

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2012**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	Milton T. Bratz	Votes	831
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	Votes	1265
Trustee of Trust Funds	Robert Paddock	Votes	1243
Park Commissioner	Bryan B. Hadlock	Votes	1135
Library Trustee (3)	Mary Swinyer	Votes	1082
	Pamela Cavanaugh	Votes	1010
	Bill Cushing	Votes	1009
Supervisor of the Checklist (write in)	Amy Sharpe	Votes	85

2012 Operating Budget:

Article 2. 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 amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant and as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$7,753,435 (Seven Million, Seven Hundred, Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Five Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,558,897 (Seven Million, Five Hundred-Fifty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous actions 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 Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 2 FAILED

649 YES 765 NO

Contingent Article if the Proposed Budget is Defeated:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,584 (Fifty Two Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Four Dollars) if the 2012 Proposed Operating Budget is defeated to fund the additional cost of the increase to the Heating Fuel and Electric Expense for Town Owned Buildings (\$16,032) (Sixteen Thousand Thirty Two Dollars), to cover the additional cost of the increase in gasoline (\$5,052) (Five Thousand Fifty Two Dollars) and the increased cost of vehicle repairs & maintenance (\$31,500) (Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) due to the aging fleet. If Warrant Article 2 is approved, this Warrant Article will be null and void.

Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 3 FAILED

666 YES 741 NO

Purchase of Highway Department Replacement Truck:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,106 (Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a 2012 or newer F550 Dump Truck with Cab, Chassis, Hydraulics & Plow as a replacement for the 2002 Ford F550 Dump truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,200 (Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) from the Capital Highway Equipment Reserves Fund that was established for this purpose, with the balance of \$40,906 (Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars) to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance and further to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell the 2002 F550 Dump Truck.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 4 PASSED

916 YES 501 NO

Purchase of Sidewalk Tractor & Plow:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,800 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of the purchase of a 2012 or newer JD 3520 Tractor & 366 Front Mounted Plow as a replacement for the 2006 JD 3520 tractor in service in the Littleton Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$27,800 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserves Fund established for this purpose. And further to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell the 2006 JD 3520 tractor.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 5 PASSED

798 YES 618 NO

Purchase of Police Cruiser:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of purchasing and set up of a 2012 or newer Police cruiser as a replacement for one of the older cruisers in service in the Littleton Police Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 (Eighteen Thousand Dollars) from the Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserves Fund and the withdrawal of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Special Detail Revenue Fund, with the remaining \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance. And further to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell one of the older cruisers.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 6 PASSED

710 YES

706 NO

Fire Department Tanker:

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) to purchase and for the setup of a new Fire Department Tanker Truck to replace the 1987 Tanker, with \$285,000 to come from grants, donations and/or matching funds and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive, and expend any grants, donations or matching funds, with the remaining \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance, and to further authorize the Selectmen to sell, trade or dispose of the 1987 Tanker. Use of the \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) will be contingent on receiving the additional funding from grant funds.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 7 PASSED

880 YES

531 NO

South Street Sidewalk Repairs

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) to authorize the repair of the South Street sidewalk and to authorize the use in that amount of the December 31 bond proceeds balance for this purpose. (Requires 3/5 vote).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 8 PASSED

952 YES

460 NO

Sidewalk Repairs (1):

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) and to authorize the repair of various sidewalks throughout Town including Park Avenue, Pleasant Street, Palmer Brook to Pine Street. To further authorize the funding of this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Parking Meter Improvement Special Revenue Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 9 PASSED

976 YES

435 NO

Sidewalk Repairs (2):

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the repair of various sidewalks throughout Town including Park Avenue, Pleasant Street-Palmer Brook to Pine Street and to authorize the expenditure of proceeds from the bond that are available as of December 31st for this purpose. (Requires 3/5 vote).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 10 PASSED

925 YES

480 NO

Dells Road Culvert Replacement:

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the repair and replacement of the Dells Road Culvert, said amount to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

890 YES

508 NO

Study of the Removal or Replacement of the Dells Dam (mandated by DES):

Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to address the NH Department of Environmental Services "Letter of Deficiency" regarding the Dells Dam with \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to come from Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance and \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to come from the Conservation Commission's Public Deposit Investment Pool? The dam cannot currently pass the required storm event without overtopping. The appropriation will be used to evaluate alternatives to full reconstruction or removal of the dam and make recommendation(s) to the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 12 PASSED

930 YES

485 NO

Funding of Town Wide Assessment Maintenance Trust Fund:

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Wide Assessment Maintenance Trust Fund previously established, to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance. The purpose for funding this is to meet the constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are done every fifth year following RSA 75:8-a. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2015.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 13 PASSED

834 YES

570 NO

Supplement Local Assistance Expendable Trust Fund:

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19 -a to be known as the Local Assistance Expendable Trust Fund for the Town to use as a supplement to the Welfare Budget, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to be placed in said fund as a seed amount with said funds to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund as needed.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 14 PASSED

788 YES

615 NO

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

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 (Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to replace, fix, purchase and maintain equipment, building, containers, and vehicles, pave the remaining part of the driveway, fix the roof, and purchase additional supply of bags, all at the Transfer Station, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$36,500 (Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund created for the above purposes. The funds will be used as follows:

Equipment, Containers, Vehicle and Building repairs and maintenance \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars).

Paving the remaining part of the driveway \$6,500 (Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).

Purchase of additional supply of bags \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 15 PASSED

1199 YES

318 NO

Transfer Station Use of Special Revenue Fund to offset tax appropriation

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$42,500 from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. To partially offset the Transfer Station Operating Budget included in Warrant Article 2. This is a Revenue only warrant article.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 16 PASSED

1103 YES

310 NO

Transfer Station Part Time Staff:

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of hiring a part time employee at the Transfer Station working an average of 24 hours per week year round to help cover staff shortages, adjust for seasonal up shifts in workloads and increase flow of workloads and to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund created for the above purposes. The employee would be a part time employee with modified benefit plan (if continued employment for the following year the cost will be approximately \$21,500 (Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) per year).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 17 PASSED

957 YES

463 NO

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 2011 annual appropriations, said funds to be placed in the Conservation Fund. The unexpended portion of the 2011 annual appropriations is \$1,692 (One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Dollars).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 18 PASSED

979 YES

423 NO

Use of Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance:

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote the withdrawal of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) to come from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of offsetting the cost of the federally mandated radio systems equipment in the Dispatch Operating Budget included in Warrant Article 2. This is a Revenue only warrant article.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 19 PASSED

920 YES

479 NO

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

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the reconstruction, repaving and upgrading of various town roads:

School Street estimated cost \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars)

Maple Street estimated cost \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars)

Cottage Street estimated cost \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand Dollars)

& crushing of used pavement for re-use.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 20 PASSED

977 YES

415 NO

Gravel Road Improvements:

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to make improvements to the Town's Gravel Roads and for crushing of used pavement for re-use.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 21 PASSED

984 YES

400 NO

Palmer Brook Culvert Replacement –Bishop Street:

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) and authorize the replacement and improvements to the culvert over Palmer Brook on Bishop Street.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 22 PASSED

784 YES

576 NO

Petitioned Article(s)

Northern Pass Resolution

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Northern Pass Power Transmission Project as presently proposed could pass through the Town of Littleton on its alternate route, and

WHEREAS this project would blight the landscape and devastate the values of properties within its transmission corridor and lines of sight, and

WHEREAS this project would make the area less attractive for outdoor recreational activities and tourism and negatively impact sightseeing, hunting, hiking, and other activities that this region depends on for revenue, and WHEREAS this project would adversely impact wildlife and wildlife habitat and wetlands located within the region, and

WHEREAS the adverse health effects of such high voltage transmission power lines on human, animal and plant life within the electromagnetic field created by the lines are not fully understood, now be it RESOLVED that the Town of Littleton strongly opposes this project, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our President, the State Governor, our State and National Senators and Representatives and to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

By Petition

ARTICLE 23 PASSED

858 YES

512 NO

Five Member Board of Selectmen

Article 24. To see if the voters of Littleton, New Hampshire are in favor of increasing the board of selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members pursuant to RSA 41:8.

By Petition

ARTICLE 24 FAILED

510 YES

875 NO

Restore Wetlands on Joe Lahout Lane

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to support the Restorations of wetlands within the Town's Right of Way at no cost to the Town or taxpayers.

By Petition

ARTICLE 25 PASSED

823 YES

542 NO

Chamber of Commerce Operating Funds

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to support the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce

By Petition

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 26 PASSED

860 YES

526 NO

Glenwood Cemetery Association

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for the repairs of a section of the cemetery wall facing West Main Street.

By Petition

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 27 PASSED

992 YES

399 NO

Parks & Recreation Surveillance System

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,423.28 (Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents.) For the purpose of video surveillance cameras and equipment to be located throughout Littleton's Parks and Recreational Properties for the purpose of deterring vandalism and illegal activities.

By Petition

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 28 PASSED

880 YES

525 NO

Parks & Recreation Improvements

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,600 (Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars) to assist in making improvements to the following structures throughout Littleton's Parks and Recreational Properties.

Replace remaining ½ (one half) metal roof, trim and paint at the Apthorp Common Tennis Building.

Paint/Stain Norton Pike Building and replace damaged siding.

Replace retaining wall at Town Pool Building Entrance.

Replace remaining four support posts on the Gazebo with fiberglass posts.

Repair cracks and surface of tennis & basketball courts at Apthorp Common Facility.

Replace surface, rest posts and replace backboards and rims of the Remich Park Basketball Courts.

Re-stone Remich Park Playground safety surface material.

This article is supported by the Littleton Parks & Recreation Board of Commissioners.

By Petition

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 29 PASSED

1098 YES

305 NO

Social Service Articles

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,350 (Fourteen Thousand, Three Hundred, Fifty Dollars) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (CHS), a non-profit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ACHS provides comprehensive preventive and primary health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 2,054 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those in need.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 30 PASSED

720 YES

676 NO

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Article 31. 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, the adult in-home care program and ServiceLink for Littleton residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$357,855.58.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 31 PASSED

846 YES

557 NO

North Country Home Health & Hospice

Article 32. 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 the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2012 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 32 PASSED

861 YES

540 NO

YMCA

Article 33. To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred 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 Lakeway S.A.F.E. After School Program, Summer Soccer & Field Hockey Camps, Gilbert R. Rhoades Memorial Track Meet & the Youth Government Program.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 33 PASSED

708 YES

690 NO

Northern Human Services

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,696 (Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Six Dollars) as the town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Littleton residents.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 34 FAILED

652 YES

746 NO

Tri-County Community Action Program

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800 (Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) to support Community Contact Office providing Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, emergency food, security loans and other services to the residents of Littleton. From July 2010 through June 2011, Littleton residents have received over \$400,000 in services from our office. These funds help with the overhead cost that programs we provide do not cover.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 35 PASSED

734 YES

668 NO

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

**JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK**