant along with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee be placed on the Ballot. It was seconded.

Chairman Carmen stated this article was unanimously supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee stated his committee unanimously supported this article.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #28 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #28 is as follows:

YES: 1101 NO: 609

Article #28 was voted in the affirmative

Gary Daniels put a motion on the floor and it was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative to restrict reconsideration on Articles 25, 26, 27 and 28.

A motion was put on the floor by Peggy Seward: it was seconded and voted in the affirmative to consider Article #29 after Article #10. The petitioner was present in the Auditorium.

ARTICLE 29 – ADJUSTMENT TO INCOME AND ASSET LEVELS FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS – BY PETITION – \$0

Article #29 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Milford, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years \$67,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years - \$100,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older - \$133,000? To qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including without limitation that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, that they own the real

estate individually or jointly or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, that they must have been married to each other for at least five years, and that they reside on the property. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$38,600 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$46,000; and own net assets of not more than \$85,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article.

Ballot Question 29 – Adjustment to Income and Asset Levels for Elderly Exemptions – By Petition – \$0

Ballot Question #29 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Milford, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years \$67,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years - \$100,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older - \$133,000? To qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including without limitation that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, that they own the real estate individually or jointly or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, that they must have been married to each other for at least five years, and that they reside on the property. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$38,600 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$46,000; and own net assets of not more than \$85,000, excluding the value of the person's residence? The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article.

The petitioner, Mrs. Cady, spoke in favor of this Article, and requested support for this Article.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Nate Carmen addressed the assembly and stated that Board was not in favor of this article at this time.

Chairman Lydon of the Budget Advisory Committee addressed the assembly and stated his Committee chose not to vote on this article but it was in favor of the concepts. He stated that the Committee felt it did not have sufficient information and has requested the Board of Selectmen to take up this issue at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Bauer addressed the assembly and stated because of the recent revaluation it is time to review the entire elderly exemption. She stated that the reason for the Board of Selectmen not supporting this at this time, is that it feels it needs to give the whole policy a good look at and make suggested changes if necessary.

Russell Kincaid addressed the assembly and questioned what the policy now is relative to elderly exemptions. The Assessor Marti Noel responded. Because she is not a resident of Milford, the Moderator accepted a seconded motion to allow her to speak. Ms. Noel explained that each year the elderly exemption is reviewed by her and the Finance Director, Jack Sheehy to establish whether or not an increase is needed. The qualifications at this time, she explained are for a single person, there is a \$30,000 annual income limit and for a couple it is \$45,000. Asset limitations are \$80,000.

There being no further questions or changes or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #29 on the Ballot as quoted above.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #29 is as follows:

YES: 1106 NO: 619

Article #29 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 30 – END OF MEETING

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

Under this Article #30, Peggy Seward of the Budget Advisory Committee stated that in the past the Warrant has always reflected the votes of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee, and questioned if this would occur this year.

She explained that she was referencing the actual ballot at the Elective Session.

Guy Scaife, Town Administrator, responded by explaining that there has been a lot of discussion on the figures of support of the Board and the Committee being on the ballot, and legislation has recently been passed that made it very clear where you could and could not have the actual vote. He stated that the Ballot itself will only reflect that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee approved/disapproved but no vote would be included. He stated that in the Voters' Guide, the details would be spelled out in full including numbers.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator advised the assembly that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee will be meeting this afternoon to finalize their positions.

The Moderator adjourned the 2012 Town Meeting Deliberative Session at 1 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Langell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Langell, Town Clerk

