

**TOWN OF HANCOCK**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**MARCH 08 AND 12, 2011**

On March 08, 2011 at 8 a.m. Moderator Richard Haskins read the Warrant Article 1. Those present and voting agreed to forego the reading of the balance of the Warrant at that time. The polls were then declared open until 7 p.m. At 7 p.m. the polls were declared closed, and a motion was made and seconded to reconvene on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 9 a.m. The motion carried.

The reconvened meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Moderator Haskins at the Hancock Meeting House. Police Office Melissa Hetrick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

As you came in this morning, you were greeted by the Antrim/Hancock Brownie troop 2115. They are selling Girl Scout cookies, for you and our troops. Troops for the Troops, you buy the cookies and they will send to the troops.

We are in desperate need of volunteers, for all committees, especially the Old Day Committee. There a group of people coming back for this year Old Home Day and we don't have an Old Day Committee to receive them. That group is Ducky Gardner family, please volunteer.

Moderator Haskins also called to the attention of those present:

Ballot clerks for today are Bob and Marie Fogg, Clay Sherman and Jeffrey Wilder

Moderator Haskins introduced the Select Board, Roberta LaPlante, Carolyn Boland, Chairman John Jordan, Town Administrator Barbara Caverly, Town Clerk and Clerk of the Meeting Joan Joseph, Treasurer Lois Haskins, Fire Chief Nevan Cassidy, Police Chief Andrew Wood, Director of Public Works Kurt Grasset, Librarian Amy Markus and Bookkeeper/Accountant Gail Hoffman.

The Select Board presented Certificates of Recognition to the following:

Howard Mansfield – Village Planning Committee

Dave Drasba – Village Planning Committee

Mike Fallon – Village Planning Committee

Mary Covington- Village Planning Committee  
Tom Pisaturo – Village Planning Committee  
Dennis Rossiter – Village Planning Committee  
Kurt Grassett – Village Planning Committee  
John Hayes – Village Planning Committee  
Ray Pierce – Village Planning Committee  
Pat Fairchild – Village Planning Committee  
Andy Kerwin – Village Planning Committee  
Scott Manning – Village Planning Committee  
Elisabeth Tobey – Village Planning Committee  
Steve Pope – Village Planning Committee  
Paul Faber – Conservation Commission - 7 years  
Lee Baker – Conservation Commission - 9 years  
Ron Mack – Conservation Commission -13 years  
Steve Froling – Conservation Commission -5 years  
Francelia Clark – Conservation Commission -8 years  
Mark Ellingwood – Conservation Commission -8 years  
Dick Warner – Conservation Commission -1 year  
Pierce Rigrod – Conservation Commission -1 year  
Deb Shumway- Old Home Day Committee  
Monica Laskey-Rigrod – Old Home Day Committee  
Megan Dodge – Old Home Day Committee  
Paul Frehner – Old Home Day Committee  
Dorothy Hird – Transfer/Recycle Committee -2 years  
Phil Jones – Common Commission - 3 years

Elizabeth GrosJean – Archive Committee

Rich LeFebvre – Budget Advisory Committee -3 years

Nancy Gamble – Heat - 4 years

Nancy Gamble – Historic District Commission - 5 years

Ray Pierce – Cemetery Trustee - 7 years

Kurt Grasset – Water Commissioner - 4 years

Bob Martin – School Board Representative - 1 year

Ted Leach – Contoocook North Branch River Local Advisory Committee

Moderator Haskins presented the rules of order for the meeting. Green card will be used for a show of hands vote.

By a voice vote, those present granted Police Chief Andrew Wood (a nonresident) to speak at Town Meeting.

Moderator Haskins asked Barbara Caverly if the Warrant was posted at least seven days prior today at the Town Office, Post Office and the Fire House for all to read; her response was YES.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hancock, in the County of Hillsborough in said state qualified to vote in Town Affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at the **Hancock Town Office Building on March 8, 2011** at eight of the clock in the forenoon until seven of the clock in the afternoon to vote on ballot of Town Officers and all other matters requiring ballot vote; and, to meet at said **Hancock Fire Station** in said Hancock, **on Saturday, the twelfth (12th) day of March 2011** at nine of the clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Moderator Haskins read the results of the March 8<sup>th</sup> Town Election:

373 ballots were cast 9 absentee ballots

1300 Voters were on the checklist

Select Board for 3 years – John Jordan

Common Commissioner for 3 years – Patricia Fairchild

Library Trustee for 3 years – Peter C. Ryner

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years – David Huntington

Cemetery Trustees for 3 years – G. Jarvis Coffin, Jr.

Water Commissioner for 3 years – Jeffrey Wilder

Water Commissioner for 1 year – Joel Chandler

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town raise and appropriate up to three hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$355,000.00) for the purpose of funding a five-year Road Reconstruction project on Prospect Hill Road, Sugarbush Road, Ledge Road and Juniper Circle; and, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$355,000.00 of long term notes or bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and, further, to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or by December 31, 2015, whichever comes first. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee 4 to 1 in favor. **2/3 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED**

The article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Kurt Grasset asked that you check out the explanation on the website that shows maintenance verses rehabilitation reconstruction.

Prospect was a development that was built in sections, the roads are 35 to 40 years olds. Ten new houses built, six on Prospect extension, two on Juniper Circle, one on the corner of Juniper/Prospect and one on Sugarbush. Every house generates ten vehicles a day (trips in and out). Over the last ten years 120 cars a day go up and down the hill. We have seen an increase in heavy traffic, this has added in the deterioration of these roads. When these roads were built there was no understanding how the material acts free thru cycles or the required thickness to prevent or prohibit frost heaves. Also didn't use material like stabilization fabric for those poor soils, that's way these roads move so much. When you get the movement in the roads, we get the breakage/cracking in the asphalt. In our maintenance procedures we try to prevent those cracks, but as the road deteriorates putting more layer on top of it as a way to keep the road shape in order, those cracks reflect through. Even though these roads have been maintained with asphalt, shims and sand seals we are still experiencing that reflect cracks. We are not getting the life cycle out of our maintenance treatments. Our maintenance costs are going up; everything we do to maintain a paved road is tied to OIL. We have not seen an increase in the funding. A lot of our funding for maintaining roads comes from NH Highway Block Grant and the gas tax funds that. The last time the gas tax was adjusted was in 1991. So, we are buying products at 2010-2011 prices with 1991 dollars. This means more of that cost shifts into the operating

budget. We have not keep pace with the cost which has made us change the way we are managing our pavement and which makes life cycle costing more important today. When dialing with 40 year old road, 2011 fix is not going to get the life cycle. What needs to be fixed is the base, the issue is not the pavement surface it's the material it was built on.

Buying asphalt in bulk is a tremendous saving and getting machinery on site and keeping them there for a week or more is a tremendous amount of savings. Doing it piece by piece or getting a quote (which I have) is a savings of \$20,000. If I do one year and take five to pay for it the yearly payment is \$76,000 a savings of \$8,000.

The Advisor Committee asked if the savings is that great then why don't we do the whole ten years plan and take ten years to pay for it. The issue there is maintenance. Once we get done with the reconstruction these go back to maintenance cycle, which in seven to eight years our maintenance budget will spike. We would be able to stagger maintenance. Why do this now? We have two notes that are retiring in 2011 for the amount of \$92,579 and if we pass this today our first payment will be in 2012.

**Ledge Road:** The worst road and now having a hard time maintaining it. We would grid the asphalt into the existing base; stabilize with Portland cement and 2" asphalt layer across the entire area. By stabilizing the base should eliminate the majority of rutting and reflecting cracking. We are looking at least thirty five year life cycle with maintenance. The cost is \$51,658.00

**Juniper Circle:** Base under Juniper is ok needs adjustment in the drainage. To rehabilitate we would shim everything to get the shape back and a 1" asphalt layer and end up with a 2" layer of asphalt. We are not fixing the base we are prolonging it, looking at it with normal maintenances of 20 years. The cost is \$46,160.00

**Prospect Hill Extension:** Very poor base, heaves terribly. This road has become a school bus route all the way to the end over the past five years. What we are trying to do is pulverize the roads surface back into the old base and then adding 6" gravel of crushed gravel. There was no base material to speak of and it needs some. We will be mixing the crushed gravel with what's there and Portland cement and 2" layer of asphalt. The cost of this \$215,492.00

**Sugarbush:** My hardest decision. Low base count base not as bad as upper end of Prospect and not as good as Juniper Circle, we do see movement and reflective cracking. We are down to about a three years out of surface treatment that we are doing when we should expect four to five. One option is revert back to a gravel road. Over the last ten years we have changed the materials that we are putting on surface treatment. We are now using magnesium chloride after every time we grade all our gravel roads, minimizing the dust. On this particular road, if we are going to look at gravel what we would be doing is pulverize the asphalt into the base, placing a stabilize fabric across the entire road. This is a geo synthetic fabric that creates a separation

barrier between not so good materials with good materials. This does not allow them to mix and prevents rocks or stump from heaving.

When looking at a full depth reclamation with cement the cost to due 1900 hundred feet of Sugarbush which is from the top the rise to the end is \$97,561.00. To do a shim and over lay like Juniper is \$77,400.00 and revert it back to gravel while the equipment is in the neighborhood is \$40,000.00. I believe that is the most cost affect time to do this.

The other piece was to look at the maintenance cost, we would grade in May and September I estimated the cost to be \$850.00 per year.

Ben Billings - Advisory Committee, maintenance that needs to happen.

Hannah Kokoski - Had a question regarding house assessment.

Bud Adams - Wanted to know if these prices were set in concrete.

Kurt Grasset - to develop these prices we had a proposal and this will go out to RFP. The price we seeing are not because of supply and demand issue, this is the best time to get these prices.

Bud Adams - Wanted to know what the plan was for and over run.

Kurt Grasset – The plan is to go out to RFP and we have the 355. There may be items done in house, place shoulder gravel and put the gravel out on Sugarbush.

Erik Spitzbarth - Have we calculated the actual cost per thousand evaluation is going to the homeowners that are subsidizing this and who pays for it and how are we paid for it. We have many that have to pay for their own roads that have no subsidizes and have to subsidizing somebody else road.

John Jordan – These are town road we have an obligation to maintain them.

Kurt Grasset – How the assessment works between town and private roads, you get a reduction in your assets value, having to maintain your own road which the rest of the town does not get. We have people living on state roads that are going to assist with this.

The article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante

The **ARTICLE** was **VOTED** by ballot:

The **ARTICLE PASSED** Yes: 123 No: 20

**Nancy Adams who is the new owner of the market hopes to have it up and running by Memorial Day.**

**ARTICLE 3:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,862,259.00. This represents the operating budget, inclusive of the Water Department operations. Said sum exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee supports the appropriation by a vote of 3 to 2.

The article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

John Jordan spoke to the article: We are trying to make the budget as flat as we can and we are up about \$74,000.00. Increase in employee benefits (health insurance 15.2%, no State contributions to Police Retirement, unemployment compensation and FICA), Police Department last year not fully staffed (full time/part wages, training, fuel) Government buildings (cleaning the buildings), Fire Department (municipal aide agreement) Highway Department (maintenance, tar, wages/overtime, gravel) and Kurt has made great effort to trim in other areas. Revenue is slightly up due to Highway Block grant, income from departments (recreation fees, summer program), transfer/ recycling up because we are getting prices for our recycled materials.

We believed it's tight and we do have concerns, due to the fact the budget was written using our experience with fuel costs from past years, and we see an increase in those and those have to be absorbed somehow.

Bud Adams - had questions on Police Special Details.

John Jordan - let him know that there is no cost to the town.

Francelia Clark - had question about a reduced contingency budget.

Richard LeFebvre - from the Hancock Advisory Committee, this was a tough year and going through the numbers with the department heads and with Select Board which we met with each several times. We as a committee passed this 3 to 2. The concerns on the committee, for those against the budget were the cost coming down from the State. The State of NH is under a lot of pressure, their revenue is dropping and liabilities are increasing. In Hancock our local taxes are probably going to go up. We felt the committee should support this budget because we have to maintain are quality of life our roads and infrastructure and we have obligations we feel they should be met. We feel there should by contingency by the department heads and Select Board.

Kurt Grasset - gave three examples from the Highway Department that would reduce that budget.

Mary Covington - also had questions about the contingency budget.

Moderator Rick Haskins wants to understand the question, "Do they have a contingency budget and I think the answer is "NO" The budget that they opposed today is the budget. The

suggestion from the Budget Advisory Committee is you would be well advised to have a contingency. We all see things coming “you better have one”.

Diane Loomis - thinks it's a bad time to increase the budget.

David Carney - had questions regarding pension program and why we are paying \$30,000 on the audit.

Barbara Caverly - said the cost will be lower this year, due to the fact we have brought on Gail Hoffmann.

Gail Hoffmann - can sure that the Auditor will get everything they are looking for. We have been reconciling all the accounts, the Treasure and I reconciling everything every month as well as with Town Clerk and the Tax Collector. This audit will go much faster and hopefully less costly. I think these are disclosure that they just put in the audit.

Move the question and you have moved the question.

No one has asked for a secret ballot

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 4:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to nineteen thousand dollars to repair the roof on the 1988 addition to the Library; up to \$12,500 to come from Library Trust Funds and up to \$6,500 to come from taxation. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by Carolyn Boland.

Laurie Bryan spoke on the article: A year and half ago the library hired someone to come in and do a full building inspection of the library building and the library is in great shape. What we found is that the roof is the one thing that needs to be repaired and that a major repair. It's the roof on the 1988 addition not the slate roof, which is over the old part. We will take 12,500 from the building fund, which is controlled by the Library Board and ask the town for 6,500 so we are paying 2/3 and 1/3 from the town.

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 5:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by Carolyn Boland.

Chief Andy Wood spoke on the article: What the Child Advocacy Center does is provide a safe atmosphere for child to do interviews. It has assisted us here at the Police Department the last couple of years.

Mary Seebart - Wanting to know how many people have used that service from Hancock last year and how many hours.

Chief Andy Wood - Knows of two cases that we used it as far as the Police Department is concerned and the hours I don't know.

Before we vote on this, I would like to get an indication from you informally for the Select Board and the minutes. The question as the Budget Advisory has pointed out that maybe we should include in the budget moving forward. There has been discussion positive and negative some people like to see the transparent and some people say just another article just roll it forward. We've had it a warrant for a number of years and passed each year. Those of you who feel that it should be included in the budget moving forward please indicate by saying I, and all those opposed. It is a majority of people would like to see it carried forward on the budget but not unanimous.

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** with a majority.

**ARTICLE 6:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The article was moved by Carolyn Boland and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Kurt Grassetto spoke to the article: This fund was established last year for a way to start money aside. We had our steeple jack do an inspection on the steeple and we know that there was some rot and will need maintenance on the clock and weather vane. We have two people recommend we have a structural engineer to look at it. This year we are in the middle of having preservationist do full study on this building and have pulled in as architects to look at the entire building from foundation on up. Preliminary report we need to remove the chimney to the roofline and restore those. The slate roof is at the end of its useful life, and the underlayment underneath the slate is as much as an issue as the slate it no longer holds the nails. I know that there are slates missing from the winter and it is important to put those slates back up so no water damage happens. In order to maintain the building we are going to need help from the town, church, donations and grants. Any grant, they want to see an upfront contribution.

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 7:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to thirty-five thousand dollars for a statistical update of all property assessments in town and, to fund this appropriation from the 2010 fund balance. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The article was moved by Carolyn Boland and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Carolyn Boland spoke to the article: As you know we are regularly required by the State to update our property values. A full statistical update has to be done every ten years or as required by the State. On the five year you can do a statistical update. A statistical cost about \$35,000 and a full is over \$1,000,000. We purpose this statistical update to keep our numbers where they should be according to the market and keep ourselves from being the position that the state says that we need a full one. We propose to take this money from the unreserved fund balance so it does not affect your taxes.

Jill Kuchinos – Are we expecting tax rate to stay the same and how long does the State usually look at the assessment period before they come in and request for a complete over all.

Carolyn Boland – The State doesn't necessarily look at the number of years, they look at how far out of whack your town is compared to other towns. There is a percentage that they have developed and we need to be within it. We have to do something every five years.

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** with a majority.

**ARTICLE 8:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$2444.00 for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment and doing maintenance and repairs to the ball fields; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Baseball Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 1997 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by Carolyn Boland.

\$1000 will come for a grant from the Keith Sullivan Foundation for supplies and volunteers' will build the dugouts.

Move the **ARTICLE** as read by Jarvis Coffin.

All those in favor of moving the question please indicate by saying I, and those opposed. What I didn't tell you is that moving the question shuts off debate or discussion.

All those in favor of moving Article 8 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 9:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$934 for the purpose of repairs to the tennis court; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Tennis Court Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by John Jordan.

Move the question as read by Jarvis Coffin and seconded by Nahida Sherman.

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 9 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 10:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1499.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Recreation Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by John Jordan.

Move the question as read by Dan LaPlante and seconded Richard LeFebvre

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 10 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 11:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,995.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Highway Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 town

meeting to fund this appropriation. (No funds to be raised by taxation.) Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Move the question as read by Richard LeFebvre and seconded by Marsha Kono.

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 11 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 12:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,838.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Police Equipment Repair/Replacement Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. (No funds to be raised by taxation.) Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by Roberta LaPlante and seconded by John Jordan.

Move the question as read by Richard LeFebvre and seconded by Dan LaPlante

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 12 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 13:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$4,109.00 for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town's archival records; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock History Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. (No funds to be raised by taxation.) Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by Barbara Caverly and seconded by Carolyn Boland.

Move the question as read by Richard LeFebvre and seconded by Marcia Kono.

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 13 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**Select Board Roberta LaPlante administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials present at the meeting.**

**Bill Eva gave a Maple Syrup report.**

**Nahida Sherman would like to recognize the Highway Department and Fire Department.**

**Margaret McLeod would like to recognize Nahida Sherman for doing a wonderful job on the town website.**

**ARTICLE 14:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center programs and services for the people of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown and Hancock. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The article was moved by Carolyn Boland and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Siobhan Martin spoke to the article: Last year we serviced 233 people from the town of Hancock. Our services offered are parent/child programs, educational workshops, wood bank and NH easy site where you can apply of state aide.

Move the question as read by Hunt Dowse and seconded by Marcia Kono.

All those in favor of moving the question as read:

All those in favor of Article 14 as read:

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

Moderator Rick Haskins asked if this warrant should be rolled in the budget moving forward, took an informal vote, to close to for me to call.

**ARTICLE 15:** Move the Town vote to remove the closed Mill Road Bridge over Moose Brook on the Class A trail established in 2005 that joins the lower end of Mill Road with Garand Lane

and install a walking/riding bridge (no motorized vehicles) in its place. Funding to come from donations. No funds to be raised from taxation. (This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or by 2016.) This project to be completed as funding allows. Select Board recommends this appropriation.

The article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Hunt Dowse spoke on the article – In the 1980 the State told the Town to close the bridge. The road was kept open for recreation. In 2005 we voted as a Town to close Mill Road and change it to a Class A trail. It going to take some work and would like to fund raise this. This is get permission from the Town.

David Carney asked to have the article amended and included whichever comes first.

Richard Haskins read the amended the motion: Move the town vote to remove the closed Mill Road Bridge over Moose Brook on the Class A trail established in 2005 that joins the lower end of Mill Road with Garand Lane and install a walking/riding (no motorized vehicles) in its place. Funding to come from donations. No funds to be raised from taxation. (This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2016 whichever comes first). This project to be completed as funding allows.

The **MOTION** to amended **VOICE VOTE** and **PASSED** unanimously.

The **AMENDED motion** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 16:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007. Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The Article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Kurt Grasset spoke to the article: These funds can be used for maintenance or repair. Currently because of the funding at the state level we are more than ten years out to able to get grid replacement funds. This means we are going to have to do some maintenance to those bridges. Mainly Longview bridge and because the spring cross rules Old Dublin Road just got kicked into a bridge instead of converts. The estimate for Longview is 800,000 and I would estimate because of the new spring cross rules Old Dublin Road, has gone from a 40,000 fix to a 400,000 fix. We have to have open bottom structures, no more converts. These are DES regulation.

David Carney – Wanted to know if we should amend the Article and seconded by Lauren Carney.

Howard Weston – Is against the changing the amendment, the only way to do this is a bond issue, much cheaper for everyone in town and to bond it the town gets a wonderful interest rate. In favor of the \$5000.00 not the \$10,000.00

Moderator Rick Haskins – Increasing to \$10,000.00 help you in engineering efforts.

Kurt Grasset – Yes, it would help.

All those in favor of amending the Article such that it would read: To move the town to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars to be placed in the Bridge Capital reserve Fund established in 2007.

All those in favor please say I those opposed, I am go to cards. All those in favor of amending the article as read, please indicate by showing your card, I am declaring that did not pass. The Amendment did not pass.

All those in favor of the article un amended of \$5,000.00

The **ARTICLE** was voted by **VOICE VOTED** and **PASSED** majority.

**ARTICLE 17:** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars to replace the roof and paint the Grange Hall (Post Office). Select Board recommends this appropriation. Advisory Committee unanimously supports the appropriation.

The Article was moved by John Jordan and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

Kurt Grasset spoke to the article: About a year ago I got a call from the Post Master letting me know that was water running through the building. When we went up to do the repair, realized the shingles are done their useful life. It went out for proposal and we have a proposal in hand. The cost to replace the roof with 30 years architectural shingle is \$10,650.00 The building is in need of painting and we have attempted to do it in house but un successful. So we went out for RFP for painting to entire Post Office, which would scrap everything down, cock everything, reset and replace any nails or siding that needs it. There are two issues that we facing that the EPA changed has changed the regulations, on how we have handling a building of that age. This is something we cannot do in house anymore or shouldn't do in house. The fines are extremely stiff.

I did look at a couple of options that are available to us. One of the things that is hard with this build is that it is part of the Historic District and is listed as Historic Building, that does pull in some issues. We looked at peeling off the siding and put new siding on, we know that we have lead issues. The minutes you pull that off when maintain it you come under one set of guidelines

and taking it off comes under another. You are now dealing with hazard waste because of the lead in the paint. The other product is Rhino Shield it has been around about ten years. The company would come in clean all the surfaces down do all the cocking and treat it with a mild dew side then they put on a primer. They have giving us a 25 years warranty. This would eliminate painting, we get a one time dealing with the lead paint and it also preserves the Historic site. The estimate is \$37,500/00 and would have to do clapboard repairs and that information came in after the warrant was written.

Jarvis Coffin – It was his recommendation to the Board, that we take 15% of the rent collected over the next three years period from the US Post office when this paint would have to be replaced we would be in position to fund all of the coating from the Rhino Shield.

Moderator Rick Haskins – We cannot establish a fund like this today it requires a warrant article.

Lauren Carney- With the Postal system reducing of number of post offices if we were to lose that post office for revenue for rent has the Select Board thought about that?

Barbara Caverly – It started out as a fifteen year lease which ends next years and we have another five years beyond that at a increase rate.

Ruth Wilder – Interested in your thoughts about amending the article to appropriate the funds for the roof portion and postpone the discussing of painting for a year to further study the RhinoShield product and see a sample of what it would look like.

Nevan Cassidy – Has concerns about the Rhino Shield, a lot of the problem with the paint on that building is the moisture pushing from the inside to the outside. Wanted to know if the Rhino Shield is a complete vapor barrier on the exterior. We know that a building rots from the inside.

Hunt Dowse – Do a lot of the prep work this year and leave the warrant article the way it is get it painted give us time to do the research on the Rhino Shield BUT if the Select Board and Advisory and other decided to set a cap reserve fund for that we know where revenue source comes from. You could actually have a reserve fund. I would have a tough time voting to add the Rhino Shield money and knowing a little as we do about it. The ventilation problem and moisture need to be resolved.

Lauren Carney - Wanted to the cost for a new roof and the cost to paint the building.

Moderator Rick Haskins – Leave the article alone we will take an informal vote to direct the Select Board to defer painting the money is there. If for some reason they discover there are issues that they have to paint you have given them the money with the intent not to fully expend it. You have given them to money to go ahead.

Fran Hillner – We all look at this and after about five months after it's painted it starts to chip and peel again so there is a moisture problem. This is a very old building and also sitting on the pond that created dampness. People drive in and out of our village and they look at that Post office and it looks like we are really down at mouth. It looks really seedy and tacky. It just seems somehow something needs to be done at least over the next few years. But in the meantime to leave the building look like it does for us and to other people that come into our village I think it's a real tragedy, it's a disgrace.

Moderator Rick Haskins -Let address it this way, we will take informal vote that it is premature to paint BUT we want more research and we want the flexibility. So you as the community are ready not to amend, but ready as the article is read.

David Carney – If we appropriate money this year and isn't spent it's u un appropriate and is not necessary captured for next year it's goes the unspent reserve funds. This is a gentleman agreement. We are doing something extra ordinary the money has to be reappropriated next year. Is it possible to make it a non-lapsing article and set up a capital fund?

Kurt Grasset – We can encumber funds and so we raise to appropriate this money, with the direction to the Select Board to investigate these options as long as we have something to apply to at the end of this year we can encumber those funds (by action of the Select Board.) This needs to be done at a public meeting it needs to be on public record for the auditors to recognize it. You are absolutely correct this is a gentlemen agreement between the voters and the administration of the town.

David Carney – Would like to amend the article to make this a non-lapsing article.

Moderator Rick Haskins - There is a proposal for an amendment.

This is the amended being proposed to add to the article to read (this is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or by 2016 whichever comes first.)

Is there a second on just amendment, seconded by Hunt Dowse. The discussion now is about this amendment that has been moved and seconded any discussion on the amendment?

The article after the amending would read: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars to replace the roof and paint the Grange Hall (Post Office)(this is no-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or by 2016 whichever comes first.)

The AMENED article as read was voted by VOICE VOTE and PASSED

Nahida Sherman – The \$12,550.00 is it for all four sides, because I know that sometimes we paint the church one side at a time. There are some sides worst then others like the park lot side, could it be deemed necessary to do necessity this year.

Moderator Rick Haskins – We are getting down into the fine details that probably best taking into a public hearing in terms of executing and give Kurt a little more time.

Kurt Grasset – What I would like to do is some quick fix proposals and look at our options and have a public hearing.

The question has been moved and seconded.

The **AMENDED** motion was voted by **VOICE VOTE** and **PASSED** unanimously.

**ARTICLE 18:** Move the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept the reports of auditors and committees as printed in the Town Report.

The Article was moved by Carolyn Boland and seconded by Roberta LaPlante.

David Carney – Is still having problems with the audit report.

The **ARTICLE** was **VOTED** by a show of cards and **PASSED** with a majority.

**ARTICLE 19:** To transact any other business, a motion to adjourn was moved by Hunt Dowse and seconded by Dan LaPlante.

The **MOTION** was voted by **VOICE VOTE** and **PASSED** unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C Joseph

Town Clerk