

**Board of Selectmen  
November 14, 2016**

**Present:** Kenneth S. Paul, Vice Chair; Connie Twombly; and Teresa A. Williams, Town Administrator. Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson, and Toni Bodah, Secretary, joined the session at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Paul called the posted session to order at 3 p.m. **Ms. Twombly moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (b). Mr. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Twombly – ‘aye’; Mr. Paul – ‘aye’. The motion passed 2-0, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.**

The Board returned to public session at 5 p.m. and proceeded to discuss capital reserve appropriations for the 2017 municipal budget, as follows:

Ambulance	- \$40,000	
Landfill	- \$0	
TS Equipment	- \$0	
Bridge Construction	- \$10,000	Mr. Paul noted No Wakefield Bridge needs attention
Firetruck	- \$45,000	
Highway Truck	- \$75,000	
Transfer Station Facility	- \$35,000	
Highway Heavy Equip	- \$50,000	
Town Hall Improvements	- \$11,500	Includes conference room curtains and painting connector
Police Vehicle	- \$31,500	
Invasive Species	- \$30,000	
Wastewater Treatment	- \$0	
Technology	- \$10,000	
Parks & Rec Field Maint	- \$0	
Cemetery Maintenance	- \$0	
Emergency Management	- \$1750	
Forest Fire Management	- \$0	
Highway Road Projects	- \$200,000	
Security Cameras	- \$10,000	This may provide sufficient funds to take care of Town Hall
Assessing Statistical Update	- \$18,500	Board of Assessors hopes to be prepared for full field review in 2018

The above appropriations total \$568,250. Ms. Williams stated that \$2500 is usually appropriated within the operating budget for the Greater Wakefield Resource Center; however, the Budget Committee had suggested establishment of a capital reserve fund for that building. After consideration, the board decided to wait to establish such a fund until 2018 in anticipation that that GWRC Board will meet with the Board of Selectmen early in 2017 to establish a plan.

Ms. Bickford has advised that the Board of Assessors would likely present a warrant article regarding the Veteran’s tax credit. The law previously was very specific as to qualifying for this credit; however, the law has changed, and towns *may* vote to accept the provisions of the new law.

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The Town of Wakefield currently offers a \$500 property tax credit. The financial effect of adopting this provision is unknown. We do have the option to reduce this credit; however, it must be applied across the board.

**Mr. Paul moved to approve \$568,250 for capital reserve appropriations, as listed above. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

Ms. Williams had expected the Cemetery Trustees to present a warrant article as well; however, it appears as though that is no longer the case.

A well and filtration system may be necessary at the Highway Garage. Ms. Williams will discuss this in more detail with Scott Pike and Leigh Nichols to determine whether we will be ready to accomplish this in 2017.

Wayne Robinson had talked about a septic system for the ballfields. Ms. Williams will discuss this with Mr. Robinson in more detail. No plan is yet available. Mr. Robinson had also mentioned a warrant article for purchase of a half pipe.

There has been much discussion among Parks & Rec, AWWA and UNH Stormwater Center regarding the condition of the Lovell Lake boat ramp. No plan available.

WPI and the Town applied for a 50/50 L-Chip grant to finish the windows in Town Hall. The Town's share would be a little more than \$24,000. If we are awarded the grant, we will need a warrant article.

NH Solar Garden is still interested in a 20-year lease of land at the Transfer Station. The Board had previously decided to let the voters have their say on this issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

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Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

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Kenneth S. Paul

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Connie Twombly