

**TOWN OF ALTON  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL**

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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 representing the Town of Alton.

Lisa Noyes, Town Clerk

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

James Sessler, Town Attorney

David Hussey, Chairman

R. Loring Carr, Vice Chairman

Stephan McMahan, Selectman

Peter Bolster, Selectman

Cydney Johnson, Selectman

Marc DeCoff introduced the members representing the Alton Budget Committee

Marc DeCoff, Chairman

Steve Miller, Vice-Chairman

Lawrence Tilly, Member

Barbara Howard, Member

Mary K. Jarvis, Recording Secretary

Virgil MacDonald was absent.

Mark Northridge read the Moderator's Rules.

David Hussey, Chairman, Board of Selectmen was called to deliver the State of the Town message; he welcomed all in attendance. David announced that Alton has one of the lowest tax rates in the area at \$13.07. The Selectmen will continue to make improvements to our infrastructure and various buildings throughout the community. He acknowledged Parker Marine for the maintaining seasonal lighting. David highlighted the projects within Town such as the new addition on the Senior Center, ongoing work at the Fire Station and the Police Station, road reconstruction and the Transfer Station. He acknowledged all involved with appreciation including the fundraising efforts and volunteers. The Board will strive to keep a balanced budget and make improvements, to work together to serve our townspeople. Selectman Pat Fuller was acknowledged for her dedication to the Town with condolences expressed to her family on her unexpected death. The late, Claire Fitzgerald was also acknowledged as energetic, contributing

much to our Town. Stephan McMahon now in his fourth term as Selectman was commended for his service to the Town.

David Hussey encouraged everyone to participate in getting involved with the community whether it is by voting, serving on a board or committee or attending town meetings.

David Hussey called Scott Simonds, Director Solid Waste Center to the microphone. R. Loring Carr presented a certificate of appreciation to him for a job well done.

Marc DeCoff, Chairman of the Budget Committee had a budget message for the community. Thanking all involved who managed the default budget process very well. He announced that this is the end of his term on the Budget Committee.

## **WARRANT ARTICLES**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday, the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twelve (2012), 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 13, 2012 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

### **(Warrant Articles 1 through 13 had no motions or discussion)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of funding for Police Vehicle Capital Reserve and to raise and appropriate **Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00)** to be placed into the Fund. This sum (\$32,000.00) to come from DEA Asset Forfeiture funds and no amount to be raised from taxation. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0) (A majority vote is required)]

R. Loring Carr moved Article 14 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 14. R. Loring Carr stated this is for the future purpose of purchasing police vehicle and that this article is somewhat self explanatory. David St. Cyr inquired if any vehicle would be purchased this year?

R. Loring Carr responded with the current vehicles will be evaluated as they age.

David St. Cyr asked if there is currently money in the budget to support a vehicle.

R. Loring Carr responded there is money in the budget to maintain not purchase a vehicle. Money is in the budget as an estimate that is used each year for this purpose.

Barbara Howard inquired if it was for a vehicle to be purchased to replace another vehicle or adding one to the fleet.

R. Loring Carr stated that it would have to be a new vehicle per DEA guidelines but they would take an old vehicle out of service, redefine its purpose to something such as traffic control so it would add to the fleet but will cut down on mileage.

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

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of Fuel (gasoline, diesel, heating oil, kerosene and propane) overage coverage for all town departments and to raise and appropriate **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be placed into the Fund. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fuel overage Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0) (A majority vote is required)]

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

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 15 stating that it is hard to predict the cost of fuel. We are establishing a reserve fund to deal with overages and this would be more realistic for budgeting.

Stephan McMahon 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 **Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00)** to be placed into the Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 16 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 16. This article was established last year to address some of the issues at Town Hall. Some issues have been addressed such as the glass entryway but there are several others such as heating, accessibility lift (30K), basement storage, walls insulated, the outer bricks need sealing and the roof shingles are getting near the end of their age.

David St. Cyr inquired if voter approval is needed to spend this money because the language is different than the previous 2 Articles.

Russ Bailey responded that this is an existing Capital Reserve and when it was initially established the Selectmen were named last year to have such authority so it does not need to be repeated again.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 16 and Cydney Johnson 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** to be added to the Police Department Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 17 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Cydney Johnson spoke on behalf of Article 17. The current balance is \$74,913.00 and will be exhausted upon completion of this phase. The purpose is to replenish funds for the future needs of the Police Department.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 17 and R. Loring Carr 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 **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00)** for the purpose of revising and updating the personnel & policy manual. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32; 7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 18 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

David Hussey spoke on behalf of Article 18. The personnel & policy manual needs to be updated and revised with an unbiased and fresh look at the policies.

Jeffrey St. Cyr wanted an explanation of how the \$7,500.00 would be expended.

David Hussey commented a consultant would be brought in to give an expert opinion.

Jeffrey St. Cyr questioned why go outside, why not have a volunteer committee, I would be willing to volunteer.

Steve Miller stated the proper way is an outside agency would be the best and most efficient was to handle this matter.

Peter Bolster agreed with Steve Miller with this being a very complicated process.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 18 and David Hussey 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 **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Sidewalk Capital reserve as previously established for

the upgrade and maintenance of existing sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 19 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 19. The sidewalks in front of Town Hall were replaced last year. There is about \$15,700.00 in the capital reserve fund and another \$4,000.00 in special funds. The plan is to extend the sidewalks from Buchanan Real Estate to the bank across the street and then another from Main Street Café to Barnes Avenue doing them the right way with granite curbing.

Robert Longabaugh proposed an amendment to increase this Article to \$20,000.00 and Steve Miller seconded.

#### **AMENDED ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 Sidewalk Capital reserve as previously established for the upgrade and maintenance of existing sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Amendment passed by a favorable vote.

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 19 and Stephan McMahon 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 **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 (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Stephan McMahon moved Article 20 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 20. This is an on going issue; we have just received word from the State that they are requiring two (2) additional wells at an estimated \$24,000.00.

David St Cyr inquired where the wells would be located and what is being done to protect properties downhill to Trask Side and other residential areas?

R. Loring Carr stated they would be near the entrance of the landfill. The plume of the contamination is going towards the Dahl property with no indication of the direction downhill. If need be, the State will advise us of any plans if there is an indication that the contamination runs downhill on Route 28A.

David St. Cyr keyed in on what would happen if this goes downhill with R. Loring Carr stating that when the time comes the State and the Engineers would need to advise.

Stephan McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 20 and Peter Bolster 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 **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** 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 (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 21 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Russ Bailey spoke on behalf of Article 21. This is an annual article that covers amounts when an employee retires which is within the personnel policy. There is \$15,000.00 in the fund now with one known employee retiring.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 21 and Cydney Johnson 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00)** 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 (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 22 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Cydney Johnson spoke on behalf of Article 22. The Solid Waste Center 5 year plan for expanding the metal and construction drop off area in addition a request for a roof to be installed over this area. The roof would put us in compliance with Federal Storm Water Regulation. The current balance in this account is \$18,129.00.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 22 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

**ARTICLE 23:** 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, sidewalks, buildings and parks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 23 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

Cydney Johnson spoke on behalf of Article 23. This is to purchase a zero turn mower at an approximate cost of \$9,000.00 with a bag attachment in the amount of \$1,800.00 for a total cost of \$10,800.00. The current balance in this account is \$15,659.00.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 23 and David Hussey 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 **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purpose of improving the Alton Bay Restrooms to meet current ADA accessibility standards and by siding the exterior. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 24 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

David Hussey spoke on behalf of Article 24. This article is self explanatory and needed to meet the ADA accessibility standards and the siding is deteriorating and needs to be replaced.

Bob Longabaugh questioned which restrooms this was for, either East Side or West Side or both.

David Hussey replied "both".

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 24 and Stephan 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 **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (Majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 25 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 25. Asked if any Milfoil Committee members were present; no response. Commended the efforts of the milfoil removal as it is an ongoing issue, as long as there are boats using the lake this will be an issue. The quality of the water from the lake is very important to the Board. This money will be matched by the state; \$7.50 of each registration goes towards into the Milfoil fund and granted to the towns.

David St. Cyr stated that he knew the amount of the money in the fund was \$17,000.00 during last year and \$17,380.00 was spent, what was that spent for?

Peter Bolster stated that it went to towards the process of hiring a company to suction the Milfoil and add herbicides to bring the Milfoil to the surface.

David St. Cyr commented that in Maine someone is at each boat launch to inspect each and every boat that goes into a lake and we need to have this inspection done here.

Peter Bolster referred to the Lakes Association Grant and that Pam Martin was at the launch last year. Simply we cannot afford to have someone there all the time.

Stephan McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 25 and Peter Bolster 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 **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** to be added to the Senior Center Pearson Road Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (Majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 26 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 26. He announced that Friday at 10:00 AM everyone is invited to the dedication of Phase I which is completed. To date \$55,000.00 has been raised by private contributions from the community and a tremendous amount of volunteer work the project is now complete. \$52,000.00 is town money, allocated and established in the past. There is \$5,000.00 left for Phase II and the need will be another \$50,000.00 for Phase II for a 36x36 addition. A lot of credit is due to Amy Braun, Director.

Bob Longabaugh commented on being very anxious on moving the polls to the center upon its completion with Peter Bolster stating that this would have to be discussed.

Peter Bolster mentioned that over 200 people have come forward to make the center happen with their volunteerism and contributions.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 26 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

**ARTICLE 27:** 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 One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars (\$6,169,810.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$6,215,600.00), 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. [Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).

This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)



Cydney Johnson moved Article 27 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 27. The Selectmen support the Budget Committees recommendation.

Marc DeCoff stated that the committee went through the budget line by line. The budget is .3% over last years budget which is \$19,050.00 with the Police Department getting hit the hardest.

David St. Cyr questioned line 4153 (Legal Expenses) wanting to know what is costing the town \$136,000.00 in legal fees.

R. Loring Carr responded with “personnel issues, we had to address”.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 27 and R. 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 **One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$134,748.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$134,748.00 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 (4-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 28 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

David Hussey spoke on behalf of Article 28. This is a self explanatory appropriation; covered by revenue from the ambulance insurance payments with none coming from general taxation.

Marc Northridge corrected his reading of the recommendation of the Budget Committee on this appropriation.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 28 and David Hussey 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 **Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new or used command/utility vehicle for the Fire Department. This sum (\$36,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 29 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

Stephan McMahon spoke on behalf of Article 29. This department currently does not have this type of vehicle and are using personal vehicles. The vehicle is for the everyday functions of the department.

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 29 and Stephan McMahon 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 **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 (4-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Stephan McMahon moved Article 30 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 30. This will be for additional funds for the Capital Reserve Fund to address some of the needs of the Central Fire Station for office space, training space and possible dorm space.

Stephan 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 **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 (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 31 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 31. This is a regular fund for bridges which are red listed that need to be replaced within a five/six year period. The need to replenish this fund is necessary so that we take priority when the need arises. If there is no money in the reserve fund we will not be able to be put on a list for the work to be done.

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

The Moderator announced a 10 minute break will be taken at this time.

R. Loring Carr read the certificate of appreciation presented to Scott Simonds, Solid Waste Director.

**ARTICLE 32:** 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. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 32 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

David Hussey spoke on behalf of Article 32. Equipment that will need to be replaced with a lot of work upcoming this summer we do not need any downtime.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 32 and R. Loring Carr 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 **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 \$167,077.25 is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is require)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 33 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

David Hussey spoke on behalf of Article 33. We have asked the Highway Department for a very aggressive schedule for road rebuilding with a lot of upgrading and maintaining focusing on the maintaining to bring the roads up to standards.

Kenneth Roberts, Road Agent complimented the Board of Selectmen for their support and named the roads which are slated for work.

David St Cyr complimented Kenneth Roberts and his crew on an excellent job. He was curious of the work on Trask Side Road.

Kenneth Roberts mentioned that they are still in the planning stages; some of the issues are drainage. On the 28A side going in work will depend on money and the bids. Whatever is not done this year will be addressed next year.

Mrs. Falzone questioned which portion of Spring Street would be addressed.

Kenneth Roberts commented it depends on several things, need to talk with the Board, weather permitting it's possible, whatever doesn't get done this year will go into next years plan.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 33 and David Hussey 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 **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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 34 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 34

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 34 and Stephan McMahon 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 **Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00)** 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 will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Stephan McMahon moved Article 35 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Sylvia Countway, member of the Board of Directors mentioned that this appropriation is usually two (2) separate requests. Our request actually reflects un-reimbursed funds for services to clients in the Town of Alton.

Stephan McMahon 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 **Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$2,215.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 36 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Krista Argiropolis asked for clarification of the wording of the appropriation being recommended.

E. Russell Bailey clarified.

David St. Cyr asked why the Budget Committee did not recommend this Article.

Barbara Howard commented that as of the date this appropriation was reviewed they still had not picked up last year's money.

Jeffrey St. Cyr inquired as to the date an agency had to pick up their money.

E. Russell Bailey stated "One Year for last year and should be by the end of December".

Jeffrey St. Cyr made a point that the agency should be contacted.

Steve Miller noted that an agency should request this money as soon as possible, if by the time the next year budget comes around or they really don't need the money.

Jeffrey St. Cyr made a motion to amend this Article to \$2,216.00 in order to give the Budget Committee time to revise their recommendation.

A motion was made by Jeffrey St. Cyr to recommend the amendment to Article 36 and seconded by David St. Cyr. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

#### **AMENDED ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$2,216.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Anna Griffin questioned if the money had been picked up?

E. Russell Bailey stated "yes, by the end of December".

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 36 and Cydney Johnson 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 **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 37 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 37. Speaking as a member of the Board of Alton Community Services there is a tremendous need for this service. There is very little overhead with a volunteer staff and is much needed by the community. As many as 30-35 families are serviced each Saturday.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 37 and R. Loring Carr 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 **Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$409.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 38 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 38.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 38 and David Hussey 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 **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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 39 and Stephan McMahon seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 39.

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 39 and Stephan 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 **Ten Thousand Seventy Six Dollars (\$10,076.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Stephan McMahon moved Article 40 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Cydney Johnson spoke on behalf of Article 40. Speaking as a member of the Board of Directors, Genesis, there has been a slight decrease this year. We have serviced 92 residents, 48 between the ages of 0-17; 40 between the ages of 18-59 and 4 over the age of 60. Charity care was provided in the amount of \$4,228.00 in un-reimbursed funds; never turning people away that don't have the ability to pay. Fifteen residents used the services which is a 50% increase from last year. All money is used for the patients with none of it going towards administrative costs. There is a representative in both the Elementary and High Schools with a clear need for these services. Many requests are coming in from Veterans asking for help. Cydney asked the Budget Committee to explain why there was not a unanimous vote.

Barbara Howard spoke for the Budget Committee stating that there are numerous agencies out there for the benefit of the Veterans. The information given tonight was asked for by the Budget Committee but it was not provided.

Cydney Johnson respectfully disagreed with Barbara Howard, the information was provided and she would be glad to provide a copy.

Barbara Howard reiterated that there are numerous organizations out there which provide services.

Cydney Johnson added that there has been a 30% cut by the State due to the economic environment.

Peter Bolster will be chairing a sub-committee for outside agencies for the County. We need to adequately support mental health services in this area.

Jeffrey St. Cyr asked if the Selectmen would support an amendment to this Article by \$1.00.

Peter Bolster stated they could not support an amendment at this at this time, you can make the amendment but we cannot indicate that we will support it.

Jeffrey St. Cyr made a motion to amend this Article to \$10,075.00 and David St. Cyr seconded the motion.

**Further discussion:**

Barbara Howard made note that the State is cutting; this is cost shifting there are specific agencies and numerous support for all with much replication of services.

Krista Argiropolis, indicated that Medicaid is changing in New Hampshire to a managed care system. It also affects local control of these monies.

**AMENDED ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Seventy Five Dollars (\$10,075.00)** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (3-2)] (A majority vote is required)

The amendment passes by a favorable vote.

Stephan McMahon motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 40 and Marc DeCoff 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 **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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 41 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Mary Bee Longabaugh spoke on behalf of the Wolfeboro Caregivers now known as Caregivers of Southern Carroll County to maintain their phone systems. Money is also issued for mileage due to it being an all volunteer group. People that are drivers in Alton only drive the Alton residents they do not go into other towns.

Barbara Howard questioned if the drivers get mileage reimbursement.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 41 and Cydney Johnson 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 **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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 42 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 42.



Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 42 and R. Loring Carr 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 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-1)] (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 43 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 43.

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

**ARTICLE 44:** 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 & Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-1)] (A majority vote is required)

David Hussey moved Article 44 and Stephen McMahon seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on Article 44.

David Hussey motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 44 and Stephen McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Greater Lakes Children Advisory Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Stephan McMahon moved Article 45 and Peter Bolster seconded the motion.

Russ Bailey brought forth a typographical error the agency name should read Greater Lakes Children **Advocacy Center**.

A motion was made to amend the name of the organization in Article 45 to Greater Lakes Children Advocacy Center. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

## **AMENDED ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Greater Lakes Children Advocacy Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)] (A majority vote is required)

David St. Cyr requested an explanation as to why the Budget Committee did not recommend this Article.

Marc DeCoff, Chairman of the Budget Committee responded that they did not want to add any further tax burden to the Town.

Lawrence Tilly, resident noted that there is a lot of overlap of services but not every solution works for every child.

Peter Bolster attended a few of their meetings and stated that they are a very unique organization.

Raymond Howard voiced his concerns regarding yet another agency wanting to be supported.

David St. Cyr made a motion to amend Article 45 to \$1,001.00 and Jeffrey St. Cyr seconded.

### **Further discussion on the Amendment:**

Barbara Howard wanted to know why these children cannot go to Genesis.

Peter Bolster stated that they don't have the capability to deal with the types of unique situations they handle.

Barbara Howard noted that any child would be eligible to go to Healthy Kids Gold which is Medicaid funded.

John Markland, resident of Stockbridge Corner Road, this agency is utilized by law enforcement. This service is for abused and neglected children and Genesis deals with mental health issues, psychiatric issues which are two totally different types of situations.

Bob Longabaugh made a point that John Markland is the retired Police Chief from Gilford.

Barbara Howard couldn't understand why this program is not an extension of the Police Department.

The amendment to change the amount of Article 45 to \$1,001.00 passed with a favorable vote.

**AMENDED ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand One Dollars (\$1,001.00)** for the purpose of supporting Greater Lakes Children Advocacy Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Jeffrey St. Cyr responded to Barbara Howard's comments. Discussions continued between Barbara Howard and Jeffrey St. Cyr.

Ryan Heath, Police Chief elaborated further on the structure and purposes of this Center regarding forensic interviews specializing in sexual abuse. Typically this type of service was developed through grants but those have dried up. The communities are too small and don't have the resources to maintain these centers themselves.

Jeffrey St. Cyr inquired as to the costs involved for this type of facility and how often it would be used.

He further stated that we would use this type of facility average of 12 to 15 interviews per year with costs exceeding several thousands of dollars but the facility space is the bigger problem with costs exceeding well over \$10,000.00.

Stephan 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 amend the Conflict of Interest Ordinance by adding Article XIII to read as follows;

"No appointed or elected Board Member, Commissioner or Trustee shall be allowed to be hired for employment by the Board, Commission or Board of Trustees that they served on as an elected member of for at least two years after the date that their term of office ended or the date that their resignation became effective." (A majority vote is required)

Peter Bolster moved Article 46 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion.

Peter Bolster spoke on behalf of Article 46. This is an attempt to make sure that perception of impropriety does not occur and any insider relationship does not occur.

Bob Longabaugh mentioned that the wording of this could create a loophole. It should read no appointed or elected member in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of Article XIII.

Peter Bolster spoke further regarding this Article and asked Attorney Sessler to give his opinion.

Attorney James Sessler recommended the amendment.

David St. Cyr asked a question about being hired; would this include contracted services?

E. Russell Bailey stated that this was not intended for sub-contractors, it was strictly for employees. They could not become an employee for a period of 2 years for any board, commission, trustees, etc. . . .

Barbara Howard made mention that there was one instance that she could think of recently that was advantageous to hire someone on a board due to their expertise. This could potentially harm us down the road.

The amendment passed by a favorable vote.

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**Further discussion:**

Jeffrey St. Cyr wanted to know about skirting around this situation and attempting to hire someone on a contracted services basis.

Peter Bolster commented that if that ever happened the tax payers would kill us.

Further discussion between Jeffrey St. Cyr and Peter Bolster continued.

Anna Griffin questioned the change in the amendment.

Russ Bailey stated that this was totally new verbiage to the ordinance.

Peter Bolster motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 46 and Cydney Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

David St. Cyr out of curiosity wanted to know what the need was to restrict reconsideration of a non-money Article.

Mark Northridge, Moderator responded that his policy was to restrict reconsideration on all Articles.

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the town will vote to ratify an amendment to the current long term lease between the Town of Alton (lessor) and David & Amy Shibley (lessee) DBA Shibley's at the Pier Inc. (lessee) for the land at the bay as described in the lease by extending the term of the lease by ten (10) years from 2015 to 2024. Also to amend the method of rent calculation from a flat 5% annual increase to a 2% minimum and a 5% maximum annual increase with the rate to be determined by the July Northeast CPI (Consumer Price Index) of each year starting in 2015. All other sections of the agreement will remain unchanged including the provision that all land and building taxes will be paid by the lessee. (A copy of the lease is available for review at the town clerk's office) (A majority vote is required)

Cydney Johnson moved Article 47 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion.

R. Loring Carr spoke on behalf of Article 47. This Article is self explanatory and if anyone wants to have more detail they may obtain it at town hall.

David St. Cyr what is the difference in the money from the old lease to the new lease; what is the lease worth to us?

Russ Bailey there is really no fixed amount; it will automatically increase a minimum of 2% with a maximum of 5%, based on the CPI. The amount right now is about \$9,045.00 plus taxes. Peter Bolster stated that we are trying to be fair with the costs and value in today's economy going down.

R. Loring Carr picked the CPI after conversation with the assessor.

John Markland questioned if the Article fails what happens?

E. Russell Bailey responded that the existing lease stays in effect until 2014.

Dave St. Cyr does this Article extend their lease to 2024.

E. Russell Bailey this would extend it from the year 2015 to 2024 or the existing lease stays in effect until 2014.

Steve McMahon stated that this is a very nice business and they are looking only to improve what is there. No bank will loan funds if they don't have a long term lease.

Cydney Johnson motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 47 and R. Loring Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

**ARTICLE 48:** We the undersigned registered voters in the Town of Alton, NH, hereby request that the following be placed as an article in the Alton, NH March 2012 town warrant.

"To see if the town will vote to rescind article 46 in the Alton town warrant of March 2011 which read "To see if the town will vote to increase the number of members of the Alton Water commission from 3 to 5 members. This change to become effective with the 2012 Town Meeting Elections (A majority vote is required)

R. Loring Carr moved Article 48 and David Hussey seconded the motion.

William Curtin, Water Department spoke on behalf of Article 48. The Water Commissioners had no knowledge of this Article being put on the ballot and didn't ask for it to be on the ballot. There is no room for 5 Commissioners and I am very much in support of this Petition Article.

Steve Miller questioned what the need is to have 5 people instead of 3 on this board.

David Hussey noted that the Selectmen are holding firm on a five (5) member board. It has much more transparency, checks and balance and accountability. This change was overwhelmingly supported by 175 votes to increase to a five (5) member board. Every board in town has five (5) members.

William Curtin never has had a problem with a quorum but wants them to be paid.

R. Loring Carr mentioned that the Selectmen have no authority to give more money; it will have to be divided by the members accordingly.

William Curtin and R. Loring Carr conversed on this matter.

Marc Northridge as Moderator questioned the wording of this Article because if this passes I don't know what it means, what will happen with the 5 members.

Marc DeCoff thought that as the terms expire the members would go.

R. Loring Carr motioned to restrict reconsideration on Article 48 and Dave Hussey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a favorable vote.

**ARTICLE 49:** 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.

David St. Cyr respectfully requested that the Board of Selectmen look at their participation on the boards that they are assigned to as representatives. Also to start the process of healing; it is time for all the boards and committees within the town get along.

Patricia Norton voiced her concerns regarding human needs; all should be considered.

David Hussey motioned to adjourn the meeting and R. Loring Carr seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

The moderator thanked all in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

Recording Secretary