

5:30 Request to Appoint Mary Burdett as a Full Member to the Recycling Committee.

To: The Milford Board of Selectmen

From: The Milford Recycle and Solid Waste Committee

Date: 1-17-2019

Regarding a new member: Mary Burdett

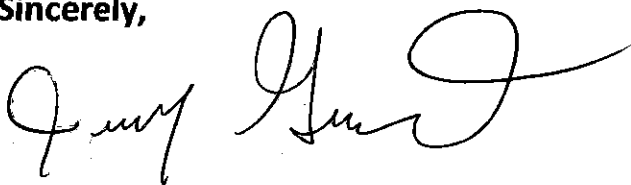
Dear BOS,

Mary Burdett has shown an interest in becoming a member of the Milford Recycle and Solid Waste Committee. We as a committee, would recommend her approval for this appointment. She has been involved in many town events and committees and would be a great asset to our group.

Her E-mail address is: maryburdett@comcast.net

Thank you for your consideration of Mary Burdett in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Guthrie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerry Guthrie; Chairman of the Milford Recycle and Solid Waste Committee

Dear Milford Board of Selectmen,

I'm a wife, mom to 3 grown children who grew up in Milford. I am nurse by profession. The outdoors and our environment have always been important to me. While bringing up our family, I tried to install reuse, recycle and protect our earth. Being a nurse, I also understand how we impact our communities with how we care for our environment. This is why I would like to become involved in our Milford Recycling committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mary

5:35 Request to Appoint Peter Basiliere as an Alternate Member to the
Planning Board



Milford Planning Board

To: Kevin Federico, BOS Chair
Mark Bender, Town Administrator

CC: Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director
Darlene Bouffard, OCD Administrative Assistant

From: Douglas Knott, Planning Board Chair

Date: January 28, 2019

Subject: Planning Board recommendation for Alternate Member

The Milford Planning Board, at its meeting on January 22, 2019, made the motion to endorse the nomination of Pete Basiliere as an Alternate Planning Board member effective January 28, 2019. Mr. Basiliere has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board, which is currently seeking alternate members. Please contact Lincoln Daley should you have any questions regarding this recommendation.

DK/djb

To the Milford Board of Selectmen,

My wife, Gail, and I moved to Milford in 1981. Our children were raised here and three of our grandchildren are being raised here. I've been active in town from the beginning - a member of the Lions Club and later the Rotary Club. I have been the President of the Wadleigh Library Development Fund for many years.

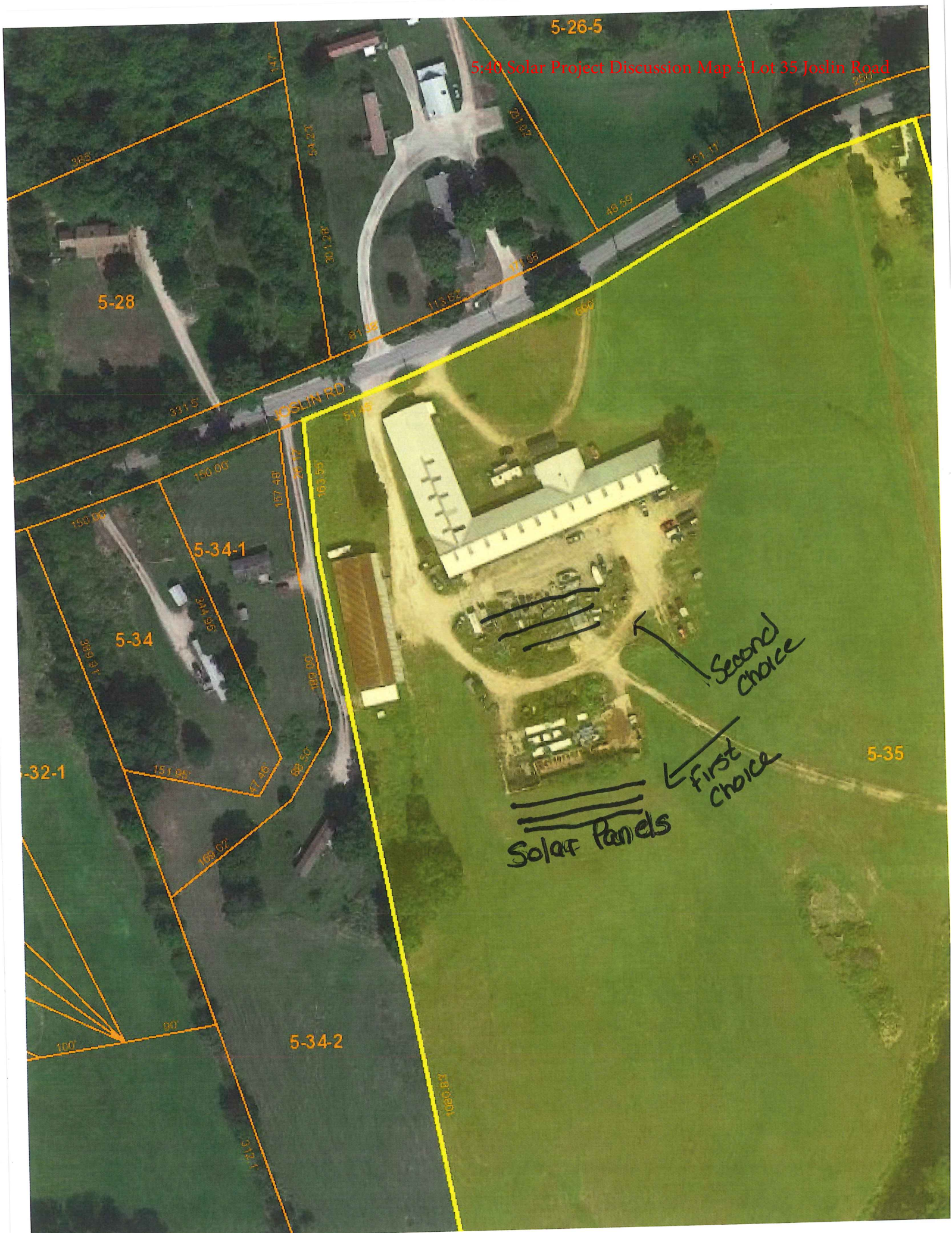
Appointed to the school budget committee, I was eventually elected to serve on the School Board. Most recently I have been the town's and the school district's moderator, going on 11 years now.

The Planning Board has tremendous influence on the town. The Board assures the town's interests, as evidenced in its zoning ordinances, are enforced while considering the property owner's interests. My volunteer background has prepared me to consider those sometimes common and sometimes conflicting interests. And while not a native, I have lived in and been active in Milford long enough to have a sense for the town, its residents and their perspectives on how our community should grow.

Thank you for your consideration,

Peter Basiliere

5-26-5
5:00 Solar Project Discussion Map 5 Lot 35 Joslin Road



5-28

5-34-1

5-34

5-32-1

5-34-2

5-35

JOSLIN RD

1000 RD

Solar Panels

First choice

Second choice



5:55 – Oval Parking Discussion – Aaron Kaplan, A&D Computer

Town Status Report – January 28, 2019

Town Hall Office Relocations

Residents will notice a few office relocations at Town Hall. This project started last year and we are nearing completion.

The Assessing office is now located near the elevator, still on the 2nd floor.

The Town Clerk's office is now in the old assessing office, adjacent to the Board of Selectmen meeting room.

The Tax Collector will be moving to the Town Clerk space when renovations are complete in a few weeks.

We thank everyone for their patience during the work.

Sale of Tax Deeded Property

As authorized by the selectmen at the January 7, 2019 meeting, we are moving forward to accept sealed bids for the two small town owned parcels on McGettigan Road. The minimum acceptable bid will be the assessed value of \$6,100. The bid notice will be in the Cabinet this week with a bid due date of Monday, February 18.

8. Approval of Final Minutes - January 14, 2019

DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 14, 2019

PRESENT: Kevin Federico, Chairman
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Laura Dudziak, Member
Paul Dargie, Member

Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Tina Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Hazen Soucy, Videographer

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Federico called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Federico indicated that those people in the audience who want to speak or add to the discussion should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access live broadcast.

2. APPOINTMENTS: (Approximate times)

5:30 p.m. – Review of Application for Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program – Granite Holdings LLC, Map 21 Lot 6-1 on 5 Granite Street – Tucker MacCarthy and Community Development Director Lincoln Daley.

Lincoln gave a brief overview – The applicant is seeking approval for the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application related to the replacement of 39 windows and internal renovation of a 3,528 square foot 2.5 story, wood framed residential duplex structure. The building has been in need of renovations for quite some time. To qualify for tax relief under this program, the proposed substantial rehabilitation must provide a minimum of one of the public benefits listed in RSA 79-E:7. This allows a piece of property that meets statutory requirements, to have investments made that would not be taxed for up to five years for that increase in investment. The applicant is seeking a 5-year exemption. Statutory requirements include:

- Enhancement of the economic vitality of the downtown.
- Promotion of the preservation and reuse of existing building stock.
- Enhancement or improvement of a culturally or historically important structure.
- It promotes the development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency, safety, and a greater sense of community.
- Growth of the residential housing in urban or town centers.

Staff supports the granting of the requested tax exemption as it meets several of the required criteria pursuant to RSA 79-E. Tucker said they've been working hard on the property. The inside of the property was as bad inside as outside.

Selectman Daniels asked if the future additional apartment mentioned in the application will have to go to the Planning Board again. Tucker said it requires a variance. He went to the zoning board to ask for two additional apartments and was denied. He is planning to go again and ask for just one additional unit. We would look to renovate a two-story barn for the additional unit. Selectman Dudziak asked how long the property has been empty. Tucker replied about a week prior to the closing in early November.

Selectman Dargie asked if the tax elimination is based on what they spend or what's in the application, and is it frozen for the five years. Lincoln said it's based on what they actually spend and the amount will be frozen for five years. At the end of the five year period the property will be re-assessed for the current value.

Selectman Daniels made a motion to approve the 79-E application request because it enhances the economic vitality of the downtown, promotes the preservation and reuse of existing building stock and promotes the development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency, safety, and a greater sense of community. Selectman Putnam seconded. **All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

Lincoln said the last step for the applicant would be for the applicant to submit a covenant to be signed by the town and recorded at the registry of deeds sighting the public benefits and the time frame approved this evening.

5:40 p.m. - Review of Application for Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program – Turtle Creek Properties, LLC, Map 21 Lot 6 on 29 Mont Vernon Street – Cynthia Dokmo and Community Development Director Lincoln Daley.

Lincoln gave a brief overview – The applicant is seeking approval for the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application related to the rehabilitation of the exterior repair and replacement of siding, removal, and upgrade of electrical wiring and associated work, and insulation work to improve building efficiencies. The proposed interior rehabilitation will entail the replacement of two bathrooms to meet current ADA requirements and accessibility. Site Plan Approval was received from the Milford Planning Board for a change of use from the former Montessori School to an event center,

DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 1/14/2019

61 restaurant, and office space. Staff supports the granting of the requested tax exemption as it meets several of the required
62 criteria pursuant to RSA 79-E.

63
64 Selectman Putnam asked if anything would be done to the barn. Cynthia replied not yet, but she hopes to make it into a big
65 event center. She spoke of obtaining more parking. The main structure is her first priority. She also noted that she made a
66 mistake on the application and only asked for four years, she would like five. Lincoln said a separate application would be
67 needed for the barn if Cynthia were to renovate it.

68
69 Chairman Federico made a motion to approve the 79-E application request with a five year extension because it enhances
70 the economic vitality of the downtown, enhances or improves a culturally or historically important structure, promotes the
71 preservation and reuse of existing building stock and promotes development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency,
72 safety, and a greater sense of community. Selectman Dudziak seconded. **All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

73
74 Administrator Bender thanked Cynthia for taking on this project of a historically important property in Milford. The Colo-
75 nel Shepard house dates to 1757. Administrator Bender asked Lincoln how many applications we've received so far. Lin-
76 coln said three in two years; it's in line with other communities who implemented the program. He reminded the Board that
77 this differs from the Industrial Tax Exemption that the Town approved last year.

78
79 **6:30 p.m. – Budget and Bond Hearing – See separate set of minutes.**

80
81 **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** – There were no public comments at this time.

82
83 **4. DECISIONS.**

84 **a) CONSENT CALENDAR.** Chairman Federico asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent
85 Calendar for discussion. There were no items to be removed. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the consent calen-
86 dar as presented. Selectman Daniels seconded. **All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

- 87 1. Signature Pages for Pre-Deliberative Session Voting/Re-voting on all Appropriation/Non-Appropriation 2019
88 Warrant Articles.
- 89 2. Request for Approval of Three Parade Permits – Memorial Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.
- 90 3. Request to change Jacob LaFontaine from an alternate member to a full member of the Planning Board

91 **b) OTHER DECISIONS N/A**

92
93 **5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – N/A**

94 **6. DISCUSSIONS: N/A**

95
96 **7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.**

97 **a. FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.**

98
99 **b. OTHER ITEMS (that are not on the agenda).**

100
101 **8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES.** Selectman Putnam moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2019. Selectman
102 Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

103
104 **9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.**

105
106 **10. NOTICES.** Chairman Federico read the notices.

107
108 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. N/A**

109
110 **12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of Selectman recessed from this regular Board of Selectman meeting at 5:55 p.m. in
111 order to hold the 2019 Budget and Bond Public Hearing. This meeting reconvened at 9:00 after the Budget & Bond Public
112 Hearing.

113
114 Chairman Federico asked the Board if anyone wanted to make any changes as a result of the Budget and Bond Hearing.

115
116 **Warrant Article 19, Osgood Pond Phase II** - Selectman Dudziak recently had a conversation with Chris Costantino who
117 spoke in her opinion and not on behalf of the Commission. She doesn't support the warrant article because there is nothing
118 to be gained from an environmental standpoint by dredging upstream. Dredging would impact the existing species that are
119 there and the current area provides for a more diverse species. Based on this information, Selectman Dudziak changed her

DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 1/14/2019

120 vote to oppose. Chairman Federico said this warrant article is currently 4/1, with Selectman Dudziak changing her vote; it
121 would be 3/2 still in favor of moving forward with it.

122
123 **Warrant Article 3, Milford Dispatch Equipment** - Selectman Daniels said we've heard a number of comments on this
124 article. He feels we need additional information on it.

125
126 **Warrant Article 8, Town Operating Budget** - Selectman Daniels brought up the amount of fund balance we were going
127 to use, and whether or not it would get his support. Chairman Federico said there was also a request from the Budget Advisory
128 Committee to add \$50,000 to the total amount for a new Police Vehicle. The amount would increase to \$14,767,252.
129 He asked the Board for their suggestions. Selectman Dargie said he would support the increase. Chairman Federico said
130 with the reduction of the \$59,000 on the Workman's Comp he is considering increasing the budget by \$50,000 and also
131 increasing the use of unrestricted fund balance from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Selectman Putnam feels \$500,000 is the way to
132 go. Selectman Daniels doesn't see the purpose in reducing a balance when you're adding more money into it. They've
133 replaced another vehicle's engine and that one has zero miles on it. Administrator Bender said the vehicle that has 178,000
134 miles on it is a drug forfeiture car that is used for surveillance. It isn't a fleet car.

135
136 Chief Viola said we have to prioritize what's important. He feels that if DPW needs a vehicle that the town is going to use
137 more, the Board needs to make the decision on what's more important at this time. He asked if the Board was only going to
138 do one Police Vehicle, to take into consideration the maintenance. Last year they did \$10,000. He wants to make sure that
139 the employees and all departments are taken care of.

140
141 Selectman Putnam would consider adding \$50,000 for the cruiser if we did away with the dredging of Osgood Pond and
142 increased the unrestricted fund balance amount to \$500,000. Selectman Dudziak said she wouldn't agree to the \$500,000.
143 We need to have between 5% and 15% in there, it's finally built up and she doesn't want to see it down again. Selectman
144 Putnam said it was brought lower because there was too much money in there. We're holding the taxpayers money for "just
145 in case". There is over \$3,000,000 in there if we take out \$500,000 it still leaves us with over \$2,000,000 and around where
146 we should be.

147
148 Selectman Daniels said we would be at 7.1% if we use \$500,000. Selectman Dargie clarified that Selectman Daniels vote
149 would be determined on the amount removed from the unrestricted revenue and asked Selectman Daniels what number he
150 would be comfortable at. Selectman Daniels said \$500,000. There are things on the warrants that are a one-time things, like
151 the pool pump and Osgood Pond. It's easier to sell a rate if the tax rate is going down, even if it's only .06. Chairman Feder-
152 ico asked if there was any further discussion. Administrator Bender said they were deciding two things: a reduction of
153 \$500,000 lowering the tax rate by 6 cents and an addition of \$50,000 into the budget for another cruiser at an additional 3.6
154 cents. Jack said the tax rate only goes down 3% with the \$500,000 and increases to 3.6 cents with the \$50,000.

155
156 A motion was made by Selectman Putnam to increase the use of the fund balance from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Selectman
157 Daniels seconded. Chairman Federico asked if everything were to pass what would our tax rate be. Administrator Bender
158 said 6.32 compared to the current rate of 6.38. The motion passed 3/2 with Selectmen's Dargie and Dudziak opposed.

159
160 Chairman Federico made a motion to add \$50,000 back into the budget for a police cruiser. Selectman Dargie seconded.
161 Selectman Daniels said he is voting against it. The feels the most important asset with the Police Department is their per-
162 sonnel. He was questioned on their 4% increases compared to the Teamsters who were getting 3.5% and 2%. We are taking
163 care of our officers and have to give and take. He will vote for their contract but not the car. The motion failed 3/2 with
164 Selectmen's Putnam, Daniels and Dudziak opposed.

165
166 **Warrant Article 17 – Public Safety Communication Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve** - Chairman Federico
167 said there was a suggestion from the BAC to add \$20,000 to make the warrant article increase to \$40,000. Selectman Dar-
168 gie made a motion to increase the warrant to \$40,000. Chairman Federico seconded for discussion. Selectman Dargie said
169 when it was first established the estimate for equipment was for \$400,000 over a period of time at \$20,000 per year. With
170 the expectations that things will change at MACC Base, they will need to buy things sooner and ramp it up quicker. Se-
171 lectman Daniels said he doesn't know why we would go buy something when we don't know where we will end up with
172 the other stuff. He wants all the communication stuff working together in the end.

173
174 Chairman Federico said the warrant article is for public safety communication replacement equipment for portables and car
175 radios. We're always going to need and use that money. It doesn't matter what happens, this money can be used for DPW
176 radios. It's separate from MACC Base. The motion failed 4/1 with Selectmen Dargie in favor.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 1/14/2019

178 **Warrant Article 19 – Osgood Pond Phase II** - Selectman Daniels said the text in the article is missing a word. He thinks
179 it should be Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, remove the LWCF in front of the word grant. The change was not-
180 ed.

181
182 **Warrant Article 23 – AFSCME Contract** - Selectman Daniels said the word “will” need to be removed. The change was
183 noted.

184
185 **Warrant Article 25 – Pumpkin Festival** - Selectman Daniels asked for discussion on the words “on any action thereof”.
186 Jack clarified that the language is a throwback to town meeting. When you go to town meeting, it’s a vote and you’re going
187 to take any action thereof. He doesn’t feel it’s appropriate in an SB2 environment and he will ask Town Council for clarifi-
188 cation. He said it just doesn’t make sense. Selectman Daniels said it makes sense at the deliberative session. Jack said,
189 what kind of action are you going to take with the warrant article? Selectman Daniels said, you may want to move to make
190 an amendment on non contract articles. Jack said that’s an amendment. There was more discussion and Jack will confer
191 with Town Council.

192
193 **Warrant Article 27 – Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement** - Selectman Daniels said the word “will”
194 need to be removed. The change was noted.

195
196 Selectman Daniels said there was a comment during the break about the Pumpkin Festival currently having about a \$20,000
197 balance. There should be an explanation of what the balance is and that the committee is looking for one more year before
198 being self-funding. It was agreed that it would be in the supporting statement from the Board of Selectman and a narrative
199 in the voter’s guide.

200
201 Selectman Daniels said we should find out the balance of the Labor Day Parade.

202
203 **Warrant Article 32 – Multi-Year Lease of Town Property for a Solar Farm** - Selectman Daniels said comments were
204 made on a tax impact on long term contracts and restoration, he asked if there should be language included to clean that up.
205 We also need to remove the word “personal” from the warrant article. Chairman Federico asked why the statement “this
206 article has no tax impact” used. Selectman Dargie said the phrase is relative to next year for some portion of \$2,500 so it’s
207 a minimal tax impact for 2019. Chairman Federico said the statement is misleading. There was more discussion and Ad-
208 ministrator Bender said they could add that information in their majority/minority reports and topical description. They
209 decided to add the words, this article has no tax impact in 2019 to articles that have no tax impact.

210
211 Chairman Federico said these are DRAFT and we meet again on the 28th, so we still have time. Tina Philbrick, Executive
212 Assistant said they have to be posted in public places that include the Town Hall, Library and School by the 28th. Jack said
213 we will need all information prior to the 28th so he can complete the MS 636 (DRA Form) which also has to be posted with
214 the warrant articles. Chairman Federico said for clarification, final edits and decisions are needed tonight.

215
216 **Warrant Article 33 – Vietnam Memorial** - Selectman Daniels asked to remove the word war before the words “Vietnam
217 War Memorial” we don’t need the word war two times. He said based on Mr. Richie’s comments earlier, he’s inclined to
218 change his support. His point of when you’re taking in donations, the Town loses control of what comes out of this was a
219 good one. Selectman Daniels said the warrant article is just for taking in donations but there is another part of it. The
220 \$125,000 is far more than what Mr. Richie says should be used. Selectman Putnam has spoken to others about the same
221 thing and he agrees, making it simple is better.

222
223 Selectman Dargie said the Board of Selectman maintains control over the funds so when it gets to the point of actually do-
224 ing something the Board can decide whether or not to approve it. Selectman Daniels asked what’s the end result going to
225 be. In Mr. Richie’s case, if it’s something simple he would support it, but if it’s what’s been put before us, he won’t. There
226 was more discussion and Selectman Dargie said he would like to take out the phrase “the purpose of this fund is to support
227 the plan proposed by the Vietnam Memorial Committee” because that locks it into that committee coming up with a plan.
228 It should be open so that there could be another committee come in to do it. He recommends the same removal for the War-
229 rant Article 34, the Freedom Memorial.

230
231 Selectman Daniels questioned if we also want to keep the dollar amounts in there, the amounts go back to the part that Se-
232 lectman Dargie is suggesting. Chairman Federico said these warrant articles were presented to us as funding mechanisms
233 so they would have the ability to fundraise and a place to put funds. He doesn’t think these articles should get tied to ap-
234 proval of designs. He doesn’t want this article to point to a specific design and say, this is the one we’re going with. Se-
235 lectman Daniels suggest it read, “Shall the town vote to establish a special revenue fund under the provisions of RSA to
236 accept donations, for a period not to exceed 25 years, for the design, construction and maintenance of a Vietnam War Me-

DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 1/14/2019

237 morial on town property? Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the Board of Selectmen”. The other Select-
238 man agreed with this. Selectman Dargie suggests we do the same for the Freedom Memorial. After further discussion it
239 was decided that Warrant Article 34 Freedom Memorial would be changed to “Shall the town vote to establish a special
240 revenue fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19 to accept donations for a period not to exceed 25 years, for the design,
241 construction, and maintenance of a Freedom Memorial on town property to recognize citizens lost on 911 and those lost
242 through subsequent military actions? Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the Board of Selectmen”. Select-
243 man Putnam changed his vote to yes upon the alteration of Warrant Article 34. The vote now stands at 5/0.
244

245 **Warrant Article 8 - Town Operating Budget** - Chairman Federico asked Selectman Daniels if he wanted to change his
246 vote on this warrant article. Selectman Daniels said he would change it to yes. The vote now stands at 5/0.
247

248 **Warrant Article 19 Osgood Pond** - Selectman Putnam asked if anyone else wanted to change their votes on after the in-
249 formation provided by Chris. The article is currently 3/2 in favor. No one said anything.
250

251 **Warrant Article 15 – Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve** - Selectman Daniels said he will change his
252 vote to yes. The vote now stands at 5/0.
253

254 **Warrant Article 22 – Social Services** - Selectman Putnam said he will change his vote to yes. The vote now stands at 5/0.
255

256 **Warrant Article 25 – Pumpkin Festival** – After further discussion and it was decided to keep this article the way it was
257 and not add in any additional language.
258

259 **Warrant Article 19 – Osgood Pond Phase II** – Chairman Federico said he was changing his vote to no on this warrant
260 article. The vote now stands 3/2 opposed with Chairman Federico, Selectman Putnam and Selectman Dudziak opposed.
261

262 **FINAL ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this Meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to
263 adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.
264
265

266
267
268 _____
Kevin Federico, Chairman

266
267
268 _____
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman

269
270
271 _____
Mike Putnam, Member

269
270
271 _____
Laura Dudziak, Member

272
273
274
275 _____
Paul Dargie, Member
276

8. Approval of Final Minutes - January 14, 2019 Budget and Bond Hearing

DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING

January 14, 2019

PRESENT: Kevin Federico, Chairman Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman Tina Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Mike Putnam, Member Hazen Soucy, Videographer
Laura Dudziak, Member Department Heads
Paul Dargie, Member Members of the Public

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Pank Peggy Seward
Karen Mitchell Paul Bartolomucci
Bob Courage Chris Labonte
Chris Skinner Wade Campbell

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Courage
Mike Putnam
Dale White

Chairman Federico opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. thanking everyone in attendance. All in attendance were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Federico introduced members of the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Federico then introduced, Dale White – Water Commissioner, Mike Putnam, Water Commissioner, and Bob Courage, Water Commissioner. Chairman Federico thanked members of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Town Moderator Pete Basiliere.

Chairman Federico indicated that tonight's hearing is for the Town Budget and Bond Hearing, but the warrant articles will also be reviewed in order for the public to voice their opinion on all items. Chairman Federico explained if any members of the public wish to comment or have questions, they should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access Live broadcast. Chairman Federico opened up the Bond Hearing and turned the meeting over to Kevin Stetson, Water Utilities Director to review the three Water Utilities Bonds.

Bond Hearings

WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE - \$502,635 BOND

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,635 for the purpose of new sludge dewatering equipment, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement? This will replace the existing belt filter press dewatering unit as parts for the existing equipment are becoming less available. Note: As this is for issuance of long term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article.**

Kevin Stetson gave a brief overview: The project was recommended in the 2015 Waste Water Facilities Plan. It will replace 30 year old equipment, and make our sludge process more efficient.

Bob Courage said the project was actually \$764,000 and they will be using \$261,000 from the Sewer Capital Reserve to offset the cost. Selectman Dargie said they have to put the total amount to be spent on the project in the warrant article. The way you finance it is up to you. He recommends talking to Town Council for clarification. Dale White said he doesn't feel we need to add the total number in the warrant when we are using some Capital Reserve money to offset. Administrator Bender said they would check the process.

There were no other comments.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

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

60
61
62 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$983,705 for the purpose of improving several water
63 main connections in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the
64 Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in
65 their judgement? This project consists of replacing sections of Town water mains for improved flow and capacity.
66 Note: As this is for issuance of long term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative
67 vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees.
68 **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted**
69 **on this article.**
70

71 Kevin Stetson gave a brief overview: The project was recommended in the 2017 ten year Waste System Plan.
72 It will remove areas of smaller diameter piping to improve water flow and capacity for fire event.
73

74 Michael Homola, Lewis St. asked about the impact on water user fees with these two warrant articles. Kevin said
75 in 2019 the sewer fee will increase 25% in April. This will offset the projected a decrease in customer usage due
76 to water conservation efforts. It will increase the sewer bill to \$5.33 per month. The water calculation increase
77 will be about 15% and take effect at the end of 2019.
78

79 There were no other comments.
80

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

83
84 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Man-
85 agement Program for the wastewater collection system, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Fi-
86 nance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the
87 rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement? The Selectmen may apply for and accept grants or other
88 funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14
89 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal
90 and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to
91 \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. Note: As this is for issuance
92 of long term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Spe-
93 cial Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of**
94 **Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article.**
95

96 Peter Basiliere, Spaulding St. asked why we are bonding \$30,000 and paying interest on it if we are able to re-
97 duce the cost of the previous bond warrant. Kevin said the requirement through the approved state revolving
98 fund requires us to fund the project to be awarded loan forgiveness. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director said you
99 have to be authorized to spend the money. It's unlikely we will borrow anything. The state revolving fund will re-
100 imburse us as we spend the money. As they complete their paperwork, the forgiveness will come in and we
101 won't make any payment. It's a technicality. If the town doesn't authorize it we won't be able to get the funds
102 from the state revolving funds.

WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - MILFORD DISPATCH EQUIPMENT - \$2,500,000 BOND

103 Chairman Federico read the bond wording as follows:
104
105

106 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 to replace the Town emergency dispatch
107 equipment and infrastructure in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to
108 authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, with a term not to exceed 15 years, and to
109 determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgment? This is a Special Warrant Article in accord-
110 ance with RSA 32. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty per-
111 cent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. **Board of Selectmen support this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory**
112 **Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has no tax impact this year.**
113

114 Chairman Federico said this topic has been ongoing for the past eight years. We've documented issues with Mil-
115 ford PD of them having inability to communicate back and forth with each other. In 1986 several towns entered
116 into an inter-municipal agreement which formed MACC Base. Towns have come and gone over the years. Re-
117 maining are Milford, Wilton, Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough is a customer to the three partner towns. The

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

118 equipment is old and needs to be replaced. This warrant article means that after the 2 year extension that was
119 just signed, the Town of Milford will be going out on their own for dispatch and this equipment will fulfill that need.
120

121 Tricia Shea, Stable Rd. questioned the tax impact for next year. Administrator Bender replied, on a 15 year bond
122 it would be \$0.172 on a valuation of \$100,000. Tricia asked about the infrastructure plan for the \$2,500,000, she
123 has concerns with this amount and the current 2 year contract. Why raise the money without a solid plan. Chair-
124 man Federico said we have a plan and need to raise the money now because it's an 18 to 24 month process to
125 get licenses and build out the infrastructure for a communications center. Trish asked about the plan for the build
126 out. Chairman Federico said the RFP from 2-Way Communications is on the web site. Administrator Bender said
127 they planned to meet with 2-Way Communications and Motorola later this week to review the RFP in more detail.
128

129 Rodny Richey, Ball Hill Rd., asked the Board's impression of the bids that were received. Chairman Federico we
130 didn't write a detailed RFP per the recommendation of staff and other Dispatch Centers. We made clear that we
131 were looking for a compressive complete solution for radio communication for all four emergency services, Po-
132 lice, Fire, Ambulance and Public Works. We didn't write it by spec. because we are not qualified, they are, and
133 we wanted a complete solution. Rodny said it sounded like you were looking for a cost plus contract and the RFP
134 asked for a fixed price contract. He doesn't feel they received a fixed price. Chairman Federico said they asked
135 for a price that wouldn't be going over. Rodny said in his interpretation of the RFP, it didn't include all the cost
136 that they would expect us to incur and he's questioning our \$2,500,000 number when they gave us a different
137 number. Chairman Federico said RFP broke it down in two different ways; \$2,090,623 is for the infrastructure of
138 a new dispatch center, \$1,057,262 is the regional add on cost for other towns. Rodny asked if it included con-
139 struction cost. Chairman Federico said no on the building side. Additional money would be needed for renova-
140 tions of the current Police Facility in the amount of \$400,000. Rodny wanted clarification of the renovations.
141 Chairman Federico said the renovations are to push out a wall and use existing space. Rodney clarified that
142 they've used other Dispatch Centers as a model for this. Chairman Federico yes, it wasn't pinned down to just
143 one.
144

145 Rodny summarized that they asked for but didn't really receive a here's everything you asked for price of
146 \$2,500,000 that can be turned into a contract, but they don't really have that in hand. Chairman Federico said
147 there are factors that come into play. The \$400,000 is a set construction cost. We are looking at space on the
148 Crown Castle Tower. By leasing that space we would save money. More will be known when we get into the
149 construction and planning. Short of paying someone to do an engineering study, we are working off quotes and
150 the RFP. Rodny suggest having it done right then to do it over. He asked what the Board would do if the warrant
151 doesn't past. Chairman Federico replied that this is plan B. It's been an ongoing issue for years and we are try-
152 ing to resolve the issue. If it didn't pass we would stay with the existing MACC Base. We are currently under a
153 two year agreement and would most likely re-negotiate the agreement. Rodny asked if we should consider using
154 a firm to see if we have everything. We don't want to pay someone \$100,000 for someone to design a system for
155 us when we are going to be paying someone to build and an install something for us.
156

157 Tricia Shea, asked if we knew what the operating cost would be once we get the Communication Center up and
158 running. How did you come up with the plan on what the communication system would look like? She's looking
159 for a bigger picture.
160

161 Ted Bartlett, Union St., works in telecommunications; he was instrumental in putting the tower on the Town Hall.
162 The original system operates at 100 watts and grandfathered. Any changes in licenses will put it down to 50
163 watts. He feels that the RFQ from 2-Way provided isn't anything more than a bunch of boxes. He feels we are
164 paying too much for a system that doesn't need that much work. We might have construction cost on Crown
165 Castle. A renter will have to pay for any upgrades. An RF survey should have been done.
166

167 Peter Basiliere, Spaulding St. suggests we put a purpose in the body of the warrant article. He asked if we are
168 actually replacing town owned equipment or are we purchasing new equipment. Chairman Federico said we
169 would be purchasing new equipment. If the bond passes and we implement it, what will happen to the remaining
170 equipment? Chairman Federico said if a town withdraws from the inter-municipal agreement, they forego the
171 equipment.
172

173 Chris Labonte, Marcey's Way if Belltronics would be given more information so they can submit a bid. What is
174 the town's purchasing policy on the number of bids we should have on \$2,500,000. Chairman Federico said we
175 are past the bid process. Administrator Bender said we tried to get more than one response to the RFP, since we
176 only have one, that the direction we will go in. There isn't anything to prevent us from moving forward. You can't
177 force companies to respond to your RFP. Chris asked if the RFP includes everything needed to move forward.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

178 Chairman Federico said it is after combining the \$400,000. It doesn't include portables and radios in the vehicles.
179 Chris said then they didn't give us a complete proposal of what we were looking for. Selectman Putnam said he
180 thinks the towers, construction and permitting and licensing for the frequencies are our responsibility. Rodney said
181 Selectman Putnam was correct. Chris asked if we've discussed an upgrade with MACC Base over the last five
182 years. Chairman Federico said they've tried.
183

184 Jon Hall, West Street wants to know what we are getting for \$2,500,000 because it isn't spelled out in the bid.
185 Captain Frye said it's all covered in the \$2,500,000. Jon disagreed. Chairman Federico said this number is going
186 to work. Captain Frye said he has an e-mail from 2-Way that states both project sections include antennas, tow-
187 ers and shelters etc., to go along with the radio systems and dispatch center equipment. The Town is responsi-
188 ble for making the sites available by gaining land owner permission for new sites, obtaining permitting etc., but all
189 necessary equipment is included. Jon said that may be what their e-mail said, but it isn't what their RFP said. He
190 asked if in 2015 the Board of Selectmen received an upgraded plan from the Director of MACC Base for
191 \$1,300,000 to fix the hardware issues? Selectman Putnam said yes. Jon asked why it wasn't acceptable.
192 Chairman Federico replied it was only going to fix one portion of the problem, the Police Department. Jason
193 Johnson, MACC Base Director disagreed. Jon said asking him to pay 70% of \$1,300,000 to fix what we have
194 now, and keep our existing agreement instead of 100% of probably \$3,500,000 doesn't make sense.
195

196 Jason Johnson said his plan was for all services, Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works, for all four of our custom-
197 er towns. Our \$1,300,000 plan covered everything. It didn't include radios in the cars or on the hips, that's out of
198 our scope. We also presented the Board with a Police only plan. One was a \$58,000 plan to do one town at a
199 time on a repeaterized system similar to what the Fire Department uses. The other plan was a \$200,000 to
200 \$250,000 police only plan which would have fixed the officer safety concerns that have been brought up. We also
201 sought and received funding of a \$200,000 grant for the microwave system to link our existing antenna sites.
202 This was done with the Town of Mont Vernon through Homeland Security. That is a number that would be
203 shaved off of the total cost which is why our number came in much lower. Selectman Putnam said it was at 95%
204 coverage on the \$250,000 for the Police. Jason replied that it was 95.5%. We also had an RF study done for
205 \$3,000 it's been made available to the public and Budget Advisory Committee. Ted said 95% is considered the
206 minimum accepted coverage so 95.5% exceeded it.
207

208 Selectmen Daniels clarified for legal purposes, the RFP reads; \$2,500,000 to replace the town emergency dis-
209 patch equipment and infrastructure. Legally, could we use the \$2,500,000 for anything other than replacing it like
210 construction or anything else. Does the wording need to be reformed to incorporate the full intent?
211

212 Karen Mitchell, Clark Rd asked the Chairman if he's heard back about the lease. Could we have a lease agree-
213 ment and constant upgrades going forward with the equipment and not have to ask the town for more money.
214 Chairman Federico replied that Motorola said it wasn't cost effective because we didn't have the volume of
215 equipment.
216

217 Gil Archambault, Savage Rd. said this has been going on for 10 and nothings been done yet. We should have
218 put money away each year to bring the cost down. He agrees with Jason. He hope the warrant article is re-
219 moved or it gets voted down.
220

221 Peggy Seward, High St. she would like clarification on MACC Base being unable to bond at the moment. Chair-
222 man Federico said she was correct. Peggy said then it wasn't their fault the upgrades weren't done, it was the
223 Towns. Why didn't you vote on it? Chairman Federico replied that they couldn't come to a solution until now.
224 Peggy said she and Chris Pank got as much information as they could about this situation. You don't have a
225 program with MACC Base. They have a good system. She doesn't see that the Town is working with them to get
226 them the equipment they need. Who wrote the RFP? Captain Frye said he wrote it based on a couple of other
227 RFP that he found on line. He doesn't have an engineering degree so he kept it plain and simple. We've been
228 talking to Motorola and Belltronics for a couple of years. Belltronics answer to us was to spend between \$50,000
229 and \$75,000 for a 200 page engineering study which Motorola said they would do anyway for us. They didn't tell
230 him that until after he received his answer from Belltronics. Peggy asked how many companies in this area could
231 have been used. Chairman Federico said the RFP was sent to four. Peggy clarified that it doesn't include vehi-
232 cle equipment. Chairman Federico said correct. Peggy asked, if they need to change their equipment in their
233 vehicles, that would be on the town. Captain Frye said it's all computerized and Motorola would do it. The truck
234 radios for Public Works are not built in. Peggy said she wishes the Board would spend some time and work with
235 MACC Base.
236

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

237 Chris Labonte asked if in the future could the fact that MACC Base can't bond money be changed between them
238 and the town? Chairman Federico said Town Council said no, but there is nothing to say it can be changed in the
239 inter-municipal agreement He will check again with Town Council. Chris asked if they knew what the cost would
240 be to run the communications center. Chairman Federico said he would have it for the Deliberative session. Ja-
241 son said there was a revised inter-municipal agreement presented for renewal that would allow MACC Base to
242 bond. Wilton and Mont Vernon signed it, Milford did not. Milford voted to extend the existing agreement for two
243 years which doesn't allow us to bond for two more years.
244

245 Ron Carvell, Stable Rd. is concerned because this is a public safety matter for our emergency services. Our
246 equipment isn't working and we need to spend money to replace it. The RFP is missing things and he would
247 rather see one with the full cost and picture. It would be beneficial to spend \$100,000 for an engineering firm to
248 tell us exactly what we need versus spending \$2,500,000 and maybe needing more when we get into it. It should
249 be the Boards priority to do it right.
250

251 There were no other comments.
252

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

253 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purchase of a New Town Hall HVAC
254 Replacement in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Se-
255 lectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their
256 judgment? This project request is to update the HVAC system in the town hall. Work includes replacement of
257 HVAC chiller, new controls, heat recovery, and new fan coil units. The existing system is 30 years old and does
258 not heat/cool effectively. The new system should address existing issues and provide significant energy savings.
259 Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative
260 vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support
261 this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has no tax
262 impact this year.**
263
264
265

266 Administrator Bender there are four parts to the HVAC System Replacement; the Chiller Unit is \$111,000, the
267 Direct Digital Control System which replaces the nomadic control system in the existing system is \$160,000, In-
268 stallation is \$115,000 and there is a System Engineering and contingency because we are in a 150 year old
269 building is \$64,000. The tax impact starting next year on a 10 year bond will be \$4.09 on a \$100,000 valuation
270 and if we did a 15 year bond it would be \$3.10 on a \$100,000 valuation. Selectmen Putnam asked what the per-
271 centage rate was on the contingency. Administrator Bender said he didn't have it.
272

273 There were no other comments. At this time Chairman Federico closed the Bond Hearing and Opened up the
274 Budget Hearing.
275

Town Budget Hearing

276
277
278 Chairman Federico read the budget article as follows, and turned the hearing over to Town Administrator Mark
279 Bender.
280

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

281 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant
282 articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget for the purposes set forth
283 herein, totaling \$14,717,252? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$14,587,073**, which is
284 the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law; or the gov-
285 erning body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a
286 revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in
287 ANY other Warrant Article. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Com-
288 mittee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.086 over the 2018
289 Budget or (\$8.60 on a home value of \$100,000)**
290
291
292

293 Town Administrator Mark Bender thanked everyone for their work on the 2019 budget. He referenced handouts.
294 The proposed budget is an increase of \$635,409 or 4.5% from last year. The significant cost increases include
295 debt service of \$318,087 which includes the Fire Station upgrade, and road bond that voters approved last year.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

296 It represents 50% of the overall budget increase. Other significant cost include Transfer Station disposal cost
297 slightly over \$100,000 driven by tons that we dispose of as well as a rate increase from our supplier. We are cur-
298 rently reviewing our fees and processes at the Transfer Station to see how we compare to other times. We also
299 included a 3% wage increase for Town employees for \$96,500 which is based on the COLA published by the
300 Federal Government which is 2.8% and the wage survey with a number of neighboring towns that also averaged
301 3%. We need to remain completeive; we've lost several employees to neighboring towns because of pay rates.
302 Health insurance increased by \$76,000, a 13.5% rate increase from HealthTrust. We also added two full-time
303 positions to the Milford Fire Department the balance for the full year increase was \$46,000. Considering the debt
304 service that voters had already approved, the real budget increase is \$317,000 or 2.25%. The default budget at
305 \$14,587,000 is \$130,000 less than the proposed budget which is 9/10 of 1 percentage point. The handout chart
306 of the tax comparison shows the municipal portion of the tax rate has decreased 3 consecutive years. The 2019
307 budget is manageable. It's 8.6 cents on the tax rate when you factor in our non property tax revenue and the
308 growth driven increase in property valuations. Overall our property valuations are projecting \$23,000,000 of
309 which \$18,000,000 or roughly 77% is growth driven.
310

311 Chris Pank, Berry Ct. Budget Advisory Committee Chair said the BAC would like to amend the warrant article to
312 add an additional \$50,000 for a 2nd Police Cruiser bringing the total operating budget to \$14,767,252. The Police
313 has a fleet of 19 vehicles, seven have more than 100,000 miles and one has 178,000 miles as of September.
314 They have three with 90,000 miles they need up to date vehicles. Over the past several years they've requested
315 two vehicles each year. This year they requested only one and we feel it was done as a cost saving mechanism
316 to the town. We feel that this isn't a place to save money.
317

318 Rodney Richey asked the Board to address the line that would be part of the budget situation regarding the use of
319 the unreserved fund balance. Administrator Bender said the Selectman proposed using \$200,000 from the fund
320 balance to be applied to reduce taxes. In 2006 our fund balance was \$2,800,000 and represented 8%. NH De-
321 partment of Revenue Administration guidelines recommends municipalities retain 5 to 15 percent of total town &
322 school appropriations. We've improved our percentage from a low of 4.8% in 2013 and 2014 that was under the
323 state guideline. Over the past few years we've not used any of the portion balance to reduce taxes choosing in-
324 stead to build it back up a level within those guidelines. We ended 2017 with a fund balance of 7.9%. We feel
325 that we will end 2018 with a balance of 8.3%. We are comfortable with the \$200,000 number. From 2006 to
326 2014 various Boards and staff used just over \$1,400,000 from the fund balance to reduce taxes from that time
327 period. The most was \$250,000 and the least was \$100,000. The projected increase from 7.9% to 8.3% is
328 based on non property revenue that we've seen increase during the year. Jack Sheehy said it would also include
329 underspending some of the appropriations. Rodney replied that the town said we don't really need all the money
330 that we are asking for to pay in taxes. Jack replied, how close do you want us to get, \$200,000 isn't a lot on a
331 \$14,000,000 budget and we can't overspend. Administrator Bender said he does a yearly analysis at the deliber-
332 ative session that shows what our actual spending is compared to budget and he will do it again this year. It's
333 been in the 98% to 99% range for the past 4 or 5 years. It's a tight budget. Rodney asked what would the impact
334 be if this money was not pulled from the reserve to buy down the tax rate. Administrator Bender said it would be
335 about .14 higher.
336

337 Gil Archambault feels that if we raise the demo charges at the Transfer Station it would make up some of the
338 \$100,000. Other towns know what we charge and they are using our Transfer Station. He doesn't feel town em-
339 ployees need a 3% pay raise. The price index is only 1.9. He said we only lost two people last year. He said
340 town employees have secure positions. He questioned the Administrative budget increase of 13.2% approved in
341 November. He asked if the \$96,000 included overtime. Administrator Bender said it includes all salaries and
342 wages with the exception of the people in the AFSCME Union and Teamsters Union and it includes overtime. He
343 asked if the 13% Administration increase and the \$10,000 for the Administrator salary is included in the \$96,000.
344 Chairman Federico said yes.
345

346 Ron Carvell asked what the \$14,408 reduction in Welfare represents. Susan Drew, Welfare Director said direct
347 assistance has been going down for several years and we anticipate that we will need to spend that much less
348 the following year. More people are working so they're not asking for as much. Ron said he wanted to make
349 sure it wasn't being cut. Susan said that welfare is unusual in that if you qualify we have to spend it even if we
350 over spend the budget.
351

352 Mike Homola asked for clarification that the \$300,000 of the \$600,000 increase of long term debt is the long term
353 debt warrant articles that we vote on each year. Administrator Bender said correct. Mike asked how many have
354 been paid off and what type of interest do we get on bonds. Administrator Bender said two of the bond items
355 would affect long term debt, the Communications Center and the HVAC System, the others three are Water Utili-

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

356 ty items and are paid for by water users. Jack Sheehy said we are getting 2.5% to 3% it could go up to 3.5% the
357 longer the bond is and Milford doesn't have a bond rating. Chairman Federico told Mike that he could see the
358 retirement of debt service in the CIP which is on the web site. Selectman Dargie said we go through the NH
359 Bond Bank to get bonds and it's a collective group. Milford doesn't have an indivial bond rating, it's a state rat-
360 ing. The state has an AA rating. The bond bank has a higher rating than the state.

361
362 Peggy Seward asked the Town Administrator for clarification on wage adjustments made with the Board for the
363 Finance Director, Assessor, Human Resources, Fire Chief, and Highway Manager. This year you made wage
364 adjustments for yourself and the Administrative Assistant. You also implied to the Budget Committee that you are
365 going to be looking at other employees in town to give them wage adjustments, is that correct? Administrator
366 Bender said no. Chairman Federico said that he implied that we would be doing a survey to gather data on the
367 Public Works department.

368
369 There were no other comments.
370

Water/Wastewater Budget Hearing

371
372
373 Chairman Federico read the warrant articles as follows, and turned the hearing over to the Water Utilities Direc-
374 tor Kevin Stetson

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

375
376
377
378 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,526,251 to operate and maintain the Water Depart-
379 ment, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges or to take any other action
380 relative thereto? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,518,112, which is the same as
381 last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law; or the governing body
382 may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised oper-
383 ating budget only. This warrant article is paid for by the water user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support**
384 **this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article.**
385

386 Kevin Stetson gave a brief overview: There will be an increase of 0.3% fir 2019, a 3% salary projection, and an
387 increase in overtime as we are adding on-call water operator coverage for after hours and emergencies. We are
388 expecting some parts inventory replacement, additional wages for part-time seasonal labor for fire hydrant
389 maintenance and additional cost for the Phase III water source exploration project.

390
391 There were no other comments.
392

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

393
394
395 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,161,107 to operate and maintain the Wastewater
396 Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received
397 from wastewater user charges or to take any other action relative thereto? Should this Article be defeated, the
398 default budget shall be \$ 2,070,610, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previ-
399 ous actions of the Town, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA
400 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This warrant article is paid for by the
401 wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners support this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Com-**
402 **mittee has not voted on this article.**
403

404 Kevin Stetson gave a brief overview: There will be a 4.4% increase for 2019 which includes a 3% salary projec-
405 tion, a waste water treatment control room air conditioning project, an automation project for some of our pro-
406 cesses, expected plant equipment preventative maintenance cost, a \$10,000 monthly increase to the sewer
407 capital reserve to bring it up to \$240,000 annually, replacement of UV System replacement bulbs and a rear
408 mount mower purchase for cross country sewer main vegetation upkeep.

409
410 There were no other comments. At this time Chairman Federico closed the Budget Public Hearing and move on
411 to Appropriations.
412
413
414

Appropriation Warrant Articles

Chairman Federico read the warrant articles as follows:

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

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? This fund was identified in the May 2014 Hoyle, Tanner Associates, Inc. study that identified needed rehabilitation for 18 Town bridges. Expenditures from this fund would be authorized by the Board of Selectmen. The \$75,000 builds upon the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2014. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.053 or (\$5.30 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said they are projecting a balance in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund of about \$500,000 for the end of 2018. Activity for 2019 includes replacing a culvert on Joslin Road for \$90,000 and on Hartshorn Road for \$150,000. In the past we've requested \$175,000 yearly and we felt it could be reduced to \$75,000 for tax payers this year. This would leave us with a projected balance of \$369,000 for 2019. We have big bridge projects to go, Mason Road over Great Brook for \$685,000 which we would like to include as part of the state bridge program so that we are only paying 20% of that. The balance at the end of 2019 is still a healthy balance and gives us room should issues arise.

Rodny Richie asked if those balances for capital reserve could be on the ballot. Administrator said it can't be on the ballot but it will be in the voter's guide, the town report and at the deliberative session. All capital reserve amounts are on the web site except for the bridge one because it isn't completed for 2018 yet. It will also go on the web site soon.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$40,000 builds upon the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2018. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.029 or (\$2.90 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund was started in 2018 and it has a balance of \$40,042. This fund will eventually offset equipment purchase once it's built up to a workable balance.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$50,000. This fund will eventually offset equipment purchase's once it's built up to a workable balance.

There were no other comments.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$50,000. This fund will eventually offset renovations and repairs once it's built up to a workable balance.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$25,000 builds upon the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$50,000. This fund will eventually offset equipment purchase once it's built up to a workable balance.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for the design, development and construction of improvements to Keyes Memorial Park, as outlined in the Keyes Memorial Park Expansion Committee Report, (December 20, 2016 and as amended). The Board of Selectmen has authority to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 builds upon the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.018 or (\$1.80 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$50,000. This fund will eventually offset the Keyes Park Expansion once it's built up to a workable balance.

Paul Bartolomucci, Stable Road said that balance is less than \$50,000 some expenses are not on the books yet. We did the survey to incorporate all three parcels of land into Keyes Park. Jack Sheehy said technically that's correct, the money's been spent out of the general fund and hasn't been reimbursed by the Trustees from the capital reserve account yet. Our information is as of the November. Administrator Bender said there will be updates by the Deliberative Session.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Public Safety Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at town meeting. The \$20,000 builds upon the Public Safety Communication Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not**

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 or (\$1.40 on a home value of \$100,000).

Chris Pank said the Budget Advisory Committee would like to amend this warrant article for an additional \$40,000 to cover the Public Safety Communication Equipment having uncertainties taking place with the new Dispatch Center. Administrator Bender asked if Chris wanted to add an additional \$40,000 or bring it to \$40,000. Chris said to bring it to bring it to a total of \$60,000.

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$40,000. This fund will eventually offset equipment purchase once it's built up to a workable balance. After some confusion, Mr. Pank said he would like the warrant article to go from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of Revaluation of Real Estate Assessment is to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that periodically these assessments are at full and true value. The Board of Selectmen has authority to expend from this fund. The \$15,000 builds upon the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.011 or (\$1.10 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Administrator Bender said this capital reserve fund is just over \$30,000. This fund will pay for future revaluations of real estate once it's built up to a workable balance.

There were no other comments.

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000, to complete the final phase of the Osgood Pond Restoration Project? This is an ongoing effort to restore Town-owned Osgood Pond, a significant local water body adjacent to a Town-owned public recreation facility (Adams Field) and a small municipal park known as Hazel Adams Burns Park. The Town has received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, (LWCF) for \$175,000 and would be responsible for the remaining \$175,000. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.125 or (\$12.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Suzanne Fournier, Woodward Dr. had several points in opposition of Phase II on Osgood Pond. It would be wrong to drain of the pond and associated wetland areas for a second time. This isn't really a fish restoration project. She feels it isn't about conservation, but nostalgia for an old fishing pond. She said Fish and Game told Field Stone Land Consultants, the company hired by the town to engineer the project that Phase I dredging would not benefit the rare banded sunfish found in the pond. Dredging the pond would harm the fish during all seasons. Dredging of any pond in that area is devastating to the Blandings turtles and other species. It would also decline in the food source for the fish. Even though the Fish and Game gave a \$50,000 grant for the project, she feels they were not in favor of it. They were under pressure politically and socially to provide the funds. She also fees there are additional cost not being talked about to the town. The first cost is about invasive plant species control, she referenced the purple loosestrife. The town can't truck the live purple loosestrife to other parts of the town. The second cost is a requirement from DES to have the town survey the site for the endangered animals and their nesting sites. Previous spoils from the pond were dumped in the pit at the BROX property and made a mess. Although they won't be using the pit, disposal elsewhere may be expensive. She said she asked the Town Administrator and he wouldn't discuss it with her. He would rather roll the cost into the bidding process. She doesn't think it's a good idea. She would encourage one to vote no on this warrant article.

There were no other comments.

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

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

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000, for purchase of a pool circulating pump and general maintenance? The new pump will replace the 50-year-old pump, motor and chlorinator. Maintenance also includes sandblasting and repainting of the pool to address the degrading surface that is clogging the filters. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.143 or (\$14.30 on a home value of \$100,000).**

There were no other comments.

WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - SNOW PLOW TRUCK, 36K GVW, 8 CY, W/PLOW, SANDER, WET SYSTEM – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$38,200 (Annual Payment \$38,200/Total Purchase Price \$180,000)

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a plow truck, with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace a 2002 International truck that will be 17 years old at its replacement), and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,200 for the first year's payment for this purpose? This trucks primary purpose will be for maintenance of Town roadways, particularly for winter maintenance and snow removal. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 or (\$2.70 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Chairman Federico said the Board of Selectmen had a work session at Public Works in October to sit with our DPW Director and our Highway Foreman. We walked the garage and checked out all the equipment to have a better understanding of what they were talking about overall. We were able see the use, abuse, and wear and tear on all the vehicles. The town has needed to step up their responsiveness at DPW for their equipment for a while, which is why the Board supports this article 5/0.

Selectman Putnam noted that on the warrants we compare the price increase to \$100,000 and there are no houses out there for that price. He feels we should be worded differently. The average house is \$250,000 and we should change it to that.

Peter Basiliere, Town Moderator understands Selectman Putnam's concerns but the advantage of the \$100,000 number is that it's easier to multiply. He suggests that instead of "home value" we use "assessed valuation".

There were no other comments.

WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents as proposed by the Social Services Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.029 or (\$2.90 on a home value of \$100,000).**

Gil Archambault referenced a comment that Selectman Dargie made about too many warrant articles. Every time we put a warrant article into the budget it takes an act of congress to remove it. Selectman Dargie said he point was for warrant articles that pass all the time like the parades and summer band concerts that come up every year. Gil said when it rains, we are paying for nothing. We can change the numbers to lower or higher, we should work on this.

There were no other comments.

WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - AFSCME CONTRACT - \$39,146

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

649 and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (1 April – 31 March) which calls
650 for the following increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,146 for
651 fiscal year 2019? Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current
652 staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be trans-
653 ferred to the General Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto. **The Board of Selectmen sup-
654 port this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an
655 estimated tax impact of \$0.028 or (\$2.80 on a home value of \$100,000).**

656 There were no other comments.

657

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

658

659 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of providing the Town’s share of
660 funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional,
661 non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area
662 to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with
663 RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted
664 on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.021 or (\$2.10 on a home value of \$100,000).**

665

666 There were no other comments.

667

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

668

669 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by
670 Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments and to take any other action relative thereto? This is a
671 Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The
672 Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of
673 \$0.016 or (\$1.60 on a home value of \$100,000).**

674

675 Peggy Seward said she made an amendment last year that added “or to take any other action relative thereto”,
676 previously Chairman Federico said that he thought it has to do with the details, not the total cost. She said it was
677 meant to offset the total cost. Chairman Federico said every other warrant article that we are appropriating funds
678 for has that legal line in it. The first line in the Pumpkin Festival is to “raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000
679 for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments. The
680 \$23,000 can only go those services. Peg said it should be looked at and clarified to include any extra of the
681 \$23,000 to go to the committee who’s running it. If you only spend \$21,000 on details, the committee can use the
682 extra \$2,000. Chairman Federico said he would discuss it with the Board.

683

684 Trisha Shea suggests making sure that using remaining monies from the warrant article is allowable since they
685 are public funds and GTF because it’s a non-profit. Chairman Federico said that anything altered here will be
686 given to Town Council. Trisha said previously holiday decorations were included in the warrant article, is that be-
687 ing looked at somewhere else in the budget? Selectman Dargie said it was originally it was \$20,000 for pumpkin
688 festival support and \$3,000 for decorations, it was removed last year. He would like to have the \$3,000 back
689 someplace. Trisha said currently, no town funds are used towards decorating the oval. It’s done by private and
690 not profit organizations.

691

692 Chris Labonte said he thought there were discussions that the \$3,000 could be absorbed in the budget. Adminis-
693 trator Bender said we could probably do that this year. If the Board decided to spend \$3,000 on decorations, we
694 would find it in the budget.

695

696 There were no other comments.

697

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

698

699 Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of adding it to the Conservation
700 Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year
701 and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable pur-
702 poses or to take any other action relative thereto? Contribution furthers the protection of the town’s natural re-
703 sources. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee has not vot-
704 ed on this article.**

705

706

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

707 ed on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 or (\$1.40 on a home value of
708 \$100,000).

709
710 Audrey Fraizer, Summer St. clarified that the remaining balance in the Conservation Land Fund was roughly
711 \$110,000 and they have additional expenditures of about \$20,000 that will be paid out in the next three months.

712
713 There were no other comments.

714
715 **WARRANT ARTICLE 27 - TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2019 — 2020) —**
716 **\$10,983**

717
718 Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
719 reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract
720 years 2019, 2020 and 2021 (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2022) which calls for the following increases in salaries and
721 benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,983 for fiscal year 2019? Said sum represents the
722 additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement.
723 Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the
724 appropriate departments. \$7,775 is to be raised by general taxation, \$1,774 is to be raised by Water User Fees,
725 and \$1,434 to be raised by Sewer User Fees. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Water
726 & Sewer Commissioners _____ this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on
727 this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$.60 on a home value of \$100,000).**

728 Administrator Bender said the Water Commissioners will be voting on this at their next meeting.

729 There were no other comments.

730
731 **WARRANT ARTICLE 28 - FUNDING OF THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE – \$10,000**

732 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding bands, musicians
733 and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Warrant Article
734 in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Com-
735 mittee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 or (\$.70 on a home
736 value of \$100,000).**

737
738 Karen Mitchell asked if the full \$10,000 from the 2018 warrant article was used last year, she thought there was
739 some left. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director said the whole \$10,000 was used for the Labor Day Parade. It's used
740 to fund the band and things and we went into the donations portion of it as well. He didn't have the donations
741 remaining balance with him tonight. Karen asked if we should be asking for another \$10,000?

742
743 Chris Labonte thought the balance was about \$12,000 to \$14,000. Selectman Dargie said it's much less than
744 that. Administrator Bender said the Labor Day Committee asked us to continue the warrant article at this level for
745 one more year.

746
747 There were no other comments.

748
749 **WARRANT ARTICLE 29 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000**

750
751 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of holding the annual summer
752 evening Band Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail)? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance
753 with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not
754 voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$.60 on a home value of
755 \$100,000).**

756
757 There were no other comments.

758
759 **WARRANT ARTICLE 30 - FIREWORKS - \$8,500**

760
761 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the purpose of providing the Independence
762 Day celebration fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen? This is a

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

763 Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The**
764 **Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of**
765 **\$0.006 or (\$.60 on a home value of \$100,000).**

766
767 There were no other comments.

768
769 **WARRANT ARTICLE 31 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION - TOWN**
770 **SUPPORT - \$6,500**

771
772 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of town support relative to the
773 observance of Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades? These funds shall be used to cover parade costs
774 incurred by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed
775 on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provi-
776 sion of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance
777 with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not**
778 **voted on this article. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 or (\$.50 on a home value of**
779 **\$100,000).**

780
781 There were no other comments.

782
783 **WARRANT ARTICLE 32 - MULTI-YEAR LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY FOR A SOLAR FARM - \$0**

784
785 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen according to RSA 41:11-a, to lease 120 +/- acres of
786 Town owned property in the Commercial & Industrial Lands (Brox Property) and to enter into long-term contracts
787 with a developer for the construction of a solar farm? Primary term of the lease would be twenty five (25) years.
788 Annual lease payments would start at \$1,000 per acre for the first five years and increase to \$1,300 per acre for
789 the final five years. The lease could be renewed for three additional five year terms at \$1,600 per acre annually.
790 Permitted use is for solar energy generation and directly related uses. The parties also agree to negotiate a
791 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for the payment of personal and real property taxes. These PILOT
792 payments will be in addition to the lease payments. Terms also include a decommissioning security for removing
793 the solar infrastructure and restoring the premises at the end of the lease. **The Board of Selectmen support**
794 **this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has no tax**
795 **impact this year.**

796
797 Administrator Bender gave a brief overview: We entered into a letter of intent in November, 2018. The lease re-
798 venue over the 25 year initial term will be \$3,468,980. The lease revenue over the three five year renewal or the
799 15 years will be \$2,870,880 plus the revenue to the Town for the PILOT program. The timeline on this is years, it
800 doesn't happen quickly because of the design, engineering, permitting and the overall construction. He referred
801 to a map that showed the commercial/industrial land near the bypass, Perry Road and the service road. There is
802 quite a buffer between the residential properties. The Town acquired the property over 20 years ago, we've
803 made a number of attempts to recruit businesses there and this is the best option that we've had, considering
804 that there is no infrastructure there. Electricity is close because of the Eversource 314 line. One of the first things
805 we talked about with the developer was the presence of the rare threatened and endangered species. They un-
806 derstand that and know they will have to work through the permitting process.

807
808 Audrey Fraizer supports solar and always thought the gravel pit would be a good spot for it. The industrial sec-
809 tion is a wetland and has hills. She thinks they should choose another area because cutting down trees which
810 are needed for air, and we are also looking for a potential water site there. She recommends the community
811 lands instead.

812
813 Rodny Richie is concerned about long term contracts that say they would restore it to their original structure. If a
814 solar farm stays there for twenty years and then left, are they going to put the trees back in. He asked who the
815 developer is and needs additional information.

816
817 Administrator Bender said the developer is Granite Apollo, Inc. out of Manchester. They evolved from another
818 solar company. They currently have arrangements with two or three municipalities in New Hampshire to develop
819 solar projects. As far as the decommissioning, the language in the warrant article says "decommissioning secu-
820 rity for removing the solar infrastructure and restoring the premises. He would say that it means restoring it to its
821 original condition. They will remove the entire infrastructure, and regrade the property. Rodny said it will give the

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING – 01/14/19

822 town a piece of wasteland. He asked that it be addressed in more detail. It questioned the words “This Article
823 has no tax impact” if it’s going to have a positive tax impact, he would like it addressed in the information provid-
824 ed. It will require some management and activity with the Town Administrator and hopefully some other depart-
825 ment overseeing it. Having money come in on this should have some tax impact.
826

827 Administrator Bender said the revenue coming in would go to the general fund and be accounted for in our reve-
828 nue projections. The Selectman could decide every year to use a portion of that for reduction of taxes. There
829 would be a tax impact only if the Selectmen decide to use some of it. It would not be allocated to offset some-
830 thing else. When we project revenue, a portion of that is used in the tax rate calculation.
831

832 Rodney said he doesn’t understand the payment of “real and personal property taxes”. Administrator Bender said
833 it should only say real taxes. Rodney asked what effect would this have on the revenue stream. Administrator
834 Bender said it would be positive on the revenue stream. When you negotiate these types of agreements with
835 utility companies they have an assessed valuation. Because telephone poles, conduits and solar panels don’t
836 result in more children going to school an adjustment is made on the property tax rate taking that into considera-
837 tion. It’s a lower rate than what you would have for a residence or manufacturing firm. Rodney asked how many
838 acres of the 120 would be covered by solar panels. Administrator Bender said it’s too early to tell, they will have
839 to complete the wetland surveys and other things before we know. The lease payments will be on the full 120
840 acres even though they would use something smaller than that.
841

842 Bob Grogan, Old Wilton Rd. said he hunts on that property and it’s isn’t just about the exotic species, there are
843 rabbits and deer as well. You wipe out the trees and you will displace all those animals. He asked about the
844 hazardous waste in solar panels, if they break, they spill on the ground. He is concerned about the hiking and
845 mountain bike trails in that area, and the noise from the solar panels. The paper stated that a 25 year lease
846 would give the town a potential of \$3,400,000 and additional renewals could add another \$2,800,000. What do
847 you mean by could or potential, he doesn’t want to vote on a potential thing. Londonderry is a 10 megawatts and
848 the revenue will be \$200,000. Ours will be 20 megawatts does that mean we will get \$400,000? Chairman Fed-
849 erico said he doesn’t know what Londonderry has for their figures so he can’t make that comparison. The prima-
850 ry term of the lease would be for 25 years. The potential would be if they were to renew the lease. They guaran-
851 teed us 25 years. Administrator Bender said it could be potential because it only becomes reality if the voters
852 approve it. He looked at Londonderry project and talked to their Town Administrator and the revenue plans are
853 similar. Theirs is a little different because part of it is being built in a ground water management zone and the
854 lease payments on that are lower. We are leasing land; we are not constructing the solar project. It’s being done
855 by someone else. We are going to get revenue for every acre of land that we lease. He doesn’t remember how
856 many acres Londonderry has, but there were two parts to it. Bob asked who would get the money from cutting all
857 the trees. Administrator Bender said the town does.
858

859 Selectman Putnam said the primary term of the lease would be twenty five (25) years. Annual lease payments
860 would start at \$1,000 per acre for the first five years and increase to \$1,300 per acre for the final five years. What
861 goes on in between? Administrator Bender said it goes from \$1,000, to \$1,100 to \$1,200 and finally to \$1,300 per
862 acre. Selectman Putnam said they may want to explain that out a little more to be less confusing.
863

864 Susan Smith, Helene Dr. said she checked Granite Apollo’s web site and there isn’t any information there. She
865 asked if we could provide more information it would be helpful. Administrator Bender said they are planning to
866 attend the Deliberative Session as out of town speakers and they can address that.
867

868 Suzanne Fournier there are a couple of abutting properties that will be aware of the solar farm. Granit Apollo’s
869 predecessor is Ranger Solar who was bought out by a bigger company. She feels we need an information ses-
870 sion for the citizens of Milford to explain the solar article in detail. Her concerns are some of the trails would be
871 lost or disconnected. She commented on trails that were already lost next to the power lines because of the
872 Gravel Operation. This project would make it harder to get around without a car. Another concern is the trees
873 being cut down. The habit of the small animals would be gone and we would lose the endangered species. She
874 doesn’t understand why Granite Apollo and the Town of Milford chose, in her opinion, this unsuitable site. She
875 feels the town would make only a small amount of money on this project. She quoted incorrect amounts and
876 Administrator Bender corrected her. Suzanne figures it would be approximately \$125,000 a year for 25 years
877 which in her opinion, is a small amount. She is going to vote no on this warrant article.
878

879 There were no other comments.
880
881

WARRANT ARTICLE 33 - VIETNAM MEMORIAL - \$0

882
883
884
885
886
887
888
889
890
891
892
893
894
895
896
897
898
899
900
901
902
903
904
905
906
907
908
909
910
911
912
913
914
915
916
917
918
919
920
921
922
923
924
925
926
927
928
929
930
931
932

Shall the town vote to establish a special revenue fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19 to accept donations, for a period not to exceed 25 years, for the design, construction and maintenance of a War in Vietnam War Memorial on town property? The purpose of this fund is to support the plan proposed by the Vietnam Memorial Committee. Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the Board of Selectmen. The estimated cost for design and construction of the memorial is \$125,000 with all funding from donations and no tax impact to the Town of Milford. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has no tax impact.**

Rodny Richie feels that this memorial is out of character with the other memorials in town. Conflicts are indicative of failures. This memorial loses that and glorifies the conflict which was one of the worse that we've participated in. It's needs to be simple with a piece of granite with a bench next to it.

Selectman Daniels said that this article only establishes a special revenue fund, not the construction of a memorial. He asked Mr. Richie if he was against the establishment of the fund, or the memorial that has been proposed. Rodny said he would rather see the taxpayers of Milford provide a memorial of recognition similar to the ones that are in town for the other conflicts. He would support that. When it's handed over to a donation situation, you tend to lose control. You should maintain control of it. He objects to the support and the handoff of the responsibility.

There were no other comments.

WARRANT ARTICLE 34 - FREEDOM MEMORIAL - \$0

Shall the town vote to establish a special revenue fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19 to accept donations for a period not to exceed 25 years, for the design, construction and maintenance of a Freedom Memorial on town property? The purpose of this fund is to support the plan proposed by the Vietnam Memorial Committee to recognize citizens lost on 911 and those lost through subsequent military actions. Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the Board of Selectmen. The estimated cost for design and construction of the memorial is \$95,000 with all funding from donations and no tax impact to the Town of Milford. **The Board of Selectmen support this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee has not voted on this article. This Article has no tax impact.**

There were no other comments. Chairman Federico said at this time we have concluded the Budget and Bond Public Hearing at 9:45 and moved back into the regular public meeting.

Chairman, Kevin Federico

Member, Laura Dudziak

Vice Chairman, Gary Daniels

Member, Paul Dargie

Member, Mike Putnam