

**Budget Committee Public Hearing
School & Town Budgets & Warrants
Saturday, February 6, 2010
Town Hall**

Chr. Larry Wahl called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Present: Chairman Larry Wahl, Gail Pare, Gail Klanchesser, Russ Cooke, Liz Taccetta, Selectmen's Rep Jack O'Reilly, School Board Rep Dave Mueller, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, Jim Katkin of SAU 50 along with Principal Helen Rist, George Cushing and Deidre Link; Jackson Hoyt Police Commissioner; Wib Goins and Ruth Fletcher Fire Engineers; members of the audience in attendance were Rick Stern, Chris Cross, Denis Hebert, Peg Lamson, Vannie Brawn, Mary Wahl, John Klanchesser, George Fletcher, Sue and Al Smith, and Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi and Bookkeeper Cyndi Gillespie.

Minute Approval: *G Klanchesser moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2010. G Pare seconded.* The Chair wanted to clarify two items from the last meeting, those being regarding his report indicating the Gen. Gov't being over spent, he noted he had calculated the encumbered money spent in the total; and wanted to clarify that the health care costs increased \$75,019 vs. the figure of \$157,000 that he had reported. It was also noted that the sump pump for Old Town Hall had been purchased. ***Motion passed.***

School Department 2010/2011 Budget

Chr. Wahl read Article 1 and opened up the public hearing at 1:04pm. ***G. Pare moved to recommend the following with G.Klanchesser seconding.***

ART 1: To see if the Newington School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amt of \$ 1,843,426 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District.

S.Smith asked if teachers contribute to their health benefit and asks if they are reimbursed. Mr. Katkin responded by stating the School Dist contributes 85% to pay for this benefit and there is no reimbursement. J.OReilly felt perhaps Ms.Smith is thinking about the initial year of contributing whereas the teachers' salaries were adjusted to compensate for the difference. After hearing no further speakers, ***Chr. Wahl closed the public hearing at 1:12pm.*** The Budget Committee spoke of the \$27,225 decrease, ***the vote was called for and passed 7-0.***

ART 2: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Association of Coastal Teachers – Newington which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year 2010-11 Est Increase \$3,946; 2011-12 Est Increase \$13,463; 2012-13 Est Increase \$18,365

And to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,946 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (NOTE: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this 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.) G.Pare moved to recommend. G.Klanchesser seconded. Public Hearing for Art 2 was opened by Chr. Wahl at 1:14pm.

*D Hebert noted that no C.O.L.A. was included and what is the percent increase. J Katkin responded by stating zero the first year. 2% the second. 3% the third. Cost items effected were line like fica, life & disability, retirement. Jim added that a step is in there as well as a C.O.L.A and that this was negotiated by the School Board and Teachers Assoc. Jim Spoke of the verbiage in ART 2 regarding RSA 273-A:12 which is placed there to alert the residents and is a statutory clause that clears any change – will be included in the budget, but not effecting the collective bargaining numbers. **The public hearing for Art 2 was closed in addition to the school***

budget portion of the public hearing at 1:16pm. The vote called for. Motion passed 7-0. Chairman Wahl then called for a break while documents were signed at 1:17pm.

At 1:24pm, Chr. Wahl called the meeting back to order. G.Pare moved to recommend an operating budget for the town at \$6,031,278. G.Klanchesser seconded. The Public Hearing was then opened at 1:26pm by Chr. Wahl.

•Al Smith – Why the spending trend on page 1 (E/O) was not nearly spent, yet the 2010 request was up at \$241,925. He also asked what the \$151,000 requested for the building maintenance fund and also asked about the Fire Departments salary increases from \$1,224,908 to \$1,279,740. He asked if there was a common pay scale.

• J.O'Reilly spoke of the HVAC system going in at Town Hall, and the revamping of the Tax Collector/Town Clerks office plus noted the storage area to the left of the stage being constructed. Jack continued on to explain the step unification committee soon to be formed. • J Hoyt stated that the steps at the Police Dept were at 1.5%.

•Regarding Highway Resurfacing, Jack noted that Gundalow, Captains' Landing, Coleman Drive and continuation on Airport Road and Beanes Lane are currently planned and possibly parts of McIntyre at the dip and Little Bay Road Ext. Last year, building maintenance was high priority, whereas 2010 favors resurfacing which will include revamping of the Town Hall Parking Lot.

•Questioned also was the Ditches/Culvert line in the Highway budget and why with so little spent in 2009, why is that request as high for 2010 and wouldn't a \$5,000 request be more reasonable. • Jack mentioned the culvert work on Little Bay and perhaps it could be reduced, however you never know when one will collapse.

•Ruth Fletcher asked by the EO Salary line increased \$6,000 over last year. • Jack noted no raises for part time people, and no merits were funded for 2010. At the end of the year, if funds are available, if someone deserves a merit increase, the Selectmen will consider the award.

•Peg Lamson asked about the number of full time people under the Selectmen. • Jack stated 4 however the planner's salary and personnel costs come under the Selectmen but show under the Planning Board.

•S. Smith asked if there was a step formula. • Jack went on to explain that at this time no uniform step system is in place, however a committee is being formed to resolve the issue however the Police Commission, the Fire Engineers and Town Hall as set up last year by the Selectmen, each governed their own step system. • L.Wahl, as Fire Chief established steps at 4% increments and not sure what it was now. • Fire Engineer R.Fletcher said at the Fire Dept, a five step system was in place and that people capped out at top step got nothing. •J.O'reilly stated that in the Town Hall group one was at top step.

•S Smith then stated that no merit is budgeted for? •J O'Reilly answered none were budgeted for for 2010

•J Klanchesser spoke of the funded longevity/merit line for Code Enf for 2009. •J.O'Reilly then added that \$2,000 was budgeted in the longevity/merit line under Code Enforcement and the Planning Merit/Longvity line for 2010. •J Klanchesser asked if it were merit or longevity as they were two different things. •P.Lamson asked what the Code Enf salary was •J O'Reilly stated \$57,700 and he gets a step; however there is set aside \$2,000 for extra – beyond duties – merit if warranted. •JO'Reilly stated that as far as Planning, he was at top step and those funds represented Longevity. •S. Smith stated that she read in the minutes that in addition to no COLA this year, it was for no merits / no raises. •J O'Reilly did not agree with Sue regarding no raises, no merit bonus, etc. Best he could recall is that it was zero for COLA only. •G Pare noted that this was not a new expense this year and added that just because it is budgeted for, it was not a guarantee to be awarded. •A Smith stated that the Board tells people no merit, but this is for extra duties and suggested his job description be adjusted and his pay altered accordingly.

•D Hebert inquired about the \$8,000 for signs showing under the Highway line and stated he was concerned about those funds being used for another purpose and would like assurances that this money would be protected for its original purpose. • Selectman Iocovozzi assured Mr. Hebert that the Selectmen were committed to dedicate these funds to Planning's signs. •Selectmen's Rep J O'Reilly added that the BOS could take a formal vote for the record of their intensions. •J Klanchesser questioned the need for the signs • D Hebert explained not only could it help alleviate the 18 wheelers from turning around in the school's parking

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lot but the businesses would hopefully fund. Denis went on to encourage people to correct Google map errors used for GPS and map inquiries.

•S Smith questioned the need for the Recreation Budget's Summer Program for \$ 27,000ish and stated that the users should pay for this, not the tax payers as this is a luxury. She also asked about what is being bought for equipment. She wondered why the town would budget for a kids program for \$27,000 yet no cost of living increase for our safety crews. • Selectman J Stuart noted she had these very concerns. Recreation came to the Budget Committee with a \$2,000 budget but it was then raised thousands of dollars upward. •L Taccetta stated that they came in with a request of \$6,200 and showed what they (Rec) suggested should be picked up by other departments to fund. The Budget Committee looked at what 'could be sacrificed if not picked up' and felt certain items suggested by Rec that could be cut, should funded as they were in the best interest of the town. •G Pare spoke of Rec's decrease and how they had hoped someone else would pick up the Summer Program, the Movie Ticket Program and the Voucher Reimbursement process – however, with no guarantees that it could be placed under another department, it was funded for 2010. • D Hebert suggested the Budget Committee discuss the necessity of each program and questioned if subsidizing all participants is necessary. • J O'Reilly answered stating that each family must contribute \$300 per child and if we have less than 27 participants, the town is refunded in the vicinity of \$7,000. • A. Smith spoke of the need to appropriate and the difference in the net. When times get real tough, the first place that will get reduced is the Recreation Department. • Selectman J Stuart agreed and wished a representative from that Dept was in attendance. • D Hebert spoke of Rec's original request with • J O'Reilly stating cutting can come off the bottom line only. • D Hebert asked for the actual cost of the summer program, after rebates, refunds, etc and if the families getting subsidized were really in need. • V. Brawn asked if this included swimming lessons at the Y. • Regarding the Voucher Program, J O'Reilly responded no. He went on to say that this was set up 5 or so years ago because of the lack of programs by the Town. • Ms. Brawn went on to say that years ago more was offered as she recalled the school supporters involved. • R Fletcher said if Rec says they could run their programs for \$2,000, the Budget Committee should not have increased to \$44,000. She's like to see this reduced back down to \$2,000. • S Smith asked what effect on the budget would it have to add 2% to the salary lines. (a few moments to calculate this out was needed)• D Hebert said Rec said \$2,000 – and asked what we rely need for it to pass. • A Smith said that initially Rec came in with a request of \$ 53,625, The Budget Committee passed it at \$44,925. He is disappointed in Selectmen. •G Klanchesser stated she did not know where the \$2,000 figure came from as it was \$6,200 they came in with and it was for general maintenance. •J Stuart said she attended the meeting that evening as Selectmen's Rep and it was \$2,000 they requested. • J O'Reilly spoke of Recreations' offer, and how certain groups like different programs. When certain programs are removed, you affect those participants. There is an array of interests out there.

• R Fletcher asked about Sept Fest and the Holiday Party wondering if it were catered and if it was pot luck, what was the \$1,500 for? •J O'Reilly stated it was for prizes, horse rides, etc.

• Ms. Fletcher was interested in looking at a tally of revenues. •J. O'Reilly will give her a copy of his revenue report. • L Wahl wanted to review the income from ambulance runs.

•J Klanchesser asked about the \$5,800 budgeted for the tennis court. • J O'Reilly stated to bring the access ramp more into ADA compliance.

•A Smith stated that when you get to the Town Meeting bottom line, each of you will have to decide on whether to support a million dollar bond for a garage. •L Wahl added that the bond will not have any effect on the 2010 budget as Old Town Hall is being paid off in 2010 and the bond costs for the garage will be very close to the costs of the Old Town Hall payments.

•D Herbert would like to see the Rec's summer program cancelled in the amount of \$27,000.

•G Fletcher asked how the Town's revenue is coming in. He noted that Sewer cut their budget in anticipation of slower revenue as these are hard times. He felt the Town should take this into consideration in the budget process.

•J Stuart spoke of the Welfare Budget increasing by 525% for 2010.

•J O'Reilly spoke of Newington's stability of the tax rate the last 5 years and to take a few moments to compare surrounding Towns. He stated that most towns have to pay to deposit items in the Transfer Station.

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He said that the Budget Committee does a good job. He went on....Retirement went up \$44,000. Health up \$75,000. Revenue down from the State by \$78,000. When you look at all the factors, he feels everyone did a good job and we should feel fortunate to have some of the free services that we do.

•P Lamson asked about the Sick Buy out. •J O'Reilly explained that if you don't use any, you qualify to be paid for 6. As you use days, the payout significantly drops.

After calling for further speakers and hearing none, Chr. Wahl called the public hearing to a close at 3:00pm. He then went on to each department's bottom line, asked for a motion, discussion and a vote.

◊ Conservation Commission:

Jack O'Reilly moved to recommend \$ 14,701. Gail Pare seconded. **Motion passed 6-0-1 with Chr. Wahl abstaining.**

◊ Langdon Library:

Gail Pare moved to recommend \$98,270. Gail Klanchesser seconded. **Motion passed 6-0-1 with Chr. Wahl abstaining.**

◊ Recreation:

Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend \$44,925. Gail Pare seconded. Discussion ensued. G Pare spoke of the 7 week summer program and wondered if a sliding scale could be worked in to the payment program and felt \$100 more from each family may be doable with less from the town. J. O'Reilly said he would speak with Rec and offered this thought to the Budget Committee. He suggested reducing their bottom line by \$7,000 and cap it. If more kids participate, we can address it at a later date. R Cooke, regarding raises and increases stated it was for the Cost of Living Adjustment and regarding the summer program, he likes having it in town but would be agreeable to reducing by \$7,000. G Klanchesser noted that perhaps the bottom line could be adjusted for consideration for a reduction in Sept Fest or the Holiday Lighting event. **G.Klanchesser moved to amend the amount from \$44,925 to \$37,925 with G Pare seconding the amendment. The amended motion passed 5-0-2 with Gail Pare and Chr. Wahl abstaining.**

◊ Planning:

Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend \$138,330 and Gail Pare seconded. **Motion passed 6-0-1 with Chr. Wahl abstaining.** It was also discussed that the 'directory sign project' be funded under Planning next year.

◊ Sewer:

Jack O'Reilly moved to recommend \$647,600 and Gail Pare seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

◊ Cemetery:

Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend \$19,430 and Liz Taccetta seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

◊ Historic District Commission:

Gail Pare moved to revise their request of \$ 17,849 to \$ 16,052 (-10%) as some of the 2010 funds were encumbered. Gail Klanchesser seconded. **Motion passed 6-0-1 with Gail Pare abstaining.**

◊ Highway:

Jack O'Reilly asked if the \$ 62,446 reduction is reflected in the \$505,029 proposal. Chr. Wahl stated the \$505,029 is after the \$62,446 was taken out and that the \$8,000 is still included for the signs under highway. Liz Taccetta asked about the culvert line and noted it was under spent in 2009 yet \$25,000 was requested for 2010. J. O'Reilly spoke of the 2 areas needed culverts, those being Little Bay and Gundalow Landing. **The motion to recommend \$505,029 passed 6-0-1 with Chr. Wahl abstaining.**

◊ Police:

Gail Pare moved to recommend \$ 1,291,002. Gail Klanchesser seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

◊ Fire:

Gail Pare moved to recommend \$1,279,740. Gail Klanchesser seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

◊ General Government:

Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend \$1,974,402. Gail Pare seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Chr Wahl stated that the new recommended bottom line is \$ 6,022,481. **Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend. Gail Pare seconded. Motion passed 7-0.** Jack O'Reilly stated that this represents an increase of \$ 73,329 over last year.

At 3:30pm, Chr. Wahl gave a brief overview of the SB2 petition which will appear on Tuesday's (March 9) ballot. He made the following points:

- 1). Budget meetings would begin in October – which puts the Budget Committee at a disadvantage as the year end spending numbers would not be available**
- 2). The Public Hearing would have to be held by the 3rd Tuesday in January**
- 3). The Deliberative Session would be held the last week in January and only those in attendance would be able to amend and make motions not only to the budget but to all Warrant Articles. In fact, two WA in Rye and Hampton were actually totally eliminated from consideration. The Deliberative Session is very similar to our Public Hearing. With limited attendance making the motions, Larry questioned how those voting in the booth 6 weeks later could make sound decisions.**

Hampton has gone to a default budget for 5 years – no raises, no steps, no COLAS. If the proposed budget is rejected, the default kicks in (plus the contractual obligations). Something must be cut from the bottom line to supplement added spending.

Once the election is over with, the Selectmen then have full control of where the money is spent with no input from the public. The vote on the budget is for the bottom line only. The Selectmen allocate to the different departments, pick projects and decide on raises.

Warrant Articles:

For Saturday, March 13

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of *Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars* (\$900,000) for the construction of a Highway Garage, Salt Shed and affiliated costs to be raised through the issuance of Bonds and/or Notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1et seq., and to accept federal, state, or other aid, if any, made available therefore, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such Bonds and/or Notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof, and pass any vote relating thereto. (2/3 Vote Required – must be ballot vote)

G.Pare moved to recommend. G. Klanchesser seconded. • D Hebert asked for the term length. J.O'Reilly stated that it had not come before the Selectmen yet but he was looking at the \$ 120,000 savings in interest for a 5 year. •Denis preferred a 5 year bond. • Jack then spoke of Art 5 and assurances sought that if #5 passes, although the funds from the pavilion Cap Reserve must go into the General Fund, but the operating budget be adjusted by the dissolve amount or the Highway Bldg Cap Res be adjusted by that amount. •R Fletcher asked if the Highway garage building still had lounges, kitchens and bedrooms designed in. •Jack stated there are no bedrooms, but there was a kitchenette. 20% contingency was built in. **Motion passed 7-0**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7 - 0)

ARTICLE 5: No vote from Budget Committee required.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 which was established for the purpose of construction or improvements to our Highway (Town Garage) Building.

G Klanchesser moved to recommend. G Pare seconded. Motion passed 7-0

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7 - 0)

March 09 we added \$65,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$145,505

ARTICLE 7: (done)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Seven Thousand Dollars* (\$7,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 which was established to fund capital improvements for the Cemetery.

G Pare moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 7-0

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7 - 0)

March 09 we added \$7,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 7,138

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Conservation Fund established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 to be used for expenses associated with the purchase of Conservation Land and open space, easements, wetlands, and other land management acquisitions. **G.Pare moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded.** •G Klanchesser asked if a possible purchase was on the horizon. • D Hebert mention the KWA survey boundaries to be marked As this was a gift. • P Lamson noted the last acquisition was the Frink Easement. Is nice to be prepared when something does come up. • D Hebert would like to see \$50,000 rather than \$25,000. This type of amendment could be done on the floor at Town Meeting. **Motion passed 7-0.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7 - 0)

March 09 we added \$0 to this account and it now shows a balance of approx \$ 340,774

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$5,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the Mott Pond Drainage Improvement Fund. **G Pare moved to recommend. G Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7 - 0)

March 09 we added \$0 to this account/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 20,413

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of *Fifty One Thousand Dollars* (\$51,000) for the purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle. **G. Klanchesser moved to recommend and G. Pare seconded.** •Selectman J. Stuart said she is not opposed to the need for a command vehicle, she is opposed to the amount. • D Hebert stated that currently the Fire Dept is utilizing a former cruiser and questioned the need if little has changed. The Forestry truck was purchased after the Suburban died in 2000. • Selectman C. Iocovozzi stated that the Fire Dept came in with a request for a vehicle that had the ability to be used as a command and be able to tow. A boom truck will be turned in one the alarm sys is converted.

(Member L Taccetta left) **Motion passed 6-0.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (2-1 Stuart opposed)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department. **G Klanchesser moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded** and stated their request was reduced to \$10,000 vs the \$25,000 the initially requested. **Motion passed 6-0.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

March 09 we added \$0 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 201,061

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment. **G. Pare moved to recommend. G. Klanchesser seconded.** •C. Cross wondered why when an ambulance is needed it just isn't budgeted for. • J.O'Reilly answered saying that when you contribute small amounts annually to a Cap Res, it tends to keep the tax rate more level,- preventing spikes. He added that they initial request was for \$15,000 and Selectmen cut that back to \$10,000. **Motion passed 6-0.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

March 09 we added \$10,000 to this account/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 65,056

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Newington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifteen Thousand Dollars* (\$15,000) to be added to our existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and equipment operated by the Highway Department. **G. Pare moved to recommend. G. Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed 6-0**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

March 09 we added \$0 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 25,651

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 known as the Major Road Work Fund which was established for the purpose of funding major improvements to roadways. **G Pare moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 6-0**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

March 09 we added \$25,000 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$76,034

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the existing Police Department Capital Reserve Fund known as the Radio Equipment Fund established in 1998 under the provisions of RSA 35:1, which formerly read 'for the purpose of purchasing radio equipment for the Police Dept'; to now read 'for the purpose of purchasing, replacement or repair of needed electronics and or communication devices'; and to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). (2/3 vote required.) If passed, to be known as the Police Department Radio/Electronics Fund. **G Klanchesser moved to recommend. G Pare seconded.** • D Hebert asked why this warrant article is necessary. • L Wahl spoke of the maint and repairs of computers in the cruisers. • C Cross felt the Dept should fund a line annually. • J. Hoyt said the original Cap Res was for the digital conversion of radios. It's purpose is defined as just that. By expanding its purpose, if a big need comes up, it is there. • Selectman locovozzi informed the floor that use of Cap Res must be approved by the Selectmen. **Motion passed 6-0.**

THIS ARITCLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

The balance in this account shows \$ 3,255.42 as of December 31, 2009

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Newington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (**\$5,000**) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance, repair and improvements of Town Recreational Facilities and Equipment.

G. Klanchesser moved to recommend. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6 - 0)

March 09 we added 0 to this account and/as of Dec 31, 2009 shows a balance of \$ 19,383

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$21,440.00) to be paid to COAST for services provided to Newington through public transportation. **G. Pare moved to recommend. G. Klanchesser seconded.** • D Hebert feels the town should contribute Newington's share as they do bring a service to us. The Town has not contributed for 10 years. Other communities give but our Town doesn't and those communities notice this. COAST only supports the businesses as they have no routes into the residential portion. He went on to say that Newington does not support Elder Care and we offer no public transportation. Our residents use other towns facilities. He added that \$21,000 isn't that much money. Contributing would be beneficial for us as then we could qualify for certain funds either state or federal. This isn't just for the Elderly, it is for the elderly and homebound alike. •R Fletcher spoke of the care van that the elderly housing uses to their people. • Selectmen Iocovozzi and O'Reilly stated that Newington does contribute to about 14 agencies annually. It would be nice to come into this area of town. • G Klanchesser state that they do offer limited on call stops but they are only found very close to the route stops. Everything is timed. They service out businesses. Maybe we should contribute for a year or two as a way of supporting our businesses then maybe speak to a local bus company. • J O'Reilly stated that if this doesn't pass, he'd like to see the town look into contracting a company to provide service to our elderly and disabled. **Motion failed to recommend. 1 - 5**

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (5 - 1)

Article 19: No action required from the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Fire Department Communications Capital Reserve Fund which was established under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

G. Klanchesser moved to recommend. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (6-0)

As of Dec 31, 2009 this shows a balance of \$1,065.85

At 4:30 the meeting was recessed for documentation signatures.

At 4:45pm, **Selectmen's Rep O'Reilly moved to adjourn, Gail Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed.**

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant