

TOWN OF NEWINGTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT
BUSINESS MEETING

ORIGINAL

Held at
Newington Town Hall
205 Nimble Hill Road
Newington, New Hampshire
March 17, 2012 at 10:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES

Board of Selectmen:

Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Chairman.
Jack O'Reilly, Selectman
Rick Stern, Selectman

Moderator:

Ruth K. Fletcher

Also Present:

Beatrice Marconi, Administrative Assistant

Court Reporter:
Camille M. Palladino-Duffy
RPR, LCR 105

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE MODERATOR: All right. It's 10:30 so
3 we're going to get started. We're going to start
4 with the Pledge of Allegiance, so if you'll please
5 stand.

6 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

7 Thank you. You are hereby notified to meet at
8 the Newington Town Hall -- oh, no. The business
9 por -- that was from Tuesday, but the business
10 portion of the meeting to act on Article 4 through
11 25 will resume on Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

12 So we're starting with Article 4. Are you in
13 favor of adopting the following Bicycle Town
14 Ordinance. General: All ordinances concerning
15 bicycles shall apply to all nonmotorized wheeled
16 means of transportation. This includes, but not
17 limited to, bicycles, tricycles, skateboards,
18 roller skates, roller blades, scooter, et cetera.
19 Observance of traffic regulations: Persons riding
20 bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and
21 signals, shall stop at all traffic signs, and shall
22 further observe all traffic rules and regulations,
23 shall turn only at intersections and shall ride as

1 closely as practical to the right-hand side of the
2 roadway and shall not impede the normal and
3 reasonable flow of traffic. No persons operating a
4 bicycle in the Town of Newington shall ride two or
5 more or abreast. No person shall ride a bicycle on
6 any street in the Town of Newington after dark
7 unless the bicycle is equipped with sufficient
8 light attached to the front of said bicycle visible
9 from the front thereof, for a distance of not less
10 than 200 feet and properly lighted; nor without a
11 tail light, red in color, or in lieu thereof, a
12 reflector attached and visible from the rear for a
13 distance of not less than 200 feet. Penalties:
14 upon conviction of any offense under this ordinance
15 the person shall be subject to the following
16 penalties: First offense: \$25; second offense:
17 \$50; third and each subsequent offense: \$100. Any
18 fine in which a violator is subject under this
19 ordinance shall be paid to the Clerk of Court of
20 the Portsmouth District Court at any time prior to
21 trial.

22 Do I hear a motion on Article 1 -- 4, Article
23 4. Moved by John Klanchesser; seconded by Sandra

1 Sweeney.

2 Is there discussion on Article 4? Yes. You
3 have to state your name. Then sit down.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. John Klanchesser,
5 Coleman Drive. This is towards the Selectmen. Are
6 the bicycle groups that ride through this town
7 going to be notified about the two abreast?
8 Because every summer we have problems with them
9 coming to this town and they are 3, 4, abreast
10 going through the town.

11 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: John. All right, John,
12 yeah, we put signs out when the police department
13 told us or asked us for an ordinance on that. So
14 we do have signs in town and a bike path that
15 people coming in and out, they can read them. I
16 hope they can read them.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

18 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I asked the police chief
19 that when there is a bike race or something through
20 town, John, do you have a notification on that? We
21 do, don't we?

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patty Borkland, 5 Little Bay
23 Extension. I wanted to ask if there's any

1 possibility, I'd love the sign over on South
2 Newington next to the playground over there.
3 There's a sign that says, please ride single file.
4 I would love to see some more of those like on
5 Little Bay Road and maybe on the Nimble Hill Road,
6 some of our main roads, like, maybe on each side,
7 even if they are right besides each other. One
8 gettin' them each way because, you know, going down
9 to Fox Point and such, they get really ugly and
10 they won't go one and one. So I was wondering if
11 we could possibly set that into our budget. Thank
12 you.

13 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yeah, we'll take that up
14 in the next meeting, Pat, but I don't see any
15 problems with that. I know there's one at the end
16 of the bike path, people coming down that way see
17 it, but we'll do that.

18 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?
19 If not, I'll call for a vote. You are voting, are
20 you in fav -- the article is are you in favor of
21 adopting following Bicyclists Town Ordinance, which
22 I just read and you have access to on your warrant.
23 All right. I'll call for the motion.

1 All those in favor say aye. Those opposed,
2 no. Motion carries and it was unanimous.

3 Article 5. Shall the town vote to change the
4 Library Trustees from a 3 member board to a 5
5 member board. The trustees shall serve staggered
6 three year terms or until they are successors are
7 elected and qualified.

8 Do I hear a motion on Article 5? Moved by
9 Patti Borkland; seconded by Lynne Bullock.

10 Is there discussion on Article 5? There being
11 none, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor of
12 Article 5, to see if the Town will vote to change
13 the library trustees from a 3 member board to a 5
14 member board say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion
15 carries, unanimous.

16 Article 6, to see if the Town will vote to
17 establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the
18 provisions of RSA 31:19-A to be known as the Health
19 Plan Deductible Supplement Fund, and to raise and
20 appropriate \$50,000. The purpose of this fund is
21 for the Town's portion of annual contribution to
22 the deductible with the conversion to Comp2500 plan
23 after employee contribution total is met, and to

1 appoint the Selectmen as agents. This is in
2 addition to the Town's operating budget.

3 Do I hear a motion on Article 7? Moved by
4 Gail Pare; seconded by Granville Knox.

5 Is there discussion on Article 6?

6 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Why don't I give a little
7 bit of explanation anyway. I think the employees
8 and the Selectmen have all recognized that the Town
9 paying 100 percent of one of the best health
10 insurance policies you can buy, there's a little
11 bit of a strain on the budget. So we met over a
12 year or so to look at various options of covering
13 health insurance. We went from what was called a
14 Comp100 or equivalent where employee out-of-pocket
15 copay was \$100 and then insurance would kick in the
16 rest. And we switched to a 2500, but all at once
17 we thought that was kind of a big hit for people's
18 pocketbooks, so what we had agreed to, and there
19 was no votes or anything like that, no vote
20 (inaudible) but we all agreed and we felt
21 comfortable with switching to a 2500 plan which
22 saves the Town about \$112,000 in premiums, but we
23 also decided that the employees would pay the first

1 \$250 per person, or \$500 out of pocket and then the
2 Town would offer to pay the rest of the copay up to
3 the \$2500 each. We also decided to include
4 retirees who are under the Town insurance. There's
5 only two and, not the spouse, but just the retiree
6 themselves and we've added to the policy any new
7 hires starting in May 1st, will be paying 10
8 percent of their premiums, plus this additional
9 copay. So this fund is to fund the copays. It's
10 not for a full year. It's about seven months'
11 worth, based on historical data from other towns
12 who do the same thing, our liability usually comes
13 in at about half. So, I mean, we're not funding
14 the full copay, about half of it. We'll know
15 better after this year and subsequent years, how
16 much to put back in the fund. So the first year
17 will be the biggest expense. Subsequent to that,
18 you'll see less and you'll see more of a savings on
19 your tax rate.

20 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Is there further
21 discussion on Article 5? All right, I'll call --
22 no, Article 6, I'm sorry. The Health Plan
23 Deductible, to see if the Town will vote to

1 establish an expendable trust fund as Jack just
2 explained.

3 All those in favor say aye. Those opposed,
4 no. Motion carries unanimous.

5 Article 7, to see what sum the municipality
6 will vote to raise and appropriate for the
7 operating budget. The Budget Committee recommends
8 \$6,171,583.00. The Board of Selectmen recommends
9 \$6,156,088.00. This article does not include
10 appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

11 Do I hear a motion on Article 7? Moved by
12 Patty Borkland; seconded by Gail Pare.

13 Is there discussion on Article 7?

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Denis Hebert, Gundalow --

15 MODERATOR FLETCHER: You need to give your
16 name and address.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I was just doing that.

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Denis Hebert, Gundalow
20 Landing.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, I couldn't hear you.
22 Okay.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. What's the difference

1 between the two different numbers? Why is the
2 Selectmen saying the lower number?

3 THE MODERATOR: Do you want to answer that?

4 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I don't know if the chair
5 from budget wants to come up on the stage, too,
6 John, or not. But there were two additions made,
7 one was the police came in and asked for additional
8 funds so they can purchase tazers and training.
9 After some recent experience they've had with
10 apprehending bank robbers and other things, they
11 decided after many years, it's probably a good
12 thing to have for the safety of the officer. And
13 the library realized, since they put their budget
14 in in November that they were kind of underfunding
15 themselves and they asked for some additional, and
16 I'm not sure where -- I think it was for books and
17 stuff, was it for reading materials?

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Reading materials.

19 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Reading Materials. So,
20 they came in -- the, I'm sorry, the library came in
21 at the -- their budget committee hearing and asked,
22 the police came in at the public hearing and asked
23 for additional funds.

1 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you.

2 THE MODERATOR: Is there any further -- are
3 there any further questions on Article 7? If not
4 I'll -- oh, sorry.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: John Frink, Nimble Hill Road.
6 I, just for clarity on the whole thing, the figure
7 that we are voting on is what?

8 THE MODERATOR: The Budget committee?

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: (inaudible).

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you.

11 THE MODERATOR: All right. Now are we
12 ready -- okay. All those in favor of Article 7, to
13 see what sum the municipality will vote to raise or
14 appropriate for the operating budget. The Budget
15 Committee recommends \$6,171,583.00. All those in
16 favor, say aye. Those opposed? Unanimous.

17 Article 8, to see if the Town will vote to
18 raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be
19 placed in the existing capital reserve fund under
20 the provisions on RSA 351:1, which was established
21 to fund capital improvements for the cemetery.

22 This article is recommended by the Selectmen
23 and the Budget Committee. Do I hear a motion on

1 Article 8? Moved by John Klanchesser; seconded by
2 Vannie Braun.

3 Is there any discussion on Article 8? If not,
4 you are voting to see if the Town will raise and
5 appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Capital
6 Reserve Fund for the cemetery. All those in favor,
7 say aye. Those opposed, no. Unanimous.

8 Article 9, to see if the Town will raise and
9 appropriate the sum of \$7,000, to be placed in the
10 existing capital reserve fund under the provisions
11 of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of funding Newington's
12 Tricentennial Celebration and affiliated costs.
13 It's recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget
14 Committee. Do I hear a motion? Moved by Patty
15 Borkland; seconded by Vannie Braun. All those --
16 oh, is there discussion?

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Sweeney, 28 Fox Road.
18 Can you give us an idea what the \$7,000 is going to
19 be spent on, because to celebrate the history of
20 the town, what we probably should be doing is being
21 out near the structures that are important and
22 promoting them and you don't need any money to do
23 that. So, where are these funds intended to be

1 spent?

2 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Who would like to answer,
3 for that? All right. Gail.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Gail Pare, Little Bay Road.
5 I'm a member of the planning committee for this
6 TriCentennial. We're talking about trying to have
7 celebrations in various areas of town over a three
8 day period in August of 2013. Starting with a, at
9 least, a brief ceremony down at the end of -- help
10 me here, your street.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patterson.

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Pardon?

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patterson Lane?

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Excuse me. Not -- no.

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patterson Lane.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Down by the industrial area.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patterson Lane.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patterson Lane. Thank you
19 very much. It's been a tough weekend. Patterson
20 Lane being one of the oldest streets in town. So,
21 we thought we'd kick off down there with a brief
22 ceremony. Then we're going to try and have
23 parades, fireworks, various people coming in.

1 We're hoping to get a native American encampment,
2 all these things cost money to bring folks in, so
3 this is to cover that. We'll be soliciting
4 residents who would like to contribute, businesses,
5 our industrial base, et cetera, et cetera. But
6 this is to try to make it a fairly bang up thing
7 and end with fireworks, which are not cheap. Does
8 that answer your question?

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: It certainly does, it sounds
10 like --

11 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I'd like to commend, too,
12 they've put a lot of time in from selling pies a
13 year ago to having a lot of meetings, purchasing
14 merchandise, which is the picture inside the cover
15 of your town report. And, basically, it's been, we
16 gave them some startup money last year and this
17 helps them buy things that they can sell to make a
18 little bit of a profit and also offset some of the
19 cost to the town. So, they've been doing a really
20 good job and I'm sure they'd be willing to sell you
21 any of the merchandise any time.

22 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Any further discussion?
23 If not, you are voting to see if the Town will vote

1 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000, to be
2 placed in the capital reserve fund for the
3 Tercentennial celebration. All those in favor, say
4 aye? Those opposed, no.

5 There was one "no" and the rest were -- it was
6 unanimous. It wasn't unanimous, but there was only
7 one.

8 Okay. Article 10, to see if the Town will
9 vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000,
10 to be placed in the existing Conservation Fund
11 established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, to be
12 used for expenses associated with the purchase of
13 conservation land and open space, easements,
14 wetlands and other land management acquisitions.
15 This article was recommended by the Selectmen and
16 the Budget Committee.

17 Do I hear a motion on Article 10? Moved by
18 Mike Marconi; seconded by John Klanchesser. Is
19 there discussion on Article 10? If not -- oh --

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: It seems to me that we have
21 another source of funding, particularly to protect
22 conservation lands here in town. We give current
23 use to properties in town that don't meet the

1 requirements that they be either woodlands or
2 agricultural property. So, why don't we go to
3 those sites that don't meet those requirements and
4 tax them appropriately, and put that money in to
5 solve this problem here?

6 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Justin Richardson, 32 Old
7 Post Road. As many of you know, I'm the chair of
8 the Conservation Commission, and and we do use
9 what's called the Land Use Change Tax. I believe
10 that 100 percent of that goes into the conservation
11 fund. But, it's been a fairly limited source of
12 funds, especially since I've been in town. I can't
13 recall, I think there was a property maybe five or
14 six years ago. There's one more recent, I think we
15 got, subject to check, I believe \$7,000. The
16 Selectmen actually -- it was a higher amount, but
17 the Selectmen issued an abatement. So, it really
18 kind of comes back to the town. I mean, obviously,
19 if we had a lot of funds coming in from the Land
20 Use Change Tax, I don't think we'd be here to ask
21 for this money. It does provide a benefit to the
22 town. As many of you know, the DOT is widening the
23 Turnpike and they were required to preserve land in

1 Newington as part of that. The Conservation
2 Commission worked with DOT and we now have either
3 acquired or we have an agreement to acquire this
4 year about 65 acres. Half of it in easements, more
5 or less, half of it the town's actually buying a
6 property at the corner of Fox Point and Old Post
7 Road, 26 acres, for \$100,000. And that was just --
8 we just had the hearings on that a couple of weeks
9 ago. So, it is, you know, it is -- it's really a
10 town decision, but the Land Use Change Tax really
11 wouldn't be sufficient because we just don't have
12 enough property selling and being subdivided, which
13 is what triggers that.

14 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Patty?

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: (inaudible)

16 MODERATOR FLETCHER: You need to come to the
17 microphone if you --

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I just wanted to ask if the
19 mics can be turned up, because back here we can't
20 hear very well.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, okay. Are those mics
22 handheld too, so if they need -- if you -- instead
23 of scooching down, you can pick it up.

1 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: You can pick them up.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Justin, thank you. I don't
3 think we actually addressed what I was
4 recommending. I'm glad to hear that money will be
5 coming for that land. I wonder, is it going to be
6 used to create any sort of natural buffer between
7 us and the increased traffic flow that will be out
8 there? But, getting back to my original point,
9 which is, we have properties in town which are not
10 meeting the letter of the law which says that
11 current use property is to be used for woodlands,
12 growing woodlands or growing agricultural products,
13 even if it's hay. But property that is mowed, like
14 a lawn, doesn't meet that and should be negated.
15 And take the tax funding from there to subsidize
16 these conservation projects. That's my point.

17 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We've reviewed this
18 issue, I don't know even how many times. We have
19 contract appraisers who are wise in the law. When
20 people put a request in to put lands in current
21 use, it goes through them, they review it, they
22 have a look at the property, they look at what
23 words and the laws say and then they recommend to

1 the Selectmen. We don't do this directly. We hire
2 this out. And we've been assured by them, and we
3 pay them good money, that there are no properties
4 currently in town in current use, in their opinion,
5 that are not properly in current use. If there
6 were, we would remove them or have them removed.
7 So, I mean, that's just -- I know they've brought
8 this up before, I know we've done the research, I
9 don't want to get into a big argument about it, but
10 we have looked into this.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Jack, I understand that. If
12 you are employing -- if you are employing people to
13 represent this town that aren't doing their job --
14 now, have you personally looked up the RSA that
15 requires that it be either woodlands or
16 agricultural use? Have you?

17 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I have read the RSA, yes.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. Jack, tell me what
19 does it say, either Agricultural or --

20 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Dave, I don't have it
21 memorized. It's been a while since I've read it.
22 And --

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right. Then you should read

1 it again. But, what you keep telling me is that we
2 have given the job to somebody that's, obviously,
3 not doing it, because they don't meet that
4 requirement. And yet you say, let's just continue
5 the way things are. We've got a source of income
6 and you refuse to use it.

7 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I mean, these people are
8 licensed by the state, their operations are
9 reviewed, you know, we hire them based on their
10 credentials and that's all I want to say about it.

11 THE MODERATOR: Mr. Jackson is waiting to
12 speak.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. Ms. Moderator.
14 With all due respect, these are excellent
15 questions, but they don't have really anything to
16 do with the focus of this warrant article, which is
17 to see whether the town itself, should put money in
18 the fund. Whether or not tax assessments are being
19 done correctly, is another issue, so unless there
20 are other comments on it, I'd like to move the
21 question on this warrant article.

22 THE MODERATOR: This is not going to turn into
23 a he said/she said and two person thing, so are you

1 ready to move on?

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: May I request that the
3 Selectmen approach the State of New Hampshire and
4 get their view of whether or not this assessment
5 being done in town is proper?

6 MODERATOR FLETCHER: You can request it.
7 Okay. I will now ask for the vote. That you --
8 you're voting to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for
9 the conservation fund. All those in favor say,
10 aye. Those opposed, no. Okay. So noted.

11 Article 11, to see if the town will vote to
12 dissolve the capital reserve known as the Highway
13 Garage Building Fund, established in 2006, under
14 the provisions on RSA 35:1. Said funds with
15 accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to
16 be transferred to the municipality's general fund.
17 And as of 2011 they had about -- on December 31,
18 2011, they had a balance of \$74,448 and \$74,000 of
19 that was taken out January 2012 and paid towards
20 the bond. So, I'm assuming you are only going to
21 put \$448 of that back in, plus the rent for the
22 year.

23 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: And the interest, nothing

1 much.

2 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay.

3 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Any little bit of
4 interest that came in the last couple of months
5 would be added to that, but that would be about it.

6 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. Do I hear a
7 motion? Moved by Mike Marconi, seconded by
8 Granville Knox. Is there any discussion on Article
9 11? If not --

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh of Little
11 Bear Road. My question is, when this money, if
12 this passes, this \$74,000 --

13 THE MODERATOR: No, there's only \$448.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Well, then, never mind.

15 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Yeah. Okay. All right.
16 All those in favor of dissolving the capital
17 reserve known as the Highway Garage Building Fund,
18 say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carries,
19 unanimous.

20 Article 12, to see if the Town will vote to
21 raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000, to be
22 placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under
23 the provisions of RSA 35:1, for on the replacement

1 or repair of vehicles operated by the fire
2 department. This was recommended by both the
3 Selectmen and the Budget Committee. And the
4 balance in there as of the end of December was
5 \$211,550.

6 Do I hear a motion? Moved by John
7 Klanchesser, seconded by Skip Link. Is there
8 discussion on Article 12? There being none, I'll
9 call for the vote. All those in favor of
10 appropriating -- raising and appropriating \$35,000
11 for the replacement or repair of fire department
12 vehicles, say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion
13 carries, unanimous.

14 Article 13, to see if the Town will vote to
15 raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000, to be
16 placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund under
17 the provisions on RSA 35:1, for the replacement of
18 the town ambulance and any major medical equipment.
19 This article is recommended by both the Selectmen
20 and the Budget Committee. And as of December 31
21 the funds had a balance of \$95,383.00.

22 Do I hear a motion? Moved Patty Borkland,
23 seconded by George Fletcher. Is there discussion

1 on this article? There being none, I'll call for
2 the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of
3 \$35,000, to be placed in the existing Capital
4 Reserve Fund for the ambulance and any major
5 medical equipment. All those in favor, say aye.
6 All those opposed, unanimous.

7 Article 14, to see if the Town will vote to
8 raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000, to be put
9 in the existing Capital Reserve fund under the
10 provisions on RSA 35:1, for the replacement and/or
11 major repairs of vehicles and equipment operated by
12 the highway department. This article is
13 recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget
14 Committee. And as of December 31 the balance was
15 \$30,651.

16 Do I hear a motion? Moved Patty Borkland,
17 seconded by Mike Marconi. Is there discussion on
18 Article 14? If not, I'll call for the vote. All
19 those in favor of appropriating \$15,000 for
20 replacement and major repairs of vehicles for the
21 highway department, say aye. Those opposed, no.
22 Motion carries, unanimous.

23 Article 15, to see if the Town will vote to

1 raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000, to be
2 placed in the existing Capital Reserve fund under
3 the provisions on RSA 35:1, known as the Major Road
4 Work Fund, which was established for the purpose of
5 funding major improvements to roadways. This
6 Article is recommended by the Selectmen and the
7 Budget Committee. And as of December 31 there was
8 a balance of \$126,711.62.

9 Do I hear a motion on Article 5 -- 15? Moved
10 by John Klanchesser, seconded by Vannie Braun. Is
11 there discussion on Article 15? Oh, okay. Go
12 ahead, David.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: As far as the major road work
14 in the town, is that going to include the dropping
15 of the roadway as you go up Fox Point toward Fox
16 Point, you know, between the intersection out here
17 and Marina Road, that drifts way down to the right.
18 Is that part of this major roadwork construction?

19 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: No, that's a -- I think
20 we have that on, I mean, I'm trying to remember
21 where you are. But, we are going to be taking care
22 of that section of road in the regular budget.
23 That comes under the regular budget. Basically,

1 what this Article was for, one of our major roads
2 that we have, and it is built on a swamp as
3 everybody knows, is Shattuck Way. This is the
4 reason why we have this money in there. Our major
5 roads, basically, was Shattuck Way because of all
6 the truck traffic and everything else that we have
7 there, plus it's built on a swamp. And phase four,
8 too, that's the add on from where the old -- the
9 Wilcox Building is, all the way to Gosling Road.
10 So we have money in there for that section, too.
11 And we're trying to get it up enough so when we
12 have enough interest in that section, we can move
13 on with that.

14 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We're budgeting and
15 spending between \$200,000 and \$250,000 every year
16 on roads, just maintenance and paving itself. So,
17 that's just routine year-to-year maintenance. That
18 comes under the highway budget. This is, as Cossie
19 said, something really big or Shattuck -- or a
20 piecemeal of that phase four which goes from
21 Shattuck out to Gosling, and that will be down the
22 road somewhat.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Has anyone complained about

1 the --

2 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Wait a minute, we have a
3 person at the microphone. Larry?

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Larry Wall, 110 Nimble Hill
5 Road. This Article is down \$5,000 from the past
6 year. And why is that?

7 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: When we put the warrant
8 articles together every year, Larry, we try to
9 level upon them as best we can, so we do some
10 balancing back and forth. We're actually up
11 \$6,000, I thin, \$300 total warrant articles, not
12 counting the operating budget from last year. So,
13 we added a couple of new ones in. The fire asked
14 for some extra funds, recommended and budgeted.
15 They do that -- they are getting closer on the
16 ambulance. We put a couple of new capital reserve
17 funds in. So, it's mostly just a balancing act,
18 you know, what do you want to take in -- put in and
19 take out.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Then I'll take you on for a
21 second. I'm including the increase in the town
22 budget, the operating budget, and there's an
23 increase overall in all the budgets if all articles

1 are accepted, it will be \$292,156. Now, that
2 includes the town operating budget which was, I
3 think it was \$184,156 over last year.

4 The reason why I'm raising why are you
5 dropping \$5,000 when Shattuck Way is in such
6 deplorable shape right now, it's terrible. Now,
7 the reason why I say that is, I drive that with the
8 snow plow. And those manhole covers -- even though
9 the sewer department has fixed those on River Road,
10 this year, this past month, within the last three
11 weeks, when the last storm came through, there are
12 four manholes on there that that truck hits hard.
13 And I got to the point where I was stopping,
14 lifting the plow, going over it and putting it back
15 down again. That road has to be repaired. The
16 right-hand side of the road going from the
17 intersection of Exit 4 of the Spaulding, going back
18 in towards, if you wish, towards Simplex Wire and
19 Cable. I mean, that's always going to be Simplex
20 Wire and Cable. That right-hand side of the road
21 where the trucks travel, that has depressed way
22 down and has basically allocated itself -- I
23 wouldn't be surprised, to where it would fall out.

1 And the section from Patterson Lane to the top by
2 the power plant, that needs to be resurfaced --
3 ground up and resurfaced right now. That is in
4 terrible, terrible shape.

5 And I, you say, you just stated that this is
6 part of -- to help resurfacing it, and yet you are
7 dropping \$5,000. I think that \$5,000 should be put
8 back in. I'm not making an amendment, but I think
9 that \$5,000 should not be taken out. That road --
10 \$126,000 just to do that small section, I bet it
11 will eat this all up, if you use this only. And I
12 thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Larry, that section you
14 mentioned, from Patterson Lane up? That is in this
15 year's budget. I think we had that in the highway
16 budget, but we did have money left over from last
17 year, so we encumbered that section around \$81 --
18 \$80,000 that we encumbered from last year's budget
19 to finish that part of the road -- or to regrind
20 it, reset the manholes that we have. Some of them
21 -- some of those manholes don't belong to the sewer
22 department, they belong to the, I think, it's AT&T
23 or somebody.

1 PUBLIC SPEAKER: No, those -- they are the
2 electric manholes. That one on the right-hand
3 side, halfway up that hill, --

4 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Yep, yep.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- that one's been wrong from
6 day one. Now, we've got the one at the very bottom
7 of the hill --

8 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Right.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- right in the intersection
10 of Patterson Lane -- and by the way, just to let
11 you know one other thing, the road coming off of
12 Bean's Farm, up there at the medical center, right
13 at the bottom of road as it curves around from
14 River Road to Patterson Lane, that manhole is now
15 up, too.

16 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yes, I saw that. Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: They won't be taken care
18 of this year. So --

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Excuse me, John, one more if
20 I may. What is the cost of doing just that section
21 of road, just -- now that you have an idea of what
22 we could -- might have.

23 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: We have \$81,000 -- we

1 were going to start with where we ended out the
2 last time where the Asia was and move our -- and
3 move towards the intersection of Patterson lane.
4 But, because we had such a bad problem from part of
5 Patter -- on the other side of Patterson Lane up
6 the hill, because of problems we've had this year
7 with that section, we are going to redo that whole
8 section there.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: My question to you is, what
10 was the -- have you got an estimated cost yet on
11 doing that?

12 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Yes, we encumbered the
13 money, \$81,000 something dollars.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: That's all it's going to take
15 to do that hill?

16 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Yep.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I have my doubts about that.

18 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: It's already contracted,
19 so --

20 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We've got, yeah, we've
21 already got a bid on that, Larry, and we've signed
22 it. And that's the amount of money we encumbered
23 for it.

1 I'd like to answer one other thing Larry
2 mentioned to us, when he was giving the numbers,
3 since this budget had very little discussion. But,
4 in the operating budget, yes, it is up a couple of
5 hundred thousand, but there's a \$72,000 grant in
6 there that if we don't get the money, we don't
7 spend, so that's a wash. And there's another grant
8 -- that was for the communications. And how much
9 is the other one?

10 MS. MARCONI: \$12,000.

11 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Another \$12,000 for the
12 HDC which is refundable.

13 THE MODERATOR: Yes.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: John Frink, Nimble Hill Road.
15 I just want to take the opportunity to thank the
16 town for the town garage, it's beautiful. I didn't
17 have any idea that it would work out as well as
18 it's worked out. It's a beautiful facility and
19 it's a joy to work up there, so thank you.

20 And the other thing is, when a person actually
21 tries to fix the area of Shattuck, and I know
22 there's other roads in town people are more
23 interested in, but the area from Patterson Lane to

1 the top of the hill, the substructure of that road
2 is actually -- the dirt that you go to put your
3 cold patch in is, like, exploding. So, I think
4 that it will be very important for someone to do
5 not only the grinding, but also the excavation to
6 see whether the electrical or whatever it is
7 underneath there which carries water down, as we
8 all know, to the intersection of River Road and
9 Shattuck. Just make sure that that isn't just full
10 of water from a failure. Because it seems to me,
11 very plainly, that something is leaking under
12 there. And I'd hate to see -- I mean, there's a lot
13 of people who know a lot more about this than I do,
14 but I think something deep down there is wrong.
15 Okay. Thank you very much and thank the town.

16 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Is
17 there any more discussion on Article 15? If not,
18 you are voting to raise and appropriate the sum of
19 \$20,000 to be put in the existing Capital Reserve
20 fund for major road work. All those in favor say,
21 aye. Those opposed, no.

22 There are plenty of more seats down in front.
23 The people in the front row seats, neither side

1 excess money and, supposedly, all the police
2 departments in the state are going to get it for
3 radios. Does Newington qualify for any of it or
4 do you know of it?

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

6 THE MODERATOR: John, if you are going to
7 answer would you come to a microphone, please.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: John Treader, 71 Fox Point
9 Road. I am aware of that fund and we are in the
10 process of upgrading to portable radios. But, this
11 fund that I'm asking for the money for includes, as
12 you know, we're really computer-based now from cars
13 to our building, and if we have any little problems
14 it's very expensive, as you know. So, it just sets
15 a little bit of money aside in case of an emergency
16 repair, so --

17 THE MODERATOR: Is there any further
18 discussion on Article 16? If not, I'll call for a
19 vote. You are voting to raise and appropriate
20 \$5,000 to go into the existing Capital Reserve Fund
21 for the police department radio and electronics
22 fund, and the Selectmen are named as agents to
23 expend it. All those in favor, say aye. Those

1 opposed, no. Motion carries, unanimous.

2 Article 17 to see if the Town will vote to
3 raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000, to be
4 added to the capital -- existing Capital Reserve
5 Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, known as the
6 Langdon Library Building Fund with the Library
7 Trustees as agents. This Article is recommended by
8 both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. And
9 it has a balance, as of December 31st, of \$50,000.

10 Do I hear a motion on Article 17? Moved Patty
11 Borkland, seconded by Liz Conner. Is there
12 discussion on Article 17?

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Steve Bush, 40 Hanna Lane.
14 And I am the Chairman of the Library Trustees. And
15 this \$50,000 is to go into the existing fund, of
16 which we've done a great deal of work over the last
17 year, but we have no real plans for yet. The -- in
18 the next year, we'll be doing a long range advisory
19 committee will be established, or a long range
20 advisory board. And we'll go through an actual
21 study of what in the community needs are for this.
22 We've done some work in terms of -- in the last
23 year, in terms of reviewing the existing building

1 and what's available for it. And have no plan
2 right now in terms of what's going to be -- what's
3 going to be the -- happen in terms of next year.
4 Although we do have a time line of what we're
5 expecting to have to go through. In the back
6 you'll find a board which includes the facts for
7 this. Most everyone should have been communicated
8 with in one way or another on this. In the past
9 year, we've gone through a -- a study has been,
10 basically, or a survey's been held and has been
11 sent out. We've got responses for it and we've
12 taken those responses into heart. And this is
13 primarily just to continue with that effort.

14 THE MODERATOR: Thank you. Patty?

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patty Borkland, Little Bay
16 Extension. I just wanted to say I'm a regular. I
17 love our library. I'm up there at least twice a
18 week. And I know that there, in that questionnaire
19 that they send out, there was a thought about
20 putting on an addition to the library, which I'm
21 opposed to. But, I wanted to, as a Library trustee
22 I was for 9 years, I believe there is close to a
23 million dollars in there. I can't remember the

1 remember the words for it. That has been -- a
2 trust fund that has been developed and grown over
3 the years. And I think that, if it's not going to
4 be this year, I understand that, and I know that
5 Scott needs a lot more to keep up technology wise
6 for the Library. And, again, I use it every week.
7 But, I hope that if they do think about a large
8 project that they would consider using a portion of
9 their trust funds, because that's really a chunk
10 and I think that the people that gave to it had
11 intended it for general use. Thank you.

12 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. We're not debating
13 whether there's going to be an addition or not.
14 This Article is just to appropriate \$50,000 to put
15 into this trust fund. Is there any further
16 discussion on this?

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Melissa Prefontaine, McIntyre
18 Road. We thank all the interest and the comments
19 regarding the library. We realize that this is not
20 a public forum for the library. We will be holding
21 public forums during the next coming year. We
22 would like the town to consider additional money
23 for the library to continue our research. Keep in

1 mind that the library is 120 years old. It is a
2 historic building. It does require a significant
3 amount of work to keep it up and standing and
4 stable for another 120 years. There are no talks,
5 at this point of an addition. We have had
6 architects, engineers, consultants come through.
7 They've assessed the building, they've assessed our
8 community needs. We will be giving all this
9 information to you. As Steven mentioned, there's
10 handouts and information at the back. We would
11 like all townspeople to be involved, all
12 information is transparent. To answer Patty's
13 question, wherever she went to, there is a trust
14 fund; however, we found out that there's a very
15 limited amount that we can access by law. We are
16 in the process of trying to get information to see
17 if we can petition the State for more money through
18 the trust fund. We have done everything we can
19 possibly think of this year to try to figure out
20 what the library needs, how it can get money to
21 have as little tax input -- impact on the town
22 coming forward.

23 Again, the money, as was mentioned, was to be

1 put into additional funds to continue looking at
2 what needs to be done. We've kind of paused at
3 this point simply because the building is 120 years
4 old, there has been some fixes that have happened
5 to the building to try to stop some deterioration.
6 That has failed at this point. While we are at a
7 position to do a more substantial fix to the
8 building to preserve its integrity for another 120
9 years, we thought that it would be in our best
10 interest to perform a fiduciary responsibility and
11 to look to see what else needs to be done.

12 One, the lending costs are low right now.
13 Two, the cost of building is low. We are not,
14 again, there's no plans right now. We're just
15 stopping to find out what needs to be done. The
16 plan is to try to involve every single person in
17 town over the next year to give their opinions, to
18 be involved. We hope, as trustees, to act as
19 liaisons between what the experts have said we need
20 and what the townspeople want. Again, today we're
21 just asking for more money to continue our efforts
22 to evaluate what needs to be happening for the
23 library. Thank you.

1 MODERATOR FLETCHER: All right. If there's no
2 more discussion -- is there any more discussion?
3 All right. I'll call for a vote. You are voting
4 to see if the Town shall vote to raise and
5 appropriate \$50,000 for the existing capital
6 reserve fund for the Langdon Library Building Fund.
7 All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no.
8 Motion carries.

9 Article 18, to see if the Town will vote to
10 establish a Capital Reserve Fund -- to establish a
11 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA
12 35:1 for the purpose of construction and/or
13 improvements and their affiliated costs to the
14 Stone School, and to raise and appropriate the sum
15 of \$15,000 to be put in this fund known as the
16 Stone School Fund, and to name the Selectmen as
17 agents to expend from this fund. This is in
18 addition to the operating budget. This Article is
19 recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget
20 Committee.

21 Do I hear a motion on Article 18? Moved by
22 Vanni Braun; seconded by Gail Pare. Is there
23 discussion on Article 18? There being none, I'll

1 call for --

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Excuse me. Dave Sweeney, 28
3 Fox Point Road. I'm curious, as a town, we have
4 neglected this building for 20 years. What are the
5 designated purposes for this money; what is this
6 old Stone School going to be used for?

7 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We haven't got that far
8 yet, Dave. When we took the building back from the
9 government, we had about an inch thick, legally
10 written document. It's a legal document, it's not
11 skinny. And one was just to preserve the building,
12 you know, keep it water tight, keep it preserved.
13 Now, if you recall, but about, I'm guessing, eight
14 to ten years ago, we had a warrant article to bond
15 this building for about \$850,000. It actually had
16 a majority vote, but it didn't get the two-thirds
17 for the bond. We don't know yet. We put this fund
18 out basically to make people aware that we do have
19 that building out there that don't know about it.
20 It is on the historical register. It is in tough
21 shape. You're right. It's never really had a lot
22 of money put into it. \$15,000 isn't going to do
23 much, but maybe the front stairs, if that. We want

1 to get a little bit of a fund going and to raise
2 awareness from the people. And when we get more
3 money in there, down the road, so, maybe have the
4 opportunity to come in to take a look at it. I
5 can't say. Right now, the renovation they have is
6 another full building with kitchen, bathrooms, ADA,
7 you know, elevators, the whole thing. We have an
8 old town hall that's -- we did pass the bond that
9 same year, which is going to be able to do most of
10 those functions. But, we'd like to be able to get
11 people back in that building again, even if it's
12 the, you know, the pool tables and the ping pong
13 tables that the kids had years back.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'd like to ask other
15 residents --

16 THE MODERATOR: David, that's not -- this is
17 not the time.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Then I will speak. In my
19 opinion, that building is historic and we should
20 not burden the town with repairing it. Is there
21 asbestos involved in that building, for renovation,
22 I would guess that there is.

23 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I don't know. We had

1 removed a lot of it. We've taken the oil tanks out
2 already. So, people could go in if they needed to,
3 with an escort. I've been in with the HDC a couple
4 of years ago. Paint's peeling off the walls, it's,
5 you know --

6 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I know, because of neglect.

7 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Right.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Why haven't you invited
9 someone who could use the building to come in and,
10 at your discretion, use the facility and upgrade
11 it? You know, there are a lot of non-profits that
12 might consider doing that and the building would
13 get maintained and used. Unlike what we've done to
14 the old town hall, which was to put a bunch of
15 elevators and multiple toilets in a, you know, a
16 third the size of the original building. It seems
17 that a lot of the construction that occurs is very
18 wasteful and not very well thought out. So, maybe
19 take a different approach and look at someone doing
20 the upgrade for you so they can use it.

21 THE MODERATOR: Justin.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. Justin
23 Richardson, 32 Old Post Road. Sorry, I threw my

1 back out coughing on Monday and it's hard for me to

2 --

3 THE MODERATOR: Can you take it off.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yep.

5 MODERATOR FLETCHER: There.

6 PUBLIC SPEAKER: All right. The -- my
7 question, I guess, is for the Selectmen because, as
8 read this Article, it's unclear to me whether the
9 Capital Reserve Fund would include engineering or
10 architectural work to evaluate, you know, the
11 potential uses and directions the building would be
12 taken in. And if not, I would think it would be
13 appropriate to add that purpose to the capital
14 reserve fund.

15 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: It does say affiliated
16 costs, Justin. And the other, even like the town
17 garage engineering came out of that Capital Reserve
18 Fund, I believe the old town hall did, too. I
19 don't think we are going anywhere for a couple of
20 years with this, at least, until we have got, you
21 know, a few more dollars in it. And I don't think
22 15 will get you much. This is a small amount, just
23 to start rolling the ball a little bit. We've been

1 asked for the last three or four or five years from
2 people who are interested preserving that building,
3 if we could please start a fund or do another bond.
4 And we already got a bond. We don't do too many --
5 more than one at a time. Affiliated cost would
6 cover any engineering and architectural, but this
7 money isn't going to even do that this year.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. I think it's
9 helpful to have that in the minutes of this meeting
10 before the vote's taken, in case that question is
11 raised again later. Thank you.

12 THE MODERATOR: Is there any further
13 discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote, to see
14 if the Town will vote to establish a capital
15 reserve under the provisions to fund the -- to be
16 known as the Stone School Fund in the amount of
17 \$15,000. And this will be in addition to the
18 operating budget. All those in favor, say aye.
19 Those opposed, no. Motion carries.

20 Article 19, to see if the Town will vote to
21 raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000, under the
22 provisions of RSA 35:1, to be placed in the
23 existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the

1 Recreation Facilities and Equipment Fund. This
2 article is recommended by the Selectmen and the
3 Budget Committee. And as of December 31st, it had
4 \$24,485 in it. Do I hear a motion? Moved by John
5 Klanchesser, seconded by Patty Borkland. Is there
6 discussion on article 19?

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yes. John Frink, 272 Nimble
8 Hill Road. I know it's not a big amount of money
9 here, but the recreation fund has \$24,485 in it?
10 What are we buying here? I see things happening at
11 South Newington, so maybe there's something I don't
12 know about, but I'd just like a little
13 clarification on that.

14 THE MODERATOR: Recreation?

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh, Little Bear
16 Road. The amount that we have in there right now
17 is \$26,000 and what not. This purpose -- yes, it
18 is small, it was recommended by the Selectmen. The
19 money that we are forecasting for this is
20 replacement of major equipment and/or fields.
21 Major equipment would be something like, the school
22 has a playground facility, that's a major expense,
23 that expense -- those playground equipment are very

1 expensive. They are, like, \$50,000 to replace
2 that. And they last only so long before they rust
3 out and before people start saying it's now a
4 hazard. They are inspected every two or three
5 years by a playground inspector. So, that is
6 probably the most -- the use would be mostly for
7 replacement of the large swing set playground
8 equipment, the whole entire package. They are
9 called play sets now, and/or field maintenance, et
10 cetera.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patty Borkland, Little Bear
12 Extension. I, too -- I think I know where John is
13 going on this. I think there are granite posts in
14 that new playground I'm seeing put over next to the
15 Court on South Newington. And we all went, oh, my
16 goodness, Scott and I did, granite posts, was there
17 any reason why it's granite, there's something
18 about granite. Granite posts were used for a
19 playground. Thank you.

20 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

21 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh. Do you
22 want me to answer that?

23 THE MODERATOR: Well, not particularly, but --

1 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Well, we did -- we did make a
2 conscious decision of what type of posts to use.
3 Being -- having put many fences in myself and other
4 people. We strictly put in granite for a reason.
5 The reason we put in granite because is because of
6 maintenance. We don't want to maintain it. Having
7 the wood off the ground, which are the side posts,
8 they won't rot. Our feeling is, put it in once and
9 maybe let's revisit this in the next 30, 40 years.
10 We shouldn't have any maintenance whatsoever on it.
11 So, that's our choice on using granite. A little
12 upfront cost, a lot more -- zero maintenance. And
13 if anyone -- when we look at all these costs that
14 we have, you know, that are a burden with the town,
15 labor is one of the most expensive portions and
16 it's also a portion that will always increase. So,
17 in saying that, we used granite as a municipality
18 thought, that we don't want to burden our future
19 taxpayers, including ourselves, later on with this
20 project.

21 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Is there any further
22 discussion?

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Sweeney. Brian, did I

1 catch that correctly, what you said, was your
2 company or were you personally involved in that
3 construction? What company did the work?

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'm not sure what you're
5 asking, how -- (inaudible)

6 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Well, I'll give you an
7 example of how the town might save a little bit of
8 money here. We've had people ram the gates up at
9 the end of Nimble Hill Road. If you take that
10 steel and bend it, and we have employees here who
11 can do that, you can make posts that last forever.
12 Let's try and do a little bit of recycling. And
13 also, if we spend such huge amounts of money on
14 playground equipment, is it being maintained? Do
15 we go out and clean it, wax it or otherwise prevent
16 corrosion on it?

17 THE MODERATOR: Is there any further
18 discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. You are
19 voting to see if the Town will vote to raise and
20 appropriate \$5,000 for the recreation -- for the
21 existing capital reserve known as the Recreation
22 and Facilities Equipment Fund. All those in favor,
23 say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carries.

1 Article 20, to see if the Town will vote to
2 establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the
3 provisions of RS -- RSA 35:1, and to raise and
4 appropriate the sum of 15 -- did you have something
5 you wanted to say? Oh, okay. To see if the town
6 will -- I'll start again.

7 To see if the Town will vote to establish a
8 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA
9 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of
10 \$15,000 to be known as at Fox Point Resident --
11 Residence Fund and to further name the Selectmen as
12 agents to expend from this fund. The purpose of
13 this fund will be for the construction and/or
14 improvements to the residence at Fox Point and
15 affiliated costs. This is in addition to the
16 operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget
17 Committee recommended this article.

18 Do I hear a motion on Article 20? Moved Patty
19 Borkland; seconded by Gail Pare. Is there
20 discussion on Article 20?

21 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yeah, me again, John Frink.
22 Is there some reason why the Selectmen cannot use
23 the rent money from that building to actually keep

1 up with the repairs?

2 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Well, we budget -- in the
3 operating budget, John, there is a line that Fox
4 Point that covers routine maintenance on that
5 building. The rent just goes into the General
6 Fund, so you could say it's kind of a wash or an
7 offset. This is more than that. That building is
8 in really bad shape. We have had the building
9 inspector looking at it. It's cold, it's drafty,
10 it's poorly insulated, the wiring is old, little
11 salamanders live in the basement -- cute little
12 things. It would take -- we've had contractors in
13 to look and to get this building where it should
14 be, you are looking at about \$150,000.

15 We also looked at, you could tear it down and
16 build a modular for about the same price. So, this
17 fund gives us options of doing either. If you may
18 recall, about, maybe six years ago, two out of the
19 three Selectmen voted to tear it down, get out of
20 the business of renting. All of a sudden, people
21 came out of everywhere, met with us and very
22 strongly said, no, we want to keep that building.
23 So, I was the swing vote. I voted -- flip-flopped,

1 like a good Democrat, and changed my mind and said,
2 no, we'll keep the building. But it's going to be
3 very expensive to do that, if that's what the
4 people want.

5 So, again, like the Stone School, it's a
6 little bit of money. It gives us a little bit of a
7 chance to do some engineering -- well, we've
8 already done some or had people in looking at it.
9 But it's really to raise awareness of the people,
10 if you really want that building, be prepared to,
11 you know, kick in some big bucks. So, that's
12 really what's behind this.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. Can I speak
14 again?

15 THE MODERATOR: Not before somebody else does.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Oh, I'm sorry.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Gail Pare, Little Bear Road.
18 I think, among other things, when we discussed this
19 this in the past, a lot of people were in favor of
20 having a building down there because it's nice to
21 have someone in residence on the property looking
22 after the whole place, just being eyes on it. The
23 other thing I wanted to point out, again, that

1 structure is, in fact, has some history to it.
2 It's the last remaining part of the Woodbury
3 Langdon Mansion, so it's not just some decrepit,
4 old thing that has -- is falling down. It has a
5 sense of history to it, and it's worth preserving
6 because of its association with Fox Point over the
7 long term. Thank you.

8 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Is there further
9 discussion?

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: If I may. It just seems that
11 if the rent money had been used to maintain that
12 building, then we wouldn't find ourselves in this
13 position. And I'm only bringing that up because
14 I'm afraid this will become an issue where the
15 people say, well, this is an expense to the town.
16 We have a trust fund, we have to spend this money.
17 And it would have been -- it would seem to me that
18 if the town had acted like a -- I know they don't
19 like to be landlords -- and actually put the money
20 back into the building as time went on, as they
21 received this rent money, then we wouldn't be in
22 this position. And I wanted to make sure that
23 everybody knows, I want that building to stay

1 there. Thank you.

2 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We have put a lot of
3 maintenance into that building, John. I mean, I
4 think we would need a special warrant article to
5 put a fund -- to put the rent money in to go back
6 just to that, specify it. But, we replaced that
7 furnace, some water lines, hot water heater, septic
8 system. We probably put as much, if not more, in
9 repairs over the last few years as we've brought in
10 as rent, so you'd be borrowing against something
11 else anyway.

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Justin Richardson, Old Post
13 Road, again. My question really relates to whether
14 the purpose of this fund is too narrow because we
15 are establishing over the last four, five years so
16 many separate Capital Reserve Funds. I mean, this
17 will be, I guess, the second one for Fox Point --
18 I'm not sure how many there are. But, I wonder,
19 would the town be better off having a, you know, a
20 Historic Building Maintenance Fund, you know,
21 rather than trying to put all this different money
22 in different buckets and, of course, if you only
23 have \$5,000 in one bucket for this building, but

1 you have \$50,000 in another bucket for a different
2 building, you can't use the other buckets, you
3 know, without going back to a town meeting. And I
4 just worry and maybe the Selectmen could explain
5 their thinking on this, why we don't just have
6 fewer capital reserve funds for broader purposes.

7 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Thanks, Justin. A while
8 back, our Budget Committee came to the Selectmen,
9 and they wanted more thought on what we do per
10 building and whatever. So, we keep the taxes
11 basically at a level plane, if we could, instead of
12 jumping them up and down if we have problems.
13 That's why capital funds like this are good,
14 because they specifically tell you which building
15 we are going to be doing and what moneys we have.

16 And with us putting money in every year, then
17 we know what we have, you know, when it comes time
18 four, five, six years down the road, what we have
19 there with the thought of doing it in the future,
20 so we don't have to have a big jump in the tax.

21 Case in point, Marks Pond, we have drainage
22 problems there that we have put money in that fund
23 for years, and now we've got the engineering going

1 and this going and that going, so it's going to be
2 minimal amount of money that we'll actually have to
3 take out of the operating budget. Did I answer
4 your question?

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: No.

6 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: No. Okay. Basically,
7 what it amounts to is, you put them in -- you have
8 one fund, and you don't know where they are going
9 to use it, kind of which way the wind blows. At
10 least this way, we specify which buildings we're
11 going to work at.

12 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Our previous building
13 inspector had asked for something similar to what
14 you just said, Justin. Why don't you give me or
15 the town a big \$100,000 fund or so or more, to go
16 into major building and maintenance. You know, we
17 do have a fund that we established years ago, with
18 almost \$100,000 in it for major, unanticipated
19 building maintenance which we've drawn on
20 occasionally.

21 We have broken -- you know, we have
22 established Capital Reserve Funds, as Cossie just
23 said, as we use -- met -- we've dissolved them.

1 For instance, today was the Garage Fund. We had an
2 SCBA fund. We had the Mott Cove Drainage Fund.
3 Once that repair is done this year, we'll dissolve
4 that fund. We try to keep the tax level flat.
5 That's the purpose, if you want to dish out
6 \$250,000 for a fire engine all in one year, it's
7 expensive. You can do it, fund it a little bit at
8 a time. And if you notice your tax rate does keep
9 fairly flat, so we work hard at that.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: And I was really just not,
11 kind of asking for the rationale behind capital
12 reserve funds, but rather, why not have, instead of
13 \$250,000 split, you know, between five different
14 funds, you know, just put it all in one or two
15 funds with the broader stated purpose. But I don't
16 want to belabor --

17 THE MODERATOR: I think that was answered. Is
18 there further discussion?

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh, Little Bear
20 Road. I think it would be unfair of me not to
21 share my opinions on the house. Now, first, I want
22 to say that the tenants we've had out there are
23 absolutely wonderful, very kind people. And it's

1 got a nice, subliminal message having an official
2 truck down there, which makes it look like there's
3 someone that, you know, is actually being hired to
4 stay there. So it has that.

5 The part now, having said that, the part of
6 this is -- this is -- I know that Gail has says
7 it's a type of historic; however, it's not on the
8 historic register. And if you look at the original
9 pictures of the building that was out there, which
10 was this enormous gable, this is part of the
11 bowing alley that is left over. So, we have -- and
12 we're collecting rent on this building and the rent
13 doesn't even pay for the upkeep. And then we,
14 because we're such a kind town, we give rebates
15 because we don't adequately insulate it to the
16 tenants to make sure that they don't pay too much
17 money during the winter months, which, you know,
18 the rent is very cheap. I think, is it \$1,200?
19 Something like that?

20 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: It's \$1,100. And for the
21 three winter months, I think we reduce that a few
22 hundreds dollars because the wind blows the
23 curtains, the kids are dressed in blankets and

1 everything else, so it costs them a lot of money to
2 heat that building.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKER: And I think that says
4 something, you know, we're maintaining a building
5 and I'm guessing the only reason we, I don't --
6 well, my personal opinion is, why keep a building
7 that's part of a bowling alley that's right smack
8 in the middle of the best piece of property in
9 Newington just to have, you know, a basic on-site
10 service which -- that can be maintained in other
11 ways. And it could be, maybe if -- I would
12 entertain, if it's that important to have someone
13 out there, then maybe we have -- we relocate the
14 house. Or put up a modular at the entrance and
15 take that down and make that more of a viewing area
16 for the townspeople and the townspeople to come.
17 Because, in my opinion, it's a nonhistoric
18 building. It really doesn't hold any value,
19 long-term value, other than taking up a piece of
20 real estate which, not one of Newington's residents
21 can actually use it other than the tenants. Thank
22 you very much.

23 THE MODERATOR: It says the purpose will be

1 construction and/or improvement, so that could
2 happen. Chris.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Christopher Cross, 327 Nimble
4 Hill Road. I think this is too small an amount to
5 bother to establish a new trust fund for something
6 that is already in the operating budget. It should
7 be handled there. I'm very leery of starting a
8 trust fund for something that's going to be a major
9 decision for the town as to whether they are going
10 to stay in the rental business and have this
11 building on with the expenses of the magnitude that
12 the Selectmen have mentioned. So I'm, as I've
13 said, I'm very leery of putting another one on.

14 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Hello, Chris Bellmare, Little
16 Bay Road. I just have a quick question, the way
17 that this is worded. And it does, as you just
18 mentioned, it does say for the purpose of
19 construction and improvements. Will that include
20 maintenance? The maintenance is not specifically
21 written here. This sounds more like additions and
22 we're building on and adding to this, and I just
23 want to be sure that we are really talking about

1 maintaining this building and, yet, the word
2 maintenance is not in here, only building and
3 improvement.

4 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Routine maintenance is
5 under the operating budget, Chris. This would be
6 for, you know, major -- just like the library. If
7 they need to reshingle the roof, they'll take it
8 out of their operating budget. If they want to do
9 a major renovation on this building, the money --
10 it's too much money for one year, so they're
11 putting money aside. And this is the same thing.
12 We do our routine maintenance. If something
13 breaks, you know, furnace breaks or water heater or
14 something like that, we just go fix it or replace
15 it. This is for major long-term. And, again, just
16 there's an ulterior motive for this, or subliminal
17 motive as somebody used, I believe earlier. It's
18 to get people's awareness, we have a building down
19 there. I mean, if someone wants to bring a warrant
20 or a petition next year to tear it down, you are
21 welcome to do that, too. This is to get some
22 discussion going, which we did. To get people
23 thinking about what do they want down there and,

1 \$15,000, again, isn't going to get you much, but it
2 gets people to think.

3 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?
4 If not, I'll call for the vote on Article 20. You
5 are voting to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in
6 the amount of \$15,000 for the construction and/or
7 improvement to the residence of Fox Point. This
8 will be in addition to the operating budget. All
9 those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. Okay.
10 We're going to have a hand vote, because I can't
11 decide. All right. I need of couple of helpers,
12 Lynn and Mary, would you be the tellers. And the
13 tellers, also, when you do the -- when you do the
14 counting, don't forget to include your vote, okay?
15 All right. All those in favor of Article 20,
16 please raise your hand. And put it up high, so it
17 can be counted.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'm short.

19 THE MODERATOR: And did you get -- you need to
20 get the people up on the stage also.

21 TELLER: 36.

22 TELLER: 22.

23 TELLER: 22 and 36 (inaudible).

1 MODERATOR FLETCHER: For the two of you?

2 TELLER: Yes.

3 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. All right. Those
4 opposed?

5 TELLER: A total of 27.

6 THE MODERATOR: 27 total. Yes?

7 TELLER: (Inaudible)

8 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Motion carries. 58
9 yes, 27 no.

10 Article 21, to see if the Town will vote to
11 raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000, to be
12 placed in the existing Expendable Trust Fund under
13 the provisions of RSA:19-A for the purpose of
14 payments of severance to town employees in
15 accordance with the town's personnel policy. This
16 Article is recommended by the Selectmen and the
17 Budget Committee. And as of December 31, there was
18 a balance of \$129,732.

19 Do I hear a motion on Article 21? Moved by
20 John Klanchesser, seconded by Granville Knox. Is
21 there discussion on Article 21?

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Larry Wall, Nimble Hill Road.
23 When I was chairman of the Budget Committee. We

1 increased this because of the ruling out of the
2 state for the retirees that were in the state
3 retirement system that there was an object of
4 coming back through and taking their overtime and
5 stuff, which hadn't been paid. In other words,
6 there was going to be a penalty to the towns for
7 some of their employees. Now, that's to the town,
8 not to the employees, but when they retire. I
9 thought we were somewhere at this figure, \$129,000
10 when we did that. Have we expended a lot of funds
11 out of there since then?

12 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yeah, we've had a couple
13 of big retirements. We had the Building Inspector
14 and the Fire Chief, and both had an extremely high
15 number of accumulated vacations days that we had to
16 pay off. You can carry 30 days over plus whatever
17 days you earned during a year, which is up to 15 or
18 20. So it's probably 20, I'm guessing, 20 weeks of
19 salary came out of that for two people.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: But that didn't --

21 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We haven't put anything
22 in in the last two or three years.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yeah, I realize that. It's

1 been since we put that in --

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right.

3 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I'm trying to remember how
4 much money, and I thought --

5 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: \$100,000 I thought we put
6 in.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: That's what I was thinking,
8 --

9 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: You know, we --

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- \$100,000 in that. And we
11 only had, like, \$40,000 --

12 SELECTMAN O'REILLY Yup.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- in it at the time. So,
14 we've only dropped this about 12 or \$15,000. We
15 really haven't brought that number down. And at
16 the time, you and I got into a discussion, Jack,
17 and I'm just going to bring it out in the open a
18 little bit. That once we hit \$100,000 we'd bring
19 it back up and bring it back in. Are we expecting
20 retirements this year that's going to drop that
21 below that figure?

22 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: There's a few -- well,
23 depending on our liability, I think there's three

1 or four right now in town that could go out on full
2 retirement.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKER: It's a possibility --

4 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: So, you are charged --
5 and the 15 percent hasn't gone away yet. I think
6 there's a bill this year to try to get rid of that
7 penalty. If it does, then we could look -- take
8 another look at this down the line.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. I was just -- just was
10 wondering why we are -- all of a sudden, we're
11 bringing it back in when we hadn't got it under the
12 \$100,000 you and I had talked about in the past.

13 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Once that -- I think that
14 possible liability goes away, that 15 percent rule
15 -- penalty, whatever you want to call it, or is it
16 25 percent, 25 percent. Then we can probably drop
17 -- let this drop again for a few years.

18 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Chris Cross, Nimble Hill
20 Road. A related question. In our annual report,
21 the auditors report cites particularly, something
22 that's related to this warrant and that is, it
23 states that, "The liabilities, net assets and

1 expenses of the govern activities are not
2 reasonably determinable" and, therefore, they take
3 exception in their audit report for that reason.
4 And they cite that, "Management has not recorded a
5 liability for other post employment benefits for
6 which the town is liable in their govern activity."
7 I'd like to know if the Selectmen are going to take
8 action to remove this problem with the audit report
9 certifying our town report.

10 MS. MARCONI: It isn't that they do suggest
11 that we do it. Our auditors suggest we think about
12 it, so --

13 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: All right. This is some
14 of the new financial accounting laws apparently,
15 Chris, that I'm not real up on. The GASB, I don't
16 know if you've heard that initials, whatever you
17 call it. It's a difference in opinion between our
18 banking and our auditors. We have not had the
19 face-to-face debrief with the auditors yet. We do
20 go through all this and look at suggestions, which
21 is probably what this is. More to come on that.
22 That's all I can say right now. I really can't
23 give you a full explanation because it's up here

1 somewhere. But, we'll look into it, at least.

2 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?
3 If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor
4 of -- for voting to raise and appropriate the sum
5 of \$5,000 for the purpose of severance to town
6 employees. All those in favor, say aye. All
7 those opposed, no. Motion passed.

8 Now, we are going to take a 10-minute break
9 and I hope that people will avail themselves to all
10 that delicious food out back. And there's Girl
11 Scout cookies out front. So, at 12:10, please be
12 back in your seats.

13 (A break was taken.)

14 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Will you please resume
15 your seats? That was a long ten minutes. I need
16 everybody in their seats and ready.

17 Okay. It has been asked that the articles --
18 the Articles 22, 23 and 24 be changed and, as
19 Moderator, I have the power to change them. And
20 I'm going to put Article 24 first. And then,
21 because the other two will be moot points, if that
22 is accepted. So, I'm going to go to Article 24.

23 Article 24 -- oh, and this is going to be a

1 paper ballot. So, when it comes time for the vote,
2 it will be paper ballots and I will need my ballot
3 clerks up here for that.

4 Okay. Article 24, by petition from Patty
5 Borkland and at least 25 registered voters from
6 Newington, to see the Town of Newington is opposed
7 to construction of a Pavilion at Fox Point, as
8 presented to the Newington Planning Board on
9 November 3, 2011. If this Article is passed, the
10 town shall not expend funds for construction of a
11 proposed Pavilion as provided by RSA 32:10 I --
12 Roman Numeral I, I guess it is, and E.

13 So, do I hear a motion on Article 24? Moved
14 by Mike Marconi; seconded by Justin Richardson.
15 Is there discussion on Article 24?

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. Justin Richardson
17 again, 32 Old Post Road. I drafted Article 24,
18 working with a couple of other people that were at
19 the Planning Board's hearing in November of last
20 year. As we were going through the discussions, a
21 number of us were concerned that it just didn't
22 seem to make sense to move forward with this, the
23 Pavilion, that had been proposed.

1 We heard from members of the Planning Board
2 during the hearing, that they didn't think that the
3 project was a good idea. The Selectmen stated that
4 their personal view was that they kind of shared
5 that. And -- but, everyone seemed to feel like
6 they were trapped because the proposal had been
7 presented and so, you know, the prior Committee
8 work, and I understand that, you know, there's
9 different sides to this issue. But, that because
10 the proposal was for, you know, let's just get this
11 thing built and over with because that's what the
12 town wanted.

13 And, we looked back at this and there really
14 hasn't been a definitive vote or statement by the
15 town body as a whole. We've voted money into this
16 funds over the years, but when you look at what was
17 done in 2003, when the article, the Capital Reserve
18 Fund was established, it was to put a kitchen and
19 bathroom facilities in. And there was an amendment
20 in 2007 that changed the wording a little bit, but
21 it came back to the same point. Let's build
22 something that has a kitchen and bathrooms because
23 there are these, you know, functions, like,

1 SeptemberFest that we have out there. Obviously,
2 there are things like weddings, and I don't want to
3 go through whether that is the purpose of this or
4 not.

5 But, we were looking at a facility that wasn't
6 going to really accomplish that. It's essentially,
7 in my view, and maybe it's other people feel
8 differently, we are going to spend, from what I
9 understand, \$170,000 for, basically, a nice
10 structure. But, it's just going to be a roof over
11 some picnic tables. And that's -- that's a lot
12 money for something that isn't really going to
13 serve the need for which the fund was created and
14 it's purpose.

15 And, why do we need, as a town, to spend this
16 money to have a roof over picnic tables? Because,
17 you know, if the weather's bad and it's raining
18 out, you know, we don't really need to have a
19 function out there. I mean, no one's going to want
20 to be under the picnic -- on the picnic tables. If
21 the weather is nice, you know, we can have picnic
22 tables out underneath the trees. It's a fantastic
23 setting, and we don't need to spend a lot of money

1 to do it.

2 We do have very significant needs, throughout
3 the entire town. You know, we have the facility
4 right there at Fox Point, the residence. And it's
5 great having a caretaker there, especially the
6 current caretaker who is a, you know, a fish and
7 game conservation officer.

8 We have, you know, the Carriage House. We
9 have the boat launch, I mean, excuse me, the docks,
10 well, the boat launch, the docks. I was out there
11 last year and I think I noticed, or maybe the
12 Selectman had found it first, I can't remember.
13 You know, a piece of the big steel structure that
14 links those docks together. I mean, that dock is
15 old. And we're going to have to spend money on
16 that. You know, we're looking at the Stone School,
17 I mean, this is -- these are problems that are not
18 going to go away.

19 What will happen though, is if we spend
20 \$170,000 to build this roof, and then if we improve
21 it to add the kitchen and bathroom facilities,
22 we're still going to have to keep the Carriage
23 House alive because that is a beautiful looking

1 structure. Whether we use it on the inside, you
2 know, that's a complicated question. I don't know
3 the answer to it.

4 But, the same things true for the Stone
5 school. We have a lot on our table. And building
6 a new facility is going to add another maintenance
7 obligation, and I think that it's a mistake. But,
8 ultimately, what I'm hoping comes out of this, is
9 that today is the day for the town, as a whole, to
10 just let the Selectmen, let all the other boards
11 and committees know whether this -- whether any
12 Pavilion is what the town wants. Is this the
13 direction we want to go in.?

14 And, honestly, if that's what the vote is
15 coming out today, I'm not really so much trying to
16 stop the Pavilion. I want to say my say and I
17 don't think it's a good idea. But, if the town
18 speaks, you know, at this meeting and says yes,
19 let's do it. In other words, if the town defeats
20 this Article, I think that, yeah, let's move
21 forward. And I think, you know, we don't have to
22 have more debate or discussion. So, it's really --
23 you know, this is the watershed moment that I was

1 hoping we would have.

2 And that, towards that end, one issue came up
3 when I met with the Selectmen a couple of months
4 ago to ask about how this meeting would play itself
5 out. Because I know -- I didn't want to have to
6 have the debate about whether we build the
7 Pavilion, take place in the context of whether we
8 add the Selectmen as agents or whether we put more
9 money in the fund, because those aren't really
10 procedurally suited to the discussion of what
11 should we do at Fox Point. Should we have this
12 Pavilion or not.

13 And it was pointed out to me by the Selectmen,
14 and by others, that the way the Article is worded
15 and it currently reads, "To see if the town of
16 Newington is opposed to construction of a Pavilion
17 at Fox Point as presented to the Newington Planning
18 Board on November 3, 2011." And that that could be
19 construed to mean that if the Pavilion was changed
20 a little bit, this warrant article wouldn't have
21 any effect, and that really wasn't what was
22 intended.

23 So, with the leave of the floor of the town

1 meeting, obviously, which has the final say, I'd
2 like to suggest and I'd like to move that we amend
3 this Article to eliminate the language, "As
4 presented to the Newington Planning Board on
5 November 3, 2011," so it's clear that we are just
6 taking a vote to find out if the town wants to
7 build, you know, whether this Pavilion or a slight
8 variation on it.

9 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Justin, any amendment has
10 to be put in writing and given to me.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay, I will do that. I have
12 a copy here. I have some extra copies, if people
13 in the back of the room want to read it. And with
14 that, I'll just close because I don't have really
15 anything further to say, and I really look forward
16 to hearing what other people say on both sides of
17 the issue. Thank you.

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: We are going to wait
19 until we go through the amendment.

20 I have been presented with an amendment. It
21 says, "To see if the town is opposed to
22 construction of a Pavilion at Fox Point," and then
23 the rest of it is crossed out. If this Article

1 passes, the town shall not expend funds -- funds
2 for construction of a proposed Pavilion as provided
3 in RSA 32:10 Roman Numeral I, I guess, E. Is
4 there a second to that amendment? Okay. Seconded
5 by David Sweeney. Is there discussion on the
6 amendment?

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh, Little Bay
8 Road. I think it's very selfish and to even
9 present that amendment as stated. And the reason
10 why I think that, is because the warrant article
11 that was created in 2003 was for a Pavilion.
12 Nothing more. It was to replace what -- the Mott
13 House that was going to be removed. And year after
14 year after year, the Pavilion money was added to
15 this Pavilion Fund at town meeting, and I don't
16 think it's ever once failed.

17 So, for this to come to a head and for the
18 towns people to build a Capital Reserve Fund for
19 the purpose of a Pavilion, to be presented with a
20 warrant article that says, okay, well, we built
21 money, we already have the money in a Capital
22 Reserve Fund, and now we don't want to -- I want to
23 present a warrant article and amend it to say,

1 let's axe it completely and then give that money
2 back to the general fund. I don't -- actually, I
3 don't think that warrant article could do that, but
4 I just think, I'm sure that this will pass for,
5 vote and I don't know what will happen after that.

6 But, I just want to say to all the people who
7 have voted the last 8 years for that Pavilion Fund
8 who, some are here, some are not. That, if this
9 passes, this will be a real shame and a real blow
10 to the people who have put time and energy into
11 this effort to make something nice for the people
12 of Newington. Thank you.

13 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Is there any further
14 discussion on the amendment? Just the amendment.
15 All right. All of those --

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: (Inaudible). Just a quick --
17 Paul Wynn, Patterson Lane. Just to clarify here,
18 "To see if the town of Newington is opposed to
19 construction of a Pavilion at Fox Point." A yes
20 vote, shoots this down. A no vote, is for it.

21 THE MODERATOR: Correct.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. I just wanted to make
23 sure everybody understood that.

1 THE MODERATOR: No, wait a minute. To see --
2 wait a minute. A yes vote means that they do not
3 want it.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: No, no.

6 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, for this amendment,
7 no. Okay. All right. All right. All right. "To
8 see if the town is opposed to construction of a
9 Pavilion at Fox Point."

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Ruth, a point of order.

11 THE MODERATOR: Wait a minute. Wait, wait,
12 wait. Yes?

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: A point of order.

14 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay.

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I believe, and I've sat in on
16 another town meeting in another town running the
17 sound system for them. And that Moderator at that
18 town said, a negative motion, a negative petition
19 is not permitted. The State Attorney General has
20 ruled against that in the past.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, okay.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: That needs to be checked. I
23 don't know that, and if there's a lawyer here that

1 could answer that, but I remember that Moderator
2 saying that and that bugs me.

3 THE MODERATOR: Well, all right. Hmm. All
4 right. That would really change the -- that would
5 really change Article 24, this amendment would;
6 Correct? Okay. So, I'll call for a vote on the
7 amendment. Do you want to amend -- do you want to
8 keep amendment or pitch it? All those in favor of
9 this amendment, say aye. Right, wait. Okay.

10 To see if the town of Newington is opposed to
11 construction of a Pavilion at Fox Point. If this
12 Article passes, the town shall not expend funds for
13 construction of the proposed Pavilion as provided
14 by RSA 32:10 et cetera.

15 So, we can just take this amendment out, if
16 that's your choice, and go with the original
17 article or we can -- I don't know about whether a
18 negative is allowable or not, so I can't tell you.
19 Yes?

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Gary Kadaff, 6 Marsh Road.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: But --

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I believe --

23 MODERATOR FLETCHER: We're just trying to sort

1 this out, Gary. So, what?

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Moderator, I'm trying to sort
3 it out as well. I think there's confusion on the
4 floor, whether we are voting on, as you read it, on
5 Article 24 or just the amendment. I think we need
6 to --

7 THE MODERATOR: We are voting on the
8 amendment.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yes, you read -- you read
10 for the call on the vote, which actually reads as
11 Article 24 --

12 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Well, I'm -- it has to be
13 a vote on the amendment.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Correct. So, can we --

15 THE MODERATOR: So, we are voting on the
16 amendment only.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: So can we have a reading
18 again, and maybe Justin can help us here, reading
19 again as to what specifically the amendment is and
20 bifurcate it from the language in Article 24.

21 THE MODERATOR: The, briefly, the amendment
22 is, "as presented to the Newington Planning Board."
23 That's the only thing that it takes out of it. "As

1 presented to the Newington Planning Board on
2 November 3, 2011." That's the only thing taken
3 out.

4 So, it would, the Article would read the same,
5 except that bit about as presented to the Newington
6 Planning Board. Okay? So, it's, a yes vote would
7 be just to -- for that little bit of information,
8 "As presented to the Newington Planning Board on
9 November -- on November 3, 2011," that's all it
10 would take out.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: May I offer a suggestion for
12 the Moderator?

13 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Yes.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: To call a vote on the motion
15 to amend. Let's --

16 THE MODERATOR: That's what I --

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay.

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: -- was trying to do.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. Right. Well, we keep
20 rereading the amendment, but --

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: I know it.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- I think what we need to
23 say is, we're calling a vote on the motion to

1 amend.

2 MODERATOR FLETCHER: No. The motion to amend,
3 just takes out the Newington -- as presented to the
4 Planning Board and the date.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

6 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Do you want -- yes.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Just for a little
8 clarification. Just because you want to vote for
9 the amendment or not for the amendment, you still
10 have another vote on --

11 THE MODERATOR: Yes --

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- on the warrant article.

13 MODERATOR FLETCHER: -- absolutely, yes. This
14 is just on the amendment. Okay.

15 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Ruth, I have a question.
16 I just have to ask Justin, what's the reason behind
17 your amendment?

18 PUBLIC SPEAKER: As I -- I guess I didn't
19 explain it very well. The idea was, actually, in
20 response to the discussions we had at that meeting
21 back in, I guess it was in December, after this had
22 been presented, where there were concerns that the
23 amendment was written or, excuse me, the language

1 in the warrant article was written so narrowly,
2 that if someone just said, hey, let's change it,
3 make it, you know, 10 feet wider or 10 feet longer,
4 it would be a different project, and then this
5 article wouldn't have any effect. And, really,
6 what we were trying to do is to get at the basic
7 question, do we build or do we not build a
8 Pavilion. So, the -- that's the reason for making
9 or proposing this motion to amendment.

10 I apologize. I missed a little bit of what
11 Larry said a moment ago, about whether you could
12 have an article in the negative. And if I
13 understand correctly, what he's referring to is a
14 2010 or '11 decision by -- it came out of
15 Rockingham County, I believe, out of Barrington and
16 it was Judge McHugh. And what that was is an SB2
17 town, where they said that the deliberative session
18 could not add a negative into the question to
19 change it to "not see", which would then prevent
20 the voters in the second section from being able to
21 do anything because all they could do is approve a
22 motion to not see, which would have no effect.

23 That's -- this is a totally different

1 procedural thing and the goal here is by this is
2 not to put a new purpose in, but just to clarify
3 that the purpose is to look at the Pavilion, you
4 know, that's really what the petitioners were
5 thinking when we came up with this proposal. Thank
6 you. And I apologize for going twice before others
7 have spoken.

8 THE MODERATOR: So this -- do you have
9 something pertaining to the amendment?

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I do, Brian Haberstroh,
11 again, Little Bay Road. My question is, is what's
12 the term on this, as amended? Right now it says,
13 in the amendment that we are being presented with,
14 it says that we shall not create a Pavilion,
15 period.

16 THE MODERATOR: No, no, --

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Is there a term on that?

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: -- no, Brian, that's not
19 correct. What we are voting on is just taking out
20 the words "as presented", you could put a period
21 after Fox Point.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right.

23 THE MODERATOR: We're just taking out the

1 words "as presented to the Newington Planning Board
2 on November 3, 2011", that's all we are voting on.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right. So, we're working on
4 the amendment to say this, "To see if the town of
5 Newington is opposed to the construction of a
6 planned Pavilion at Fox Point," period.

7 THE MODERATOR: That's correct.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. And what's the term on
9 that? Is that indefinite?

10 THE MODERATOR: Yes.

11 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We --

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: So this could be --

13 THE MODERATOR: Well, until it's brought up
14 again.

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Right.

16 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: This is more debating on
17 (inaudible). Our attorney that we contacted said
18 this amendment -- this warrant article is good for
19 one year. And, Justin, I think, confirmed that
20 with me.

21 PUBLIC SPEAKER: That's absolutely true. You
22 can't (inaudible)

23 THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right. Now, is

1 everybody clear on this amendment? It's just
2 taking the words out. And then we'll vote on the
3 other. Then we'll talk about the other, is that
4 okay? Everybody got that? Okay.

5 So, it's been moved and seconded that -- the
6 amendment has been approved -- has been moved and
7 seconded, to see if they'll take that little
8 section out, "As presented to the Newington
9 Planning Board on November 3rd 2011." All those in
10 favor, say aye. Those opposed.

11 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Madam Moderator, I
12 requested that this be a hand vote.

13 THE MODERATOR: I told you, you can request
14 and I make the decision.

15 So we're just crossing out that -- so take
16 your pens and pencils and whatever, and cross out
17 "As presented to the Newington Planning Board on
18 November 3, 2011."

19 Now, we are going to be voting, by petition
20 from Article 24, by petition from Patty Borkland
21 and at least 25 registered voters from Newington,
22 to see if the Town of Newington is opposed to
23 construction of a Pavilion at Fox Point. If this

1 Article passes, the town shall not expend funds for
2 construction of the proposed Pavilion, as provided
3 by RSA 32:10, I(e).

4 Do I hear -- let's see, that was the
5 discussion. Now, is there discussion on this? Now
6 before that -- sorry. Do we have a motion? Moved
7 by Patty; seconded by Vannie. I don't think Patty
8 should make that. Do I have a motion by somebody
9 else that we can accept? Gary Kadash, and seconded
10 by Vannie Braun. Okay. It's open for discussion

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. Before I even talk
12 about this, I want to thank Cos for -- Cos, we're
13 really going to miss you.

14 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Well, let's go to --

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. Then I want to thank
16 Justin and Bill for -- really, they are the ones
17 that did the -- really did the work on this
18 amendment. And I, you know, I just tagged along
19 and helped. And I just want to point out that the
20 three of us are three different generations and
21 three different financial standings, three
22 different, living in this town for how many years.
23 And it was really cool to come together with these

1 guys on a common goal. I really enjoyed it. I use
2 the Fox Point on a regular basis, and there's such
3 a wide variety of young and old and I see kids down
4 there and it's just -- we have such a gem down
5 there. And I believe that when the town purchased
6 it, it's for conservation and preservation. I also
7 love the old Carriage House, and I want us to
8 continue working on that in making it -- actually,
9 I spoke to Jack last week, continuing our work on
10 that, that beautiful building. I just see no
11 reason to have a permanent structure down at Fox
12 Point. If you are going to have a function, you
13 can rent a tent. You also have the Old Town Hall,
14 which, if you haven't been up there, honest to
15 goodness, go check that out. They did a beautiful
16 job on that. And not only just the building, but
17 you have the barbecue pit that's covered. And it's
18 --

19 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Let's stick to Fox Point.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. So, also as a member
21 of the Planning Board, we voted unanimously that we
22 did not want a free-standing structure built at Fox
23 Point. And that was unanimous and we did present

1 that to the Selectmen. So, I hope that this
2 finally will come to a decision. Thank you.

3 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Gary Kadash, 6 Mark Cove. I
5 would endorse all of that has been said here
6 earlier, other than perhaps some of the stuff that
7 Justin gave us a confusion on -- on the amendment,
8 but I certainly support the arguments. I'd like to
9 shine a slightly different light on the issue.
10 Prior to my moving to Newington, I spent eight
11 years of my career as president of a large resort
12 in Northern Vermont. It was Stowe Mountain Resort.
13 We hosted numerous events, weddings, barmitzvahs
14 and whatnot. We had multiple large buildings,
15 permanent, and I can tell you almost to each event,
16 when people came to hold a wedding or a barmitzvah
17 or a special olympics, they wanted a slightly
18 different venue. They wanted the alter facing in
19 one direction, they wanted the alter facing in a
20 different direction and what we ultimately
21 defaulted to was erecting tents. And we erected
22 tents in the middle of winter in Northern Vermont
23 and had banquets in them because they didn't want

1 to go into the existing structures because they
2 weren't quite the right size, in the right place,
3 facing the right orientation.

4 And so, while I commend the town, and I'm
5 proud to be part of a town that wants to enhance
6 these types of events, I would caution the town
7 that putting a permanent facility out there, you
8 probably can't get it right. We tried for eight
9 years. We spent not \$150,000, but we spent
10 millions of dollars trying to get the right venue
11 there, so I would support this amendment. This
12 article, sorry.

13 THE MODERATOR: Is there further discussion?

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Jim Wiener, 397 Fox Point.
15 One of the things I'd like to address, Brian
16 brought up a very good point which is, for the past
17 "X" number of years, there has been funds put into
18 the Fox Point Pavilion. When coming into this,
19 being someone new to town, I had been asking people
20 the questions of -- the question why. What are the
21 options: Can we do anything about renovations: Is
22 this the only thing that's been discussed? What I
23 got on a consistent basis was confusion, that

1 people didn't have all the information, that as of
2 last town meeting they were hoping that everyone
3 was going to be able to come back to this year's
4 town meeting, hear what was going on, and then be
5 able to make a decision.

6 There was a misunderstanding and, therefore,
7 with that said, I decided with my wife, with
8 Justin, with Patty, to get involved with this. And
9 everyone should have received a green flier in the
10 mail. I wanted to -- as everyone knows, town
11 politics can be rather interesting. And,
12 therefore, we wanted to try to put something out
13 that would very clearly state the issues and try to
14 do it in a very nonemotional fashion.

15 It was brought up to my attention that this
16 article was not signed. And I would love to say
17 that the former was the reason, but it simply was
18 because we did not think of it. And, therefore,
19 there was nothing more to be read into it that
20 that. I was asked to address this issue and it was
21 a pleasure to do so.

22 One last point. When dating my wife, I, as
23 like anyone when they first get married, Jennifer

1 was from this town, born in Newington, and you ask
2 people, what was it like growing up? And the one
3 comment that Jen would consistently come up with
4 was, wide, open expanses. I heard the words. I
5 smiled. I really didn't understand what she was
6 talking about until I got to come, meet her
7 parents, and then be taken around the town and then
8 taken down to Fox Point, when I finally got to
9 understand what wide, open expanses meant.

10 So, with that said, I became adamant that I
11 was going to try to do my best to maintain that.
12 And that having a Pavilion as a permanent structure
13 would not suit that goal. Thank you very much.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Maggie Connors, Coleman
15 Drive. The only point that I want to -- this is my
16 first time around here. But, the only point I
17 wanted to make was that putting that free-standing
18 structure there is just another point of vandalism.
19 I don't know if everybody's aware of the vandalism
20 that's been happening at the school lately. So
21 much so, that we had to put some funds towards
22 putting in cameras. Putting the structure down at
23 Fox Point is just going to make it that much more

1 easily accessible for another person, possibly the
2 same person, to vandalize another building, which
3 is going cost more expenses for us to have to pay
4 out to keep that upkeep. Thank you.

5 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Is there further
6 discussion?

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm --

8 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Wait just a second.
9 Okay. Go ahead, Paul.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. Paul Pellitier, Fox
11 Point Road. It would help me make up my mind,
12 because I haven't made it up yet, if the Selectmen,
13 the Select Board, could comment on what would
14 happen with the funds if the Pavilion is not
15 constructed; where would those funds be directed?
16 Could they be directed to the renovation of the
17 Carriage House, for instance?

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay.

19 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: That's what I was going
20 to talk about. Nice segway.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: He read your mind.

22 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: He did, he read -- and
23 it's not much to read, but it's an open book,

1 whatever you want to say. Historically, about 9
2 years ago, 10 years ago, we were approached by the
3 members of the Recreation Committee, who put on the
4 SeptemberFest, we were renting a tent every year.
5 Wouldn't it be nice if we could put up a permanent
6 structure, some sort of Pavilion, that we can get
7 in out of the weather. One time they talked 45, 60
8 feet, which is huge, about the size of this room, a
9 little bit smaller. And we said, well, let's let
10 the people decide. I mean, we weren't going to
11 make that kind of a decision. And so, we put up a
12 warrant article, established a fund, like we did
13 today for a couple of issues, and it passed. And
14 in subsequent years, we've added funds for that.

15 One year someone put an amendment in to give
16 us a time limit to make a decision and make a
17 proposal, which was ruled later not to be a legal
18 amendment. But, about three or four years into the
19 fund, for some reason I was in the Carriage House,
20 looking around, walking through it and thinking,
21 what a beautiful building we already have here.
22 Wouldn't it be nice -- wouldn't it be nice if we
23 maybe fix this up instead.

1 So, I proposed a change to the Capital Reserve
2 Fund purpose the following town meeting, to add in
3 building a Pavilion and/or renovate an existing
4 structure. I believe, and I'm counting on this, is
5 that if this Article is passed, it will only
6 eliminate the purpose of the Pavilion, it will
7 still leave the funds intact, that we could go and
8 work on the Carriage House.

9 We've already spent a quarter of a million
10 dollars on that building over the last five or six
11 years. Put a cement floor in, redid the roof,
12 shingles, and some other things. I would hope that
13 we would not dissolve this fund, but what it would
14 allow us is to continue on with some plans. I had
15 talked with Patty the other day -- I can envision a
16 wrap around porch from the left-hand side entrance,
17 where it's handicapped accessible, maybe 14,
18 16-feet wide, all screened in. You could go out,
19 maybe a couple of tables, you know, cook your
20 dinner, bring you down and keep out of the way of
21 the mosquitoes. And then, down the road, maybe
22 some nice French doors or something, some of you
23 might not like those, but some kind of shiny --

1 doors that let a lot of light inside, maybe paint
2 the walls white. And even down the road maybe a
3 small bathroom with, not a septic system, but I've
4 seen, if you have ever been over the Great Center,
5 at the Great Bay Wildlife Refuge, they have a
6 composting, so where the tanks from the basement,
7 they just empty them out in the field. We've got
8 lots of field out there.

9 So, my own opinion, I'm only one of three, is
10 I'd like to continue with that building, use these
11 funds if so allowed, we -- right now, no one can
12 spend them because we don't have an agent, and
13 continue.

14 So, yes, I agree, I think most people would,
15 if we don't put up a Pavilion, let's make a nice
16 city use out of that building down there. It's a
17 nice structure. If you haven't been in, you've got
18 to go see it.

19 THE MODERATOR: Any further discussion?

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Madam Chairman, Michael
21 Marconi, 19 Coleman Drive, member of your Planning
22 Board. We've had many, many discussions on this
23 item, and the Planning Board voted unanimously, not

1 to do anything with that point, leave it the way it
2 is. The funds Jack just talked about definitely
3 could be used in the Carriage House and for the
4 Stone Building and for the tenant or whatever.
5 But, I think now's the time to make the decision,
6 folks. We really put a lot of time in this. Thank
7 you for your time.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Denis Hebert, 20 Gundalow
9 Landing. I am on the Planning Board as well. One
10 of the things that the Planning Board does that
11 hasn't been brought up is looking at long-term
12 costs for the town. And we -- every time you add a
13 new building, it's more maintenance, it's more
14 people that you have to look at maintaining the
15 costs for. We have a lot of facilities right now
16 that are going unused. And that was part of the
17 reason why the Planning Board looked at that and
18 said, well, what are we doing? Why are we adding
19 more infrastructure when we're not doing enough for
20 the infrastructure that we already have in place.
21 It's a quarter of a million dollars, in and of
22 itself, it's not a lot. But, what's happening with
23 this town, with more and more roads being turned

1 over to us, in the future, in the very near future,
2 Woodbury Avenue is going to be turned over to us,
3 there's other roads as well that will be turned
4 over to us.

5 Our cost for operating this town with just the
6 things that we have, plus what we are going to get,
7 like it or not, keeps escalating. And we better
8 start looking at some of the things that maybe we
9 wanted to have it eight years ago when the tax
10 rates were down, but things are going up, costs are
11 going up.

12 And I've got to tell you, the Recreation
13 Committee and the Committee that puts this
14 together, they worked really, really hard at this.
15 And if nothing more, they need support in saying,
16 thank you very much for doing this, but maybe this
17 is not the thing to do now.

18 Unfortunately, that's the kind of thing --
19 that's what happened over the change of years that
20 have come up. And the same sort of thing with any
21 new infrastructure, any new buildings that we've
22 got coming in, that are being proposed that, well,
23 maybe we want to do it. We need to keep in mind,

1 the cost for operating this town and how much it's
2 going to keep escalating, a little at a time,
3 almost imperceptible from year to year. But, when
4 you look back at it, just going back a few years,
5 when I first moved into this town, the budget was
6 under \$2,000,000 or thereabouts. I'm not sure if
7 I'm correct on that number, but my taxes was less
8 than half of what it is now, not even less than
9 half, it was way less than half of what it is right
10 now. And our costs keep going up.

11 We've got to start looking at our total cost
12 for operating this town. So just keep that in
13 mind, even though this is small, and it is a low
14 maintenance item, it's still one of those things we
15 are going to keep -- by adding more and more every
16 year, we keep adding to our tax rate. Thank you.

17 MODERATOR FLETCHER: But, you are still
18 getting a bargain. Okay.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Chris Bellmare, Little Bay
20 Road. And more importantly, for this matter is
21 also on Rec. And for the eighth straight year, I
22 will stand here and tell you Rec has nothing to do
23 with this. Every year I stand here, I say this, it

1 comes up. Someone on Rec may have mentioned this
2 eight years ago from a request from a person at
3 SeptemberFest saying, hey, why don't we have
4 something here. This is not a Rec-sponsored
5 project. It was never submitted by Recreation. It
6 is not endorsed by Recreation. Recreation has zero
7 to do with this.

8 So, I want to speak on behalf of Rec and just
9 say, zero, nothing, we are not here. We have
10 nothing, nothing at all to do with this. I'll be
11 here next year, telling you again, Rec has nothing
12 to do with the fact that the Pavilion doesn't
13 exist. People still talk. I don't care --

14 MODERATOR FLETCHER: We got it, Chris.

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: You got it? Okay.

16 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Now talk.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: So, on the second part of
18 this, also unrelated to whether or not -- more
19 related to the Article, unrelated to whether or not
20 there's a Pavilion there, there's nothing to do
21 with whether there's a Pavilion there or not. I
22 have a concern of having a Capital Reserve Fund
23 that has been set up, being taken away through this

1 process. And it has nothing to do with whether
2 it's for this fund or not. It is -- by killing
3 this Article, it doesn't build a Pavilion out
4 there. If the Pavilion was supposed to have been
5 built, it should have been built already. So, it
6 either can't be built for some reason and killing
7 this article doesn't build a Pavilion there.

8 And I think that there are other ways we can
9 address this. This is a, you know, my thoughts
10 are, that by doing this, we set a precedent. My
11 concern, my fear, is that a precedent gets set that
12 when there's a Capital Reserve Fund established for
13 something that 26 people don't want, we can change
14 that and take it away. This year, it's the
15 Pavilion which, you know, good, okay. But, next
16 year maybe it's a ambulance fund, maybe it's a
17 major road work, maybe someone looks through the
18 capital reserve pieces in here and say, hey, who
19 has the most money, and do we need that much money
20 in there? What if we stopped investing and took
21 that money and applied it to something else. And
22 that's my concern with this, is that we're taking
23 money that seven or eight years our townspeople

1 voted to put into this fund and are killing it.

2 Not so much about the Pavilion. I don't care. But

3 I just wanted to bring that issue up that, you

4 know, my concerns of the precedent we are setting

5 by doing this. Thanks.

6 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oh, okay.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dee Richardson, (inaudible).

8 I read the warrant article recently in 2003 when

9 the capital reserve was originally set up, and it

10 was actually, specifically amended to read that the

11 new structure being built under the capital reserve

12 would include a bathroom and a kitchen, which the

13 currently planned Pavilion doesn't have anyway.

14 THE MODERATOR: Thank you. Jack?

15 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Jack Pare, 188 Little Bay

16 Road. If you actually read the language that we

17 are discussing, it says that we will not spend

18 money to build the Pavilion. The fund in question,

19 is not taken apart or dismantled or blocked in any

20 way. And as the town meeting amended it a couple

21 of years ago, it does still permit additions and

22 modifications to the existing structure called the

23 Carriage House.

1 It's also possible then, if you really like
2 the idea of putting the efforts into a Carriage
3 House, as Jack described a little while ago, you
4 could vote yes on all three of these articles,
5 stopping the free-standing, open-air tent, and
6 still funding the fund for possible modifications
7 and improvements to the Carriage House and allowing
8 the Selectmen to become the agents of that fund.
9 Thank you.

10 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Brian Haberstroh, Little Bay
11 Road. Thank you, Jack, that was very well said. I
12 am -- I wanted to just -- I was part of the Fox
13 Point Advisory Committee, Steering Committee,
14 whatever, and I want to share just a couple of
15 moments of our last meeting, which we presented --
16 which this Pavilion that you see over here on the
17 right was presented.

18 At that meeting, the Planning Board and many
19 people in the audience -- I just want to share with
20 everyone that a high propensity of people were
21 saying Carriage House, Carriage House, Carriage
22 House. And I just wanted everyone to know that
23 that's what a lot people in the audience were

1 saying. The amount of money it took when we first
2 got on this Steering Committee the Carriage House
3 has always been a consideration. It has been toyed
4 with, looked at, and the price of it has always
5 been expensive, but it sounds like people would
6 rather have the Carriage House just from what I am
7 seeing than say a stand-alone Pavilion, and at
8 maybe even a price tag to prevent a new structure
9 versus creating a new one, if that's the case, be
10 prepared a procedure more money. I think -- I
11 don't think \$25,000 is enough to put into that next
12 fund, if we go to the next one, if the Pavilion is
13 stopped. I think someone should consider maybe
14 upping that a little bit because we do have
15 significant funds; otherwise, the Carriage House
16 this could be going on for years and years and
17 years, too, because we don't have the money. We
18 have the money for the Pavilion fund right now. We
19 have it. We could just spend it, put up a
20 Pavilion. Everyone knows that. We don't have
21 enough money for the renovation of the Carriage
22 House. You are probably talking about
23 three-quarter of a million dollars, if I'm not

1 mistaken, give or take \$100,000 or those. So thank
2 you very were much.

3 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Yes.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Turbide, Hutching Farm
5 Lane. We are relatively new in town. We've been
6 here about a year and a half, so I wasn't involved
7 in voting over the last year, eight years, putting
8 money into this fund; however, I do feel that there
9 is a certain amount of pressure knowing that people
10 have voted for this Pavilion and put money in the
11 fund over those last number of years. But I feel
12 like I'm trapped to that and I don't want to be. I
13 don't want to feel that my decision on whether to
14 build a Pavilion or not has to be in, you know,
15 sink with what the town has voted for, you know,
16 last year and the year before and the year before.
17 And if enough people were that concerned and really
18 wanted that Pavilion to be built, they should be
19 here. This is the forum for that, and I feel that,
20 you know, we should vote for or against this. And
21 based on today's conditions and how we feel about
22 it today and not really be constrained by votes
23 that were taken in the past.

1 THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patty Borkland, Little Bay
3 Extension. Just real quickly, Ruthie, did I
4 understand you to say that if, when we vote on
5 Article 24, does that mean -- you said it's going
6 to be moot, we are not going to vote on Article 22?

7 THE MODERATOR: Well, we can.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: And then I move --

9 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Now, I just moved the
10 Article. I didn't think -- I didn't think about
11 putting more money into the Pavilion fund, if it's
12 not going to be built. And it's unclear as to
13 what's going to happen to the money that's already
14 in there, so I don't think we should be voting on
15 those two.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. And then I just wanted
17 to make a motion. I don't know how to word it.
18 Let's vote.

19 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Anything you --

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Move the question?

21 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Move the question. Let's
22 vote.

23 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Two-thirds of the

1 audience have to agree.

2 (Inaudible discussion.)

3 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. Go ahead.

4 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: I just want to answer a
5 couple of questions or statements were made before
6 you wanted to vote. One was kitchen and bathroom
7 were not in the current plan and that is true.
8 There wasn't enough money to do that all at once.
9 We were going to phase it in. We were going to
10 build the building, wait a year or two, see how
11 much demand there was for a kitchenette, for a
12 bathroom and then proceed.

13 The other one was where does the money go?
14 Two years ago there was a petition warrant article
15 to dissolve this entire fund. Put it back in the
16 general fund or put it towards the garage which we
17 were going to bond that year. That was defeated.
18 People didn't want to remove the money. So I
19 think, Chris' question or comment was the money's
20 still there. This doesn't remove the funds. I
21 still like to add, continue adding money if, in
22 fact, we are going to proceed on with the Carriage
23 House. That is still there and that is still a

1 viable option.

2 And then, right now we can't spend a cent on
3 anything because there's no agents. We messed that
4 up years ago. We didn't appoint anybody to do
5 anything to spend a cent. So if you don't pass any
6 of those other Articles, the money's going to still
7 sit there until we do something with it but, all
8 right. That's all I have.

9 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Are we ready to vote?
10 All right. Okay. Could I have my ballot clerks
11 come down to the front. And we've got two
12 checklists, so we can have two lines. And it's a
13 yes, no vote. If you vote yes, that -- if you vote
14 yes, you're voting that you are opposed to
15 construction of a Pavilion. Is everybody clear on
16 that? Okay. Whenever the ladies tell us they are
17 ready.

18 BALLOT CLERKS: We're ready.

19 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. You may go to
20 either Peggy or Vannie and then come out the same
21 way. It is only open until everyone in the hall
22 has voted.

23 (Pause in meeting for voting.)

1 THE MODERATOR: If you will all take your
2 seats. Is there anyone else that has not voted or
3 you can go buy food, but is there anybody else that
4 hasn't voted that wants to and is on the checklist?
5 Okay. I declare the ballot box closed and we'll
6 count now.

7 (Pause in proceedings.)

8 THE MODERATOR: All right. If you'll take
9 your seats now. The results of the ballot on
10 Article 24 was yes, 76; no, 9. So there will be no
11 Pavilion. Now is there any point in putting --

12 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: We still can spend it on
13 on the Carriage House.

14 (Inaudible discussion.)

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay. We are going to vote on
16 22 and 23. Article 22 is to see if the Town will
17 vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000
18 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be added to the
19 existing Fox Point Pavilion Capital Reserve. Both
20 were -- both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee
21 approved -- recommended that, and it currently has
22 \$167,274 in it.

23 Do I hear a motion on Article 22? Moved by

1 George Fletcher; seconded by?

2 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Turbide.

3 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Dave Turba. Turbine?

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Turbide, B-I-D-E.

5 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Okay. Is there

6 discussion on Article 22?

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I have an amendment I'd like
8 to make to this.

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

10 (Discussion among Selectmen.)

11 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Jack O'Reilly is going to
12 give an explanation of that.

13 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yeah, the reason I asked
14 to still put this up for a vote is Article 24 took
15 away one of the dual purposes of the fund. The
16 fund was originally titled The Pavilion Fund, as I
17 said earlier. That's all originally contained.
18 And then we amended it years back to put and/or
19 renovations of existing building being the Carriage
20 House, so some people still want to us, at least,
21 proceed with plans for the Carriage House, which is
22 why we need -- we'd like to add some more money in
23 which is what this amendment is for.

1 And the second amendment is when we didn't
2 propose originally this fund, as you noticed today
3 on a couple of new ones, you have to appoint
4 someone the ability to spend the money, and we
5 never did. So even if we had wanted to build the
6 Pavilion Fund last week before the vote came out,
7 we couldn't because no one has the authority to
8 sign the -- to pay the bills. So that, appointing
9 the Selectmen as agents, at least if you want to
10 proceed with the Pavilion -- Carriage House Fund,
11 at least this year we could. How far we'll get, I
12 don't know, but that's what those two are for.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I want to explain the
14 amendment that she's about the read. Just briefly,
15 the amendment that I'm suggesting is going from 15
16 to \$50,000. And the reason why is because of what
17 I heard at the Planning Board hearing with regard
18 to Fox Point and such a desire to renovate the
19 Carriage House. And knowing and being on the
20 Committee and knowing the price it will take to
21 renovate that Carriage House, it sounds like people
22 are interested. \$15,000 more into this fund is
23 really not going to help that out much. So I'm

1 suggesting an amendment to raise that to \$50,000
2 and that is what she's going to read now.

3 THE MODERATOR: There is an amendment proposed
4 by Brian Haberstroh, To see if the Town will vote
5 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the
6 Pavilion Capital Reserve.

7 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Point of order.

8 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Yes.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: You got to have a motion
10 accepted and seconded before you can take an
11 amendment.

12 THE MODERATOR: Oh, okay.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Ruthie, I just had one --
14 Patty Borkland.

15 MODERATOR FLETCHER: What is this in regard
16 to, Patty?

17 PUBLIC SPEAKER: The amendment.

18 THE MODERATOR: Wait. You to have wait.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: You have to wait? Okay.

20 THE MODERATOR: And then you can have a turn,
21 okay? All right. Is there a motion to -- I mean
22 are there any -- is there discussion on Article
23 22 -- oh, I need a motion. Sorry. A motion on

1 Article 22. Wait a minute. George made that.
2 That was Larry. It was made and seconded. You are
3 trying to confuse me.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKER: And I did a good job at it
5 and I'm sorry.

6 THE MODERATOR: Yes, you did. Okay. So -- I
7 will get you for this. Okay.

8 Do I hear a second to Brian's amendment?
9 Seconded by Patty Borkland. So you're voting,
10 first of all, on the amendment to raise the amount
11 from \$15,000 to \$50,000. That's the amendment. Is
12 there -- yes?

13 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'd like to speak to the
14 amendment.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I'm very much in favor of
17 renovating Carriage House. I have to take a
18 certain level of exception as to what Brian said as
19 far as what the Fox Point Committee actually did to
20 review the plans of the Carriage house. I don't
21 think we did anything. In the meantime, the
22 Selectmen did a great deal to renovate the Carriage
23 House. There is one plan out there on the Carriage

1 House as a renovation. It hasn't been really
2 discussed, reviewed, looked at by the Fox Point
3 Committee and I certainly hope it will be before
4 any actual work is done.

5 So the -- while Brian is right, it was brought
6 up to the extent of saying the cost is horrendous,
7 it was, but nothing has been done to compare the
8 cost of what was proposed against what's already
9 been done nor has the proposal been particularly
10 vetted, and I think all of that review needs to be
11 done. So I'm not convinced I'm in favor of raising
12 this amount of money because I don't think we
13 really have a clue how much we want or how much we
14 are going to need.

15 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKER: And we can, perhaps, even
17 wait another year.

18 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Patty.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Patty Borkland. And I
20 totally agree with -- with Brian. I'd like to see
21 it raised to \$50,000.

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Laura Coleman, 212 Fox Point
23 Road. Ruthie, I don't know if we're allowed to

1 raise the monetary amount. Doesn't that have to be
2 approved by the Budget Committee before we vote on
3 it?

4 MODERATOR FLETCHER: No.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: No?

6 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: No. You can raise the
7 amounts, you can't raise -- you can't change the
8 purpose, but you can change the amounts.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay. All right. I had it
10 backwards. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Justin Richardson, Old Post
12 Road I think, although I understand where Brian and
13 others are coming from about this being more
14 expensive, I think it's -- we're getting ahead of
15 ourselves. If we start to pour more money into
16 this fund without a plan in place. I'm not opposed
17 to doing the amount that's there if people decide
18 that's what they want, but my view is that a
19 Capital Reserve Fund isn't necessarily the best way
20 of paying for the entire cost of the project.

21 I mean, if there was something major that
22 needed to get done, if we are worried about, you
23 know, a half a million dollar improvement, it's

1 probably better to look at using some of that money
2 from the fund that we continued to raise at a
3 gradual basis, obviously, we're changing our plans
4 a little bit now, but if it's a big ticket item
5 then you really ought to think about possibly
6 bonding it.

7 And if you're gonna bond it, and, you know,
8 the municipal interest rates are low, you know,
9 that's an option. And you just take what the
10 capital reserve has in it, and then you see how
11 much more you need to bond and then, you know, so
12 you are not -- there's not a rush to get to a
13 specific larger amount right now. I think what we
14 ought to do is consider in the next year looking at
15 what this fund can be used for.

16 And so, I would urge that people not feel a
17 need to jump out right now and race towards a more
18 expensive project.

19 THE MODERATOR: All right. We're voting on
20 the amendment, to change the amount from \$15,000 to
21 \$50,000. All those in favor, say aye. Those
22 opposed, no.

23 Okay. So that did not -- that failed. And,

1 Article -- oh, now we have to vote on the original
2 article, which is to see if the Town will vote to
3 raise and appropriate \$15,000. All those in favor,
4 say aye. Those opposed, no. That passed.

5 Okay. Article 23 will be almost the last
6 article. To see if the Town will vote to appoint
7 the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fox
8 Point Pavilion Capital Reserve as previously
9 established under RSA 35:1.

10 Do I hear a motion? Moved by Mike Marconi;
11 seconded by John Klanchesser. Is there discussion
12 on Article 3 -- 23? There being none, I'll call
13 for a vote. All those in favor, say aye. Those
14 opposed, no. Motion carries.

15 Okay. And the last thing is to hear a report
16 of the moderator of the election of officers,
17 including the Warrant Articles. I'll do that
18 first.

19 Warrant Article 2, are you in favor of
20 adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning
21 Board that would permit the Planning Board to
22 determine which side of the lot is in the front?
23 Yes, 118; no, 92.

1 Amendment 2: Are you in favor of adopting of
2 Amendment 2, which is proposed by the Planning
3 Board, which would adjust the zoning buffers for
4 sexually oriented businesses? Yes, 135; and no,
5 75.

6 And on the official nonpartisan ballot, Board
7 of Selectmen for three years, Jan Stewart, 136;
8 Edna Moser, 62. For town clerk/tax collector, W.
9 Jane Mazeau, 192. For treasurer for one year,
10 Luanne O'Reilly, 164. For moderator for two years
11 Ruth Fletcher, 189. For Planning Board for three
12 years, vote for two, C. John Pare, 135 and Denis
13 Hebert, 143. For Planning Board for two years,
14 Bernie Christopher got 13 write ins. Planning
15 Board for one year, nobody. cemetery Committee for
16 three years, nobody. cemetery Committee for one
17 year, nobody. Board of Fire Engineers for three
18 years, John Klanchesser, 96; Wilbur Goins, 82.
19 Police Commissioner for three years, 190. Library
20 Trustee for three years, Melissa Prefontaine, 177.
21 Library Trustees for two years, Steven Bush, 176.
22 Library Trustee for one year Leila Lamson, 180.
23 Trustees of Trust Fund for three years, John Lamson

1 182. Budget Committee for three years, vote for
2 three, Gail Pare, 116; John Lamson 153, and Sandra
3 Sweeney was a write in with 17 votes. Nobody wants
4 to be on the Budget Committee for two years. And
5 the Budget Committee for one year, Mary Crosly
6 wants to be on it and nobody else. Sewer
7 Commission for three years, George Fletcher 172.

8 And Article 3, are you in favor of changing
9 the term of the elected town treasurer from one
10 year to three years beginning with the term of the
11 town treasurer to be elected at next year's regular
12 town meeting? Yes, 135, and no, 69.

13 Will the people that have been elected stay
14 here -- and I know you do. When I'm done.

15 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yep.

16 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Will you stay and be
17 sworn in, please. Okay. And this concludes the
18 official part of the Warrant, and it says, given
19 under our hands and seal this 11th day of February
20 2012, we certify and attest that on the 15th day of
21 February 2012 we posted a true and attested
22 copy of the within warrant at the place and
23 meeting, and like copies at the South Newington

1 Bulletin Board and the Meeting House and delivered
2 the original to the Town Clerk.

3 The Board of Selectmen: Cosmas Iocovozzi,
4 Jack O'Reilly and Rick Stern. A true copy of the
5 Warrant: Attest, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Jack O'Reilly
6 and Rick Stern.

7 And now, Jack O'Reilly had a couple of things
8 he wanted to say.

9 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Yeah, a couple. Somebody
10 asked me what the status was, why should we approve
11 the Warrant Article for about \$57,000 for Pettis
12 Lane boat ramp? That work is in progress, and it
13 should be complete by summer. And then we'll go
14 pave the road. So it may take a while to get down
15 to the ramp. Town reports, we, every year -- how
16 many did we print this year?

17 MS. MARCONI: 375.

18 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: 375. We deliver them,
19 then half the people don't bring them here and ask
20 for a copy anyway. They are on the town web site.
21 They are available electronically. And unless
22 someone has an objection, they'd like to call the
23 Town Hall and let us know, we'll probably reduce

1 that printing by about half, and then you can print
2 it out, you can read it, you can come in and borrow
3 a town report here. We try to save a little money
4 and a few trees. And one name wasn't mentioned was
5 the man I replaced, if I could say replaced, 14
6 years ago, Paul Kent was for the police
7 commissioner. We left him out. We still miss you.
8 And 14 years ago today, Paul threw his keys at me,
9 he ran out the door and Cossie's about ready to do
10 that now. But before he does, Cossie told me many
11 years ago, he said, when I'm finally no longer
12 Selectmen, he said, don't bother saying anything
13 good about me unless you think of anything, which I
14 couldn't so, thanks, Cos.

15 But I do have a proclamation for Cossie:
16 Whereas -- and it took me the 14 years I worked
17 with Cossie, about four of them, I didn't know how
18 to pronounce his name. I still have to tell people
19 how to do that.

20 Whereas, Cosmas Gerard Iocovozzi has served
21 the Town of Newington over 15 years in his capacity
22 as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Budget
23 Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of

1 Adjustment, cemetery Committee, Highway Safety and
2 Recreation Committee;

3 And, whereas, said Iocovozzi, therefore,
4 toiled long and hard in pursuit of smooth and
5 efficient and useful operations and all to the
6 immense benefit of the taxpayer;

7 Whereas, said Iocovozzi became particularly
8 adept at mediating heated disputes between
9 Newington residents regarding matters of little
10 consequence -- you did a good job at that -- and;

11 Whereas, said Iocovozzi on those rare
12 occasions on which he became exasperated with said
13 mediation efforts was heard to explain that no
14 matter how much one tries, quote, "You can't just"
15 -- "You just can't fix stupid, stupid."

16 He would then unfathomly qualify such
17 commentary with his characteristic display of
18 modestly, "But, as, you know, I don't know what I'm
19 talking about." He invented that phrase, I think

20 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Oh, yeah.

21 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: In response to which a
22 certain few, readily agree.

23 Whereas, Iocovozzi in his 15 years on the

1 Board of Selectmen managed to repave virtually
2 every road in Newington -- well, obviously, there's
3 a few out there -- and with notable exception of
4 Gundalow Landing, in a mission which Iocovozzi
5 explained to be more -- nothing more than innocent
6 oversight and;

7 Whereas, said Iocovozzi repeatedly promised
8 that his act as a Selectmen would be to fire all
9 town employees. Fortunately, he forgot to do that
10 as well.

11 Now, therefore, we the Newington Board of
12 Selectmen proclaim our thanks and gratitude to
13 Cosmas G. Iocovozzi, and we do, therefore, place
14 our hands and seal on this 17th of March in the
15 Year of our Lord, 2005 (sic). Cos, you will be
16 missed.

17 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Thank you for that.
18 Thank you very much. I just want to say one thing.
19 A couple of things.

20 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Never a loss of words.

21 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: I, really, in all these
22 years, I really appreciated all the volunteers that
23 we have in this town. A few of us disagreed on a

1 bunch of things, but we never got mad at one
2 another, right, Paul? And it shows a lot about the
3 town, the amount of volunteers that we have. Also
4 our elected officials who do come up and, you know,
5 run and get on committees and work their hardest
6 and darndest, taking time to come in here to make
7 Newington the place what it is.

8 And, one last thing, all the town employees,
9 the department heads, have really, really have to
10 thank you for when I kept saying in December, hold
11 the line. Don't spend the money if you don't have
12 to. Give it back and they always came through for
13 the town. And I really want to thank our
14 department heads for doing everything they could to
15 keep the taxes reasonable, give the services right
16 up front and good service to the town, townsfolks,
17 plus people that come in and out of the town every
18 day.

19 Again, thank you very much. It's been a
20 pleasure. Oh, yeah. It's been a pleasure.

21 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Yeah, go ahead. And we
22 need to rectify this.

23 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Okay. It's been a

1 pleasure being Selectmen of the Town of Newington.
2 Had a lot of laughs, had a lot of long days, but
3 it's worked out well. Thank you very much.

4 THE MODERATOR: I forget to mention that Paul
5 Kent was elected Police Commission for three years
6 and he received 190 votes. Sorry, Paul.

7 CHAIRMAN IOCOVOZZI: Oh, my God. I have a
8 real gavel now. After all these years. I just
9 can't use it. There it is. Presented to Cosmas
10 Iocovozzi. It says, "Presented to Cosmas
11 Iocovozzi, Chairman, Board of Selectmen in
12 recognition of 24 years of service, dedicated the
13 the Town of Newington, 1988 to 2012." Boy, it's
14 been that long. Thank you again.

15 THE MODERATOR: Thank you all for coming and
16 maybe you can still buy some things to take home
17 with you for food.

18 SELECTMAN O'REILLY: Anybody move to have
19 adjourn? I do.

20 MODERATOR FLETCHER: Oops. Do I have a motion
21 to adjourn? Moved by George Fletcher; seconded by
22 John Klanchessar. Thank you all for coming.

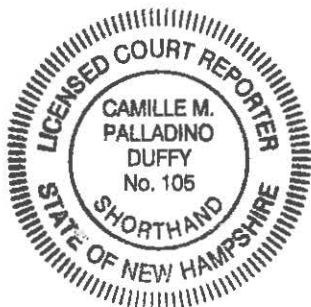
23 (The meeting adjourned at 1:54. p.m.)

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