

Minutes of 2005 Annual Meeting

TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES MARCH 8, 2005

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Election of Officers

Selectman	Burton Ingerson	872
Park Commissioner	Jon R. Wood	866
Trustee Of Trust Funds	Stanley T. Fillion	809
Library Trustees (3)	Patricia Cowles	798
	Doug Grant	500
	Ed Haines	619

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT FACILITY

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,179,225 (Two Million, One Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars), for the purpose of constructing a replacement police facility to be located at West Main Street, said amount to be raised through a bond or other borrowing in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and/or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such notes and/or bonds as shall be in the best interest of the town. (60% majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2 WAS DEFEATED YES 407 NO 636

TOWN BUDGET

Article 3 Shall the Town 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 purpose set forth therein, totaling \$6,018,706 (Six Million Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Six Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,947,691 (Five Million Nine Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3 PASSED YES 606 NO 442

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2003 American LaFrance Aerial Truck, with a total cost of \$544,000 (Five Hundred Forty Four Thousand Dollars), to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,065 (Seventy Thousand Sixty Five Dollars), for the first year's lease payments of \$67,065 (Sixty Seven Thousand Sixty Five Dollars), maintenance, inspections and operation of the vehicle in the amount of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) and to fund part of this appropriation by authorizing the transfer from surplus of \$7,796 (Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six Dollars) with the balance from general taxation so that the total amount to be raised by taxes will be \$62,269 (Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred

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Sixty Nine Dollars). The amount transferred from surplus is the balance remaining in funds raised by the Town in 2004 for the rental of a fire truck. This lease will contain an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4 PASSED YES 604 NO 435

BRIDGE REPAIR FUND

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of bridge cleaning and emergency bridge repairs. It is intended to present a warrant article in 2006 to place any funds raised by this article and not used for this purpose into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for Bridge Repair. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,230 (Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars) for transfer into Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the funding of this appropriation by the transfer of this sum from the surplus unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5 PASSED YES 785 NO 195

RECONSTRUCTING/RE-PAVING AND UPGRADING VARIOUS TOWN ROADS - I

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,525 (Two Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

Highland Avenue – estimated cost \$62,060 (Sixty Two Thousand Sixty Dollars),

Chiswick Avenue – estimated cost \$14,160 (Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars)

Bishop Street – estimated cost \$76,000 (Seventy Six Thousand Dollars)

Bronson Street – estimated cost \$29,232 (Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Dollars)

Lilac Lane and Oak Hill Avenue Extension – estimated cost \$16,440 (Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars)

West Elm Street – estimated cost \$20,172 (Twenty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Dollars)

Morrison Hill Road – estimated cost \$40,701 (Forty Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars)

Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads – estimated cost \$28,000 (Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6 PASSED YES 754 NO 233

RECONSTRUCTING/RE-PAVING AND UPGRADING VARIOUS TOWN ROADS - II

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,062 (Twenty Eight Thousand Sixty Two Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving Herbert Lane.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7 PASSED YES 567 NO 400

CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of replacing culverts along Bishop Street and Old Whitefield Road.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8 PASSED YES 654 NO 299

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TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIR FUNDS

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,900 (Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of improvements at the Transfer Station to include:

- Purchase of storage container – estimated cost \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars)
- Installation of a drywell by rubbish container – estimated cost \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)
- Installation of safety railing by rubbish container – estimated cost 2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars)
- Purchase of trash bags – estimated cost \$8,700 (Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars)
- Building, equipment and vehicle repairs as necessary – estimated cost \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars)
- Development of construction and demolition disposal program including purchase of scale, materials and necessary staffing – estimated cost \$58,000 (Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars)

Said funds to come from the Transfer Station unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2004. This will have no tax impact.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9 PASSED **YES 755** NO 227

PETITIONED ARTICLES

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Article 10 *By Petition:* Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for optional veterans seeking the exemptions? The optional veteran's exemption is \$300, rather than \$100.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10 PASSED **YES 631** NO 341

LITTLETON AREA SENIOR CENTER

Article 11 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,300 (Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred 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 2005.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11 PASSED **YES 857** NO 126

NORTH COUNTRY YMCA

Article 12 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and 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 families and citizens of the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12 PASSED **YES 686** NO 292

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Article 13 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) for Littleton Regional Hospital for the purpose of helping defray the costs

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associated with providing free medical services to the citizens of the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13 PASSED YES 635 NO 403

CALEB INTERFAITH GROUP

Article 14 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to help support the Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14 PASSED YES 717 NO 323

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA

Article 15 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,758 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars) to support the social and volunteer services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, a non-profit organization which offers supportive care and bereavement services to terminally ill patients and their families in the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15 PASSED YES 865 NO 176

TRI-COUNTY C.A.P.

Article 16 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 (Nine Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton, NH. Tri-County CAP offers 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 16 PASSED YES 786 NO 249

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Article 17 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,967 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars) for the support of the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of the North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2005 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17 PASSED YES 823 NO 213

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Article 18 *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 Developmental Services, a non-profit mental health and developmental service center.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18 PASSED YES 699 NO 339

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Article 19 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,420.80 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eighty Cents) (based on 40 cents per resident) for disaster relief, community health and safety services, and military communication and disaster preparedness programs provided by the American Red Cross, Greater White Mountain Chapter.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19 PASSED YES 726 NO 318

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Article 20 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS), a nonprofit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ACHS received federal funding to provide comprehensive preventive and primary health care to anyone, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. This represents a per capita amount of \$1.97 for each town resident and will help us continue to provide high quality care to our 1,672 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those who need our services.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20 PASSED YES 746 NO 290

LITTLETON – LANCASTER TRANSPORTATION

Article 21 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,225 (One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars) to support the establishment of a public transportation system in the Littleton-Lancaster corridor.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 21 PASSED YES 604 NO 437

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

**JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK**