

Town of Littleton, New Hampshire Minutes, March 13, 2001

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	George O. Hicks	855 votes
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	872 votes
Clerk	Judith F. White	859 votes
Park Commissioner	Mark E. Driscoll	667 votes
Treasurer	Lillian Rayno	841 votes
Library Trustees	Joan J. Buffington	828 votes
	Henry H. Peterson	784 votes
	Louise Tabbut	800 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Janet S. Costa	778 votes

MIXED USE 1 ZONING DISTRICT

Article 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment to Littleton Zoning Ordinance for the creation of a Mixed Use-I District? The proposed district shall have as boundaries the center line of NH Route 18/135 on the east, I-93 on the north, the center line of NH Route 18 on the south and to the western boundary of the parcel shown as Tax Map 240, Lot 21, as depicted on the Tax Map revised through April 1, 2000. Further, the District includes the parcels shown as Tax Map 241, Lot 4 and Tax Map 241, Lot 5, as depicted on the Tax Map revised through April 1, 2000.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 2 PASSED

551 YES

358 NO

TOWN BUDGET

Article 3 Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling, \$4,835,469 (Four Million Eight Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine dollars).

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,694,720 (Four Million Six Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Board of Selectmen 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.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3 PASSED

634 YES

293 NO

RECONSTRUCTING/RE-PAVING and UPGRADING VARIOUS TOWN ROADS

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,575 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads as follows:

- 1) Resurfacing with hot bituminous pavement approximately 930 linear feet of Myron Street - estimated cost \$11,925 (Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars).
- 2) Resurfacing with hot bituminous pavement approximately 577 linear feet of Skyline Court - estimated cost \$7,650 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars).
- 3) Reconstructing and re-paving approximately 930 linear feet of Ely Street including sidewalk replacement - estimated cost \$66,150 (Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars).
- 4) Reconstructing and re-paving approximately 2300 linear feet of Manns Hill Road Phase II - estimated cost \$24,650 (Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars).
- 5) Resurfacing with chip seal approximately 3850 linear feet of Cyr Road - estimated cost \$11,700 (Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars).

6) Resurfacing with chip seal approximately 2500 linear feet of Grandview Road - estimated cost \$8,500 (Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4 PASSED

756 YES

174 NO

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SIDEWALK PLOW

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,260 (Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars) to purchase a sidewalk plow as replacement for an existing vehicle which was destroyed by fire in 2000, and to authorize the use of the proceeds from the insurance settlement on the loss in the amount of \$19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars), and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$17,000 (Seventeen Thousand Dollars), from the undesignated fund balance in the Sidewalk precinct account. The balance of \$15,260 (Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars) is to come from the unrestricted general fund balance as of December 31, 2000.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5 PASSED

681 YES

244 NO

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a new 1 1/2 ton truck with plow and sander as a replacement for a 1994 Chevrolet 1 ton truck (89,203 miles) in service in the Littleton Highway Department so that the net cost of acquisition is \$44,181 (Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,061 (Eighteen Thousand Sixty One Dollars) for the first year lease payment for that purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6 PASSED

650 YES

272 NO

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a new 4900 International 6 wheeler truck with plow and sander as a replacement for 1992 truck (84,643 miles) in service in the Littleton Highway Department so that the net cost of acquisition is \$80,876 (Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six Dollars) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,959 (Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars) for the first year lease payment for that purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7 PASSED

628 YES

293 NO

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LOADER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a new Cat 938G loader as a replacement for the 1989 Fiat Allis loader in service in the Littleton Highway Department so that the net acquisition cost is \$93,545 (Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five Dollars) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) from Transfer Station unexpended fund balance to apply to the total purchase cost and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,509 (Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars) for the first year lease payment for that purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8 PASSED

615 YES

302 NO

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to pay for added transportation and disposal cost for disposal of Littleton's solid waste in the event that the North Country Environmental Landfill in Bethlehem NH is closed before the end of 2001. It is intended to present a warrant article in 2002 to place any funds raised by this article and not used for this purpose into the Capital Reserve Fund

previously established for Landfill Closure.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9 PASSED

696 YES

219 NO

LANDFILL CLOSURE RESERVE FUND

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand dollars) to be placed in the Landfill Closure Reserve Fund and to authorize the use of funds lapsed to surplus in the amount of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand dollars) raised in 2000 Article 9 for the purpose of solid waste disposal alternatives.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10 PASSED

655 YES

256 NO

TRANSFER STATION ADDITIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,000 (One Hundred Two Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of reconstructing and equipping a new transfer station to replace the one that was destroyed by fire on April 27, 2000 and to authorize the use of additional insurance in the amount of up to \$63,375 (Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars) proceeds from the loss of the facility and equipment, and further to authorize the use of a \$9706 (Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Six Dollars) grant from NHDES Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund and further, sources previously authorized at the Special Town Meeting of September 12, 2000. This will have no tax impact.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

788 YES

133 NO

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

OPERA HOUSE / TOWN BUILDING REPAIR & RESTORATION PLAN

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 (Sixty Five Thousand dollars) to initiate the first phase of a plan developed by the Selectmen to repair and restore the Littleton Opera House/Town Building, which will include repair and reconstruction of the roof, and repair, reconstruction and painting of the front of the building. This work is to be performed as follows:

1. The town offices located in the Opera House/Town Building and in the rented building to the east of the opera house parking lot, will be temporarily relocated (approximately 5 years) to the second floor of the Laconia Savings Bank building, which space is being
2. made available to the town without charge.
3. As much as possible, the work will be performed by members of the building trade's class at the Hugh Gallen Vocational Center under faculty supervision and directed by Bast & Rood, the Town's architects.
4. During this initial phase, the architects will develop a phased plan to establish priorities for repairs and restoration for a variety of public uses.
5. Approval of this article will also authorize the Selectmen to create an Opera House/Town Building restoration/preservation committee to advise and to assist the Selectmen, as well as to search out and assist the Selectmen in applying for grants and contributions that may be used on this project.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12

706 YES

231 NO

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PAY INCREASE

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to approve an increase in the annual compensation for the Parks Commissioners from the current level of \$400 (Four Hundred Dollars) to a new amount of \$600 (Six Hundred Dollars), and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$600 (Six Hundred Dollars) for that purpose. In the future, the new amount will be reflected in the annual operating budget of the Parks Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13 PASSED

691 YES

243 NO

STREET LIGHTS

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of replacing street lights on Main Street; \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) of said funds are to be raised from funds originally raised in 1998 Article 23 and lapsed into the general fund balance on December 31, 2000. The balance of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) is to be generated by private donations. The Selectmen are authorized to undertake this project only after all private donations have been raised and placed on deposit with the Town.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14 PASSED

647 YES

282 NO

TOWN FISCAL YEAR

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to adopt an optional fiscal year running from July 1st to June 30th, as permitted by RSA 31:94-a. If adopted, the budget to be presented to the 2002 Town Meeting will be for a single 18 month period, from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Thereafter, the optional 12 month fiscal year will be effective July 1, 2003.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15 PASSED

719 YES

199 NO

ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION

Article 16 Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the Town of Littleton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000 or, if married, a combined income of less than \$35,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16 PASSED

843 YES

94 NO

MILL STREET PARKING METERS

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install, maintain and set rates for parking meters on Mill St and further, to utilize the proceeds from said meters for purposes related to maintaining or increasing parking capacity, maintaining or acquiring equipment or enforcing parking regulations as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17 PASSED

633 YES

300 NO

PARKING METERS

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install, maintain and set rates for parking meters in any current or future publicly owned parking lots within the downtown area as they determine necessary and appropriate to complement and support the parking requirements of the essential commercial and residential activities within the downtown area.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18 PASSED

608 YES

309 NO

LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease on a portion of property owned by the Town, identified as Tax Map 111 Lots 14 and 34 located on PINE HILL DRIVE for the purposes of allowing construction and maintenance a communications tower. Said lease being subject to specific terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town. And further, to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the revenues from the lease to expenditures for the purpose of community and economic development. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Community and Economic Development Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

*RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***ARTICLE 19 PASSED**

706 YES

203 NO

SALE OF SURPLUS TOWN REAL ESTATE

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus real estate owned by the Town, specifically identified as Tax Map 107, Lot 74 located on South Street, Tax Map 240, Lot 26 and Tax Map 240, Lot 28, located on Paper Road, Tax Map 202, Lot 25, located on Mount Eustis Road, Tax Map 277, Lot 23, located on North Littleton Road, Tax Map 219, Lot 12, located on Ledgeway Road and Tax Map 227, Lot 6.8 located on St. Johnsbury Road at public auction, said sales being subject to specific terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town.

*RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***ARTICLE 20 PASSED**

794 YES

117 NO

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO HERBERT J. LAHOUT

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease [for land] owned by the town, identified as Tax Map 114 Lot 3 located on Mt. Eustis Rd. to Herbert J. Lahout for the purpose of developing a community recreation area, said conveyance being subject to specific terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, including specific conditions to ensure establishment and continuation of the intended use(s).

The term of the lease [to] be negotiated between the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Herbert J. Lahout, for a sum of \$100.00 per year. Mr. Lahout at any time shall be able to notify the Board of Selectmen if he wants to cancel the lease agreement, after a 3 year period. Also, he shall be responsible to remove all removable items from said location and any permanent buildings Mr. Herbert J. Lahout leaves on the land he shall receive an agreed appraisal by both parties of this lease.

*NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***ARTICLE 21 WAS DEFEATED**

409 YES

512 NO

ROAD DISCONTINUANCE

Article 22 To see if the town will discontinue completely the section of Old Whitefield Road from its junction with Fowler Hill Road to the Bethlehem town line. (This road was originally "abandoned" in 1974.)

*RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN***ARTICLE 22 PASSED**

791 YES

115 NO

RETENTION OF LIBRARY REVENUE

Article 23 Shall we permit the Littleton Public Library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment per RSA 202-A:11-b?
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 23 PASSED 844 YES 68 NO

PETITIONED ARTICLES

LITTLETON AREA SENIOR CENTER

Article 24 By petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,210 (Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars) for support of home delivered meals, senior dining room services, transportation, outreach, care management and other services provided by the Littleton Area Senior Center during fiscal year 2001.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 24 PASSED 848 YES 70 NO

HOSPICE OF LITTLETON AREA

Article 25 By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,496 (Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars) (based on 60 cents per capita) to support the social and volunteer services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, a non-profit organization which offers supportive care to terminally ill patients and their families in the Town of Littleton and surrounding communities.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 25 PASSED 831 YES 101 NO

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Article 26 By petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for the Littleton Regional Hospital for the purpose of helping defray the costs associated with providing free medical services to the citizens of the Town of Littleton.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26 PASSED 579 YES 351 NO

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH

Article 27 By petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,966 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six Dollars) for the support of the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of North Country Home Health Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2001 for residents to Littleton, NH.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27 781 YES 144 NO

TRI-COUNTY C.A.P.

Article 28 By petition: To see if the Town of Littleton, NH will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton, to offer energy, rental, housing, and food or other emergency assistance to the low-income, elderly and handicapped residents of Littleton.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28 PASSED

753 YES

171 NO

NORTH COUNTRY YMCA

Article 29 By petition: To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of the North Country YMCA's multitude of intergenerational programs offered throughout the year to the families and citizens of the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 29 PASSED

681 YES

248 NO

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

Article 30 By petition: To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,506 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars) as the Town's contribution to White Mountain Mental Health and Development Services, a non-profit mental health and development service center.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 30 PASSED

668 YES

256 NO

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Judith F. White
JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK