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**MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION**

January 4, 2010

**PRESENT:** Tim Finan, Chairman  
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman  
Katherine Bauer, Member  
Mike Putnam, Member  
Nate Carmen, Member (arrived 5:25)  
Guy Scaife, Town Administrator  
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Finan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance to the Board of Selectman meeting.

**2. WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSIONS.** The Board called this special work session to discuss Warrant Articles that involve money and see if the Board supports them in theory. Chairman Finan suggested going over the budget first to see where it stands.

**Budget**

Town Administrator Guy Scaife indicated that Finance Director Jack Sheehy is in attendance to address any financial questions. Currently the Finance Department is closing out 2009. Hard decisions had to be made in November to get the tax rate set. There were several abatements to be finalized before the end of 2009. The town was looking at an under run in expenses and in revenues driven by the under run. The last projection was for a \$156,000 shortfall for the year. That was set in the tax rate. The town has done better on expenses and has sold a piece of property that brought up the revenues. The town has been able to bring in the under run in abatements which is intentional. That will be pulled into 2009. The advantage is that the projected overlay for 2010 will be decreased. The overlay came down to \$125,000 for 2010. The town went into 2009 with the overlay at \$200,000. With the actions taken last week, we will be able to reduce it down to \$125,000 which helps keep the tax rate down. It was a good year, there were some storm activities, fire volume was down, and it was closed out without large unanticipated expenses. We do not have the final numbers yet but can project those outstanding numbers. The year is closing a little better than what was projected in October.

Guy Scaife passed out a document with tax rate figures approved by the DRA in late October to set the tax rate. The Warrant Articles from last year are included. Adjustments were done and budget numbers are included. The tax rate was set on the municipal side at 3.5% including all the Warrant Articles from last year. Guy Scaife passed out a spreadsheet completed today by Jack Sheehy for the 2010 proposed budget. This will be the fourth year of the Federal grant for the South Street project. Social Services is flat and the same as last year. DO-IT is on a Warrant and the Fireworks is still outstanding and may come in. The transportation bus service budget is requested at \$37,137. The Recreation Commission has requested \$25,000 for Kaley Park on a Warrant Article, but Guy Scaife feels that could get a 1-1 match to finish the park through fundraising. There are two large outstanding grants for the improvement of the Rail Trail and the Osgood Road sidewalk effort which requires a 20% match. There are only 3 items outstanding: Fireworks and two labor contracts. There are still 4 or 5 BTLA cases for 2010. There is an allowance built in for abatements that will come forward to this Board. Veteran's Credits and County tax is based on past history. There is \$75,000 included in the budget for GIS; the 2010 budget is under what the 2009 budget was. Revenues are showing some increases. Seeing improvements in some areas and anticipated some revenues for the other parcel that the town will be selling in January. With all the Warrant Articles, it is a modest increase. It is missing the union contracts and it is unlikely that Milford will receive grants for both the Rail Trail and Osgood Sidewalks. Chairman Finan asked if there is an estimate on the union contracts. Guy Scaife said he must look into that.

Selectman Putnam asked about any debt paid off in 2009. Guy Scaife indicated there was a \$300,000 reduction in debt in 2009. The next large ticket item is for land acquisition, which would be split over many years and will not be a huge hit in one year. Jack Sheehy said that will be a bond and would not show up on this budget, but will show up in 2011. Vice Chairman Daniels asked if Single Stream is included in this budget. Guy Scaife said it is not, the thought is that the town will look at tying additional costs in with savings. The DPW budget is large, in years where

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1 there is not a lot of bad weather, there are opportunities to do things like that. Chairman Finan indicated tonight the  
2 Board is looking to see which of the Warrant Articles the Board supports, but this will not be the final vote.

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4 **Kaley Park (and PEG Access Discussion)**

5 The Recreation Commission would like to have a Warrant Article for \$25,000 to complete Kaley Park with the idea  
6 that an additional \$25,000 can be raised through fundraising. Guy Scaife recommends this be put in the budget  
7 since he feels it is an operational item. Any time it is a Warrant Article, it is a challenge to explain the justification  
8 so that people understand there are matching funds. To risk not being able to have that funding, there is a chance it  
9 might not pass; this land was purchased by the Town for that park, it is operational in nature and Guy Scaife be-  
10 lieves they will get the other \$25,000 in matching fundraising and he does not want to miss the opportunity if people  
11 do not understand the match. Chairman Finan said if it is a Warrant Article and the Recreation Commission does  
12 not spend the entire \$25,000 in 2010, the Board has the option to encumber it for another year but the purpose would  
13 not change. If it is in the budget and is not spent, it would offset taxes. Vice Chairman Daniels has an issue with it  
14 being in the budget since it is a one-time item, not ongoing. He thinks it should be separate but understand it is dif-  
15 ficult to make people understand the matching fundraising. If it is in the budget it looks like the Board is trying to  
16 hide it. Chairman Finan agrees with Vice Chairman Daniels about having it in a Warrant Article, it is a one time  
17 expense. Selectman Bauer asked if this is to finish Kaley Park. Bill Parker, Planning Director, indicated that  
18 \$50,000 would complete the rest of the one recreational field and additional parking. That gets the field fully opera-  
19 tional and ready to go. There are other improvements that the Recreation Commission is looking at. There will al-  
20 ways be more to do, but this will get the park operational.

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22 Selectman Bauer is leaning toward putting the \$25,000 in the budget. She likes the idea that if it is not spent it can  
23 offset taxes. Chairman Finan said this is just for Capital Improvements of the park. DPW maintains the fields, not  
24 the Recreation Department. Selectman Putnam does not think any money should be spent. How critical is the  
25 \$25,000 – can the matching funds be appropriated in 2011? Guy Scaife said this is not a grant (matching funds); it  
26 is local businesses that will match the town’s commitment of \$25,000. Vice Chairman Daniels asked if the town  
27 actually has a commitment from businesses. Guy Scaife believes there are firm commitments on that funding. Bill  
28 Parker added that the Kaley Foundation is committed to assisting this effort; Recreation Director Nicole Banks has  
29 the sense that the Kaley Foundation is willing to continue supporting the park as long as the town continues to sup-  
30 port it.

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32 Selectman Carmen arrived at 5:25 p.m. and was under the impression that the Recreation Commission did not think  
33 it would need \$50,000. Chairman Finan said the Recreation Commission is willing to commit to raising most of this  
34 on their own but wanted to have 50% in case they are not able to do that. Vice Chairman Daniels asked what the  
35 argument for doing it this year is. Guy Scaife said it is the potential of losing other fields and it takes about two  
36 years to get fields established. There is already a shortage of fields in town and this is a great piece of land that the  
37 town bought many year ago that has not been developed. Chairman Finan supports this but is not sure if it should be  
38 in the budget or a Warrant Article. It could be identified that there are strings attached if it is in the budget to have  
39 funds spent at certain times.

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41 Selectman Bauer asked how much is the total for all of the Warrant Articles on the tax rate; she came up with \$.20  
42 per thousand for all of them. Guy Scaife came up with \$.26 for just the Warrant Articles which included the South  
43 Street project (which is the largest portion of that increase); if that is taken out, it is \$.16 per thousand. Selectman  
44 Bauer supports the Kaley Park request because the town is already in a crunch with fields and she would lean with  
45 putting it in the budget. Vice Chairman Daniels asked about the PEG Access request. Chairman Finan believes if  
46 they have a Warrant Article, it is to have the Franchise Fees go into the Revolving Fund, not about raising the fees.  
47 Jack Sheehy said the PEG Revolving Fund has not defined how the money is raised, that must be done before any  
48 money can be raised. Chairman Finan said that was discussed with Attorney Drescher and he said we could. Guy  
49 Scaife asked if a decision was made on 3% versus 5% Franchise Fees. Vice Chairman Daniels said if the town  
50 wants to take 1% of the 3% fee and get it dedicated to PEG Access, would the addition of a line item in the budget  
51 ensure that the funds will go in that account? Guy Scaife said it would need to be moved to the PEG Revolving  
52 Fund. If revenue is not increased, then it will affect the budget. Jack Sheehy said \$120,000 was budgeted for Fran-  
53 chise Fees in 2009. Vice Chairman Daniels would like to see the whole PEG issue resolved. He would like to see  
54 1% of the fees go into the PEG Revolving Fund on a Warrant Article for \$40,000. This will not be the final vote  
55 from the Board on these issues. Chairman Finan indicated he is looking to determine that it is something to put on  
56 the Warrant so that if the Board does not support it, it can be put on as a Petition Warrant.

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1 Vice Chairman Daniels moved that if the article goes on for Kaley that it be done by Petition. Selectman Putnam  
2 seconded. Vice Chairman Daniels and Selectman Putnam were in favor, with Selectman Bauer, Selectman Carmen  
3 and Chairman Finan opposed. Motion failed 2/3.  
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5 Selectman Bauer moved to support the \$25,000 Kaley Park request. Chairman Finan seconded for discussion. Se-  
6 lectman Carmen would support this with the contingency that the money is restricted as far as how the money is  
7 used and when. Bill Parker indicated if the town provides \$25,000, the Kaley Foundation will also provide \$25,000  
8 and the work can commence. Vice Chairman Daniels noted that if there is not faith in the people that will be con-  
9 trolling the money, then the money should not be appropriated at all. Chairman Finan and Selectman Bauer were in  
10 favor, with Selectman Putnam, Vice Chairman Daniels and Selectman Carmen opposed. Motion failed 2/3.  
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12 Selectman Carmen moved to support the \$25,000 Warrant Article that has a contingency for the Recreation commis-  
13 sion to get approval from the Board of Selectmen before the funds are disbursed. Selectman Bauer suggested if the  
14 town appropriates under a Warrant Article and then the Board decides to control the money versus what the Warrant  
15 Article said, it does not make sense. Selectman Carmen is concerned that they will try to come up with the money  
16 but if they cannot, then they will use this funding. Selectman Carmen withdrew the motion.  
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18 Guy Scaife recommended going with the support of a Warrant Article up to \$25,000 contingent upon an equal  
19 matching amount. If they can only raise \$20,000, there will only be an appropriation of \$20,000. The town has a  
20 responsible Recreation Commission; they have a good plan, but to lean on generous donors, we need to make a con-  
21 tribution from the town.  
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23 Selectman Carmen moved to support a Warrant Article of up to \$25,000 contingent upon an equal matching amount.  
24 Vice Chairman Daniels, Selectman Bauer, Selectman Carmen and Chairman Finan were in favor, with Selectman  
25 Putnam opposed. Motion passed 4/1.  
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**South Street Improvements**

27 Selectman Putnam moved to support the a \$155,000 Warrant Article for the continuation of the South Street im-  
28 provements. Vice Chairman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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**Social Services**

31 Selectman Putnam moved to support a \$35,000 Warrant Article for Social Services. Selectman Carmen seconded.  
32 Selectman Carmen indicated it is a tough year. Vice Chairman Daniels would support \$30,000, noting it is a tough  
33 year for those supporting the funds as well. Selectman Bauer noted that it is tough for those supporting it, but  
34 tougher for the people who are looking for the funds. They are in really bad shape. Selectman Bauer thinks \$35,000  
35 is very modest. Vice Chairman Daniels said there are people who are out of work and still have to pay the bill. Se-  
36 lectman Carmen noted if people are out of work and need the support of these services, he wants it to be available.  
37 Selectman Putnam, Selectman Bauer, Selectman Carmen and Chairman Finan were in favor, with Vice Chairman  
38 Daniels opposed. Motion passed 4/1.  
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**Pumpkin Festival, Oval Decorations and Plants**

41 Selectman Putnam moved to support a \$15,000 Warrant Article for the Pumpkin Festival, Oval Decorations and  
42 Plants. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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**DO-IT Operating Budget**

45 Selectman Putnam moved to support a \$15,000 Warrant Article for the DO-IT Operating Budget. Selectman Bauer  
46 seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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**Band Concerts**

49 Selectman Putnam moved to support a \$9,000 Warrant Article for the Band Concerts. Selectman Bauer seconded.  
50 All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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**Parades**

53 Selectman Putnam moved to support a \$6,000 Warrant Article for Parades. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in  
54 favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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**Bus Transportation**

Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) has requested \$37,137 for the bus service. Selectman Putnam does not feel this is the year to spend money to support this Warrant Article. He would rather see a Petition Warrant Article and let the voters decide. Vice Chairman Daniels did not see anything in the SVTC newsletter about what is being brought in for fees from the riders. Janet Langdell, SVTC, indicated in 2009 they brought in about \$2,000 which goes toward Nashua Transit System (NTS) administrative costs. It costs \$2 per rider, each way. A round trip costs \$4. If the fare is increased, Vice Chairman Daniels asked if NTS would keep the entire fare. Ms. Langell is unsure and is bringing that up at the next meeting with NTS. About four months ago, they said if fares were to support Milford, then the fares may need to go up. Ms. Langell does not want to raise the rate if it goes into the pocket of NTS unless Milford benefits from that increase. Vice Chairman Daniels does not know if he can support the \$37,137 but if more was paid by the riders, it should partly support Milford riders, it shouldn't all go to NTS for administrative costs. Ms. Langell will get back to Vice Chairman Daniels on that.

Selectman Bauer read the e-mails about adding a fee on the MV registrations to support these services. Ms. Langell said when this first came to the Board, there were three options: support it in the budget, a Warrant Article for a set amount to support this service and adding on a motor vehicle fee on a Warrant Article to support this service. She explained they are here tonight to see what course of action the Board wishes to take and are prepared to go with a Petition Warrant Article for the motor vehicle fee since that would be a source of revenue for this effort, but there may be disagreement. A Petition Warrant Article would be for a motor vehicle fee. Selectman Bauer said \$37,137 is a large amount; but the impact on the tax rate would only be \$.02 per thousand versus \$3 per motor vehicle. Selectman Bauer supports the service and noted this group has done a fantastic job. Milford uses 65% of the service ridership. Selectman Bauer will support a Warrant Article for \$37,137 to support this service. Selectman Carmen feels that \$3 per motor vehicle is difficult with the registration fees having just increased for the State portion. It is nice that the people who can afford to register their cars will help other people who do not drive, but \$3 gets put only on people who register cars. The bus service seems to be taking off; there is a lot that can be done and the service is great but he would rather see it being paid for by everyone. It is a small fee on motor vehicle registration or it would only be a small portion of the budget. Maybe a \$1 fee on motor vehicles plus some money set aside in the budget to make up the difference. Selectman Carmen would rather see it across the motor vehicles and also across all the taxpayers. It is a big amount to put out there. It might be too much on a Petition Warrant.

Ms. Langell said it is the intent that the money raised will be used for leverage for Federal funding. SVTC is trying to take some of the programs and get some Federal funding. Selectman Carmen is trying to make it more palatable. Selectman Carmen indicated he would prefer if there was a way to break it up, it just seems like \$3 per vehicle is big right now. Selectman Bauer agrees with that, since registration costs have gone up and adding another \$3 per vehicle seems like people might turn it down. Vice Chairman Daniels noted registration costs have doubled. If the consensus of the Board does not support this, would that have any bearing on the petition put in? Janet Langdell said it may; the SVTC has not put forward the petition article so there is still time to change and go a different route. If the SVTC cannot get the funds in Milford, this service will not exist after April 1. That is the reality. Chairman Finan supports this but is uncomfortable with the fees. People have been fee'd to death this year. He would prefer to use the revenues from selling town owned property. Chairman Finan would prefer a Warrant Article for the entire amount; it is still a pilot program and is growing. Once a motor vehicle fee is introduced, it will end up staying. Chairman Finan would like to see it as a Warrant Article for another year. Selectman Bauer agrees and thinks the Board should see if it continues to grow.

Rodny Richey stated this is an excellent service; it is a social service that helps few. He would not support putting it on the motor vehicle registrations like Hollis did. Milford has a different demographic than Hollis; \$3 per vehicle is a lot higher percentage per payee than if it is in the budget. If people live in Milford, they will pay for this service either through property taxes or rent; consider looking at this as a social service that we will support. Mr. Richey cannot believe the town can't find \$.02 on the tax rate to support this in the community. It could be put in the motor vehicle fees, but it would only be put on the people with motor vehicles. The town has brought people along by saving a little along the way but is it time to make it happen at no cost to the town? He thinks it should be in the budget; he thinks Milford can afford it.

Guy Scaife supports the service, and is not in support of a motor vehicle fee on registrations; there are businesses in town that have fleets of motor vehicles and sometimes those owners live out of town. The standard tax rate would be the way to go; it is whether it goes in the budget or if it should be a Warrant Article. If it gets into the budget, it can be raised or lowered; but if the fee is added to the motor vehicle registrations, it will already be appropriating more than the program needs. If it is in the budget it can be adjusted according to cost. Janet Langdell does not

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1 want to get away from what Mr. Richey and Guy Scaife said, this is the start of a strong effort to get transportation  
2 in this area. The RSAs say that the language can be more open to allow the money to support transportation im-  
3 provement projects, for example excessive funding collected could support the sidewalk effort down Osgood Road  
4 because the RSA allows that. Vice Chairman Daniels asked if the \$37,137 considers grants. Ms. Langdell said that  
5 is the direct operating cost. Grant monies would be pursued are to offset fiscal costs or other operating costs and  
6 there is a question of whether or not to pursue a 501c(3) status which could cost about \$3,000.  
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8 Selectman Carmen asked where this service might be in five years. Ms. Langdell said she sees it going to a fixed  
9 point service and a fixed route service that will be better than the last bus service. In five years, the Brox property  
10 might be developed and people will work there so people could take the bus to work. Selectman Carmen  
11 commented that this is a social service; that makes a difference for this Board in supporting putting \$37,137 in the budg-  
12 et or on a Warrant Article to roll into the budget in the future depending on grant funding. Perhaps going to a fee on  
13 motor vehicles could be done in the future; he is hoping there is Federal funding in the future. Chairman Finan  
14 would prefer a Warrant Article and that it not automatically roll into the budget.  
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16 Chairman Finan moved to support a Warrant Article for \$37,137 to support the bus program. Selectman Bauer  
17 seconded for discussion. *Discussion:* Vice Chairman Daniels asked if this Board sees Kaley Park as more impor-  
18 tant than bus transportation. Selectman Putnam, Chairman Finan and Selectman Bauer do. Vice Chairman Daniels  
19 said as far as prioritizing, he would prefer that the \$25,000 be taken from Kaley, \$5,000 from DO-IT and \$5,000  
20 from Social Services to make up this funding. Selectman Bauer disagreed. Selectman Carmen said it is a tough  
21 year; he would go with what Rodney Richey advised; the total of all those items is less than \$100,000. Selectman  
22 Bauer does not want to start juggling around funding and she does not support putting this in the operating budget  
23 this year. When Vice Chairman Daniels originally supported the bus service, the money was taken from the Social  
24 Services budget to start out. Guy Scaife said there were under runs in Welfare that year so funds were moved to  
25 support the bus service at that time. Vice Chairman Daniels noted he thinks there are duplications of services in the  
26 Social Service budget; the town has to look at the list of different organization that we are giving money to. Select-  
27 man Bauer said that is a separate issue that should have been discussed at budget discussions. We received a break-  
28 down from Human Resources for the Social Services budget, and the data indicated there was not duplication of  
29 effort. Maybe it should be looked at again, but not tonight. Selectman Putnam suggested that Social Services was  
30 cut last year but it was put back in at Deliberative Session. If it is just Social Services, the bus would come under  
31 that and that budget could go up to incorporate that service. Selectman Putnam is struggling as much as everyone  
32 else, he does not want to increase taxes. Selectman Putnam would rather see the bus service on a Petition Warrant;  
33 he cannot support it.  
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35 Janet Langdell considers this a part of the community infrastructure for transportation, not Social Services. The  
36 clients that primarily use it right now are 2/3 seniors and 1/3 non-seniors and cannot drive. It is more of a communi-  
37 ty infrastructure investment, whether it is a Warrant Article, in the budget or a Petition Warrant Article, the SVTC  
38 will sell it and get support in order to get the vote to pass. Vice Chairman Daniels asked Guy Scaife if the sale of  
39 the two properties are reflected in the forecast. Guy Scaife said one is reflected in 2009 and one will be in 2010.  
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41 Selectman Bauer, Chairman Finan and Selectman Carmen were in favor of the motion to support a Warrant Article  
42 for \$37,137 for the Bus Transportation, with Selectman Putnam and Vice Chairman Daniels opposed. Motion  
43 passed 3/2.  
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45 **Osgood Pond Sidewalk (matching grant)**

46 Selectman Bauer indicated if this Board does not support this, does the grant go away? Guy Scaife responded that  
47 the money will be gone after this year. Bill Parker added that the Osgood Pond Sidewalk and Rail Trail were pre-  
48 sented to this Board and received support; a grant application was then submitted and 6-7 projects are in contention  
49 for the grant funding. The Osgood Pond Sidewalk and Rail Trail are in the top 2 or 3; it is now in the State's hands,  
50 but Milford has the chance to get both, which are 80/20 matches. Chairman Finan supports both of these. Vice  
51 Chairman Daniels stated between these two projects, both financial matches would more than support the bus ser-  
52 vice.  
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54 Chairman Finan moved to support a Warrant Article for \$73,500 (matching portion) for the Osgood Road Sidewalk.  
55 Selectman Carmen seconded. Bill Parker noted that this sidewalk would extend the existing sidewalk from the  
56 Middle and High Schools to take it down to Osgood Pond with curbing and a bike lane. It is part of the transporta-  
57 tion chapter of the Master Plan. Janet Langdell again noted that these sidewalks fit into the multi-modale portion of  
58 the transportation RSA. Selectman Bauer will support the sidewalk extension Warrant Article. Selectman Carmen

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1 indicated the Board supported this months ago, why would we not support it now? Chairman Finan responded be-  
2 cause all the numbers are up against each other to prioritize. Selectman Bauer, Selectman Carmen and Chairman  
3 Finan were in favor with Selectman Putnam and Vice Chairman Daniels opposed. Motion passed 3/2.  
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5 **Granite Town Rail Trail**

6 Chairman Finan moved to support a Warrant Article for \$53,209 (matching portion) for the Granite Town Rail Trail.  
7 Selectman Carmen seconded. Selectman Bauer, Chairman Finan and Selectman Carmen were in favor with Select-  
8 man Putnam and Vice Chairman Daniels opposed. Motion passed 3/2.  
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10 Bill Parker explained this is to extend the trail system and tie it into Nashua trails and the oval. Vice Chairman Da-  
11 niels stated it does not tie into the oval currently; it is not passable. Chairman Finan stated this is supported by DO-  
12 IT since it is an economic issue for the oval.  
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14 **Water Utilities**

15 Walter Murray, Water Commissioner, indicated a few months ago it was requested that a Special Meeting be held.  
16 The State has decided to move forward on a facility and he is currently waiting for a bid to come in. This is for a  
17 \$1.2 million bond, of which the town will be reimbursed by the State for \$600,000 to build the facility. The State's  
18 interest in having this project done is that there is a need for a receiving station in this area. It will help the town  
19 with additional septage which would be monitored and stop some of the chemical problems in the area. Wilton is  
20 coming to the meeting Tuesday night as they are a 10-11% holder in the plan. This is good because Milford could  
21 accept septage from Amherst and Mont Vernon which would provide revenue and save those towns from sending it  
22 out of state. The anticipated additional septage revenue would offset the cost. A Special Meeting is no longer  
23 needed; it can be done at a regular town meeting. This is a 50/50 matching grant, the amount would be bonded and  
24 the town will be reimbursed for half of it. Guy Scaife stated this is a bond through Water Utilities. Walter Murray  
25 said that is correct but it is up to the Board of Selectman whether or not to put it on the warrant. Jack Sheehy added  
26 that the payment of the bond would be out of the rate payers, not the tax rate. Walter Murray stated that it is a for-  
27 mality that the Water Commissioners must come to the Board of Selectman.  
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29 Vice Chairman Daniels moved to put \$1.2 million on a Warrant Article for a Receiver Station with a 50/50 match  
30 (use language of the Warrant Article here). Selectman Carmen seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.  
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32 Rodney Richey indicated this will be a cost to the rate payers but people who are not rate payers get to decide on a  
33 rate increase. Selectman Putnam suggested all residents pay through the septage company through rent or septage  
34 bills. Mr. Richey responded that there will also be more traffic from other communities coming through town, that  
35 is a cost to the roads, services, and if a truck rolls over, it is hazardous waste. Mr. Richey asked the Board to please  
36 note this is revenue that gets used for those services, it is not without cost. There will be more cost. Walter Murray  
37 responded that the trucks already come through Milford to get to the other communities. Milford is a hub; Route 13  
38 and 101A have trucks just passing through the town now. Mr. Richey said there will be some impact and that needs  
39 to be kept in mind.  
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41 **3. OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

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43 **Boynton Hill Road Issue Discussion**

44 Guy Scaife explained this is a section of road that is not accepted by the town, it is less than 1000', it has the base  
45 coat of pavement and there is a turn round. This discussion is to set up a process for emergency plowing in the  
46 event that the developer's contractor will not plow. The developer will be billed from the Town for the plowing.  
47 The costs to the town are minimal; there have been some financial difficulties with the developer. This decision  
48 does not mean the town will plow all winter; it is just in the event there is a problem during a snow storm to provide  
49 plowing to give emergency vehicles access to the road.  
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51 Selectman Putnam moved to approve as presented. Chairman Finan seconded for discussion. Selectman Bauer  
52 asked how many residents are on the road. Bill Parker answered there are currently two homes. Chairman Finan  
53 said that the road is on track to be approved and will come to this Board to be accepted eventually. Any costs will  
54 be billed to the developer. Selectman Carmen asked why the owners wouldn't be billed. Selectman Bauer said they  
55 are already paying property taxes. Selectman Carmen understands they bought the homes with the understanding  
56 that the developer was to plow. Selectman Bauer said the town may never see any money anyway. Guy Scaife in-  
57 dicated this will probably not come up. The developer has plowed so far, we are just looking to keep the road clear  
58 for emergency vehicles; we do not need to complicate this for such a miniscule amount of money. Vice Chairman

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1 Daniels asked if the owners were told about the roads not being maintained until the roads are accepted. Guy Scaife  
2 answered this is an exception to the rule, yes; they were told the roads would not be maintained until they are ac-  
3 cepted. Selectman Bauer indicated this is just a backup plan. This is a contingency if the developer is unable to  
4 have the road plowed, said Guy Scaife. If this is approved, Vice Chairman Daniels asked what the rule is going  
5 forward. This is not the first time this has come up. Developments have come in stating their roads were not main-  
6 tained when they knew that when buying the house. Guy Scaife does not know what will go forward. Bill Parker  
7 said there is no written agreement, it is an understanding; within the last two years there is a new requirement when  
8 a new road is put in, a sign is erected that states the road is not maintained by the town. Vice Chairman Daniels said  
9 homeowners will still come back to complain; what can we provide to them? Bill Parker responded it is the devel-  
10 oper’s responsibility; this is just for emergency situations. Selectman Putnam stated the town is giving the bond  
11 money back too quickly. Bill Parker indicated the bond money is not for road maintenance. Selectman Bauer sug-  
12 gested this situation is just for emergency situations so that vehicles can get up the road in an emergency. Vice  
13 Chairman Daniels responded that the residents are being relieved of all responsibilities.

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15 Selectman Bauer stated the residents believed the developer would maintain the road. Vice Chairman Daniels asked  
16 why the town is held responsible when the road is not accepted, why is the town liable? Selectman Putnam said we  
17 have given them building permits. Chairman Finan indicated this discussion will be brought up again. Guy Scaife  
18 stated there is the potential for liability but it is a matter of dealing with an unfortunate situation. It is unfortunate  
19 that this is a mega problem, these people are paying property taxes and expect emergency services, but there is po-  
20 tential that they will not get plow service, but these houses are above average prices. Many communities accept the  
21 roads once the base coat is done and there is a good turn around; we are limiting the emergency vehicles. Selectman  
22 Carmen said it is a small issue; the bigger issue is that there are emergency services the town provides to home own-  
23 ers on private roads, but they do not get road services. Selectman Carmen’s concern is are we at a point where this  
24 happens more often? Are we setting a precedent? There is the liability issue, but when people buy houses they  
25 should be signing something that states they understand their responsibilities.

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27 Selectman Bauer, Selectman Putnam, Vice Chairman Daniels and Chairman Finan were in favor with Selectman  
28 Carmen opposed. Motion passed 4/1.

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30 **Crosswalk in front of Diner Discussion**

31 The ongoing issue of moving the crosswalk in front of the Red Arrow was brought up again at the last Board meet-  
32 ing. People gravitate to the old crosswalk. Selectman Putnam said the latest plan is to leave the existing crosswalk,  
33 eliminate one parking space and move the other space back 15 feet from the crosswalk. A compromise for losing  
34 that one space might be to use the “loading” space at the island across the street for parking one car. Selectman Put-  
35 nam spoke with the owner of the Red Arrow who was pleased with this compromise. Vice Chairman Daniels asked  
36 if there is room by Karen’s Kollektibles for a parallel space. Selectman Putnam does not think it is big enough; this  
37 solution would eliminate the choke point. Bill Ruoff and Bill Parker were with Selectman Putnam in looking at this  
38 solution and agree it will work.

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40 Selectman Putnam moved to go forward with this plan. Selectman Bauer supports leaving the crosswalk and move  
41 one space back fifteen feet and to use the loading space for parking one car if that is acceptable to all. Chairman  
42 Finan said if Planning and DPW do not have a problem, he doesn’t either. Selectman Bauer does not feel it has been  
43 presented well enough; and would like to know the history of that loading space. Selectman Carmen seconded for  
44 discussion. Selectman Carmen would like to see two spaces in that area but he will take one. Loading zones are  
45 everywhere according to Chief Douglas. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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48 **3. ADJOURNMENT:**

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50 There being no further business to come before this Meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.  
51 Vice Chairman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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56 Tim Finan, Chairman

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56 Gary L. Daniels, Vice Chairman

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