

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETING

Deliberative Session – February 7, 2006

Moderator Robert Dezmelyk opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. He introduced the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Deputy, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. He also acknowledged the Cable Committee and thanked them for their commitment. Mr. Dezmelyk led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were only 38 voters in attendance.

Moderator Dezmelyk read the warrant and warned the people of the actual election to be held on March 14, 2006, at the Memorial School in Newton Junction, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Moderator Dezmelyk explained that Planning Board articles are not discussed at the Deliberative Session, but would be addressed if anyone needed clarification.

1. To hear reports of Town Officers and pass any vote relating thereto.

Moved and seconded.

2. To hear reports of Town Officers and pass any vote relating thereto.

Moved and seconded.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Section XVIII, General Provisions, paragraph 9 by adding the following words: "There shall be no burial of demolition or construction materials in any zone in the Town of Newton."

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Moved and seconded. Article 3 will appear on ballot as written.

4. "Shall the Town of Newton 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 **\$2,498,250.00**?"

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Should this article above be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,423,495.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton 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."

Moved and seconded. Article 4 will appear on ballot as written.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$47,500.00 for phase I** of the installation of a **“SPRINKLER SYSTEM”** in the Town Hall and to withdraw **\$15,637.00 plus \$4,302.10** in interest from the Sprinkler Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997; and to withdraw **\$1,844.03 plus \$138.38** in interest from the **sprinkler fund of public donations** toward the Sprinkler System held by the Trustees of Trust Funds. The balance of this years cost, approximately \$25,578.49, is to be raised by taxes. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sprinkler system is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. (Per Selectmen’s Bid Policy) Phase II will be requested at a later date.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 5 will appear on ballot as written.

6. If article 5 above fails: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sprinkler Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, and the funds of public donations with accrued interest to date of withdrawal, held by the Trustee of Trust Funds are to be transferred to the Town of Newton’s General Fund.
(Majority Vote Required)

Moved and seconded. Article 6 will appear on ballot as written.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$4,000.00 to replace the existing fire alarm systems** in the Town Hall and the Central Fire Station. This will include the monitoring as the current system is outdated and will no longer be supported.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 7 will appear on ballot as written.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called the **“FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FUND”** created in 2005.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 8 will appear on ballot as written.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **prepare a lease acquisition agreement with Chester Bearce to acquire sufficient land off South Main Street/Merrimac Road to build a Community Safety Complex** as recommended by the Safety Complex Building Committee and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to cover the cost of the legal fees associated with the agreement. Such land is to be solely for the purpose stated. (The proposed lease agreement and any other amounts to be appropriated therefore, will be presented to the voters at the 2007 Town Meeting.)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 9 will appear on ballot as written.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Gale Library Board of Trustees, the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called the “**Gale Library Building Fund**” created in 1982.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 10 will appear on ballot as written.

11. To see if the Town will vote to **establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the “**TOWN BUILDINGS FUND**” for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and construction; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be placed in this fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 11 will appear on ballot as written.

12. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, **to establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a “**PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING PROGRAM**”, correcting and digitizing the zoning maps making them compatible with the Town’s Assessing software and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 12 will appear on ballot as written.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,018.00** for the following Community Services:

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 1,250.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,000.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	2,000.00
NHSPCA	550.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	6,093.00
RVNA-HOSPICE	5,678.00
THE SAD CAFÉ	5,000.00
SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES	2,000.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 37,018.00

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 13 will appear on ballot as written.

14. On a petition of 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Newton, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the **Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County**.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

A motion was made by **Raymond Thayer** and seconded by **Kathleen McKinley**, to amend Article 14 to read, “On a petition of 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Newton, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the **Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County**.

Article 14 will appear on ballot as amended.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to **increase the salary for the three Selectmen** from \$2,500.00 per year to \$3,500.00 per year.
(Last increase was in 1989)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Moved and seconded. Article 15 will appear on ballot as written.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$5,500.00** for the position of a **PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. All fines and fees shall be returned to the Town as an offset to this appropriation

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

A motion was made by **James Doggett**, and seconded by **Raymond Thayer**, to amend article 16 to read, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the position of a **PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. All fines and fees shall be returned to the Town as an offset to this appropriation.”

The amendment failed. Article 16 will appear on ballot as written.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent, the sum of **\$75,900.00** to reconstruct the road base, shoulder and apply the binder coat for the entire length of **Heath Street and Maple Avenue**.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

A motion was made by **John Ulcickas**, seconded by **Gary Nelson** to amend the article to read, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent, the sum of **\$75,900.00** to reconstruct the road base, shoulder and apply the binder coat as needed to **Heath Street and Maple Avenue**.
The motion passed and Article 17 will appear on the ballot as amended.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum **\$10,000.00** to be used **toward the reconstruction of the town tennis court** located at Greenie Park on Heath Street. (The balance of the tennis court reconstruction cost of \$11,000.00 will be paid for out of the Recreation Commission savings account.)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE
Moved and seconded. Article 18 will appear on ballot as written.

Mr. Dezmelyk motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:08 PM to reconvene on March 14, 2006 at Newton Memorial School at 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM to vote on the above warrant articles.

A true copy attest:
Raymond D. Thayer, Town Clerk