

(Fiscal Note: The amount of \$4,271,831.45 is the net appropriation for the Prospect Mountain High School operating budget which is included in the gross budget amount listed above and recommended by the Joint Maintenance Agreement (JMA) Budget Committee.) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be FIFTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,392,607) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Alton School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.) (The Alton School Board recommends \$15,458,832 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$15,458,832 by a vote of 6-0.)

MOTION by R. Nelson, Second by P. O'Brien. General Discussion. Motion passes with a vote of 6-0.

ARTICLE III:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000) to be added to the existing Window Replacement Fund Expendable Trust created 3-8-05 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of replacing the windows at Alton Central School. (The Alton School Board recommends \$85,000 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends / does not recommend \$85,000 by a vote of 6-1.)

ARTICLE IV:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,000) to be added to the Prospect Mountain High School Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum representing Fifty percent (50%) of the total appropriation of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$30,000). And further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting the article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of _____. The Alton School Board recommends \$15,000 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee Does recommend \$\$15,000 by a vote of 6-0.)

MOTION by R. Nelson, Second by B. Varney. No discussion. Motion passes with a vote of 6-0.

ARTICLE V:

To hear report of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters; and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

b) Discussion of the town employee raises.

R. Wentworth discussion on town raises. Police Department was approved for 1.5 % increase but all other town employees no raise. If we are going to offer to one department, please reconsider giving increase to all town employees.

MOTION by K. Kharitonov to include 1.5 merit raise pool that were excluded and to match what was given the Police Department. Second by P. O'Brien. Discussion. G. Fuller should not have given to the Police Department. Feels it should have been done. Liz Dione asked if motion includes Fica, Medicare, etc. Noted it was automatically included. P. O'Brien noted it would benefit to have this information ahead of time for consideration and research. R. Nelson suggested meet at 6 pm, Wed. night (1/9), table this and see what the 1.5 would be across the board and vote on then prior to the public hearing on the 9th. K. Kharitonov added 1.5 is discretionary to department heads and is a tool for department heads in employee evaluations. R. Wentworth, with the Board of Selectmen there is discussion on the evaluation process to change and be improved and using Cola method. Discussion only right now. G. Fuller likes R. Wentworth's suggestion so the

Budget Committee is not micro managing the department heads. L. Dione to confirmed T. Neff could have the figures ready for that time. MOTION tabled to Jan 9, 2019 At 6 pm (Heidke Room). Suggested to meet here at 6 pm and then move to public hearing at 6:30 pm upstairs.

b. Finalize Town Warrant Articles

Discussion that the Selectmen still have not voted on these Warrant Articles. Not going to vote on these tonight since they have not been voted on yet.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: List of Elected positions to be on the ballot

To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: two selectmen for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, two library trustees for three years, one water commissioner for three years, one water commissioner for one year, two budget committee members for three years, two planning board members for three years, one planning board member for one year, one supervisor of the checklist for one year, two zoning board members for three years, and one zoning board member for two years.

Article: Zoning Amendments

Article: Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, previously established in 2001. Said funds are recommended by leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (\$)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (\$), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Board of Selectmen or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 1973. Recommended by the Selectmen () and by the Budget Committee () (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended).

Article: Grounds and Maintenance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Grounds and Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for the Grounds and Maintenance Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the

Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended).

Article: Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 1981. Recommended by the Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended)

Article: Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1995. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended)

Article: Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2014. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended)

Article: Rock and Asphalt Crushing Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Rock and Asphalt Crushing Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2017. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Rationale: This capital reserve fund was established to use rocks, gravel, recycled materials during road reconstruction and Town projects, and reuse on town roads and town properties resulting in a cost savings of approximately 40% rather than purchasing new material.

Article: Highway Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Highway Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2003. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended)

Article: Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2010. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: LiveScan Fingerprinting System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing a LiveScan fingerprinting system and three years of service and warranty for the Police Department. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article : Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1994. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Rationale: This fund is required by the Department of Environmental Services to fund unexpected expenses such as new contamination, testing, additional monitoring wells, removal of monitoring wells, the Annual Report for Groundwater Management required by the Department of Environmental Services.

12-11-18: There is a new DES project manager and a possibility that once he reviews all of the data (comes up to speed) he may want an additional monitoring well installed on the property (former Dahl property). The detected arsenic concentration exceeds the Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (AGQS) at both downgradient monitoring wells (MW-203 and MW-204). There is a possibility DES will be alright with the data because we don't see any other exceedances of the AGQS.

Article: Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to be added to the Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2011. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required) (CIP recommended)

Article: Water Commission Dissolution

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Board of Water Commissioners as established under RSA 38:18 and delegate the construction, management, control, and direction of the Water Department to the Board of Selectmen? If approved, to go into effect 90 days following the date of the 2018 annual meeting. Majority vote required.

Article: Water Bandstand Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Water Bandstand Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Alton Community Services Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities and housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: American Red Cross Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: CAP Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance and Women, Infants & Children food assistance program (WIC). This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of supporting Caregivers of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. (includes Alton) which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: CASA Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Central NH VNA & Hospice Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of supporting the Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Child & Family Services Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of supporting Child and Family Services of NH. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Lakes Region Mental Health Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,750 for the purpose of supporting Lakes Region Mental Health Center which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: L.I.F.E. Ministries Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$3,000 for the purpose of supporting L.I.F.E. Ministries, Inc. which is a not-for-profit charity that provides food and staples to Alton residents. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: New Beginnings Nonprofit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,575 for the purpose of supporting New Beginnings which provides 24-hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen () and the Budget Committee (). (Majority vote required)

Article: Rescinding Planning Board Amendment #6

Are you in favor of rescinding Planning Board Proposal Amendment #6 Warrant Article 7 presented and adopted on the 2018 Ballot, which reduces frontal required from 150 feet to 75 feet due to the detrimental environmental impact on the lake and on the values of Lake properties. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (). (Majority vote required) **This is a petition article.**

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Article:

To hear reports of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerns of voters; and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (). (Majority vote required) **This is a petition article.**

Article: **Increase Veterans Property Tax Credit**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:28 I, to increase the Veterans Property Tax credit from \$500 annually to \$750. No taxpayer funds are requested for this article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (). (Majority vote required) **This is a petition article.**

c) **Reuben Wentworth** – discussion on the Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated at a public Board of Selectmen meeting that the he had on good authority that it was stated at a Budget Committee meeting they [Budget Committee] “was going to teach the Board of Selectmen a lesson”. R. Wentworth felt it was uncalled for from vice chairman to say this and R.Wentworth wanted the Budget Committee to know he supports the Committee and does not feel any animosity toward the committee. Feels it is hearsay and was not called for.

R. Nelson feels the Budget Committee is elected and has a fiduciary responsibility to the public. R. Wentworth wanted the committee to know his feelings.

7. Public Input.

Loring Carr expressed his thanks to R. Wentworth for bringing this up to the Budget Committee.

8. Old Business.

9. Other Business

Jan 9 at 6 pm in Heidke room and then move upstairs for 6:30 meeting.

Discussion with Loring Carr on the summary pages by department. Pages they have right now have only Police Department with 1.5 increase. Asking T. Neff to prepare another set with the 1.5.

MOTION by R. Wentworth to have 15 sets of school and town summary pages and total page to have available Tues 1/8 available for the public in the town hall. Second by R. Nelson. Motion passes with all in favor.

K. Heikel at 9th meeting in place of Karen Kharitonov.

10. Adjourn at 7:30. MOTION by R. Nelson. Second by K. Kharitonov. Motion passes with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Schaeffner
Recording Secretary