

2014

MINUTES OF THE

221st MEETING OF THE

TOWN OF MILFORD

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Town of Milford

February 1st 2014 – Deliberative Session

March 11th 2014 – Elective Session

Total Registered Voters: 9622

Number of Voters at Deliberative Session: 76

Total Votes Cast: 1770

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 nineteenth 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 11, 2014, 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, Mark Fougere, Vice Chairman, Michael Putnam, member, Katherine Bauer, member and Kevin Federico, Member. The Budget Advisory Committee: Matt Lydon, Chairman, Bert Becker, Karen Mitchell, Peggy Seward, Rose Evans, Jim Roccio, Chris Pank, Steve Sareault and Jolie Whitten.

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 Captain, Ken Flaherty; Director of Community Development, Bill Parker; Library Director, Michelle Sampson; Finance Director, Jack Sheehy; Welfare Director, Susan Drew; Recreation Director, Arene Berry; Water Utilities Superintendent, David Boucher; IT Director, Bruce Dickerson; Executive Assistant, Tina Philbrick; 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 Zachery Steinbrecher, Dan Finan and Niko Giokas.

The Minutes were prepared by Darlene J. Bouffard.

The invocation was delivered by Gary Daniels.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Pete Basiliere, Moderator.

The Moderator advised the assembly that the Annual School District Deliberative Session will take place on February 6, 2014.

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: Mark Fougere, Katherine Bauer, Michael Putnam and Kevin Federico. 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, Chairman, introduced members of that Committee: Bert Becker, Karen Mitchell, Peggy Seward, Rose Evans, Jim Roccio, Chris Pank, Jolie Whitten and Steve Sareault. He explained that the Budget Advisory Committee is appointed by the Moderator and that all are volunteers.

Matt Lydon, BAC Chairman, indicated that the role of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is to advise the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator in putting together the budget and developing positions of support or non-support. The BAC meets with the Town Administrator, Finance Director, Department Heads, representatives of local organizations and other representatives of warrant articles. This year one of the differences from last year is that we met two times: in December and in January. The December meeting was to open up communications and then last Monday after having reviewed everything, we asked them to reduce some things and the BAC is thankful that was accomplished.

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

The Moderator indicated that Peg Seward and Chris Pank of the BAC had a special presentation. Peg Seward explained that Bert Becker has celebrated his 90th birthday. Mr. Becker has served on many boards, except for the Board of Selectmen. The Budget Advisory Committee congratulated Bert on his 90th birthday, but noted he is not off the hook. His expertise and knowledge of inner workings and town government and budgets have been an asset to this committee and we expect him back next year. Bert has been an inspiration to every citizen in this town and he has shown that volunteerism keeps you young. Every citizen should be able to volunteer for our community. Bert Becker thanked the assembly.

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 11, 2014. 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 11, 2014.

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.

Moderator Basiliere indicated that today we need to decide on the wording for the ballot and agree on an amount of what we will vote on in March. We will also vote on important positions in March.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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).

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).

Any of 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. Chairman Daniels moved to allow the following non-residents be allowed to speak, to which Vice Chairman Fougere seconded and all were in favor:

Arene Berry
Wendy Hunt
Rick Riendeau
Jack Sheehy
Mike McInerney
Dave Boucher
Bruce Dickerson
Bill Drescher
Patrick Eggleston

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

Andrew Seale	481
*Katherine Bauer	640
Matt Bernard	220
Ed Densmore	288
Connie Kelleher	243
*Mike Putnam	638
Steve Sareault	620

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term

*Leonard J. Harten 1429

Library Trustee – 3 Year Term

*Michael Tule	1197
*Sarah Philbrick Sandhage	1346

Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 Year Term

*Tim Finan 1427

Town Moderator – 2 Year Term

*Pete Basiliere 1461

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term

*Tina M. Philbrick 1431

Water & Wastewater Commissioner – 3 Year Term

*Robert Courage 1454

* 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 – Residence "A" District

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 V: Section 5.02.2 by removing "Public utility uses necessary for public welfare" as it is a duplicate to the addition of Utility, public or private (2011) added in 2011.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: This amendment is duplicative to the addition of Utility, public or private (2011) added in 2011 and the only occurrence of this type of change is in the residence 'A' district.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 1 by a vote of 4-0 **The Planning Board supports Amendment #1.**

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

YES: 1140 NO: 272 passed

Ballot Vote No. 2 – Residence "B" District

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 V: Section 5.03.2 by removing "Public utilities necessary for public welfare" as it is a duplicate to the addition of Utility, public or private (2011) added in 2011.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: This amendment is duplicative to the addition of Utility, public or private (2011) added in 2011 and the only occurrence of this type of change is in the residence 'B' district.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 2 by a vote of 4-0 **The Planning Board supports Amendment #2.**

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

YES: 1151 NO: 286 passed

Ballot Vote No. 3 – Zoning Ordinance Definitions

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 removing "Public utility"

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment removes definitions for "Public Utility" as it is no longer used in the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 3 by a vote of 4-0 **The Planning Board supports Amendment #3.**

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

YES: 1358 NO: 281 passed

Ballot Vote No. 4 – Gravel/Earth Products Removal

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 VII – Supplementary Standards – Section 7.01 Gravel/Earth Products Removal (1985) to modify the language to be consistent with revisions made to the Town of Milford Gravel and Earth Removal Regulation

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: Throughout 2013, the Planning Board completed an update of the Town's Gravel and Earth Products Removal Regulations to be consistent with revisions made to the State RSA, Section 7.01.0 of the Milford Zoning Ordinance references those gravel and earth removal regulations and the proposed amendments are necessary for consistency.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 4 by a vote of 4-0 **The Planning Board supports Amendment #4.**

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

YES: 1301 NO: 341 passed

Ballot Vote No. 5 – Senior Housing Development

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 7.07.0 Senior Housing Development, to remove in its entirety.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The Senior Housing Ordinance (SHO) has met the needs of the Town. The Planning Board, in its efforts to implement the 2009 Housing Chapter of the Master Plan is concentrating attention on how to provide housing choice, affordability, and neighborhood creation for all ages. Following the rescinding of the Senior Housing Ordinance, there will remain opportunities for continued residential development for seniors throughout Town.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 5 by a vote of 4-0. **The Planning Board supports Amendment #5.**

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

YES: 1257 NO: 410 passed

Ballot Vote No. 6 – Zoning Map

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 III- Zoning Map- Section 3.01.0 Districts to change the zoning from Residence 'A' to Limited Commercial Business (LCB) on a portion of Map 43, Lot 20; From Residence 'A' to Commercial (C) on a portion of Map 43, Lot 20; from Residence 'B' to Limited Commercial Business (LCB) on a portion of Map 43, Lot 69; and from Residence 'B' to Commercial (C) on a portion of Map 43, Lot 69;

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The Planning Board concluded that the areas off of Ponemah Hill Road, South Street, Webster Street and Prospect Street would be more suitably zoned as Limited Commercial Business (LCB) given that the allowed uses in LCB are limited and less intense than those allowed in the Commercial zone, therefore, more compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods and commercial connections. The Board also determined that rezoning a portion (53.83 acres) of lot 43/69 from Residence 'B' to Commercial 'C' would offer both economic and tax positive benefits to the Town while still allowing for some continued opportunity to maintain Milford's diverse supply of housing options. The proposed rezoning provides connections to existing commercially zoned parcels and offers opportunity for economic development and increased job availability and retention in Town.

The Planning Board supports Amendment 6 by a vote of 6-0. **The Planning Board supports Amendment #6.**

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

YES: 1094 NO: 559 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.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 3 — DRAM CUP HILL WATER STORAGE TANK RENOVATION - \$330,000

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

Warrant Article/Ballot Question #3 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000) for the design, engineering, construction, and all other related costs for the Dram Cup Water Storage Tank Renovation, and to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire NHDES to borrow funds from the State Revolving Fund 3/5 majority, ballot vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article 3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-0-1).

Dave Boucher, Water Utilities Superintendent, explained this article is to raise and appropriate \$330,000 to cover the cost of design and construction for the Dram Cup Hill Water Storage Tank Renovation. Last year, we had inspected and cleaned the tank. The spalling needed to be repaired right away. The interiors of the tank also require repair along the walls and interior of the tank. Some of the required repairs are causing water to leak out – wire mesh is exposed inside of the tank, it is only getting worse, this article is to repair the spalling and cover the mesh that is exposed and also to line the inside of the tank with a type of flexible plastic which has longevity. The cost is because the flexible plastic is safe for drinking water. Additionally, in October Milford received approval to borrow funds from NH Department of Environmental Services at a low interest rate.

Moderator Basiliere asked if there were any questions on Article 3. Hearing no 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: 1273 NO: 424 passed

Article #3 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 4 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$13,007,697

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

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

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 Thirteen Million, Seven Thousand, Six Hundred, and Ninety-seven (\$13,007,697) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twelve Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three (\$12,848,633) 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 supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.289 over the 2013 Budget (\$28.90 on a home value of \$100,000).

Note: The proposed budget reflects a 4.5% increase to the 2013 Budget, or a \$560,140 increase; 72% of this increase (\$401,076) is included in the default budget.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Gary Daniels recognized Town Administrator Guy Scaife to speak to this warrant article.

Town Administrator Guy Scaife indicated that most people in this room today have contributed to putting together this budget, this meeting is a lot of work to put together and he thanked all that have helped. Mr. Scaife spoke to the overall finances of the town, since it is more than just an expense budget. The town finances are strong.

Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC voted 9-0 to support this warrant article. This amount is about \$145,000 lower than what we saw one week ago when we voice our concerns and the Board of Selectmen worked to lower the number.

Jim Rumson, Berry Court, asked about road construction, noting the town is funding the same amount as last year and he does not think that is enough. The town is going to end up having to completely rebuild roads and get a bond; he would like the budget to be increased in the DPW department for roads.

Tim Finan, Berkeley Place, asked how much was the budget decreased from last week and where was it taken from? Guy Scaife said it was about \$145,000, the biggest amount came from lowering the salary increases from 3% to 2% which was \$45,000. Other items were removed from different departments, such as consulting fees from Assessing for court cases and GIS from Community Development. Other departments were lowered including Welfare being reduced by \$10,000. As far as roads, the challenge is when you look beyond this budget and add it together, at one point we were looking at a double digit increase, now it is down to 8%. The dilemma is coming to the voters with a budget that will pass and not end up with a default budget. Everyone wanted to increase the paving budget but we have to put money into repairing the bridges and in a couple of other areas. The DPW director is assessing all the bridges to make sure we have good engineering guidance and we are investing in evaluation studies for that work, we want to make the maximum use of that \$300,000 road budget.

Steve Takacs, Whitten Road, commented that Guy Scaife did a fantastic job and he wished more people were here today. The School Resources Officer in the budget, that has to be approved at the school deliberative, what if it is turned down, wouldn't that affect the town budget as well? Guy Scaife responded if it is not approved, it will not be hired and the money will be in the town budget but it will not get spent. Steve Takacs asked about the school reimbursing the town for ¾ of the year, what will the SRO do for the other ¼ year? Mr. Scaife responded that the officer will assist with training and details, he will go into that pool and there are other things that go on during the summer that he will assist with.

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

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

YES: 1061 NO: 670 passed

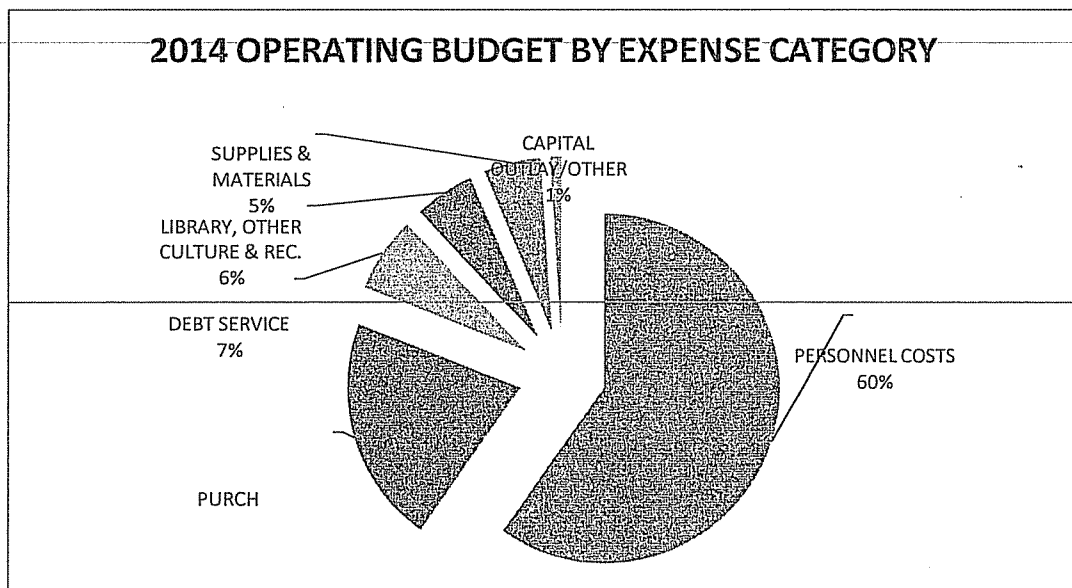
Article #4 passed.

2014 PROPOSED BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2013	2013	2014	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
	ACTUAL (Note 2) AS OF 01/27/2014 (unaudited)	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET		
Administration, includes MACC Base & Legal	\$ 920,275	\$ 901,667	\$ 919,895	\$ 18,228	2.0%
Ambulance	\$ 681,204	\$ 671,628	\$ 678,938	7,310	1.1%
Assessing	\$ 148,155	\$ 170,739	\$ 168,815	(1,924)	-1.1%
Community Development	\$ 464,443	\$ 473,939	\$ 464,102	(9,837)	-2.1%
Community Media	\$ 21,868	\$ 20,503	\$ 16,323	(4,180)	-20.4%
Conservation	\$ 22,091	\$ 22,091	\$ 22,521	430	1.9%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 131,181	\$ 133,064	\$ 150,046	16,982	12.8%
Finance & Tax Collection	\$ 274,626	\$ 277,148	\$ 278,750	1,602	0.6%
Employee Benefits & Insurance (Note 1)	\$ 2,326,489	\$ 2,389,095	\$ 2,577,135	188,040	7.9%
Debt Service	\$ 688,825	\$ 710,673	\$ 904,822	194,149	27.3%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 534,570	\$ 553,261	\$ 561,137	7,876	1.4%
Human Resources	\$ 58,723	\$ 61,166	\$ 77,401	16,235	26.5%
Information Systems	\$ 298,204	\$ 285,274	\$ 293,162	7,888	2.8%
Library	\$ 706,309	\$ 706,309	\$ 718,763	12,454	1.8%
Police	\$ 2,029,176	\$ 2,061,223	\$ 2,100,144	38,921	1.9%
Department of Public Works	\$ 2,789,411	\$ 2,680,252	\$ 2,775,994	95,742	3.6%
Recreation	\$ 126,939	\$ 132,570	\$ 120,013	(12,557)	-9.5%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 179,812	\$ 196,955	\$ 179,736	(17,219)	-8.7%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 12,402,301	\$ 12,447,557	\$ 13,007,697	\$ 560,140	4.5%

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

Note 2: 2013 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/27/2014. Audit adjustments are still outstanding.



WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 5 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,809,111

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 5 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Mike Putnam seconded.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven (\$1,809,111) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-three (\$1,797,793) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (7-0-2).

Water Commissioner Bob Courage moved to amend the Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget to \$1,804,945 to reflect the reduction of a 3% wage increase to 2% to be in line with the town operating budget. Commissioner Dale White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

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

YES: 1289 NO: 419 passed

Article #5 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 6 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,369,255

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

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-five (\$1,369,255) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-three Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-two (\$1,363,142) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-1).

Water Commissioner Bob Courage moved to amend the Water Department Operating Budget to \$1,368,189 to reflect the reduction of a 3% wage increase to 2% to be in line with the town operating budget. Commissioner Dale White seconded the motion.. All were in favor.

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

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

YES: 1288 NO: 414 passed

Article #6 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 7 - SOUTH STREET RAILROAD CROSSING - RENEWAL

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

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

Shall the town vote to rescind the appropriation of \$200,000 (with \$40,000 having been raised by taxation) made by the passage of Article 17 at the 2009 annual Town Meeting which will lapse on December 31, 2014, and, in place of said appropriation, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars for the purpose of replacing the South Street railroad crossing, including drainage, road, sidewalk, and curbing improvements to South Street, and furthermore, to accept Federal and/or State funding of One Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$160,000) Dollars with the balance of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars raised from fund balance, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI it being understood that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year 2014, but shall lapse when said improvements are completed or 12/31/2019, whichever is sooner. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). This Article contains no tax impact.

Selectman Fougere indicated this article is to reauthorize funds voted on years ago, there have been a lot of delays on this mostly attributed to the railroad and it has been a challenge to get this completed. This warrant is for the reauthorization in order to move forward. We are looking to strip line the pipes and redirect drainage to another area instead of under the railroad bed and that is the reason for the reauthorization. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC supports this and there is no tax impact.

Tom Schmidt, Melendy Road, asked when this will actually get finished. Selectman Fougere referred the question to the DPW Director. DPW Director Rick Riendeau said it does not have an exact date, this has been going on for about ten years, if the engineering gets done this year, we might be able to get under the railroad tracks with drainage, he hopes to be able to get it done in 2-3 years.

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: 1370 NO: 360 passed

Article #7 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 8 - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$125,000

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

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

Shall the town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Highway Road Bridge Repair and Replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in this fund, and to furthermore appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.097 (\$9.70 on a home value of \$100,000).

Selectman Putnam explained the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund is to reserve the funds for bridge replacement, we have several bridges in town that are in a failing status, this warrant was originally started at

\$250,000 and after discussion was cut in half to \$125,000. \$90,000 of this will go toward the Jennison Road bridge and the balance will go toward engineering to see which bridges will be next to take care of. The Board of Selectman decided to move forward with a capital reserve fund because bonds are expensive so we are trying to get ahead of the problem.

Matt Lydon, BAC, said the BAC supports this and feel it is not enough money. It is going to cost a considerable amount of money but this gets the town started. The BAC hopes that for next year there is a priority plan for the bridges and then it can be determined whether a bond is required so more will be placed in the capital reserve fund.

Russ Kincaid, Savage Road, asked if the Savage Road bridge is on the list for repair. Selectman Fougere responded the design engineer will be looking at all of the town bridges and will prioritize them to determine which needs attention first then next year we will have a more clear idea of what needs to be done first. The Jennison Road bridge is over \$600,000 but we have to get into the queue in order to get state funding. We are aware of the Savage Road bridge, but it must be evaluated.

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: 1230 NO: 465 passed

Article #8 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 9 — FIRE LADDER TRUCK #1 REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$117,500 (Annual Payment \$117,500/Total Purchase Price \$770,000)

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 a fire ladder truck with the appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will replace the current 1991 Pierce Ladder Truck) and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred (\$117,500) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$770,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future 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 supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.092 (\$9.20 on a home value of \$100,000)

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

Selectman Federico indicated the current ladder truck is a 1991 Pierce that has exceeded its normal life expectancy and is in need of repairs that are estimated at over \$100,000, the repair work can be done, however, with the age of the vehicle and the critical nature of its need in town, one critical part is the turntable and if it cracks or breaks, the vehicle can no longer be used. The Board of Selectmen is recommending replacement of this vehicle. Matt Lydon indicated the BAC supports this article 9-0 since the need is clearly there. Steve Takacs, Whitten Road, indicated this was supposed to be on the warrant last year but it was taken off because of the ambulance facility. We have four serviceable fire engines, how many times in the past year were all four in service at the same time, including use in other towns. Selectman Putnam said the ladder truck and the engines are two different animals, they do respond to most incidents. Mr. Takacs suggested for \$100,000 we can put it in working order, that is a lot of money, if we do not have to use it except once per year, to me the \$100,000 is a better number. Selectman Federico does not have the call volume and the number of times it was used, but all five of the fire department vehicles have very different purposes. This is used more than once a year. Mr. Takacs said if we did not have this vehicle, could the other vehicles pick up the slack? Selectman Federico said no, the other four pieces cannot do the job of the ladder truck. Dale White, Water/Sewer Commissioner, indicated the ladder rises 105 feet in the air, they are two different trucks. The Ladder and Pumper trucks do different jobs. Selectman Putnam said the ladder is designed to reach 105' and it is required to respond to chimney fires and it does serve a big purpose. We expect volunteers to fight fires in town so we want to provide them with equipment that they can fight fires with. There were no further questions.

There being no 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: 1098 NO: 616 passed

Article #9 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 10 — DUMP TRUCK (6 CUBIC YARD) – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$30,000 (Annual Payment \$30,000/Total Purchase Price \$144,000)

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

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

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 (6 cubic yard), with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the 1995 International Dump Truck that is no longer in service with the Highway Department) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose. The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand (\$144,000) 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 supports this Article (7-1-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.023 (\$2.30 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Fougere indicated this is to replace a 1995 truck that is out of service because of excessive repair costs. DPW has been working without this truck; this truck is to replace a piece of equipment that we no longer have. Matt Lydon indicated the BAC supports this piece of equipment because it was in the fleet but has been retired.

There being no 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: 956 NO: 745 passed

Article #10 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 11 — TRANSFER STATION SCALE HOUSE/OFFICE REPLACEMENT - \$74,500

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

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

Matt Ouellette, Ball Hill Road, presented information about the current Scale House structure and the proposed replacement office and scale house. The current structure was built in 1980. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC supports this unanimously. Leighton White explained the replacement structure will be longer than the existing structure and it will fit perfectly on the piece of land. Lorna Willette did not see any bathrooms at the transfer station, are they in a different location? Leighton White explained that the bathroom is in the big building where the trash is dumped; it cannot be in this building because we cannot dig where the scale house is, this building will be on a concrete pad.

There being no 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.

Selectman Fougere moved to restrict reconsideration on Warrant Articles 3 through 11. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor.

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

YES: 1015 NO: 685 passed

Article #11 passed

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 12 — AFSCME CONTRACT - \$17,600

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

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

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 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred (\$17,600) Dollars for fiscal year 2014. 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 of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 (\$1.40 on a home value of \$100,000)

COST ITEMS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated*
Wages	\$ 13,900	\$ 18,900	\$ 19,200	\$ 19,600	\$ 4,900
Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,700	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,300	\$ 1,300
Totals	\$ 17,600	\$ 23,900	\$ 24,400	\$ 24,900	\$ 6,200

NOTE:

The contract calls for a 2.0% increase each year as of April 1, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017, plus up to any additional merit increase which exceeds the 2.0% and is approved in the operating budget for all other employees not in the AFSCME bargaining unit.

*These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2018 to cover salary increases to contract termination date of March 31, 2018.

Selectman Daniels indicated that this is the contract that we came up with for AFSME personnel. If non-union members get more than a 2% increase, the AFSME contract will also be eligible. Matt Lydon indicated the BAC also supports this warrant article.

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: 1139 NO: 540 passed

Article #12 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 13 — SOCIAL SERVICES - \$30,000

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

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) 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 supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.023 (\$2.30 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Bauer indicated there are over 19 agencies that help the Welfare Department which greatly reduces the amount the town of Milford must pay. Matt Lydon, BAC, said the BAC supports this warrant article, if we did not support this, the town would have to pay for what the other organizations provide.

Ruth Heden asked what would be the difference to the Town. Susan Drew, Welfare Director, indicated this is a \$5,000 decrease from the original warrant article, it is a small decrease but she understands that the BAC and Board of Selectmen support this with the lower amount. The 19 agencies help the most vulnerable citizens in town, it is a necessary warrant article and represents assistance for a lot of citizens.

Nate Carmen, Union Street, asked which organizations will not get help by reducing the value. Susan Drew responded that she will look at the budget and she does not anticipate cutting any one organization but will lower the budget being given to the different organizations.

Ruth Heden moved to increase this warrant article by \$5,000. Susan Drew seconded. Janet Langdell, Elm Street, made reference to a list of 19 agencies that receive assistance from this article, and are they locked in? Could that list of agencies be posted on the town website? Susan Drew agrees it should be posted on the website, and noted that every year there are requests made to the town to contribute to the organization, the list is reviewed by herself and Ruth Bolduc, Human Resources Director, to determine which organizations will receive support. Usually during the summer, the letters are received.

Tim Finan, Berkeley Place, asked if the amount was lowered from \$35,000. Selectman Daniels indicated the amount started at \$35,000, the figure had been increased to \$35,000 years ago when unemployment was higher, and we are now at 4-5% unemployment so we felt the reduction of \$5,000 was not a lot. Matt Lydon said the initial vote for \$35,000 was supported by the BAC. Susan Drew noted that the agencies helped by this warrant article are not affected by unemployment rates, we are talking about the elderly and kids who do not have jobs, they still need support so there is a little bit of difference.

Nate Carmen understands the Board voted it down because of the economy, but the need is different than the reality, if it is brought back up to \$35,000 could the Welfare Director explain what that will affect? Would \$30,000 make it tight? Susan Drew responded that when unemployment rates goes down there are more people working, the agencies we support such as Meals on Wheels, Boys & Girls Club, etc. affect low income people, they are the people who are being supported by this warrant article. Homeless Services, Child Advocate Programs are in large community based. We support Bridges and it was felt that was going to move from Milford to Nashua, so we do need the community services to support the people who are very vulnerable in our community. Steve Takacs has never supported an increase that has been proposed but we are talking about \$5,000 on a 13 million dollar budget. There are 19 agencies receiving assistance through this warrant article, yes we should give them the \$5,000.

Ruth Heden thinks we need to think about our priorities. Matt Lydon asked if Jack Sheehy could calculate how much a \$5,000 increase would affect taxes. Jack Sheehy did the calculation and it is about \$.027 per thousand by increasing the warrant article to \$35,000. Nate Carmen moved to call the vote. Majority was in favor of increasing the warrant article to \$35,000.

There being no further discussion or comment on Article #13 as amended, 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: 1208 NO: 491 passed

Article #13 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 14 — NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES - \$28,950

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

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$28,950) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.023 (\$2.30 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Bauer indicated the "Blue Bus" is a wonderful service for the community. It began in 2008 and we have increased the ridership three times over. The service will soon provide rides to six towns. This service provides rides to appointments and to shopping areas. Matt Lydon indicated the BAC unanimously supports this as it is a great service for the town. Janet Langdell, Elm Street, indicated by the end of December 2013, this service had provided 9673 rides in Milford with a total of over 13,000 rides. By the end of February 2014, Milford alone will reach 10,000 rides. The bus service appreciates the support from residents and hopes to be supported again this year.

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: 1271 NO: 449 passed

Article #14 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 15 — PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS - \$20,000

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

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or take any other action. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (5-0-4). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Bauer indicated most of this warrant article covers the police detail, emergency services and DPW assistance who put in a lot of extra hours for Pumpkin Festival. The organization that puts this event on is Milford Improvement Team (MIT) (formerly DO-IT). At last year's festival, there were over 30,000 people in attendance, it puts Milford on the map and contributes to the economic development of Milford. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the Budget Advisory Committee supports this 5-0-4; we love the Pumpkin Festival, it is great for the town, there is some concern that the town is subsidizing the Pumpkin Festival and MIT is generating approximately \$26,000 of profit which is invested in other activities. Could this be self-supporting?

Ruth Heden, Sunset Circle, indicated if this number is lowered, it might slowly become self-supporting. Selectman Bauer asked Alan Woolfson, MIT President, if the warrant article funds the services required by the town to legally

put on the festival (Fire, Police, Ambulance personnel). There are not enough police officers available in town to cover the traffic so we bring in people from other towns. Most of the funds in this warrant article are for the emergency service personnel at the festival, there is a small amount in it for the holiday plantings and decorations. Guy Scaife indicated every year this warrant article is discussed; it is put on by MIT but it is a town event, it does not cover all of the costs. Guy Scaife does not understand how this started getting referred to as an MIT warrant article, it is a town function. This is a first class event that brings in a lot of money and over 40 non-profit groups generate up to \$70,000 that is poured back into this community that has nothing to do with the pumpkin festival. It is important to support this warrant article. Peter Basiliere asked if the funds are used as described in the article. Guy Scaife explained that the emergency services labor for pumpkin festival is charged against this fund, but MIT also assists as does the Garden Club. Peter Basiliere asked if the article title should be changed to just identify the pumpkin festival. Bill Drescher, town counsel said it should not.

Bob Willette, Ball Hill Road supports this but should it be in the budget instead of a warrant article, it is a function of the town. Janet Langdell thanked Guy Scaife for his input about this warrant article, noting there is a small amount of the \$20,000 used for holiday decorations and plantings, but it sounds like it might be worthwhile to identify exactly how much the pumpkin festival costs to put on. Steve Takacs will support this but said about seven years ago the town turned down the budget and it went to the default budget. All of a sudden a lot of things got cut. The next year, certain items had to be pulled out of the budget into a warrant article so that if the budget failed these other things could continue even in a default budget.

Wendy Hunt, MIT Director, indicated that MIT is a non-profit organization for which the sole mission is to promote the town of Milford. The Pumpkin Festival is the biggest way to promote Milford. Gary Daniels, Board of Selectmen said one thing the Board tries to do is provide things the town is already providing. The Pumpkin Festival and Labor Day Parade are the two largest ways we promote the town. They bring in a lot of people and we hope they have other activities. The other thing is if the Pumpkin Festival did not go on the warrant, then there would be \$20,000 added in the budget.

Leighton White called the question. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further 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: 1115 NO: 630 passed

Article #15 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 16 — MILFORD IMPROVEMENT TEAM OPERATING BUDGET SUPPORT - \$20,000

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

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

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 (formerly known as DO-IT), 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 does not support this Article (3-6). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Bauer indicated the new Executive Director Wendy Hunt has provided information about Milford Improvement Team (MIT) and the number of activities this group does to promote Milford. We have vacancies of store fronts available in town, MIT will hold meetings to introduce those empty store fronts to potential businesses. Matt Lydon, BAC indicated the BAC voted 3-6 to not support this article. The majority felt the operating expenses were lower and felt that they should tighten their belts, MIT no longer pays rent for office space.

Wendy Hunt, MIT Executive Director, presented information to the group of what MIT does and how it promotes the town of Milford. Alan Woolfson, MIT Board of Directors President, noted that the 2014 budget has increased from last year, our biggest function (Pumpkin Festival) is weather dependent. Dale White, Amherst Street, indicated today's assembly has talked about \$40,000 for these last two items longer than it talked about the entire town budget for \$13 million. These two articles will cost each resident about \$8 a year in taxes (for both). This is something that brings revenue into the town and people drive to Milford to attend these events put on by MIT.

Peg Seward, BAC, moved to lower the warrant to \$15,000. Rose Evans, BAC, seconded the motion. Celeste Barr, Prospect Street, asked if the amount is amended, will the BAC support it. Matt Lydon did not know, he was in the minority of the original vote, the BAC would have to take a vote.

Peter Basiliere asked for those who support the proposed amendment. Amendment failed.

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: 841 NO: 884 failed

Article #16 was denied.

At this point, Peter Basiliere announced that a special award would be given to the Department and Employee having the safety of the Town of Milford as the highest priority. The awards were presented to the Water Utilities Department and to Russ Works. A short recess was called. The meeting reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 17 — SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000

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

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

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. This is a Special Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (7-2). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 (\$0.70 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Fougere indicated this is a long standing tradition in Milford and it is enjoyed by all. This provides opportunities to people to get out along the river and enjoy the music and the outdoors. The Board of Selectmen supports this warrant article. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC voted 7-2 to support. The minority of the vote feels this is an asset for the town but feel it could be supported by organizations in town.

Steve Takacs said this is the same figure this article has always been, it has never been increased, and you cannot beat the value of this and that it brings people together, so why not. Lorna Willette, Ball Hill, said she pays her tax bill every year, she was born and raised here and it would break her heart to take some of these things away, let's support these things that make Milford what it is.

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: 1069 NO: 660 passed

Article #17 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 18 — FIREWORKS - \$8,500

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

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand-five Hundred (\$8,500) 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 (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (1-8). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 (\$0.70 on a home value of \$100,000)

Selectman Fougere indicated we have had fireworks for years now. Some of the people in the community do not feel it should be supported, it brings families together and the Board of Selectmen wants the taxpayers to make the decision. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC does not support this article; the majority felt it is a low priority in the town and in the past fundraisers have paid for fireworks. We are celebrating the country's independence and the fireworks are symbolic of that therefore he feels it is appropriate to celebrate. Chairman Daniels moved to zero out the warrant article. Rose Evans seconded. Chairman Daniels, speaking from the minority, looks at it as a lower priority and he would rather put money into something else instead of blowing it off in 20 minutes.

Arene Berry, Recreation Director, has been with Milford for six weeks, responded to the comment that fireworks cost \$4500, she understands that there was one year without fireworks and when they came back there was a contract with Atlas that the town agreed to and the fireworks were given to the town at a lower cost if the town used Atlas if fireworks were purchased. If the fireworks are voted down that is fine, but if voted in we would use Atlas. Janet Langdell said if this is zeroed out or did not get voted in, if the town still wanted them, are we locked in to use Atlas? Guy Scaife answered yes we are. Peter Basiliere indicated if this is zeroed out the town cannot spend any money on fireworks. Janet Langdell said if fundraising efforts raised money for fireworks, it would need to be Atlas that is used. Guy Scaife explained that Atlas agreed years ago to lower the cost and gradually bring it back up if the town agreed to go through Atlas if fireworks were approved.

Peter Basiliere asked for a vote on the amendment. Amendment failed.

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: 890 NO: 848 passed

Article #18 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 19 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADE TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,000

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 19 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #19 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

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. 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 supports this Article (8-0-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home value of \$100,000)

Chairman Daniels indicated this article covers the department labor for the parades and the Board of Selectmen supports this article. Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC supports this article 8-0-1.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 19 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #19 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 #19 is as follows:

YES: 1334 NO: 403 passed

Article #19 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 20 – FUNDING OF THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE – \$10,000 - By Petition

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 20 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #20 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the purpose of this appropriation is to fund bands, musicians and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade. This is a Special Article IAW NH RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.008 (\$0.80 on a home value of \$100,000)

John Raymond, Commander VFW, moved to reduce this warrant article to \$5,000 because the Keyes and Kaley Trust Funds have approved a contribution of \$2,500 each.

Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated they voted 9-0 to support this article, the parade has been done by the VFW in the past but if they need assistance, the town has to step up. Chairman Daniels indicated the perception has been that the VFW does the parade, it has been going for 68 years, the VFW and Lion's Club have been putting this on and they are now struggling like a lot of places and they are committed that they want to put this on and they have asked the town to take over the funding. Chairman Daniels sees no reason why we would not support the \$5,000 as amended by Commander Raymond. All were in favor of the amendment.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 20 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #20 on the Ballot as amended and in accordance with State statute.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #20 is as follows:

YES: 1210 NO: 527 passed

Article #20 passed.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 21 - SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF RESOURCES - \$0

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 21 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Shall the Town vote pursuant to the authority of RSA 41:14-c & RSA 41:14-a, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of any existing mineral interests, earth materials or other natural resources located on that portion of the Town owned property that is commonly known as the BROX property, that is currently zoned Residential "R", (said property currently zoned as Residential "R" being known as Tax Map 38, Lot 58 and Tax Map 38, Lot 17), on such terms and conditions, as the Selectmen deem appropriate for such sale or other disposition; provided nevertheless that this authorization is subject to the following conditions: This authorization shall NOT extend to any portion of the BROX property not included in the map and lot number tracts identified above; and, This authorization shall only extend to the mineral or other interest identified above

*and shall NOT permit the Selectmen, without further authorization of the town meeting, to dispose of the underlying fee of any such land; and, This authorization shall NOT permit any such sale or other disposition to allow for the transfer of an interest in such materials unless the same is, by its terms, limited to a period of not more than six (6) years in duration so that any and all right that any transferee has to enter on the property for the purpose of implementing said sale or other disposition shall terminate no later than the expiration of six (6) years from the date of such transfer; and, This authorization shall have no expiration date. No sale or other disposition shall take place unless and until the Board of Selectmen have complied with all public notice and hearing requirements set forth in RSA 41:14-a, (I), and any other applicable provisions contained in said statute. Any agreement entered into by the Selectmen relative to the sale or other disposition of said materials shall contain language which shall require the compliance with any statutes, land use codes or their regulations which govern such activity. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (0-7-2). **This Article has no tax impact.***

Selectman Fougere provided a presentation explaining this article, and that this is a reauthorization of something approved six years ago and it is just to keep it current. The authorization expired in December 2013. When Brox was first purchased, it was said that the town would recoup materials from the land to recoup the costs of purchasing the land. There is an estimated savings of DPW not having to purchase these materials. Most likely the use of the materials will be for ball field fill. The BAC at this point is not supporting this article. That is disappointing, all of the documents in support of this article are in place. An Engineering report was done a number of years ago which identified the materials to be collected. We cannot determine the costs until an Engineering plan and permits are in place. The Board of Selectmen will have the required public hearings throughout this plan and costs will be worked out during that process, we cannot proceed without this being moved forward by the voters. The BAC was concerned about the soils; soils do not change and they were identified in the engineering report many years ago in the study. We do not need to re-look at the soil types that are there. The town will not be pulling the gravel out, a contractor will. There is wildlife out there, but the taxpayers were told that the land would be for certain purposes (when it was bought) and this is going to require state permitting, Vice Chairman Fougere asks that this be supported so that the town can move forward.

Matt Lydon, BAC, indicated the BAC does not support this article; the one issue is that it is perpetual permission to these resources and we do not know yet what will be done with the land, and we do not know how much money we will get by selling the resources so it seems premature until there is a plan and at that point the voters can decide on this.

Suzanne Fournier, Woodward Drive and Brox Environmental Citizens Group, said her group is trying to help bring conservation to the Brox property. It was promised to the citizens back when this property was purchased. The forested hills should not be destroyed. This is one unique natural environment.

Tom Schmidt, resident, asked if this is forever. He thought it was for six years. Matt Lydon, BAC, said when a contract is signed, it is for six years, but the authorization for the Board of Selectmen to move forward is forever. Mr. Schmidt said if this is voted down, what then? Vice Chairman Fougere responded if it is voted down the original authorization would be back in place, the original authorization had a six year expiration, but that would limit the work with contractors, sometimes it takes a while and having that limit would create uncertainty in the market so we took that out so it was more flexible. Steve Sareault, Clark Road, will abstain from voting on this since it is a non-appropriation article and the BAC is not necessarily fully informed on it, this gives the Board of Selectmen the ability to use that resource, the checks and balances on the use is established by the State, it does not give them the authorization to just let them go out and start digging the day after elections, there are checks and balances through public hearings. This is a good operation for the town to get some revenue, the contractor will take materials out and work through the Conservation Commission during that process to deal with the wetlands and wildlife species, we are not allowing them to do it yet, it is if we need to, but there are checks and balances.

Tim Finan, Berkeley Place, thinks it is much more simple than what is being discussed, if it will not make money, they will not do it, the plan is to raise revenue, not to clear the land, how could it be bad? Mr. Finan is on the Brox Commission and the excavation will not go through all the land where things would be built, we took into consideration all of the environmental issues out there. Suzanne Fournier was at all of those meetings, a lot of the fields were moved away from the wetlands, we took into consideration animals, every consideration is being given to environmental concerns. The Conservation Commission was also heavily involved.

Suzanne Fournier said that conservation also brings in money to the town, we already use Brox for activities. Suzanne Fournier moved to amend the warrant article to take out "other natural resources" and to put in a deadline of March 11, 2020. The amendment was seconded.

Russ Kincaid said if the amendment is approved, the issue of removing trees might prevent the project from moving forward at all. Removing trees is necessary to remove any gravel. Having an end to the contract and the area to be excavated will be declined and once that is done there will be more to be done. Judy, Mason Road, said a gravel pit just opened up to the gravel excavation and at 7 a.m. the trucks are waiting to go in, it is dangerous with the trucks going up and down the road but there should be a limit. Steve Sareault said the amendment does not support the "other natural resources" that material has value as well so he would not support that and suggested handling the amendments separately.

Moderator Basiliere said if they are not supported, they can be separated. Bob Willette, Ball Hill Road, believes we should hold the elected officers to do what they say. The biggest selling point is that there is \$1 million worth of materials in there, he does not support the amendment.

Suzanne Fournier agreed the amendments can be done separately. Town Counsel Bill Drescher stated only one amendment can be dealt with at a time.

Moderator Basiliere asked Suzanne to withdraw her amendment as proposed. Suzanne Fournier moved to withdraw her amendment. Suzanne Fournier moved to remove "other natural resources". It was seconded. Selectman Federico asked if we could get clarification if an amendment can be withdrawn. Town Counsel Drescher said yes the amendment can be withdrawn by the person that proposed it as long as there is no challenge. Moderator Basiliere stated there is an amendment on the floor to remove "other natural resources". Matt Lydon, BAC, asked if the Board of Selectmen have the authority to sell timber off this land. Vice Chairman Fougere responded that the Board of Selectmen does have that authority. There was no second to the motion to amend. Therefore the amendment failed.

Suzanne Fournier moved to change the warrant article to add an expiration date of six years. Rose Evans, BAC, said if the town contracts this out, would someone want to end a contract if the expiration date is added? Vice Chairman Fougere said that is why this Board chose to remove the date, that is the reason we wanted to remove the date because it is a hindrance of having that work done. Dale White, Amherst Street, said if the natural resources will be sold, he indicated it is a resource dictated by supply and demand. If you get a qualified contractor to buy the material or take on that role, you will get a better person if there is no limit on the time it takes to get the materials. Tim Finan indicated there is an expiration built in, there is a plan for this land, and it is going to be developed at some point, so it will not be indefinite. Vice Chairman Fougere stated we are talking about clearing gravel and then laying out a ball field or putting the field on top of the gravel. Janet Langdell, Planning Board, asked if the holdup is that there is no expiration date? Why don't we look 15 or 20 years out? Guy Scaife, Memory Lane, indicated we need to remember that if we move forward, there is time before you would have a contract with a six year limit. We have some critical infrastructure needs and we need to look at increased revenue stream, you need to trust the elected officials to look at other revenue streams. Let's let them move forward so that we can try to use the resources that were purchased by the town to help with the cost of the land.

Steve Sareault said the time to move on this is now, six years will affect the ability to attract a contractor, a 20 years date would be more reasonable. There was no second on the amendment. Amendment failed.

Peg Seward, BAC suggested changing the language to understand the Board of Selectmen versus the contractor. Tim Finan asked if the materials could be taken out via Perry Road instead of Mason Road. Vice Chairman Fougere said that is one of the things that will be taken into consideration when we are at that point. That is one of the things we will have to address. Steve Sareault moved to amend the expiration as follows "This authorization to the Board of Selectmen will expire 20 years after approval." The amendment was seconded. Steve Sareault called the question. The amendment passed.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 21 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #21 on the Ballot as amended and in accordance with State statute.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #21 is as follows:

YES: 816 NO: 838 failed

Article #21 was denied.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 22 - VETERAN'S CREDIT WARRANT ARTICLE – \$53,000 - By Petition

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 22 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #22 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to modify the Veterans Tax Credit from Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to Four Hundred Dollars (\$400), pursuant to RSA 72-28. The last increase was in 2006. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (0-5). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (2-7). This article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.041 (\$4.10 on a home value of \$100,000)

Chairman Daniels indicated the Board of Selectmen does not support this warrant article, by increasing the credit to \$400, that means that the burden is put on the back of all the other taxpayers that do not get the veteran credit. We respect the veterans, but now is not the time to raise the veteran credit. Matt Lydon, BAC, said the BAC does not support this warrant article; we should continue to honor the veterans with the credit and in the future we can continue to look at that. Tom Schmidt supports the Board of Selectmen and BAC and he does receive the credit but it does shift it to others and there are others that support the town, so he respects this decision.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 22 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #22 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 #22 is as follows:

YES: 806 NO: 879 failed

Article #22 was denied.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 23 - CONSERVATION LANDS FUND - \$20,000 - By Petition

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 23 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #23 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

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. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (2-3). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (3-4-2). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home value of \$100,000)

Audrey Fraizer gave a presentation regarding conservation lands. Matt Lydon, BAC indicated the BAC does not support this article and felt this is a lower priority for the town. Chairman Daniels indicated the majority of the Board of Selectmen concurs with the BAC. Russ Kincaid explained that \$20,000 does a lot with land sales today. He supports this warrant article. Suzanne Fournier said it is important for the town to have a good land fund. \$20,000 does go a long way with paying for an easement. Sometimes land that the town could like to keep preserved comes up during the year and with only \$41,000 in the fund now, Selectman Bauer said that will not cover it, she supports this warrant article to add to the land fund.

Andy Hughes, Conservation Commission member, asked is there ever a good time to ask for money from the town? It is better to do this when land values are at a lower level and that is where we are now. This is a good use of the money.

Chairman Daniels moved to zero out the warrant article. Bob Willette seconded. Matt Lydon asked what the impact of this \$20,000 is for taxpayers. Steve Takacs said \$38 million for the school budget for 2014 and the deliberative session for the school is this Thursday so people should keep in mind the proposed taxes for town and school. Steve noted he will support and seconded the motion by Chairman Daniels. Selectman Putnam loves what the Conservation Commission stands for however, we have to keep in our mind that we are taking it off the tax roll so that is a tax impact. Selectman Putnam is in favor of zeroing out the warrant article for this year. Audrey Fraizer said there is also a tax positive for conservation land because there is no infrastructure added.

Chris Costantino, North River Road and Conservation Commission member, said most conservation land is in current use so it has very little tax impact coming in for it. Tim Finan said this is a petition warrant article but he believes we should not change a petition warrant article. He believes it should stay on the ballot as written. Selectman Bauer does not want to tie the hands of the Conservation Commission by zeroing it out. The amendment to zero out this warrant article failed.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 23 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #23 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 #23 is as follows:

YES: 809 NO: 872 failed

Article #23 was denied.

WARRANT ARTICLE/BALLOT QUESTION 24 - MILESLIP TOWN FOREST - \$0 - By Petition

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 24 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #24 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to place a Conservation Easement on Mile Slip Town Forest. In accordance with RSA 36-A the Conservation Commission is requesting that a Conservation Easement be placed on Mile Slip Town Forest to further the protection of the town's natural resource. A Conservation Easement is a voluntary agreement to preserve land in perpetuity. It does not transfer land ownership, but rather spells out the Town's commitments to protect the existing character of the property. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (5-0-4).

Audrey Fraizer, Conservation Commission, explained this warrant article and indicated this is to conserve land into perpetuity. If the town remains owner and public access is granted, it would retain recreational rights. It would prevent it from being subdivided. This would mean at no point would the land become industrialized or developed. Town Counsel Drescher indicated the way this is worded is legal it just does not accomplish the intention, the Conservation Commission would like to restrict this property forever. The BAC voted to support this article. Vice Chairman Fougere indicated the Board of Selectmen does not support this article, the easement would be controlled by an outside group. Vice Chairman Fougere does not have a problem having an easement, if it is controlled locally, but the third party worries him. Selectman Bauer asked if the Conservation Commission writes the details of the easement and what the various easements we have in town or is a third party involved. Audrey Fraizer said the Conservation Committee does have a great deal of input on the easement. The Pratt Property asked for low impact recreation. The Mile Slip property needs to be managed if there is ATV use. The easement holder is insurance and helps support them. Selectman Bauer said there seems to be a feeling that a third part is an outsider. Ms. Fraizer responded there are lands in town that have third party organizations involved in easements. It is to protect the town from itself.

Bob Willette, Ball Hill Road, asked can the property on Mile Slip be developed into house lots. Chairman Daniels said we would have to come to the voters to ask permission for that. This easement takes it out of the town's control. If it were sold, it would need to be done by voters. Vice Chairman Fougere said if there is an easement on the property, the easement portion would be controlled by the easement and cannot change from that. Suzanne Fournier said that conservation easements are there to protect us from ourselves so that we do not chop the land up. Russ Kincaid asked if we are giving the easement away. Ms. Fraizer answered the Conservation Commission would have to raise the funds for it. There were no other questions or comments.

There being no further discussion or questions on Article 24 the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Ballot Question #24 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 #24 is as follows:

YES: 987 NO: 688 passed

Article #24 passed.

**WARRANT ARTICLE 25 – RESOLUTION TO OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED by passage of
a constitutional amendment to regulate political spending - By Petition**

Selectman Gary Daniels moved that Warrant Article 25 be placed on the ballot. Selectman Fougere seconded.

Article #25 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 local municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Milford's congressional delegation, and to Milford's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

Patrick Eggleston, Amherst, indicated this article will not cost the town anything, this is presented from Citizens United and is a first step to limit spending of outside groups on political campaigns. Chairman Daniels explained the Board of Selectmen did not take a position on this warrant article; Matt Lydon indicated the BAC has no problem with this warrant article. Andy Hughes, resident, supports this warrant article because citizens are being drowned out by shareholders of corporations. We need to take action on this. We can do something through the town meeting but we need to tell our representatives. We are urging our elected officials to do something about this, it is a constitutional amendment that can do this. Ruth Heden also supports the resolution, it is good to know the motivation of why a candidate is supported.

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #25 is as follows:

YES: 1183 NO: 439 passed

Article #25 passed.

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 2014 Town Meeting Deliberative Session at 2:13 p.m.

Margaret Langell, Town Clerk

