

Town of Milton
Annual Town Meeting
2023 Warrant
State of New Hampshire



First Session (the Deliberative Session)

Saturday, February 11th

9:00 AM

Nute High School Cafeteria

Official Minutes

Mike Beaulieu, Town moderator declared the meeting in session at 9:02am
The Board of Selectmen called their meeting to order at 9:06am.
Motion made by C. Burnham, Seconded by H. Williams.
The Budget committee called their meeting to order at 9:06am
Motion made by L Turgeon, Seconded by H. Williams

There were 65 registered voters present as confirmed by the Supervisors of the Checklist.

The moderator led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested all present observe moment of silence in honor of Robert “Bob” Srnec and Robert “Bob” Bridges.

The moderator reminded all present that there is no smoking permitted in the building.

The moderator led introductions and introduced himself as M. Beaulieu and introduced the following: Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chair Claudine Burnham, Vice Chair Matthew Morrill (Absent) and Humphrey Williams. Town Clerk John Gagner, Town Administrator Chris Jacobs, Legal Council C. Christine Johnston, Budget Committee (BC) Chair Laura Turgeon, Selectmen’s Representative Humphrey Williams, School Board Representative Margaret Peg Hurd, Water District Representative (Absent), Lisa Gautreau, Robert Carrier, Mike Beaulieu, Stephanie Mills, and Kimberly Wischenewski, Supervisors of the Checklist Karen Brown, Brittney Leach-Campbell, and Betsy Baker

The moderator noted that there will be a candidates forum for all candidates running for School District and Town Offices on Sunday February 12, 2023 at the Selectmen’s Meeting Room beginning at 3:00 pm.

The Moderator explained the rules of an SB-2 meeting

The moderator opened for a written motion to vote by secret ballot signed by no less than 5 registered voters. There was no motion for a secret ballot.

K. Ayers noted that the Moderator’s microphone was not working. Doors to the room were closed to limit outside noise. There was no further discussion.

The moderator noted that there were some persons present that are non residents that are not eligible to vote, but may wish to speak to one or more articles. Those persons are: Police Chief R. Krauss, C. Johnston, Town Council, and representatives from Kearsage Energy C. Eilert and A. Bernstein. Motion made by H. Williams, Seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passed.

The Moderator introduced the Deliberative Session and notice of the second session of annual meeting (Official ballot voting) to be held at Nute High School to vote by official ballot on all warrant articles as they may have been amended at the first session. Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Polls will be open from 8:00am to 7:00pm.

The Moderator read article 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law.

Board of Selectmen.... 1 for 3 years

Budget Committee.... 1 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years

Library Trustee.....1 for 3 years

Planning Board 2 for 3 years

Treasurer..... 1 for 1 year

Trustee of the Trust Funds.... 1 for 3 years

Zoning Board of Adjustment... 1 for 3 years

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 1 on the 2nd session ballot as read,

The Moderator read article 2: Article 2: Zoning

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: adding a new section to Article III, that establishes a definition of RVs, the number of RVs (1) and the timeframe (21 days in any 90 day period) that the RV may be occupied on a lot, that owners may apply to the Planning Board for a permit to occupy the RV for a longer time period, and clarifies that RVs must have a state approved operational septic system? Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election.

Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)

Motion made to open article 2 for discussion by J. Gagner, Seconded by L Turgeon

Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Bruce Woodruff to speak to the article

B. Woodruff spoke to article- it is not about how many RVs can be on a property. It is about the number of RVs people are living in and for how long. It is to eliminate overcrowding, and health and safety issues, specifically septic. State approved septic system only required if RVs are being inhabited while building a home.

J Boyd spoke to warrant article- Gave a hypothetical situation about visiting family and a contracted septic system for regular pumping. He wanted clarification on having to request permission from the planning board to use their property how they want to use it. He understands the need for precaution, and stated that in the past this may have been abused, and people may

have been permanently living in these RVs. J Boyd recognized the housing crisis and homelessness and is concerned that this article would identify individuals in that community. He would like to be able to choose to help others if he chooses.

B Woodruff clarified that this warrant article would only apply to the owner of the property, not the inhabitants of the property. B Woodruff explained that without this ordinance the town does not have a law that can address issues presented by RVs that can present health issues, and it has nothing to do with the residents

J. Nute spoke, he clarified that the planning board are all volunteers, and explained that the planning board had significant discussion about the timeframe of 21 days as written in the warrant article.

R. Lover spoke, brought the RV issue to the planning board last year. Asked planning board if after 21 days if the RV has not been granted an extension, how long does an individual have to move out of the RV before moving back in?

B. Woodruff responded, This zoning amendment has been enacted in many NH communities, and it puts responsibility on the property owner to come to the planning board, and gives the code enforcement officer the tools to take care of the issues when they become a problem.

K. Diamant spoke, believes the warrant article removes control from citizens of their own land.

B. Woodruff explained the Planning Board appeal process.

K. Ayers spoke, objected to article- If someone was on their property in an RV or camper, that if they stay more than 21 days they need to have a state approved operational septic system. Believes that installing septic before building a home foundation could damage the septic field on a property.

B. Woodruff responded and explained the planning board appeal process again, and explained that an intention to pump the RV or septic system on the RVs in question satisfies planning board requirements.

P. Steer spoke, Understands both sides of warrant article, Explained that this warrant article will eliminate hazards, suggested an amendment to include “or include pumping”

L. Brown spoke, stated the planning board is an agent of the state, and has the responsibility to diligently enforce the laws of the state of NH, and that includes DES surface and subsurface waters.

D. Diamant spoke, asked why we couldn't write the warrant article to be more simple, just to require proof of pumping, instead of making it sound like residents need to beg the town to use their own property.

K Reyeski requested clarification about state approved septic systems, and requested that the language be redone and presented to a vote on the next years town election

R. Thibault spoke, explained that in the past, there was no definition on this topic, and that is why this warrant article was written. He believes that the wording is confusing and can be voted against on this years warrant, and rewritten for next year.

V. Finlayson spoke, requested clarification for definition of a state approved septic system. Does the disposal system need to be in ground with this terminology? What does the state consider approved?

B. Woodruff spoke, clarified that campground systems are state approved, identified that the language states that it can't just be a state approved system, it has to be operational

J Boyd spoke, believes there is a septic system loophole. Believes this should fall under purview of building inspector. Requested a revote on this topic.

Town administrator Chris Jacobs spoke, He stated that this warrant article would fall under a code enforcement issue. He gave specific examples from Nutes Road and Park Place where this issue exists. He explained that this zoning ordinance can not be changed or amended.

K Ayers spoke, the way this article is written, it identifies RVs that may not have septic systems on their own that would now need to install one. She objects due to cost.

Motion made to close article 2 for discussion by R. Thibault, seconded by K. Libby
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The Moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 2 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration made by N. Marique, Seconded by J. Gagner.
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read article 3: Article 3: Zoning

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: adding a definition to Article II, Definitions that clarifies how building height is measured by stating the method to be used to determine the height of buildings, state that the maximum building height is 35-ft, and identify structures or parts of structures that are exempt from the maximum building height requirement? Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election. Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)

Motion made to open article 3 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by H. Williams
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The Moderator recognized Bruce Woodruff to speak to the article

B. Woodruff spoke This warrant article came due to ground elevation variations and this warrant article defines how the building height will be measured in this circumstance- by averaging each side.

V. Finlayson spoke, noted that the wording “amendments corrects an omission” Wanted explanation on how building height is measured. She believes this warrant article changes existing definitions of how building height is measured.

B. Woodruff explained that this verbiage is word for word from the International Building Code.

T. Tankevich spoke and wants clarification about how the height is measured. Is it possible that the building height can exceed 35 feet?

B. Woodruff confirmed that average can not exceed 35 feet. This verbiage fixes a loophole.

V. Finlayson spoke, Got information from different municipalities. States there is no standard to determine building height. She is opposed to this amendment.

G. Bailey spoke, believes that the amendment might not be clear enough.

B. Woodruff explained how the measurement calculations would be done.

V. Long spoke, Question about how the grade of the land is measured- pre or post development? She objects to the article if the Grade can be modified by a developer and is not natural.

The moderator explained that the builder would identify the grade with the building inspector

Town administrator C. Jacobs identified how the measurements would factor and be done.

Motion made to close article 3 for discussion made by A. Rawson, Seconded by L. Brown.
Majority in favor, Motion Passes

The Moderator instructed the clerk to place article 3 on the 2nd ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Brown
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 4: Article 4: Zoning Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: revising Article VI-Open Space Developments by clarifying the process for applications, eliminating multifamily uses as conditional use permits, clarifying the definition of non-buildable area, defining natural resources, requiring applicants to submit inventories and plans of the surrounding neighborhood and significant natural and historic resources, clarifying the requirements for studies, clarifying wetlands and vernal pool buffer zones, providing for forest management and agricultural activities within a

required conservation easement and management plan, increasing the buffer zone to abutting properties, and reducing the minimum lot size and setbacks to promote clustering of residential uses and thereby increasing the acreage of conserved lands? Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election. Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)

Motion made to open article 4 for discussion made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L Turgeon
Majority in favor, Motion passes

The moderator recognized Bruce Woodruff to speak to the article:

B. Woodruff spoke, Planning board worked closely with conservation commission on this article, the reason for revision is because the planning board found there were omissions and errors in the previous article. The amendment corrects the process used so that developers, citizens, and planning board members understand the process, and it corrects procedural steps and offers definitions that limit interpretation issues.

T McDougall spoke, asked about the significance of the colors used in the drafting the document, or if they indicate updates or changes

B. Woodruff explained that anything other than black ink being reference would indicate a revision to the article.

L Turgeon spoke, had a question if this amendment is inclusive of clear cutting property. She is concerned about flooding as a result of cutting.

B. Woodruff spoke, this article only deals with “Open space developments”

C. Lowe spoke, item 10 reduces lot dimensions, and thinks that this amendment would create smaller lots.

B. Woodruff spoke, Planning board had workshop that covered all of these changes. Workshop had citizen involvement, and that is where changes came from. Lot sizes were reduced to incentivize developers.

K Ayers spoke, identified population concerns, however Milton’s population does not seem to be growing. Milton conserves open spaces, but needs to make way for housing so that we can grow to increase tax base.

K Golab spoke, added that in open space development, you can’t build more than you could if it were a standard development. The tradeoff is land conservation.

R Lover spoke, requested what the initials at the end of the amendment meant- They reference the author.

Motion Made to close article 4 for discussion by L. Turgeon, seconded by N. Marique
Majority in favor, motion passes

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 4 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 4 made by J. Gagner, Seconded by N. Marique
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 5: Article 5: Zoning Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: replacing the Flood Plain Development Ordinance, last adopted in 1992 and amended in 2004 with a new ordinance based on recommended language from the NH Office of State Planning. The new ordinance will be in compliance with state statute and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which is required for property owners in the floodplain to avail themselves of Flood Insurance at lower rates through FEMA? Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election. Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)

Motion made to open article 5 for discussion by L. Turgeon, seconded by L. Brown.
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognized Bruce Woodruff to speak to the article

B. Woodruff identified copies of the language for all of these articles have been available to the public for several weeks. A model ordinance was used from DES, and adapted to be specific to Milton. This is the same flood plane ordinance that is used by many towns.

Motion made to close article 5 for discussion by L. Brown, seconded by P. Hurd
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 5 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Brown.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 6: Article 6: Lease\ Purchase Ambulance To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease\ purchase agreement in the amount of four hundred five thousand dollars (\$405,000) payable over a term of five (5) years for a fire department ambulance and to raise and appropriate the first payment of two hundred forty-five thousand (\$245,000) dollars when the ambulance is delivered, two hundred thousand (\$200,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund and forty-five thousand (\$45,000) dollars raised from taxation. (The remaining four (4) payments are to be raised by general taxation.) (3/5 Ballot Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.09 per thousand dollars. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 6 for discussion by C. Jacobs, Seconded by P. Hurd
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Chief Nick Marique to speak to the article.

N Marique spoke, town has 2011 and 2017 ambulances. 2011 has almost 100,000 miles. Ambulances are rotated on calls to keep milage low. Truck was out of service for 6-8 weeks last year, waiting on parts. This is a planned replacement, consistent with how it has been done before. Nick explained how inflation has effected the cost of new ambulances, and the timeline to get a new vehicle has doubled. DRA added 3/5 ballot vote required.

Amendment introduced by N. Marique, Seconded by L Brown:
Majority in favor, Amendment passes. The Amendment is:

Warrant Article 6 Lease/Purchase Ambulance: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease\ purchase agreement in the amount of four hundred five thousand dollars (\$405,000) payable over a term of five (5) years for a fire department ambulance and to raise and appropriate the first payment of two hundred forty-five thousand (\$245,000) dollars when the ambulance is delivered, two hundred thousand (\$200,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund and forty-five thousand (\$45,000) dollars raised from taxation. (The remaining four (4) payments are to be raised by general taxation.)This Lease agreement contains an escape clause. Estimated tax impact is \$0.09 per thousand dollars. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

R Gamache spoke regarding previous years warrant articles, and requested the balance of the revolving account

N Marique stated that the ambulance revolving account is separate from the Capital reserve account. Discussion about how BOS can make decision regarding which account payment can come out of when voted on by the BOS.

Motion made to close article 6 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Turgeon.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 6 on the 2nd session ballot as amended.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of article 6 made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 7: Article 7: Nitrogen Source Identification Plan

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of developing a nitrogen source identification plan for the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit; with \$100,000 to come from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for such purpose and to execute all necessary documents in connection therewith: and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon. This Article is contingent upon approval of such Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$100,000 dollars with 100% principal loan forgiveness. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3,0,0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (7,1,0)

The moderator recognized Chris Jacobs to speak to this article.

Chris Jacobs spoke about previous discussions about water quality in the lake. Town applied for a grant, and on the second round it was approved. Our lake leads into Great Bay, and currently Great Bay is being monitored for nitrogen levels. Milton applied for this grant and was offered principal loan forgiveness

R Gamache spoke, she is interested in why one person on the budget committee was against the vote.

L Turgeon made a motion for the BC to vote, seconded by P Hurd, all members voted in favor of this article. BC vote taken, updated 8-0.

Motion made to close article 7 for discussion made by L. Brown, Seconded by K. Libby. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 7 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of article 7 made by L Brown, Seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 8: Article 08: Operating Budget To see if the Town will vote to 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 Four Million, Nine Hundred Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$4,940,452). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Nine Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$4,983,847) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one (1) special meeting, in accordance with NH RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating

budget only. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated Tax Impact Town Proposed Operating Budget: \$6.45 per thousand dollars of valuation. Estimated Tax Impact Town Proposed Default Budget: \$6.53 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1-0)**

Motion made to open article 8 for discussion by P. Hurd, Seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognizes H. Williams to speak to the article.

H. Williams spoke, This article explains the operating budget. The projected increase for this year is about .36 cents higher than last year. Inflation has been a struggle, but we got this budget lower than default

B. Baker spoke, asked about tax increases.

H. Williams explained increase breakdown, and explained the town's responsibility.

B. Baker indicated that the operating budget expected tax impact is projected differently than the rest of the warrant articles.

H. Williams explained how it is calculated to factor revenue.

R. Gamache spoke, asked why one budget committee member was opposed to this operating budget.

B. Currier spoke to supply chain and inflation issues, and stated that he voted against this recommendation because the spreadsheets presented differences in the Highway department, and that it was not sustainable without making the operating budget higher. Inflation affecting the Public work and Fire Department caused higher budget requests. B Currier thinks that the police budget is too high based on police staffing.

Chief R Krauss spoke and explained the budget request that the police department is requesting funds for positions that aren't staffed. He explained that in order to avoid a special mid year meeting, he has to plan for a full staff in advance. Chief has been covering over 100 hours per week because of staffing. He stated that currently salaries for certified officers in Milton are lower than salaries for the next town over, and that Milton can not compete.

B Currier doesn't want to raise the Police department budget because he is concerned that we will never have a fully staffed police department.

Motion made to close article 8 for discussion made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Turgeon
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 8 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of article 8 made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Turgeon, Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 9: Article 09: Highway and Road Reconstruction Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of Highway and Road Reconstruction, maintenance, repairs, repaving, and reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways, as recommended in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. It is anticipated that the Town will receive funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) from NH Highway Block Grant with the remainder to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per NH RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road work is completed for the 2024/2025 period as determined by Public Works Director or his/her designee, or by December 31, 2025 whichever occurs first. (Majority Vote Required).

Estimated tax impact is \$0.44 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 9 for discussion made by L. Turgeon, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognized Pat Smith to speak to the article

P. Smith spoke about prioritizing roads and will be sending those roads to the BOS for approval when finished conducting meetings.

C Ayers spoke, wanted explanation about how funds lapse, What happens when they do?

P Smith explained the timeline for utilizing raised funds, typically two years.

Motion made to close article 9 for discussion made by L. Brown, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 9 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration on article 9 made by L. Brown, Seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 10: Article 10: Re-adopt Optional and All Veterans Property Tax Credits

Shall the Town vote to readopt the Optional Veterans Property Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? If readopted, the credit

will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and is still serving or was honorably discharged or an officer who is still serving or was honorably separated from the services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0) Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 10 for discussion made by P. Hurd, seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognized Humphrey Williams to speak to the article

H Williams spoke about the intent of this article is to include not only retired veterans, but also active duty and honorably discharged members of the armed forces. The original RSA is only a 50 dollar credit. Milton is seeking to readopt the 500 dollar credit so that it does not drop to the RSA amount of only 50 dollars.

He proposed an amendment to add an additional line.

Motion to accept amendment made by H. Williams, Seconded by L. Brown. Majority in favor, Amendment passes. The amendment is:

Article 10 Re-adopt Optional and All Veterans Property Tax Credits: Shall the town vote to readopt the optional veterans tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00. and the all veterans tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b. for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00? If readopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who served not less than 90 days in active service in the armed forces of the United States and is still serving or was honorably discharged or an officer who is still serving or was honorably separated from the services, and who meets requirements for either that optional or all veterans credit. (Majority vote required.)

Motion made to close article 10 for discussion made by L. Brown, seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Amendment passes

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 10 on the 2nd session ballot as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration for article 10 made by L. Brown, Seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 11: Article 11: Adjust Amount of Optional Veterans Property Tax Credit and All Veterans Property Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to adjust the amount of the READOPTED OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property from \$500 to \$750? If Article 10 fails, this Article 11 will not take effect. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact is \$0.16 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 11 for discussion made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Brown Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognized Humphrey Williams to speak to this article.

H Williams identified the desire to raise the 500 dollar credit to 750 dollars. He identified an amendment that would allow this to apply to all veterans.

H Williams made a motion to introduce an amendment, seconded by R. Thibault Majority in favor, Amendment passes, the amendment is:

Article 11 Adjust Amount of Optional Veterans Property Tax Credit and All Veterans Property Tax Credit: Shall the town vote to adjust the amount of readopted optional veterans tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property from \$500.00 to \$750.00? If adopted, this article will also change the amount of the readopted all veterans tax credit. If article 10 fails, this article will not take effect (Majority vote required)

Motion made to close article 11 for discussion made by L. Brown, seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 11 on the 2nd session ballot as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 11 made by L. Brown, Seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 12: Article 12: Dawson Street & Silver Street Area Drainage Project –Capital Reserve Fund To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in Dawson Street & Silver Street Area Drainage Project Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2022 for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required).

Estimated tax impact is \$0.12 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (2-1-0).

Not Recommended by Budget Committee (0-8-0).

Motion made to open article 12 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognized Pat Smith to speak to this article.

P Smith explained this warrant article will assign funds to Silver and Dawson street drainage projects.

C Burnham spoke, she is in support of this article because it has caused flooding to residents due to water run off.

B Woodruff spoke, wants to bring attention to the fact that Milton applied for a 10 year project that would fund sidewalks for students and residents, provided that the town covers 20 percent of the cost.

L Turgeon spoke, she voted against this because two Dawson street articles from a previous year, went over budget. She stated that this 60,000 dollars was to help the town apply for grants.

C Jacobs spoke, town was awarded with a sidewalk only grant within the last few weeks. He supports this article because it presents positive opportunities for Milton

H Williams voted against this article. He spoke to this, and explained his vote against it was because of the town receiving several road construction grants. He believes that we should utilize available grants before raising via taxation.

Motion made to close article 12 for discussion made by R. Thibault, seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 12 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration made by R. Thibault, seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 13: Article 13: Hire one (1) New Firefighter

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for the purpose of hiring up to one (1) full-time career firefighter/EMT for the final six months of 2023, in order to offset a portion of the current per-diem staff and assist in providing ambulance and fire coverage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This amount includes all salary, benefits, retirement, and health insurance. The potential increase to the operating budget for 2024 would be \$105,000. If passed this amount would be added to the town's operating budget after 2023. (Majority Vote Required)

Estimated tax impact is \$0.105 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion to open article 13 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Chief Nick Marique to speak to the article.

N. Marique spoke, explained cost breakdown of fire department salary, and overtime structure. 1100 hours of overtime covered by only one employee. Per diem employees already used, work 24 hours on average, and all have full time jobs which limits availability. All staffing increases over the last decade have been absorbed by the revolving account

K. Golab spoke, How many communities are our ambulances supporting and do we get financial support from them?

N. Marique: Farmington, Rochester, Middleton, Wakefield, they cover our calls as well. Middleton pays 500 dollars for each Middleton call they respond to. Averaging 2000 dollars per month.

R. Gramache spoke, It is not sustainable to cover these positions- What is the FD plan if the town votes this warrant article down? What about the shifts that don't have coverage, and can't these shifts get covered by other towns if we don't have someone on the clock?

N. Marique: If there are calls during those periods, mutual aid is called, but that doesn't make it right. Many towns will charge by call when they become too consistent, so we can not rely on mutual aid.

L. Turgeon spoke: Budget committee voted yes on this article because it will save the town money when it comes to paying overtime. Overtime has become unsustainable, and hiring another FT firefighter will cut down a significant amount of overtime paid out.

K. Ayers spoke: aware that Fire Department has overspent their budget. Wants to cut back coverage. States population has not grown. Revolving fund was supposed to provide new ambulances, but is used up by personnel costs.

M. Beaulieu spoke, the response time warrants funding

N. Marique agreed about response times and call volumes. Volume is consistent, and doesn't slow down.

A. Rawson spoke, since the start of this meeting, the Fire department has already responded to two calls.

K. Wischnewski spoke, if we stop responding to mutual aid, would they stop responding for us?

N. Marique spoke, mutual aid charges would cause a revenue dip.

J. Boyd spoke, 69 percent of FD calls were medical related. He supports this article.

Motion made to close article 13 for discussion made by L. Turgeon, Seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 13 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 13 made by L. Brown, seconded by J. Gagner.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 14: Article 14: Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 1997. (Majority Vote Required).
Estimated tax impact is \$0.15 per thousand dollars of valuation.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0).

Motion made to open article 14 for discussion made by J. Gagner, Seconded by L. Turgeon
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Pat Smith to speak to the article.

P. Smith spoke, this article is to continue funding the Capital Reserve fund to purchase new vehicles. The price for a new truck this year is \$244,000 fully equipped. The town needs a new truck desperately.

The moderator recognizes Humphrey Williams to speak to the article.

H. William spoke: Four sander/dump trucks have problems dealing with the DEF systems. Similar to ambulance wait times, 2-3 year wait time for new truck. There are available grants to repair vehicles. State has \$900,000 dollars available to replace or repair vehicles, but we would need to apply for a grant first.

Motion made to close article 14 for discussion made by R. Thibault, seconded by L. Turgeon
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 14 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 14 made by R. Thibault, seconded by L. Turgeon.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator read article 15: Article 15: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. (Majority Vote Required).

Estimated tax impact is \$0.05 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 15 for discussion by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Turgeon.

Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Claudine Burnham to speak to the article.

C Burnham spoke, approved by Capital Improvements plan committee. This is a means of saving for future bridge projects. Bridges in Milton need replacement and Milton needs to pay their portion of those costs.

B. Woodruff spoke, Both bridge funds do not contain enough money to pay required 20 percent that would help replace or repair 2-3 bridges here in town. This is absolutely necessary.

K. Ayers spoke, two bridge reserve funds. In 2020 and 2021, BOS designated these for Milton bridges, not state bridges.

Motion made to close article 15 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown

Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 15 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 15 made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown.

Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read article 16: Article 16: Milton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, in 2007, for the purpose of replacing the boat ramp at the Town Beach, as recommended in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.01 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0) Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

Motion made to open article 16 for discussion by A. Rawson, seconded by J. Gagner

Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Andy Rawson to speak to this article.

A. Rawson spoke: Town beach is the center of Milton, and we need to keep infrastructure that brings people to Milton. The beach funds itself, but we need something to bring people in.

K. Ayers spoke, The warrant article has always been to repair, not replace the boat ramp, and how much money is in that account currently

H. Williams spoke, We have looked at repairing or replacing. Permits have been filed and approved. Designs and engineering are finished. Original estimate was 300-500 thousand dollars. Estimate currently is around 100 thousand dollars. Currently there are three beach funds, totaling around 90 thousand dollars in those three accounts.

Motion to close article 16 for discussion made by A. Rawson, seconded by J. Gagner.
Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 16 on the 2nd session ballot as read

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 16 made by L. Brown, seconded by J. Gagner
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator requested a vote to allow him to move to articles 22 and 23 to recognize the speakers from Kearsarge Energy. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The moderator read article 22: Article 22: Solar Farm at Lockhart Field

To see if the Town will vote to lease a portion of the property at Lockhart Field, 899 White Mountain Highway (Tax Map parcels 032-079 and 032-080) to Kearsarge Solar LLC for a term of 25 years, with an option to renew for four (4) additional 5-year periods, with exclusive rights to lease such portion, and right to occupy and obtain rights necessary on the property required to develop, design, engineer, construct, install, own, operate and maintain a solar photovoltaic generating facility, that may include battery storage, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

Motion made to open article 22 for discussion by L. Brown, seconded by L. Turgeon.
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes representatives from Kearsarge Energy to speak to the article.

Representatives from Kearsarge energy spoke, they represent over 83 solar projects across new England. They have identified several sites in town that would be perfect to maximize revenue for the town and also produce energy. Both suggested projects would utilize excess land. All projects would go through the applicable town boards. Town will receive lease and tax payments. Town has no out of pocket cost. Lease and tax revenue is over 400,000 over 25 years. These are “Small projects” These projects would eliminate 520 vehicles worth of carbon dioxide per year. Estimated completion of project would be 2024.

J. Boyd spoke, stated the company was quick to respond to his inquiry.

The moderator read Article 23: Solar Farm at Wastewater Treatment Plant

To see if the Town will vote to lease a portion of the property at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 227 White Mountain Highway (Tax Map parcel 047-018) to Kearsarge Solar LLC for a term of 25 years, with an option to renew for four (4) additional 5-year periods, with exclusive rights to lease such portion, and right to occupy and obtain rights necessary on the property required to develop, design, engineer, construct, install, own, operate and maintain a solar photovoltaic generating facility, that may include battery storage, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to accomplish this purpose. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

H Williams made a motion to discuss both article 22 and 23 at the same time, Seconded K Libby

Majority vote in favor. Motion passed. Articles 22 and 23 discussed together.

G. Bailey asked about how the lease costs will be adjusted over time if this warrant article passes.

Kearsarge Energy indicates 1.5 percent increase per year

L. Turgeon spoke, these areas are heavily wooded, how much cutting needs to be done to trees?

Kearsarge energy spoke, any shade on panels would need to be cleared. Gave powerpoint presentation

R. Thibault spoke, existing solar field took months to figure out the town's benefits. Milton does not see much of a benefit from the existing solar farm. Average for town finance recoup is only about \$18,000 dollars per year. Has concerns with both sites, water quality at Lockhart field is bad, what if it needs to be dug up? At sewer treatment plant, how do we know we won't want to expand that facility in the future?

Kearsarge energy responded that energy savings would be sold to lower income households. Kearsarge will bring in a bank partner, so there is very little risk.

S Spanish spoke, The money the town would make is small. The value lies in carbon dioxide displacement. He is in favor of the Lockhart field project. Not in favor of the project around the water treatment facility. Believes there needs to be an assessment by a wetlands scientist before agreeing to the water treatment facility project.

C. Jacobs spoke, revenue for existing solar farm is about 5000 dollars per year in rent, and we share the electricity produced. There would also be an exit clause dictated by the state. These warrant articles only grant permission to enter into discussions.

K. Ayers spoke, discussed being concerned with the aesthetics of the land.

Motion made to close article 22 for discussion by A. Rawson

J. Gagner noted that articles 22 and 23 were being discussed simultaneously, asked if the motion was to close both articles for discussion.

A. Rawson made motion to close articles 22 and 23 for discussion, seconded by L. Turgeon, majority in favor, motion passed.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant articles 22 and 23 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of articles 22 and 23 made by L. Turgeon, seconded by J. Gagner. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator returned and read Article 17: Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.04 per thousand dollars of valuation. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (1-2-0). Not Recommended by Budget Committee (2-6-0).

Motion made to open article 17 for discussion made by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Turgeon Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Betsy Baker to speak to this article.

B Baker spoke, Library is in middle of restoration project of little red school house. Current director of library has received a grant. That grant is for the roof, and any remaining windows that need to be replaced. Presented an amendment to reduce the warrant article from \$20,000 to \$10,000

Motion for **amendment** made by B. Baker, seconded by J. Gagner, Majority in favor, amendment passes, the amendment is:

Article 17 Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program (Majority Vote Required) Estimated Tax impact is \$0.02 per thousand dollars of valuation

Motion made to close article 17 for discussion made by M. Bealieu, seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 17 on the 2nd session ballot as amended.

C Jacobs raised point of order: Would the BOS and BC vote change based on this amendment:

BOS voted, One representative not present. H Williams and C Burnham vote not to change their previous votes.

BC voted on the new amendment- Motion made by laura, seconded by H Williams- Vote 2/6 not in favor.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of article 17 made by M. Beaulieu, seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read article 18: Article 18: Eradicate Invasive Plant Species

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be named “Invasive Plants CRF“ for the purpose of treating invasive plant species from bodies of water in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures and matching other funds raised as described in the recommended 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Program. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.015 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0).

Motion made to open article 18 for discussion by J. Gagner, seconded by R. Thibault. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Humphrey Williams to speak on this article.

H. Williams spoke, ongoing issue, will exist forever. Only difference from this article from previous years is lowering to \$7,500 dollars from \$10,000 because the cost will be split with the TPPA. There are funds available due to carry over funds from last year to help cover any overages.

J. Nute spoke asked what methods of control are used

H. Williams informed of suction and chemical treatments that restrict growth.

K. Diamant spoke, Does this cover Spaulding Pond and other waterbodies?

H. Williams: Yes, in the past it has, but a majority stays on M3P.

C. Ayers spoke, questioned wording of previous articles and when the funds would expire. She wanted to know the balance currently in that account.

H. Williams informed that this warrant would create a capital reserve fund and not have to worry about a non lapsing fund.

K. Ayers and H. Williams discussed possibilities of future treatments that would actually eradicate invasive plants.

L Gautreau spoke- Spaulding Pond does not have a TPPA organization. The warrant article doesn't specifically designate this money to only m3p. It can be used on other waterbodies.

K. Reyeski spoke, Who is checking the boats coming in and out of the lake?

H. Williams- New bridge marina, the town beach staff, campground staff. They are state trained using grant money in Maine. The TPPA requested to work with the Lake Host program, and the campground.

R. Gamache: are there any natural resources or cleaners we can use?

W. Sylvester spoke, TPPA 75000 was total cost, but grant money was applied to it, as well as splitting the cost between Milton, Lebanon, and TPPA. Invasive species harvested and cleaned by suction on scuba divers.

Motion made to close article 18 for discussion by L. Brown, seconded by L. Turgeon.
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructs the clerk to place warrant article 18 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion to restrict reconsideration of article 18 made by L. Brown, seconded by L. Turgeon,
Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read article 19: Article 19: Conservation Commission Legal Defense Capital Reserve Fund To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Commission Legal Defense Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2022. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0).

Motion made to open article 19 for discussion by P. Hurd, seconded by L. Turgeon. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Steve Panish to speak on this article

S. Panish spoke, voters guide had errors- Had estimated tax impact as 2 cents per 1000 dollars. Actual impact is 2/10 of one cent. Second error indicates a limit of 4000 dollars. That is not enough. There should not be a limit.

J. Boyd asked if there have been any legal issues in the last few years, and has this fund been growing?

S. Panish replied the fund was only established last year.

Motion made to close article 19 for discussion by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place warrant article 19 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of article 19 by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read article 20: Article 20: Discontinue 1993 Industrial Park CRF

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Milton Industrial Park Capital Reserve Fund previously established by vote of the 1993 Town Meeting, which was established for the purpose of engineering, road construction and related grading. When vote occurs and fund is discontinued the money is transferred to the general fund. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0).

H, Williams made a motion to open and discuss articles 20 and 21 together. Majority vote, motion passes.

Moderator read article 21: Article 21: 2018 Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$764) to be placed into the existing 2018 Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve fund. This Article 21 is contingent upon the passage of Article 20 and shall not take effect if Article 20 is defeated. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0).

Motion made to open articles 20 and 21 to simultaneous discussion by L. Turgeon, seconded by L. Brown. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator recognizes Humphrey Williams to speak on articles 20 and 21

H Williams spoke- Article 20 is to close the account, article 21 moves it into the building fund. These articles work together.

Motion made to close articles 20 and 21 for simultaneous discussion by L. Brown, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructed the clerk to place both warrant articles 20 and 21 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of articles 20 and 21 made by L. Brown, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator read Article 24: Petition Article To see if the Town will vote to establish a Historical Society Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the maintenance and repair of said building located at 56 Main Street, Milton Mills, NH, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand) dollars to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Town of Milton Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This may also be used as matching funds for grants that may come available for repair or restoration of the building. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.02 per thousand dollars of valuation. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (1,2,0). Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (0,8,0).

Motion made to open article 24 for discussion by J. Gagner, seconded by P. Hurd. Majority in favor, Motion passes.

The moderator recognized Ryan Thibault to speak to this article.

R. Thibault spoke Milton historical society is a volunteer run non profit. It is funded by donation. Last year, this building became town owned, and the historical society is leasing it from the town. The clock tower needs restoration and is leaking. Estimated cost is \$51,000. Special warrant article is to raise the sum of 10,000 dollars to assist. Historical society paid over \$14,000 dollars for roof repairs. In 2022, they raised \$17,000 from the community yard sale.

B. Baker spoke, reminded elected officials that several years ago there was a town wide questionnaire about residents priorities. Historical buildings and character were rated highest on that questionnaire

L. Brown spoke, has done personal repair on historical buildings in town. People specifically want to see these buildings protected

K. Ayers spoke, wants to preserve history. In 2020 we voted for a historical committee. What happened?

H. Williams spoke, Fully in favor of restoring buildings. "Society" word should be changed to "Historical building" capital reserve fund so that monies are not limited to only being used for one building, like the Townhouse fund which could only be used on the townhouse.

H Williams made the motion to remove the designation of just the historical society to any historic building. Seconded by J. Gagner. Second by J. Gagner withdrawn. **Amendment NOT passed.**

R. Thibault requested discussion on amendment, seconded by M Bealuieu, majority in favor, motion for discussion passes.

R. Thibault does NOT want the amendment to move forward.

G Bailey spoke; can we reword the article without changing intent?

H Williams: No

J. Gagner spoke: 501c3 is made to serve community. Town should play a part in making sure community benefits. Should be dedicated to what those funds are marked for.

B. Woodruff makes formal request on ruling if amendment would change the intent of the warrant article.

Town council recognized to speak- an amendment to change the article is a gray area in this circumstance as it only expands the scope of the warrant article.

L. Brown spoke, how will the town make a determination of what is a historic building? Based on what criteria? What would prevent a private home owner with an old house from claiming it is a historical building?

K. Libby spoke, there is capital reserve money available for town owned buildings. Does not support amendment.

A Rawson, motion to leave warrant article as written and close consideration for change, seconded L. Turgeon. Majority vote in favor, motion passes

Motion made to close article 24 for discussion by A. Rawson, seconded by L Brown. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator instructs the clerk to place petition warrant article 24 on the 2nd session ballot as read.

Motion made to restrict consideration of article 24 by J. Gagner, seconded by L. Brown. Majority in favor, motion passes.

The moderator called an end to the meeting at 1:50pm

A true record, attest: John Gagner, Town Clerk Tax Collector _____

A true copy of record, attest: John Gagner, Town Clerk Tax Collector _____

Note: A spelling error was identified in article 10 on 2/23/2023 and was updated to be accurate on these official minutes. The identified spelling error was: Changing “Original” to “Optional” and adding “All” to “All Veterans Tax Credit”

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