

**NEWINGTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING**

FEBRUARY 15, 2003

The Public Budget Hearing was opened at 1:10 pm.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the residents of Newington and the Newington Budget Committee to review the 2003 Town budget.

Terri Spinney made a motion to accept the minutes of February 8, 2003. Leslie Brock seconded. Richard Spinney referred to section 4194 Town Buildings; it said that the Meeting House needs painting on two sides and has to be hand scraped. Ruth Fletcher said that the steeple had not been done yet either. Mr. Spinney said he did not remember Ruth saying that and that the steeple was done. Ruth Fletcher denies saying it. Gail Pare said that someone had mention the steeple, but she thought they where referring to the work that needs to be done to the steeple roof. It is recommended that the minutes be amended to say. A comment was made that the steeple roof had not been done yet either.

Wil Gilbert said that he misspoke and was quoted in the newspaper as saying that the Newington Neighbor is not a non-profit organization. He wanted to go on record as saying that the Newington Neighbor is a non-profit organization in good standing with the Secretary of State of New Hampshire.

Laura Coleman, Acting Chairman, asked for a vote to accept the minutes of February 8, 2003 as amended. Motion passed none opposed.

Leslie Brock made a motion to open the Newington School District Budget of \$1,528,449. Seconded by Dennis Acton.

Gail Pare made a motion to open the Public Hearing on this budget. Seconded by Terri Spinney. The Public Hearing on the Newington School Budget was opened at 1:22 pm.

Dennis Hebert asked how many students are going to the school this year, in comparison to past years. Terri Spinney stated that the number is pretty consistent, plus or minus five students. Mr. Hebert stated that as a member of the Planning Board, he is interested in the effects of development and growth in Town and how potential development will impact all aspects of the Town's overall budget.

Wil Gilbert said that the Town must be aware that right now there are a large number of students moving through the system. As these students move into the Middle School and High School the School's Budget will increase over the next four years, to meet this demand. However, after that the Town will see the demand level off again. He said that any development in Town will have an impact however the school is set up to handle this. When the addition was put on the school, the School Board looked at the possibility of increased enrollment. Mr. Gilbert also told the assembly that one of the reasons the budget for the School decreased this year was because the Bond for the addition is now paid off.

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Dennis Hebert asked if the new school in Portsmouth will affect the cost of Newington's tuitions. Terri Spinney said that, it would be figured into the equation. Mr. Hebert asked if that was figured into this year's budget. Terri Spinney said no because the school isn't completed yet, so it has not affected the Town yet. She said that it will be another year before it is completed.

Chairman Laura Coleman asked if there was any further discussion. There being none she closed the Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Coleman called for a final vote on the Newington School District Budget in the amount of \$1,528,449. Vote: All in favor; None opposed.

Chairman Coleman opened the Public Hearing at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$12,550. She noted that the budget had decreased by \$316. Chairman Coleman asked for discussion on this budget. There was none.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Historic District Budget in the amount of \$6,100. She said that \$6,000 of the budget will be spent on a project to restore old Town records. Barbara Hill said that there are around 30 old Town books. The restoration will be done over a period of time, starting with the books in the worst condition. It may take three or four years to complete this project.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Library Budget in the amount \$31,400. She noted that the increase is 5% over last year. Barbara Hill asked what the Library Trust Funds are used for. Gail Pare said the Trust Funds are used to supplement the Town Budget. They provided for additional labor when needed and computer equipment. The Trust Funds provide about \$2,100 per year toward Library operations. Leslie Brock asked if it was true that the Librarian receives two weeks paid vacation every year. Gail Pare stated that historically the Librarian always has received vacation pay. Leslie Brock pointed out that no other part time Town employee gets paid vacation. Gail Pare said that the Library is autonomous when it comes to financial management and if the bottom line is appropriated than the Library Trustees can handle the Library employees differently than the Town employees. She said the Library Chairman and the Selectmen did discuss this issue and came up with a solution that they were all comfortable with. They had agreed to pay the Librarian for fifty weeks a year instead of fifty two weeks.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Recreation Budget in the amount of \$37,593. She noted that the budget had increased 37% over last year. Chairman Coleman asked if the \$900. for the Storage Building should be placed in the Selectman's budget instead of under the Recreation General Supplies line #610. Kay Akerley asked where the storage building will be put. Chairman Coleman said it would be put near the Tennis Courts. The storage building will be for storing Recreational Equipment and used only by the Recreation Committee so it was decided to leave the item in this budget. Ruth Fletcher asked what was being done to justify the \$13,000 increase in this budget. Selectman Iocovozzi said that prior to this year there was no Recreation Committee. Before this year there were only a Summer Program and a few small events happening. This year there are

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additional and more expanded events and activities being planned by the Recreation Committee. Kay Akerley noted that the Senior's Dinner was increased by \$125. Margaret Lamson explained that the caterer that was doing the dinner is not available any more. Mrs. Lamson asked about the Summer Program. Peter McDonald explained that the Program will be four days a week, with an additional two weeks added onto last year's program. The hours will not be extended. Leslie Brock stated that the Town is looking at around \$18,000 for an eight week program. She said that represents \$562.50 per day which seems quite high. Jack Anderson said that the Recreation Committee did a survey of parents in Town before setting up this program. The Committee came up with ten different program variations. Before this program the Summer Program was six weeks or 24 days, \$885.00 per day and \$19.60 per child, per day. The new program is 32 days at \$855.00 per day and \$19.00 per child, per day. This is based on 45 children. Leslie Brock asked if these costs were before or after the parents paid their share. Mr. Anderson said that this was total program cost, of which 68% will be paid by the Town and 32% will be paid for by the parents.

Lulu Pickering noted that on the MS7 last year the Recreation Budget was \$27,705 this year it is \$76,493. Chairman Coleman explained that on the current MS7 the Recreation Budget of \$37,593 is combined with Land Management of \$38,900.

Lulu Pickering asked what was going to be done at Fox Point with the \$2,000 appropriation. Selectman Jan Stuart stated that there will be work done to repair the floating dock. Selectman Iocovozzi clarified that the work will be done on just the dock and not the wall. Terri Spinney asked if the Town has any estimates as to how much it will cost to repair the dock. Selectman Iocovozzi confirmed. Lulu Pickering said that she had talked to the Building Inspector Charlie Smart and he told her that the whole platform had to be replaced not just the rails. She said she did not think the two thousand dollars would cover the costs. Dennis Hebert said that as an engineer, he could say that two thousand dollars should more than cover the work.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Highway Budget in the amount of \$152,672. She noted that this budget decreased by 10%. Chairman Coleman asked what roads were scheduled for paving this year. Selectman Iocovozzi said Old Dover Road, an area near Old Dover Road on the ICR, Patterson Lane and one end of Fox Point are all scheduled. Chairman Coleman asked about the increase to Road Stripping Line #4312. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that the State no longer does the stripping, so the Town must hire it out to a local contractor that charge by the linear foot. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that the Road Salt increase is volume, due to the severe winter the Town has faced this year. The highway department uses 3 to 1; salt to sand on the roads. He said the State recommends that for safety reasons, Towns use more salt than sand on the roads. Dennis Hebert asked when the Selectmen were putting these budget numbers together, did they included the addition of the ICR into the equation for plowing and salting and maintaining roads. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that they had.

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Chairman Coleman introduced the Conservation Commission Budget in the amount of \$7,982. She noted a decrease in Wetlands Resource from \$8,640 to \$4,620. Kay Akerley explained that half of the Wetland Project is completed and this appropriation is for the remaining phase. Conservation Chairman Margaret Lamson stated that this is for the mapping. The mapping will also be used as a tool in working on the Master Plan. Margaret Lamson addressed the assembly about Warrant Article #3. She explained that importance of supporting the impending Bond Issue to purchase a Conservation Easement on the Frink Farm Property. She explained that the Board of Selectmen had held a Public Hearing on the Bond at 12 noon and that the Selectmen as well as the Conservation Commission were in complete support of this Warrant Article. Chairman Coleman asked why there was no figure in the Conservation Budget last year for the Town Forest. Kay Akerley said that last year it was under the Selectmen's budget as \$5,000. However, the Selectmen felt that it should come under the Conservation Commission. Dennis Hebert stated that \$3,000 this year is very low for the Town Forest. He expressed concern that if the Town does not use the money, the PDA and the State Agencies might decide that the Town has abandoned the Forest. At that point they might take action and the Town will have very little to stand on once that has occurred. If the Town does not maintain the Forest, it will not be able to keep it in Conservation and the Town will lose the Forest to development. Iocovozzi explained that the Lease of the Forest from the PDA has not been finalized yet because the Federal Government has not finalized their lease of the Forest back to Pease. He said that the \$3,000 is to show good faith to maintain the Forest.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Planning Budget in the amount of \$130,333. AA Cynthia Gillespie explained that this figure is a combination of the Planning Board Budget of \$66,500 and the Planner's salary and benefits which are in the General Government budget in the amount of \$63,833. Ruth Fletcher asked if the Planner, Tom Morgan received a raise this year. Selectman Stuart said that his salary of \$46,138.60 consist of a 2.5% COLA and a \$1,000 longevity bonus. Mrs. Fletcher stated that Tom Morgan is a very knowledgeable person and is a valuable asset to the Town. She added that she did not think he was being paid enough, because of his expertise and the number of years he has been with the Town. Chairman Coleman stated that this was a personnel issue and that the Budget Committee could not increase salaries. Mrs. Fletcher stated that she just wanted the Selectmen to take note of this situation.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Sewer Commission Budget in the amount of \$561,753. She noted that there was a decrease from last year's budget from \$567,476. Lulu Pickering asked how much money is there in the Enterprise Fund. George Fletcher said that there is about \$607,000. Lulu Pickering asked why the Town could not use the money in the case of an emergency. Selectman Iocovozzi explained that the money is not for Town use, but for keeping the Sewer Plant operating. He said that when something goes wrong at the Plant, it is not just a couple of thousand dollars. Also, the State RSAs regulate the use of the money in that Fund. George Fletcher said that the amount of money that is in the Fund is unique. He said that back in 1979 when the Plant was being constructed Norm Myers was the Treasurer of the Town. At that time Mr. Myers was able to invest the money at extremely high interest rates, sometimes as high as 16% and 17%. That is why the Enterprise Fund has so much money. Gail Pare asked Lulu if her suggestion was for the Town to set up a Fund like an Enterprise Fund to take care of emergencies. Lulu Pickering said that the

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Town should set up some type of Fund for emergencies, but it does not have to be as large as the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$957,353. Ruth Fletcher asked how many full time officers there are. Chief Loomis stated that including himself there are nine full time police officers. Mrs. Fletcher asked how many part timers there are. Chief Loomis stated that there are ten positions for part timers however, right now there are eight active. Chairman Coleman asked about the Police Department's Step Program. Chief Loomis stated that the officer's salaries are increased by step every other year. He explained that the system is Levels and Steps. The job position is a Level and the time of service is a Step. (A increase in Level is a promotion; An increase in Step is longevity). There are 15 Steps to a Level. George Fletcher asked why there is \$109,000 left over in last year's budget. Chairman Coleman said that the expenditure report that was submitted was from the December 4th. The actual expenditures for last year used up all of the budget except \$24,000 by year end.

Chairman Coleman introduced the Fire Budget in the amount of \$680,942. Ruth Fletcher said that it was her understanding that if the Town hired two new firefighters that the overtime would decrease. Instead overtime for last year was budgeted at \$24,000 and ended up \$63,000 expended. Leslie Brock explained that the two firefighters that where hired last year are still on probation, therefore they are still training and cannot be left alone on duty. Mrs. Fletcher asked Chief Loomis how long Police Officers train. Chief Loomis said six months. Chief Greenleaf stated that the State has mandated that the new firefighters that are trained, must attend two weeks at C2-F2 school. Also, because of the industrial area there are many systems that the firefighters must learn, also there are many fire alarm system panels that must be learned. He pointed out that the Town has mandated that the Fire Station have two people on duty at all times. Also there are vacations, sick time and Kelly Days that must be covered along with the rotating schedule of 24 hours on and 48 hours off. The other problem is that there are only two people currently active on call. Assistant Chief Cote explained that in the past the call personnel would fill in on shifts when the regular firefighters where off, which help keep the over time down. He said that in the past there where as many as fifteen guys on call and they where fighting over the shifts, now there are only two. Ruth Fletcher asked why that was. Assistant Chief Cote said that they have all been hired as full time with other fire departments. Chief Greenleaf said that he has advertised in the Portsmouth Herald, Fosters and on-line, for Call Personnel and only received four applications. None of which worked out, because of various reasons. Ruth Fletcher asked why the overtime is so high now when the mandates have been in effect since 1996. Assistant Chief Cote explained that now the overtime is being taken from the overtime line, in years past the overtime was being taken from the call line. So what is showing in the overtime line now is a true figure of what is actually being spent in overtime. Leslie Brock said that next year the department will still be showing a lot of overtime because two of the new firefighters are still on probation until May and the third firefighter will be on probation until November. After that, the Town should see a substantial drop in overtime. George Fletcher asked if the probation time can be changed to six months. Chief Greenleaf stated it depends upon how the individual is progressing. He said that he was not willing to put a guy out on the street that was not ready. Selectman Iocovozzi said that this decision has to be made by the Board of Fire Engineers.

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Kay Akerley asked if it was true that every firefighter was getting a merit increase, this year. Chief Greenleaf said that he was giving each firefighter a .05% merit. Jack Anderson asked if the fire department had ever let anyone go during the year of probation. Chief Greenleaf said no, the department gives the individual as much training as possible to succeed, because that is what is important to the department. Mr. Anderson stated that he felt that must be another reason for having a longer probationary period. If the department cuts back on the probationary period the department doesn't have as much time to see what these individuals are capable of. Also, once a person is locked into a position it is harder to let them go if they are not qualified. George Fletcher noted that the New Hampshire Retirement System increased 138%. He asked if the Town had to contribute that entire amount. Chief Greenleaf confirmed. Mr. Fletcher asked why the retirement increased so much. Leslie Brock stated that in the past year there was an unusual amount of firefighters that retired in the State of New Hampshire. Also, the other factors that are affecting the retirement rate are the unstable economy and longer life expectancy. She said that when the economy changes the rate will probably drop again. Mr. Fletcher said that it did not seem right that when times are bad, the taxpayers have to pay more. Police Chief Loomis said that the employees have always had to contribute 9.3% regardless of what the economy was doing. So when times were good and the Town's portions were only 2, 3 or 4%, the employee was still paying 9.3%.

Chairman Coleman introduced the General Government Budget in to amount of \$1,136,758.73. Lulu Pickering asked if the Old Stone School is included on the schedule for property liability insurance and is that amount included in the budget for Insurance line #4196. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the building is completely insured. Ms. Pickering said that the Building Inspector Charlie Smart said that there could be up to 10 adults in the building. Selectman Iocovozzi said that the Town has a letter from the insurance company saying the Town should not allow anyone into the building until the work is done. Ms Pickering disagreed with the interpretation of the letter from the insurance carrier. She asked if she could come to the Tuesday night Selectmen's meeting to discuss it further with the Selectmen. Selectman Iocovozzi agreed.

George Fletcher asked why the Selectman were spending money for a new kitchen in the fire station. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that line #4194-07 was not for a new kitchen but just repairs to the existing kitchen. Leslie Brock said that the department is thinking of replacing the stove and the floor in the kitchen. Also there is a need to tile the boiler room where the old boiler was taken out. The carpet is for the two bunk rooms. Mr. Fletcher said that he could see these items costing about \$5,000. Selectman Iocovozzi said that there will be other things coming up during the year that will need to be repaired on the station. Leslie Brock said that some of these repairs were suppose to be done last year but the money was used for the boiler at the Town Hall. She also said that the Assistant Chief mentioned that if the department could get a commercial washer and dryer, they could wash their own bunker gear. Selectman Iocovozzi said that there are other repairs that the department wants to make to the truck bays this year, like there are a couple of major cracks in the floor. Also, there are some drainage problems with the plumbing.

George Fletcher asked about line item #700, under Capital Outlay #4902. He asked how many miles are there on the truck. Selectman Iocovozzi said he thought around 60,000 miles.

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Mr. Fletcher said that he looked the other day and there is 73,000 miles. He asked what year is it. Selectman Iocovozzi said he thought it was an 87. Mr. Fletcher said he thought it was an 83. Mr. Fletcher said he looked the truck over the other day and he felt that the Town could get a lot more out of it, because Dick Rines has taken good care of it. He said he has seen trucks go over 200,000 miles. Mr. Fletcher said he felt the town should put some money away each year towards the purchase of vehicles in a Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Iovocozzi said that the Board of Selectmen felt that this was a good year to buy the truck because there are no Police Cars being purchased this year. Also, the Selectmen have dropped their budget by 4% and that includes the truck and the loader. Leslie Brock said that it is to late this year to set up a Capital Reserve Fund for vehicle purchases. Selectman Iocovozzi said that the reason the Board of Selectmen have not set up a Capital Reserve Fund in the past for these purchases is because of a couple of reasons. One being that most years there have been police and fire vehicles being purchased and they where the priority. Also, there has been discussion about hiring out the plowing, salting and sanding to private contractors. However, the problem with hiring this out is finding a contractor that will give the service that the Town is receiving now with Lenny Thomas and John Frink. The Board of Selectmen feels that the Town is not ready to put these services out to bid. These services, contracted out will cost the Town a lot more than they do now.

Lulu Pickering asked what the \$2,000 on line #430, under #4195-05 Old Town Hall was for. Selectman Iocovozzi said that it was for some electrical wiring, the telephone and some repairs to the fire escape. Ruth Fletcher asked if the building is being used. Selectman Iocovozzi said that it was. Mrs. Fletcher asked if the Newington Neighbor could move into the upstairs. Gail Pare said that there is no electricity in the upstairs. Selectman Iocovozzi said that the Newington Neighbor would have to formally ask the Board of Selectman for permission to use the building. Lulu Pickering said that she talked with both the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector about what had to be done to the building before the Newington Neighbor could use it. She said that they told her that the electric meter has to be replaced and because the power has been off so long that all the batteries in the emergency lights must be replaced.

Lulu Pickering asked if the only amount spent on the Old Stone School last year was \$839. Selectman Iocovozzi said that the \$839.00 was for the heat. Ms. Pickering asked who has the authority to spend money out of the Capital Reserve Funds. Chairman Coleman stated that it depends on the wording in the Warrant Article that established the Capital Reserve Fund, who is authorized to spend the money in the Fund. Lulu Pickering asked what the \$5,000 on line #430 under the Stone School was for and if the Selectmen will use that money for what it is intended for. Selectmen Iocovozzi said the \$5,000 was for engineering and the immediate safety issues, which the Selectmen will do. Ms. Pickering said that the Building Inspector said that it would cost \$3,700 just for the emergency lighting, so she does not felt that the \$5,000 will take care of the engineering and all the safety issues. Selectmen Iocovozzi said the he has not seen any quotes yet.

Chairman Coleman asked if there where any further discussion or questions on the General Government Budget. There being none; the Public Hearing was closed at 5:03 pm.

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Present: Acting Chairman Laura Coleman, Budget Committee Members: Dennis Acton, Kay Akerley, Leslie Brock, Wil Gilbert, Gail Pare, Richard Spinney, Richard Sullivan
Acting Selectmen's Representative Cosmas Iocovozzi

Absent: Chairman Alfred Smith, Budget Committee Member Terri Spinney

The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the Committee's recommendations for the 2003 Warrant Articles and to vote on the completed 2003 Town Budget.

Chairman Coleman called for a vote for the total Town of Newington 2003 budget in the amount of \$3,651,604. Those in favor-Leslie Brock-**1 Yes**. Those opposed-Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Richard Spinney, Richard Sullivan, Dennis Acton, Wil Gilbert-**6 No**. Motion did not carry.

Acting Chairman, Laura Coleman asked the committee if there are any changes that need to be made. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the Holiday pay in the Fire Department's Budget for the Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief is in direct conflict with the Town Personnel Policy. Salary personnel do not get the additional Holiday Pay. The amount for the Chief is \$2,110.14 and the amount for the Assistant Chief is \$1,961.02. The Board of Selectmen is asking the Budget Committee to reduce the Fire Department's Budget by \$4,071.16.

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to change the Fire Department Budget from \$689,942 to \$685,871; motion seconded by Kay Akerley.

Chairman Coleman called for a vote to accept the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$689,942. Those in favor-Cosmas Iovocozi, Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Wil Gilbert-**4 Yes**. Those opposed-Dennis Acton, Richard Sullivan, Leslie Brock-**3 No**. (Richard Spinney had left the meeting) Motion carried.

Chairman Coleman said that she felt the Town needs to plan ahead for large capital expenditures, by setting up Capital Reserve Funds. She said that she is not in favor of buying a truck and a loader if the Town does not really need them. She recommended that the Budget Committee reduce the Selectmen's Budget by the amount of the truck and the loader, totally \$85,000.

Selectman Iocovozzi made a motion to change the General Government Budget from \$1,136,758.73 to \$1,051,758.73; motion seconded by Richard Sullivan.

Chairman Coleman called for a vote to accept the General Government Budget in the amount of \$1,051,758.73. Those in favor-Kay Akerley-**1 Yes**. Those opposed-Dennis Acton, Gail Pare, Wil Gilbert, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-**5 No**. Motion did not carry.

Richard Sullivan recommended that the Budget Committee reduce the General Government Budget by the amount of \$30,000. He said that he feels the Town needs to buy the loader but could get by another year without the truck.

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Richard Sullivan made a motion to change the General Government Budget from \$1,136,758.73 to \$1,106,758.73; motion seconded by Gail Pare. Those in favor-Kay Akerley, Dennis Acton, Gail Pare, Richard Sullivan-4 Yes. Those opposed-Wil Gilbert-1 No. Cosmas Iocovozzi-Abstained.

Cosmas Iocovozzi made a motion to accept the total Town of Newington, 2003 Budget in the amount of \$3,617,533; motion seconded by Kay Akerley.

Chairman Coleman called for a vote: Motion carried with none opposed.

The next section of the Newington Budget Committee meeting of February 15, 2003 is to review and to vote on the Town's 2003 Warrant Articles. The results were as follows:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the acquisition of a Conservation Land Easement on a parcel in Newington, NH: know as The Frink Home Lot and Fields, 43.33 acres Map 17 Lot 6; by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Newington, and to authorize the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easement and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept any funds from the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Government and private sources, as they may become available, and pass any vote relating thereto. (2/3 Vote Required)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Gail Pare made the motion to recommend Article 3; Cosmas Iocovozzi seconded. Those in favor-Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Dennis Acton, Wil Gilbert, Cosmas Iocovozzi-5 Yes. Those opposed-Richard Sullivan-1 No.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be used for structural improvements to the Old Stone School so that it can be reopened for use by the Townspeople. Submitted by petition.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to recommend Article 10; Richard Sullivan seconded. Those in favor-Dennis Acton, Wil Gilbert-2 Yes. Those opposed-Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-4 No.

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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be used for structural improvements to the first floor of the Mott House at Fox Point so that it can be opened for use by the Townspeople as a three season facility. Submitted by petition.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to recommend Article 11; Gail Pare seconded. Those in favor-Wil Gilbert-**1 Yes**. Those opposed-Dennis Acton, Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-**5 No**.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) to be used for structural improvements to the docks and platforms at Fox Point in order to reopen them for use by Townspeople and to make them ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliant. Submitted by petition.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dennis Action made the motion to recommend Article 12; Cosmas Iocovozzi seconded. Those in favor-Dennis Acton, Wil Gilbert-**2 Yes**. Those opposed-Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-**4 No**.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for an engineering study to review the Old Stone School and the Old Town Hall and prepare a strategy for bringing these buildings up to code so they can be used by the Townspeople, young and old. Submitted by petition.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Selectman Iocovozzi made the motion to recommend Article 13; Richard Sullivan seconded. Those in favor-Dennis Acton, Gail Pare, Wil Gilbert, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-**5 Yes**. Those opposed-Kay Akerley-**1 No**.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be used for structural improvements to the Old Town Hall so that the whole building can be used by the Townspeople. Submitted by petition.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dennis Acton made the motion to recommend Article 14; Cosmas Iocovozzi seconded. Those in favor-Dennis Acton, Kay Akerley, Gail Pare, Wil Gilbert, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Richard Sullivan-**6 Yes**. Those opposed-**NONE**.

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There being no further business the Town of Newington Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Gillespie
Administrative Assistant