

2013

**MINUTES OF THE
220TH MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF MILFORD**

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2013

220th Meeting of the

Town of Milford

February 2nd 2013 – Deliberative Session

March 12th 2013 – Elective Session

Total Registered Voters: 9668

Number of Voters at Deliberative Session: 76

Total Votes Cast: 1528

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

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

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

The inhabitants were called upon to transact all business other than voting, and were advised by the Moderator that on March 12, 2013, the Second Session, voting by official ballot, would take place with the polls opening at 6 a.m. and closing no earlier than 8 p.m., to be held at the Milford Middle School Gymnasium, to act upon all matters of the Warrant as well as election of officers and other matters to be voted upon.

Present for the meeting were: Board of Selectmen, Gary Daniels, Chairman, Tim Finan, Vice Chairman, Michael Putnam, member, Katherine Bauer, member and Mark Fougere, Member. The Budget Advisory Committee: Matt Lydon, Chairman, Bert Becker, Karen Mitchell, Peggy Seward, Rose Evans, Jim Roccio, Chris Pank, and Jolie Whitten; excused member was Deanna Carter

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners: Robert Courage, Chairman, Michael Putnam, member and Dale White, member. Town Clerk, Peggy Langell; Deputy Town Clerk Clare Callahan; Town Administrator, Guy Scaife; Police Chief, Michael Viola; Police Captain, Christopher Nervik; Police Captain, Stephen Toom; Director of Public

Works, Rick Riendeau; Fire Chief, Jack Kelly; Director of Community Development, Bill Parker; Assessor, Marti Noel; Library Director, Michelle Sampson; Ambulance Director, Eric Schelberg; Finance Director, Jack Sheehy; Welfare Director, Susan Drew; Recreation Director, Nicole Banks; Water Utilities Superintendent, David Boucher; IT Director, Bruce Dickerson; Executive Assistant, Dawn Griska; Community Media Director, Michael McInerney; Town Counsel, William Drescher.

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

Audio Assistance and video taping was prepared by Michael McInerney, assisted by Mike McMahon, Zackery Knowles, and Dan Finan.

The Minutes were prepared by Darlene J. Bouffard.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Hays "Hank" Junkins, Church of Our Saviour.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Michael Viola, Police Chief.

The Moderator advised the assembly that the Annual School District Deliberative Session will take place on February 7, 2013.

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

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

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

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

The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee, Matt Lydon, introduced members of that Committee: Bert Becker, Karen Mitchell, Peggy Seward, Rose Evans, Jim Roccio, Chris Pank and Jolie Whitten. He explained that the Budget Advisory Committee is appointed by the Moderator and that all are volunteers.

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

Gary Daniels, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented the Safety Awards for 2012. The Awards were presented to Fire Chief Jack Kelly and Police Sergeant Craig Frye. Both awards included the following wording: "For outstanding safety awareness and response for Town facilities and employees – Safety measures taken to protect fellow employees and yourself are principal responsibilities that are frequently taken for granted. However with your tenacity and steadfast devotion towards maintaining and improving safety, all those around you can forge ahead rest-assured that your watchful eye and timely actions are making our work places safer. The Milford Board of Selectmen commends you for your dedication and service."

The Moderator explained to the inhabitants that this session of Town Meeting is to put the articles on the Warrant into the form of questions which would then be placed on the Ballot. This ballot would then be voted upon at the second session of this Town Meeting on March 12, 2013. He added that this official ballot would include all the usual ballot issues such as voting for officers and zoning issues, together with the Warrant Articles before this session but in the form of questions. The complete School Warrant will also be part of the official ballot to be voted on at the second session on March 12, 2013.

The Moderator advised that this meeting would be conducted from the Warrant as posted and as provided at this meeting. It would be assumed that the Board of Selectmen has moved the question and that the Budget Advisory

Committee has seconded it unless otherwise stated. Should the Budget Advisory Committee not support an article, then the Moderator will assume it is seconded by a member of the Board of Selectmen. After all discussion is complete he would instruct the Town Clerk to place the question on each article on the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectman – 3 Year Term

*Kevin Federico	735
Ed Densmore	649

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term

Gil F. Archambault	387
Maria Salisbury	277
*Stephen Trombly	665

Library Trustee – 3 Year Term

*Wayne Hardy	862
*Chris Costantino	983

Town Clerk – 3 Year Term

Bobbi Schelberg	288
*Peggy Langell	1089

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term

*Janet Spalding	1236
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Water & Wastewater Commissioner – 3 Year Term

*Dale White	1229
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* Deemed elected by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2 – BALLOT VOTE – ZONING CHANGES

To vote on Planning Board proposed zoning changes and amendments.

The Planning Board SUPPORTS all Amendments:

Ballot Vote No. 1

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

AMENDMENT #1: Amend Article II: Section 2.02.0 Non-Conforming Uses and Structures, to modify the name of NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES by adding additional language.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: This amendment adds supporting language regarding the legality of non-conforming uses and non-conforming structures. The Planning Board supports Amendment 1 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Non-Conforming Uses and Structures

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

YES: 1146 NO: 271 passed

Ballot Vote No. 2

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

AMENDMENT #2: Amend Article II: Section 2.03.0 Non-Conforming Uses to modify the section title and amend Section 2.03.1:A and Section 2.03.1:C

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed language changes and additions will give relief to pre-existing, non-conforming uses and structures, where there are no other issues identified, as intended. The Planning Board supports Amendment 2 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Non-Conforming Uses and Structures- Continuance, Discontinuance, or Change

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

YES: 1154 NO: 258 passed

Ballot Vote No. 3

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

AMENDMENT #3: Amend Article IV: Definitions by modifying "Dwelling, Two-family", "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)"; and "Accessory Use or Structure"; and removing "Portable Sign"

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment modifies definitions for "Dwelling, Two-family" "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)" and "Accessory Use or Structure"; and removes definitions for "Portable Sign" as it is no longer used in the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 3 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Zoning Ordinance Definitions

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

YES: 1150 NO: 263 passed

Ballot Vote No. 4

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

AMENDMENT #4: Amend article VI: Section 6.01.0:1.B Definitions to revise the definition of "Junkyard" by replacing, in its entirety with a revised definition for consistency with New Hampshire RSA and the definition used in Article IV: Definitions

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment is to revise the definition of "Junkyard" and replace in its entirety with a revised definition for consistency with New Hampshire RSA and the definition used in Article IV: Definitions of the Ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 4 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Groundwater Protection

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

YES: 1184 NO: 222 passed

Ballot Vote No. 5

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

AMENDMENT #5: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.3: Definitions by adding "Façade Sign"; and amending "Wall Sign"

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment adds a definition of "Façade Sign" and modifies the wording of "Wall Sign" to say "or façade signs" for improved clarification. The Planning Board supports Amendment 5 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance Definitions

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

YES: 1150 NO: 248 passed

Ballot Vote No. 6

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

AMENDMENT #6: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.5 General Administration to make minor administrative updates for ease of use and support in enforcement

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: By removing the word "or" and replacing with "and", the proposed amendment adds clarification and support in enforcement for a sign that is temporary in nature that it may not be displayed for longer than seven (7) consecutive days and no more than fourteen (14) days out of any one (1) year period. The Planning Board supports Amendment 6 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance- Permit Not Required

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

YES: 1129 NO: 262 passed

Ballot Vote No. 7

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

AMENDMENT #7: Amend Section 7.06.5:D.4 by modifying Section 7.06.5:D.4.a; and removing 7.06.5:D.4.d & 7.06.5:D.4.e as redundant to 7.06.5:D.4.a, and amend section 7.06.5:D.8 to include "of any existing sign"

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment removes the phrase "be denied" from 7.06.5:D.4.a and adds the language "not be acted upon but returned to the applicant identifying the items needed for completion". The Planning Board supports Amendment 7 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance- Application Procedure

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

YES: 1160 NO: 225 passed

Ballot Vote No. 8

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

AMENDMENT #8: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7:A Sign Requirements By Sign Type to include the Integrated Commercial Industrial 2 District ("ICI-2"); and remove Section 7.06.7:A.1

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: In 2007 the voters approved the creation of a second Integrated Commercial Industrial District ("ICI-2"). It is the intent of this proposed amendment to include the Integrated Commercial Industrial District ("ICI-2") within Section 7.06.7:A and remove subparagraph (7.06.7:A.1) from this Article. The Planning Board supports Amendment 8 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Requirements By Sign Type

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

YES: 1121 NO: 255 passed

Ballot Vote No. 9

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

AMENDMENT #9: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7 Sign Requirements By Sign Type to modify the definition of WALL SIGNS (FASCIA SIGN OR FAÇADE SIGN) under Section 7.06.7:E for consistency

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: For consistency throughout the Ordinance this amendment modifies the definition of "wall sign" to include the terms "Fascia Sign" or "Façade Sign". The Planning Board supports Amendment 9 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance- Wall Signs (Fascia Sign or Façade Sign)

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

YES: 1135 NO: 251 passed

Ballot Vote No. 10

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

AMENDMENT #10: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7 Sign Requirements By Sign Type to modify all tables under 7.06.7 to include the ICI-2 District; and amend table 7.06-3, to be consistent and specify the allowable number of square feet for Directional Signs in the Residence "A" District as four (4).

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: This proposed amendment is to modify all tables under 7.06.7 to include the ICI-2 District; and amend table 7.06-3, to be consistent and specify the allowable number of square feet for Directional Signs in the Residence "A" District as four (4). The Planning Board supports Amendment 10 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Sign Ordinance Tables

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

YES: 1115 NO: 275 passed

Ballot Vote No. 11

11. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #11: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.07.3 Occupancy Eligibility for Living Units within Senior Housing Developments

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The purpose of this amendment is to maintain consistency throughout the Ordinance. The term "living unit" is not defined but is used twice; this amendment proposes to replace the two instances of "living unit" with "dwelling unit". The Planning Board supports Amendment 11 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Senior Housing Development

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #11) is as follows:

YES: 1230 NO: 199 passed

Ballot Vote No. 12

12. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #12: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards Section 7.09.0 TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES by replacing in its entirety with following revised TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES ORDINANCE

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: On February 22, 2012 HR 3630 was signed into law, which included restrictions on the siting of wireless facilities and changes to the public safety radio spectrum. The bill became effective upon signature and immediate action was necessary to review and amend our local zoning ordinance in regards to telecommunications. To protect the Town's interest and avoid lawsuits under the new law, staff has researched and reviewed the Town's current regulations in conjunction with similar communities. The Planning Board supports Amendment 12 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #12) is as follows:

YES: 1189 NO: 212 passed

Ballot Vote No. 13

13. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #13: Amend Article X: Section 10.02.6 Accessory Dwelling Units to revise language relative to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: This amendment updates the ordinance language allowing an owner of an existing or proposed single-family home the ability to locate an additional accessory dwelling unit on his/her property by special exception. The Planning Board supports Amendment 13 by a vote of 7-0.

Ballot Title: Administrative Relief

The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #13) is as follows:

YES: 1159 NO: 250 passed

PLEASE NOTE: The Ballot questions as quoted in the minutes of this deliberative session are verbatim from the posted warrant. At the time the warrant was posted, the Budget Advisory Committee had not voted on the various articles. For final Budget Advisory Committee votes, see official ballot.

ARTICLE 3 — NASHUA STREET SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT — \$286,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 3 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,000 for the construction of approximately 1,600 linear feet of new five-foot (5') wide bituminous asphalt sidewalk, to include but not be limited to, vertical granite curb, associated stormwater drainage improvements, crosswalk markings, and repaving, along the southerly side of Nashua Street in an easterly direction from approximately 503 Nashua Street (near the Medlyn Street and Nashua Street intersection; Map 32, Lot 11), to approximately 571 Nashua Street (Walgreen's Pharmacy; Map 44, Lot 13-1), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than Two Hundred, Eighty-six Thousand Dollars (\$286,000), under the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to issue bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore, and to determine the rate of interest thereon, such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or any other funds that may be available for this project, or take any other action relative thereto. The purpose of this project is to complete the sidewalk connection from its existing terminus at approximately 503 Nashua Street to existing sidewalk at 571 Nashua Street and provide for pedestrian safety. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article (3/5 ballot vote required). *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.039 starting in 2014 (\$3.90 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

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

Ballot Question 3 – Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction Project — \$286,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,000 for the construction of approximately 1,600 linear feet of new five-foot (5') wide bituminous asphalt sidewalk along the southerly side of Nashua Street in an easterly direction, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than Two Hundred, Eighty-six Thousand Dollars (\$286,000), under the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to issue bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore, and to determine the rate of interest thereon, such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or any other funds that may be available for this project, as more- particularly described in Warrant Article 3, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Budget Advisory Committee Chairman Matt Lydon said the BAC opposes this Warrant Article 2-6-1 due to the future budgetary impact, it is felt they do not feel it is an important project at this time but the minority feels that this is a safety issue because it was reviewed and approved by the CIP. Steve Takacs, Whitten Road, wanted to go on record to state that the BOS also voted against this and he wanted to point that out. Janet Langdell, Elm Street and Chairman of Planning Board, thought there was going to be a presentation on this by Bill Parker on this Warrant Article but plans changed in the last ten minutes, a presentation to explain what this is about. Peter Basiliere stated he is not here to indicate whether or not a presentation will be made. Janet Langdell said that Bill Parker was to make a presentation to indicate several good points and various supportive points in terms of why the Planning Board is bringing this Warrant Article forward, they do get the public safety in a high traveled area in a very high

density area of our town. This Warrant Article would complete the continuous sidewalk from the oval, our primary business district, all the way down to the east side of town. There have been some great examples brought forward at other meetings relative to the number of people that are walking in that area who are pushing baby strollers. This may not be a high fiscal priority this year, but for some folks, I personally would ask, if not now, then when? This was put on as a bond this year and the impact would not start until next year. There are a number of other reasons why this is a good idea, it certainly is within the Master Plan, there is also an economic development piece here, we the Planning Board and the town in working with developers, made a commitment that, in asking them to make donations to the fund for sidewalks in that area and asking them to build sidewalks in front of their establishments, such as Walgreen's and Richmond Plaza and McDonalds, that we would come forward at some time in the future and finish that piece, so that's why this is on a warrant this year. Now again, this is a bond, it requires 60% affirmative vote, and we leave it up to the voters.

Selectman Tim Finan stated, as was pointed out, the BOS voted 1/4 I believe to not support this and typically when the BOS does not support the warrant article, it does not even go on the ballot, period, and he wanted to point out that the reason this is on the warrant with our non-support is out of deference to the Planning Board since the Planning Board did feel strongly about this, that this was important, so we wanted to leave it on the warrant to give the voters a choice. Selectman Kathy Bauer also thought there would be a presentation today, she is the lone selectman who voted in favor of this for the reasons that Janet expressed: a huge safety issue down there, it is part of our Master Plan, it's a bond issue which would start next year, also looking at the CIP, the way they've worked hard to keep all of our spending level over the years, she thinks this is the time to put this on and as was said, if you think we should keep doing sidewalks, if you think this is a good project, if not now, when? It will just be more expensive in the future. Peter Basiliere recognized Mr. Scaife.

Town Administrator Guy Scaife indicated as Janet Langdell stated, there was a presentation prepared, and he asked the Community Development Director Bill Parker to please come forward; this was asked for by the CIP and pushed by the Planning Board, so in order to have proper deliberations, he feels we at least need to explain about this. Bill Parker, Webster Street, Community Development Director, explained that a presentation was prepared and he would like to at least review the project and what it involves. After the presentation, Water Commissioner Bob Courage was recognized to ask a question. Bob Courage asked how much money was collected from businesses for the sidewalks. Bill Parker said that about \$20,000 was collected and there is no money left. Bob Courage asked if that money has been spent on the sidewalk design. Bill Parker responded that is correct.

Walter Smith, Recreation Commission Chairman, commented that this sidewalk connects to a densely populated neighborhood and it helps families get to Kaley Park a little more easily.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #3 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 457 NO: 1024

Article #3 was denied.

ARTICLE 4 — TOWN OPERATING BUDGET — \$12,405,693

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 4 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an amount totaling Twelve Million, Four Hundred Five Thousand, Six Hundred, and Ninety-three (\$12,405,693) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twelve Million, Two Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten (\$12,253,710) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This is a Special Warrant Article in

accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.47 over the 2012 budget (\$47.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

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

Ballot Question 4 – Town Operating Budget — \$12,405,693

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget in an amount totaling Twelve Million, Four Hundred Five Thousand, Six Hundred, and Ninety-three (\$12,405,693) Dollars as more particularly described in Article 4 or take any other action relative thereto?. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twelve Million, Two Hundred Fifty-three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten (\$12,253,710) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

BOS Chairman Gary Daniels recognized Town Administrator Guy Scaife to speak to this warrant article.

Guy Scaife thanked all those in attendance for taking the day today for this deliberative session. Last year when presented with the budget, he presented the overall financial status of the town, the expense budget, Mr. Scaife was asked to get more specific and indicated the budget is really made up of the expenses, revenues, warrant articles which all go into the tax rate, fund balance and where that stands, and are we taking on too much debt. Mr. Scaife thanked the Finance Director Jack Sheehy for helping pull most of this together. Milford is in a very strong financial position. Debt service is low at about 24% of what is allowed. The State regulates what municipalities are allowed to have in debt service which is spelled out in statute. Milford is at a quarter of what is allowed. We are way under what the normal state average is. Looking at debt of both the municipality and water utilities. What we have is something less than \$10 million of debt. Guy Scaife indicated certain revenue sources that are continuing to grow. It has been challenging. Revenue streams from the State have decreased or been lost including Room & Meals tax and Group 2 benefits (Police and Fire). It has been difficult but we have gotten through it with very restrictive budgets.

A 4.8% increase is proposed, the previous six years average increase was below 1%. 73% of the increase will roll into the default budget, since there is no control over certain increases. The Finance Director Jack Sheehy has worked with the Department of Revenue Administration to work out the Default budget.

Moderator Basiliere thanked Mr. Scaife for his presentation, asking if there were questions from the assembly. Matt Lydon, Budget Advisory Committee Chair, asked for a point of clarification that the BAC felt it was largely unable to fulfill its role as an advisory committee; there were two items that were removed from the ballot by the selectman that we felt very strongly should be included, so the intention was to make an amendment to add those items back in, however after speaking with Town Counsel and for the sake of clarity, I will instead propose two separate amendments, the first being, and the text of this is included in the packets everyone was provided, first, Mr. Lydon moved to amend the bottom line of the Operating Budget, which is \$12,405,693 to increase the same by \$15,250 so that the amended bottom line will be \$12,420,943, it being the intent to include in the operating budget an additional amount sufficient to defray the first year rental cost of a multi-year lease/purchase agreement for a vacuum-sweeper, which lease will contain a non-appropriation clause allowing the town to invalidate said lease if, in future years, funding for annual rental is not forthcoming, the full amount of said rental to be \$35,250, with \$20,000 coming from transfers from other accounts at the discretion of the selectmen. A second was made by a budget committee member.

Moderator Basiliere asked if there were any questions or comments to the amendment to add money with the intent to provide funds to lease the vacuum sweeper. Selectman Finan requested clarification on the \$15,250, which was explained by Mr. Lydon that the first year lease is \$35,250 and that \$20,000 will be identified from other areas of the budget by the selectman. Selectman Finan asked if there were specific recommendations of where the \$20,000 should come from. Mr. Lydon responded that is of course up to the selectmen and the town Administrator to find but a couple of areas would be the materials and supplies of the DPW budget.

Selectman Daniels asked if there is a motion on the floor which has been seconded. Moderator Basiliere responded that there is. Selectman Daniels requested to speak to the motion. Selectman Daniels spoke to why the Board of Selectmen chose to remove the vacuum sweeper from the warrant, indicating that the majority of the Board (it was a 3-2 vote) did not feel it had sufficient concrete information to justify the cost of this piece of equipment. Selectman Daniels provided a crash course in street sweeping. Selectman Finan voted in the minority, he voted to support this, echoing what Mr. Lydon presented and he believes there is no disagreement in the need for this piece of equipment. The existing sweeper absolutely needs approximately \$9,000 of work to get it to continue operating, so it will cost at least that much. With all due respect to Selectman Daniels, Selectman Finan indicated that people are paid good money in this town to make these decisions for us, to tell the selectmen what is needed. If I needed to buy a sweeper, I would not go to the internet to figure it out, I would go to a professional that knows this equipment and ask what I need. Selectman Finan feels it is incumbent on the Board of Selectmen to trust the people we pay to make this decision and if we are not going to listen to the people we pay to make the decisions, we should just be hiring different people; we should be trusting what they tell us and hold them accountable. Moderator Basiliere recognized Selectman Putnam who is one of the people that opposed this, and his feeling is there is only so much we can spend in a year and an increase in the budget of this size is unacceptable to me and difficult choices needed to be made. Selectman Fougere echoed what Selectman Putnam said, there were increases in the budget that we had no control over and he has a big concern of asking voters to put this in the budget which would be unprecedented, items like this are typically on a warrant, voters have an opportunity to either support it or not but having it in the budget is not the appropriate way to go, it's something we've never done in this community and he does not think putting it in the budget is appropriate.

Moderator Basiliere indicated this item was a warrant article, and asked when it was pulled off the warrant that was posted for today's meeting? Selectman Daniels stated it was at the Board's last meeting (January 28), a day before the deadline. Moderator Basiliere indicated that was well after the BAC or other voters could have put in a petition warrant article if they felt strongly enough that it needed to be purchased. Selectman Daniels indicated that is correct.

Bob Courage, Water Commissioner, asked about the significant increase in the DPW budget. Guy Scaife responded that some of the facilities maintenance costs have been moved to other areas within the budget, so that increase is offset by other decreases in other areas.

Guy Scaife asked to respond to Selectman Daniels presentation on the sweepers, stating it is not his intent to challenge Selectman Daniels but he did respond to some of the presented specifics. Some of what was presented by Selectman Daniels has never before been discussed with the Board of Selectmen. Information on different types of sweepers was provided by Rick Riendeau just recently and consisted of articles on several types of sweepers and the vac-sweeper life time maintenance costs were 50% that of the mechanical sweeper. As far as the re-generative type sweeper, it is not applicable to the type of work to be done in Milford with its uneven surfaces, it is more used for an airport, but it was never a recommended piece of equipment for Milford. The representative recommended to Mr. Riendeau that the typical municipal sweeper is the vac-sweeper. The reason we do sweep, is that 80% of contamination to water is the street run off and the most effective tool against that is street sweeping. Yes we can continue to repair the existing sweeper, but it is difficult to find parts. We are required to be sweeping every week per the town permit and we are in violation when we miss a week.

Karen Mitchell, Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), indicated that that the vac-sweeper already was a warrant article intended for the voters to decide, it was not our preference to add it back into the town budget but this committee does feel the importance and this is why this suggestion is being made. Ms. Mitchell further stated she is sure items that are not fiscally necessary can be found in the budget to offset this additional cost; she feels this item is necessary.

Bert Becker, BAC, mentioned that the amendment proposed has a clause that accounts for the fact that the lease for the vac-sweeper will contain a non-appropriate clause allowing the town to cancel the lease if the amount is not forthcoming, which allows the town to have the sweeper to allow an evaluation without risk of having to continue the lease if we find there is another consideration. We are well protected and will have an on-site evaluation of the equipment.

Steve Duncanson, resident and CIP Chairman, noted this vac-sweeper will help empty catch basins which a mechanical sweeper does not do and the town must hire a contractor. The CIP Committee supports this for this year to keep taxes flat.

Rick Riendeau, DPW Director, explained the 21 year old mechanical sweeper has been rebuilt twice and is ready for a third rebuild. The vac-sweeper has a life cycle of 20 years and is more efficient than a mechanical sweeper. We average \$5,000 per year to keep the mechanical sweeper going. It will cost a minimum of \$9100 to get it out the door. Years ago, Mr. Riendeau prepared a spreadsheet of all the DPW equipment and life cycles and condition, a lot of the Milford equipment goes well over the life cycle of the equipment. The town has gotten its money's worth out of the mechanical sweeper.

Peggy Seward, BAC, asked about the term "rental" versus "lease". Matt Lydon deferred to Town Counsel. Town Counsel Drescher, responded that in this sense, lease and rent are used synonymously. This authorizes the board to enter into a lease agreement. Peggy Seward commented that the rental portion of the warrant article is not included in any other lease of equipment. Moderator Basiliere responded that rent and lease are synonymous as Town Counsel Drescher just indicated, the language about intent will not appear on the ballot. The operating budget is providing funds for the vac-sweeper, the language is clear, but on the ballot, the only thing that will show is the increase to the bottom line. Steve Takacs, resident, asked if the warrant article will still be discussed? Moderator Basiliere said the warrant article is still being discussed. Steve Takacs, indicated the BAC is not elected, and is an advisory commission to help save the taxpayers money. Mr. Takacs agrees with Selectman Putnam that the existing sweeper should be rebuilt for a lot less money and he would not support this amendment.

Janice Tripoli, resident, agrees with the BAC, regarding the cost to repair the existing sweeper and the limited life of that sweeper. The BAC has recommended finding \$20,000 from the DPW budget to put toward this new sweeper. This has been researched and it has been determined that the vac-sweeper is the right piece of equipment and she will support it.

Bob Courage was the DPW Director for 38 years, indicated this piece of equipment has given the town 20 years of service and is the most high maintenance piece of equipment in town and is subjected to extreme conditions, putting more money into this machine is a mistake. Nobody has asked him his opinion of street sweepers; it is the latest technology in street sweeping. He can't see the town spending more money on the mechanical sweeper, the clause in the amendment makes sense and he hopes the amendment is approved.

Walter Smith, resident, suggested the amendment is to increase the budget amount. All were in favor of calling the question. Moderator Basiliere asked who is in favor of the amendment, majority were in favor.

Matt Lydon moved to amend the bottom line of the operating budget, which is \$12,420,943 as amended, to increase the same by \$9,200, so that the amended bottom line will be \$12,430,143 it being the intent to include in the operating budget an additional amount sufficient to defray the cost of wages and benefits associated with increasing the Recreation Coordinator position from part time to full time. Matt Lydon spoke to the proposed amendment, noting that the programs have increased and families enjoy what the Recreation Department offers. Mr. Lydon asked for a Recreation Commission member or employee to please speak to this amendment.

Walter Smith, Recreation Commission Chairman, referred to the Recreation Commission vision statement and said the commission feels this Coordinator position speaks to the people and programs part of that statement. The Coordinator is responsible for the programs which are offered to all ages and bring in people from other towns. Selectman Daniels asked what programs could not be run if this was not increased to full time. Walter Smith responded that there would not be any programs that wouldn't run, nothing will be cut back. Steve Takacs, asked why we are going to spend \$9,000 more if nothing will change, he does not support this change since nothing will be gained but he is a strong supporter of recreation programs. Rick Mossey, resident, is on the Recreation Commission, and a lot of volunteers are utilized for many programs, but it is not the volunteers that get the programs organized. Nicole Banks, Recreation Director, stated this is a request for an increase in hours with one full time and one part time employee, we have been trying to keep up with the pace. Selectman Bauer is fully in support of this increase in hours.

Susan Drew, resident, indicated she refers people coming to Welfare for assistance to the Recreation Programs all the time because a lot of them are free to the public or very low cost and they do a wonderful job of giving our families or senior citizens who may be low income something to do and it makes for a wonderful town. Joan Dargie, resident, is also a member of the Recreation Commission and noted that Nicole Banks currently relies on many volunteers and without them a lot of programs could not be run. Leighton White, resident, usually knows a good deal when he sees one, and he sees this as a good deal.

Moderator Basiliere called the question, asking how many are in favor of the proposed amendment. Majority were in favor, amendment passed.

Steve Takacs, resident, asked what the \$21,000 increase for the Library was for. Michelle Sampson, Library Director, responded that the \$21,000 is for the 3% increase in salaries, everything else in the budget remained flat.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #4 as amended on the Ballot in accordance with State statutes.

Selectman Finan moved to restrict reconsideration for Articles 3 & 4. Selectman Daniels seconded. Majority were in favor. Reconsideration for Articles 3 & 4 is restricted.

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

YES: 926 NO: 523

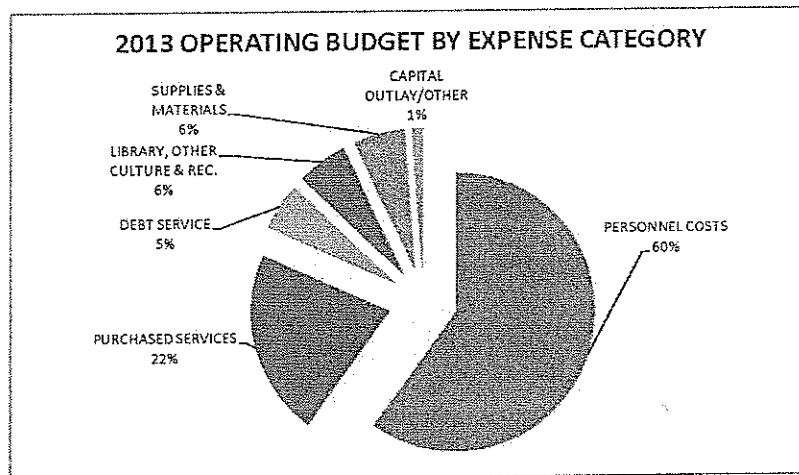
Article #4 was voted in the affirmative.

2013 PROPOSED BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2012	2012	2013	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
	ACTUAL (Note 2) AS OF 01/22/2013 (unaudited)	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET		
Executive - Administration	\$ 315,867	\$ 305,507	\$ 312,578	\$ 7,071	2.3%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 140,053	\$ 137,644	\$ 133,064	(4,580)	-3.3%
Assessing	\$ 169,150	\$ 167,635	\$ 170,739	3,104	1.9%
Finance & Tax Administration	\$ 269,279	\$ 280,080	\$ 277,148	(2,932)	-1.0%
Information Systems	\$ 313,260	\$ 271,329	\$ 285,274	13,945	5.1%
Legal	\$ 42,390	\$ 42,500	\$ 45,000	2,500	5.9%
Employee Benefits (Note 1)	\$ 2,007,302	\$ 2,094,962	\$ 2,267,570	172,608	8.2%
Community Development	\$ 437,353	\$ 470,163	\$ 473,939	3,776	0.8%
Insurance	\$ 108,757	\$ 114,000	\$ 118,900	4,900	4.3%
Community Media	\$ 20,118	\$ 15,243	\$ 20,503	5,260	34.5%
Police	\$ 2,032,607	\$ 2,068,530	\$ 2,058,752	(9,778)	-0.5%
Ambulance	\$ 630,116	\$ 615,353	\$ 671,628	56,275	9.1%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 497,661	\$ 520,480	\$ 553,261	33,781	6.3%
Other Public Safety (MACC Base & Hydrant Rental)	\$ 577,979	\$ 578,452	\$ 602,255	23,803	4.1%
Department of Public Works	\$ 2,171,700	\$ 2,197,335	\$ 2,180,718	(16,617)	-0.8%
General Government Buildings	\$ 201,711	\$ 206,541	\$ 370,967	164,426	79.6%
Cemeteries	\$ 116,405	\$ 138,920	\$ 136,249	(2,671)	-1.9%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 196,223	\$ 207,097	\$ 196,955	(10,142)	-4.9%
Recreation	\$ 120,535	\$ 119,599	\$ 123,370	3,771	3.2%
Library	\$ 684,852	\$ 684,852	\$ 706,309	21,457	3.1%
Other Culture & Recreation (Historical Society)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	-	0.0%
Conservation	\$ 22,217	\$ 22,217	\$ 22,091	(126)	-0.6%
Debt Service	\$ 567,044	\$ 571,145	\$ 675,423	103,978	18.2%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 11,645,479	\$ 11,832,884	\$ 12,405,693	\$ 572,809	4.8%

Note 1: All employee benefit costs are accounted for in this department and are not allocated to corresponding departments.

Note 2: 2012 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/22/2013. Audit adjustments are still outstanding.



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ARTICLE 5 — WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET — \$1,795,798

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 5 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$1,795,798) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on this Article. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

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

Ballot Question 5 – Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget — \$1,795,798

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$1,795,798) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Dave Boucher, non-resident, presented information about this budget and explained the increase of \$98,332 including merit increases and the first bond payment of treatment equipment. Cost savings are realized by the repairs that are included in the proposed budget. Re-winding of pumps is another increase, the motors to the pumps being re-wound is more cost effective.

Janet Langdell, resident, asked what re-winding a main sewage pump is. Dave Boucher responded, stating it is the internals of the motor, that has windings in it and it can be rewound in a fashion where it is more energy efficient so it costs less money. Selectman Bauer indicated that the cost of this warrant article is paid for by sewer users through user fees

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #5 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 1118 NO: 301

Article #5 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6 — WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET — \$1,362,552

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 6 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-two Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-two (\$1,362,552) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

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

Ballot Question 6 – Water Department Operating Budget — \$1,362,552

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-two Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-two (\$1,362,552) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Dave Boucher, non-resident, indicated the proposed budget has a decrease of \$1,232. The decrease is attributed to the decrease in debt services and the estimate for projected projects came in less.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #6 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statutes.

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

YES: 1127 NO: 283

Article #6 was voted in the affirmative.

A recess was called for 30 minutes for lunch.

**ARTICLE 7 — TWO REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASES —
\$49,700
(Annual Payment \$49,700/Total Purchase Price \$324,000)**

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 7 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing **TWO** ambulances with the appropriate equipment for Ambulance Department operation (they will become the primary response vehicles and the current 1999 Wheeled Coach will be traded in and the 2003 AEV Ambulance will be maintained as a backup unit in the event a primary ambulance is out of service) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$49,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of these vehicles is Three Hundred Twenty-four Thousand (\$324,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.039 (\$3.90 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 7 – Two Replacement Ambulance 7-Year Lease/Purchases — \$49,700

*Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing **TWO** ambulances with the appropriate equipment for Ambulance Department operation, as more-particularly described in Warrant Article 7, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$49,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto? The total purchase price of these vehicles is Three Hundred Twenty-four Thousand (\$324,000) Dollars and, future years' payments would be included in the Operating Budget. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.*

Eric Schelberg, Ambulance Director, made a brief presentation regarding this warrant article. Two ambulance are being requested due to the need for two ambulances and the need to transport patients, which could occur if an ambulance is out of service, resulting in loss of revenue. By purchasing two ambulances at the same time we are saving roughly \$20,000 for the taxpayers of Milford.

Steve Takacs, resident, appreciates the presentation but he takes exception to the way the article is written in that the interest is not included in the warrant article, he asked why the actual cost cannot be put in the warrant article? What is the actual 7 year cost of the two ambulances? Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, indicated the cost is an estimate because we do not know what the interest rate will be, but an estimate of the interest is \$23,900 at 2.4%. Steve Takacs would like to make the total payments in the body be included somewhere, so that it shows \$348,000 as the total cost to the taxpayers over the 7 years with the estimated interest rate. Moderator Basiliere clarified. Selectman Daniels thinks it will be confusing to have a different cost and wondered if the estimated price of \$347,900 could be included; he does not think a reference to a total price should be in there. Mr. Takacs agreed to that.

Eric Schelberg wanted to make sure that the total purchase price is for the ambulances. Mr. Takacs wanted to be sure that the taxpayers understand what the total price with interest is. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, indicated common practice is to know what the purchase price is, when purchasing something it is understood there are finance costs. If the purchase price is put at \$348,000 it will be wrong, the purchase price is \$324,000.

Moderator Basiliere read the amendment made by Steve Takacs as follows: "the total estimated cost of these vehicles including lease payments is \$348,000". Mr. Woolfson disagreed with the amendment stating that the costs included in the warrant article are accurate and that no amendment should be made. Chuck Schelberg, resident, indicated we have just proved there is no change needed. Selectman Bauer stated that everyone knows when a lease/purchase is made there will be finance charges, this is just common sense. Selectman Finan explained that this is why the interest never gets put on, it is just too confusing, the pertinent number are all here, the total price, the price per year and the term, nothing is being hidden, all the information is there. Selectman Finan will oppose the amendment because there are no disclosure issues here.

Moderator Basiliere called for a vote on the proposed amendment. After vote, Moderator Basiliere determined the amendment failed.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #7 on the Ballot as originally worded above.

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

YES: 970 NO: 490

Article #7 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8 — SOCIAL SERVICES — \$35,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 8 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 (\$2.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 8 – Social Services — \$35,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #8 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 1101 NO: 348

Article #8 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 9 — NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICE — \$28,100

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 9 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, One Hundred (\$28,100) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.022 (\$2.20 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 9 – Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service — \$28,100

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, One Hundred (\$28,100) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Janet Langdell made a brief presentation regarding this warrant article and why Milford's participation is so important.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #9 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 1136 NO: 325

Article #9 was voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Finan moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 5,6,7, 8 and 9. Majority were in favor.

ARTICLE 10 — DUMP TRUCK (6 CUBIC YARD) – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE — \$26,050 (Annual Payment \$26,050/Total Purchase Price \$124,500)

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 10 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a Dump Truck (6 cubic yard), with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the 1983 or the 1995 International Dump Trucks that are both no longer in service with the Highway Department) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Fifty (\$26,050) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$124,500) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.020 (\$2.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 10 – Dump Truck (6 Cubic Yard) – 5-Year Lease/Purchase — \$26,050

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a Dump Truck with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation, as more-particularly described in Warrant Article 11, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Fifty (\$26,050) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$124,500) Dollars and future years' payments would be included in the Operating Budget. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Steve Takacs, resident asked the total amount. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, stated it is \$130,350. Mr. Takacs thanked Mr. Sheehy and wanted it on record that this is what it will actually cost us.

Janet Langdell appreciates Mr. Takacs' desire to be sure the voters are aware of the additional charges, she thinks it might be helpful to include that information in the Voter's Guide.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #10 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 911 NO: 533

Article #10 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11 — CONSERVATION LANDS FUND — \$20,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 11 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of adding it to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

[The Conservation Commission can only expend monies from this fund for land or easement acquisition after a public hearing and approval of the Board of Selectmen.]

Ballot Question 11 – Conservation Lands Fund — \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of adding it to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Selectman Daniels indicated the Board of Selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of this warrant article as a matter of priorities for the minority. Andy Hughes, resident, indicated this request is to replenish the Conservation Land Fund for land conservation and easements. Mr. Hughes has heard the argument that the town should not put money in this fund when the economy is depressed, but when times are good the land costs are much higher, when the economy is depressed, the Town has the opportunity to purchase land at a lower cost. Selectman Daniels asked where the money from timbering town forests goes. Mr. Hughes indicated it goes into the Forest Fund used for maintenance of town forest property.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #11 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 913 NO: 558

Article #11 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12 — PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS — \$20,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 12 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 12 – Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations And Plantings — \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Matt Lydon, Budget Advisory Committee, indicated the BAC supports this, however, the minority felt the amount could be reduced to \$15,000.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #12 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 987 NO: 498

Article #12 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13 — MILFORD IMPROVEMENT TEAM OPERATING BUDGET SUPPORT — \$20,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 13 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development programs in Milford administered by the Milford Improvement Team, or take any other action relative thereto. This article is requested by the Milford Improvement Team. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 13 – Milford Improvement Team Operating Budget Support — \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development programs in Milford administered by the Milford Improvement Team, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Moderator Basiliere indicated Milford Improvement Team used to be known as Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT) and many people may not know that, that may be something to amend. Alan Woolfson, President of MIT, recommended an amendment to the Warrant Article to add "Milford Improvement Team, formerly known as Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT)" just to clarify that point. There was a second. Mr. Woolfson indicated that DO-IT was responsible for improvements to the oval, and years ago decided that DO-IT has done it, and moved to the gateways of town, otherwise it is the same organization. Selectman Finan suggested just stating formerly DO-IT. Majority were in favor of the amendment.

There being no further discussion or comment on Article #13 as presented, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #13 on the Ballot as amended and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 927 NO: 536

Article #13 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14 — TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2013 — 2015) — \$24,750

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 14 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract years 2013 and 2015 (1 April 2013 – 31 March 2015) which calls for the following increases in salaries and

benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,750) for fiscal year 2013. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto. \$17,414 is to be raised by general taxation and \$7,336 is to be raised by Water & Sewer User Fees. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 (\$1.40 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

TEAMSTERS UNION COST ITEMS FROM GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

	2013	2014 <u>Estimated*</u>
Wages & Overtime	\$14,911	\$4,970
Fringe Benefits	\$2,503	\$835
Totals	\$17,414	\$5,805

TEAMSTERS UNION COST ITEMS FROM WATER & SEWER USER FUNDS

	2013	2014 <u>Estimated*</u>
Wages & Overtime	\$6,247	\$2,082
Fringe Benefits	\$1,089	\$363
Totals	\$7,336	\$2,445

NOTE:

The contract calls for the following cost items:
04/01/2013 – 0 to 3.0% wage increase based on performance.

*These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2014 to cover salary increases.

Ballot Question 14 – Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2013 – 2014) — \$24,750

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 2013 and 2015 (1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$24,750) Dollars for fiscal year 2013 as more particularly described in Warrant Article 15, or take any other action relative thereto? \$17,414 is to be raised by general taxation and \$7,336 is to be raised by Water & Sewer User Fees. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, indicated these monies are not in the Operating Budget, they are in addition to the Operating Budget.

There being no discussion or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #14 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 866 NO: 586

Article #14 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15 — SUMMER BAND CONCERTS — \$9,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 15 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 (\$0.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 15 – Summer Band Concerts — \$9,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Steve Takacs, resident, indicated the band concerts are a wonderful way to bring our residents together. Mr. Takacs is 100% in favor of this.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #15 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 948 NO: 532

Article #15 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16 — MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADE TOWN SUPPORT — \$6,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 16 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 16 – Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support — \$6,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments as more-particularly described in Warrant Article 17, or take any other action

relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #16 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 1127 NO: 360

Article #16 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17 — FIREWORKS — \$6,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 17 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks launch at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

Ballot Question 17 – Fireworks — \$6,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks launch at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC support was not unanimous, it was felt this is the lowest priority for the town, the committee supports leaving it on the warrant to leave it up to the voters. Selectman Daniels was the lone vote against this article and the BOS struggled to keep the taxes down, he felt this was the one item he would not support.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #17 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 836 NO: 652

Article #17 was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18 — ALLOW FOR THE INCLUSION OF ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT NOTATIONS ON BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES — \$0

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 18 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Tim Finan seconded.

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

To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, that will allow for the inclusion of a notation stating the estimated tax impact in annual budget and all special warrant articles. The determination of the estimated

tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body. This Article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority town vote. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article. *This Article has no tax impact.*

Ballot Question 18 – Allow For the Inclusion of Estimated Tax Impact Notations on Budget and Warrant Articles — \$0

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, that will allow for the inclusion of a notation stating the estimated tax impact in annual budget and all special warrant articles as more-particularly described in Warrant Article 19, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not yet voted on this Article.

Selectman Finan indicated this is a housekeeping article, in general we have always put the tax impact on the ballot, with this article it gives the town the authority to put the tax impact on the ballot.

Andy Hughes asked how it will be presented on the ballot. Selectman Finan said it will be an amount per \$1,000.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 18 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #18 on the Ballot as originally worded and in accordance with State statute.

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

YES: 1115 NO: 301

Article #18 was voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Finan moved to restrict consideration on Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. Selectman Putnam seconded. Majority were in favor.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator advised the assembly that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee will be meeting this afternoon to finalize their positions. Selectman Daniels stated the BOS will be meeting in the BOS room after leaving this meeting. Matt Lydon stated the BAC will be meeting in this auditorium immediately following this session

The Moderator adjourned the 2013 Town Meeting Deliberative Session at 1:35 p.m.



Margaret Langell, Town Clerk

