

Budget Committee Meeting
Approved February 3, 2018
January 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM
Alton Town Hall
1 Monument Square, Alton, NH 03809

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roger Nelson, Chairman

Greg Fuller, Member

David Hershey, Member

Peter Leavitt, School Board Representative

Reuben Wentworth, Board of Selectmen Representative

Others: Liz Dione, Town Administrator

Absent: Andrew Levasseur, Member

Terrence O'Rourke, Member

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by David Hershey to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Peter Leavitt. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes

December 6, 2017

MOTION by David Hershey to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2017 as presented. Second by Greg Fuller. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.

December 7, 2017

No quorum of member present at the December 7, 2017 meeting. Minutes to be presented at the next Budget Committee meeting.

December 14, 2017

No quorum of members present at the December 14, 2017 meeting. Minutes to be presented at the next Budget Committee meeting.

6. New Business - Statement of intent to the public by Roger Nelson. To the public present for this meeting, during Public Input session any public statements or input is to be directed to what is represented on the Agenda for this meeting only.

A. Additional Warrant Articles

15,402,702. .05 increase

MOTION by Roger Nelson to accept the final 2018 Budget Summary of Revenues total of 15,402,702 (.05 increase) for the Alton School District. Second by David Hershey. Discussion. Corrected number \$15,253,493. 1% increase.

AMENDED MOTION by Roger Nelson to accept the corrected final 2018 Budget Summary of Revenues (1% increase) for the Alton School District. Second by Greg Fuller. No discussion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

School Warrant Articles Read by Roger Nelson.

Article 02: Operating Budget

ARTICLE II:

Shall the Alton School District 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 FIFTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,253,493.00) (Fiscal Note: The amount of \$4,257,094.01 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, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,131.685.00) 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 \$15,253,493.00 by a vote of _____. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$15,253,493.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 03: PMHS Collective Bargaining Agreement

ARTICLE III: Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Prospect Mountain School Board (JMA Alton/Barnstead) and the Prospect Mountain Teachers Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Appropriate	Estimated Total Increase
2018-2019	\$58,993.78	\$109,899.00
2019-2020	\$55,520.69	\$103,429.00
2020-2021	\$60,942.37	\$113,529.00

And to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$58,993.78) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, such sum representing Fifty-three and Sixty Eight Hundredths Percent (53.68%) of the total additional cost of One Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$109,899.00) attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The adoption of this Article shall be contingent upon both the Alton (53.68%) and Barnstead (46.32%) Districts approving the cost items and raising and appropriating their respective sum of money to fund the cost items. (The Alton School Board recommends \$58,993.78 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$58,993.78 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 04: If Article III is defeated

ARTICLE IV: Special Warrant Article

Shall the School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only.

Yes No

Article 05: Add to Existing Security & Safety Expendable Trust

ARTICLE V: Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000) to be added to the existing Security and Safety Expendable Trust Fund created 03-14-00 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of maintaining the safety of the school buildings (Used solely for asbestos removal and abatement). (The Alton School Board recommends \$65,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$65,000 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 06: Add to Existing Bldgs. & Grounds Expendable Trust

ARTICLE VI: A Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$66,100) to be added to the existing Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities. (Exterior Door Replacement) (The Alton School Board recommends \$66,100 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$66,100 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 07: Add to Existing Boiler CRF

ARTICLE VIII: A Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$70,000.00) to be added to the existing Boiler Capital Reserve Fund created 3-9-99 under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing/replacing water heaters, boilers, and ventilation systems. (The Alton School Board recommends \$70,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$70,000.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 08: Replacement of Interior Doors

ARTICLE IX:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) for the replacement of interior doors at Alton Central School. (The Alton School Board recommends \$30,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 09: Add to Existing Bldgs. & Grounds Expendable Trust

ARTICLE X: Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) to be added to the existing Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities. (The Alton School Board recommends \$30,000 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 10: Add to Existing Bldgs. & Grounds Expendable Trust

ARTICLE XI:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED (\$38,500) to be added to the Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund of the June 30, 2018 fund balance. (This amount represents the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on June 30, 2018 and no funds to be raised from general taxation.) (The Alton School Board recommends \$38,500 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$38,500 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Article 11: Add to Existing PMHS Athletic Field Capital Reserve

ARTICLE IX: A Special Warrant Article

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$20,000.00) 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 FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$40,000.00). 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 6-0. The Alton School Board recommends by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$20,000.00 by a vote of 5-0.)

Yes No

Public Input. Alton School District Warrant Articles open for discussion from the Public.

Loring Carr - what is the percentage increase for the teacher's contracts.

Peter Leavitt - combination of percentage increase for certain brackets for the teachers. Also cleaning up of language and a legal issue they had from wording in the contract that resulted in action and was taken care of. Does not have the specific percentage at this time.

Loring Carr - is the legal action costing money?

Peter Leavitt getting percentage increases across the board and more in line to schools in area. 2018-2019 School year a 1.%.

Loring Carr - longevity stipend increased?

Peter Leavitt cannot remember. He does not believe they were changed but is not 100%

Loring Carr - Is student population the same or going down? Heard they were letting teachers go due to population.

Roger Nelson - population went down by 24 students 255 Alton, Barnstead 220 for enrollment for 2016 2017 262 Alton and 237 Barnstead. Alton Central 453 current.

Peter Leavitt - PMHS increase next year due to 8th grade

Loring Carr - in this budget is there any reduction in staff?

Peter Leavitt - as of now, no reduction.

Public input closed for discussion of Alton School District Warrant Articles.

7. Old Business

A. Approval of Town Operating Budget

Roger Nelson noted \$7,555,283 vote of 3-2. Compared to \$7,131,959, Default budget \$7,408,031.

Operating budget up 5% higher than last year.

Public input open for discussion on the Town Operating Budget.

Loring Carr. Thumbnail sketch up over 500,000 for Fire Department.

Reuben Wentworth - fire department - approx. \$300,000. Changed to staffing 24/7. 2 people staffed shifts, increase in calls for the ambulance. Paying for wages for the ambulance out of the Fire Department budget.

Ryan Ridgley - explained increase from personnel, training, etc.

Loring Carr - Highway department. Gone up to \$1,181,569.

Reuben Wentworth noted costs down due to not having fully staffed and now

Loring water department

Reuben Wentworth - currently looking for a superintendent along with 2 staff people.

Courtney - 145 combining line together. Budgeted for 34,000

Loring - why are they adding a staff member

Courtney - needing a super to oversee day to day operations. Neither staff members are licensed operators. NH DES aware of situation

Loring Carr legal line 4153 only spent \$70,000.

Reuben Wentworth part is police prosecutor.

Donna Marie Commeau sees a lot of waste. Taxes gone up and going up again. Recreation department - things not being done, or done right. Secretary is never there. Felt Old Home Wee was a disaster. Too many things being done at the same time. Craft fair being done at same time as Wolfeboro. Park and Rec maintenance - snow blowing sidewalk during snowstorm?

Reuben Wentworth - sidewalks, town liability to keep sidewalks open. On state highway using salt, The reason they are out during a snow storm is to try to keep ahead of snow plow pack.

David Hershey Budget Committee working on a benchmark comparing with similar towns. Need selectmen to approval to go forward with this plan.

Donna Commeau feels water department needs money for fixing problems.

Roger Nelson - water is a separate entity of the town. Water subscribers and managers are the ones who control. Do not get any tax dollars. Roger explained the process.

Paul LaRochelle - put trust in Budget Committee and Selectmen. Discussion Fire department. Would like more explanation.

Reuben Wentworth - Chief salary go to full time position. Going to the per diem shifts (no benefits) part time positions. We are still a call fire department.

Ryan Ridley responds, 2015 755 ambulance calls, 2016 820 calls, 2017 947 calls. In august stopped repairing vehicles. Fleet expenses. Repack 3 pumps, 2 primers, repacked 14 valves, have not been servicing pumps, \$600 annually to service each pump. Need to service transmissions - none have been services.

Reuben Wentworth - Fire Department doubled, the public want to have full time coverage. Discussion on overage.

Ryan Ridley - for example tonight, one on call in East Alton and one that lives down the street from FD.

Loring Carr - Fire Department - increase from \$65,000 - \$80,000 for chief salary, increase in part time fire wages \$78,000 -\$104,000.

Reuben Wentworth - ambulance wages moved over to the Fire Department for wages only.

Ryan Ridley now having certified staff - cost \$3500-\$3800 to certify. Had previous staff not certified and they are all certified now.

Loring Carr. \$10,000 part time staff.

Ryan Ridley - deputy increase in hours.

Roger Nelson asked if Loring Carr is making a recommendation to amend the Fire Department budget? Do you have a number in mind?

Loring Carr suggest 5 and 10 percent. Selectmen only give advice the Budget Committee has final say. Asked about the Budget Committee budget, if it was reduced.

Roger Nelson yes, the Budget Committee was reduced

B. Approval of Town Warrant Articles

Roger Nelson read the Town Warrant Article.

Article 1: Town Beach/Park Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Town Beach/Park Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 2005. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

Article 2 : Old Home Week

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of funding Old Home Week events such as the Barbershoppers, band concerts, magic shows and other forms of activities. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Old Home Week event is completed or by December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 3: Watershed Plan

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of contributing towards the development of a Watershed Plan with the Town of New Durham in order to apply for federal funding to help address water quality issues within the Watershed area. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31,

2022. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) and the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 4: Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established in 2001. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 5: Operating Budget

ARTICLE # : 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 Seven Million, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$7,666,283). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty Thousand, Thirty One Dollars (\$7,480,031), 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-2) (Majority vote required)

Article 6: Ambulance Operation Special Revenue Fund Annual Appropriation

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,487 and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$79,487 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established in 2000 under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of funding the ambulance supplies and equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and **there will be no funds raised from general taxation**. This article is null and void if articles # _____ and _____ are approved. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 7: Ambulance Lease Purchase

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$215,000 for the purpose of leasing a new ambulance and equipment, and appropriate the sum of \$ 47,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and **there will be no funds raised from general taxation**. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 8: Lucas CPR Device

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$15,500 from the Ambulance Operation Fund previously established in 2000 under RSA 31: 95c if still in existence, for the purchase of a Lucas CPR Device. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and **there will be no funds raised from general taxation**. This will equip the second ambulance with a Lucas CPR Device. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 9: Fire Department Engine 4 Lease/Purchase

Article # : To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose of leasing/purchasing a new pumping fire truck and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,245 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

Article 10: Fire Department Ladder Truck Lease/Purchase

Article # : To see if the Town will authorize to enter into a ten-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of leasing/purchasing a new aerial ladder fire truck and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,368 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (3-2) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

Article 11: Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$336,808 to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 1973. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (4-0-1) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

Article 12: Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$429,642 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 1981. (Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (4-0-1) and by the Budget Committee (-)) (Majority vote required)

Article 13: Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$950,000 to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1998. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$195,000. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

(CIP recommended)

Article 14: Rock and Asphalt Crushing Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$50,000 to be added to the Rock and Asphalt Crushing Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2017. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

(CIP recommended)

Article 15: Highway Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2003. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 16: Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1995. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 17: Highway Building Improvements/Repairs

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2014. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 18: Parks and Recreation Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to establish a Parks and Recreation Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$22,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

(CIP recommended)

Article 19: AVAS Public Park Building/Property Capital Reserve Fund

Article # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$15,000 to be added to the A.V.A.S. Public Park Building Property Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 2017. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

(CIP recommended)

Article 20: Mount Major Community Center Property Capital Reserve Fund

Article # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 to be added to the Mount Major Community Center Property Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 2017. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required)

(CIP recommended)

Article 21: Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improvements, maintenance and repairs to the Alton Bay Lake Side Retaining Walls, and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000 to be added to the Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Capital Reserve Fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 22: Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2010. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 24: Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2001. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 25: Transfer Station Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the Transfer Station, as previously established in 2005, which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 26: Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2011. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 27: CAP nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 28: Central NH VNA & Hospice nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 29: American Red Cross nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 30: Alton Community Services nonprofit

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of

Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 31: New Beginnings nonprofit

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,530 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 32: Genesis nonprofit

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,750 for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This is a special warrant article. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 33: Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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 and 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 34: CASA nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 35: Child & Family Services nonprofit

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of supporting Child & Family Services. This is a special warrant article. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 36: L.I.F.E. Ministries nonprofit

ARTICLE # : 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 which is a not-for-profit charity that provides food and staples to Alton residents. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0)) (Majority vote required)

Article 37 : Jones Field Upgrade and Expansion of Existing Facilities

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$50,000 to upgrade and expand the existing facilities at the Jones Field Recreation Area for such things as installation of irrigation, adding additional parking, replace and relocate the snack shack and add lighting for the ball field and other projects, similar in scope and purpose. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2) and by the Budget Committee (3-1)) (Majority vote required) **This is a petition article.**

Article 38: Lakes Region Planning Commission Dues

ARTICLE # : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$7,619.00) for the purpose of paying membership dues in the Lakes Region Planning Commission for FY2019. (Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (-) and by the Budget Committee (-)) (Majority vote required) **This is a petition article.**

Budget Committee Discussion.

Ken Roberts spread sheet has a CIP Spread Sheet if any questions.

Reuben Wentworth noted the town has not had a CIP for quite a few years. The first three years after reinstating this costs seem high.

General Discussion on Article 38 that it has not been voted on by the Budget Committee.

MOTION by Roger Nelson to approve Article 38. Second by Greg Fuller. Discussion. Reuben Wentworth this helps to set goal for better life in planning. Work force housing , Winne River Basin project. Motion failed 0-3-2.

General Discussion on Article 37.

Greg Fuller would like to see Article 37 deleted as there is no agent to expend the funds.

MOTION by Greg Fuller to not recommend article 37. Second by Roger Nelson. Discussion. Reuben Wentworth asked if this could be amended on the floor at deliberation. MOTION Withdrawn.

MOTION by Greg Fuller to reconsider Article 37. Second by Roger Nelson. No discussion. Motion passes 3-3

MOTION by Greg Fuller to not recommend Article 37. Second by Roger Nelson. No discussion. Motion failed 2-3.

Public input. Public Input open to the public for discussion of the Town Warrant Articles.

Roger Sample. Feels board hastily made a decision on vote on the Article 38.

Article 1 - this is for a retaining wall.

Loring Carr - concern for the amount being spent in the Bay

Reuben Wentworth discussed the necessity to get this wall fixed.

Ken Roberts - noted damaged to the wall and responsibility belongs to the town and is a hazard. What point would you draw the line from not repair to just putting up caution tape.

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Article 18 - Parks and Rec. question.

Loring Carr asked if we would be receptive for a single article for all the non-profit articles.

Roger Nelson - yes. Discussion on benefits and cons.

Public Input closed for discussion on the Town Warrant Articles.

MOTION by Peter Leavitt to reconsider Warrant Article 38 and tabling a decision. Motion failed

9. Other Business.

Roger Nelson noted Feb 7 deliberative session for the town.

10. Adjournment.

MOTION by Greg Fullern to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Second by David Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Schaeffner, Recording Secretary