

2019

226th Meeting of the
Town of Milford, New Hampshire
Deliberative Session Minutes
Saturday, February 2, 2019

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Joan Marie Dargie
Town Clerk

Elective Session – March 12th 2019

Total Registered Voters – 11,586
Number of Voters at Deliberative Session - 121

Town Moderator Pete Basiliere welcomes everyone to the 2019 Deliberative Session and invites everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance. Please remain standing while Fire Department chaplain Gary Williams presents the invocation.

This is a two-step process today's deliberative session is step one, and then voting on March 12th from 6am to 8pm is step two. The election will be held at the Middle School on Osgood Rd.

If you have not already done so, please go to the back of the room to check in. The voters who are watching on Granite Town media, please visit the town's website where the information on the warrant articles is located.

We are showing in the back of the room today the new electronic poll books, there is a handout in the back describing the electronic voting check in. We are working with the state to test and trial the e-poll books to get through the voting process quicker. We have 11,500 voters which puts us in the top five polling places in the state of New Hampshire. It also puts us in the top 25 largest polling places in the United States. If you have any questions about the electronic poll books, feel free to see Joan Dargie at the back of the room during the break.

The select board and the budget advisory committee will be meeting immediately at the end of this session to vote again on any articles as needed.

I will now invite Chairman Kevin Federico to introduce the Select Board.

Kevin Federico – I am the chairman of the board; I would like to introduce vice chair Gary Daniels, selectman Laura Dudziak, selectman Mike Putnam, and selectman Paul Dargie. I would also like to introduce our town attorney Bill Drescher, our town administrator Mark Bender and our town finance director Jack Sheehy.

Moderator – We have our Budget Advisory Committee Chair Chris Pank, who will introduce our Budget Advisory Committee members.

Chris Pank – I would like to introduce Paul Bartolomucci, Wade Scott Campbell, Robert Courage, Chris Labonte, Karen Mitchell vice chair and secretary, Peggy Seward vice chair, Chris Skinner and George Skuse. I'd like to thank the members of the committee for their time and commitment and dedication. I thank those of you who are here today to participate in the voting process.

Moderator – Behind Chris Pank we also have wastewater and water commissioners Bob Courage, Dale White, and Mike Putnam, and wastewater Director Kevin Stetson. We also have Joan Dargie our Town Clerk, and Town Administrative Assistant Tina Philbrook, and our assistant moderator Todd Leo.

I would like to invite our Town Administrator to speak.

Town Administrator Mark Bender: This will be Jack Sheehy's final deliberative session as he will be retiring in June 2019. Mr. Bender then recounted Mr. Sheehy's history with the town.

Moderator – Now we will move onto the session, today we will decide on Warrant article wording and dollar amounts. We will be looking at the packet that contains all the warrant articles as they will appear on the ballot unless you amend them today. To make an amendment is just the simple majority the votes here at the time. We will introduce each article and the select board and the budget advisory committee will speak to each article it will be opened up for discussion and then any amendments may be presented and then voted on if there are no amendments every article will be voted on as written.

I also provided you with a list of moderator's rules it is the green sheet. This is basically how I intend to run the meeting. You can overturn any of the moderator's rules.

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

1. Registered Milford voters must check in at the checklist table, where they will receive a sticker that must be worn while in the hall and a voting card. Anyone wishing to speak must wear this sticker in order to be recognized.
2. Non-residents will be allowed to speak only after a positive vote by the meeting on a motion to allow the non-residents to speak.
3. When a vote is called for, registered voters will vote on the motion by holding up their voting card. The moderator will cast a vote only to break a tie or to create a tie.
4. Anyone wishing to speak must do so at the microphone located at the center aisle. A "Point of Order" may be called out from your seat but the question must be asked at the microphone. Please state your name and street address your first time at the microphone. For subsequent trips to the microphone, stating your name will be sufficient.
5. All questions or comments must be directed to the moderator, not to individual officials, committee members or audience members.
6. Except for presenters explaining proposed articles, speakers have a three minute time limit. If the speaker asks a question, one follow-up question is allowed before stepping away from the microphone. If the speaker has additional questions about or comments on a particular issue, they may be raised only after all other speakers already in line have spoken.
7. Affirmative motions to "call the question" limit debate and require a second and then a simple majority vote to pass. Anyone wishing to call the question must do so from the microphone. A speaker may not call the question immediately after speaking on the issue.
8. The motions to call the question and to restrict reconsideration are not debatable. Upon a second, the moderator will ask for a vote by the meeting.



9. Upon an affirmative vote to call the question, anyone already in line as well as members of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee who had already indicated a desire to address the topic will be permitted to speak on the issue.
10. Discussion and voting will be taken one amendment at a time.
11. While a proposed amendment to a dollar amount may be made verbally; an amendment that changes the language of a question must be submitted in writing. Time will be allowed for the voter to write the proposed language on a piece of paper. Important note: Except for the dollar amounts, the language of the warrant article for the operating budget is stipulated by state statute and may not be changed.
12. The meeting may, on an article-by-article basis, restrict subsequent reconsideration of the vote on a warrant article. Upon a vote to restrict reconsideration, the moderator will prohibit any further action on that question. The motion to restrict reconsideration does not have to be made immediately after the original vote.
13. An affirmative vote to restrict reconsideration may be reconsidered. If the restriction is overturned, however, by statute the actual reconsideration will take place at a recessed session of the town meeting held at least seven days later (RSA 40:10).
14. The Moderator shall take a secret yes/no ballot vote when seven or more voters who are present question any non-ballot vote immediately after the moderator declares the result of the vote and before any other business is begun (RSA 40:4-b).
15. A petition for secret ballot must be submitted to the moderator prior to the vote by at least five voters. The five voters must be present when the petition is submitted.
16. Five voters present may request a recount of any vote taken by secret yes/no ballot if the request is made immediately after the announcement of the result. Further, the moderator will order a recount immediately if the secret yes/no vote margin is less than 10 percent (RSA 40:4-a).
17. All speakers must be courteous and must address the issues, not the individuals who are raising them. The Moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language. The Moderator may command a police officer or legal voter to remove from the meeting and detain any person conducting himself or herself in a disorderly manner (RSA 40:9).
18. Any of the Moderator's Rule(s) may be overturned by a simple majority vote.

Moderator – I now invite Chairman Federico to provide the list of out of town speakers that we will vote on to allow to speak.

Chair Federico – I'd like to make a motion that we allow the following non-residents to speak at the deliberative session today: Bill Bartlett – 2-Way Communications, Mark Bender - Town Administrator, Mike Caplan – President Olivewood Energy Development, Vicki Chase – Senior Environmental Project Manager, Scott Cruikshank - Motorola Solutions, Lincoln Daley - Community Development Director, Bruce Dickerson – IT Director, Steve D'Esopo - 2-Way Communications, Bill Drescher -- Milford Town Council, Jared Hyde – MACC Base, Bobby Jones – AFSCME Council 93, Rene LaBrance – Stantec Consulting Services, Dominic Lebel – Granite Apollo, David Mercier – Underwood Engineers, Marti Noel, Assessing Director, Rick Riendeau - Department of Public Works Director, Brendan Philbrook, Labor Day Parade Committee, Ryan Rothhouse – AFSCME 93 Council, Bryan Ruoff – Stantec Consulting Services, Jack Sheehy - Finance Director, Kevin Stetson - Water Utilities Director, and Chris Stewart - Granite Apollo

Moderator – Is there a second for that? Seconded by Mr. Daniels. All those in favor of letting these out-of-town speakers to speak at the meeting, raise your card. Anyone opposed? Thank you, the list is approved.

Moderator – I will introduce the topic the BOS will move the article and speak their position then the BAC will speak their position and then we will open for discussion. Now we will discuss Warrant Article 3.

WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - MILFORD DISPATCH EQUIPMENT –

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 to replace the Town emergency dispatch equipment and infrastructure in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, with a term not to exceed 15 years, and to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgment? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. BOS support this article (3-2). The BAC voted (3-3-3). This article has no tax impact this year.

Moderator – This is a special warrant article because this involves long term debt this requires 60% of the vote.

Kevin Federico – Mr. Moderator I move that the proposed ballot question for warrant article 3 as printed in the deliberative session information packet along with the recommendations of the board of selectmen (BOS) and the budget advisory committee (BAC) be placed on the ballot.

Moderator: That is seconded.

Kevin Federico- The majority approval of this article will establish a Milford owned and operated dispatch center. It will allow the town of Milford to resolve its longstanding communications issues that our emergency services experience on a daily basis. Milford has been a member of MACC Base since the late 1980s. While Milford has enjoyed being part of a regional dispatch system, the technology that is used is 30 plus years old and in need of replacement. Taking into consideration the state of the MACC base equipment and our current relationship with the board of Governors the majority of the BOS feel it is necessary to start the process of moving Milford's emergency communications in a new direction. The BOS have recently signed a two-year extension of the MACC Base agreement. If approved, the construction timeline for a new center is 18 to 24 months. This timeline will give other participants the towns of Wilton and Mont Vernon time to deal with the withdrawal of Milford from the agreement.

Michael Putnam – Minority Report - Gary Daniels and myself are not in favor of this for several different reasons. Although the safety of our emergency personnel is a very high priority, the minority feels that there isn't enough information from the RFP to move forward with this warrant article. There are too many unknowns which make it a high possibility that it would incur costs above the requested amount. There are three possibilities for housing a Communication Center, and we feel they should be discussed further instead of assuming it should go to the police station. We would like to see additional quotes that contain the total cost of our needs while working together with MACC base and our other town partners to come up with a better comprehensive solution to the problems.



Chris Pank – The BAC voted 3-3-3 on this warrant article. The three yes votes support warrant article 3. We feel the safety of our first responders is an extremely high priority. With the inability to communicate properly in many areas, Milford Police cannot effectively communicate with dispatch. There have been cases in the recent past where an officer requesting a second unit as backup were unable to reach MACC base due to the inability to get through in that area of town. Once back to their police car the officer transmission was unclear. This puts officers at a very high risk of injury or worse. We believe that if the lack of proper equipment remains unavailable, personnel will eventually leave Milford and go a town where they feel safer because they can effectively communicate their needs.

The three no votes do not support this article. Multi-million-dollar projects for the Town of Milford have repeatedly involved BOS approval, study committees made up of citizens, town department personnel, and consultants and have included engineering and architect studies. The latest example is the fire station. The BOS bypassed most of that and quickly set out a vague RFP – request for proposal bid – for the project. Only two bids were returned. The first left some unanswered needs, and the second suggested engaging a competent independent RF design consultant.

In addition, the CIP – capital improvement plan – formulated by the committee for 2019 to 2023 placed the project last in needs for 2019 and requested delaying it to 2020 due to the fact that the project lacks specificity and sufficient information to adequately understand and evaluate the project and associated costs. They also stated that Milford has renewed their contract with MACC base until 2021 thus continuing to cover our public safety personnel.

The three abstentions are foremost concerned for the safety of our police officers and other public safety individuals who protect this town. However, we have some major concerns. First, we feel that the information provided by the BOS on this warrant article is not supported by the report provided by the company doing the building of the communications center. Specifically, the BOS stated that the entire project (all responsibilities) was covered by the amount of the warrant. The report from 2-Way Communications and Motorola provides a summary of tasks and responsibility matrix, some of which are not covered by the companies in question. We also feel the lack of an engineering report, which has always been required for every building project in town leaves us in a quandary. We therefore are withholding our final vote until we hear from the representatives of the companies involved at the Deliberative Session.

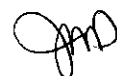
Moderator – Thank you. So, we've had the introduction of the warrant article so we know the topic of it and the opinions, but I think that it is appropriate that the select board would like to make a presentation to explain what is entailed in article 3. Mr. Federico.



Kevin Federico- Thank you Mr. Moderator. It's important to take a moment to review some background before we get into discussing the solution itself. The issue of "we have a problem with our radios" can be traced back 15 years in this town, in Board of Governor's meetings, minutes of meetings, and in Milford Board of Selectman meeting minutes. It's also been in conversation in and around town for the last 15 years. Milford has a coverage problem with its use of the current radio system. We have public safety officials, police, fire, ambulance, that are unable to talk to each other in the field. Partial efforts have been made to resolve this issue. Years ago, the Milford fire department took steps to install a workaround to their problem. Unfortunately, that same solution won't work for the police and ambulance.

Over the last 15 years several Milford boards have talked about this issue, made inquiries, asked for proposals. Several proposals have indeed been made, from adding repeaters to police cars, to adding repeaters to towers. None of the proposals that were presented fulfilled the needs of the Town of Milford either for operational concerns or underlying additional costs. For the past 2 years of those 15 years the Milford board of selectmen have been actively looking for a solution. To give you an example of how we've been working with MACC Base, a quote was presented to the Milford board of selectmen back in June of 2017. Beltronics presented a quote for \$426,632 for simulcast repeaters to improve the police communications as the first piece of an overall solution. During the discussion the selectman determined that this quote did not include the costs for two additional towers that were needed, and the cost per tower was estimated to be - by Beltronics - \$180,000 for site work and construction, and an additional \$40,000 per tower. So now instead of \$426,632, we needed an additional \$440,000, making an estimated total of \$866,632, and this would be for a police-only solution. This is just one example of the many where MACC base and Beltronics have presented incomplete information.

Back in April of 2017, and then again in June of 2017, the Milford board of selectmen along with the boards of Wilton, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough, came together to discuss issues that have been going on for years and talk about a solution. Again during those meetings issues were discussed and proposals were attempted. The proposals have consistently been incomplete, they have been estimated or cursory reviews, this has been not helpful while trying to arrive at a complete solution. The Milford board of selectmen would have liked to work together with the other towns and MACC base to resolve its issues, we would have liked to have stayed within a regional dispatch system, but as we continued to attempt to discuss the possibilities and achieve a solution, it's starting to appear that we are not able to make that happen. So, moving forward, conversations went on as how we are going to come up with a solution. Back in mid-2017 the selectman asked the Milford Police Department to start researching a comprehensive solution, work with whomever they needed to, talk to whomever they needed to, to compile the information.



Still wanting more information and wanting an outside expert opinion in 2018 the BOS contracted MRI to do a study of the current situation of MACC base and how it serves Milford and the region. Their report came back making several different recommendations for change. The most obvious recommendation was the need for a complete upgrade to the technology infrastructure. At that point the board took a step back and asked, what is a comprehensive solution to all of the issues that we are having with the equipment, one that includes police, fire, ambulance and department of public works. The board decided to put out a request for proposal to design and build a communications network that will account for and resolve all of our outstanding issues, one that includes all four emergency services. The task for writing the proposal was given to the police department and there were several conversations about what should and should not be included in the proposal. Two companies responded to our RFP to design and build an emergency operations dispatch center. The first company, Beltronics, the current MACC base supplier, took exception to our RFP, citing in their response that we should use a communications consultant to prepare and build a biddable set of criteria with a several hundred page document detailing system equipment, materials, coverage patterns, and other items. We found it odd that Beltronics told us that they could not appropriately respond to our RFP considering they have been the sole source for equipment and technical support for MACC Base for most of the past two decades. Additionally, in 2015, they had already quoted a \$1.5 million dollar solution to MACC Base. The second company, 2-Way Communications, worked with Motorola Solutions and responded to the RFP with a proposal that included their company profile, qualifications and experiences, references, system overview, system components, features and benefits, connectivity, backup power, integrated services, system support, civil work requirements, and a summary of the tasks and responsibilities, along with complete budgetary pricing. While reviewing their proposal we initially found it to be complete but needed clarification on several details. We have subsequently met with 2-Way to obtain those clarifications and are happy to now have a complete and comprehensive response. Something that this board has been actively requesting for the past two years. The board feels that moving in this direction is the right direction. It is time for Milford to solve their own issues and build a system that fits the needs of Milford. We took advice from a consultant who encouraged us to let the experts design and build the system, they have the experience, the knowledge, and expertise to build a system that must provide the safety of all of our emergency responders so that all our residents can depend on the people that protect us and our property. This system will be state of the art, and functionally useful for many years. We welcome our neighbor towns, if they want to join us and expand this system to continue regional dispatch, but as proposed this will be a Milford system. With the 2-Way and Motorola proposal and funding of the warrant article, we are committed to obtaining that comprehensive long-term solution that we have been looking for. We are convinced that 2-Way and Motorola will be able to solve our emergency services communication issues, provide us the 95% coverage within the town of Milford, guarantee a locked in price of \$2,090,623, and guarantee construction and operability by December 31, 2020. Fortunately for me, the radio experts are in the room today and can answer, and speak, and have a presentation to make on what they are proposing for our town. I would like to introduce Bill Bartlett the president of 2-Way Communications and Scott Cruikshank, the national representative of Motorola.



Scott Cruikshank – Good morning everybody, thanks for allowing us to come up here and discuss our project with you. My name is Scott Cruikshank, and I am the direct Account Representative for Motorola Solutions for Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. I have Bill Bartlett from 2-way communications and Steve D’Esopo, they are one of our sub-contractors for the project. Just to make sure we keep the ball rolling, I am going to hold questions from the selectmen and the advisory committee until after we are completed, we only have about 10 slides, so we don’t want to do death by Powerpoint here, but we’ll allow questions from everyone at the end and we’ll be here all day if we need to answer those questions, so thanks for the opportunity.

So as Kevin said, we received an RFP from the Town of Milford in November of 2018. As Motorola Solutions we brought in 2-Way Communications as our partner to come up with a design of a system that we felt would fit the needs of the town for police, fire, EMS, and DPW. Essentially it took us, you know it was a quick turnaround for this, but we took the knowledge that 2-Way had of the town, having worked here and discussed the project with the police and fire department to develop our proposal. We bring in our Motorola Engineering team and coverage designers to come up with a solution that we felt would fit the needs of the town. So we’re just going to have a brief introduction for me, let Bill and Steve get up and do a design review, proposal review, let you know what is included in our design, we’re going to show some coverage maps that look pretty good based off the sites that we’re going to use, it shows pretty much 95% coverage for portable talk-out, so its very telling. Those maps will tell a lot, and then we’ll wrap it up for questions and go from there.

William Bartlett President of 2-Way Communications – Good morning everybody, my name is William Bartlett, President of 2-Way Communications, so what I would like to do is go over the – very briefly – design of the radio system so you can see the different components of it. So what we have here behind me is an overview map of the design itself. At the top there is a brief technical description of the system. It can be described as a 5-site, 4-channel, conventional, voting, simulcast, LMR network. So this system, that’s a kind of a complex description for the system so I’m going to break it down for everybody. Let’s get the LMR acronym out of the way, that’s Land Mobile Radio. Land Mobile Radio is my craft, that is what we do and design.

The first part is sites. So, the sites were chosen for, based on the discussions and knowledge that we have of the needs of the community and the different departments. So, the coverage for each discipline would be town wide. We chose the sites because of their height over average terrain and we took advantage of the placement of the sites giving us complete coverage throughout the community. Locations were important, and they were chosen for their coverage and overlap capabilities.

The second part of the title is channels. Basically, we needed to make sure that the system had the capacity to meet the requirements of the municipality. It is a 4-channel system so each discipline will have its own operational frequency, enjoying the same coverage for each. There is Police, Fire, Ambulance, and the town government or Department of Public Works channel, each of these having identical coverage, each of them having the same footprint.



The next part of the description is conventional. This is what we call a conventional system. It is a non-proprietary format. It supports analog operation as well as the interoperable standard of P25. It is also compliant and capable of connecting to the State of NH system. The next part of the title is voting. The system is voting in nature which means it basically is portable friendly. The system allows input from every site to be contributing to coverage. It offers balanced coverage, it offers multiple receivers throughout the community, so each site is an opportunity to collect incoming emergency traffic, and it offers a form of redundancy where there is more than one receiver.

The last part of the name is simulcast. Simulcast systems are FCC friendly, it means we can do more with less power, it means there's multiple transmitters, and again, that offers redundancy. It also allows us to place the transmitters in closer proximity to the challenging areas of our coverage. So with that, that's the description: 5-site, 4-channel, conventional, voting, simulcast, LMR Network.

The next part of the system design is the Motorola Core. The Motorola Core is a very important set of equipment, we call this the K2 Architecture. It is fully redundant, the electronics in the system offer full complete redundancy, there is no single fail point. There is a lot of very important equipment here that manages data flow, manages all of the voice traffic in the network and insures state of the art quality and availability of the network. It involves Motorola routers, controllers, and conventional channel gateways, which support legacy or existing systems as well. So that's the Motorola Core.

The last part of our solution is the 3-position MCC7500 dispatch console. This is just an example of what a dispatch center looks like. We are using the 7500 console from Motorola, it has a proven gold-elite graphical user interface, proven tried and true, been around for many, many years. The system is capable of all of the advanced dispatch features such as emergency signaling, patching multi-selects, and it also has multiple speakers for handling incoming audio.

The Watson Furniture that we've proposed as part of the solution is best in class. It has full ergonomic capabilities, each position is motorized and able to be standing or sitting, truly capable of 24/7 dispatch needs. Our approach to the installation of this equipment is rather unique, we have a structured cabling technique that we use, which makes the furniture very easy to service and the electronics within it are also easy to service.

With that, that's all the major components of the system. Again, these were all picked and put together to insure ease of operation, ease of maintenance, resilience to failure, redundancy, and ultimate backup to failure. So, with that, I'll pass it over to Steve D'Esopo. Steve is going to go over what is included and what is not. Thank you.

Steve D'Esopo – Thank you Bill. Good morning. What Bill showed in the equipment description are a whole bunch of boxes on there and a lot of that going on. Each one of the sites out in the field also has similar equipment, the other end of the core, that's all interactive, it's all a network working together. The primary site for all of this in our proposal is the Milford Police Dept. They will have a new tower built there, a 150-foot tower, our proposal includes construction of the tower and all code-compliance cabling, equipment racks, it is a turnkey system, there are no left-out pieces and that sort of thing. It



includes battery backup also that will ride the system through until the online facility generator kicks in. The core electronics, combiners, which allow antenna sharing, comparators, which is the voting system that's all going to be located and housed at the police department, and upstairs in the dispatch center we will have the operating positions that you saw there, they will be able to not just control radio systems, but they'll have door and access controls, large monitors to monitor the town's camera systems. The furniture is included, as is professional 24 by 7 seating. All kinds of extras, keyboards and mice, and combiners so you don't need 6 keyboards on the screen, it's a kvm switch and that sort of thing. In addition, there is a portable dispatch operating position, it's a fully functional console position that would be laptop-based, typically it will run on a tablet, it will run on a desktop, but a laptop is the most portable, that can be used for special events, occasions, incidents, with the emergency operation center is activated you can actually bring this terminal in and have a live dispatch operating position, you can control the entire radio system for the whole town. That's also included. There are 4 multi-channel radios that are there for backup purposes, in case the main radio system goes down, it's also good for tactical use when necessary. There is a full logging recorder system, it records all radio traffic and telephone traffic for archive purposes. That's included in the system, it's made by Exacom, which is a New Hampshire company based in Concord, we've worked with them for years and years and they're state of the art in that industry as well. There are also 5 remote control desk sets, they kind of look like a telephone but they have full control of all the radios, all the back-up radios in the system. We have 3 of those, one would be at each dispatch position, 2 would be for police department use. In addition, we've got at the Milford fire department, Milford ambulance, and Milford public works, we have a multi-channel radio and 2 more of those remote controls for each of those facilities, including the antenna systems, that's all included, and the installation work is all included. In addition, at public works, the intent is to relocate the current tower at the police department to the DPW, erect that tower there, use that for their antenna system, and we also have 21 mobile radios with installation, no hidden charges, 6 portable radios for site work and traffic control sort of things. That will give them a radio system that they don't have at all any more, and also give them access into the main radio system through their multi-channel. Milford Water Department, we're going to erect a tower there which will improve the communications, they can hang their antennas on the tower. The equipment that is located there will be indoors up on Federal Hill where we're putting up, not just an antenna system and radios, we've also got a pre-cast concrete shelter, it's a hardened shelter, secure and climate controlled with heat and air conditioning for the winter, it also includes a battery system that will ride through until a generator kicks in, almost identical proposal for Dram Cup, the only difference is a 150-foot tower is also included at the Dram Cup location. Summer street has an existing tower, we plan to jump on that, that's a receive site, and it will have some, a climate controlled enclosure, it won't be a full concrete shelter, but there's an enclosure, it's not a lot of equipment that will go their anyway, and that will serve the needs of that site – it's a receive site only, no transmit..

There are only a couple of things that are not included. We don't take responsibility for things like permitting, environmental impact fees, and that sort of thing. Municipalities typically don't charge themselves for variances and building permits and that sort of thing, so we kind of leave that up to the town, it's not huge money, we just don't get in the middle of it.



There were some questions about site development. We're fully developing the new equipment that we are putting at the sites here, we're not clearing mountaintops and taking out forests and building roads, it's not that level of site development, but we are fully developing these sites to be operable. One thing we left out, it was an omission that was not included, is generator systems for the remote sites. We can work those in optionally later on, we can discuss those, but that's about the only piece of technology that is not included in the current proposal.

Scott Cruikshank – I know that is a lot of information in a very short period of time. So, the most telling slides I think that we have are the coverage maps that we had done up, so, our Motorola coverage engineers pushed these out last week, and what, basically the border that you see up here is Milford proper, so downtown Milford, and the sites, those plots there, are your sites that we intend to use for the system, so on the left is basically your worst case scenario for coverage, so the painted area is where you guys have 95% reliability, the portable talking is basically when you key up a portable, it's when you are talking back to dispatch, so it's the 5-Watt radio talking back, and it looks really good, I mean the predicted coverage is excellent, and on your right side, is your talk-back for your mobile radio, it's 50 Watt mobile, so that looks a little bit better, but the maps are very telling and we feel confident that the system is going to operate really great once it gets in.

Thank you for the opportunity to come up. Appreciate it.

Moderator - With that presentation we can open up the floor to discussion if anyone has questions or comments.

Paul Bagley – Union Street – I would like to ask the 3rd gentleman, I didn't get your name, (Steve D'Esopo says his name in the background), you mentioned that this is going in upstairs at the police station?

Steve D'Esopo – The dispatch center upstairs as opposed to the basement. The Communications center as I understand it, the design is to push out the walls at the ground level of the police department, push out the front of the wall, and that's where the dispatch center will be. Downstairs right below that is where the radio, current technology is there in the radio room and the core electronics and that sort of stuff will be in the basement. So when I said upstairs, I didn't mean second floor, I meant upstairs from the technology, I'm a basement dweller by nature.

Paul Bagley - The second gentleman from 2-Way? You were indicating a voting system and simulcast these are things that MACC base does right now, so this is not an improvement, this is getting exactly what we have right at the moment. Correct?

William Bartlett President of 2-Way Communications – I am not sure about the simulcast, I know they do employ some form of voting. But an important factor in voting and simulcast is the location of the sites, the height of the sites, and quite honestly, the technology behind it.

Paul Bagley - But MACC Base has voting, on all their sites.

Jared Hyde – Representing MACC Base, to answer Paul Bagley's question we do have...



Moderator – Just for everyone to remind their memory, Mr. Hyde isn't wearing a sticker, but he is one of the people that you authorized to speak earlier this morning. So thank you, go ahead Mr. Hyde.

Jared Hyde – All right sir, we do have voting at all our sites, we do not have simulcast at this time, we link to our sites via what are called RF links which 2-Way will be familiar with as they previously were our vendor. The plan is to get our microwave links in place which would then allow for simulcast, but right now we do not have simulcast, just voting.

Harry Standel – Osgood Rd – While I'm sure that Motorola is a highly competent firm and can produce what they suggest they can, I have a problem with the number of the warrant articles that are common. And I'd like to ask first someone of the board of selectman how the RFP was prepared, if they can answer that.

Kevin Federico - There were several conversations with the RFP and what we did and did not want to include in it, there was a conversation about hiring a consultant, paying an estimated between \$75,000 and \$85,000 to have a consultant write an RFP for us. In discussions with the police chief and the police captain and some of the select board, and the select board, not some of the select board, and the select board, we decided that we would put out an RFP as a Design and Build RFP to let the experts tell us what should be there. Fully assuming that we would be getting responses, from, there are only a handful of companies in the Southern New Hampshire area that do this type of work, and we fully expected that we would get responses from the two companies that have been involved intimately with this system for the last several years beyond 10 years beyond 2 years, 2-Way and Beltronics.

Harry Standel – I think anyone who started a business without a lot of capital recognizes that there is a fundamental flaw that they all seem to have in common, and that is they do not consult a lawyer or an accountant and this is a big problem that ultimately they learn. It is money saved initially but lots of money is lost as a result. When the town intends to do a project involving road work, they hire a traffic engineer, when they intend to do work involving building projects, they hire an architect. I know that the last thing that you want to do is to let the contractor design the project that they are going to build. I think that It is a false sense of savings not to hire a consultant, someone who can specify exactly what it is that you are looking for, and to let those who propose, propose to your specs, not their specs. I am sure everyone here understood completely the proposal that was just made, the presentation with all of the various diagrams and so forth, and I am sure they didn't, so I think it's a big mistake, and I think that the savings of \$75,000 or \$100,000, while it's a lot of money, will ultimately end up saving the town lots of money. So I think letting a single source provider design the system, which I am sure will work, and I'm sure Motorola is responsible and will stand behind their product, I still think it's a mistake to let 1 firm dictate the terms of the project, and I want to remind everyone this is our money, it's not the town's money. This is our money.

Moderator – Thank you. Yes sir.



Ted Bartlett – Union St - I just caught into the tail end of this project. I've been talking with Mr. Federico and the police department on this to see what we can do for a solution. To Motorola, what is the ERP of this system?

Motorola - The maps were done off 50-watt ERP.

Ted Bartlett - The current system we have on top of this building right now is 100 watts, licensed.

Motorola – I made a quick note on one of my slides about the FCC ,this is an FCC friendly system because it is using current standards where we try to reduce ERP, and we're basically solving coverage with multiple sites, and that is where the simulcast comes in, so we are using less power at more sites to do better coverage in the local area.

Ted Bartlett - More sites meaning more cost.

Motorola - Well certainly, but those are also receive sites, so we are leveraging an existing receive site as part of the plan, and using them also as a transmit site, so we're leveraging simulcast.

Ted Bartlett - But the simple math is we're going from 100 watts to 50 watts, so what you've lost in power, you have to make up for in equipment, which adds more cost.

Motorola – It is not scaled that way, because we are developing receive sites to bring in the portable radios, it goes up...

Ted Bartlett – (interrupting) I understand what your process is, but I'm just saying this is what is pushing the costs up. We need to have more research on this and a better plan for what we have. The solution that's been proposed by Beltronics can probably work, with more research done on it, with more engineering done on it. I realize that there is a cost for that. I have been in the telecommunications industry since 1979. I took the liberty of reaching out to Harris Corporation this week to see what they had for a suggestion, they came back with a rough order of magnitude on the job, and this is simply on the outside looking in to see what they could do if I come up with a solution, and their cost is down to \$650,000. Now granted, that's from the outside looking in, that's not knowing all the dynamics and the bells and whistles in here. Your proposal is looking to use Crowne Castle? for a location?

Motorola – No sir

Ted Bartlett – No? Dram Cup Hill is not their location?

Moderator – We can't have...I need to just reign it in a little bit. I'd like you to ask a question...

Ted Bartlett – (interrupting) Bottom line is we need to do more research on this than just go with a single source. We should have three sources. Three qualified sources come back, not one, that's where I'm at with it, and with the gentleman previous to me, he's right, this is our money. I have absolutely no complaint at all trying to put a more robust system in for our communications for our services here in town, without a doubt, but there's got to be a better way to spend the money to that amount.



Moderator – I can't have applause because that means the other side starts to applaud and then we go out of control, so I understand you may favor a speaker or a comment on this or any other article, but please refrain from expressing it. Yes, Mr. White.

Dale White - I hardly know where to start today. But, sometimes a person has to take an unpopular position maybe amongst people that you work with and have grown up with, but as this warrant article is presented, I cannot vote for it. I grew up in this town, and I want the best emergency dispatch center in America, right in Milford, but I can't vote for this as it is presented. I want to thank the people that have worked very hard on this. The selectmen, the police department, all emergency departments, but it does concern me like we just heard, that we did not put this out to an engineering firm or a communication consultant as a third party. Down at the water utilities today we're going to ask the voters to approve two warrant articles, number 4 and 5, both of those articles amount to \$1.747 million, we're asking, or the town is asking, for \$2.5 million. We hired two engineering firms to come to us, we told them our need, and they presented to us what we needed. We then put it out to sealed bid, and we got back what we thought was fair pricing, and we got a number of companies to bid that work. I'm in the construction business myself, and you get the most competitive bids when you put it out with documentation, and it's not that anybody in this town I feel for one second is trying to do something underhandedly, but the thing is we need to put this out to a consultant and an engineering firm, if it comes back at \$2.5 million after the sealed bids are opened, then that's what we pay. But in the meantime, there's too many unknowns, I've sat in the warrant budget hearing, and even today there's some unknowns, and I pay taxes the same as everyone in this town, and I'll pay my fair share, but I want to make sure I am getting the best for my money, and that's my thought today, I don't want to step on any toes, I don't want to discourage anybody from not doing their job because everyone's worked hard, but I just want to know that I'm paying the most for my money.

Moderator – I thank you. Yes sir.

Steven Takacs – Whitten Rd – I have two questions; they both involve the same thing, this is for the question in general, not just for the engineers, right. First of all, we are just dismissing the other three towns that are involved with the MACC base right now. Now, Kevin and I have talked about this before, about how, he's saying one thing, the Cabinet is reporting that the towns were saying something else, there seems to be a lack of communication with the officials of the other three towns. I don't like the idea that we're going to try to go this alone, when we've got other towns that can help offset the cost, there's no question we need a new communication system, I think that that's pretty obvious, but if we can get other towns to pay a portion of it, and I understand we're paying 70% of the MACC base charges now, the other three towns are paying the other 30%, 30% is still 30%. I've got two questions about this. First of all, if the other three towns were to stay with us, forget all the politics right now about it, if the other three towns were to stay with us, how much more would it cost to include them over this \$2.5 million dollars?

Moderator – Mr. Federico.



Kevin Federico – In front of me, I think it is roughly \$1 million dollars. It was for additional equipment, so I don't think that I can best answer that 100% accurately. But, from the equipment proposal that first came out, was an additional \$1,057,262 was the regional land mobile radio add-on.

Steven Takacs – Okay, so the 30% that we're getting as an offset, will just about offset that, plus, we would now have the other three towns that pay for any future expenses that we would have, so why do we want to get rid of the other three towns? According to you, you have invited them to stay, according to the Cabinet, you have kicked them out, so I don't know what the truth is. Like I said, I don't want to get involved with the politics of this thing right now, we can talk about that later. I'd just like to know why we're trying to get rid of the other people that can defray the expenses? Yes, it's going to cost 30% more, but they are going to pay that 30%, and then we're going to have them to pay 30% of any future expenses.

Kevin Federico – I think my best answer to that question is this, Mr. Takacs, we don't want to get rid of anybody, I don't, it's just become clear to the majority of this board after looking at the 15 year history of this and after looking at everything that's attempted, all of the proposals and all of the attempts to get everybody to move forward collectively, the three towns, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton, and then Lyndeborough does play a factor in, we just don't feel that we are going to be able to get where we want to be regionally.

Steve Takacs – So, why don't we try a little harder. Like I said, I don't know if the Cabinet is right, or if you're right, or whatever, they claim, at least the Wilton board claims that, you in effect, kicked them out.

Moderator – Well, I don't know if that is appropriate at this point in time, but what is appropriate, certainly Mr. Takacs, is your opinion. If you want to state your opinion on that, feel free, and then we can let the other folks behind you have their say.

Steve Takacs – Okay, I just think that we should take another look at getting the other three towns involved.

Moderator – Thank you for that. Yes sir.

Bobby Jones – Ashby Council 93 – Although I wasn't here today for this warrant article, I feel compelled...

Moderator – (interrupting) Just one second. Again, this is a gentleman that is on your list of non-resident voters that you invited to have the opportunity to speak. Yes, go right ahead.

Bobby Jones – In my prior life, I worked for Londonderry police departments- for 30 years as a police dispatcher, the last 6 of which I was in charge of the dispatch center. I've gone through radio upgrades, I've gone through complete dispatch build-outs, I have a lot of knowledge with this. For those that spoke about needing a private engineering firm to take a look at this and try to give an idea of what you'd need, that would be very difficult for an engineering firm, when the town had not decided on a sole



provider, are you going to work with Motorola equipment, Harris equipment, Kenwood equipment, so in my experience, if you had hired an engineering firm that would have just been giving money away that could have been used in the final project. As for a consultant, all a consultant would do in this situation would be recommend, you need more coverage, you need more sites, you need more repeater sites, or receive sites, again, they're not getting into the nuts and bolts of how the system is designed or how it's built out. That's what you were looking for with the RFP. That's what you got from the provider that submitted the bid. This isn't like buying police cars where you go out and you say we need an all wheel drive car and it needs to be able to fit the driver, a prisoner in the back, and you submit bids to Chevy dealers, Ford dealers, and Dodge dealers, and then you go by the lowest bid. This is a very, very specific safety item that very few manufacturers in the Northeast continuously support. And whether you want to look at it as fortunately or unfortunately, the norm in the State of New Hampshire has been Motorola. For those of you old enough to remember the Carl Drega saga, up in Colebrook, after that whole day, the state mandated that there be a state-wide inter-operability of radio systems for all emergency responders. And in the course of years that passed, they decided Motorola was the way to go. You need to rely on your elected officials, they did their due diligence, you have the MRI report, they put out an RFP, and while it is a high number that you have to look at, you have to sit back at the end of the day and say how much is our public safety, men and women, that come in 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and put their lives on the line, how much is one of those lives worth? When that ambulance crew needs a second ambulance, when that engine company needs an additional engine to the scene of a fire, when that officer calls for back-up, and that call goes unanswered because the equipment you have is inadequate, there's no going back at that point. It's not what if, what could we have done, what should we have done, it's too late at that point. So, I think that the proposal that you have here covers the needs, I think that the bottom line should be cost, do we spend, do we not spend, let's not reinvent the wheel at the eleventh hour trying to figure out if we should have done this a different way. Thank you.

Moderator – Thank you. Yes sir.

Gary McQuaid – Highland Ave – It's my first time here, so I'm a little nervous, I heard a couple of other people say \$2.5 million is a lot of money to spend for a town, and only having a single bid kind of makes us feel a little uncomfortable. Certainly, a minimum of three bids on some kind of town project, and although I am fully in support of safety for the fire and police and everyone that is working for the town, I feel that that two and one-half million dollars should be bid more, and if we can't get three bids, then look at the bid process, maybe? and come up with a different solution, but I certainly would feel more comfortable with more than one bid on this project at two and one-half million dollars. Thank you.

Moderator – Thank you. Yes sir.

Tim Finan – Berkeley Place – I want to approach this from a slightly different angle than I've heard yet. Mr. Takacs got close to it, he said he didn't want to get into the politics of it, but I do want to get into the politics, because I think that it is very important. As Mr. Federico said, this has been going on for 15 years, probably more, I don't even know. And those 15 years, it hasn't been smooth riding, every time this contract comes up there's an issue, every single time as far as I can remember there is an issue.



Unfortunately, because of the contract, it's difficult to get out of, so it's very hard to do something, so every time a board has tried to, I can remember back 15 years ago when Cindy Herman was the chair, they wanted to buy back the equipment so Milford owned the equipment, couldn't get it done. It's just too difficult, they signed the contract and moved on. Kicked the can down the road. The next time the same thing, every single time something comes up. This is a, and this is no slight to MACC base, to their personnel, I know many of them, they do a great job, I hope if this goes forward the board would consider hiring them, hiring the dispatchers, they're great people, to come over to a Milford dispatch if there is one. But it's a politically untenable situation. You can't, maybe people in the crowd and on TV don't necessarily know, but there is a board of governors of 3, or 4? I think it's 3 governors and a director of MACC base, if there is an issue, this board has to have their representative go to board of governors, it gets discussed, it goes to the director, and if it is too difficult, which it usually is, you have to get the other boards of selectmen involved, and it becomes this big intermunicipal shout-down. And it really is. I mean, I've been downstairs when I've seen other selectmen come in and wag fingers at this board, and get all upset, Steve mentioned an article in the Cabinet, I don't know if it was true or not, but where supposedly the chair over there said this was a slap in the face. You can't have, these are our neighbors, and we can't have a situation where these towns that we rely on and provide mutual aid to, you can't have these people yelling at each other, public safety is far too important to allow that kind of a system to take place. If there is an issue, whether it's equipment, or personnel, or some policy, the selectmen have to be able to deal with it then, or the fire chief, or the police chief have to be able to deal with it then. They can't open up this big can of worms and get boards of governors involved and other selectmen involved, and then people yelling at each other saying, no you're just trying to overrule us, and this and that, it's too important, we have to get out of MACC base. We've had to get out, the majority of the boards every time it would come up, have felt that way, that something has to be done, maybe not get out, but something has to be done. I do think there were mistakes probably made in this process. It's unfortunate. But we have to take control of this ourselves. It's too important to trust it to a cooperative. This isn't a food bank, this is public safety, it's very important. And one last point, unless I read the warrant article wrong, there's nothing in the warrant article that mentions Motorola, that mentions 2-Way Communications at all. I don't believe that there is any reason why, and I would encourage the board, if this passes, to open it up to bids again. I mean maybe the numbers aren't right and maybe, let's say a year from now, or two years, you come back and ask for another 150 thousand or 200 thousand dollars because you missed something, we're still going to be far better off then, than we are now. So I would strongly encourage the board, if this passes, to consider putting it out to bid and answer some of these issues that were raised today. Thank you.

Moderator – Thank you. Ms. Seward, hold on one second. Go ahead.

Peggy Seward – 130 High Street – I have some questions that I want some answers for. I'm also on the budget committee, but I'm not here in that role except to get information. I appreciate all the work that has been done by the police department, the board of selectmen, and you guys, plus MACC Base, plus Beltronics, and we've heard a lot of different things even as recently as last night. And I have to tell you it was a budget committee working on this intricately, it would have been nice to have this way sooner. If we knew this for 15 years, and we knew this was coming up, first of all, the CIP committee which I was



on that met in the fall, and you'll see what we said in our report, had no idea, we were given nothing, October, November, all of a sudden December, January, we come up with this. If we're spending two and a half million dollars, and we've been working on this for 15 years, it certainly would have been nice to have a better idea of this. But I have a couple of questions. There is a whole list of town responsibilities, things that we need to do, licensing fees, permits, site work, we have different dispatch construction work, we have removal of this requirement to interconnections is our responsibility. How much is it going to cost for us now, over and above this cost? How much is it going to cost the town to do all of this? That includes DPW time, that includes what we need to do, do we have an estimate of that?

Kevin Federico - There are no additional costs above and beyond the \$2.09 million that is quoted and the estimated \$400,000.

Peg Seward – Licensing Fees

William Bartlett - I believe all of those fees are minor and we are taking care of all those fees.

Peg Seward – We were told that fees could be as much as \$1600 each and you are taking care of that.

William Bartlett - yes

Peg Seward – You are hiring police for dispatch will they be union?

Kevin Federico – yes they would fall under the police dept and they will not be union. They will not be sworn union. The others are teamsters.

Peg Seward - We have had very little information I would appreciate an engineering firm or site manager so that we know we are getting the best bang for our buck.

Mike Thornton – North River Road – What about the 5% that is not covered now and not planned to be covered in the future. To that end your mobile referring to would they be able to go to my address and expand the coverage area that is number 1. Future discussions. Number 2 I would like to know as a dweller of the town that we have no single point of failure and fail soft. We can always degrade to a lesser capacity and that is it. Thank you.

Scott - Your question about the 5% we are actually predicting coverage for the entire town other technology is not necessary with this system. There is no single point of failure and there is no reason to degrade to a lesser capacity.

Mr. Standel - I would like to make a motion that we amend this warrant article and, in its place, include the following. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the cost of a communication consultant to identify the issues, concerns and solutions to improve and expand the communication system and then to provide a detailed request for proposal including contract terms.

Moderator – I need that in writing do you have that?



Mr. Standel – No but I can do that.

Moderator – I would appreciate that, as I need to read that into the record so if you could just jot that down. We will take a moment while you do that. He has made a motion and we will need a second. Sir I need that now so if you could jot that down. It will be a minute or two.

(Mr. Standel works with Town Attorney)

Moderator – I will explain why Mr. Drescher and I are discussing things. I know somewhere in my notes it says if you have any changes please have any changes written out in advance and it is important to the clerk and myself as this becomes part of the record and has potential revenue impact. Mr. Standel and Mr. Drescher are almost done and then I will need a second for that.

Mike Thornton – Mr. Moderator point of order. How much of this is available to us electronically in advance of the meeting so that it is interactively available to us.

Moderator - The simple answer is that there are links on the town website where the information is online. There is also a legacy of minutes of meetings that the select board has had. This process has been going on for the last 15 years and we keep adding information. It is not just the current information but there is also the past information leading up to what is being discussed today.

Mike Thornton - Is there one spot on the website where all this information is including how much of a cost to us how much of a financial aggregate.

Moderator - All the information is there but maybe not backup to every one of the warrant articles.

Moderator – Mr. Drescher are we ready?

Moderator – Mr. Standel please come to the mike. Is there a second to the amendment? Yes there is a second. What is being asked is a change to the wording of the warrant article I would like to be perfectly clear this is one of the strengths of deliberative session and that is to change the language of a warrant article that has been submitted by the selectman or that of a petitioner. My point is though that the way the law is written and the way the law is determined by the department of revenue administration it means that the new language has to be on the same topic in other words we cannot change a hypothetical warrant article to buy a police cruise and change it to buy a plow truck totally different. However if we wanted to make a change to that police cruiser we could do that. In this instance it is more the latter. What it is that Mr. Standel has proposed is that instead of bonding \$2.5 million dollars he is suggesting instead and if you agree that is what we will put on the warrant he is authorizing the expenditure up to study a Milford only emergency center. That is within the nature of the original warrant article and hence that can be you choose it can be on the warrant.

So what this is a little bit different than what you proposed so if you agree we will continue.

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the cost of communication consultant to identify all of the issues concerns and potential solutions to establish a Milford Emergency



Dispatch Center to improve and expand the emergency communications system and then to provide a detailed RFP including contract terms.

So you see we added the Milford Emergency Dispatch Center so that it is on the same topic. Is there a second for that? There is.

Chris Pank – Berry Ct – Does this mean that if this original warrant article is turned down that that amendment becomes the result or does it mean that if this passes there is no warrant article 3?

Moderator – Not quite, Warrant Article 3 remains the same warrant article 3 remains Milford Emergency Equipment and it remains establishing a Milford Communications Dispatch Center. If this amendment passes then you will be voting not to put a \$2.5 million warrant article on the ballot and only a simple majority is required to pass this amendment and there is only a simple majority to approve this amendment on the ballot.

Mr. Standel - The current warrant article 3 has no tax impact in 2019 and I want it to be noted that I do not want the increase of this warrant article will have but it is to potentially save the voters money on their taxes. We ought to do this in a clever planned way rather than how it is proposed.

Moderator - If this amendment passes the article will include the tax impact, we can ask Mr. Sheehy to do something before he goes. Or we can look at article 11 which is \$75,000 and has a five-cent impact per \$1000.

John Hall – West St - I have a point of order question to the language that has just been adopted. Is the gentleman's intention that the \$85,000 can only be used to study a Milford only Dispatch Center?

Moderator – I do not know what his intention was but in order to retain the language in warrant article 3 it has to say establish a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center. It has to be in there.

John Hall – So the language that is in there as it stands is that money will only be used to study a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center.

Mr. Drescher – That was the intent of the original article.

Moderator – That was the intent of the original article.

John Hall - Well that certainly changes my view of the amendment.

Moderator – One more piece of information that has to stay in there but you can add language if you want. If you want to add also the study to include the cost of a regional that can also be included.

John Hall - I think the study has to be to determine the needs of a communication system. The one we currently have meets many of our needs you are excluding it by this language. I am guessing it is intentional. I will speak against the amendment and against the warrant article. I have been on the fire dept been in the buildings. The goal of all involved is to go home at the end of the shift even 5% is scary and too much. There is no guarantee of 100% anywhere. I work 2 shifts a month at MACC base. This



warrant article is being put forward and is either pre-mature or negligent. The people involved all know it does not meet MFPA specifications it is the industry standard and is required by E911 and FEMA they know it does not meet probably FCC standards. Our chances of putting up a tower is not going to happen. This warrant article is abject failure on the part of the board of selectman. You have been presented repeatedly with opportunities to resolve these problems. For whatever reason you have declined, Milford has been the difficult portion for getting this done. The latest intermunicipal agreement would maintain Milford's position and yet it was rejected. The Board of Governors representative is the one that has been trying to dismantle it for the last 3 years. I do not know what you are doing but you are spending way too much time and too much of our money trying to do it. I urge you vote against this amendment. I may come back with an amendment to study all solutions.


Moderator – Tim Finan – I want to speak against the amendment and this is based on the premise that we do not have enough information to make this decision. We had someone come up here and speak to the fact that the Design to Build is the correct way to go. I just think if we put this off it will continue to be kicked down the road and nothing will get done and we will be dealing with this for another 10 years. I urge you to vote no on this amendment and leave the article as written.

Jennifer Siegrist – Osgood Rd - I think the important part of changing this warrant article is to avoid kicking the can down the road. Our emergency personnel have problems with communication dead spots and their safety and I think it is incumbent upon all of us here to today to go for this study so we do not waste another year. I think we get to get a plan that is going to address all the issues whether it is within Milford or within the expanded communities. I think we need all the concerns the problems and potential solutions laid out for us.

Steve Takacs – Whitten Rd – I just want to for this amendment the gentleman that proposed this is upset about the design build. I worked for an international company and this is what they are doing design to build contracts. Quite a few are design build because the builder knows what he needs to get done. This is a practice in America now. To spend \$85,000 is a gamble. Let's get this thing done and turn down amendment.

Mike Viola – Annand Drive - I have been in police work for 30 years now. When I came here 6 years ago there was a problem with communications not dispatch. I want to make sure that everyone realizes that the dispatchers do a great job and we rely on them tremendously. The problem is we can't hear. The other clarification in reference to the person who is on the board of governors now we are not trying to disband MACC base we are trying to find a solution that works for the town of Milford and what works best for the town of Milford. So for the last three years working with all parties I think the process has been fair and Captain Frye has done a great job and in the long run I am happy with this project. I feel we have done our due diligence and I feel we are in the right direction for what we have chosen.

Tim Finan – I think we should vote against the amendment. What I would like to see happen if this warrant article passes I would like to see a committee put together with a lot of people who are here today that seem to have a lot of information. Re-open for bids.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JMD', is located at the bottom right of the page.

Mr. Standel - With respect to Mr. Takacs comment I respectfully disagree with him. I have developed and built over \$150 million and design build does work in some circumstances but only where the owner works hand in hand with the contractor. It is just a mistake not to use an independent consultant.

Mr. Daniels - I have a question for attorney Drescher I know that the amendment has to be pertinent to the language of the article the title says Milford Dispatch Equipment and it seems like Mr. Drescher is saying that the language has to say that it can only study a Milford Dispatch Center which replaces MACC Base. Why does it have to pertain to that as opposed to equipment dispatch equipment.

Mr. Drescher - The text overrules the title.

Moderator - The answer is the text overrules the title the title is the shorthand for the benefit of the reader but it is the warrant article that is the entire text that begins with shall and ends with pass.

Mr. Daniels - Follow up - In this case unfortunately I am going to have to vote against the amendment. I like the idea of getting more information I was on the minority on the board that stated we needed more information but one of the things we were trying to determine was whether or not we needed to replace MACC base with a completely independent thing. I am totally on board with fixing the problem but I am not sure we have all of the information that we needed to do that. It was brought up before as to what the cost was no one has brought up what it will cost to add the addition on to the police station. Who is paying the cost of adding on and does not seem to be included in the article. I think we need to work with the other towns more. One of the previous testimonies brought up that MACC base presented a new contract that we rejected. One of the things that was on there was that the bills needed to be paid on January 1st I don't think that anyone is going to be working on January 1st to pay that bill to MACC base it was just one of those things that someone did not think of. So more work needs to be done and there are other things there. We are trying to get more information on this I do not think we should be bound to replace MACC base and build a Milford only communication center I do not think we really need it.

Eric Schelberg - Ambulance Director - Whitten Rd. - Just in regards to this amendment I am advocating that we vote against the amendment to give us at least time to continue discussing the \$2.5 million article and maybe we could add in money for a project manager to oversee the project if this proposed amendment fails.

Mr. Courage - I also support the amendment my feeling is voting \$2.5 million for the taxpayers to pay for on one RFP is contrary to the way we do things in Milford. It was mentioned we could approve the article and then put out to bid again but we don't have a complete design spec to get bidders. I agree with the idea that we should hire a consultant and prepare the documents and look into whether we can provide any other solutions for MACC base. I agree with the chief and captain that there are problems. I know the BOS has worked hard to come up with a solution but I feel we need more information.



Peg Seward – High St - One problem with this everyone is having is that we are establishing a Milford Communications Center and forgetting about MACC base. What if we indicated in the amendment if we added the word possible to open this for other possibilities?

Moderator – Any other questions or comments to the amendment.

Mike Thornton – Is there anything that would prevent the select board from spending the \$85,000 before the March ballot vote and getting this study done?

Moderator - It is within the purview of the select board to spend money out of the general budget.

Gary Daniels - If this amendment passes is there anything that would prevent us from putting in the word possible that was just mentioned?

Mr. Drescher – I missed the end of the question.

Gary Daniels – Peg Seward recommended putting in the word possible in establishing a Milford Dispatch Center and replacing MACC Base and my question was is there anything that would prevent us from putting in the word possible.

Mr. Drescher – Yes

Moderator - Once we approve the amendment and if someone wanted to add the word possible that could be done it still retains the core word in the warrant article that came to us today.


Mr. Standel - Since it is my amendment could I add the word possible.

Moderator – Not right now just for clarity sake. It is a lot better for the administrator that is going to record all this and the DRA for what happened. We do not want to jeopardize the possibility that the \$85,000 or the \$2.5 million had a mis step during the meeting. So I will wait on that.

Craig Frye – Patch Hill Lane - I do want to speak against the amendment. I think that putting the price tag of \$85,000 might be enough for a Milford only but we keep going back and forth if I was the town of Wilton, town of Lyndeborough or the town of Mont Vernon I would be so happy to have Milford do a study because they do not have to pay for it. Again they probably want us to do a consultant fee to pay for how do we build MACC base. Amherst had the same thing because two big towns were fighting for the same air time. WE are the bigger town who take up 95% of the radio talk on the radio but what you are trying to do is make an amendment on a \$2.5 million dollar warrant article and you will be right back to Motorola which is the State selected vendor. We keep saying Beltronics this and that and they turned it down. We do not have the luxury that the water department has where they have 6 members that vote. They do not have to rely on 2500 people to vote.

Janet Langdell – Elm St - I just have a few questions. Adding the word possible is the intent of that to open the door to adding regional and Milford only solutions.

Moderator - I will let Mr. Daniels answer that question.



Mr. Daniels – Yes

Janet Langdell – Is there a study, RFP proposal a few years ago to do something similar to create a dispatch center at the police station that involved adding underground cable to go from one place to another. It would be interesting to see if this is around anywhere. I think it is worth looking up since I am just hearing of a 150 foot tower in downtown.

Moderator – Not for this meeting

Janet Langdell – I think it is worth looking into.

Paul Bagley – I have the distinction of being one of the few people who worked at Dispatch Milford PD and also worked at MACC base and the only person retired from MACC base. Milford used 95% of the air time but we are only paying 70%. What is being asked here is to pay 100% of \$2.5 million and I think that is a steep price. The MRI talked about the problems with a police only dispatch center. When MACC Base started Attorney Drescher drafted the contract. The Board members were the ones the services were being delivered to. That formula worked great then suddenly we started getting selectman who are wearing two hats. MACC base has deteriorated because of that situation. The proposed area agreement allowed for bonding the current agreement has been extended for two years.

Mr. Drescher – Point of order I did not draft that original document.

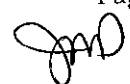
Mr. Stadel – Imagine you want to build a home and you put out a bid to contractors and because of your lack of information we can't bid and the one that does says \$400K and we will build your house. Do you really think you got a great deal that is the basis of my comment?

Craig Frye – I agree with you on that. Here is the problem with that. Beltronics has been here since 2015 they know the problems. We do use 95% of the service and we pay 70% of it do you want to pay 100% of your money for Milford only or do you want to pay 70% of your money where it goes to other towns who have no infrastructure. Janet that is fiber optics that goes from PD to Town Hall.

Mr. White – Everyone wants a good dispatch center. All we want is to look at \$85,000 to confirm this is the best build out for this purpose it just puts it out for 1 year. It took a long time to get the ambulance bay all we are asking as a citizen to make sure that the project it put together with a plan. If the \$2.5 does not pass we will have to wait a year anyway.

Steve Takacs – His analogy does not understand design build contracts. The design build contracts listen to what the town wants. They are not going to do what they want to do they are going to give you what you want.

Kevin Federico – Many countless hours have been put into this project. We have talked to experts we put out to RFP and unfortunately it has gone on for 15 years. There are very passionate people on both sides of the issue. Enough is enough we are not getting answers and we need to take care of Milford. I am speaking against this amendment to this warrant article and it will be pushed back 2 years. I use



design to build all the time. My suggestion would be to vote no on the amendment and then to amend the warrant article and add \$85,000 to add the consultant.

Mr. Daniels – Call the question

Mike Thornton - This is the difference between a cost plus and a firm fixed price contract. For these requirements we are going to give you this period.

Mark Bender - This is a firm fixed price contract.

Jared Hyde – MACC Base – A few points MACC Base has provided all the towns with multiple solutions and hundreds of different iterations. Why are we not talking about those and why we are not proposing the suggestions? Why are we not looking at all the solutions that have been provided by MACC Base?

Moderator – The question has been called.

Mr. Sheehy - The tax impact will be 6 cents

Moderator - All those in favor of calling the question yes. We are going to be acting on the amendment to warrant article 3 which reads "Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the cost of a communication consultant to identify all of the issues concerns and potential solutions to establish a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center to improve and expand the Emergency Dispatch Communication System and to provide a detailed RFP including contract terms. The estimated cost is \$.06/\$100,000.

All those in favor raise your cards. All those opposed.

The nays have it the amendment has failed.

We are back to the original warrant article unless someone wanted to change it.

Paul Bagley – Union St – I offer the following amendment to change it from a \$2.5 million bond to \$0 dollars.

Moderator – OK We have had a lot of conversation this morning. Is there a second for this motion. There is a second. So the motion we have now is an amendment to warrant article 3. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to establish a Milford Dispatch Center. This is perfectly legal and allowed by the RSA.

All those in favor of this amendment raise your cards.

All those opposed.

That has failed. We are now back to the original warrant article. Is there any more discussion?

Peg Seward - Going back to the original amendment for the \$85,000 is it possible to take that amendment and add the word possible.



Moderator – It is possible to add the word possible. To possibly establish a Milford Dispatch Center is that what you had in mind?

Peg Seward – Well the original amendment talks about if we pass that it automatically becomes a Milford Dispatch Center not MACC Base?

Moderator – That is correct

Peg Seward - So therefore the decision to go to Milford Dispatch Center is already decided for us so I don't want to be told that is what we are going to do I still want MACC base in the picture to be evaluated because we have used them and they are an excellent service. So what I am saying by establishing the \$85,000 you are possibly establishing a Milford Dispatch Center.

Moderator – Is there a second for that? There is a second. Any questions.

Atty Drescher - Mr. Moderator is that the same amendment that was already proposed.

Moderator – Yes with the exception that we are adding the wording possibly before the phrase adding a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center

Moderator - Do you foresee any problems with that Mr. Drescher

Atty Drescher - Establish a possible and it is a study

Moderator – No I think the intent was to possibly establish I would rather not break up the phrase Emergency Dispatch Center.

What we are looking at is the amendment that has been proposed is "Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the cost of communication consultant to identify all of the issues concerns and potential solutions to possibly establish a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center to improve and expand the emergency dispatch communication system and then to provide a detailed RFP including contract terms.

Moderator – I am sure that it will be quite clear in the minutes of the meeting that the intent of this was not to force a consideration of a Milford only Dispatch Center but also to consider a regional dispatch center.

Mr. Finan - Was that actually a motion that was seconded. It was seconded. This confuses me the amendment that we just voted down had that passed and had it passed in March we were not obligated to build a Milford only station.

Moderator - You are correct that in the original amendment to spend the \$85,000 if the board wanted to consider a regional and there was no money in that warrant article for that they would have to pull it from their operating budget. What this is saying right up front that this \$85,000 spend it on the consultant but spend it not only on a solely Milford Dispatch Center but a regional Dispatch Center.



Tim Finan - That is extremely subtle because you could the result of that \$85,000 consultant could be maybe you should do a regional one. This strikes me as a meaningless amendment.

Captain Frye - I guess I agree with Tim I do not understand I guess talk about making it confusing you have 34 warrant articles and now you throw in a word. It is bad enough we have to read 35 of them and people walk away and say this made no sense. We just voted it down twice. If this goes through is this that if that passes are we adding \$85,000 to the \$2.5 million.

Moderator – Seriously when you go home tonight bring this up and what people need to know this meeting is incredibly important and you have to ability to change a \$2.5 million dollar warrant article to \$85,000.

Mr. Standel - I do not see where the confusion lies this amendment and I agree with Mr. Daniels the inclusion of the word possible does make it a better amendment. This would then replace the \$2.5 million question and would stand on its own. For the benefit of our property taxes and to get the best bank for the buck is to vote yes for this amendment.

Mr. Bagley - I support this amendment but I need to ask a question. This is going to be an addition to the Milford Police station how many square feet?

Captain Frye - It is about 565 square feet.

Mr. Bagley - That is the bottom line we need to nail down all these things and get rid of the word about.

Captain Frye - Reads all the dimensions from the specifications for all measurements.

John Hall – Those additions would still need to be made. Can you tell me about the latest MACC Base upgrades by Beltronics? This amendment is about the possibility to upgrade MACC Base.

Jared Hyde – MACC Base current budget for staff is \$616,000, estimated for Milford is \$524,000, Service contracts \$63,000 compared to MACC base \$122,000. The majority is \$50,000 for upgrades. Every year we have left over money and we try to use it on projects and what we do not spend goes back. I met with BAC Wednesday and a complete overhaul by Beltronics was \$1.5 million the increase was approx. \$50,000. They also provided another quote a 5 site system this was 96.2% system. Those are the latest quotes from Beltronics.

Moderator – The amendment is “Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for a communication consultant to identify the issues and concerns and possibly establish a Milford Emergency Dispatch Center to improve and expand the Emergency Communications System and to provide an RFP. This will cost 6 cents on a \$100,000 valuation.”

All those in favor of the amendment please raise your card.

All those opposed?

This is close. I need two volunteers. Joan Dargie please come up to help with the count and Mr. Takacs.



All those in favor raise your card.

All those opposed please raise your card

Moderator the vote has passed 50 to 48

I am going to take the vote again since it is within 10 %

All those in favor raise your card

All those opposed

Yes 51 No 49

I take it we have no reason to believe there is another amendment.

Jeff Boucher - Falconer Ave - I would like to propose an amendment that would be with an interest to improve the infrastructure we have now. I would like to propose an amendment "Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.25 million to improve emergency communications infrastructure or establish a Milford Communications dispatch center with the primary intent to continue a voting member of MACC base and authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes with a term not to exceed 15 years and to determine the rate of interest and other conditions.

Moderator – Is there a second to that motion. There is. May I see the written amendment?

Mr. Drescher - This amends the subject matter. This buys and builds a center for everybody it says as a voting member for MACC base so they are doing away with the notion of just Milford.

Moderator - The wording of your amendment changes the nature of the warrant article because in this you are saying to continue with the intent to continue as a voting member of MACC Base.

Jeff Boucher – Strike it the word or is in there

Moderator – the first part is improve communications infrastructure I think you want the word and

Mr. Drescher – the subject of this warrant article is a Milford only the way your amendment it is worded it makes you stay in MACC base so it is different from the original warrant article.

Moderator – Seeing no further discussion we are done with this warrant article. With that I direct the Town Clerk to place warrant article 3 on the ballot as amended.

Moderator – We are out of recess.

Kevin Federico – Mr. Moderator can I ask that we restrict reconsideration of Warrant Article 3

Moderator - Do I have a second? It is seconded. All those in favor? All those opposed.

We have restricted reconsideration of warrant article 3.



Moderator – We will now move on to Warrant Article 4

WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE - \$763,805 BOND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$763,805 for the purpose of new sludge dewatering equipment. \$261,170 will be allocated from the Sewer Capital Reserve fund leaving a balance of \$502,635 to be raised in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement? This will replace the existing belt filter press dewatering unit as parts for the existing equipment are becoming less available. Note: As this is for issuance of long term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1).**

Kevin Federico – Mr. Moderator I move that warrant article 3 as provided in the information packet along with any recommendations from the board of selectmen (BOS) and or the budget advisory committee (BAC) be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Moved and seconded.

Mr. Stetson - This warrant article in our 2017 Capital Improvement Plans this upgrade was identified as one of the projects. This upgrade will replace our existing system that was put in place in 1987. The benefits of this are going to be improved efficiency lower operating costs, and result in a drier sludge product that will reduce our disposal cost. At this time I would like to introduce Dave Mercier from Underwood engineers and he is going to give us a presentation of the project.

Dave Mercier - Underwood Engineers – Presentation – We have completed the first 4 of the projects listed and we came in about \$200,000 less than estimated. Tasks 5 and 6 will come up when the discharge permit is issued by the EPA. The commission decided to move on to Task 7 and we will deal with 5 and 6 when the permit is issued. The dewatering unit is now outdated technology and needs to be updated. The new one creates a more pleasant environment for the staff. This project is about \$300,000 less than the original estimate. We have received 5 bids and we are prepared. So this number of \$763,000 is for engineering and construction and will be completed this year.

Another slide is the Sample Sewer Bills across the different user classes. For the average household this 25% increase will affect you by \$4.00 to \$5.00 per month.

Schedule -

That is it for my presentation. Thank you.

Moderator- Thank you – Mr. Pank

Mr. Pank (BAC) the BAC voted 8-0-1 in support. This upgrade will replace the existing 1987 Belt Filter dewatering unit. Funding provides for the purchase and installation of a new centrifuge unit associated



piping, electrical and the control system. The benefits are improved efficiency, lower operating costs resulting in a dryer sludge product. This will greatly reduce our disposal cost.

Moderator any further questions?

Jenny Siegrist – I just have several questions is this affecting just for Milford or is this for everyone's waste water.

Kevin Stetson – Yes this is affecting all the wastewater that comes into the plant including Wilton and Milford.

Mr. Standel - I am curious why the water inflows have decreased?

Kevin Stetson – We are doing some conservation efforts and those are going very well. People using less water there is less water going into the sewer. Mainly conservation efforts.

Bob Ouellette – Ball Hill Rd – Is this going to increase our dry waste, what do we do with our dry waste now, don't we sell it? Is this going to decrease our income?

Kevin Stetson - There is actually no income from that we actually pay to have it removed so it is going to decrease our costs in removing the waste. We will see a savings in our costs.

Moderator – Any further questions or comments. Seeing none I instruct the town clerk to place Warrant Article 4 on the ballot as originally worded in accordance with state statutes. Now going on to Warrant Article 5.

WARRANT ARTICLE 5– WATER SYSTEM WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS - \$983,705 BOND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$983,705 for the purpose of improving several water main connections in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement? This project consists of replacing sections of Town water mains for improved flow and capacity. Note: As this is for issuance of long term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1).**

Kevin Federico - I move that the proposed ballot question warrant article 5 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The full BOS supports this warrant article.

Moderator - That is moved and seconded.

Kevin Stetson – The 2017 water system 10 year master plan that we put together identified deficiencies in our water distribution system. We found with the study that small sized unlined piping it restricts the flow and pressure in areas of town that include Nashua St to Shepard St Power ST to Union St. near the railroad tracks on Union street areas on Elm St and to the Bales School property.

Brian Ruoff – Standtech Engineers – I am the design engineer of record for these improvements. The town has identified where the water system is older pre-world war II and the 1960s. It restricts all the flows and the water flow quality to the town as a whole. It will improve the water quality and the flow and the pressure.

This is the overview – 4 locations where we are proposing improvements. The first is Elm and Union Street replacing a 6-inch iron main with a 12-inch main and jacking under the railroad. These mains that should be replaced gives them an 80-year life. Nashua street west and Nashua east both of these areas are significantly undersized and are being replaced with 12 inch mains.

Schedule – Numbers are set based on competitive bidding and the project should be completed early fall of this year. SUR west of Winchester was the low bidder. This amount is based on contingency costs built in for construction.

Mr. Pank – The BAC voted 8-0-1 to support - The 2017 Water System 10-year Master Plan identified the following deficiencies in the Water Distribution System, Small size unlined piping that attributes to high head loss restricts flow and pressure in the following sections of transmission mains: Nashua St. - Shepard St. to Powers St., Union St. - From 50 ft.

Moderator – Thank you any questions –

Janet Langdell – Elm St - Just a quick question. There was some monies made available for Oval Town improvements for pedestrian access at the junction of Union St. and Elm Street and with the area they are talking about Clinton St to Nashua St. I am just wondering if there is any consideration given to those improvements being done simultaneously with this work so that we are not tearing up the roads twice. Just a thought and a question.

Kevin Federico - We do not want to tear up the roads twice. We are working in conjunction with the water department so that we do not tear up the roads twice.

Janet Langdell - Have we moved anything forward with the Oval Improvements money that is out there? That is the plan I am talking about not Ricky's annual road improvements.

Mark Bender - We met with DOT reps to talk about the Oval area we will have additional public meetings about that, and we do have to make up a plan as to which plan to move forward. We finished up South Street as part of that and we need to reevaluate the other programs that are coming up. Or doing something around the Oval with the islands that are out there.

Janet Langdell - If I am not mistaken 4 or 5 years since those plans were revisited.

Mark Bender – That is the problem that a lot of time has lapsed.

Bob Courage - This project is the transmission lane for the water supply for the town. This is the feed line. We have restrictions in certain locations due to the 6in pipe. So by replacing these 2 sections we can reduce the pressure loss into the downtown and residential areas. Union and Elm will tie in our Holland and Mayflower Tanks so we will have complete 12 in main from one tank to the other. This will



greatly increase the fire flows in the downtown areas. We have coordinated this work with DPW who plans to do road improvements.

Bob Ouellette – Does the warrant article state that this is to be paid by water users.

Moderator – Yes. Any other questions or comment? Seeing none I will instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 5 on the ballot as written according to state statutes. Now we move on to Warrant Article 6.

WARRANT ARTICLE 6 - TOWN HALL HVAC REPLACEMENT - \$450,000 BOND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purchase of a New Town Hall HVAC Replacement in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgment? This project request is to update the HVAC system in the town hall. Work includes replacement of HVAC chiller, new controls, heat recovery, and new fan coil units. The existing system is 30 years old and does not heat/cool effectively. The new system should address existing issues and provide significant energy savings. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has no tax impact in 2019.**

Kevin Federico - Mr. Moderator- I move that warrant article 6 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The full BOS supports this warrant article.

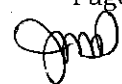
Moderator – Moved and Seconded.

Kevin Federico - I will give the floor to selectman Putnam

Mike Putnam - The majority feels that HVAC systems are good for about 15 years. Sometimes longer if they've been well maintained. The Town Halls HVAC unit is over 30 years old. Its performance is nowhere near efficient. The system was designed for the original footprint in 1988. Over the years, the footprint has changed substantially but the HVAC units have stayed the same, leaving many areas too hot or too cold. We can't keep putting money into constant repairs and maintenance for an aging system. Between the repair cost and the inefficiencies it is costing us substantially more money to operate. Most new HVAC units are Energy Star rated and operate more efficiently. We would be remiss if we did not change the system at this time.

Mr. Pank - The BAC voted (9-0) to support. This appropriation would be for the purchase of a new HVAC System for heating and cooling the Town Hall. The present system is 30 years old and does not work effectively. This improvement is expected to provide significant energy savings perhaps reducing future Operating Budget expenses.

Jenny Siegrist – Osgood Rd - My question is we have the same issues in the School System. I hear from lots of people in the town that frankly cooling air for the kids is not an important thing. I guess I have to ask why so much money is being spent on this at one time when we have capital reserve funds that we



could use without incurring extra added costs of financing. We could save the money and do it in a more planned way. The amount that is financed is above and beyond what is requested here?

Mark Bender - We do have a capital reserve fund for town facilities it presently has a balance of \$50,000. So we are a little short.

Steve Takacs - According to the warrant article it says there is no tax impact in 2019. How long is this going to take to finish it won't be done in 2019?

Jack Sheehy - First bond payment won't be due until 2020.

Steve Takacs - So it is going to take a year and a half to be built?

Jack Sheehy - The first bond payment won't be due until 2020. I am not saying anything about how long this will take that is not my purview.

Steve Takacs - In 2020 what is the expected tax impact?

Jack Sheehy - It is like 4 cents.

Kevin Drew - Oak Street - Can I just ask what the planned term of the bond will be.

Jack Sheehy - We are looking at 10 years.

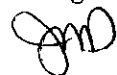
Kevin Drew - Do you intend to put this out as a Design Build proposal, or will this be engineered prior to putting it out for bid?

Rick Riendeau - That will be engineered and sent out for RFP.

Moderator - Any questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 6 on the ballot as written as originally worded and in accordance with state statutes. We will move on to Warrant Article 7.

WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM-\$30,000 -BOND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement? The Selectmen may apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. Note: As this is for issuance of long term debt, this vote requires, under State



law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1).**

Mr. Federico – Mr. Moderator- I move that warrant article 7 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – That is moved and seconded.

Mr. Stetson - This warrant article is to provide funding to evaluate our 26 + miles of sewer lines and our collection system to determine immediate and long-term maintenance needs for planning and budgeting. I would like to ask Dave Mercier to come up and give an overview of this project.

Dave Mercier - This will be about the need for this warrant article.
Background of this is that the DES created incentive plans for communities to create asset management programs for water and sewer and stormwater infrastructure. It is good to have a plan in place as to when you go for funding you potentially get more and this will be a requirement in the future for requesting funding.

This will create a detailed inventory of the water sewer system and we put together a long term plan with lifecycle funding.

The way it works you enter into a loan and if you borrow up to \$30,000 the DES will forgive the \$30,000 so that you do not have to pay it back. The only thing left for the community to pay is the 1% interest. This is planned the interest would be paid for out of reserve funds.

Once the job is done you close the loan out and only pay the 1% incurred.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (8-0-1) This appropriation provides funding to evaluate the 26.5 miles of sanitary sewer lines in the collection system to determine immediate and long-term maintenance needs for planning and budgeting. The entire amount of this bond will be awarded loan forgiveness by the NHDES Clean Water Revolving Fund.

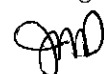
Moderator – Any questions

Bob Ouellette - I have a problem with wording none of these numbers are final. So we actually do not know if we are going to get this money or not.

Steve Takacs - The bond is for \$30,000 correct and we are going to get \$30,000 correct. So is it actually \$60,000 and we get a \$30,000 reduction or is it \$30,000 and we get \$30,000 back.

Kevin Stetson - It will be \$30,000 and we will get it back and our cost will only be 1%.

Steve Takacs - Wouldn't it make sense just to pay the \$30,000.



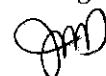
Jack Sheehy - We have to follow DES rules and this is what they require. We have to follow the rules or we will not get the money. So even though we are going to get it back we have to get your authority.

Steve Takacs - Would it not be to your advantage to put it somewhere that it is not going to cost them anything? It seems like it should be in the explanation.

Moderator any other question or comments? Seeing none I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant article 7 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Now we move on to Warrant article 8.

WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 14,717,252

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$14,717,252? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$14,572,236, 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 operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other Warrant Article. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.086 over the 2018 Budget or (\$8.60 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000)**



PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2018	2018	2019	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ACTUAL (Note 2)	ADOPTED	PROPOSED		
	AS OF 01/10/2019	BUDGET	BUDGET	\$	%
	(unaudited)				
Administration, includes Legal	\$ 255,136	\$ 262,104	\$ 268,283	\$ 6,179	2.4%
Ambulance	\$ 873,894	\$ 858,510	\$ 879,295	20,785	2.4%
Assessing	\$ 128,385	\$ 140,245	\$ 105,704	(34,541)	-24.6%
Community Development	\$ 361,009	\$ 401,438	\$ 399,620	(1,818)	-0.5%
Community Media	\$ 16,191	\$ 16,148	\$ 16,419	271	1.7%
Conservation	\$ 24,092	\$ 24,092	\$ 24,695	603	2.5%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 158,484	\$ 174,460	\$ 168,981	(5,479)	-3.1%
Finance & Tax Collection	\$ 345,352	\$ 351,731	\$ 359,353	7,622	2.2%
Employee Benefits & Insurance (Note 1)	\$ 2,661,229	\$ 2,846,162	\$ 2,917,009	70,847	2.5%
Debt Service	\$ 834,871	\$ 1,006,904	\$ 1,324,991	318,087	31.6%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 600,461	\$ 623,097	\$ 671,400	48,303	7.8%
Human Resources	\$ 70,651	\$ 70,470	\$ 72,250	1,780	2.5%
Information Systems	\$ 395,749	\$ 323,984	\$ 347,304	23,320	7.2%
Library	\$ 780,428	\$ 780,428	\$ 810,952	30,524	3.9%
Other Public Safety, includes MACC Base	\$ 661,049	\$ 659,335	\$ 682,965	23,630	3.6%
Police	\$ 2,352,717	\$ 2,331,654	\$ 2,361,232	29,578	1.3%
Public Works	\$ 2,951,023	\$ 2,907,424	\$ 3,015,940	108,516	3.7%
Recreation	\$ 120,951	\$ 128,522	\$ 130,132	1,610	1.3%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 150,142	\$ 175,135	\$ 160,727	(14,408)	-8.2%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 13,741,814	\$ 14,081,843	\$ 14,717,252	\$ 635,409	4.5%
Note 1: All employee benefit costs are accounted for in this department and are not allocated to corresponding departments.					
Note 2: 2018 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/10/2019. Year end adjustments are outstanding.					

Mr. Federico – Mr. Moderator- I move that warrant article 8 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Bender – Thank BOS and BAC for their help and advice for putting together the 2019 operating budget together. Milford's financial health remains strong. The proposed budget is an increase of 4.5% from the 2018 operating budget. The default budget is one percentage point less than the proposed operating budget.

Jack Sheehy - A little explanation about the default budget. Milford is an SB2 town it is an official ballot referendum town. Any town that has adopted RSA:40:13. Any town or school district which has adopted RSA 40:13 votes on the warrant articles at the official election day also known as the 2nd session of town meeting which is preceded approximately 1 and ½ months by the deliberative session first session of town meeting which transacts all business other than voting. RSA 40:13 is a variation of NH Town Meeting. The originators of RSA 40:13 had to provide for a fall back if the voters voted down the proposed budget at the ballot box thus the default budget was created. The default budget is defined as the amount of the budget of the previous year reduced or increased by debt, contracts or other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law and reduced by any one time expenditures contained in the operating budget. The 2019 default budget includes wage increases approved in last

year's budget and by collective bargaining agreements along with associated fringe benefits and increases due to health insurances and previous debt obligations authorized by the town. If the proposed budget is defeated the default budget will be put in place.

Mark Bender - So what is driving the \$635,000 increase. The biggest item is debt service from fire station and road improvements this accounts for more than 50% of the increase. We are reviewing our fees at the transfer station. Wage increase includes a 3% increase for our employees. Our employee turnover for the past 3 years is 10%. Turnover is expensive.

Health Insurance - 13.5% rate increase. Fire Dept two full time positions \$46,413.

These are the real drivers of this increase. The real budget increase is 2.5%.

What is the property tax impact our current municipal tax rate is \$6.28. Our municipal rate has decreased each of the past 3 years. The line charge shows Milford tax rate from 2008 to 2013 and we have posters in the back showing Milford rate compared to other communities. In total we rank #8 on the municipal portion we rank #15 out of 31. School rate we rank 3rd.

So looking at the gold sheet if budget is approved and all warrant article we would see our tax rate decrease to \$6.32. That already changed from warrant article 3 so basically no change. We are projecting a 6.6%

That 1.7% is revenue driven.

Our operating budget vs actual

By statute we cannot run over the budget our running average is 98.4%.

Low Debt 30% of statutorily allowed. This number is going up.

Debt Ratio

Front and back on gold sheet

Fund balance 2006 to 2019 we made good improvement state guideline is 5 to 17% we have seen steady improvement over the last 3 years so we are at 8.3%.

We are projecting a 7.1% balance at the end of 2019.

Moderator – Mr. Pank

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) We believe the Town Operating Budget is preferable to the Default Budget. A careful analysis of the budget from 2008 through 2018 shows that the municipal portion of the rate has been prudently managed. What is even more remarkable is that the municipal rate has gone down every year since 2015. If the 2019 budget and all the warrant articles pass, the 2019 estimated municipal tax rate would be \$6.38 per thousand dollars. Which is the same as the 2018 tax rate. The town departments have been under considerable



pressure to keep costs down for several years now. It is important to allow flexibility in the Town Budget to address items such as road repairs, snow removal and emergencies throughout the year.

Bob Ouellette – Milford School Board - I just want to know if this income includes the fund balance returned from the school district.

Jack Sheehy - No

Bob Ouellette - Because I believe there is a fairly large portion returned to the town to reduce taxes.

Jack Sheehy - If the School has a fund balance left over it goes to the school's budget.

Bob Ouellette - According to law I believe the \$200,000 that we have in the reserve fund has to be returned to the town to reduce taxes.

Jack Sheehy - For the school portion of the tax rate not the towns portion.

Moderator - Are you asking for Mr. Drescher's opinion?

Atty Drescher - Unlike the town the school District is not entitled to have a fund balance so that anything that is left over assuming there is anything left over comes to the towns general fund and goes to the undesignated fund balance. However, in recent years there has been a statute which allows school districts to adopt a contingency fund from which some of that money can come so that is what usually happens to that money so you are correct it has to come back here.

Bob Ouellette - Last year in the school budget we established that fund and it has to be used in 1 year it was not used so I believe it has to be turned over to the town and I believe it is \$200,000.

Atty Drescher - You are correct at the end of the year they have to account for that and if they are going to redo it the next year, they have to vote it again.

Bob Ouellette - This year we have \$200,000 out of last year to reduce the budget.

Jack Sheehy - I do not see \$200K from the school and I do not expect to see \$200K from the school so this is new to me. This would have to go as part of the revenue projections of the school to reduce their amount. I have never seen \$200K so I am unaware of it.

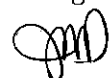
Moderator – We can talk about it at the School Deliberative

Bob Ouellette - I would like to ask Paul Dargie to explain it.

Paul Dargie - It does reduce taxes, but it reduces the school taxes not the town taxes.

Moderator - Any other questions any discussion? Seeing none I instruct the town clerk to place Warrant Article 8 on the ballot as originally worded and according to state statutes.

WARRANT ARTICLE 9 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 1,526,251



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,526,251 to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,518,112, 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 warrant article is paid for by the water user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1).**

Mr. Federico - I move that warrant article 9 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Kevin Stetson – We oversee 57 miles of water pipe and over 3500 customers our overall water budget is \$1,526,251 this budget is funded solely by user fees and this includes a 3% salary increase for staff. We have added water dept staff to the on call which means overtime. On our account we are continuing with a part time temporary person to do small tasks such as painting fire hydrants and we are having a capital reserve for example to replace water meters. We are looking at replacing one of our vehicles on Adams street we are looking at doing some water main issues ourselves. We are looking at finding an additional water source. We are looking at every 3 years for diver inspection of our water tanks. We are looking at a water rate study in 2019 expecting it in 2020. Any questions.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (8-0-1) This appropriation will be used to operate and maintain the Water Department and will be paid for by water user fees.

Moderator – Any discussion? Seeing none I instruct the clerk to place Warrant Article 9 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. We are moving on to Warrant Article 10.

WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 2,161,107

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,161,107 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? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 2,070,610, 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 warrant article is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1).**

Mr. Federico – I move that warrant article 10 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The BOS supports this warrant article 5 to 0.

Moderator – Moved and seconded thank you.

Mr. Stetson - Wastewater maintains about 47 miles of sewer main. Our operating overall operating budget is an increase of 4.4% for this year. This budget is solely funded by user fees. This includes an office air conditioning project and a 3% wage increase. We are looking at our expected plant equipment maintenance and increasing our capital reserve fund \$10,000/month. We are also looking at an ultraviolet system so those bulbs wear out we are purchasing for stock. We are looking at our cross



country lines maintenance and adding a rotary mower. We are looking at an industrial user study. We are looking at a back hoe replacement. We are doing a sewer rate increase April of 2019.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (8-0-1) This appropriation will be used to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sanitary Collection System and will be paid for by sewer user fees.

Audrey Frazier – You mentioned there was a 25% increase does that include all the water warrants.

Kevin Stetson - Yes

Moderator – Any questions or comments? Seeing none I instruct the Town Clerk to place warrant article 10 on the ballot as originally worded and according to state statutes. We are moving on to Warrant Article 11.

WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - BRIDGE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$ 75,000

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? This fund was identified in the May 2014 Hoyle, Tanner Associates, Inc. study that identified needed rehabilitation for Town bridges. Expenditures from this fund would be authorized by the Board of Selectmen. The \$75,000 builds upon the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2014. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.053 or (\$5.30 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico – I move that the proposed warrant article 11 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Bender – As we discuss these refer to the red sheet. This reserve fund is the hardest working fund. We presently stand with a balance of \$602,000 and voters generously gave us \$175,000 we replaced the multiple culverts in town and we replaced the Hartshorn Pond Bridge and that left us \$537,000 and we decided to reduce the appropriation request from \$175,000 to \$75,000.

Mr. Pank – The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) This previously established fund would allow the town to continue to set aside money towards bridge repair/replacement. There was \$240,000 worth of projects scheduled for 2019, with work on deteriorated BAC Majority/Minority Report re-posted - 2/6/2019 3 structures on Mason Road and on Hartshorn Road. DPW has identified these projects as high priority in need of replacing.

Steve Takacs - One comment for all these reserve funds just remember all these are costing money right now for which you are getting nothing in return for right now. I have the same comment for all reserve funds.

Mr. Daniels - Question for the BAC. They mentioned Mason Rd and Hartshorn Rd but Mr. Bender mentioned Joslin Rd and Hartshorn Rd. Just want to make sure they are aware.



Moderator - Any discussion? Seeing none I instruct the town clerk to place Warrant Article 11 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes.

Mr. Federico - Mr. Moderator – I request we restrict reconsideration of warrant articles 4 thru 11.

Moderator - We have a motion and it is seconded to restrict reconsideration of articles 4 thru 11. All those in favor raise your cards. Anyone opposed? It is unanimous.

Moderator - We will move on to Warrant Article 12.

WARRANT ARTICLE 12 - DPW VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$40,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$40,000 builds upon the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2018. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.029 or (\$2.90 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico – I move that warrant article 12 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. I give the floor to Mr. Putnam.

Selectman Putnam - Continuing to build on a capital reserve account for DPW vehicles and heavy equipment is necessary and will lower the impact to the tax rate when a new vehicle or piece of heavy equipment is purchased. The funds will continue to accrue until a replacement is needed and can only be used for the replacement of a DPW vehicle or piece of heavy equipment.

Mr. Pank – BAC - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) This previously established fund would allow more funds to be set aside towards future purchases of vehicles and equipment. It would not necessarily fund the entire purchase so much as allow for a lesser amount of borrowing at the time of purchase.

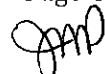
Moderator - Any questions or comments? There are none, so I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 12 on the ballot as originally worded. We will now move on to Warrant Article 13.

WARRANT ARTICLE 13 - FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico – I move that the proposed warrant article 13 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Moved and seconded



Mr. Pank - The BAC supports this article 9 to 0. This previously established fund is for the purchase of fire apparatus. It would not necessarily fund the entire purchase so much as allow for a lesser amount of lease/purchase at the time of purchase.

Moderator – Any additional questions? Seeing none, I instruct the Town clerk to place Warrant Article 13 on the ballot as written in accordance with state statutes. We will move on to Warrant Article 14

WARRANT ARTICLE 14 - TOWN FACILITIES RENOVATION AND MAJOR REPAIR REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 14 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator - That is moved and seconded.

Mr. Federico - I yield the floor to selectman Dudziak

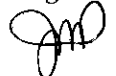
Selectman Dudziak - Thank you. The BOS unanimously supports this warrant article.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) This previously established fund would allow the town to continue the process of setting aside funds to be used for renovations and repairs to town buildings. These funds are not expected to completely pay for future needs but could be used as a down payment against large expenditures thereby leveling the budget as Milford works to maintain town buildings.

Moderator – Is there any further discuss? Seeing none. I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 14 on the ballot as originally written and according to state statutes. We will now move on to Warrant Article 15.

WARRANT ARTICLE 15 - AMBULANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**



Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 13 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The BOS supports this warrant article (5-0).

Selectman Dargie - This article continues the reserve account currently has an account balance of \$50,096.06 and will allow for a lesser amount lease purchase at time of purchase.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (0-0) This previously established fund is for the purchase of ambulance vehicles. It would not necessarily fund the entire purchase so much as allow for a lesser amount of lease/purchase at the time of purchase.

Moderator – Any further discussion? Seeing none I instruct the Town clerk to place warrant article 15 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. We will move on to Warrant Article 16.

WARRANT ARTICLE 16 - KEYES PARK EXPANSION COMMITTEE PROJECT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for the design, development and construction of improvements to Keyes Memorial Park, as outlined in the Keyes Memorial Park Expansion Committee Report, (December 20, 2016 and as amended). The Board of Selectmen has authority to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 builds upon the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 16 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Selectman Dargie - This article continues the capital reserve account dedicated to improvements at Keyes Park. The committee continues to meet and refines the plan to meet the needs of the community.

Selectman Daniels - Speaking for the minority. The minority felt that the dredging of Osgood Pond was a higher priority than this article.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) • This previously established fund allows for this appropriation to be used toward the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters the last two years. • This past year, capital reserve funds (about \$16,000) were used to properly survey all three parcels of land and officially incorporate them into Keyes Memorial Park Complex. The completed survey has identified property boundaries necessary for the committee to begin construction of the walking trail in the spring of 2019. The report, accepted by the Board of Selectmen in July 2017, identifies three phases of improvements over a number of years and the committee continues to move forward with implementation of phase I. BAC Majority/Minority Report re-posted - 2/6/2019 4 • The full report can be found on the town website - <https://www.milford.nh.gov/keyes-memorial-parkexpansion-committee>

Moderator - Any further discussion or questions? Seeing none I instruct the Town Clerk to place warrant article 16 on the ballot as originally worded. We will now move on to Warrant Article 17.



WARRANT ARTICLE 17 - PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Public Safety Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$20,000 builds upon the Public Safety Communication Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0).** This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 or (\$1.40 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 17 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Moved and seconded

Mr. Federico - The BOS voted unanimously to support this article

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) This previously established fund is to continue the process of future purchases of critical safety communication equipment to ensure Town Departments maintain their high levels of efficiency. Purchases would include replacement of pagers and radios, both portable and vehicular, for Ambulance, DPW, Emergency Management, Fire and Police. This fund does not include MACC Base needs.

Judy Hohenadel – Mason Rd - I am just wondering if we would hold off on buying any of those pagers or thing until we know what is going on with MACC base.

Kevin Federico - We would not be expending anything out of this.

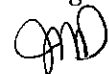
Any further discussion? Seeing none I instruct the town clerk to place warrant 17 on the ballot as amended and according to state statutes. We are moving on to Warrant Article 18.

WARRANT ARTICLE 18 - ASSESSING REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE - \$15,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of Revaluation of Real Estate Assessment is to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that periodically these assessments are at full and true value. The Board of Selectmen has authority to expend from this fund. The \$15,000 builds upon the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0).** This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.011 or (\$1.10 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 18 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Dargie - The BOS unanimously supports this article. This is an attempt to have level expenditures each year rather than have a large expense in one year.



Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) The Town is required by State statute to reassess all property every five (5) years to guarantee that each parcel is updated to its current value. By continuing to place an amount of \$15,000 per year into the capital reserve the tax impact is constant and will not spike in the year of reassessment.

Moderator – Any discussion? Seeing none I instruct the clerk to place Warrant article 18 on the ballot and according to state statutes. We are moving on to Warrant Article 19.

WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - OSGOOD POND PHASE II - \$ 350,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000, to complete the final phase of the Osgood Pond Restoration Project? This is an ongoing effort to restore Town-owned Osgood Pond, a significant local water body adjacent to a Town-owned public recreation facility (Adams Field) and a small municipal park known as Hazel Adams Burns Park. The Town has received a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for \$175,000 and would be responsible for the remaining \$175,000. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.125 or (\$12.50 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 19 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. I yield the floor to selectman Putnam then selectman Daniels.

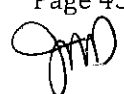
Selectman Putnam - the majority feels that there are other needs that are more pressing than putting additional money into Osgood Pond. There will be other grants available that can help with Phase II if and when the time comes to implement the additional phase.

Selectman Daniels – Over the years the buildup of sand and silt has rendered the pond unusable for fishing boating or any other recreational activity. Over the last few years one half of the pond has been dredged phase 1. The permit obtained for phase 1 includes phase 2 without any additional costs. In the future the funds may not be available to us.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee voted 4-5 not to support Minority Report - The minority feel that Osgood Pond is a valuable asset to the Town, both environmentally and for recreational uses. The already completed Phase 1 has allowed for the reclamation of approximately 5 acres and has facilitated the addition of a Town dock for public fishing and canoe\kayak access. Phase II would continue with the reclamation process expanding the waterway for further access and recreational use. Delaying the start of Phase II would allow the remaining silt to migrate to the already reclaimed area, leading to the problem having to be dealt with again at some point in the future. While the process of silt migration may be a long-term issue, delaying Phase II will only serve to speed up the process. It would be a waste of the already spent town and matching funds to not follow through at this point and would allow the pond to begin to return to its prior state.

Majority Report – The majority does not support this article. We feel the dredging, for now, at Osgood Pond has been completed. It is our opinion that any money put toward the area would not have an impact on the quality of life for the Town of Milford, not to mention, NH Fish and Game has already stocked the pond and dredging it would only have a deleterious effect on the current habitat.

Moderator – questions or comments.



Mr. Wheeler – 523 Mason Rd - A little history we tried to get this going again for many years. The first hurdle was that the permit was going to cost us \$100,000 and the legislature got it capped to \$10,000. We then started looking at other matching sources to get this done. We decided when we got the permit to phase the permit that is why we have a phase 1 and phase 2 and phase 3. We can finish this project by dredging another 6 acres. If this does not pass I want to be clear that the \$175,000 match is gone. We also got \$50,000 from fish and game. There is a chance we could get another \$50,000 from fish and game but there is no chance if this article does not pass. The DES has reviewed and given us this permit. The NH Dept of cultural resources has also given us the approval and biologists are in agreement with this project as well. I am asking your support for this today.

Chuck Kurtz – Boulder Drive - By my count there are 10 houses that might benefit not the whole town. Further this is not an historical pond if you notice there is a dam at the end it is not a pond it is a stream that was man made if you want to restore it you take down the dam and let it be a stream. I would like to make an amendment to this article and change it to zero.

Moderator – Is there a second it is seconded. So we have an amendment to substitute zero for the \$350,000 in warrant article 19.

Mr. Stadel - Refer to the sheet showing tax rate increases school and town. I see the state provided relief to the town for the completion of the project. Attention to everyone of the school rate. Some would condemn the schools for this increase and this is from the failure of NH to fund the schools appropriately. So to extend the property tax for the pond is not essential. The school tax rate is going to increase. I agree with the 0 number as the one to use.

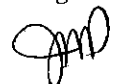
Suzanne Fournier - 9 Woodward Dr. - I agree with the amendment. I would like to point out that the original fish and game report said that the dredging of the 5 acres would not benefit the fish because it removes the vegetation at the bottom when it removes everything. So, they are the ones that gave the opinion that it does not help. Yes they gave \$50K that the fisheries division was not in favor of this but politically they were required to do it. There are 3 additional costs that are not in this article but they are imposed. The DES is requiring that the town monitor the nesting habitat of the endangered wildlife and these costs have not been addressed. The invasive plants were not controlled as they were required by law. The materials there is no known place to put the materials that come from Osgood Pond. So where it gets dumped can be costly.

Tim Finan - I oppose the amendment. The gentleman that proposed it said there are only 10 people that will benefit but we only have 40 people left here today so don't take the vote away from the other 11,000 people that are not here to vote on this.

Moderator - So we are talking about the amendment to change the dollar value to zero dollars. All those in favor of the amendment please raise your cards. All those opposed. The amendment fails.

Moderator – Any comments or questions? Seeing none, I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 19 on the ballot and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 20.

WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - KEYES MEMORIAL PARK POOL MAINTENANCE AND PUMP - \$200,000



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000, for purchase of a pool circulating pump and general maintenance? The new pump will replace the 50-year-old pump, motor and chlorinator. Maintenance also includes sandblasting and repainting of the pool to address the degrading surface that is clogging the filters. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.143 or (\$14.30 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 20 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator - This is seconded

Mr. Federico - The pool needs a new pump and repainted is needed.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) The Keys Memorial Park Pool is over 50 years old and still has the original pump installed when the pool was built. The pump has gone through a number of repairs but has come to the point where it needs to be replaced. Included in this funding is ongoing pool maintenance which primarily will include draining, cleaning and painting. The last painting was done about 7 years ago. The pool is a town treasure and is used by many residents, with free passes offered for children under age 4 and individuals 62 and older.

Moderator - Any questions or comments? Seeing none I instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 20 on the ballot as originally worded. Moving on to Article 21

WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents as proposed by the Social Services Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-0-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.029 or (\$2.90 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

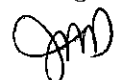
Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 21 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Selectman Dudziak - Presently there are 11 agencies that provide assistance to Milford Residents. The services provided by these organizations provide a much needed benefit to these citizens.

Mr. Pank - The BAC supports this article 9 to 0. In these economic times, our citizens continue to need assistance. These funds are allocated to eleven (11) different agencies that provide various resources to our citizens. Without these resources, the overall burden would likely increase in excess of the amount requested.

Moderator - Any further discussion? Seeing none I instruct the clerk to place Warrant Article 21 on the ballot as originally worded and according to state statutes.

Moderator - We are on Warrant Article 22.



WARRANT ARTICLE 22 – AFSCME CONTRACT - \$39,146

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and municipal employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,146 for fiscal year 2019? Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto. **The Board supports this article (5-0). The budget Advisory Committee supports this article (9-0).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 22 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The BOS supports this warrant article (5-0).

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) The Board of Selectmen and AFSCME (includes Milford Police Officers) have successfully negotiated a contract for salaries and benefits for the years 2019 through 2022. The cost increase for 2019 is estimated to be \$39,146 and if approved will be part of the 2019 Operating Budget.

Moderator – Any further discussion? Seeing none I instruct the clerk to place Article 22 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 23.

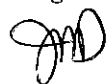
Mr. Federico - I ask to restrict reconsideration of articles 12 – 22.

Moderator - It has been asked to restrict reconsideration of article 12 – 22. All those in favor raise your cards. All those opposed. It is unanimous. We will move on to Warrant article 23.

WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - SNOW PLOW TRUCK, 36K GVW, 8 CUBIC YARDS, W/PLOW, SANDER, WET SYSTEM – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$38,200 (Annual Payment \$38,200/Total Purchase Price \$180,000)

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for a Snow Plow Truck with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation in the amount of \$180,000, pursuant to RSA 33:7-e, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,200 for the first years payment. This will replace a 2002 International truck that will be 17 years old at its replacement. This trucks primary purpose will be for maintenance of Town roadways, particularly for winter maintenance and snow removal. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (7-2). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 or (\$2.70 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 23 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The BOS supports this warrant article (5-0). Mr. Federico - This is a request to replace a very significant piece of equipment. It is no longer cost effective to continue to repair.



Mr. Pank – The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (7-2) Majority Report - This article will provide funding for the replacement of a 17-year old truck used for maintenance of town roadways and snow removal during winter months. Members of the Budget Advisory Committee visited the Town of Milford Department of Public Works and were able to observe firsthand the need for funding this vehicle replacement.

Minority Report - The minority believes this 17-year old vehicle is still in operation and could be moved to a backup position as funding for a new 36K GVW plow truck has been approved and funded by BOS through SB 38 funding already. With the recently approved truck, it gives DPW 1 more additional truck on the road than last winter.

Steve Takacs - The interest charge is not in here. I assume when you add the interest you will be close to \$200,000. What were last year's costs for repair.

Rick Reindeau - 2018 \$1403.03

Steve Takacs - If you even double that it will be \$3000. That is a heck of a lot less than \$200,000. It takes a lot of \$3000 is a lot of years before you make up \$200K.

Moderator - Any other questions or comments

Rick Reindeau - This might help clarify some of the questions. I would like to thank the boards that have supported public works over the years. Right now public works maintains over \$100 million in the asset management. Back in 1997 the town had 14 pieces of equipment plowing 47 miles of road. Right now we have 15 pieces of equipment plowing 87 miles of road. We have the potential with these new subdivisions coming on line of addition 4 miles of road as early as this year. In looking at these trucks and the longevity of them. An optimum time of trading these in is 12 years. We have 3 or 4 trucks that are over the age of 12 and take a lot of man hours. We have trucks that when they are down waiting on parts we are lucky we did not get a lot of snow.

Gary Daniels - I think you mentioned 2018 it was \$1400 in repairs. I look at your sheet and in 2016 it was over \$5000 in repairs, 2017 over \$6000 in repairs. 2018 9000 in repairs and to date we are at \$4000 in repairs.


Rick Reindeau – That is the up to date numbers. I did not have that sheet.

Chris Labonte – If you got this approval on the new truck would you still plow with the load grader? The reason I ask that is the high cost of repairs on that grader.

Rick Reindeau - A lot of that had to do with the new emissions. We have plow routes that are 4 hours and if we get the 4 miles of road that will add another 4 hours and we will probably still use the grader.

Chris Labonte - It gives you one more truck. I guess where I am going is I am one in the minority. When you have a repair of \$5000 now that is a common repair. If it was going to make the grader plowing obsolete. We have already spent 50% of the purchase price on the grader on repairs.

Bob Ouellette - Ball Hill – I want to be here to support public works. I am supporting public works.



Moderator - Any further discussion or comments? Seeing none I will instruct the Town Clerk to place Warrant article 23 on the ballot as originally worded.

Moderator - Moving on to Warrant Article 24

WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES – \$30,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 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? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.021 or (\$2.10 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 24 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Selectman Dudziak - The board unanimously supports this warrant article. This is an invaluable service to our community.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) The Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) provides a valuable service to the community by providing transport for medical appointments and other necessities to our residents

Janet Langdell - This is a very successful regional collaboration used by six towns and we want to thank you.

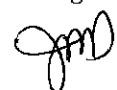
Moderator – Any further questions or comments? Seeing none. I instruct the town clerk to place warrant article 24 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 25.

WARRANT ARTICLE 25 - PUMPKIN FESTIVAL SUPPORT - \$23,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 or (\$1.60 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 25 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Federico – The Granite Town Festivities Committee will be in its second year of operation and they are looking forward to working on the 30th anniversary of the Pumpkin Festival. The committee hopes that pumpkin festival will be self-sustaining in one more year.



Mr. Pank The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (8-0-1) The town is looking for volunteers for help with the Pumpkin Festival again in the upcoming year. • The Pumpkin Festival is the signature annual event for Milford. It generates significant positive publicity for the Town, and is worthy of being financially supported by the Town. • The roughly 35,000 attendees generate hundreds of thousands of dollars of economic benefits for local businesses and for local non-profit organizations. • The money on this warrant article is used to directly fund the Town support services such as the DPW, Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments. BAC Majority/Minority Report re-posted - 2/6/2019 6 • This will not fund the entire cost of putting on the Pumpkin Festival, so volunteers, donations and sponsors are being sought.

Moderator – Any questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place Warrant Article 25 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 26.

WARRANT ARTICLE 26 - CONSERVATION FUND - \$20,000


Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of adding it to the conservation fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes? Contribution furthers the protection of the town's natural resources. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 or (\$1.40 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico – Mr. Moderator I move that the proposed warrant article 26 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Selectman Dudziak – This article was proposed by the conservation commission in order to increase the funds in the conservation fund. By voting to support this article you are helping to protect the towns natural resources.

Selectman Putnam – The conservation land fund currently has a balance of \$113,000. The money is used to maintain and buy additional property if it becomes available. Conservation currently maintains 1,100 acres of conservation land and 19 miles of trails. The majority feels spending additional monies on conservation land is not appropriate at this time, the community has higher priorities.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) The BAC unanimously voted to recommend a desired minimum balance of \$150,000 be kept in the Conservation Land Fund. The balance is presently around \$113,000. This appropriation builds the Fund to allow for quick action when suitable land becomes available. Only approximately 10% of the 16,000 acres of town land is presently protected conservation land, which preserves and protects Milford's water supply, air quality, recreation, wildlife, and natural beauty. The Fund will be used for purchase of land as well as conservation easements. Fundraising and grant applications will still be pursued. Protecting an area avoids development of housing that may require additional town services that could consequently increase future property taxes.



Audrey Frazier – On behalf of conservation commission I would like to thank the town for continuing to support us. We sometimes get grants with this matching money. I

Moderator – Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 26 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 27.

WARRANT ARTICLE 27 - TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (INCLUDES HOURLY EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS, WATER UTILITIES AND POLICE) (2019 — 2020) - \$10,983

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract years 2019, 2020 and 2021 (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2022) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,983 for fiscal year 2019? Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments. \$7,775 is to be raised by general taxation, \$1,774 is to be raised by Water User Fees, and \$1,434 to be raised by Sewer User Fees. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (8-0-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$.60 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

COST ITEMS FROM GENERAL FUND

	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated*
Wages	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,656	\$ 2,311	\$ 578
Fringe Benefits	\$ (181)	\$ (232)	\$ (297)	\$ (74)
Totals	\$ 1,774	\$ 2,424	\$ 2,014	\$ 504
	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated*
Wages	\$ 11,799	\$ 16,027	\$ 13,948	\$ 3,487
Fringe Benefits	\$ (4,024)	\$ (5,311)	\$ (5,702)	\$ (1,426)
Totals	\$ 7,775	\$ 10,716	\$ 8,246	\$ 2,062

COST ITEMS FROM WATER FUND

COST ITEMS FROM SEWER FUND

	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated*
Wages	\$ 2,753	\$ 3,739	\$ 3,254	\$ 814
Fringe Benefits	\$ (1,319)	\$ (1,746)	\$ (1,838)	\$ (460)
Totals	\$ 1,434	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,416	\$ 354

NOTE:

The contract calls for a 2.5% increase each year as of April 1, 2019 and 2020 and a 2.0% increase as of April 1, 2021. These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2022 to cover salary increases to contract termination date of March 31, 2022.

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 27 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. The BOS is in unanimous support of this article. This is a 3 year agreement contract years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Pank The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (8-0-1) The Board of Selectmen and Teamsters (which includes some DPW Workers) has successfully negotiated a contract for salaries and benefits for 2019-2021. The cost increase for 2019 is \$10,983 of which \$7,775 will be Town responsibility and will be added to the Operating Budget. The rest will be covered by Water & Sewer User fees.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 27 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 28.

WARRANT ARTICLE 28 - FUNDING OF THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE – \$10,000

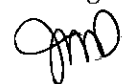
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding bands, musicians and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0.). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 or (\$.70 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 28 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Moved and seconded.

Mr. Dargie - The BOS unanimously supports this article. This Labor Day parade has been held in Milford for 74 years. This is the largest parade in the state. There is a chance that after this year the parade will be self-sustaining.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) We believe we should continue to help fund this parade which has been an annual event in Milford. The parade is one of the favorite activities provided to the citizens of Milford and has been attended by hundreds of people each year for the past 74 years since its inception in 1945 by Governor Charles M. Dale to honor the workers of New Hampshire



Jay Delfini – Nashua St – As a member of the Labor Day committee we strongly support this article. All donations and spending are transparent. Last year was our 71st anniversary.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 28 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes.

Moderator - Moving on to Warrant Article 29

WARRANT ARTICLE 29 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of holding the annual summer evening Band Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail)? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$.60 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 29 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Moved and seconded

Selectman Dargie - The BOS unanimously supports this article. Band concerts are one of things that make Milford a great place to live.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Warrant Article (9-0) The summer band concerts provide culture and entertainment for all ages and are one of the many activities that makes Milford a highly desirable place to live.

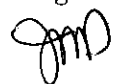
Steve Takacs – I support this article. I have a beef about the programming this was originally designed to be for band concerts. In the last few years we are down to two town bands per year the rest of the programming is filled with soloists and quartets and the Beatles band are the only ones that are well attended. I would like to note that we should go back to bands and get some of the six town bands. I go to the band concerts every Wednesday and I want to hear more band concerts because that is what they are supposed to be.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 29 on the ballot as written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 30.

WARRANT ARTICLE 30 - FIREWORKS - \$8,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the purpose of providing the Independence Day celebration fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$.60 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 30 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.



Selectman Dudziak - The majority feel that by supporting this article families will be able to continue to enjoy the Fireworks on the 4th of July.

Selectman Daniels – The minority feels that \$8500 to blow off in 20 minutes is too much to spend. Therefore, I would like to make an amendment to change this from \$8500 to \$7000.
Moderator – Is there a second yes there is.

Selectman Daniels - If you look, they do fireworks at the pumpkin festival for \$7000 if they can do it at the Pumpkin Festival, I do not know why they can't do it for the 4th of July.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) • This appropriation would be used to cover the direct cost of the fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day. • Fireworks have been the culminating activity to a day-long celebration in recognition of the birth of our nation. BAC Majority/Minority Report re-posted - 2/6/2019 7 • This activity helps Milford residents of all ages express our pride and patriotism for our great country. • In past years funding for this event has received the support of a majority of voters.

Arene Berry – Beech St and Recreation Director - In 2008 and 2009 the fireworks was for \$10,000 in 2010 it was for \$8500 it did not pass 2011 no warrant in 2012 a 3 year contract was put in place and that is when 2012 \$4500 2013 \$6000 and 2014 \$8500 all three of those passed bringing us back to \$8500 and that is where it has been since. Second point the granite town festivities committee when they have the fireworks it is also a partial sponsor by Atlas.

Wade Campbell – Granite Town VP - What Arene said is true. We got a partial donation with the \$7000.

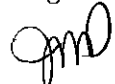
Janet Langdell - I want to support what Wade said. You can't compare apples and oranges.

We have an amendment on the floor to change the dollar amount to \$7000. All those in favor? All those opposed. The amendment fails.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 30 on the ballot as originally written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 31

WARRANT ARTICLE 31 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION - TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of town support relative to the observance of Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades? These funds shall be used to cover parade costs incurred by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 or (\$.50 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).**



Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 31 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Moderator – Seconded

Selectman Dargie - The funds of this article give the departments the cost of these expenses to run these parades. They promote community involvement and allow our veterans to be recognized.

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee SUPPORTS this Warrant Article (9-0) • The parades are very well attended and popular with the community. • These funds would cover the costs incurred by the Public Works, Police, and other Town departments. • These funds would also cover the cost of flags that are placed on the Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

Jay – I am proud to report 3 Eagle Scouts have re-mapped West St cemetery and Union St cemetery and re-placed some of the graves. I have contacted them to place the flags on the veterans' graves.

Moderator- Any other discussion

Steve Takacs - I just want to ask why we have Labor Day under article 28 and article 31. Is it not the same thing?

Mark Bender - Warrant 28 refers to bands and musicians, Article 31 relates to town services and support for the other parades.

Jay Duffy - The first article that was explained is regarding the bands and the cost of the parade itself.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 31 on the ballot as originally written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 32

WARRANT ARTICLE 32 - MULTI-YEAR LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY FOR A SOLAR FARM - \$0



Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen according to RSA 41:11-a, to lease 120 +/- acres of Town owned property in the Commercial & Industrial Lands (BROX Property) which includes Map 38 Lot 4, Map 38 Lot 5, Map 38 Lot 5-1, Map 38-9, Map 38 Lot 11, Map 38 Lot 12, Map 38 Lot 13, and Map 38 Lot 14, and to enter into long-term contracts with a developer for the construction of a solar farm? Primary term of the lease would be twenty five (25) years with 3 renewals of 5 years each. The town will enter into a three year option period, with revenue of \$2500, to allow inspections, surveys and other studies to determine site suitability. Lease revenue to the town during the 25 year initial term is:

Year 1-5 annual rent of \$1,000/acre = \$598,000

Year 6-10 annual rent of \$1,100/acre = \$657,910

Year 11-20 annual rent of \$1,200/acre = \$1,435,440

Year 21-25 annual rent of \$1,300/acre = \$777,530

Total lease/rent payment to town is \$3,468,980

Additionally, there are 3 renewal terms of 5 years each with annual rent of \$1,600/acre = total lease/rent payments over 15 years of \$2,870,880.

Grand total lease payments to the town over 40 years are \$6,339,860

Additionally, the BOS is encouraged to consider negotiating a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with the lessee assuming compliance with applicable statutes governing the same, the intent of which would be to provide additional revenue to the town. In this regard, any lease document shall contain required statutory language relating to responsibility for taxes as contained in RSA 72:23

Solar decommissioning and land restoration will be completed prior to the land being returned for future town use. Permitted use is for solar energy generation and directly related uses. The BOS support this Article (5-0). The BAC supports this Article (7-2). This Article has no tax impact in 2019.

The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this - Article (7-2). This Article has no tax impact in 2019

Mr. Federico – Move to restrict reconsideration of articles 23 thru 31.

Moderator - We have a second to that. All those in favor of restricting reconsideration of articles 23 thru 31 raise your cards. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 32 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot. This article will the BOS authorization to negotiate a long-term lease of town owned land for a utility scale solar farm. Potential revenue to the town from the initial 25 year term is \$3,468,980. There are three renewal terms of 5 years each that would generate additional lease revenue of \$2,870,880. Total potential lease revenue would be \$6,339,850 plus a payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for property tax payments.

I think it is important to know where this land is that we are talking about. What is the community land and what is industrial/commercial. The land was purchased in 2000. 150 acres for community lands and 120 acres industrial/commercial. Our marketing efforts have been fruitless since there is no infrastructure. We do currently have a signed letter of intent. Of this 120 acres 75 are actually wooded the wetland would have to be preserved. Planning board, DES, fish and game would all have to approve.



A solar farm can use this successfully without a multi-million dollar investment. Solar farm needs access to electrical grid which is already there at the site.

To talk more about the property I would like to introduce Christ Stewart and Dominic Lebel

Moderator - All three gentleman are on the list of the non-resident voters you approved at the beginning of the meeting.

Chris Stewart – I live in Manchester NH – Our Granite Apollo offices are in the city of Concord.

Dominic Lebel - I live in Nashua and I am the director of land management for Granite Apollo.

Vicki Chase – I am with CRC solutions we are assisting Granite Apollo with natural resource identification and permitting.

Mike Kaplan – I am the president of Olivewood Technology and Granite Apollo is a subsidiary of Olivewood Technology. We are a utility scale solar and storage developer focused in the northeast and in NH we are working with Chris and Dom as our local experts. That is how we tend to operate with a local team with their expertise. To clarify what we are proposing this warrant article would enable us to invest the funds. What scale of the project would be a responsible fit to the community? We know portions of the land would not be a fit for the project. The other theme is that this is not the towns last chance to opine the project. This just gets us started.

Wetland delineation is shown. The ultimate project would have a much smaller footprint. We are waiting on the wetland delineation. Best management practices would have to be in place to determine ultimately where panels could be placed.

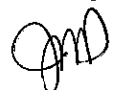
The PILOT is something we would seek to negotiate with the town after the wetland delineations are determined. One thing that made the site attractive was the interconnection going through the site. The other key steps on the permitting and I will turn over to Vicki Chase.

There is a long list of different groups that will evaluate this project.

Vicki Chase – TRC solutions – Certified wetland scientist - As Mike mentioned we are at the early stages we have been in touch with the Nashua Heritage Commission. There are state endangered hog nose snakes near the property. We would meet with fish and game to talk about appropriate measures that they require. If a wetland permit were required there is no plan to fill wetlands and if there was a crossing it would require a permit. That coordination has already started. In April and May we would do wetland delineation we would also do vernal pool studies. I think that is it.

Moderator – Mr. Pank

Mr. Pank - The Budget Advisory Committee (7-2) to Support Majority Report - The majority supports making this town property available for this lease. This project provides a mutual solution of what to do with this land. Benefits of this project include: 1. The land will not continue to sit vacant. Town will receive revenue as rent. 2. No need to expand Town infrastructure. 3. No additional traffic after installation. 4. Minimal impact on habitat with no emissions; environmentally friendly. The tenant will

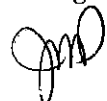


be responsible for land reclamation. 5. Removes the possibility of residential development of the area for at least 40 years. The Board of Selectman should continue to use the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, town department of Community Development, and Public/Citizen input in making choices. Also it would be important to appoint a site manager responsible for monitoring and coordinating this project terms for the lease are not clear. There is no mention of the option lease (3 year for \$833.33 per year total payment).

The minority feels the term for the lease are not clear. They were also uncertain about the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) as real and personal property taxes would be more fitting. There is also a feeling that tying this land up for 25 years is a mistake. We also would like to see a clear plan for decommissioning and reclamation. One BAC member is an abutter to the BROX Property.

Moderator – Ms Fournier you have a presentation

Suzanne Fournier – Woodward Drive - I am coordinator of Brox environmental citizens I am going to talk with you about why this project is a bad site for a solar farm and why this project is a bad deal for the town. This solar project is a bad deal – there is no guarantee it will lower our electric rates – 2 there are no guaranteed jobs 3 the 128 acres of land would be out of voter control for the 3-4 years plus the 25 years the average income per year would be \$125,000 we would be giving up control to a lot of land giving up access and irreplaceable wild life. Our taxes are going up even with the gravel operation and we are giving up a lot of income the income from the gravel operation. So taxes are going up why do we think taxes would go down from this solar farm. The BOS has not been willing for holding information sessions. Today does not count. Some of what we do not know is about the companies. Who is Granite Apollo and its associates? This is what I have been learning online. You have Granite Apollo they are our contact. We learned today that they are a subsidiary of Olivewood Energy. They also call Olivewood a co-developer you know. Associated with Granite Apollo is Chris Stewart and he has another company and then there is Jeremy Hitchcock. How well have these companies been vetted. What are their track records of success? Not just possibilities but what have they achieved. Voters want documentation of reliability and predictability this is a long term engagement. I have more reasons why this is a bad deal for Milford residents. Hunters as well as bikers lose access that they now enjoy. How long will they be blocked out 28 years longer 43 years? Number 2 decrease connectivity of trails in the northern part where these acres it will decrease connectivity of the trails or disconnected all of the solar facility would be fenced off to people. Number 3 we would lose the fresh air that would normally be produced by a very large forest. It produces clean air for the neighborhood once the trees are cut down you don't get the fresh air anymore. Granite Apollo has a TRC Representative. Will TRC set up for the siting guidelines. Don't use a site that is heavily forested 2 avoid wetlands – There was a lot of blue in the map they will be applying for wetland permits another guideline is to avoid sensitive areas that have species that are already endangered. Massive changes to these species. One more point you have to avoid steep slopes these are very rocky hilly area. Will TRC avoid areas that I just said. The state of NH is mostly silent about solar siting. In Massachusetts they strongly suggest to avoid forest land. Significant tree cutting is problematic for water management cooling and climate that the trees promote. Why are they picking a bad site not a good site the company does not care about preserving natural resources. They are interested in making a lot of money and they do not care. Because of the way the town officials think they seem to be blinded by dollar bills see the project for what it is. Don't pretend it is to help the environment. We people are being taken advantage of for not having statutory siting requirements that steer people away from these areas. The mis-guided selectmen think this is just fine. Too me it is a mystery to me why Granite Apollo has not rejected this site. There will be stumbling blocks and as many as possible will be put in the path of this project. One will be a petition to the state's



site evaluation committee to evaluate the questionable siting in a forested wetland complex of highest ecological value. Who will be the poster child of this project? This is a cut forest these are the downed trees this is part of the clear cut in the southern portion of the property. The poster child of the Blanding's turtle and beyond it is the field of downed trees. He needs his species needs the forested habitat for his very survival that is the million dollar question. I am going to ask the moderator if this is an acceptable time for me to make a motion. I move to replace the 120 acre wording of the warrant article to zero acres.

Moderator - We will keep everyone that is an expert in readiness. I will open it to questions and comments to the rest of the audience. If you have a specific comment about the amendment or the whole project that is fine.

Mr. Standel - I know that the BOS as all previous boards for the last 15 years or so has been trying to do something with that property and unsuccessfully and I do not know if a solar farm is the right use it may be. My objection is fundamentally my same objection I have to warrant article 3. That is that someone has made a proposal to the town and have decided to accept those numbers to what was submitted. Well I will submit that there are not many people here if any as to what the value of that property is and what the value of a solar farm is. I think optioning that property for 3 years at \$800 a year is preposterous. We are talking about optioning 120 acres for \$800. That does not mean they should be the sole source. The townsmen have been looking to add money for years and years. I think it is important that we find out in a sensible what the value is to this. I would propose and amendment.

Moderator - You can't right now as there is an amendment on the floor.

Mr. Standel - The town has few assets and we should operate on facts. Elon Musk the largest solar company in the world would it not be desirable for us to ask him to see if he wants it.

Joan Dargie - I am opposed to this amendment and I am supportive of the solar farm. If Elon Musk thought it was a great piece of property he would be knocking on the door.

Selectman Daniels - It is quite difficult to have the amendment and then be talking about the article.

Nick Darcheck - Melendy Road - I have to say the solar farm scares me. Two words in my head Kinder Morgan this is the same situation above ground. 120 acres at 5 years at \$1000 an acre is \$120,000 per year. \$3 million 25-year total leaves \$3 million 40 thousand over the remaining years. This is going to be paid from the 25th through the 40th. The \$6 million minus the \$3 million comes up to \$179,000/year. Twenty additional new homes built in Milford will bring in \$120,000 additional tax revenue with no strings attached. This with the additional homes built in the first 20 years will bring in and you do not have to deal with anyone else with 26 homes built. You only need 4 more homes built to bring in \$180,000 per year tax with no strings attached. With the new storage farm built near the Wilton town line they can look at that as a buffer. This is a no brainer if you compare this to Kinder Morgan.

Robert Gott - Brookview Court - It is difficult for me to encapsulate how much I enjoy the Brox property. This is what I consider the value of the Brox property we have discussed the sand pit and removing material. It was about .015 percent on the tax rate. As far as I can estimate we got more than \$1 million dollars from the Brox property and we have a proposal we are going to get a whole lot of money out of

this it is not going to have an effect on the tax rate. The damage to the Brox property means we have already erased. I think the best thing we can do it to vote zero acres on this proposal.

Chris Labonte – Why if you can buy it for \$168,000 why would you lease it for \$362,000. Many people have approached the town to buy the property and they are not given a price. As far as permits do they get every applicable permit does that mean they go to the planning board the zoning board go through the same that everybody else in town has to do.

Mr. Stewart – Yes

Chris Labonte – As far as solar you take our neighboring towns in Amherst they are trying to stop this same exact thing from going through. We are always trying to compare ourselves to surrounding towns so they are on the same quality and you have a town right next to us that is trying to shut this stuff down and here we are trying to open our arms. Amherst is trying to stop it as they do not want to have 100s of acres of solar farms and no revenue coming out of it. A comment was made at recent meetings that to have a solar farm would be great you are not bringing in kids so for that matter you should not have to charge them the school portion of the tax rate. There are many residents in town that no longer have kids at home or never had kids should they be exempt from it. All our industrial retail in town that have no kids should they be exempt from it like the solar farm it. If they are going to lease them land let them lease the land. What is the value of the equipment that you are going to put on that 120 acres?

Moderator - Hold on You can come over and people at home need to see.

Mike Kaplan - As an indication a project like this would typically cost a million dollars per microwatt. So, a project that is 20 megawatts it would be \$20 million dollars.

Chris Labonte - I guess if you were going to be taxed on the value of the property you put on the land what would that bring in revenue just on the tax bill?

Mike Kaplan - The missing piece of this is the idea of creating certainty for the town and what the payment would be year by year. The project someone is going to spend 20 million they are going to do that based on a fixed price of the output. Regarding an RFP those PILOT negotiations are another opportunity for the town to see if there is enough coming into the town.

Chris Labonte - I don't understand the difference of why you won't take care of your residents before offering Pilots to an outside group. To go on from there the lease itself if you enter the letter intent now you would guarantee to the town that amount.

Mike Kaplan - We will invest the work to see if that is the best option, we will invest at least \$100,000 in going through permitting and performing studies in the near term and then if the town were to grant the permits etc. then we would be able to exercise. We can't exercise the least until all of the permits have been obtained and granted.

Chris Labonte – Once the permit is obtained you would enter into that full 25 year lease.

Mike Kaplan - All those pieces have to be in place before we can enter into the project.



Chris Labonte – Reclamation –Should you fail or run your lease up what is the reclamation process. That will have to be funded as part of our lease commitment to the town.

Mike Kaplan - A reclamation project is usually done later in the process, but we have proposed 7 years.

Chris Labonte - The trees are already reclaimed trees. My other concern is access to a class 6 road. I am the only person on that road.

Mike Kaplan - On the reclamation something like interim amounts based on the work that has been performed. There is not going to be much impact on the road once construction is complete. We would have to make any improvements out there as deemed by the town.

Chris Labonte - What is the solar array going to produce for noise.

Mike Kaplan - The construction will be the noise portion of the project and we can position the inverters so that there will be minimum noise if any.

Chris Labonte - If it has to do with the solar who will pay for any litigation in regard to the solar farm.

Kevin Federico - If we are named in the lawsuit then the town is responsible for it.

Chris Labonte - I would not support the article at all.

Steve Takacs - He made a lot of good points; however, this property has been sitting there and we have been trying to sell it and so far, we've gotten zilch. There is no infrastructure out there. No cost very little noise. We have gravel operation and I have not heard anything. When do we ever have anything with no infrastructure? Once this is built everything can live in harmony. Putting in houses this land was specifically purchased to not build any more houses. The conservation people they do not want anything built back there. It was bought for commercial sales. We have not found anything in 19 years why not give them a chance.

Audrey Frazier – Conservation commission – Based on the studies that the impact to the natural resources this is not the best site. Maybe the town should look at some of the Community lands. As far as the Conservation commission we do not support this proposal. If we are going to bring solar to town how is the solar developer going to help the town in case the town has an extreme event and how will it help us support itself.

Granite Apollo – is exploring with the state of Nh to potentially keep some of this power in Nh and we are actively engaged with the state of NH.

Mike Kaplan - As far as for emergency it would probably not be at the project site at that would actively be connected to the transmission system. But we are open to talk to the town about creative approaches to pilot plus providing equipment to support emergency backup for facilities in town. Including emergency backup.

Michele Grogan - 108 Old Wilton Rd – I have done some research Granite Apollo only been around since 2017, Mike Kaplan only 9 months currently out of NY. My biggest concern is that a lot of the solar farms



are built on landfills. Why would we not consider some of the toxic waste dumps we have in town. I think this is so far premature. Making it look grandiose so the tax payer might lower their taxes. Your taxpayers will consider if this is worth it or not.

Moderator – Google is a wonderful thing however, since the people are here they should be able to address these issues.

Chris Stewart - I founded Granite Apollo in 2017 but I have been working on 15 of these large projects I worked with the town of Ludlow in Vermont and I suggest you call them.

Mike Kaplan - As part of the 20-year award in the state of NY we had to show that we can provide the support to that project. My personal experience has been in the last 19 years of operating power plants and developing projects that will continue 7 years and beyond.

Bob Grogan – Old Wilton Rd - I think the selectman are presenting the wrong way. If Apollo fails we are looking at 120 acres of land with no trees and cement foundations. We should know more about the impact the toxic waste. My understanding is that solar panels create more than 300 times the toxic waste than nuclear plants.

Mike Kaplan - The panels are well understood technology.

Bob Grogan - What if they break?

Mike Kaplan - If they break then it is solid and there is no leakage. It is a fallacy that we build on landfills.

Tom Schmidt - I want to speak against this amendment and reiterate that what Mr. Federico said that this was why we purchased this land was for development

Chris Stewart – There will be a fence to keep out people.

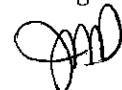
Mr. Standel - In order the board to do its due diligence does not mean that we have an obligation to do whatever they suggest. Even though we have a solar farm that we make an intelligent decision to determine what the values are. For \$800 a year they can shop worldwide. This is too important an asset to leave it on the table. I want to make an amendment.

Mike Kaplan - The town still has the ability to change the terms while the data is being put together.

Moderator - After this amendment vote is taken

Gary Daniels - I would like to call the question.

Diane Quirbach – Brookview Drive – I was wondering what the impact on the bee population will be? I have that these solar panel burn very hot and kills off all the mosquitos. Will it wipe out the insects and kill our bees.



Mike Kaplan – What has become the industry standard is to provide pollinator plants under the panels to help with the bees, in addition to mowing by sheep.

Moderator - We have called the question

Mike Thornton – I thought someone smarter would have come up with this. What is the best way Milford has come up with solar panels and putting panels on it? I pay higher taxes because I have a solar farm. There are new technologies and get 3 times the power. We can put buildings on that property and put solar panels on them and double triple our income.

Moderator - The amendment - Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen according to RSA 41:11-a, to lease 0 +/- acres of Town owned property in the Commercial & Industrial Lands (BROX Property) which includes Map 38 Lot 4, Map 38 Lot 5, Map 38 Lot 5-1, Map 38-9, Map 38 Lot 11, Map 38 Lot 12, Map 38 Lot 13, and Map 38 Lot 14, and to enter into long-term contracts with a developer for the construction of a solar farm? Primary term of the lease would be twenty five (25) years with three (3) renewals of five (5) years each, terms to be determined by the Board of Selectmen

All those in favor to this amendment to zero acres please raise your card. All those opposed.

I will need to take a count. All those in favor of the amendment please raise your card. All those opposed.

Yes 19 No 39. No need to recount that.

Mr. Standel - I would like to make a motion to amend the article to determine the advisability and financial value of creating a solar farm on the Brox Property.

Atty Drescher - It is a change of the whole subject matter.

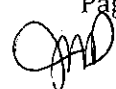
Moderator - I just wanted to verify my initial reaction and your amendment completely changes the entire warrant article. So this amendment you are proposing is not acceptable. In the meantime, this article is whether the select board will be able to lease the property at Brox.

Mike Thornton - I thought we just took a vote on article 32

Moderator - We did, and it was an amendment and it failed

Joan Dargie - I would like to make an amendment to warrant article 32. If you follow through to exactly how it is worded. Shall the town vote to authorize the BOS according to RSA 41:11a, to lease 150 acres of Town owned property in the Commercial and Industrial lands and where it says renewals of five (5) years each, I would like to add "with terms to be defined by the Board of Selectmen." The reason that I am suggesting this is that if this passes as written and changes to the agreement were wanted to be made then you would have to go back to the voters to make those changes. This leaves the BOS to work the terms of the agreement in the best interest of the residents.

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Chris Labonte - Just for a clarification on that. So, does that mean technically that they could lease the whole land for \$1,000 a year for every year for 20 years. Ultimately that is saying they could lease everything for \$1,000.

Joan Dargie - But at the same time they could triple the lease and lease it for \$3,000 an acre a year. I do not think that any selectman here would just give it away. That would be insane.

Chris Labonte - Would you be willing to change your amendment to say that before they go into a lease it would go back to town vote?

Joan Dargie - We elected the board of selectman and we are giving them some authority to make an intelligent decision. We have to trust them if they do something foolish you vote them out the next year.

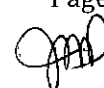
Atty Drescher - The way this article was written with all the extra verbiage is no different from what is being proposed right now. This article sought to accomplish one thing and that is to give the board of selectman the ability to extend a lease from 5 years to 25 years all the rest of that in there is simply information. If this passed the way it was written they would not be obliged to enter into that agreement they could enter into any agreement that they wanted to, as long as it was for the term specified. So the proposed amendment is singularly appropriate to simplify the article down to its essence and I strongly recommend it.

Chris Labonte - So I would like to thank Joan for the clarification that all the stuff that is on here is just smoke and mirrors to the tax payer.

Kevin Federico - Agree to disagree. We have been offered letter of intents from two different companies now and we have talked to at least two dozen companies over the Brox property and nothing has come to fruition. In the letter of intent that Granite Apollo has offered us the letter of intent that this board has unanimously signed. That is just what it is a letter of intent these are generalized terms in front of us. We do not have the authorization without this being voted on by you. That is as far as we can take this we cannot go further without this authorization. Why would the company want to go down the road with us without the authorization of the voters in Milford? If the town does not want to do this and does not want to authorize the lease then they will vote no. We can't break down the dollars and cents we do not have the authorization to go into a contract until the Milford taxpayers say we do.

Mike Thornton - It has been my observation that it is still more profitable to put a building on the ground with solar on it rather than solar on the ground. My question is what type of marketing have we put into the property.

Kevin Federico - I can only speak to the last few years and I know we have had it listed in the multiple listing service. I can't speak to the last 20 years. It has been out there it has been published.



Robert Gott - It is my opinion even though I know we have a motion on the floor. The language there is all a marketing. If it were up to me I would remove all that material. That's it.

Janet Langdell - If I correctly heard Atty. Drescher, if Joan's proposed amendment is all legal and good, I would like to support it. If all that language is just what it was proposed then it is just going to confuse the voters. I would like to support it.

Tom Schmidt - I would like to call the question.

Moderator - We now have an amendment before us that inserts language with terms to be determined by the board of selectmen and removes everything after that.

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Moderator - All those in favor? All those opposed? The amendment has passed.

Mr. Stadel - I have another amendment. I would like to add after the word developer "to be determined by public notice." That would give the public a chance to have other companies make a proposal.

Mr. Bender - Granite Apollo was not the only vendor that we worked with there were other companies that we worked with and Granite Apollo had the best plan.

Mr. Stadel - That is the best you could do \$800/year for 3 years?

Mr. Bender - Sir. I am looking at the totality of the contract.

Mr. Stadel - \$800/year for 3 years that is just crazy. That is giving away the farm.

Moderator - What is the phrase again.

Mr. Stadel - I would like the phrase "to be determined by public notice" to be put after the word developer.

Mr. Stadel - That would allow other developers to come in and bid and we would not be giving away our asset.

Moderator - Is there a second for that. Seconded

OK I think everyone understands your perspective and point. Does anyone else have anything they would like to add. So we are looking at adding the phrase to be determined by public notice. So that line then reads "developer with public notices for the construction of a solar farm?"



All those in favor of this amendment please raise your card? Opposed? That amendment fails.

Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 32 on the ballot as amended and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 33

WARRANT ARTICLE 33 - VIETNAM MEMORIAL - \$0

Shall the town vote, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, (I), to establish a trust fund for the purpose of designing, constructing and maintaining a Vietnam War Memorial. Said trust fund shall be known as the Town of Milford Vietnam War Memorial Trust Fund of 2019 and may receive privately donated gifts, legacies, or devises, provided, however, the such gifts, legacies, or devises shall be invested and accounted for separately from, and not comingled with, amounts appropriated by the town. The details of the memorial, including the time of construction, shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, provided that any memorial shall only be located on property owned by the Town of Milford. Said trust fund shall remain in place for a maximum period of 25 years unless sooner revoked by a future town meeting. At the conclusion of 25 years, or on such earlier date of revocation, any funds remaining in said trust fund, the source of which were private gifts or donations as referenced above, shall be paid over to a suitable veterans charitable organization of the Board of Selectmen's choice, which shall then utilize said funds for the support of veterans' monuments or memorials generally within the Town of Milford. At such termination, any funds remaining that were raised by the town shall be returned to the general fund. Pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. (I), the Board of Selectmen are appointed agents to expend any funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has no tax impact.**

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 33 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Dargie – the BOS support this article unanimously. This warrant article creates an on-going account and allows for the collections of donations and will be solely funded by these donations with no town funds included.

Mr. Pank – The BAC supports this warrant article (9-0) As required by NH RSA 31:19-a only a majority vote of the town residents will allow the town to accept donation into this special purpose fund. A committee has been meeting for over a year and continues meeting to consider design and placement of this long overdue memorial to Milford Residents who served during the Vietnam Conflict. Final memorial design, the placement of the Memorial on town property and expenditure of donated funds will be approved by the Board of Selectman.

Jay Duffy - I am a member of the Vietnam committee and part of the native sons group it is our opinion that the memorial should be dignified and simple and not overshadow the existing Vietnam Memorial.

Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 33 on the ballot as originally written and according to state statutes. Moving on to Warrant Article 34



WARRANT ARTICLE 34 - FREEDOM MEMORIAL - \$0

Shall the town vote, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, (l), to establish a trust fund for the purpose of designing, constructing and maintaining a Freedom Memorial, the purpose of which is to recognize citizens lost on '9/11' and those lost through subsequent military actions. Said trust fund shall be known as the Town of Milford Freedom Memorial Trust Fund of 2019 and may receive privately donated gifts, legacies, or devises, provided, however, the such gifts, legacies, or devises shall be invested and accounted for separately from, and not comingled with, amounts appropriated by the town. The details of the memorial, including the time of construction, shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, provided that any memorial shall only be located on property owned by the Town of Milford. Said trust fund shall remain in place for a maximum period of 25 years unless sooner revoked by a future town meeting. At the conclusion of 25 years, or on such earlier date of revocation, any funds remaining in said trust fund, the source of which were private gifts or donations as referenced above, shall be paid over to a suitable veterans charitable organization of the Board of Selectmen's choice which shall then utilize said funds for the continuation of the charitable purpose of said charitable organization. At such termination, any funds remaining that were raised by the town shall be returned to the general fund. Pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. (l), the Board of Selectmen are appointed agents to expend any funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust.

The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee support this Article (9-0). This Article has no tax impact.

Mr. Federico - I move that the proposed warrant article 34 as printed in the deliberative session packet along with any recommendations from the BOS or the BAC be placed on the ballot.

Selectman Dargie - the BOS support this article unanimously. This warrant article creates an on-going account and allows for the collections of donations towards the creation of a freedom memorial and will be solely funded by these donations with no town funds included.

Mr. Pank - The BAC supports this warrant article (9-0) As required by NH RSA 31:19-a only a majority vote of the town residents will allow the town to accept donations into this special purpose fund. A committee has been meeting for over a year and continues meeting to consider design and appropriate placement of a memorial to citizens and first responders lost on 911 and to those residents who were called upon to serve in subsequent military actions. As with the Vietnam Memorial the approval of a final design and placement of the memorial on town property as well as expenditure of donated funds will be approved by the selectman.

Mr. Duffy - As I spoke before we strongly believe the Vietnam Memorial should be the focus at this time. The focus should be the Vietnam Memorial and article 34 should be put off till a later time.



Moderator - Any further questions or comments? Seeing none, I instruct the clerk to place warrant article 34 on the ballot as originally written and according to state statutes. With that concludes the business of the day. We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm
Joan-Marie Dargie Town Clerk

ZONING QUESTIONS ON BALLOT

Article 3 – Ballot Vote – Zoning Changes
The Planning Board supports all Amendments:

Ballot Vote No. 1

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

Amendment #1: Amend the Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article VI. Overlay Districts, Section 6.04 OpenSpace and Conservation District, Subsection 6.04.1 Purpose by inserting the new language to further clarify the Planning Board's authority under RSA 674:21 to regulate open space and conservation subdivisions; Subsection 6.04.2 Objectives by renaming said section and inserting language to further clarify the standards with which the Planning Board administers the Open Space and Conservation District; Subsection 6.04.8.B Density and Dimensional Standards by replacing said section in its entirety with revised language to further clarify the Planning Board's ability to establish a minimum lot size, administer dimensional standards, and clarify the waiver process for the dimensional standards; and amend Subsections 6.04.8.B.5 and 6 by creating new Subsection 6.04.8.C Miscellaneous Requirements, incorporating said subsections, and renumbering accordingly.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:

The proposed changes reflect ongoing discussions involving the dimensional standards section of the Open Space and Conservation District Zoning Ordinance. The proposed changes further clarify the Planning Board's ability to establish a minimum lot size for lots within an Open Space and Conservation Subdivision addition, the amendments further clarify the standards with which the Planning Board administers the Open Space and Conservation District. Lastly, the amendments include the elimination of the requirement that new lots adjacent to the Open Space and Conservation subdivision or frontage On an existing public roadway conform to all building setbacks and frontages required in the underlying zoning district. The intent is to improve and continue providing regulatory flexibility in the design and layout of parcels within an Open Space and Conservation subdivision. The proposed amendments were reviewed and supported by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. The Planning Board supports Zoning Amendment by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ballot Title: Open Space & Conservation District

Ballot Vote No. 2



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

Amendment #2: Amend the Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article IV: Definitions, Section 4.01.0, "Utility, public or private" by inserting language to further clarify private ownership as a form of utility and to expand the definition by allowing a utility to generate resources and/or services for its own use.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed changes seek to further clarify and include private ownership as a form of utility. The amendments expand the definition by allowing a utility to generate resources and/or services for its use/consumption and/or provide said resources and services to the public. The proposed amendments will have no impact on where a utility is permitted or allowed by Special Exception. The proposed amendments were reviewed and supported by the Planning Board. The Planning Board supports Amendment #2 by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ballot Title: Public or Private Utility

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