

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETING

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2014

NEWTON TOWN HALL

The meeting was opened by Moderator Robert Dezmelyk at 9:00 A.M., starting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of the official in attendance: Select-board members Charles Melvin Sr., Robert Donovan Jr., and Raymond Thayer, Town Administrator Nancy Wrigley, Office Manager Mary Winglass, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mary-Jo McCullough and Deputy Cheryl Saunders, and Supervisors of the Checklist Lisa Fortin and Barbara White.

Mr. Dezmelyk welcomed the legislative body to the 265th Town Meeting of Newton, which was founded in 1749, well before the country was formed. He added that he hoped the meeting would not be as rancorous as the meetings back then, whereas after one such meeting the people petitioned the kings' representatives to have a do-over of Town Meeting. He added that they were a feisty back then, doing what they needed to do to rule the town and bring it forward, and we have an obligation today to do the same thing. He went on to explain that we no longer have the traditional Town Meeting in place, where everything happened in one session, and we stayed as long as it took, sometimes taking a break where people would call supporters to come down to vote on the issues. Today, it is done in two phases, Deliberative Session being the first phase where we go through the warrant, discussing and amending articles, and then vote on the warrant at the polls a few weeks later.

After a few housekeeping items, Mr. Dezmelyk proceeded to read the warrant.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPENING FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newton, N.H. in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs; you are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article and the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot to be held at the **Newton Town Hall on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM; the second session to be held at the Newton Town Hall, in said Newton, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to choose all necessary Town officers** for the ensuing year by official ballot, and to vote on all issues before the Town of Newton on the official ballot; **the polls to be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.**

1. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by petition of 25 or more legal voters in the Town of Newton to amend the Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Change the Section XXV Light Industrial / Commercial Zone Area Regulations

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- be required by the Planning Board up to but not exceeding 1,500 feet for a side yard that abuts any other zone
- b. Rear yard 200 foot structural setback with a minimum 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer when abutting any other zone. Any additional buffer that may be required by the Planning Board up to but not exceeding 1,500 feet for a rear yard that abuts any other zone, plus adequate provision for off-street parking as determined by the Planning Board.
- c. No building shall be set within 75 feet of the centerline of the street nor within 50 feet of any lot line within the Light Industrial/Commercial Zone.

- To Proposed:
- a. Front yard 50 foot building setback
 - b. Side Yard 50 foot building setback
 - c. Rear yard 50 foot building setback
 - d. A minimum 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer when abutting a residential zone.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 7-0

Planning Board Vice-Chair James Doggett spoke to the body and explained the meaning and intent of this article.

3. “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 **\$2,978,251.00**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,978,351.00, 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.”

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

Selectmen Thayer stated that he was not at the Public Hearing where the recommendation vote was taken, and he would like to now vote NOT to recommend this article. He preferred the amount in the default budget.

James Doggett made a motion that the tax impact be added to this article. TA Nancy Wrigley said that we need to wait for Warrant Article #4 to pass first, then next year the impact can be on the article, this all according to NH DRA. After discussion it was decided that the impact can be put IN the article as an amendment, and if Article #4 passes, then it would be mandated that the impact be printed under the BOS recommendation.

Mr. Thayer then made a statement that the budget is padded, and he wanted the people to be aware.

Selectmen Donovan stated that all budgets are prepared by department heads then reviewed by the BOS and are approved in a Selectmen’s meeting that Mr. Thayer was in attendance.

TA Nancy Wrigley stated that every department head is asked to stay within 2% of their current budget and that there were many that came in below and is not sure where Mr. Thayer's statement is coming from because there is absolutely no padding in this budget.

Bill Landry, Cemetery Trustee and Historical Society President, stated that if Mr. Thayer is making accusations that there is fat in the budget, then it is his responsibility to show where it can be cut.

John Neveux asked for an explanation on why the impact would be a \$.16 increase if the budget is actually \$100.00 less than the default.

Several department heads commented on the fact that the budget is NOT padded and would like to know where this "fat" is in the budget.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mary-Jo McCullough pointed out that when the Selectmen meet with the Department Heads to go over the budgets and work with them to cut or shift money, they then approve the budget. The presented budget is what the Selectmen approve, and she is confused over this "padding" issue.

TA Nancy Wrigley added that all 3 Selectmen approved all budgets, and if there is ever any leftover money at the end of the year, it is put back into the General Fund. She also stated that we do not spend money frivolously and are very cautious of spending, and that Mr. Thayer's statement is uncalled for and she is disappointed with that statement.

Mr. Dezmelyk addressed the question posed by John Neveux and explained why, if the budget is less than the default, then how can there be an increase in the tax impact.

Chief Streeter asked for a sidebar, Mr. Dezmelyk said it was probably not appropriate. He stated that it was important, so Mary-Jo McCullough suggested a short recess and the Moderator was ok with that if the voters agreed. James Doggett stated that he had a motion on the floor and could we act on that motion.

Motion to add the tax impact to the body of the warrant article was seconded. Discussion followed, confusion ensued, and James Doggett offered to reword his amendment while the recess was taken. The body then voted unanimously to recess for 10 minutes.

The Moderator reconvened the meeting within 10 minutes of recess and conveyed that he spoke with Selectman Thayer downstairs and shared with him that "he was not feeling well and is fighting some challenges that he has on a personal health level and he did not feel that the statements he was making this morning reflected his general feeling, that as he was out of sorts, not feeling well and not representing himself the way he wanted to, so he felt that it would be appropriate for him to return home". Mr. Dezmelyk added that someone was taking Selectman Thayer home so he could rest there, noting that it was an unpleasant situation for Thayer and that he expressed his concerns with his circumstances at the moment and with what we are trying to do here.

*Mr. Dezmelyk then moved along to the original motion, which was seconded by several. James Doggett offered the reworded amendment, adding words, to read, “**The budget increase from the 2013 ACTUAL budget to the 2014 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$.16 per \$1000.00 of assessed value.**” The amendment carries unanimously by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #3 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

4. To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

ARTICLE #4 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS WRITTEN

5. To see if the Town will vote to **change the Office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, per RSA 41:26-e.** Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

ARTICLE #5 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS WRITTEN

6. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of Director of the Gale Library** from part-time to full-time effective April 1, 2014 and further **to raise and appropriate \$10,065** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, the appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

*Residents Marilyn Landry, Patty Stephan and Jim Holland spoke in favor of this article. James Doggett made a motion to amend the article to add the tax impact statement, “**This article would result in a \$.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**” The amendment carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #6 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

7. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the “**Newton Municipal Complex Study Fund**” under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and **to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,562** to go into this fund with \$4,562 to come from the unreserved fund balance created upon the discontinuance of the Safety Complex Building Capital Reserve Fund in Warrant Article 8, further to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend. The purpose of this fund is to support the ongoing work and administrative costs to develop plans for the Town-owned properties, to maximize their use to benefit the Town of

Newton and have these plans included in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. If Warrant Article 8 fails, then this article will be reduced by \$4,562.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

James Doggett spoke in favor of this article and then made a motion to amend the article to add the tax impact statement, "This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes." Motion was seconded carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #7 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

8. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to dissolve **the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 known as the "Safety Complex Building Fund"** with the balance of \$4,562 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to lapse to the general fund unreserved fund balance. If this article fails to pass, then Warrant Article 7 will be decreased by \$4,562.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

Selectman Melvin commented that he didn't recommend this article because he is all for saving money in a capital reserve fund.

Selectman Donovan commented that he is in favor of this article because there is no longer a Safety Complex Building Fund; therefore the money will just sit in this fund. It should either be put into the NMCS Fund (#7 above) or back into the General Fund.

James Doggett reiterated the fact this money is in a fund that is defunct therefore it should be rolled into another fund.

ARTICLE #8 SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$90,842 for the repair and maintenance of town roads to be offset by the NH Highway Block Grant.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the completion of the project or until December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised in taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

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

The Moderator commented that the parenthetical phrase would not be allowed on the final ballot as it is here on the warrant, but said it could be added to the body of the article if the people so desired.

Road Agent Mike Pivero spoke to remind everyone that this money is for the improvement of Town roads and that it has been in place for 4 years, but more important, there is no tax increase with this article.

James Doggett made a motion to move the "intent" into the body of the article, and to not underline as that is editorializing. It was seconded by many, and carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #9 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

10. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of the Highway Foreman** from a permanent part-time position to a full-time position effective April 1, 2014 and further **to raise and appropriate \$13,523** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

Road Agent Mike Pivero spoke in favor of this article, explaining that road crews have always been part time, but the Town is growing and for 3 years he has approached this subject to make Ron full time. He compared the reasoning to the need for the full time Librarian; a loyal and dependable employee, and for what we pay him for what he does, would be nearly impossible to replace. He also pointed out that this person has always shown up for work, no matter what the weather or time of day or night. Mike added that Ron works with all the other departments, and for the 3cents on the thousand, it would be money well spent.

Selectmen Melvin said he was not in favor of this because it is not a necessity. He sees what happens with retirement benefits we have to pay at the School which right now is 1.2 million dollars and he doesn't want to be a part of getting the Town into something like this in the future. He also sees the payroll slips for some road work and weed whacking and it's costing a lot of money.

Selectman Donovan voted to recommend this because he has worked with Ron in emergencies, has done work on his own time, on his days off, to help this Town, and he believes that he is a valuable employee and deserves to be full time and have benefits.

Chief Streeter also spoke in favor of this article.

James Doggett made an amendment to add the tax impact statement, "This article would result in a \$.03 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes." Motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #10 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

11. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** to be paid toward the **2014 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET as an offset to the disposal costs** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised in taxes. *(As of 12/31/13, account has \$206,146.94)*

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

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

James Doggett made an amendment to put the tax impact statement into the body of the article and to make the other parenthetical statement the same size font as the rest of the article. Motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. Basic discussion ensued, no other amendments.

ARTICLE #11 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,812** or the following **Community Services:**

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 2,500.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	1,465.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES (SASS)	550.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 28,812.00

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

Lisa Fortin offered an amendment to correct the word “or” as it should read, “for”. Seconded and carried by voice vote.

Roger Hamel asked who sets the dollar amount given to each service, and was told it is requested by each service, and that amount will increase or decrease depending on what is requested.

*James Doggett made an amendment to include the tax impact statement, “**This article would result in \$.06 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes**” seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE # 12 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$4,000 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens.**

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

*James Doggett made an amendment to add the tax impact statement “**this article would result in a one penny increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**” Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #13 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,000** as proposed by the Recreation Commission, **to start the renovation of the skateboard park and to add an outdoor ice rink at Greenie Park** to make the Park safer, more functional and multigenerational. This will be a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the work is completed or until December 31, 2019 whichever comes first.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

Recreation Commission Chairperson, Annie Collyer asked that Ron King of Natural Playgrounds be allowed to show a presentation, the body agreed.

James Doggett made a motion to amend the article to remove the word “safer” as it suggests that the park is not safe now and if this passes, the park will be a safe environment and it could lead to liability issues in the future. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

*James Doggett made a second motion to add the tax impact statement “**this article would result in a \$.04 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**” Seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #14 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

15. 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 **\$89,900** for **the installation and completion of a “Fire Suppression Pump System And Cistern”** for the Newton Town Hall. 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, 2019, whichever is sooner. *(Per Selectmen’s Bid Policy)*

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

*James Doggett made a motion for 2(two) amendments: 1-to strike the parenthetical at the end of the article, and to add it into the body after the words, Newton Town Hall, but to read, “**in compliance with the Selectmen’s Bid Policy**”, and to add the tax impact statement, “**this article result in a \$.19 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**” Both were seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #15 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as proposed by the Fire Chief, the sum of \$345,000 to **purchase a tank truck for the Fire Department** and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$246,000.00 from the Fire Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. **The balance of \$99,000 is to come from taxation.**

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

Fire Chief Ingalls spoke on this explaining he tried to get this passed last year, but it failed, and in turn, the cost has gone up.

*Patty Stephan made a motion to add “**to replace the 1983 tank truck**” after the words for the Fire Department. Motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.*

Selectman Melvin questioned the chief with regard to the refurbishment of this truck in 1997; would that not extend the life of the truck another 20 years? He suggested the town just approve the following article to save another \$50,000 and come back next year to ask for the new truck. Since it was refurbished in '97 it should be like new and have another 4 years of life.

Selectman Donovan spoke in favor of this, stating that instead of spending money refurbishing and repairing when we will have to replace it sooner or later, it is more beneficial to replace it now.

*James Doggett made a motion to add the tax impact statement, “**this article would result in a \$.21 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.** Motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #16 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

17. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Fire Apparatus and Equipment Fund” created in 2005.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

*James Doggett made a motion to amend the article to add the tax impact statement” **This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**”Seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #17 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

18. To see if the Town will **authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund** to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, **to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000** towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as Agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a Revaluation will take place in 2015.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

Town Administrator Nancy Wrigley explained that the State of NH mandates that towns do a revaluation of properties; whether it is a full revaluation or a statistical data review, and that it is recommended that monies be saved in a Capital Reserve fund for this purpose as it is an expensive procedure.

*James Doggett made a motion to amend the article to include the tax impact statement, “**this article would result in a \$.05 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.**” Seconded and carried by voice vote.*

ARTICLE #18 SHALL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED

Other business discussed:

Selectmen Donovan questioned if Selectman Thayer’s “not to recommend” on Article 3 will stand? The Moderator stated that since they were not in a Selectmen’s meeting, that it has no bearing. If they were to meet after the fact, then yes, they could change the recommendations.

Mr. Dezmelyk reminded the body of Candidates Night which will be held on February 19th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, and also to Vote at Town Hall on March 11th with polls opening at 8am and closing at 8pm.

Richard Dupre stated that we should not ignore the fact that Selectmen Thayer’s’ recommendation on Article #3 should not be ignored, as off the wall that it was, it was still his recommendation.

Jack Kozec brought up the fact that on the Sanborn Regional School District's warrant, there is a citizen's petition article to rescind the provisions of SB2, and he would like someone to explain the ramifications of this for the newer residents in town that may not be aware of what is SB2.

The Moderator, the Town Clerk and James Doggett all commented on this issue, explaining best they could on SB2.

Motion to recess until March 11, 2014 made by Mr. Doggett, seconded by many, carried by voice vote.

Moderator recess the Deliberative Session at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jo McCullough
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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MARCH 11, 2014

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

(Vote 1 for 1 yr.)

Raymond D. Thayer *	110
Matthew Burrill	419 X
Robert Miller	236
Chris Stephan	102

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

(Vote 2 for 3 yrs.)

Russ Riccio	196
James L. Doggett	432 X
Elliott "Peachy" Estey	214
Larry Foote	374 X
John G. Neveux	152

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

(Vote 2 for 3 yrs.)

Barbara White *	512 X
Robert Miller *	539 X

ROAD COMMISSIONER

(Vote 1 for 3 yrs.)

Michael Pivero *	553 X
Frank E. Gibbs	332

TREASURER

(Vote 1 for 1 yr.)

Arthur Graichen	396 X
John C. Caiazza	252

MODERATOR

(Vote 1 for 2 yrs.)

Robert Dezmelyk *	721 X
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CEMETERY TRUSTEE

(Vote 1 for 3 yrs.)

Ron Saunders *	724 X
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

(Vote 1 for 3 yrs.)

Lynne Camp	708 X
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GALE LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(Vote 1 for 2 yrs.)

Anne D. Banks	720 X
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GALE LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(Vote 1 for 3 yrs.)

Kathy Meserve *	713 X
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SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

(Vote 1 for 6 yrs.)

Barbara White *	682 X
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X denotes winner

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YES 227 NO 639

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YES 606 NO 275

4. To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 769 NO 112

5. To see if the Town will vote to **change the Office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, per RSA 41:26-e**. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 353 NO 523

6. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of Director of the Gale Library** from part-time to full-time effective April 1, 2014 and further **to raise and appropriate \$10,065** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, the appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years. This article would result in a \$.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.”

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YES 447 NO 442

7. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the **“Newton Municipal Complex Study Fund”** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and **to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,562** to go into this fund with \$4,562 to come from the unreserved fund balance created upon the discontinuance of the Safety Complex Building Capital Reserve Fund in Warrant Article 8, further to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend. The purpose of this fund is to support the ongoing work and administrative costs to develop plans for the Town-owned properties, to maximize their use to benefit the Town of Newton and have these plans included in the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. If Warrant Article 8 fails, then this article will be reduced by \$4,562. This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

YES 250 NO 626

8. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to dissolve **the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 known as the “Safety Complex Building Fund”** with the balance of \$4,562 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to lapse to the general fund unreserved fund balance. If this article fails to pass, then Warrant Article 7 will be decreased by \$4,562.

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YES 361 NO 505

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YES 772 NO 122

10. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of the Highway Foreman** from a permanent part-time position to a full-time position effective April 1, 2014 and further **to raise and appropriate \$ 13,523** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years. This article would result in a \$.03 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

YES 253 NO 629

11. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** to be paid toward the **2014 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET as an offset to the disposal costs** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose. *(As of 12/31/13, account has \$206,146.94)* This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 678 NO 208

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,812** for the following **Community Services:**

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 2,500.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	1,465.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES (SASS)	550.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 28,812.00

This article would result in \$.06 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 636 NO 264

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$4,000 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens.** This article would result in a one penny increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 629 NO 273

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,000** as proposed by the Recreation Commission, **to start the renovation of the skateboard park and to add an outdoor ice rink at Greenie Park** to make the park more functional and multigenerational. This will be a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the work is completed or until December 31, 2019 whichever comes first. This article would result in a \$.04 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 431 NO 479

15. 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 **\$89,900** for **the installation and completion of a “Fire Suppression Pump System and Cistern”** for the Newton Town Hall, in compliance with the Selectmen’s bid policy. 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, 2019, whichever is sooner. This article would result in a \$.19 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 402 NO 493

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as proposed by the Fire Chief, the sum of \$345,000 to **purchase a tank truck for the Fire Department to replace the 1983 tank truck**, and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$246,000.00 from the Fire Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. **The balance of \$99,000 is to come from taxation.** This article would result in a \$.21 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0

YES 321 NO 581

17. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Fire Apparatus and Equipment Fund” created in 2005 This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 436 NO 460

18. To see if the Town will **authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund** to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, **to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000** towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as Agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a Revaluation will take place in 2015. This article would result in a \$.05 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0

YES 430 NO 458

A true copy attest:
Mary Jo McCullough
Town Clerk