



**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 21, 2020 5:30 PM  
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***MINUTES***

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice-Chairman Larry Miller, Member Kathleen Kilgore

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Town Administrator Michael Tully, Finance Director Ryan Cornwell

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman/School Board Rep James Sununu, Select Board Rep Larry Miller, Rick Stanton, Frank Ferraro, Laurel Pohl, Tamara Le, George Chauncey, Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode

ALSO PRESENT: School Business Administrator Matt Ferreira, School Principal Susan Synder

**AGENDA**

Chairman Maggiore welcomed everyone to the January 21, 2020 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said the purpose of the meeting is to go through the Warrant Articles by title to assign who will speak to that at Deliberative Session, and to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of FY2021 Warrant Articles**

**Article Nine – New Public Library Building**

Bonding item (\$2,725,000); needs 3/5 vote; Select Board Recommends: 2-0

*Move: Miller; Second: Maggiore; Present: Miller & Maggiore*

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**Article Ten – Expansion and Renovation of Public Library Building** (by Citizens Petition)

Bonding item (\$2,274,000); needs 3/5 vote; Select Board Recommends: 1-2

*Move and Second for discussion: Kilgore; Present: Library Trustees*

**Article Eleven – FY2021 Operating Budget**

Budget \$7,426,422, Default (\$7,236,026); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move: Kilgore; Second: Miller; Present: Interim Town Administrator Tully*

**Article Twelve – Purchase of a Police Cruiser**

Police Cruiser (\$45,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

**Article Thirteen – Purchase of a Police Cruiser**

Police Cruiser (\$45,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move Articles Twelve & Thirteen: Kilgore; Second: Maggiore; Present: Kilgore*

**Article Fourteen – Replace Fire & Rescue Ambulance**

Ambulance (\$275,000) Special Warrant; Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move: Kilgore; Second: Miller; Present: Fire Chief Tully*

**Article Fifteen – Road Resurfacing**

Road Resurfacing (\$230,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**Article Sixteen – Replace DPW Backhoe/Loader**

Backhoe (\$125,000 Lease-Purchase); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**Article Seventeen – Removal of Trees along Stone Wall at Center Cemetery**

Tree Removal (\$17,200); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Kilgore*

**Article Eighteen – Contribution to Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution (\$100,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**Article Nineteen – Contribution to Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution (\$50,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Kilgore; Second: Miller*

**Article Twenty – Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution (\$10,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**Article Twenty-one – Contribution to the Coakley Landfill Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution (\$50,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

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*Move/Present: Kilgore; Second: Miller*

**Article Twenty-two – Establish Radio Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution (\$30,000); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Kilgore; Second: Miller*

**Article Twenty-three – Establish Agricultural Fund**

(No funds); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Kilgore; Second: Maggiore*

**Article Twenty-four – Establish Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund**

(No funds); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

**Article Twenty-five – Contribution to Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund**

Contribution (\$7,500); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present Articles Twenty-four & Twenty-five: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**Article Twenty-six – Change Town Treasurer to Appointed Position**

Chairman Maggiore said the Board had questions about responsibilities and terms of office.

Discussion: Selectwoman Kilgore said she researched 6 surrounding communities for practices, and found 4 remain elected with 2 appointed. She said she would like to see a job description and skill requirements, as well as discuss compensation, prior to putting this out to voters. Selectman Miller said it is important to have the person vetted for their financial acumen and said he would vote in favor. Chairman Maggiore said he found at NHMA that most rely on the duties of elected and appointed Town Treasurer as spelled out in RSA 41-29 (I-V), and they could look to Interim Town Administrator Tully and Finance Director Ryan Cornwell regarding compensation.

Interim Town Administrator Tully said the Town Treasurer currently has a stipend and they assumed it would stay that way. He said if the whole Board is not in favor they could add this to upcoming goals in April or May. Selectwoman Kilgore said the position is elected and open right now. Chairman Maggiore said a split Select Board vote puts the Warrant at some risk.

**Motion:** To take *Warrant Article Twenty-six – Change Town Treasurer to Appointed Position* out of the packet for suggested warrants and put as a priority goal for discussion.

**Motioned:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Seconded:** Chairman Maggiore

**Vote:** Motion approved 2-1 to remove *Article Twenty-six* from the Ballot.

**Article Twenty-seven – Support Centennial Hall (By Citizens Petition)**

Contribution (\$75,000); Majority vote required

Chairman Maggiore read Article Twenty-seven in full, and said there was an omission which has since been added. Interim Town Administrator Tully said if a Warrant does not give a way of funding it automatically goes through taxation.

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**Motion:** To move *Article Twenty-seven – Support Centennial Hall, by Citizens Petition*, to the Ballot.

**Motioned:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0 to add to Ballot

**Motion:** To Recommend *Article Twenty-seven – Support Centennial Hall, by Citizens Petition*.

**Motioned:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0; Article recommended by the Select Board 3-0

*Move/Present: Kilgore; Second: Maggiore*

**Article Twenty-eight – Rescind the Code of Ethics** (By Citizens Petition)

(No funds); Majority vote required; Select Board Recommends: 3-0

*Move/Present: Maggiore; Second: Miller*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

***Pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33), for the purpose to consider the Issuance of a Bond for the Expansion and Renovation of the Public Library Building***

Chairman Maggiore said the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider issuance of a Bond (\$274,000) for expansion and renovation of the Public Library Building. He said there will be a presentation of facts, questions from the public open to engagement, and answer questions.

**Expansion and Renovation of the Public Library Building**

Susan Leonardi, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, said the North Hampton Library has a rich history of over 100 years in the community, serving people of all ages with a wide range of resources. She said Library Trustees have developed and vetted a fiscally conservative plan to expand and renovate the North Hampton Library in place and the project is shovel-ready. Lavallee Brensinger Architects, with Ron Lamarre as Design Principal, were chosen to design the Library Expansion and Renovation Project, with Bonnette, Page & Stone as construction managers.

Architect Ron Lamarre showed a view of the Library from Atlantic Avenue and reviewed the program elements included in the design. He said the Library will remain operational with phased construction, funding is shared between private contributions and public funds, and the Homestead remains available for Town use. He showed the 2018 concept design, site drawing with property lines, and the existing Library with the addition. He said the septic in the back will be expanded, and drainage will be provided along the sides and in front of the building. He said the floor plan has a gross area of 11,555 square feet, and showed views of the building from other perspectives.

Mr. Lamarre said the total Bond amount of \$2,274,000 includes expansion and renovation, construction contingency, owner's contingency, and soft costs, with \$84,200 paid to date. The total project cost is \$3,354,000, along with Library Capital Reserves of \$780,000 approved by Warrant, and \$300,000 in private donations. Ms. Leonardi said the project will commence in spring 2020 and be completed in spring 2021. She said the project was designed to minimize impact to taxpayers without sacrificing quality, and the

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Library Board of Trustees determined their plan to renovate and expand is the most prudent and time-saving. She said North Hampton residents have the right to make the choice.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Paul Marquis said he supports the Library Plan. He said in 2016 the Library Trustees supported the Town with a Safety Complex building on the Homestead Property which did not pass and they were told at that time there would be no building on the Homestead. He said Library Trustees decided in 2016 to renovate and expand the current Library building in place and spent 2017-2019 developing a plan, which is now shovel-ready. He said in July another Library proposal was made available to the public which is just a skull of a building, with costs for inside falling on the Library.

Chairman Maggiore asked that they keep this hearing to the Bond for this project, which is the Warrant Article. Mr. Marquis said he wished there was only one plan for the Ballot. He said the Library Trustees worked hard to put this plan together and he hoped voters would approve it.

Frank Ferraro asked the Library Trustees if their proposal had input from Library Staff. Ms. Leonardi said input from the Library Staff was very important and they made many suggestions.

Chairman Maggiore closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 pm. He said this Warrant was already voted on by the Select Board and is going to Ballot, and action will be taken by the Budget Committee at their 6:30 pm meeting.

*Chairman Maggiore recessed the Select Board Meeting at approximately 6:20 pm.*

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chairman Jonathan Pinette welcomed everyone to the Budget Committee Meeting of January 21, 2020, and called the meeting to order at 6:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of January 6, 2020**

Mr. Ferraro stated that a copy of his letter to Town employees was supposed to be attached to these minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of January 6, 2020 with the amendment cited above.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Mr. Stanton

**Vote:** Motion approved as amended 7-0, with 2 abstentions

**SCHOOL FY2021 WARRANT ARTICLES**

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School Business Administrator Matt Ferreira said the School is proposing four (4) Warrant Articles, and also provided are a Budget Summary in detail, a Default Budget in detail, and an Estimated Revenue sheet.

**Warrant Article 1 – Operating Budget**

School Business Administrator Ferreira read Warrant Article 1 in full: Operating Budget totaling \$9,299,228; if defeated Default Budget \$9,077,751; recommended by the School Board 5-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article 1, School Operating Budget*, as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article 1* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article 2 – Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association (SESPA)**

School Business Administrator Ferreira read Warrant Article 2 in full: FY2021 Salary increase \$22,098; FY2022 \$17,440; FY2023 \$29,761; FY2024 \$34,641; majority vote, recommended by School Board 4-0. Needs approval by voters in Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Seabrook, South Hampton and Winnacunnet/ Hampton.

School Business Administrator Ferreira said they currently offer no Health Insurance for these employees and had to tier this in over a number of years; the School Board will be paying 40% of premiums in year 2, 60% year 3, and 80% year 4; only offering single-person coverage on the lowest-price plan. He said this covers 97 people across the SAU with approximately 20 in North Hampton.

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article 2 – Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association (SESPA)* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Ms. Le

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article 2* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article 3 – Long Term Maintenance**

School Business Administrator Ferreira read Warrant Article 3 in full: \$65,000 for paving/brick resealing; majority vote; recommended by School Board 4-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article 3 – Long Term Maintenance* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Mr. Ferraro

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article 3* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article 4 – Special Education Expendable Trust Fund**

School Business Administrator Ferreira read Warrant Article 4 in full: Contribution \$50,000 from unassigned Fund Balance; majority vote; recommended by School Board 5-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article 4 – Special Education Expendable Trust Fund* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller, for discussion

**Discussion:** Mr. Goode said the fund currently has \$300,000, and said he was not sure the target for the fund should be raised. School Business Administrator Ferreira said the new target of \$400,000 is based on

a worst-case scenario and significant cost escalation. Vice-Chair Sununu said the current percentage of identified students is 20%. School Business Administrator Ferreira said the State averages 15% and they are within range.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article 4* by a vote of 8-1

### **TOWN FY2021 WARRANT ARTICLES**

Chairman Pinette said he would read the Articles to be voted on in full, have public comment on the article, and then have Budget Committee discussion and recommendations.

#### **Warrant Article Nine – New Public Library Building**

Gross Budget \$2,723,907; Total Bond \$2,275,000; 3/5ths vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 2-0

Paul Marquis of Hobbs Road said the Town has spent hundreds of thousands on its municipal complex and has nothing to show for it. He said *Article Nine* does not work on the inside of the building but *Article 10* is a complete package, and the Town needs to decide which is more fiscally responsible.

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Nine – New Public Library Building* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

Discussion: Selectman Miller said this plan benefits everyone in the Town, builds a fiscally responsible building, does complete the inside but does not pay for furniture or moving expenses, and the old Library can be made ADA compliant for \$150,000. He said they will get a new Library, get Town employees out of the Police Station, and have 2 buildings for the cost of one. Chairman Pinette said rather than having 2 warrants for the same building, he preferred that both groups work together to come up with one plan.

Ms. Pohl asked if the written opinion of Attorney Reimers had been distributed to the Committee, and said she would like to ask Susan Leonardi to comment on the contents as they refer to Article Ten; Ms. Leonardi agreed to answer her questions. Mr. Chauncey said some of the statements in this this warrant are misleading and the project was fast-tracked. Mr. Ferraro said Article 9 is the cost to “build a building” and Article 10 is complete and ready for use. He said IT and owner contingency costs are not included and \$2, 723,907 is not the true gross cost. Interim Town Administrator Tully said they are not here to negotiate the numbers on the Warrant Articles.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the most important thing to him with any of these proposals is that it provide a clear plan to address all the needs of this Town. He said the Fire Station is a huge problem, adequate facilities are needed for Fire and Police, and he has not heard anyone advocating for the Library expansion address step 2 going forward to address these other needs. He said to say this project is not practical is inaccurate, and it makes the most sense to build a new building and address multiple needs. Ms. Pohl said she does not see a path forward and felt this project did not have time to mature.

Paul Marquis said the question is whether Article 9 is mature, and said he did not believe the numbers. He said the Library Trustees acted on their authority, and said it is the responsibility of the Trustees to work on the Library and the responsibility of the Town to build on the Homestead.

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Ms. Le said the Select Board has tried over and over to make something work for this Town. She said when the School needed renovations, the School Board came together with the Town and found a way to spend less. She said this project gives them a New Library, addresses the needs of Town employees, and gives the Town a path forward to do something about the Safety Complex, and is fiscally responsible. Mr. Goode asked that they move to a vote.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Nine* by vote of 6-3

**Warrant Article Ten – Expansion and Renovation of Public Library Building** (by Citizens Petition)

Gross Budget \$3,354,000; Total Bond \$2,274,000; 3/5ths vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 1-2

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Ten – Expansion and Renovation of Public Library Building* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Mr. Goode

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Ten* by a vote of 4-5

**Warrant Article Eleven – FY2021 Operating Budget**

Budget \$7,426,422, Default (\$7,236,026); Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Eleven – FY2021 Operating Budget* as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Eleven* by a vote of 8-1

**Warrant Article Twelve – Purchase of a Police Cruiser**

Police Cruiser \$45,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Twelve – Purchase of a Police Cruiser* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Mr. Chauncey

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Twelve* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Thirteen – Purchase of a Police Cruiser**

Police Cruiser \$45,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Thirteen – Purchase of a Police Cruiser* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Mr. Ferraro

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Thirteen* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Fourteen – Replace Fire & Rescue Ambulance**

Ambulance \$275,000; Special Warrant; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Fourteen - Replace Fire & Rescue Ambulance* as written.



**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Mr. Stanton

Discussion: Mr. Goode asked what the Town was doing with the old ambulance. Interim Town Administrator Tully said he is in talks with Rye and Greenland to use this vehicle to replace the shared ambulance. He said around there is around \$860,000 in the account for vehicles and equipment, and they receive money back from ambulance calls.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Fourteen* by a vote of 8-1

**Warrant Article Fifteen – Road Resurfacing**

Road Resurfacing \$260,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Fifteen – Road Resurfacing* as written.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Mr. Stanton

Discussion: Ms. Le asked if the roads should be listed in the warrant, and Selectman Miller said it is not specified in case changes need to be made to the plan. Mr. Ferraro said he assumed this Fund was zeroed out by the end of the year, and Finance Director Cornwell said they are collecting a little more than they spend. Mr. Goode said he feels these funds should be in the Operating Budget, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said they do get matching money from the State, but Director Hubbard wants the people in Town to be able to choose what they want done with the roads.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Fifteen* by a vote of 8-1

**Warrant Article Sixteen – Replace DPW Backhoe/Loader**

Backhoe \$125,000 Lease-Purchase w/\$25,000 1<sup>st</sup> year payment; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Sixteen – Replace DPW Backhoe/Loader* as written.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

Discussion: Ms. Pohl asked the definition of a “fiscal funding (escape) clause”, and Finance Director Cornwell it essentially means they can breach the contract based on certain terms. Mr. Ferraro said after the first year it becomes part of the Operating Budget and if the Budget Committee cuts it the Lease could be severed. Ms. Pohl asked why there was no Capital Reserve Account for DPW, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said he would discuss that with Director Hubbard. Mr. Goode said it might not make sense for this amount of money. Mr. Ferraro asked if CIP recommended this be a lease/purchase, and Finance Director Cornwell said they agreed on a Warrant for a Lease/Purchase for \$25,000 annually, and said they pay less principal in year 1 and more in year 5, offset by interest costs.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Sixteen* by a vote of 8-0

**Warrant Article Seventeen – Removal of Trees along Stone Wall at Center Cemetery**

Tree Removal \$17,200; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

Discussion: Ms. Pohl asked if this was all of the trees, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said it was all the trees. Mr. Chauncey said the trees are very old, have grown larger and are destroying the stone wall, and there is a danger of them falling onto the road. He said he is a Trustee of the Cemetery and it is not something they want to do.

Cynthia Swank of Hobbs Road asked if some of the money will be used to repair the stone wall. She said she is interested in having the iron gates worked on and they could possibly get a grant to help out, and asked what if they had a plan for what to do after all the trees are down. Mr. Chauncey said they have a plan to work on the gates but they work within a limited budget. He said this \$17,200 is only for the removal of the trees and they will repair what they can themselves. Ms. Swank asked if they could get a Landscape Designer to figure out what they could do, and said this is the oldest cemetery in Town. Vice-Chair Sununu pointed out that the Operating Budget recommended for this year has a \$12,000 increase for cemeteries, and Mr. Chauncey said that is mostly for equipment rental.

Interim Town Administrator Tully said the \$17,200 is to take down trees and grind the stumps. He said Mr. Chevalier may have found a way to work with the Utility Company and lower that price. Mr. Stanton said he would like to see a plan phased over time so the trees are not cut down all at once. Interim Town Administrator Tully said there is more at stake here as the trees are pushing out the stone wall which holds back the graves. He said they are just cutting the trees along the front stone wall on Post Road and not the back trees, and could perhaps put trees in other areas of the cemetery.

**Vote:** *Warrant Article Seventeen – Removal of Trees along Stone Wall at Center Cemetery* recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0, with 2 abstentions

**Warrant Article Eighteen – Contribution to Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution \$100,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Eighteen – Contribution to Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Mr. Ferraro

Discussion: Mr. Ferraro said this comes up every year and asked what they have spent and on what. Finance Director Cornwell gave examples of current spending which totaled \$117,000 to date. Interim Town Administrator Tully said sometimes they choose to use Budgeted funds rather than Capital Reserves, and this is positive management of Town monies. Mr. Goode asked why regular maintenance is not in the Operating Budget, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said part of it is, but Capital Reserves allow the Select Board as agents to expend for larger projects without increasing the Budget. Selectman Miller said it will take two years of reserves for what they spend annually. Vice-Chair Sununu asked that a list of projects be provided for next year.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Eighteen* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Nineteen – Contribution to Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution \$50,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Nineteen – Contribution to Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Mr. Stanton

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Nineteen* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Twenty – Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution \$10,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Twenty – Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund* as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion to approve approved to recommend *Warrant Article Twenty* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Twenty-one – Contribution to the Coakley Landfill Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution \$50,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

Discussion: Mr. Ferraro said the wording says “to raise and appropriate” but that it will have no effect on the tax rate. Finance Director Cornwell said this article was changed by the Select Board and the last sentence will be removed and not be present on the Warrant Article. Chairman Maggiore said the Select Board is still in session and can amend the article now.

*The meeting was recessed for a 5-minute break, and resumed at approximately 8:35 pm.*

Chairman Maggiore said the Select Board took a vote and unanimously approved striking the last sentence of the article, voting 3-0 to amend and 3-0 to recommend.

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-one – Contribution to the Coakley Landfill Capital Reserve Fund* as amended above.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

Discussion: Mr. Stanton asked Selectman Miller for an update on what the future looks like for this fund. Selectman Miller said it appears they are spending \$50,000. Finance Director Cornwell said spending in 2018 was \$59,000, in 2019 \$56,000, and this year \$57,500. He said the cost is up from \$25,000 5 years ago, and could be around \$200,000 by 2025.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-one* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Twenty-two – Establish Radio Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

Contribution \$30,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-two – Establish Radio Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Stanton

**Seconded:** Mr. Chauncey

Discussion: Vice-Chair Sununu asked how much is spent yearly on maintenance for radio equipment, and how much do they purchase. Interim Town Administrator Tully said this is a planning article as almost all Police Departments are now using digital vs. analog. He said North Hampton still has analog and they run off of Hampton's System, and Hampton is considering going digital. He said this is the beginning of a Capital Reserve Fund for that special project and not for maintenance of radios. He said public safety is part of the project and it may include building a tower. Vice-Chair Sununu asked the target amount of the cost, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said worst-case scenario \$130,000.

Selectman Miller asked if they are talking about "if" or "when", and Interim Town Administrator Tully said *when*, as there is no doubt digital is the wave of the future. Mr. Goode said he would be more in favor of the article if put in the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund. Finance Director Cornwell said if put in that fund it would have to be very specific that it is tied to communications "in a building", and a tower would not be in a building, Interim Town Administrator Tully said worst-case scenario would be a tower at the back of the Fire Station.

Mr. Ferraro said last year the Committee approved \$9,000 as a trial of some radio equipment, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said the Police Chief was planning to use that as a matching grant for car-to-car and car-to dispatch. Police Chief Kathryn Mone said she has been meeting with the State on a grant to improve communications. She said the \$9,000 does not look to be enough to cover their intended purpose, and said the grant is still hopeful for this year.

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-two* by a vote of 9-0

**Warrant Article Twenty-five – Contribution to Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund**

Contribution \$7,500; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

Discussion: Mr. Ferraro said usually when there are 2 inter-dependent articles, one will specify that if the first one does not pass, this one does not take effect. Finance Director Cornwell said the language is not required, and said if Article 24 does not pass, by default Article 25 is not valid. He said it is a textual change only and does not affect the Article.

**Vote:** *Warrant Article Twenty-five – Contribution to Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund* recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1

Mr. Stanton said the \$7,500 is an average over 10 years used by the Water Commission, and they will now get together with Hampton to challenge the Water Company on rate increases and will need more money for legal fees. He said the Water Company is charging \$200 per hydrant which is way out of line with other communities. Chairman Maggiore said these 2 articles propose to give the Water Commission the

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authority they were granted by Charter in 1957. He said because they were unable to coordinate their schedules they missed an opportunity to work with Hampton to make an appeal.

**Warrant Article Twenty-Six – Support Centennial Hall (By Citizens Petition)**

Contribution \$75,000; Majority vote required; Recommended by the Select Board 3-0

Discussion: Ms. Pohl said this is not a public building but a private building and it is not legal without stating how it benefits the Town. Chairman Pinette said he thinks this is a legal Warrant Article, and said the \$75,000 is for a fire suppression system that is definitely needed. Vice-Chair Sununu asked if this is to match so they can access the LCHIP funds or “in addition to”, and asked how much the Town has provided them toward matching that \$200,000. Mr. Stanton said they had been fund-raising and did not think this was a matching grant. Interim Town Administrator Tully said he believed it was being matched by private donors, and said he would reach out to them to explain the answers to these questions at Deliberative.

Finance Director Cornwell said the MS 737 is dependent on the Budget Committee and they need to vote tonight. He said he has to have a vote and it can be changed at Deliberative. He said how you determine the 10% override is what is *brought* to Deliberative, not what leaves. Chairman Pinette highly recommended the Budget Committee vote in favor of this Warrant Article. Ms. Le suggested any questions be sent to Chairman Pinette and forwarded to the organization for their presentation. Mr. Goode said this is not what public funds should be used for year after year.

**Motion:** To recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-Six – Support Centennial Hall* as presented.

**Motioned:** Mr. Ferraro

**Seconded:** Mr. Stanton

**Vote:** Motion approved to recommend *Warrant Article Twenty-Six* by a vote of 5-4

Interim Town Administrator Tully said the MS-737 needs to be signed by noon on Friday, as they need to post the Warrants on time on Monday.

**Any other Item that may Legally Come before the Board**

**Next Meeting:** Chairman Pinette said the next meeting will be the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 8:30 am at the School. Vice-Chair Sununu said the School Deliberative Session will be held on February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm, also at the School.

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Sununu made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Chauncey. Chairman Pinette adjourned the Meeting at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary