

**TOWN OF ALTON
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2011
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Mark Northridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

All in attendance rose to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

E. Russell Bailey introduced the members attending to represent the Town of Alton:

Mary K. Jarvis, Recording Secretary
Lisa Noyes, Town Clerk
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
James Sessler, Town Attorney
Pat Fuller, Vice-Chairman Board of Selectmen
Steve McMahon, Board of Selectmen
Peter S. Bolster, Board of Selectmen
Loring Carr, Board of Selectmen

Steve Miller introduced the members representing the Alton Budget Committee:

Marc DeCoff, Vice-Chairman
Virgil MacDonald, Member
Barbara Howard, Member
Douglas Kirkpatrick, Member
Steve Miller, Chairman

An announcement was made that candidates night will be held next Thursday, February 17, 2011, in the Music Room at the Central School.

Mark Northridge read the Moderator's Rules.

Pat Fuller, Vice Chairman, Board of Selectmen was called to give a State of the Town message; she thanked all parties in attendance. At this time Mrs. Northridge was called to the stage to join her husband Mark Northridge who was presented a special 1st edition of the 2010 Annual Report which was dedicated to him for his services to the Town of Alton. Nancy Northridge was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

At this time Pat Fuller delivered the 2nd Annual State of the Town Address. She noted that David Hussey, Chairman, Board of Selectmen was not present at the meeting due to him being out of the country at this time.

Mark Northridge expressed his appreciation to everyone for his presentation.

Steve Miller, Chairman, Budget Committee had a budget message for the community in which he thanked all parties involved with the budget process, acknowledging the cooperation between departments during these challenging and difficult economic times.

WARRANT ARTICLES

2011 Deliberative Meeting and Town Elections

You are hereby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday the Ninth (9th) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Eleven (2011), beginning at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of deliberating upon the following Warrant Articles and the Town elections to approve the warrant articles by ballot vote which will be held on March 8, 2011 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

(Warrant Articles 1 through 9 had no motions or discussion.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of major subdivisions and major site plan review as provided for in RSA 674:35 Power to Review Subdivisions and RSA 674:43 Power to Review Site Plans. (A majority vote is required)

Loring Carr moved Article 10 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Ken McWilliams, Town Planner spoke on behalf of Article 10. Ken explained if the Article passes it would authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary site plan reviews for major site plans and major subdivisions in a three (3) step process.

Virgil MacDonald questioned what the process included and why it would be necessary. It was explained by Ken McWilliams that the preliminary review is the most important step in the process for both the Planning Board and the applicant. Mr. MacDonald stated that the preliminary process is now left up to the applicant and why should it be taken any further.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 10 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 11: *To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction to the highest bidder based on a minimum (not absolute) bid amount to be set by the Selectmen based on Town appraiser, the following town properties which have the estimated total value listed and to have the sale funds placed in the fund balance to help offset the cost of purchasing the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel property. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget committee (6-0) (A majority vote is required)*

| MAP/LOT | LOCATION | ACREAGE |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| 12-7 | Bay Hill Road | .40 |
| 19-60 | Rines Road | .23 |
| 28-6 | Frank C. Gilman | .39 |
| 29-7 | Frank C. Gilman | .22 |
| | | |
| 71-15 | Marlene Drive | .26 |
| 72-1 | Frohock Drive | .40 |
| 72-2 | Frohock Drive | .41 |
| 72-3 | Frohock Drive | .40 |
| 41-6-1 | Echo Point Rd | .97 |
| | | |
| | | |
| 4-28-1 | Dudley Road | .86 |
| 5-38 | Coffin Brook Rd | 5.00 |
| 9-37 | New Durham Rd | .40 |
| 38-43-A | Keewaydin Dr | .06 |
| | | <i>Estimated total \$246,400</i> |

Peter Bolster moved Article 11 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 11. Peter stated that the sub-committee met with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to review the list of properties from last year, it was decided that certain parcels would be removed for various reasons. The list consists of small lots which would be most valuable to abutters. The focus was on the Echo Point property which is the most valuable parcel. All lots would be sold at Public Auction with funds going into the surplus fund to be used towards the sale of the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel Property.

Virgil MacDonald inquired as to how much lake frontage was part of the Echo Point parcel.

Peter Bolster replied approximately 70ft. with the property being off a private road with little access, no parking and that most of the residents were not open to using this for public purposes.

Virgil MacDonald also inquired if any of the other parcels had anything to do with any of the railroad right of ways.

Peter Bolster replied “no”.

David St. Cyr a resident in the Echo Point Road area voiced his concerns about this being used as a public way that this type of use limits the residents from accessing our own properties. There being a good portion of wetlands in that area and that the parcel was basically good for a boat

dock. He also stated that he thought it would create more problems by offering this parcel out to the public, suggesting that this property be deleted from the list due to creating more problems than it is worth.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 11 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Five Hundred Thousand One Dollars (\$500,001.00)** for the purpose of purchasing the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel Property Map 15 Lot 49 located at 18 Hidden Springs Road. The reason is the property has been contaminated by the town landfill. The sum of **(\$500,000.00)** to come from Fund Balance (Surplus) and remaining balance (\$1.00) from taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget committee (6-0) (A majority vote is required)]*

Pat Fuller moved Article 12 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Pat Fuller motioned to amend Article 12 to decrease the amount of this Article to \$397,500.00.

AMENDED ARTICLE 12 AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Three Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$397,500.00)** for the purpose of purchasing the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel Property Map 15 Lot 49 located at 18 Hidden Springs Road. The reason is the property has been contaminated by the town landfill. The sum of **(\$397,500.00)** to come from Fund Balance (Surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget committee (6-0) (A majority vote is required)]*

Pat Fuller moved to amend Article 12 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Pat Fuller spoke regarding the agreed amount of the property based on the three (3) appraisals of such land, which is a very fair price, once all is said and done the Dahls will be donating 10 acres to the Town of Alton. The parcel is 57 acres of land with a potential for the Town to use this for recreational purposes.

Peter Bolster brought to the table that the contamination on this property is considered deep contamination not surface contamination. This parcel abuts a parcel owned by the Peverly Trust and potentially could be combined with that to create a wonderful piece of property which could be used for hiking and recreation.

David St. Cyr questioned the depth of the contamination with Pat Fuller stating it was into the water and bedrock. David then inquired if there was a map showing this because he had concerns about the direction of the contamination and why purchase the whole property and not just a portion and how long has the Town known about this problem.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator reviewed that there were monitoring wells on every piece of property surrounding the town landfill which are tested twice a year since either 2005 or 2006.

Virgil MacDonald also questioned why purchase the whole 57 acres and not just a portion.

E Russell Bailey, Town Administrator response was the Town of Alton has a responsibility to take care of this problem that it was an issue that had been created by no fault of the Dahl's.

Attorney Sessler stated that if the Dahl's push the issue the Town of Alton would have to purchase the whole parcel, it is not an option to purchase a portion of this property; we must purchase the whole parcel by law.

Krista Argiropolis stated that there is another Article #16 for continued monitoring and would like to know what type of action plan will be put in place.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator responded that there will be continuous monitoring of each property surrounding the landfill with test wells as required.

Mark Northridge, Moderator called the vote. The amendment passed.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Amended Article 12 (as shown above) and seconded by Pat Fuller. Motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Building Improvements to the town hall and to raise and appropriate **Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to be placed into the fund. This sum (\$45,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Hall Building Improvement Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 13 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 13 addressing specific issues and estimated the costs to be approximately \$135,000.00.

Pat Fuller added that \$15,000.00 from the Clough Fund would be added to the \$45,000.00.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 13 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the Police Department Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This sum (\$50,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 14 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 14 noting there was the lack of office space, juvenile areas, adult areas, storage space, file storage space with a possibility to renovate the existing garage area. There is approximately \$141,762.00 in the trust to get things started.

Ryan Heath, Police Chief stated that the addition plan was in line with the previous plan of 25ft.X 42ft.

Bob Longabaugh inquired about why there were no Police cruisers on the Warrant Articles.

Pat Fuller responded it was voted on by the Board of Selectmen that there would be no cruisers this year.

Virgil MacDonald inquired about purchasing the property across from the Police Department. The response was if this Article were to be voted in that it may be considered in the future.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 14 and Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Sidewalk Capital reserve as previously established. The work would include the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall. . [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 15 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 15, he addressed the sidewalk issues in the village as well as in front of Town Hall and others in the general area. There is \$10,000.00 in the Capital Reserve Fund and a couple of other small Trust Funds to be added.

Virgil MacDonald made comments regarding the sidewalks and the sidewalk machine.

Ken Roberts, Road Agent took responsibility with the sidewalk issues stating there would be a solution forth coming.

Steve Miller wanted to know when the work would begin on the sidewalks.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator stated that the sidewalk work would begin this year starting in front of the Town Hall.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 15 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Loring Carr moved Article 16 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator spoke on behalf of Article 16 referring to the Ground Water Permit with the State, which requires monitoring of the landfill on a continuous basis until the problem with seepage ceases or there is another solution.

Krista Argiropolis inquired as to the date the landfill closed, the response was 1992. She is not opposed to this Article but is opposed to this continuing on and on for years to come.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator acknowledged that unfortunately it is a requirement that the site be monitored on a regular basis.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 16 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. 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 Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Steve McMahon moved Article 17 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Pat Fuller spoke on behalf of Article 17. The Article is standard every year, placed into a Trust Fund and is recommended by the Auditors.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 17 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)** to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve for the Transfer Station which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 18 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 18. There are 3 phases of this project and called Scott Simonds, Solid Waste Director who gave an overview of the requirements.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 18 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00)** to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to fund maintenance equipment for the grounds, and parks and sidewalks snow removal. [Appropriation*

recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Pat Fuller moved Article 19 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Kellie Troendle, Parks & Recreation Director spoke on behalf of Article 19. Kellie explained that her department is responsible for equipment for the upkeep of the parks, town grounds, recreation areas and sidewalks throughout the Town of Alton. In 2003 the fund was established, the current balance is \$3,659.00, in 2005 a John Deere Tractor with attachments for mowing and snow removal was purchased, in 2010 a Sidewalk Machine with a snow blower attachment was purchased. and now in 2011 a lawnmower needs to be purchased for use at Town buildings and the parks. The recommendation is a zero turn mower for approximately \$11,000.00.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 19 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** for the purpose of improving the West Side Restrooms by making handicap accessible to current ADA standards and by siding the exterior. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Loring Carr moved Article 20 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 20 stating that this is self explanatory; the building is in need of siding to make it more presentable to the public and that it doesn't meet ADA requirements.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 20 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 21 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 21. This committee has been the most active and efficient Committee. This issue will be ongoing for many years. A State grant has been applied for and we work closely with the Lake Host Program. There have been many generous contributions which helped with the process; there is a good handle on this problem.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 21 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 22: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** to be added to Senior Center Pearson Road Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)*

Steve McMahon moved Article 22 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 22. The fund started with \$15,000.00, at year end it would be \$45,000.00 if the Article passes. The plan is to establish a Selectmen Committee. We have a very active Senior Center which is a tremendous success for our community.

Virgil MacDonald voiced concerns about the worth of the efforts to put so much into such a small area with no parking, why not consider another larger parcel such as the Gilman Home.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 22 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 23: *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 **Six Million Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$6,218,835.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$6,150,760.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton 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. (A majority vote is required)

Pat Fuller moved Article 23 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Pat Fuller spoke on behalf of Article 23 stating this was the recommended budget which had been gone through thoroughly, line by line; it was agreed upon across the board; it could not be level funded again this year.

Steve Miller stated it was a very sound fiscal budget but did have a single personal issue with the default budget regarding certain mandated contractual items such as step and merit raises and COLA.

John Markland questioned a change in the amount from the January 12th Budget Committee Workshop, it was clarified that the numbers from that meeting were not the final amounts from the final hearing. He also questioned the recommendation vote on this Article; E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator will be checking into this, although it had never been done in the past.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 23 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 24: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$129,979.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$129,979.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies & 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. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 24 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Ed Constantino, Asst. Fire Chief/Inspector spoke on behalf of Article 24 stating that there is no taxation issue with this Article.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 24 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 25: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a command/utility vehicle for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 25 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Ed Constantino, Asst. Fire Chief/Inspector spoke on behalf of Article 25 addressing that this has been unfunded for the past three (3) years. The Fire Department has gone without for sometime and it is an issue and a burden; we do not have our own vehicle to meet the command functions.

Steve McMahon informed the audience that the Fire Chief is currently using his own vehicle for a command vehicle.

Patrick O'Brien, Alton Fire Department Member/EMT spoke regarding the need for a vehicle.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 25 and Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 26: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the Alton Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 26 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 26 regarding the need for the Fire Station renovations, parking issues and document storage issues. He spoke about the various problems at each station.

Bob Longabaugh questioned the abstention on Article 25 and 26 and if a member of the Budget Committee was a fire fighter. The Selectmen confirmed that this was the case.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 26 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1750)** for the purpose of increasing the firemen retirement and to amend the retirement policy for the fire department personnel by increasing the amount of base annual retirement pay by **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** for each individual rank and the annual COLA would be applied to the base on an annual basis. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee ()]. (A majority vote is required)*

The Moderator noted that the vote of the Budget Committee 5-0-1 will be added at the polls.

Peter Bolster moved Article 27 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 27 that nothing has been updated for COLA.

Ed Constantino, Asst. Fire Chief/Inspector stated this is not available to everyone that they must be a member for 25 years.

Mark Divito inquired about COLA being given on an annual basis and voiced concerns with the wording.

Pat Fuller stated that according to the Town Attorney if there is no COLA they would not receive any COLA.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 27 and Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

***ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 28 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Ken Roberts, Road Agent spoke on behalf of Article 28. There is an 80%-20% split with the State. Places Mills Road Bridge and the bridge on Reed Road are "Red Listed". There must be at least \$20,000.00 in this fund to even apply for a grant.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 28 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 29: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. This sum (\$50,000) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 29 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Ken Roberts, Road Agent spoke on behalf of Article 29 with the need for vehicles coming up in the near future due to high mileage on the current vehicles.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 29 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 30: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and installing a ventilation system in the highway building which is needed to properly vent the fumes due to the vehicles and painting that create a health and safety problem. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 30 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 30. When the Selectmen toured the building it was found that the walls were discolored and there is no ventilation. A quote was received from by Clean Air Technology for a makeup air and ventilation exhaust system which would be a solution.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 30 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 31: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$193,735.13 is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Steve McMahon moved Article 31 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Ken Roberts, Road Agent spoke on behalf of Article 31. This is an annual thing; Coffin Brook is 60% complete. We have received a grant of \$100,000.00 to offset some of the expenses with small roads and a major road, Trask Side Road, is forth coming and will probably not be completed this year. We do not use any overtime for the rebuilding of these roads.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 31 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 32: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 32 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Steve Miller stated that the Budget Committee looked at each forth coming organization individually; all of which provide direct benefits to Alton residents.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 32 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 33: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$8,974.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 33 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Sylvia Conway spoke on behalf of Article 33 regarding un-recovered losses of payments. There were 2651 visits made to Alton residents last year. On October 15, 2010, VNA-Hospice in Wolfeboro merged with Community Health and Hospice in Laconia and will be known as Central New Hampshire VNA Hospice.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 34 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

Restriction re-motioned: Due to error in the Article number.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 33 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote

ARTICLE 34: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Steve McMahon moved Article 34 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Alice Calvert spoke on behalf of Article 34 stating that due to a merge that there will be only one request next year. West Alton has always been serviced by them due to their location on that side of the lake.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 34 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 35: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,314.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 35 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 35 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 36: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** 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 will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 36 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke for Sandy Wyatt on behalf of Article 36. This is a local success story for a local charity which supports upwards of thirty (30) families on a Saturday.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 36 and Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 37: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$454.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 37 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 37 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 38: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Steve McMahon moved Article 38 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 38 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 39: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six (\$7,826.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-3)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 39 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Cydney Johnson, resident and Board Member of Genesis spoke on behalf of Article 39. We have served 96 people in the community this year; 45 were under the age of 17, 46 were adults and 5 were elderly citizens. She was disappointed that this Article was the only Article not supported by the Budget Committee and wanted an explanation.

Barbara Howard, Budget Committee member stated they did not have the detailed information from the organization therefore the defeat; had they had the information they may have voted otherwise.

Steve Miller, Budget Committee Chairman questioned Cydney regarding odd things that they saw by searching the internet and asked if they were a profit or non-profit organization. Cydney stated 80% of their revenues coming from Medicare or Medicaid and there are no stockholders.

Pat Fuller made a motion to amend Article 39 (which would give the Budget Committee a chance to reconsider their vote), to read as follows:

ARTICLE 39: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$7,827.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster gave an overview of the Genesis program.

The Moderator requested a vote on the amendment. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

Note: Budget Committee now recommends this Amended Article (6-0)

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 39 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 40: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 40 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion.

MaryBee Longabaugh spoke on behalf of Article 40. MaryBee explained she and Bob Longabaugh have worked with the Caregivers for 12/13 years; that this is an all volunteer service but the volunteers need to have money for mileage or for phone services. This past year 161 services were provided to the residents of Alton.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 40 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote

ARTICLE 41: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 41 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 41 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 42: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee ()] (A majority vote is required)*

The Moderator noted that the Budget Committee vote 6-0 would appear on the ballot at the polls. Steve McMahon moved Article 42 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 42 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 43: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Child and Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 43 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on this Article.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 43 and Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 44: *To see if the voters will authorize the sale of a small portion of property from a parcel of Town land located off of Depot Road to Robert L. and Kim E. Patterson. The piece is approximately 20 feet x 90 feet and is part of the town property (map 29 lot 72) obtained from the State of New Hampshire being part of the old railroad right away. The sale price of the property was determined by the Town Assessor to be \$240 and all associated costs for the sale would be paid for by the buyer. (A majority vote is required)*

Pat Fuller moved Article 44 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

The Moderator questioned why there was no vote on the Article.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator stated there are no votes placed on non-money Articles.

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator spoke on behalf of Article 44. The property is adjacent to the Police station next to the walking path, the driveway and shed is actually on the Town property; the Board of Selectmen agreed to sell this to the Patterson's; this purchase would clarify their title.

Pat Fuller motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 44 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 45: *To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members on the Gilman Library Board of Trustees from 3 to 5 in accordance with RSA 669.16 and RSA 669.75. This change is to become effective with the 2012 Town Elections. The Gilman Library Board of Trustees acts as the governing board for the library as defined by RSA 202-A: 2 and is strictly a volunteer service. The purpose is to ensure that a quorum is always present. (A majority vote is required)*

Peter Bolster moved Article 45 and Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Holly Brown, Librarian spoke on behalf of Article 45. The Trustees are not only our governing board but a link to the community. The Library was established in 1862 and feel that this will give the committee a stronger connection and voice to the community. This increase is also a recommendation of the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association. This is strictly a volunteer position and not paid at all for their services.

Steve McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 45 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 46: *To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members on the Alton Water Commission from 3 to 5 in accordance with RSA 38:18. This change is to become effective with the 2012 Town Meeting Elections. (A majority vote is required)*

Loring Carr moved Article 46 and Steve McMahon seconded the motion.

Virgil MacDonald talked with the Water Department who had not had any trouble with its current membership.

Steve Miller questioned the amount of the annual salary/stipend for the current membership which is \$4,620.00 for all three (3) elected officials and none of the members are current employees.

Barbara Howard inquired about the money if it would be passed onto the taxpayers or users.

Loring Carr responded that the current members set the rate and split the money; it would remain the same amount even if the membership increases.

Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 46 and Pat Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

ARTICLE 47: *To hear any reports of any committee, board, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and to vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.*

There was no discussion on this Article.

Pat Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting and Steve McMahon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

The Moderator thanked all in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

Recording Secretary