

2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified of the First and Second Session of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

FIRST SESSION

You are notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to debate, propose and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

The meeting opened at 1:04 p.m. by the Town Moderator, Dino Scala. Chief Fifield led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Patrick Gilbert gave the invocation. Mr. Scala announced the NH State Primary Election on February 9th, the Town and School Election on March 8th and the School Deliberative Session on February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. He then introduced the Town Clerk Valerie Ward, the Board of Selectmen's Chair Charlie Edwards, Selectman Connie Twombly and Selectman Ken Paul, Town Administrator Teresa Williams and Town Attorney Richard Sager. The Moderator introduced the Chair to the Budget Committee, Jerry O'Connor, who spoke a few words about the experience that makes up this committee. Mr. O'Connor then introduced the members of the Budget Committee.

The Moderator recognized Phil Twombly who made a motion that this session of the Town Warrant be adjourned by 5:00 p.m. and that no article shall be taken up for consideration after 4:45 p.m. In the event that all articles in the warrant have not been acted upon, the Moderator is authorized to reconvene this session at a date, time and place which meets the approval of the majority of the voters present. The motion was seconded by Relf Fogg and passed.

The Moderator reviewed the rules and asked those who speak to please introduce themselves.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as may be amended at the First Session, to be held at the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m., unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds “Laundromat” as a use permitted in the Business & Commercial, and Village/Residential districts, and allows it with a conditional use permit in the Residential III and Agricultural districts, and does not permit the use in the remaining districts. The amendment also adds “Laundromat” to Article 33 “Definitions”. **(Majority vote required).**

The article was read by the Moderator. No further discussion on this article.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment changes parcels known as TM 212-10, 212-11, & 212-12.2 to “Residential III (Rural) from “Light Industrial.” These three parcels front on Governors Road and are being rezoned to match their existing use. **(Majority vote required).**

The article was read by the Moderator. No further discussion on this article.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment changes certain parcels located along Perkins Hill Road, Acton Ridge Road, and Province Lake Road to the “Residential III” Zoning District from the “Agricultural” Zoning District (excepting portions of parcels within 500 feet of Balch Lake and Lake Ivanhoe.) This article reverses a change in the Zoning Map approved in 2015. **(Majority vote required).**

The article was read by the Moderator. No further discussion on this article.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment requires that in the Historic Overlay District, the construction, alteration, moving or demolition of any fence requires a Certificate of Approval from the Heritage Commission. **(Majority vote required).**

This article was read by the Moderator. There was a question from the audience. Mr. Fogg asked what if a fence was destroyed naturally, such as snow being plowed into the fences. Would there be a fine? What are the consequences if any? Steve Royle, Chairman of the Planning Board, said there was no mention of a fine. Leigh Nichols asked if there was an application or an application fee. Mr. Royle explained that this was brought forward by the Heritage Commission and the Planning Board went along with the idea. Mr. Twombly, a member of the Heritage Commission, explained that this was brought forward to preserve what the Historic Village looks like today. They are trying to discourage people from taking down fences. It is only a recommendation there are no penalties. No further discussion on this article.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds impervious surface coverage restrictions (formerly found within the Site Plan Regulations) to the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment also changes the definition of “Impervious Coverage” to

“Impervious Surface Coverage” and adds clarity in the wording of the definition within Article 33 “Definitions.” **(Majority vote required).**

The article was read by the Moderator. No further discussion on this article.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The article was read by the Moderator. Mr. Paul moved the article. It was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Mr. Paul explained the article stating this appropriation allows for the replacement of the ambulance this year. Last one was replaced in 2010. No further discussion on this article.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The article was read by the Moderator. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards stated that is will assist the town in the repair of bridges that are red listed. There are no plans currently on which bridges to fix. Mr. Scala asked if the state gets involved at all. Mr. Edwards explained if you applied to the state but the price of repair will then triple and then the process is to wait seven years to pay it back. Mr. Edwards agrees this is not enough money to fix any bridge. Mr. O’Connor commented on the bridge on Pine River Pond Road using a culvert for the fix. Mr. Paul commented that the state wants to see gravel. They do not want to see culverts. No further discussion on this article.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The article was read by the Moderator. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained that this appropriation follows the vehicle replacement schedule developed by the Fire Chief. The next truck to be replaces it the 1989 Engine #3. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained that this appropriation follows the vehicle replacement schedule and the next truck to be replaces is the 2005 in 2017. No further discussion on this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained that over the past couple of years the Transfer Station Manager and Board of Selectmen have been reviewing different aspects of the facility for a better flow. Move dumpsters to the other side of the scale. Mrs. Sandy Johnson inquired about the fund balance. The current balance is \$60,605.98 and the projected balance is \$110,605.98. No further discussion on this article.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), for the completion of the second floor of the Public Safety Building and sprinkler system for the entire building, with Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) to come from the Public Safety Building Second Floor Capital Reserve Fund, and Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$333,000) from Unassigned Fund Balance, with **no amount to be raised from taxation**. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2017. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-1.

The article was read by the Moderator. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained that 14 years after the building was built the second floor has never been finished and it is starting to create serious problems. The original plan was a one million dollar project. A committee has been formed. Mr. Edwards made it clear this money will not come from and increase in taxes. There is \$1,900,000.00 in the *unassigned fund balance* and the state recommends that this figure stays between 8% and 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures. Chief Fifield and Chief Nason presented a slide show containing the progress through the years and photos of how it looks today. They stressed how important it was to install a sprinkler system in this building. The vented roof is allowing heat to escape because it has never been properly insulated. This improvement will allow 24 hour EMS coverage for the town. At the present time one would be home when the call comes in after 6:00

p.m. and they would have to get to the station to get the ambulance before they can respond to the emergency. This will also have a sally port, gym, lockers, evidence room, emergency management room, storage, bunk house and a day room for the employees. Mr. Miller explained the *unassigned fund balance*. Mr. Fogg asked if the funds will not come from raising taxes why does the article read to *raise and appropriate*. Attorney Sager responded that it is a DRA rule to use that terminology on all money articles being voted on. Mr. Szirbik stated that he supports the article but thinks the writing is wrong and it is not being honest to voters. Mr. Edwards went on to explain the *unassigned fund balance* stating how \$175,000.00 of this helped keep the tax rate in Wakefield down when the county's tax rate went up 22%. The town decided to use the money in the *unassigned fund balance* instead of hiking up the tax rate to cover the error of the county. The auditors have advised the Select Board to spend some of this money. Charlie Edwards stated that they took it amongst themselves to find what is important and they felt that this building needed to be finished. Jerry O'Connor explained it from his position as Chairperson of the Budget Committee. Mr. Szirbik made a closing argument that there should not be so much money in the *unassigned fund balance*. Mr. Miller explained that the way the timing with the school budget and the town budget goes that is how the *unassigned fund balance* gets built so fast. Connie Twombly expressed how badly this needs to get done to protect the assets the town has in that building. Mr. Paul agreed the article could have been written differently but instead of the tax rate going low and then high this is more consistent for the tax payers. Mrs. Cyr asked if there was enough insurance on the towns assets and both Chief Fifield and Chief Nason assured her there was, but if there was loss the equipment would not be replaced for months because it takes time to find a vehicle and equip it to replace what we have now. There was no more discussion on this article.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained this fund is for the replacement of the excavator and the grader. The grader would get replaced first. No further discussion on this article.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read this article. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained that this appropriation is to help the many lakes control the invasive species showing up in the lakes. This past year the board was approached by seven different lakes and \$53,000.00 was expended. This amount is a bit more than the previous year,

because one of the lakes has a large amount of milfoil that keeps growing. They have attacked the milfoil aggressively for the last couple of years and now for 2016 will not need as much funding. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read this article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. This fund is to replace a cruiser according to the Chief's regular schedule. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Technology Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read this article. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained that this fund is for the replacement of computers, servers and routers and updates of software at all town buildings. This year two computers at the Police Station and three computers at the Town hall need to be replaced. The computers are on a five to six year replacement rotation. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of performing assessing statistical updates, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mrs. Twombly made a motion to move the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained for many years we have been raising and appropriating \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 in the budget in case we needed to do a statistical update. Each year our Assessor determines whether or not an update needs to happen, some years we do not have to do the update which means the budget money would go back into the general fund. The Board of Assessors along with the Board of Selectmen felt it was time to establish a CRF (Capital Reserve Fund) for when the updates need to be done. If an update does not need to be done then the money can grow until the next year. An update is required at least every five years. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this is a small appropriation this year. We do not have any major projects planned, but would like to redesign the administrative offices in the future. The current amount in the CRF is designated to help WPI (Wakefield Projects Inc.) with the cost of the lighting truss in the Opera House which was planned in 2015. Mr. Scala asked clarification on which room is the administrative office and he was told it is across the hall from the Town Clerk's office. No further discussion on this article.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen, by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this appropriation is for Emergency Management established six years ago. It is meant to build to a certain appropriate level and then only be used in a true town wide emergency. It will supply the shelter and provide funds for other emergency preparedness. Mrs. Rowan asked who the current director is. The current director is Chief Fifield who explained that the funds used to go back to the General Fund but now it can grow in a CRF. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen, by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-1.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained that this appropriation will be used to repair many roads in town. We decided a couple years ago to pull the amount out of the Operating Budget and create this CRF. This was done in order to keep funds growing in the CRF if projects were not complete. Mr. Blackwood asked about the cost of a shim coat for a mile. Mr. Paul took a guess at the price and spoke about Oak Hill Road needing a lot of work. Mr. Blackwood explained that this line should not be cut and explained how expensive it is when you let the roads go year after year. Mr. Blackwood then made a motion to double the amount because the roads need to be shim coated before they need a complete repair.

Mr. Moreschi seconded the motion. Members of the Budget Committee admit that the line was cut for three years in a row and it was never caught up. This was the number presented to them by the Selectmen and they went along with that number. The Selectmen questioned the idea if the article fails. Discussion ensued. It was asked of Mr. Blackwood to please consider keeping the amount under \$200K so it does not get voted down and nothing will be raised and appropriated and there will be a balance of \$34,149.01 for 2016. Mr. Blackwood withdrew his motion. Mr. Moreschi withdrew his second. Mr. Blackwood changed the amount to \$255,000.00. Mr. Moreschi seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Moderator read the amended article and asked for a vote from the voters present. 43 Yea, 3 Nay motion carries.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$7,300) for the purpose of purchasing radar traffic recorders for the police department. This appropriation will be offset by a 50/50 Highway Safety Grant. The Town's portion of the appropriation will be Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,650) and is contingent upon the receipt of the grant. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards asked Chief Fifield to speak to this. Chief Fifield explained these will be mounted to a pole and it tracks time of day, speed of vehicle and the speed limit. There will no guessing, it will show the Police Department where the problems are. Mr. Dube asked if they were equipped with cameras and Mr. Nichols asked if they were portable. Chief explained that they do not have cameras and they are portable. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$39,813) for the purpose of purchasing and installing rescue tools for the rescue vehicle at the Fire Department. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly asked Chief Nason to speak to this article. Chief explained that in 2002 the top technology was purchased, as vehicles change the tools change as well. On older cars the current tool works fine but now different steel is used to make vehicles and the tool used currently, builds so much pressure that it snaps and shoots parts 75 feet. Chief would like to purchase the new equipment and have it retrofitted into the existing vehicle now instead of waiting for a new vehicle. It is more efficient and less dangerous. At this time Mr. O'Connor mentioned the fact that the EMS went to Governor's Council and how Governor Maggie Hassan recognized them for their

efforts the night of a fatal accident in Wakefield a few weeks ago. Chief Nason stated that it's not often these men and women are recognized for their actions. They do their jobs and they do them very quietly without any recognition. All departments were recognized for their efforts. Mrs. Twombly said Thank You on behalf of the whole town. She stated that it is impressive how organized they are and how many people are involved. There was a standing ovation from the proud citizens of the Town of Wakefield. Mr. Moreschi asked about adapting the tool. Chief responded stating the company will not stand behind putting new tools on old manufacturing. The old equipment will go on older vehicles at the East Wakefield Fire Station. No further discussion on this article.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Security Devices Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and installing of security cameras, Go-Pros and/or any other security devices for enhancing the security of municipal properties, buildings and municipal personnel, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained this new CRF for the purchase of security cameras or any other security devices that we feel is needed. In the last couple of years there have been incidences such as trips, falls, and possibility of materials stolen and irate people in town buildings. If there were cameras it would prove the incidents. Mr. Denley commented on the wisdom of creating these CRF's. He stated that when we put away money it mandates that the money gets spent. Dino asked Council to clarify if there is a minimum amount of money that the Selectmen have to spend. Council answered no not for capital reserve fund. Jerry was curious if a CRF should be for a capital improvement and asked if there was an amount it had to be. Ken Paul explained that CRF is for a specific line item and it earns interest. Ms. Williams explained that the capital assets that the auditors like to see the depreciation. The Selectmen set it at \$20K. Because the first quote they received was for \$20,000.00 they decided to create the CRF. Mr. Edwards asked about dissolving a CRF and Ms. Williams said that was the next article. There was no more discussion on this article.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund under RSA 35:16-a, said fund was established in 2012 to build a new salt shed. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly

seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained that the salt shed was completed in 2014 and there is no need to have this CRF any longer. Mr. Blackwood asked about the remaining balance. Mrs. Williams answered \$2,400.00. There was no more discussion on this article.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a for the maintenance of town cemeteries, and deposit cemetery lot sale income into said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

The Moderator read the article. Mrs. Twombly moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mrs. Twombly explained there is currently a CRF for town cemetery maintenance, which is funded by the taxpayers' dollars. This new Expendable Trust Fund will be funded from the sale of lots at the cemetery, so eventually there would be no need for the other CRF. Mr. Miller explained there are now a CRF for cemetery maintenance and one for cemetery water supply. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Wakefield Transfer Station and Recycling Center Ordinance, in accordance with RSA 149-M: 17, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

The article was read by the Moderator. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mrs., Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained it was determined that our ordinance needed to be adopted by the voters not the Board of Selectmen. There was a committee formed to review the current ordinance. They spent many hours reviewing and visiting other transfer station facilities. Not too much has changed from the past ordinance. The fee schedule will be set after the town vote. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees (such as for licenses, permits, transfer station, etc.) after holding a duly-noticed public hearing thereon, pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. (Majority vote required).

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Paul moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. Mr. Paul explained this is a housekeeping article. The original article that passed has not been able to be located. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 28: By Petition: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the conduct of games of bingo and the sale of lucky 7 tickets?

The Moderator read the article. He then recognized Attorney Hall (a petitioner) to speak on the article. She stated this was also a housekeeping article. Mrs. Hall explained the law saying that BINGO is for nonprofit entities only and Union Village Concerned Citizens and Union Law were nonprofit. The Union Congregation Church has a space. They cannot rent it out but they can accept a donation. The church would like to sell food and beverages. The application says it is law that the town needs to vote to run

BINGO. There was no further discussion on this article.

Article 29: 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 purpose set forth herein, totaling \$4,611,010? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,485,651 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0.

The Moderator read the article. Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mrs. Twombly seconded the motion. The article is self-explanatory. There was no further discussion on this article.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie J. Ward
Town Clerk