

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES 2022

Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Moderator discussed the procedures and the rules of conduct. The Moderator also introduced the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.

Article 01: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,657,689. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,623,522 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion:

Motion to reconsider: Allan Kauders

Second: Michael Rau

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot. as written

Article 03: Additional Cost-of-Living Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,352 for the purpose of providing an additional cost-of-living adjustment for employees. This amount will continue as part of the base salary. The sum of \$12,352 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Allan Kauders

To place funds back in operating budget and change wording "to see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to use funds in the operating budget to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for employees"

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 04: Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up \$300,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Joseph Levesque

to add "to" after the word "up"

Amended by majority vote

Motion to accept the amendment: Jerome Blake

Second: Glenn Elsesser

Further discussion:

Glenn Elsesser explained that the paving would begin where it left off last year and extend towards Gilsum. The road also needs drainage. He pointed out that the cost has increased and has fallen behind due to inflation of supplies.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 05: New International CV 6-Wheel Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new International CV 6-wheel truck to replace the 2012 Dodge truck with \$110,000 to come from Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$44,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joseph Levesque

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 06: Road Sweeping and Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of sweeping and striping roads, \$22,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

**Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser
to change amount to \$11,000**

Second: Gordon Kemp

Amended by majority vote

Motion to accept the amendment-Richard Nalevanko

Second: Gordon Kemp

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 07: Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Bobbie Wilson, Mary Ann Wolf, Glenn Elsesser-Total existing funds in Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund=\$250,756.16

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 08: Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, \$130,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Glenn Elsesser-Total existing funds in Highway Capital Reserve Fund=\$265,750.48

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 09: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

to change amount to \$40,000

Total existing funds in Bridge Capital Reserve Fund=\$463,068.70

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 10: Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$3,750 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$3,750 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Jean Kelly spoke on safety and upkeep that needs to be done

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to change wording "with \$7,500 to be raised by taxation" not from unassigned fund balance

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 11: Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$12,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Richard Nalevanko

to reduce amount to \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance; may qualify for grant instead of using funds raised by taxation

Further discussion:

Matthew Saxton-need to get updated quote to replace the copper roof

Total existing funds in Library Capital Reserve Fund=\$28,320.65

Motion withdrew: Gordon Kemp

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to change amount to \$15,000 to come from taxation

Further discussion:

Joseph Levesque talked about Lchip for grant. Assessment would need to be done.

Mary Ann Wolf, Richard Nalevanko

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Richard Nalevanko

to change amount to \$25,000 to come from taxation

Vote on amendment: in favor=14, opposed=22

Amendment failed

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 12: Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion: Allan Kauders, Mary Ann Wolf-existing ambulance is used and will need to upgrade

Total existing funds in Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund=\$177,453.15

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 13: Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$7,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$7,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Allan Kauders, Joel McCarty

Total existing funds in Police Capital Reserve Fund=\$29,706.76

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 14: New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and equipment with \$25,000 to come from Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011 and up to \$35,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the cruiser is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Allan Kauders, Erin Heidorn

Q: Priscilla Sawa-what is non-lapsing?

A: Joel McCarty-Supply chain and vehicle availability

Gordon Kemp-asked questions about getting upgraded vehicle due to ground clearance. Stephen Murrell-validated that the current cruisers have low clearance. Next vehicle will be a Tahoe

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 15: Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$10,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend-Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

to change "the sum of \$10,000 is to come from Vilas Pool funds held by the town treasurer"

Further discussion:

Matthew Saxton, Bobbie Wilson, Charlotte Comeau, Mary Ann Wolf, Joseph Levesque

Total amount in Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund=0

Vote on amendment: in favor=19, oppose=14

Amendment failed

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 16: Paint Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$32,000 for the purpose of painting the Historical Society Steeple with \$8,750 to come from unassigned fund balance and up to \$23,250 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

**Motion to amend-Gordon Kemp
to change to \$0 and wait another year**

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 17: Ground Penetrating Radar Survey

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of conducting a ground penetrating radar survey for Rust and Slade Cemeteries, this is a one-time expense. The sum of \$7,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

**Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp
to change to \$0**

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

Further discussion:

Q: Gordon Kemp-is this process necessary to use the cemeteries?

A: Joel McCarty-yes

Vote on amendment: in favor=17, Opposed=17

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 18: Bridge Design and Consulting Services

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$250,000 for the purposes of analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and estimating the cost of the replacement or repair of six bridges in Town. Hill Road (2), Drews Ville Road (1), Comstock Road (1), North Road (1), Thayer Brook Road (1). The entire sum to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 21, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to reduce to \$150,000, strike the Thayer Brook Rd (it is a box culvert not a bridge) and change "six" to "five"

Vote on amendment: in favor=15, opposed=16

Further discussion:

Joseph Levesque suggested to amend striking Thayer Brook Rd and change "six" to "five"

Joel McCarty, David Therrien, Glenn Elsesser, Allan Kauders

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: David Therrien

to strike Thayer Brook and change "six" to "five"

Amended by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 19: Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$300.00, the same amount as the standard veterans' tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 20: Estimated Tax Impact

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. This is recommended by the Select Board (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Gordon Kemp, Joel McCarty, Joseph Levesque, Mary Ann Wolf, Matthew Saxton

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 21: Public Meetings of the Select Board (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt that all public meetings of the Alstead Select Board are to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Jerome Blake

Second: Richard Nalevanko

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 22: Change Woods Road off of Chartier Lane from Class VI to a Private Road (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the Class VI portion of Woods Road, so-called and noted on Maps 51 & 56, Lots 51-5C, 51-5D (Lisa A Therrien Revocable Trust) from its intersection with Class VI Road known as Chartier Lane in a southeast direction to a point in line with the property line of Map 56, Lot 1 (currently owned by Timber Owners of New England) (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: David Therrien

Second: Lisa Therrien

Discussion:

David Therrien, Matthew Saxton, Richard Nalevanko, Joel McCarty, Stephen Murrell, Kiim Kercewich

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 02: Operating Budget

**Motion to move to reconsider the action on Article 02: Allan Kauders Second: Michael Rau
to place funds from Article 03 into operating budget**

Discussion:

Richard Nalevanko, Mary Ann Wolf, Joseph Levesque, Bobbie Wilson, Allan Kauders, David Therrien

Motion to amend: Jean Kelly

Second: David Therrien

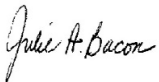
Motion to accept article 02 as amended

Amended by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

The meeting ended at 12:25

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A Bacon

Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector