

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING
12 January 2015

PRESENT: Gary L. Daniels, Chairman
Mark Fougere, Vice Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Kathy Bauer, Member
Kevin Federico, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary

Department Heads & Senior Staff: Dave Boucher, Water Utilities Superintendent
Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant
Craig Frye, Police Captain
Bill Parker, Community Development Director
Ricky Riendeau, DPW Director
Michelle Sampson, Library Director
Jack Sheehy, Finance Director

Video Staff: Dave Bosquet, Videographer
Members of the Public

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Courage
Mike Putnam
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, Mike Putnam, Water Commissioner, and Bob Courage, Water Commissioner. Superintendent of the Water Department, Dave Boucher was also introduced.

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.

Bond Hearings

WARRANT ARTICLE 3 LIBRARY ADDITION – BOND - \$5,458,000

Chairman Daniels read the bond wording as follows:

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1 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the gross project budget sum of Five Million Four Hundred
2 Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$5,460,000) for the construction and equipping of a new Library building and
3 expanded parking lot, associated site work, demolition of existing library building and other structures and
4 to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by accepting a donation from Library Trustee Trust
5 Funds in the amount of \$500,000 and borrowing not more than \$4,960,000 in bonds, bond anticipation or
6 notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize
7 the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine
8 conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from general taxation, and to author-
9 ize the Selectmen and/or Library Trustees to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be
10 available for this purchase, and to authorize the Selectmen and/or Library Trustees to take all other nec-
11 essary action to carry out this project, said actions to include anything necessary to prepare said land so
12 that it would be available for the construction of such a facility and expanded parking lot including due dili-
13 gence, site assessments and demolition of existing structures? This is a Special Article in accordance
14 with RSA 32. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty
15 percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (4-1). The
16 Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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18 Gil Archambault, Savage Road, asked if the Budget Advisory Committee has voted on this article? Chairman Dan-
19 iels indicated he believes the BAC has not voted on any articles at this point. Matt Lydon, BAC Chairman, noted the
20 dollar value on this article does not match the written out amount. Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant, stated the
21 correct amount should be \$5,460,000, apologizing for the error. There were no other comments.

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

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26 **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 WEST ELM STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION BOND - \$792,000**

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28 Chairman Daniels read the bond wording as follows:

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30 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety Two Thousand (\$792,000)
31 Dollars to install 3,300 linear feet of 12 inch water main along Elm Street from a starting point 1,100 linear
32 feet west of the intersection of Route 101/Route 101A to the Wilton Road intersection and to authorize the
33 Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$792,000 in bonds, bond anticipation
34 notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize
35 the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine
36 conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from income received from water
37 users provided that such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town and to authorize the
38 Water and Sewer Commissioners and or the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal
39 or State aid that may be available for this project and to take all other necessary actions to carry out this
40 project? The project will improve fire protection and provide municipal water to properties located in this
41 101 West corridor. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law,
42 sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. The Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this
43 article (3-0). The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee sup-
44 ports/does not support this article (X-X).

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46 Gil Archambault, Savage Road, asked if it is fair that the water users must pay for this but that people who are on
47 wells do not pay but they do vote on this. Mr. Archambault does not think it is fair. Bob Courage, Water Commis-
48 sioner, indicated the water and wastewater departments are run by a Commission, however the town owns both the
49 water and sewer departments. We are in a precinct, they have a special town meeting to approve their budget and
50 warrant articles. There is no tax impact. The voters of the town have the right to vote on these articles, you are right
51 that non-users could vote in favor of this and do not have to pay. There were no further comments.

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

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56 **WARRANT ARTICLE 5 STORM SEWER VIDEO INSPECTION BOND – \$216,000**

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58 Chairman Daniels read the bond wording as follows:

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2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars
3 (\$216,000) to perform an inspection and cleaning of the Town’s Stormwater System with the assistance of
4 video observation equipment, and to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with the State of New
5 Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to accept a 20% forgiveness of the project cost upon
6 completion of the project and to borrow funds in the amount of \$172,800 from the State Revolving Fund?
7 Information thus obtained will be assessed and incorporated within the Town’s Asset Management Sys-
8 tem to assist with planning for future repairs and maintenance decisions. **Note:** As this is for issuance of
9 long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a
10 Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The
11 Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this article (X-X).

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13 There were no questions or comments. Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next arti-
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17 TOWN BUDGET HEARING

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20 Chairman Daniels read the article as follows and then turned the budget hearing over to Town Administrator Mark
21 Bender :

22 **WARRANT ARTICLE 6 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$13,785,044**

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25 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget not including appropriations by Spe-
26 cial Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an
27 amount totaling Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred Eighty Five Thousand, and Forty Four (\$13,785,044) Dol-
28 lars? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Sixty
29 Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Eight (\$13,663,678) Dollars which is the same as last year,
30 with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may
31 hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised op-
32 erating budget only. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Select-
33 men supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-
34 0).
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36 Town Administrator Mark Bender provided a brief presentation on the budget for 2015, noting that he joined the
37 town staff in December and he credited the Department Heads, Jack Sheehy, the Board of Selectmen, and the BAC
38 for coming up with this budget, with a 5.8% increase over the 2014 budget. Of that increase, 84% is already includ-
39 ed in the default budget. After reviewing each department, Mr. Bender asked for questions or comments
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41 Gil Archambault asked why elections and registrations are different, aren’t those people all volunteers? Jack Sheehy
42 indicated the number of elections in a given year will change, which is reflected in the budget, as they are not all
43 volunteers and there are other expenses associated with the elections, in 2015 there will only be one election. Peter
44 Basiliere, Moderator, asked about the MACC console, which reminded him about the light outside of Bales School
45 and asked when that will be fixed. Rick Riendeau responded that we are looking at about an \$8,000 fix and we are
46 getting those quotes right now. Mr. Basiliere noted it has been broken for over a year and it should be fixed. There
47 were no further questions.
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49 There were no further questions.
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51 One gentleman, asked “who is this man?” pointing to Mr. Bender. Chairman Daniels answered that is the new Town
52 Administrator. He then asked where does he live? Mr. Bender said he lives in Amherst. The gentleman said he
53 should leave now, the person working on the budget in Milford should live in Milford. Gil Archambault, commented
54 that the comment was out of order.
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56 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

WATER/WASTEWATER BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

WARRANT ARTICLE 7 WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,893,222

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Two (\$1,893,222) 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? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety- seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-three (\$1,797,793) 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 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

There were no questions or comments.

WARRANT ARTICLE 8 WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,380,858

Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, One Hundred and Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight (\$1,380,858) 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? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-three Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-two (\$1,363,142) 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 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

There were no questions or comments.

Chairman Daniels opened the appropriation warrant articles portion of the hearing.

Appropriation Warrant Articles

WARRANT ARTICLE 9 JENNISON ROAD BRIDGE – \$430,000

Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$430,000) Dollars (\$86,000 to be raised be general taxation and \$344,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement Program) for the purpose of replacing the Jennison Road Bridge or take any other action relative thereto? The state program is an 80/20 matching fund with the Town providing 20%. This is Phase II of the Jennison Bridge replacement with the engineering and permitting completed in Phase I from monies appropriated by Article 16 in the 2012 Town Meeting warrant. This will be a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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2 There were no questions or comments. Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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4 **WARRANT ARTICLE 10 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$175,000**

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6 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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8 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars
9 (\$175,000) to be placed in the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? The Board of Selectmen sup-
10 ports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

11 Gil Archambault asked why isn't this in the CIP. Chairman Daniels said it is in the CIP, but the amount in the CIP is
12 \$290,980 and the Board voted to lower that to \$175,000. Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Dan-
13 iels moved to the next article

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15 **WARRANT ARTICLE 11 DUMP TRUCK (8 CUBIC YARD) – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE -**
16 **\$39,050 (Annual Payment \$39,050/Total Purchase Price \$185,000)**

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18 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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20 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement,
21 subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the pur-
22 pose of lease/purchasing a Dump Truck (8 cubic yard), with the appropriate equipment for Highway De-
23 partment operation (it will replace the 2000 Sterling Dump Truck that is no longer in service with the High-
24 way Department) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$39,050)
25 Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hun-
26 dred and Eighty Five Thousand (\$185,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be
27 included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board
28 of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this
29 Article (0-0).

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31 Rick Riendeau, DPW Director commented that this truck will replace the 2000 Dump Truck.

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33 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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35 **WARRANT ARTICLE 12 – SIDEWALK TRACTOR PLOW – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE -**
36 **\$31,650 (Annual Payment \$31,650/Total Purchase Price \$150,000)**

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38 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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40 Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement,
41 subject to a fiscal funding clause will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of
42 lease/purchasing a Sidewalk Tractor Plow, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand
43 Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$31,650) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total
44 purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000). If this article pass-
45 es, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in
46 accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (2-3). The Budget Adviso-
47 ry Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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49 Bob Courage indicated the current sidewalk plow is 15 years old, and asked why the Board of Selectmen does not
50 support this article; we have 14-15 miles of sidewalk in town. The purpose of having two sidewalk plows is to have
51 the sidewalks open for pedestrians and if there is an equipment failure, we would have a back up. It seems that this
52 is a needed piece of equipment. Jack Sheehy said it will cost \$02.5 per thousand for taxpayers. Mr. Courage thinks

1 this article should be supported. The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to get input so that the Board of Selectmen can
2 make their recommendation and Mr. Courage asked that the Board give this consideration.

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4 Selectman Bauer indicated the vote was split 3-2 against this warrant article, she appreciates what Mr. Courage said
5 and agrees this equipment is needed.

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7 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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9 **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 SOCIAL SERVICES - \$35,000**

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11 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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13 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the
14 purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents or take any other action rela-
15 tive thereto? This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this
16 Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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18 Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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20 **WARRANT ARTICLE 14 CONSERVATION LANDS FUND - \$30,000**

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22 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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24 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for the purpose
25 of adding it to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being
26 allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation
27 easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes, or take any other action relative thereto? This is a
28 Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article
29 (2-3). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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31 Audrey Fraizer, Conservation Commission Chair, indicated the Commission changed this article to \$20,000 which
32 would bring the account balance to \$50,000 which is not a significant amount. Ms. Fraizer presented warrant article
33 language to the Board of Selectmen, noting they are not changing language, but only the amount. Chairman Daniels
34 noted that the RSA 32 reference was not included? Ms. Frazier responded that the only thing that should change is
35 the amount to \$20,000.

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37 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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39 **WARRANT ARTICLE 15 — TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**
40 **(2015 — 2016) — \$16,820**

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42 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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44 Shall the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining
45 Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Team-
46 sters, Local 633 for contract years 2015 and 2016 (1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016) which calls for the fol-
47 lowing increases in benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hun-
48 dred Twenty Dollars (\$16,820) for fiscal year 2015? Said sum represents the additional costs over those
49 of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this
50 Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate de-
51 partments, or take any other action relative thereto. \$11,540 is to be raised by general taxation, \$1,570 is
to be raised by Water User Fees, and \$3,710 to be raised by Sewer User Fees. This is a Special Warrant

1 Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (9-0).

3 **TEAMSTERS UNION COST ITEMS FROM GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

| | 2015 | 2016 <u>Estimated*</u> |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Fringe Benefits | \$11,540 | \$2,885 |

4 **TEAMSTERS UNION COST ITEMS FROM WATER & SEWER USER FUNDS**

| | 2015 | 2016 <u>Estimated*</u> |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Fringe Benefits | \$5,280 | \$1,320 |

6 *These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2016 to cover benefits increases.

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9 Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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11 **WARRANT ARTICLE 16 NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES - \$20,000**

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14 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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16 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand, (\$20,000) 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 (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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24 Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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26 **WARRANT ARTICLE 17 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS - \$20,000**

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28 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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31 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? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

1 Robert Frances Moulton, the gentleman that commented earlier regarding the Town Administrator, said he is very
2 proud of what has been done for this Pumpkin Festival here in Milford. Everyone works together for this event. Mr.
3 Moulton said he goes out and people are out talking and having a good time in our town. People come to see who
4 we are; whatever it takes, this event should be a go!

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6 Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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8 **WARRANT ARTICLE 18 FUNDING OF THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE – \$10,000**

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10 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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12 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the purpose of
13 this appropriation is to fund bands, musicians and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual
14 Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32.. The Board of Selectmen sup-
15 ports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article (0-0).

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17 Mr. Moulton again said whatever it takes for this event; he is so proud of Milford, he walks a lot and he visits all of the
18 memorials, we do it right, we celebrate all our hard work, whatever it takes for this one is great! Gil Archambault, Savage
19 Road, stated as a member of the VFW, if we get any donations for this, any money, we will reduce the \$10,000 and the
20 value of this warrant article will be adjusted. Right now we are trying to cut the number down but it might not happen
21 until July or August. Vice Chairman Fougere noted that whatever not used in the fund would go into the General Fund.

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23 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article.

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26 **WARRANT ARTICLE 19 SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000**

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28 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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30 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose
31 of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail), or take
32 any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Se-
33 lectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not support this Article
34 (0-0).

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36 Robert Moulton thinks we should put as much into band concerts as we put into everything else. We should put it at
37 \$10,000 because music is what it is all about. People will come, musicians will come. Mr. Moulton said he has
38 friends that are touring and would love to play at Emerson Park to make an event in this town; he said he does not
39 know how this process works, but he wants the music in the park. Chairman Daniels indicated after the meeting is
40 adjourned, the Board of Selectmen can talk about details. Selectman Bauer asked if anyone remembers how many
41 concerts were held last year? Arene Berry, Recreation Director, said there were nine last year and the year before.
42 There is one concert a week between July 4 until when school starts. There were no further questions or comments.

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44 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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46 **WARRANT ARTICLE 20 FIREWORKS - \$8,750**

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48 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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50 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty
51 (\$8,750) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July celebration (\$8,250) fireworks display and
52 (\$500) activities at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other ac-
53 tion relative thereto? This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen sup-
54 ports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee support/does not support this Article (0-0).

1 Chairman Daniels indicated the \$500 addition to this warrant article is for the 50th celebration of the Keyes pool.
2 Robert Moulton said the fireworks bring the town together, we have our memorials and our parades to celebrate be-
3 ing free; he is so impressed by the fireworks each year and we should keep that.

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5 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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7 **WARRANT ARTICLE 21 MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND**
8 **RECOGNITION - TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,000**

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10 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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12 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of
13 Town support relative to the observance of Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day? These funds shall be
14 used to cover parade costs incurred by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments,
15 and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day. Departmental support
16 costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropria-
17 tion. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article
18 (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports/does not this Article (0-0)

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20 Gil Archambault, Savage Road, would like the town to look and see if this is an accurate number, he asked that ques-
21 tion last year and never got an answer but he thinks it could be lowered by about \$1,500. Jack Sheehy looked at it
22 and it depended on the year, it fluctuates between \$4,000 and \$6,000, this is for town support and whatever those
23 costs are. Over the last four years, Chairman Daniels said there was one year it hit \$6,000, another year it was
24 \$4,700 and then \$4,300. We will add in the \$300 for the flags. Robert Moulton said the Veteran's are what it is all
25 about, my father is a veteran, I did not have to fight, these people fought, ISIS is real, they are not playing games, so
26 people willing to serve and put their lives on the line for use should be thanked. We should honor them with what-
27 ever it takes.

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29 Seeing no further questions, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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31 **WARRANT ARTICLE 22 JONES ROAD OPENING – \$0**

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33 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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35 Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and DOT (Department of Transportation) to nego-
36 tiate the re-opening of the intersection of Jones Road at Elm Street, to accommodate eastbound traffic
37 only, no left turn from Jones Road on to Elm Street? In 1995, the Town of Milford received a request from
38 the Boston & Main Corp. of support for the closing of Jones Road at its westerly intersection with Elm
39 Street at which point the roadway crossed the railroad, a crossing that had developed into a dangerous
40 intersection. As a result of this petition from Boston & Maine Corp. to the State of New Hampshire, the
41 Town of Milford received an Order from the Department of Transportation to close this intersection. This
42 was approved at the March 1996 Town Meeting and the roadway was subsequently closed. It's westerly
43 end forms a curve with Savage Road at this Point. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article 50-0).
44 The Budget Advisory Committee support/does not support this Article (0-0). **This Article has no tax im-**
45 **impact.**

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47 Chairman Daniels indicated this intersection was closed by a vote in 1995, so to re-open it requires a vote by the
48 people, we might alleviate some traffic at the Route 101/101A intersection by doing this; we are trying to time it so
49 that it could be done at the same time that the State widens 101 from the green bridge down to the Irving station.

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51 Seeing no questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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54 **WARRANT ARTICLE 23 SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF RESOURCES BROX Property-**
55 **\$0**

56 Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

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2 In order to raise revenue, shall the Town vote pursuant to the authority of RSA 41:14-c & RSA 41:14-a, to
3 authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of any existing mineral interests, earth ma-
4 terials or other natural resources located on that portion of the Town owned property that is commonly
5 known as the BROX property, that is currently zoned Residential "R", (said property currently zoned as
6 Residential "R" being known as Tax Map 38, Lot 58 and Tax Map 38, Lot 17), on such terms and condi-
7 tions, as the Selectmen deem appropriate for such sale or other disposition and generally consistent with
8 the Brox Community Lands Mining Feasibility Study produced by Fieldstone Land Consultants? All reve-
9 nue received from the sale of such materials shall be deposited in the General Fund. Any agreement en-
10 tered into by the Selectmen relative to the sale or other disposition of said materials shall contain language
11 which shall require the compliance with any statute, land use codes or their regulations which govern such
12 activity. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee sup-
13 port/does not support this Article (0-0).

14 Bob Courage asked if the test pits were dug to determine the amounts of gravel? Vice Chairman Fougere said yes,
15 40 test pits were dug for that reason, it is broken into three phases. One phase is near the pond but it was decided to
16 leave that alone. We believe the selling price is \$1.25 per cubic yard; if voters agree with us this year, we would
17 obtain a site specific permit from the State and then go out to bid. Access would be by Perry Road. Bob Courage
18 said the town bought this property in 2001 and we said there was about \$1 million yards of material there. This has
19 to be put out to bid, but is there a way of keeping track of what is being taken? Vice Chairman Fougere said that is
20 important to track, the whole property has been surfaced and we will have to verify every six months to regrade.
21 Bob Courage said there was also a Master Plan done for residential/Rural to be used for future town facilities. We
22 would be using some materials for that. The industrial portion of the land was to be marketed. Mr. Courage thinks
23 some of this material would be used for the site work for roads and building sites. Mr. Courage does not think we
24 should sell all of these materials, we should keep it for future use; DPW, town facilities, and the wildlife habitats out
25 there. We should not just be taking all of the material at this point in time. This land should serve the town for many
26 years to come and the gravel and material is going to be harder to get in the future, so Mr. Courage hopes the voters
27 carefully consider this. He does not think it is a good deal for the town.
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29 Vice Chairman Fougere noted this has three phases and the Board decided to not go into Phase II so that it can be
30 protected. It is a valuable commodity that can help with the taxes. This is to help offset our taxes. Robert Moulton
31 said he can give the town \$8 million and then no Milford land will be taken; no land leaves Milford for no money.
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33 Bert Becker indicated some of the property is zoned residential, will it still be when this material is taken out? Vice
34 Chairman Fougere said yes, the zoning is not changing. Mr. Becker said the zoning may not change but a lot of trees
35 will come down. Vice Chairman Fougere said if a school or cemetery is built, that will disturb the environment as
36 well. This land will not stay untouched. The zoning will not change. But the condition of the land will change, said
37 Mr. Becker. Vice Chairman Fougere responded that is true, but with any development the land will change.
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39 Audrey Fraizer, Conservation Commission, asked why this is a \$0 warrant article, asking if there is a need for infra-
40 structure? Vice Chairman Fougere said there is an existing access road to Perry Road now. Ms. Fraizer asked if that
41 access road will support those large trucks? Vice Chairman Fougere said it will. Ms. Fraizer commented that the
42 Board has voted to not pursue the Phase II portion of the excavation, could the warrant article be modified to ex-
43 clude that? Ms. Fraizer also asked where the funds would go in comparison to just going into the General Fund?
44 Selectman Putnam believes the money can only go into the General Fund. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, added that
45 the town cannot designate that money to go anywhere specific, it has to be a certain amount and there needs to be a
46 town vote to do that with the specific amount. Peg Seward, BAC, indicated in the draft warrant article, there were a
47 lot more words with the expiration, etc. but the warrant article now does not have any of that, why was it taken out?
48 Vice Chairman Fougere said the statute was not necessary to be in the warrant article, we could put it back in, but
49 having the time limits might make it less marketable to a private business.
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51 Jim Roccio, Stonewall Drive, read the previous draft and is concerned with the timeframes being taken out; he does
52 not think that timeframe is a long time to tie up any contractor. It might be in a period of a bad economy, but busi-
53 ness is now picking up, so people will want to buy this type of material. Mr. Roccio thinks there should be a time
54 period in the warrant article.
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56 Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

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WARRANT ARTICLE 24 RESCINDING SOLAR EXEMPTION – \$0

Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

Shall the town vote to discontinue current exemptions per the provisions of RSA 72:62 for property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to the cost of the solar energy heating or cooling system? RSA 72:61 Definition of Solar Energy System means a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building and which includes one or more collectors and a storage container. "Solar Energy System" also means a system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee support/does not support this Article (0-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

Chairman Daniels explained back in 1975 the town adopted an exemption for a solar energy system; back then the wording was different, we currently have two families in town with these systems and they currently have an annual exemption off their assessment equal to the cost of the solar equipment when originally purchased. This warrant article is to discontinue that exemption. The Board did not feel it appropriate that someone that installed the system would get an exemption for that cost, and that everyone else must pick up those taxes.

Rob Moulton does not know how long in the future it will be, but said that everything will be powered by the sun. Anybody that wants to power their home by solar, should be given the money to do it, it is the only thing we can depend on. We need renewable energy, and Mr. Moulton has a problem with taking this away. Take away all of the parades and fireworks to give the money to this.

Bert Becker, BAC, suggested instead of changing this, can we just limit the amount of the deductible until the amount of the investment has been deducted? That would encourage people to use solar energy. Chairman Daniels believes that the IRS offers a deduction through their Federal taxes.

Peg Seward asked if the BAC could get an idea of how much we are talking about? For deliberative session could we get that figure? Chairman Daniels indicated there are only two families that get this exemption, it is more the way it is set up and that they get it every year. Once this is off the books, we can revisit it to get a new one written and back on the books.

Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Daniels moved to the next article

WARRANT ARTICLE 25 BUDGET COMMITTEE CHARGE – \$0

Chairman Daniels read the warrant article as follows:

Shall the Town vote to update the charge of the Town Budget Committee from its charge voted by the town on March 5, 1974 so that the Town Budget Committee shall henceforth be known as the Town Budget Advisory Committee, which shall be a committee of nine, appointed annually by the moderator prior to October 1, whose duty it shall be to make recommendations during the Annual Meeting process on all items on the warrant that produce a tax impact, and to present their findings and recommendations in a printed report, which shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen in compliance with the statutory timeline established for towns that have adopted Official Ballot Voting under the provisions of RSA 40:13, and further that said Committee shall be available throughout the year for consultation and advice, shall serve without compensation, and shall meet jointly with the School Budget Committee at least once prior to submitting its report to discuss items of mutual interest? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support/does not support this Article (0-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

Chairman Daniels explained that the Board of Selectmen voted on this tonight; we are trying to acknowledge that the charge exists as it was set in 1974 but since then we have changed to official ballot voting. This warrant article is an attempt to update the charge to reflect what the BAC does today. Peter Basiliere, Moderator, asked if Special Meetings should be noted in the warrant article as well? Chairman Daniels took that under consideration.

APPROVED MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING - 01/12/15

1 Chairman Daniels indicated the public hearing for the 2015 Bond & Budget is now complete. Selectman Federico
2 moved to adjourn this Budget & Bond Hearing at 7:55 p.m. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor.
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7 Chairman, Gary L. Daniels

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12 Vice Chairman, Mark Fougere

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17 Kevin Federico, Member

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