

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETING

Deliberative Session Minutes - February 6, 2007 SANBORN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moderator Robert Dezmelyk opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He stated that this was the 258th plus or minus meeting. Everyone was asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Dezmelyk thanked the veterans from Newton and he also acknowledged that Town Clerk/Tax Collector Raymond D. Thayer, had been recognized by the Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Associations for 15 years of service. Mr. Dezmelyk introduced the dignitaries that included the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk, and thanked the Cable Committee for their commitment. Mr. Dezmelyk read the names of the officials to be elected on March 13th at the Memorial School between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. Mr. Dezmelyk stated that zoning questions cannot be discussed but did read the 9 zoning amendments as they will appear on the ballot and stated that the full content of the questions could be found in the 2006 Town Report.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,967,500**) for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a **PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX and for the purchase of land upon which it will be erected**, said parcels of land are located on Merrimac Road and identified as Lot 12-6-10 and Lot 12-6-11 with portions of said parcels combining to include 7.92 (+/-) acres, said land to be subdivided for the sole use and purpose of building a public safety complex, and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,967,500) in the form of bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to invest the proceeds of the bonds and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) of investment earnings for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and/or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. (3/5 ballot vote required)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Robert Bartlett stated that the committee had been working on this project for 2 years and that 2 public hearings would be held before March 13, 2007. Questions would be fielded at the hearing, including bond issues and the many trials and tribulations that they had gone through to get to this point.

Selectman Nelson explained the 10-year bonding as opposed to the 20 year bond.

Lynn Harding spoke in support of the complex but feels the general public may not understand whether it's a bond, a note or an estimated debt schedule.

James Doggett made an amendment to the article to add after maturity, “not to exceed 5% interest”. Motion moved and seconded by Paul Szot.

Article 10 will appear on ballot as amended.

11. “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 **\$2,704,395.00**?

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Should this article above be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,550,826.00, 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.”

Article 11 will appear as written

12. Shall the Town discontinue mailing the Town Reports each year, thereby reducing the cost of printing and the cost of mailing? (The Town will continue to make the Town Reports available on the Town website at www.newton-nh.gov and at the Newton Town Hall.)

Lynn Harding made an amendment to the article to add, “mass” after discontinue, and to add after the website, “and by mail on request and at the Gale Library”. The motion was moved and seconded and passed.

Article 12 will appear on the ballot as amended.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Trustee of Trust Funds, the sum of **\$250** to increase the salary line from \$500 per year to \$750 per year.

Article 13 will appear on the ballot as written.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$25,000** for the preparation of a **SITE PLAN and the CONSTRUCTION of a PUMP HOUSE** on the Town Hall property, needed to house the Sprinkler System equipment. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the site plan and construction is completed or by December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Lisa Fortin made motion to amend the article to add the word “fire” be in front of Sprinkler System. The motion was moved and seconded.

Article 14 will appear on ballot as amended.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called the **“FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FUND”** created in 2005.

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Fire Chief William Ingalls made a motion to the article change the sum to \$50,000. The motion was moved and seconded.

Article 15 will appear on ballot as amended.

16. 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

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, the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the **“TOWN BUILDINGS FUND”**.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Article 17 will appear on ballot as written.

18. 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 **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called **ROAD SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT FUND** for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and construction.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Article 18 will appear on ballot as written.

19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, **for the purpose of POLICE SPECIAL DETAILS.** All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.
[Intent: This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.]

Article 19 will appear on ballot as written.

20. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to **begin to develop a set of digital parcel maps** that will assist in a more accurate property assessment process and will be compatible with the Town's Assessing software.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,337.00** for the following Community Services:

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 1,250.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,000.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,000.00
NHSPCA	550.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	6,412.00
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>
	\$ 38,337.00

Article 21 will appear on ballot as written.

22. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be paid toward the **2007 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the **Transfer Station/Recycling Fund** created in 2003 for this purpose.

[Intent: This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.]

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Article 22 will appear on ballot as written.

23. Shall the Town establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with RSA 673:1 and RSA 674:44?

674:44-a Heritage Commission. – A heritage commission may be established in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts.

674:44-b Powers. –

I. GENERALLY. Heritage commissions shall have advisory and review authority, specifically, as follows:

- (a) Survey and inventory all cultural resources.
- (b) Conduct research and publish findings, including reports to establish the legal basis for a district and preparation of historic district ordinances within the municipality prior to its adoption or amendment as provided in RSA 675:6.
- (c) Assist the planning board, as requested, in the development and review of those sections of the master plan which address cultural and historic resources.
- (d) Advise, upon request, local agencies and other local boards in their review of requests on matters affecting or potentially affecting cultural and historic resources.
- (e) Coordinate activities with appropriate service organizations and nonprofit groups.
- (f) Publicize its activities.
- (g) Hire consultants and contractors as needed.
- (h) Receive gifts of money and property, both real and personal, in the name of the city or town, subject to the approval of the city council in a city or the board of selectmen in a town, such gifts to be managed and controlled by the commission for its proper purposes.
- (i) Hold meetings and hearings necessary to carry out its duties.

II. PROPERTY. The commission may acquire, in the name of the town or city, subject to the approval of the local governing body, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease, or otherwise, a fee or lesser interest, development rights, covenant, or other contractual right, including conveyances with conditions, limitations, or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly use the cultural resources of the city or town, and shall manage and control the same; provided, however, that the city, town, or commission shall not have the right to condemn property for these purposes.

III. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. Heritage commissions also may assume, if authorized by the local legislative body, the composition and duties of historic district commissions.

674:44-c Separate Commissions. – A municipality may choose to maintain a separate and distinct heritage commission and historic district commission. In such cases, the heritage commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the historic district commission as well as to the planning board and other local boards and residents.

674:44-d Appropriations Authorized. –

I. A town or city, having established a heritage commission under this subdivision, may appropriate money as deemed necessary to carry out its purposes. The whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 674:44-b shall be placed in a heritage fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. Money may be expended from such fund by the heritage commission for its purposes without further approval of the local legislative body.

II. The town treasurer, pursuant to RSA 41:29 shall have custody of all moneys in the heritage fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the heritage commission. The disbursement of heritage funds shall be authorized by a majority of the heritage commission. Prior to the use of such funds for the purchase of any interest in real property, the heritage commission shall hold a public hearing with notice in accordance with RSA 675:7.

Article 23 will appear on ballot as written.

24. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5 and to appoint up to five alternate members.

Lynn Harding made a motion to amend the article to add “provided Article 23 passes” at the end of the article. The motion was moved and seconded.

Article 24 will appear on ballot as amended.

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