

**Budget Committee Public Hearing
School District and Town
2009 Budgets
Town Hall 1:00pm
Saturday, February 7, 2009**

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

Present: Chairman Wahl, members Jack O'Reilly-Selectmen's Rep, School Board Rep Helen Maldini, Tom Benson, Gail Pare, John Lamson, Gail Klanchesser, Russell Cooke, and Darin Sabine. *(Absent Liz Taccetta)*

Also in attendance were Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Finance person Cyndi Gillespie, Police Commissioners Doug Ross and Paul Kent, George Cushing and Jim Katkin of SAU 50, School Board member Deidre Link, Elementary Principal Helen Rist, Library Trustee Dot Noseworthy and Jim Noseworthy, Fire Engineers Wib Goins, Steve Sabine and Ruth Fletcher, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf and Assistant Chief Dale Sylvia; Sewer Commissioner Chr George Fletcher; Denis Hebert, Sally Staude, John Klanchesser, and Ralph Estey.

Larry opened by mentioning that the Fire Dept Amended Budget was off by a dollar and wanted clarity as what it should be so that all the members are in agreement. The members felt \$38,909 was correct. ***Gail Pare moved to accept minutes of February 4 and J. O'Reilly seconded.*** G. Klanchesser asked that the minutes reflect that fans were *purchased* for the 2nd floor at Old Town Hall, not *installed* as they are floor fans. ***Motion passed*** with amendments with Russell Cooke and Helen Maldini abstaining.

2009 School District Budget - \$ 1,870,651 *passed*

G Klanchesser moved to approve the school district budget request in the amount of \$1,870,651.

G Pare seconded. Chr. Wahl then opened the public hearing on the school budget at 1:05pm.

Sally Staude asked about number of students in the Elementary School at the present time and what the per pupil cost is. Helen Maldini answered there are 40 students however per pupil costs are determined at year's end. Jim Katkin said that in section 2 next to the last page in their budget presentation you will see a State number of \$23,321 however these figures are projected. 2007-2008 there were 95 students as of Oct 1 K-12. 93 is expected this year. G Pare noted that you can't use the expended figures compared to the budgeted but the budget reflects \$ 58,059 over last year. Full day Kindergarten and tuitions in the Middle & High Schools account for basically most of the increase. S Staude stated that Newington is spending an enormous amount of money and you look at Greenland, it has higher test scores. Deidre Link responded by stating that our classes in some cases are so small that a true reading can't be done as they are below the State's minimal charts.

Chr. Wahl closed the public hearing on the School Budget at 1:11pm. The Budget Committee had no further comment. ***When he called for the vote, it was unanimous 9-0.*** Documents were then signed.

2009 Town Budget *(excluding bond notes and warrant articles)*

At 1:20, Chr. Wahl got a motion from H Maldini to approve the Town budget at \$5,949,152 with G Pare seconding. He then opened the public hearing.

S Staude asked why the assessing, police station, old parsonage, town hall, fire station and land management budgets have increased so substantially.

J. O'Reilly said that the utility and commercial property were to be updated this year and that is why Assessing is going up. As far as the police station, a garage is planned to not only provide

cover for the cruisers but also will fill the needs for a pet provision plan for emergency shelter. Dehumidification, clapboards and mold & mildew issues were planned for the Old Parsonage along with an alarm system replacement. Town Hall storage issues, booster pump for our water, display cases for historical artifacts and our heating & cooling system problems were on tap to be addressed. Fire Station had a generator purchase in the works along with a security lock system. Land Management had an erosion project in process, foundation and stone work at Carriage House. Jack went on to say that all in all, the general government budget is **down over 6%**. He continued by stating that the Selectmen not only look at the up front numbers when planning the budget but look over time as to the effect down the road; ie: what the town is paying on now, when that bond or payment expires, what then can then be accomplished with no or little effect on the tax payers, what is essential, or, what can wait based on need. It is important to avoid spikes as level funding works best for all. Although the Donor Town threat isn't an immediate issue to deal with, it is being considered in the grand scheme of things even though it may be a few years out.

R. Fletcher stated that she wished the Selectmen would consider withdrawing the 5% C.O.L.A. increase because of this economy. J.O'Reilly stated that the costs for this COLA is approximately \$ 36,000 and the effect on the town....Ruth interrupted by stating she is not interested in costs. She went on to say that our people are paid very good and that they have the Cadillac plan of Health Care and could not understand why they had to get 5%. J. O'Reilly responded by saying we have excellent people on staff working for the town and no one was mandated to give 5%. This 5% is a cost of living and not only did employees get this COLA but so too did the stipend individuals who alone increased \$1,900. J. Klanchesser asked about the tax rate which is now \$ 8.97 (up 6 cents over last year). J.O'Reilly said that the industrial water front properties are expected to go up this year. There was discussion of the concern about businesses folding and the effect that it could impose on the Town, however the land and buildings are still owned by someone who therefore is responsible for the tax. Power Plants still pay the town a portion, however the state school rate is sent directly to Concord. R. Fletcher asked about the step system which J.O'Reilly explained was set up in 2.5% increments. She would like a copy.

S Staude asked why the Town Bldg Administration salary line was up 10%. J.O'Reilly said that the COLA was in that, along with a step, and also budgeted was back up fill-in money for when the custodian was on vacation.

R.Fletcher continued by stating that the Planner makes over \$ 93,000 based on salary and benefits. She felt that was on the high end.

R Fletcher asked why no wages were used in the Cemetery wage line. J.O'Reilly says that line is there if they needed staff to do projects in the Cemetery and it just so happened in 2008, their services were not requested.

R Fletcher then addressed Regional Associations and stated that Meals on Wheels were no longer around however, J O'Reilly pulled out that organization's request for funding showing how many families they serviced in Newington last year.

R Fletcher went on to address Emergency Management's budget. J.O'Reilly responded by stating in the past it was one line, however was broken out descriptive use-wise better for 2009.

She stated salaries when up over \$6,000 but J.O'Reilly corrected her by pointing out that she should compare budgeted numbers and not actual with 2009.

S Staude asked about the Meeting House and if the Tax Payers pay the expenses. J O'Reilly answered by saying that a grant reimbursement off set much of the expense which goes into the general fund.

S Staude asked about the usage of Old Town Hall and the income from use. Jack invited her to view the log we keep of its bookings.

R Fletcher asked about the Summer Rec Program and how many participate. J.O'Reilly answered around 20 and that the program consisted of visits to the Library, arts and crafts, activities and trip

day. The YMCA runs it. Newington participation is up due to it being back in town. A family contributes \$300 per child with a max. at \$600 per family.

R Fletcher questioned the Holiday Lighting Competition/Celebration and why \$2,500 was budgeted yet so little spent. J O'Reilly reminded her of the ice storm that weekend with L.Wahl stating it had a big effect.

R.Fletcher then went on to question the Library – the heating and water and maintenance- Chr Wahl explained that due to an RSA, the Library Trustees are in charge of the building and although it shows their budget up 40%, it is basically due to the bldg maintenance & costs move.

R Fletcher asked about Animal Control Statistics and how she was told she would be furnished with this information at Public Hearing about detail on calls, etc. ACO Jan Stuart wanted to know what Ruth wanted for detail. Ruth stated she wanted the information in written form to take with her to analyze. J.Stuart answered questions about number of calls (134) all but 2 were response calls to scene. She received 84 calls in regards to dogs in vehicles in mall area. When asked how she responds, Jan said it depended on circumstance. Sometimes owners are sought out, other times the car is forced open. Fish & Game (as of just recently) oversees wild life calls, but in the past she handled raccoons, etc. She has served civil forfeitures, calmed neighbor disputes, searched for lost animals/owners and even had to get the rabies regime.

S Staude asked why Legal is so high. J.O'Reilly said that actually it has gone down a bit. The Board tries to keep it at a level where they anticipate the need, but you never know what could come up over the year and that we have to be prepared. D.Hebert, Planning Board Chairman spoke of the laws set in Concord and their effects on local communities and how that can sometimes cause problems.

J.Klanchesser asked about Coakley and how long that was going on for and the outstanding debt. The AA felt the balances on the two accounts were somewhere in the vicinity of \$320,000 and \$47,000. J.O'Reilly said it is paid over time and a very low interest rate. G.Fletcher, Treasurer, added that there is also an existing escrow account being held with a balance of around \$46,000 on hand.

S Staude asked why the Carriage House work planned in 2009 wasn't a warrant article. J.OReilly stated that generally building maintenance is analyzed by the Selectmen and they request funding on what is needed.

R Fletcher asked which tax bill is generally the higher one. J O'Reilly responded that the fall bill generally reflects building changes and the new tax rate is calculated in the fall. A lot goes into the setting of the rate. Our projected revenues are calculated in along with the spending and of course the town's valuation is also a strong piece of the puzzle. The Board tries very hard to keep the rate level by also utilizing the unreserved fund balance.

S Staude asked why the Fire Dept salaries were up over \$50,000. Chr Wahl said you really can't compare the 'actual' and that you should use the 'budgeted' amount when calculating differences. In the Fire Department's case this year, they had four individuals out on disability and actually the salary request is only going up by \$9,000. Last year the town had 27 payrolls where as this year it is 26.

D Hebert asked if it was 5% COLA for everyone this year. H Maldini stated the school clerical got 3.5% and working time increased. Full time fire, police and town employees all got 5%. H.Maldini went on to say that the salaries for teachers show \$62,500, \$64,000, \$65,500 when looking at her chart and range in 12 steps plus benefits and felt that some of the teacher salaries were in line with the Planner's salary mentioned earlier. Teachers do, however pay towards their health. J.O'Reilly said that a few years back a Warrant Article brought forth to have the employees contribute towards health costs failed and added that when teachers were asked to contribute, their base salary was boosted 8 or 10% that year to compensate for that cost. H Maldini spoke briefly about the different contribution amounts that vary by the plan. For instance an HMO contribution may be 10% where as the JY was 22 to 25% and if they don't take the insurance, the employees are compensated in some manner. J O'Reilly stated that health

insurance actually decreased this year. He added that he wouldn't be surprised to see a petition Warrant Article on the floor in the near future addressing health costs.

J. Klanchesser noted that the police salary line had a significant increase and wondered why.

L.Wahl answered that the clerical wage was pushed up into the salary line for 2009.

2:30 10 minute break

G. Fletcher questioned the stipends and who determines who gets one. J.O'Reilly says that the Board oversees stipends. G.Klanchesser noted that there are RSA's that governs who does not get a stipend. The 3 Sewer Commissioners did not put in for a stipend increase nor did they for their sewer clerk and treasurer. He went on to add that consideration has to be given to the commercial and industrial taxpayers who's tax revenue makes up somewhere in the vicinity of 60% of our town. We should keep in mind the economic imbalance nationally right now and bear in mind that places could fold and close doors. Vacancy rates could rise. These places have no say in our spending but their needs should be considered into the process.

D Ross spoke of WalMart in Epping and what good neighbors they are. They asked the town to stay open 24 hours, which was granted but generally a contribution is accepted for the hiring of an additional officer. In this case, the town allowed the extended hours and did not mandate a contribution. J.O'Reilly said that our tax rate is a nice consideration. We keep our spending level, or at least try. We don't want to cut positions. We look at our employees and what they do and what is requested of them.

D Hebert said that although the Federal Government got 5.8%, there are no unions in town. If you start nickel and diming people, you'll soon see a union step in. Cost of living went up a lot. We don't want to be too generous either, on the other hand. J O'Reilly said that other town's salaries are often compared to ours. The main goal is to be fair.

R Fletcher noted that Assistance is up to \$25,000 and that is telling us something.

Chr.Wahl asked P Kent of the effects of officers leaving the force. Mr. Kent firmly stated that it is much more beneficial to keep them. If we don't treat our staff well, the unions will. People always want more by nature, but they can't say they are under paid.

J O'Reilly addressed retirees and felt we may see a jump in numbers retiring. He spoke of the NH Retirement system's new mandates and the effect it could have on towns. He spoke of the 125% rule and its formula and stated that until the bill is addressed in Concord once again, our liability could get as high as \$ 350,000 as like other communities and depending how it is solved, all municipalities and eligible employees are eyeing the situation. W. Goins asked what the Town is doing in anticipation of this. J.O'Reilly stated that there is a Warrant Article this year proposing a slight change in use which if voted in would be an expendable trust working much like a capital reserve whereas end of employment costs would come out of this in an effort to keep spikes at a minimal. We are asking not only for a change in purpose but also asking that \$100,000 go in to fund it.

J.Noseworthy asked about the formula. Newington's realistic liability right now is approx \$104,000. Chr. Wahl added that NH Retirement's financial situation is bleak. He then read the percentages the town contributes monthly.

At 2:57pm, Chr. Wahl declared the Public Hearing closed and when calling for the vote on the departmental 2009 Budget Committee's recommended amounts:

Conservation Commission - \$ 16,300 Gail Pare moved to recommend, Darin Sabine seconded – Motion passed 9-0

Historic District Commission - \$ 6,500 Helen Maldini moved to recommend, Jack O'Reilly seconded – Motion passed 8-0 (Gail Pare Abstained)

Langdon Library - \$ 98,412 Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend, Gail Pare seconded – Motion passed 9-0

Recreation - \$ 53,625 Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend, Jack O'Reilly seconded – Motion passed 9-0

Sewer Commission - \$ 689,886 Gail Pare moved to recommend, Helen Maldini seconded – Motion passed 9-0

Highway Department - \$ 345,375 Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend, Tom Benson seconded - Motion passed 9-0

Fire Department - \$1,221,408 Helen Maldini moved to recommend, Gail Pare seconded – Motion passed 6-2 L Wahl & J O'Reilly voted against with Darin Sabine abstaining

Police Department - \$1,236,440 Helen Maldini moved to recommend, Gail Pare seconded – Motion passed 9-0

John Lamson noted that health costs are about half the cost of what we start an officer at

Cemetery - \$ 19,030 Gail Klanchesser moved to recommend, Gail Pare seconded – Motion passed 9-0

Planning - \$ 136,120 Gail Pare moved to recommend, Helen Maldini seconded - Motion passed 9-0.

Gail Klanchesser questioned the \$9.00 difference between various recent worksheets and Larry explained that the error was caught and corrected per minutes. (salary line)

General Government - \$ 2,126,056 Gail Pare moved to recommend. Gail Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

When calling for the vote on the total of \$ 5,949,152 the motion passed 9-0.

Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of *Nine Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$925,000) 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)

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

J O'Reilly spoke to Art. #3. The current highway garage is in a state of disrepair. We are probably looking at close to \$100,000 to make it safe for a few years. We would be looking at a payment of around \$125,000 for a new facility with no payment due until 2010. In 2010, most of the town wide bldg maintenance will be done. He stated he could easily see maintenance dropping by \$200,000. In 2011, the Old Town Hall bond will be paid for. That cost is around

\$185,000. Is there ever a good to assume close to a million dollars debt, no however is now a good time? We think so. With relatively low interest, money is cheap. There are contractors out there desperately looking for work and may bid out the job competitively. With the evident decreases in spending as stated above, Jack could see the town assuming this bond payment with little or no effect. Chr Wahl said that if the budget committee does not recommend this warrant article and the Town votes it in, all the other WA funding will have to be cut plus \$2,000 cut from the operating budget just voted on to stay within the 10% rule set by the DRA. D Hebert asked for clarification regarding making floor change proposals at Public Hearing now or only at Town Meeting. Larry asked Ruth for her recollection but stated best he could remember, Al Smith merely opened it up for discussion at the Budget Committee level during Public Hearing and whether to recommend as is or not. In the end, it was stated that the Selectmen recommended or did not recommend the WA as they are, no change at this point is allowed to be made and that the Budget Committee had to recommend or not as written. Amendments can only come from the floor at Town Meeting in March. The Budget Committee, however did welcome public input. D Hebert supports the Highway Garage bond proposal. Regarding size, G Pare asked how the proposed size was determined. J. O'Reilly said it was based on need, function and pieces of equipment. It was important to make entering & exiting the building easy. Article #4 would be void if 3 passes.

G Pare moved to recommend Art. 3. D Sabine seconded. Motion passed 9-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand (\$65,000) 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. **If the above Bond article passes, then this Article becomes null and void. THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

J Lamson moved to recommend Art 4. G. Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed 9-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate for the operating budget. The Budget Committee recommends **\$5,949,152 (9-0)** the Board of Selectmen recommends **\$ 5,844,527 (3-0)**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. ***Previously passed & recommended***

Budget Committee member Helen Maldini excuses herself for the remainder of the meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to create two (2) additional full-time Firefighter/EMT positions for the Fire Department in order to increase man power coverage, and to vote to raise and appropriate *Seventy One Thousand and One Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$71,182.00)* to pay for salaries, benefits, and other associated costs for these Firefighter/EMT positions for the latter portion of 2009.

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

D Hebert feels this is the wrong year to propose this as a) it could be a reaction to July's incident and b) based on the status of today's economy. R Fletcher answered that it is true, it is in response to the incident and the Engineers felt obligated due to the responses of the survey. The survey called for more fire fighters. J Klanchesser stated that not addressing the need for more man power puts more lives at risk. D Hebert said that Mutual Aid is counted on. Regional Fire Depts are a consideration for the future. The costs for new people are so exorbitant. We have a good fire department but Denis did not feel this should be recommended. R Cooke asked if a study has been done to determine minimum numbers to achieve a 'safe shift' count. J O'Reilly touched on the fact that Call lines were increased to increase staff coverage numbers. G Pare wondered if the

Regional Fire Fighting Program came into reality, we would then be a sub station and also wondered what the savings impact would be with this reconfiguration. There may be an obstacle with that Larry points out as no Chief wants to relinquish authority. D Hebert suggested to hire, not as employees but as contractors – no benefits. Asst. Chief Sylvia said the effect, should we hire 2 new firefighters would be in the overtime line more than the Call line. Discussion ensued regarding shift numbers and coverage and the call plan. D Sabine asked the Engineers if they have looked into getting a needs study assessment done. L Wahl answered that he has seen two studies done. D Sabine also added that mutual aid puts their own towns first. It's not a guarantee that they will be there for us timely.

G Klanchesser moved to recommend Art 6. Tom Benson Seconded. Motion DID NOT pass with a vote of 2 – 5 with D Sabine abstaining.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Expendable Trust Fund established in March 2004 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A, known as the Town Employee's Accumulated Leave Fund whose original purpose was 'for payments of Severance to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy' - to be amended to read 'for the purpose of payments of Severance to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy *and* for other end-of- employment costs;' and to raise and appropriate the sum of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* (\$100,000) to be placed in this existing Expendable Trust Fund. (2/3 vote required. **THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

G Klanchesser moved to recommend Art 7. G Pare seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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.

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

G Klanchesser moved to recommend Art 8. J O'Reilly seconded. G Pare asked if the Cemetery had any projects in mind. J.O'Reilly mentioned the rock wall. **Motion passed 8-0**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifty Thousand Dollars* (\$50,000) 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.

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

G Klanchesser Moved to recommend Art 9. G Pare seconded.

D Hebert asked for the Budget Committee's support on this article. **Motion passed 8-0.**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Newington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) 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.

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

G Klanchesser moved to recommend. G Pare Seconded. Motion passed 8-0

ARTICLE 11: 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 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department. **THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

D Hebert did not feel this was enough money. Chief Greenleaf spoke of \$5,900 all ready slated to come out and prices are on the rise. It's a 1977. Roy noted that at this rate, we would probably be looking at another 8 years before we have sufficient funds. W.Goins asked everyone to think about

if they wanted to pay over time or bond or lease as when we need it, we need it. In the end it was decided to keep amounts as they are and see what next year brings. C Iocovozzi stated that originally this cap res. was set up as a repair acct. L W disagreed and that it was later on it was added. These trucks are very costly to repair. D Sabine noted that with the new mandates, you'll be adding \$50,000 to \$60,000 to the costs for new vehicles. R Cooke asked about the replacement cost and the Chief answered around \$350,000. C. Iocovozzi added that we could refurbish rather than buy.

G Klanchesser moved to recommend. T Benson seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with D Sabine abstaining.

ARTICLE 12: 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.

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

D Hebert would like to change the amount recommended to go in. With these bad winters, our roads have taken a beating. C. Iocovozzi stated he would love to fix the roads and do them right, however, they are mostly built on cow pads and makes long term repairs a nightmare. This account is for major road way jobs like Shattuck, not misc ones.

G Pare moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Newington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Seven Thousand Dollars* (\$7,000) 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.

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

G Klanchesser moved to recommend. J Lamson seconded. Motion passed 8-0

ARTICLE 14: 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.

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

G Klanchesser moved to recommend. G Pare seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with D Sabine abstrn.

ARTICLE 15: 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 Fox Point Pavilion. **THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)**

J O'Reilly spoke of the Fox Point Committee and their purpose and how the Selectmen just recently got their concepts. He went on to say the Selectmen felt it would better be a project for next year due to the timing – giving the public a chance to get involved in the process. J O'Reilly went on to say that one of their proposals is to build it in phases. Size has not been determined and we may have certain restrictions due to the water front.

J O'Reilly moved to recommend. G.Klanchesser seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the Mott Pond Drainage Improvement Fund.

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

T Benson moved to recommend. J O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 8-0

Jack O'Reilly, at the end of the meeting while the MS-7 was being signed, thanked the Chair for a job well done. *And with that, Gail Klanchesser moved to adjourn and Gail Pare seconded at 4:19pm. Motion passed 8-0.*

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant
