

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING
14 January 2013

PRESENT: Gary L. Daniels, Chairman
Tim Finan, Vice Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Kathy Bauer, Member
Mark Fougere, Member
Guy Scaife, Town Administrator
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary

EXCUSED: Bob Courage, Water Commissioner Chairman
Jack Kelly, Fire Chief

Department Heads & Senior Staff: Dave Boucher, Water Utilities Superintendent
Dawn Griska, Executive Assistant
Chris Nervik, Police Captain
Marti Noel, Assessor
Bill Parker, Community Development Director
Ricky Riendeau, DPW Director
Michelle Sampson, Library Director
Eric Schelberg, Ambulance Director
Jack Sheehy, Finance Director
Stephen Toom, Police Captain
Michael Viola, Police Chief

Video Staff: Mike McInerney, Community Media Director
Zach Knowles, Videographer

Members of the Public

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bert Becker
Deanna Carter
Matt Lydon-Chairman
Karen Mitchell
Chris Pank
Jim Roccio
Peggy Seward
Jolie Whitten

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mike Putnam (Selectman)
Dale White

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Daniels opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. thanking everyone that came to attend this hearing. All in attendance were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Daniels introduced members of the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Daniels then introduced, Dale White – Water Commissioner, who then introduced Mike Putnam, Water Commissioner, and the Superintendent of the Water Department, Dave Boucher noting that Bob Courage, Water Commissioner, will be absent this evening.

Chairman Daniels indicated that tonight's hearing is for the Town Budget and Bond Hearing, but the warrant articles will also be reviewed in order for the public to voice their opinion on all items. Chairman Daniels explained if any members of the public wish to comment or have questions, they should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access Live broadcast.

The Bond Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m.

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Bond Hearing

Chairman Daniels read the bond wording as follows:

NASHUA STREET SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - \$ 286,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,000 for the construction of approximately 1,600 linear feet of new five-foot (5') wide bituminous asphalt sidewalk, to include but not be limited to, vertical granite curb, associated stormwater drainage improvements, crosswalk markings, and repaving, along the southerly side of Nashua Street in an easterly direction from approximately 503 Nashua Street (near the Medlyn Street and Nashua Street intersection; Map 32, Lot 11), to approximately 571 Nashua Street (Walgreens Pharmacy; Map 44, Lot 13-1), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than Two Hundred, Eighty-six Thousand Dollars (\$286,000), under the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to issue bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore, and to determine the rate of interest thereon, such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or any other funds that may be available for this project, or take any other action relative thereto. The purpose of this project is to complete the sidewalk connection from its existing terminus at approximately 503 Nashua Street to existing sidewalk at 571 Nashua Street and provide for pedestrian safety. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 (3/5 ballot vote required).

Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty (60%) percent affirmative vote to pass. This is a 10-year bond issue.

Bill Parker, Director of Community Development, provided information regarding the Nashua Street Sidewalk project bond item. This project would complete the sidewalk extending on the South side of Nashua Street. The existing sidewalk ends at Medlyn Monument just past the mobile home cooperative. The east portion of the sidewalk extends from the Mobile Home Cooperative to Walgreens to Burger King. The project benefits include safety, distance between vehicles and pedestrians, public health and increases the town's sidewalk ability thus reducing the need for vehicles and would lessen the reliance on automobiles. Users of the sidewalk include people with no vehicles, some physically impaired persons, or persons using motorized wheelchairs, runners and walkers. This is the gateway of the town. Mr. Parker asked for questions from the public. There were none.

Wastewater and Water Budget Hearings

The Wastewater and Water Budget Hearings were opened by Commissioner Dale White who read the article for the Wastewater and Water budgets as follows:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,795,798

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$1,795,798) 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 has not yet voted on this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners have not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

1 Note: The proposed Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget reflects an increase of 5.8% to the 2012 Operat-
2 ing Budget, or an increase of \$98,332.

3 **WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET- \$1,362,552**

4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty Two Thou-
5 sand, Five Hundred and Fifty-two (\$1,362,552) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said
6 appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative
7 thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees.
8 The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners have not yet
9 voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

10 Note: The proposed Water Department Operating Budget reflects a decrease of (0.1%) to the 2012 Operating
11 Budget, or a decrease of (\$1,232).

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13 Water Utilities Superintendent Dave Boucher indicated the Water Treatment budget has a 4.8% increase, the key contributing
14 factors include it is the first year for bond payment for the new septage receiving facility. It also includes a merit salary in-
15 crease of up to 3%. The Souhegan Street sewage pipe rehabilitation and 300' of pipe rehabilitation on Beech Street. The
16 main pump will have a rewind which takes all the sewage and pumps it throughout the facility and rewinds for high efficiency,
17 which will save money. Replacing the cab and chassis of a water utility truck is also included, which is a shared cost for water
18 and sewer. Commissioner White indicated the cost of the budget is offset by user fees paid by water and sewer users in town.
19 The Water Utilities Budget shows a decrease of .1% from last year. The decrease is due to some planned projects costing less
20 than projected. There were no further questions.

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23 **TOWN BUDGET HEARING**

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26 Chairman Daniels turned the budget hearing over to Town Administrator Guy Scaife who read the article as fol-
27 lows:

28 **TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$12,429,783**

29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget not including appropriations by
30 Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an
31 amount totaling Twelve Million, Four Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-three
32 (\$12,429,783) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twelve Million, Two Hun-
33 dred Fifty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten (\$12,253,710) Dollars which is the same as last year, with
34 certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one
35 special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget
36 only. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted
37 on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

38 **Note:** The proposed Operating Budget reflects an increase of 5.0% to the 2012 Operating Budget, or an in-
39 crease of \$596,898; 57% of this increase (\$338,700) will be included in the default budget.

40 Town Administrator Guy Scaife indicated the town's financial condition is healthy and it is looking up, we have
41 finally had revenues grow in certain areas. This is the third year the motor vehicle registrations increased and pro-
42 jections are up \$70,000 for next year. There are still some challenges. The operating budget includes the expenses
43 to operate the town. The General Fund Operating Budget proposed an increase of 5%. In the past 5 years, we have
44 never come in with an increase of that size, it has averaged less than 1% per year for the past 6 years. This increase
45 is considerable, but we are facing unique times. This is a blip in terms of certain types of expenses we are facing
46 this year that will not be experienced next year, it is very critical that we do not continue to delay certain purchases
47 since that has ramifications. The debt service increase of \$104,000 is a direct result of bonds approved last year
48 (ambulance facility, fire truck, and backhoe). There is a large increase to the health insurance plan in the amount of
49 \$82,000. It should be noted that the town pays 85% of the health insurance premium and employees pay 15%, this

1 increase has no change in the level of services. The plan is conservative and we have worked hard over the years to
2 keep costs down. Healthcare costs have an increase of 13.9%; the town went out to bid and the vendor being used
3 had the lowest bid. It should be understood that this is a huge increase but last year there was a decrease. The aver-
4 age increase has been 5% so the town is absorbing a huge number this year. Another increase is in the employer
5 contribution to the NH Retirement System. That increase is \$98,500, there is no increase in benefits, we are playing
6 catch up; the state has eliminated its contribution and this is the first year we see the full impact. Last year employ-
7 ees had a sizable increase. Citizens question if NHRS' payout is significant. The average retiree is only receiving
8 \$19,400. There were a few cases where some individuals did get lucrative retirements by taking advantage of loop-
9 holes but those have now been plugged. The next increase in the budget is \$23,000 for a MACC base increase,
10 which is the agency serving Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton for dispatch services. They are a quasi government
11 agency in a contracted role. The last few increases are for MMC (Milford Medical Center), second paramedic con-
12 tractual cost, contractual increases for software and hardware maintenance, and property and liability insurance in-
13 creases.

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15 A merit increase of 3%, based on performance, is included in the operating budget, after which Guy Scaife ex-
16 plained the increase in FICA and health insurance and this merit increase would offset that decrease in employee
17 pay. Some additional increases in the operating budget include \$45,700 Ambulance Service (offset by \$70,000 in
18 increased revenue), \$9,200 to change the part time recreation coordinator to a full time position, for which the Rec-
19 reation Commission pays 50% of the salary. This addition will allow the town to better serve the residents and en-
20 sure there is no burn out of the staff. Guy Scaife asked for questions and said he would appreciate support on this
21 item.

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23 Gil Archambault, Savage Road, asked about the Ambulance Facility maintenance and how it can be part of the de-
24 fault budget? Guy Scaife explained that when the voters voted in the new Ambulance Facility, the maintenance was
25 part of that decision. Mr. Archambault asked if that item will be \$21,000 for a full year? Guy Scaife said that
26 sounds about right. Mr. Archambault commented on the 3% merit increase that helps the town employees, but he
27 asked about the people that have to pay for it (through taxes). Guy Scaife said he is also a Milford taxpayer and the
28 town has an obligation to pay its employees a fair wage. There were two years of no pay increases proposed, so
29 what is proposed in this budget is a modest increase. Gil Archambault thinks the 23% increase from last year's am-
30 bulance budget is excessive. Guy Scaife responded that the department had an increased budget but in fairness, you
31 need to acknowledge that it went up more in revenue, there were savings to the taxpayer as a result of a huge in-
32 crease in MMC activity. Anytime more revenue can be brought in, it is tax positive to the citizens. Gil
33 Archambault asked about Fund Balance. Guy Scaife said it had been down to 5.0% which is the minimum a town
34 can have, last year it was brought back to 5.1%. We are projecting to use fund balance gain, it will go another year
35 at 5.1% and this is money that is "for a rainy day"; Milford has a very low debt service as a municipality. Gil
36 Archambault asked how much is in the Fund Balance? Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, said it is at \$1.8 million. Gil
37 Archambault asked if we go to a Default Budget, will that go lower? Guy Scaife said the Default Budget has no
38 bearing on Fund Balance, that is a totally separate issue.

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40 There were no further questions.

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42 Chairman Daniels closed the budget public hearing.

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44 Chairman Daniels opened the appropriation warrant articles portion of the hearing.
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Appropriation Warrant Articles

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49 **TWO REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE LEASE/PURCHASES - \$49,700**
(Annual Payment \$49,700/Total Purchase Price \$324,000)

50 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows:

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52 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year
53 lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause, which will protect the Town in the

1 event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing **TWO** ambulances with the ap-
2 propriate equipment for Ambulance Department operation (they will replace the current 1999
3 Wheeled Coach and 2003 AEV Ambulances) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine
4 Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$49,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The
5 total purchase price of this vehicle is Three Hundred Twenty-four Thousand (\$324,000) Dollars.
6 If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a
7 Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on
8 this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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10 Peg Seward, Budget Advisory Committee, asked about the wording indicating that it states the ambulances are "re-
11 placing" the two current ambulances, will the current ambulance be replaced? Eric Schelberg, Ambulance Director,
12 responded that the 2003 ambulance will be kept as a "spare" and only used as such. Peg Seward asked if only one
13 of the existing ambulances will be kept? Mr. Schelberg responded that one will be kept as a backup, ready spare,
14 but it will not be utilized in daily operations. These two new vehicles will be replacing two front line ambulances.
15 Selectman Putnam suggested the wording should be changed and state that one ambulance will be left behind as a
16 "spare". Peg Seward agreed that re-wording the warrant article would suffice.
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18 Janice Tremblay, Gerry's Way, asked if there was a special price offered if the town buys two or could the town get
19 one ambulance now and one later? By purchasing them together, Chairman Daniels indicated the town saved about
20 \$20,000. Mr. Schelberg agreed that \$16,000 was saved by buying two at the same time, plus additional costs in
21 financing them together were also realized. If the town staggers the purchases, it will cost the town an additional
22 \$5,000.
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24 Peg Seward, BAC, had not heard the wording "with the appropriate equipment" in regards to the two ambulances,
25 what are we talking about with that? Mr. Schelberg indicated that the language is as directed by counsel and it is
26 the appropriate equipment required for an ambulances, but the language is standard that is used for every vehicle
27 warrant article. The town is looking to equip the ambulances with lights, but there is no additional equipment, it is
28 strictly for two ambulances with appropriate equipment. The ambulance prices come out to roughly \$167,732 if
29 bought individually. The lease is for seven years. Guy Scaife responded to the question of purchasing one or two
30 ambulances. The Finance Director splits out the lease purchase, if one ambulance is delayed for one year, the costs
31 for doing that have been looked at. The town is overdue for the ambulance change out, we are at 10 and thirteen
32 years on the two ambulances; in most towns, they change ambulances on a seven year rotation. We are already at
33 risk with such old ambulances, if we push one another year, we are putting the patients at risk and we are jeopardiz-
34 ing revenue. This past year, while an ambulance was being repaired, two missed calls had to be referred to another
35 service, costing the town about \$1,100 in revenue. If we delay the purchase of one ambulance, we just put it out a
36 year and lose the savings. Chairman Daniels asked if the increase in revenue is due to the Milford Medical Center
37 transports? Guy Scaife said yes, that is primarily driven by the St. Joseph's transports, we need quality vehicles on
38 the road. Both these ambulance should have already been changed out.
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40 Peg Seward asked if the language could be clarified to indicate that the town is keeping one ambulance as a "spare".
41 Chairman Daniels agreed it could be re-worded so that it is clearer in the warrant article. Jolie Whitten, BAC mem-
42 ber, asked if anyone else had bid for the St. Joseph/MMC transports? Mr. Schelberg indicated that St. Joseph want-
43 ed Milford Ambulance to take over that aspect of business when it closed that service. Jolie Whitten asked if St.
44 Joseph contributes to the fund for transports? Mr. Schelberg responded that the patient is billed for transports. Se-
45 lectman Putnam indicated the town receives revenue for that service. Jolie Whitten asked if St. Joseph's loses reve-
46 nue for that service? Mr. Schelberg explained the patient picks where they want to go and Milford Ambulance
47 transports them. Jolie Whitten asked if there is another business waiting to take that patient? Mr. Schelberg ex-
48 plained that St. Joseph's used to have their own ambulance company which went out of business in 2011 suddenly.
49 A private company operated in Nashua, that St. Joseph did not own, they are not going to take transfers from their
50 facility. If we went that route, we run the risk of losing that volume.
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52 Selectman Putnam said he is not liberal and did not agree with purchasing two ambulances this year, but the age and
53 condition of the ambulances are such that he is in favor of the purchase because of the cost savings due to the age
54 and reliability. There have been mistakes made in the past by being frugal. Selectman Putnam looked at this long
55 and hard and is in favor of purchasing the two ambulances together. Gil Archambault, resident, commented that
56 these vehicles are urgently needed, it is crucial. It has been on the CIP for 7 years. Jack Sheehy commented that it

1 makes sense for the price of the vehicles, you could go 7 years, but the interest is higher. This is the same deal we
2 used for the backhoe.

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4 There were no further questions.

5 **DUMP TRUCK (6 CUBIC YARD) – 5 YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$26,050**
6 **(Annual Payment \$26,050/Total Purchase Price \$124,500)**

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8 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows:
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10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase
11 agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-
12 appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a Dump Truck (6 cubic yard), with the appropriate
13 equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the current 1995 International Dump
14 Truck) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Fifty (\$26,050) Dollars for the
15 first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Twenty-
16 four Thousand Five Hundred (\$124,500) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be
17 included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The
18 Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet vot-
19 ed on this Article.
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22 Peg Seward, BAC, asked if the town will sell the existing vehicles? Ricky Riendeau, DPW Director, indicated that
23 the two vehicles being replaced are no longer with the town. Those two vehicles are gone and were past their prime
24 so this is a replacement but we have no trade-in value. Jack Sheehy, noted we want people to know it is a replace-
25 ment, not a new truck being added. The public looks at it differently if he wants a new vehicle, it is really a re-
26 placement for something we already had. Janet Langdell asked why doesn't the language state that in the warrant
27 article? Deanna Carter, BAC, asked if those things can be explained in the Voter's Guide? That will explain things
28 further. Guy Scaife said that can be done. Selectman Bauer indicated there have been some good suggestions to
29 clarify the warrant article, the Voter's Guide does have explanations outside of the formal language, which helps.
30 Tallies for the Board of Selectman and Budget Advisory Committee will also be on the warrant.
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32 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.
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34 **VACUUM SWEEPER – 7 YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$35,250**
35 **(Annual Payment \$35,250/Total Purchase Price \$230,000)**

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37 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows:
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39 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase
40 agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-
41 appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a Vacuum Sweeper, with the appropriate equipment
42 for Highway Department operation (it will replace the current 1992 Mechanical Sweeper) and to raise
43 and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty (\$35,250) Dollars for the first
44 year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is Two Hundred Thirty Thou-
45 sand (\$230,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating
46 budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not
47 yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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1 Ricky Riendeau, DPW Director, indicated the town has a mechanical sweeper that is all brooms with an average life
2 of ten years; ours is at 21 years old. We have re-built it twice and had issues with getting parts last year. He is
3 looking to get a vacuum sweeper, which has a 20 year life cycle.

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5 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.
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7 **SOCIAL SERVICES - \$35,000**

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9 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows:
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11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars
12 for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents or take any other
13 action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen
14 has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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17 Seeing no questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.
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19 **NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICE - \$28,100**

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21 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows:
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23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, One Hundred
24 (\$28,100) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley
25 Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheel-
26 chair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors,
27 people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Spe-
28 cial Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The
29 Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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31 Seeing no questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

32 **CONSERVATION LANDS FUND - \$20,000**

33 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows

34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for
35 the purpose of adding it to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said
36 land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of
37 property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes, or take any other action
38 relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen
39 has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

40 [Moneys from this Fund for land or easement acquisition can only be expended by the Conserva-
41 tion Commission after a public hearing and approval of the Board of Selectmen.]
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43 Gil Archambault, resident, asked how much money is currently in the Land Fund? Chris Costantino, Conservation
44 Commission, responded \$20,000.
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46 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

47 **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS - \$20,000**

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1 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

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3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for
4 purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments;
5 purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc.
6 for holiday decorations; or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accord-
7 ance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory
8 Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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10 Gill Archambault asked if this can be reduced to \$15,000? Chairman Daniels answered that it cannot be changed
11 tonight but it can be changed at deliberative session.
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13 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

MIT OPERATING BUDGET SUPPORT - \$20,000

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15 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dol-
17 lars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development pro-
18 grams in Milford administered by the Milford Improvement Team (MIT), or take any other action
19 relative thereto. This article is requested by MIT. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance
20 with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory
21 Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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23 Gil Archambault asked how this will be funded in the future? Chairman Daniels indicated this has been funded
24 through a warrant article for many years, but was under the name of DO-IT and now is called MIT.
25 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.
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TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2013 - 2014) - \$24,750

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28 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

29 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bar-
30 gaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Broth-
31 erhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract year 2013 and 2014 (1 April – 31 March) which calls
32 for the following increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum
33 of Twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,750) for fiscal year 2013. Said sum
34 represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels
35 paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be trans-
36 ferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments, or take any other action
37 relative thereto. \$17,414 is to be raised by general taxation and \$7,336 is to be raised by Water &
38 Sewer User Fees. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of
39 Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on
40 this Article.

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42 Seeing no questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000

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44 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

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1 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars
2 for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000
3 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special
4 Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The
5 Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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7 Gil Archambault asked if the \$1,000 for crossing guard can be taken out since it has low attendance? Chairman Daniels
8 stated that the financials cannot be changed until deliberative session. Chief Viola indicated the crossing guard is a safety
9 issue for pedestrians walking to and from the event over next to the diner crosswalk and it is for 8 or 9 concerts.
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11 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.
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MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADE TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,000

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14 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

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16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the
17 purpose of providing Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public
18 Works, Police Department and other Town departments. Departmental support costs and materials
19 associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a
20 Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article.
21 The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.
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23 Seeing no questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

FIREWORKS - \$6,000

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25 Chairman Daniels read the Warrant Article as follows :

26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for
27 the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks display and associated support functions
28 (traffic control, crossing details, etc.) at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Se-
29 lectmen, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with
30 RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Budget Advisory Commit-
31 tee has not yet voted on this Article.
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33 Gil Archambault suggested this article was \$4,500 last year. Guy Scaife explained this is an increase that was pro-
34 grammed in. For many years the article was \$8,500 and there was one year where the town voted not to have fire-
35 works. The vendor came to the town and contracted to provide a lower rate the first year and slowly bring the cost
36 back up if the town voted in fireworks and to use this vendor. This was discussed last year and all the prices were
37 much less than other vendors. Chairman Daniels said this item can be turned down, it only applies if the voters ap-
38 prove the warrant article. Gil Archambault noted that there were free fireworks on Labor Day last year, provided by
39 the VFW, but it cost less than this.
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41 Chairman Daniels indicated the public hearing for the 2012 Bond & Budget was complete. Selectman Putnam
42 moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vice Chairman Finan seconded. All were in favor.
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46 Chairman, Gary L. Daniels

_____ Member, Mike Putnam

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48 Vice Chairman, Tim Finan

_____ Member, Kathy Bauer

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1 Mark Fougere, Member
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