

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES  
MARCH 9, 2010**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Selectman	Margaret Seymour	Votes 987
Town Clerk	Judith F White	Votes 1412
Moderator	Gerald H Winn	Votes 1434
Treasurer	Pamela Mason-Bowman	Votes 1397
Supervisor of the Checklist	Jerry Lesage	Votes 1380
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Milton Bratz	Votes 1358
Library Trustees (3)	Robert M Record	Votes 1173
	Thomas Alt	Votes 1255
	Marcie Hornick	Votes 57
Park Commissioner(Three Year Term)	Charles Paradice	Votes 1403
Park Commissioner(One Year Term)	Tod E Odell	Votes 1414

**Donation of Land**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of land made by the Roberts Family Trust to the Town of Littleton. The property in question consists of 0.92 acres of land situated on School Street and is a portion of the lot known as Map 46, Lot 4 of the Littleton Tax Maps. The land thus received will be used to create a sealed water reservoir to support the water system maintained and operated by Littleton Water and Light Department.

ARTICLE 2 PASSED.                      YES              1522              NO 89

**Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings or Both**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town of Littleton will adopt RSA 41:14a wherein the Selectmen shall have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both. Any such proposed acquisition or sale shall first be submitted for review and recommendation to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Thereafter, two public hearings shall be held regarding the proposed acquisition or sale. If a written petition of 50 registered voters is presented to the Selectmen, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3 PASSED.                      YES              1064              NO 511

**Town Budget**

**Article 4.** 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 \$7,783,705 (seven million seven hundred eighty-three thousand, seven hundred five dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,789,543 (seven million seven hundred eighty-nine thousand five hundred forty-three 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.



collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 7 PASSED.

YES 824

NO 747

**Special Town Meeting**

**Article 8.** Shall the Town of Littleton, if articles #7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #7 cost items only? (Majority Vote)

ARTICLE 8 PASSED.

YES 1020

NO 536

**Town-wide Revaluation**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 (one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of conducting by contract a revaluation of the Town in 2010. The results of this town-wide revaluation will be effective as of April 1, 2011. This appropriation will be funded by removing \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) from the Town-wide Assessment Expendable Trust Fund created at the 2009 Town Meeting (Article 13) and \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) from current year taxation.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 9 WAS DEFEATED.

YES 777

NO 782

**ARTICLE**

**Reconstructing/Re-Paving and Upgrading Various Paved Town Roads**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving the following Town Roads:

<i>Joe Lahout Lane (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$11,464</i>
<i>Pleasant Street (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$41,900</i>
<i>Hilltop Road (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$85,800</i>
<i>Patriots Drive (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$10,220</i>
<i>Sunset Drive (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$12,426</i>
<i>Drew Street (shim &amp; overlay) – estimated cost</i>	<i><u>\$38,190</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 10 PASSED.

YES 1126

NO 442

**Reconstruction/Upgrading Various Gravel Town Roads**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving two miles of gravel Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

<i>Gannon Road – estimated cost</i>	<i>\$34,400</i>
<i>Williams Road – estimated cost</i>	<i><u>\$ 5,600</u></i>

Total: \$40,000

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 11 PASSED. YES 1102 NO 497

**Transfer Station Improvements, Maintenance, Replacement, & Repair Funds**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,700 (twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars) to replace equipment and purchase trash bags at the Transfer Station and to provide a one-time offset of diminished revenue received from recyclables, as follows.

- Paving improvements: 200 feet by 30 feet, 2 inches thick – Estimated cost \$5,000 (five thousand dollars)
- Purchase of trash bags – Estimated cost \$9,200 (nine thousand two hundred dollars)
- Replace Storage Container – Estimated cost \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars)
- Building, Equipment and Vehicle repairs, replacement and improvements - Estimated cost \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)

Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$26,700 (twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars) from the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund created for the above purposes.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 12 PASSED. YES 1370 NO 241

**Purchase of Parks & Recreation Vehicle and Plow**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$36,500 (thirty six thousand five hundred dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a pick-up truck, plow and attachments, to replace the 2001 Dodge pick-up truck now in service in the Littleton Parks & Recreation Department and to authorize the Selectmen to trade or dispose of the 2001 Dodge pick-up as best serves the purposes of the Town. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) for the first year payment of the lease/purchase. This lease/purchase agreement shall contain a municipal escape clause.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 13 PASSED. YES 1011 NO 592

**Opera House Furnishings**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to purchase furnishings for the Opera House (performing venue) within the Littleton Town Building, as follows:

300 seats	\$10,000
One new stage curtain	\$20,000
Total:	\$30,000

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 14 WAS DEFEATED.

YES 734

NO 875

**Retaining Wall Maintenance Fund**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to create an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a entitled Retaining Wall Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing for maintenance or replacement of retaining walls for which the Town of Littleton is responsible along federal, state and Town highways and roads, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, said amount to come from current year taxation and, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 15 PASSED.

YES 1193

NO 405

**Police Special Detail Expendable Trust Fund**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to create an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Police Special Detail Expendable Trust Fund for Police vehicle repairs and maintenance and administrative costs (including NH State Retiremer costs) stemming from Outside Special Details performed by Littleton PD personnel. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in said fund, the amount representing the non-wage related fees charged for Outside Special Details performed from the existing Special Detail Special Revenue Account, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 16 PASSED.

YES 977

NO 631

**Parks & Recreation Gazebo**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) for the purpose of renovating the gazebo. This appropriation will be funded by removing \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) from the Parks & Recreation Special Revenue Fund and \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from current year taxation.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 17 PASSED.

YES 915

NO 696

**Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2009 annual appropriation, said funds placed in the Conservation Fund. The unexpended portion of its 2009 annual appropriation is \$1 (one dollar).

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 18 PASSED.

YES 1258

NO 327

**2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the Littleton Town Offices, and will also be available the day of the meetings.

ARTICLE 19 PASSED. YES 783 NO 688

**Petitioned Article(s)**

**Chamber of Commerce Fireworks**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (six thousand five hundred dollars) to donate to the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or around July 4, 2010.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 20 PASSED. YES 918 NO 665

**New Sidewalk Construction**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) to construct a sidewalk on one side of Oak Hill Avenue from Elm to Maple Streets.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 21 PASSED. YES 957 NO 624

**Littleton Community Center Match Funds**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars) to donate to the Littleton Community Center capital improvement fundraising drive to match, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000.00, the amount raised by the LCC Board of Directors.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 22 PASSED. YES 976 NO 593

**Littleton Area Historical Society**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600 (three thousand six hundred dollars) to defray the cost of office space rent for the Littleton Historical Society.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 23 PASSED. YES 1033 NO 546

**Littleton Football Association**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (zero dollars) to support the Littleton Football Association club football.

**By Petition**

**Not Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 24 WAS DEFEATED.

YES 650

NO 858

**Littleton Main Street Beautification Project**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to donate to the Littleton Main Street Beautification Project to match dollar for dollar up to \$20,000 the amount raised by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce and Littleton Main Street Inc.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 25 PASSED.

YES 804

NO 779

**Resolution to State Legislators**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

**By Petition**

ARTICLE 26 PASSED.

YES 912

NO 627

**Noise Ordinance**

**Article 27.** To see

**By Petition**

(Article amended at Deliberative Session)

ARTICLE 27 WAS DEFEATED.

YES 465

NO 824

**Social Service Articles**

**Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,350.00 (fourteen thousand, three hundred fifty dollars) to support the Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc., a non-profit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 28 PASSED.

YES 1198

NO 380

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**American Red Cross**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,820.00 (two thousand, eight hundred twenty dollars) to support the American Red Cross.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 29 PASSED. YES 1214 NO 362

**Boys and Girls Club of the North Country**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to support the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country.

**By Petition**

**Not Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 30 PASSED. YES 1132 NO 446

**Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 (one thousand, six hundred fifty dollars) to support the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 31 PASSED. YES 1027 NO 555

**Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc./Littleton Area Senior Center**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services provided by the Littleton Area Senior Center for Littleton residents in 2010. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, adult in-house care, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2009, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 677 Littleton residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$371,108.98

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 32 PASSED. YES 1388 NO 216

**Life Bridge, Inc.**

**Article 33.** To request the Town approve to raising and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for Life Bridge, Inc. To be used for operating costs supporting healthy teen group activities. Life Bridge is a non-profit organization reaching at-risk students with adult mentors within the Greater Littleton area.

**By Petition**

**Not Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 33 PASSED. YES 815 NO 768

**Littleton Regional Hospital**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,080.00 (sixteen thousand, eighty dollars) to support the Littleton Regional Hospital.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 34 WAS DEFEATED. YES 709 NO 871

**North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,725.00 (nineteen thousand, seven hundred twenty-five dollars) for the support of the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2010 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 35 PASSED. YES 1345 NO 263

**North Country Transit**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to support the North Country Transit.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 36 PASSED. YES 1246 NO 355

**North Country United Way**

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,922 (two thousand nine hundred twenty-two dollars) to support the North Country United Way. This request represents approximately 50-cents per resident of Littleton, according to the census for the year 2000.

**By Petition**

**Not Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 37 WAS DEFEATED. YES 781 NO 800

**North Country YMCA**

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 (one thousand, six hundred fifty dollars) for the purpose of the North Country YMCA, Inc.'s multitude of intergenerational programs offered throughout the year to families and citizens of the Town of Littleton (especially, but not limited to the S.A.F.E. After School Program, summer Soccer & Field Hockey camps, the Gilbert R. Rhoads Memorial Track Meet and the Youth and Government Program).

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 38 PASSED. YES 1158 NO 441

**Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health**

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,506.00 (nine thousand, five hundred six dollars) to support Northern Human Services for services provided by White Mountain Mental Health to Littleton residents.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 39 PASSED.

YES 1125

NO 467

**Tri-County Community Action Program**

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 (ten thousand, five hundred dollars) to support the Tri-County Community Action Program.

**By Petition**

**Recommended by Selectmen**

ARTICLE 40 PASSED.

YES 1092

NO 501

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JUDITH F. WHITE  
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK