

**TOWN OF MILTON  
FIRST SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2014**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 beginning at 1pm at the Nute High School. A total of 74 voters were in attendance.

Chris Jacobs, Town Moderator, declared the meeting in session at 1pm.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence for those departed.

The Moderator introduced the Selectmen: Tom Gray, Robert Bridges and Michael Beaulieu; Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne; Town Council Jim Sessler; Budget Committee: Bruce Woodruff, Larry Brown, Robert Carrier, Doug Shute, Stan Nadeau, Jennifer Crone, Eric Ohlenbusch and James Kelly; Supervisors of the Checklist: Karen Brown and Bob Ferris; State Representative Robbie Parsons, Fire Chief Nick Marique, Public Works Director Pat Smith; Police Chief Richard Krauss and Town Clerk Michelle Beauchamp.

The Moderator noted that there would be a Candidates Forum for all candidates running for the School District and Town Offices on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall in the Selectmen's Room at 6pm.

The Moderator noted that the names on the ballot would be in alphabetical order following the same procedures the Secretary of State uses pursuant to RSA 656:5a.

The Moderator explained the rules of SB-2 and noted that the second session would be held on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Emma Ramsey Center. The polls for voting by official ballot will be open from 8am to 7pm.

**The Moderator read Article 1:**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law.

The Moderator instructed the clerk to place Warrant Article 1 on the second session ballot.

**The Moderator read Article 2**

**Zoning Amendment #1:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of zoning amendment # 1, as proposed by the Milton Planning Board for the Milton Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the use categories of "Restaurant, drive through" and "Restaurant, sit down" will be Permitted (P) uses in the Industrial Commercial (IC) zoning district as shown in Section 3.5 Table of Principal and Accessory Uses in Zoning Districts of the Milton Zoning Ordinance?

Recommended by the Planning Board

The Moderator noted that this article could not be amended and opened it for discussion.

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Brian Boyers, Planning Board member, noted that the Planning Board thought this area should allow for a restaurant drive through and sit down.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 2 on the second session ballot as read.

Brian Boyers made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Adams Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **The Moderator read Article 3**

##### Zoning Amendment #2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of zoning amendment # 2, as proposed by the Milton Planning Board for the Milton Zoning Ordinance as follows: To delete Section C SHORELAND PERMIT REQUIRED in Article XVII of the Shoreland Protection Overlay District as included in the Milton Zoning Ordinance?

Recommended by the Planning Board

The Moderator noted this article could not be amended and opened it for discussion.

Brian Boyers noted that the Town's Shoreland Permit was redundant to the State's permit. He noted that the Building Code Office could handle this and that the State does a good job.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 3 on the second session ballot as read.

Brian Boyers made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

#### **The Moderator read Article 4**

##### Zoning Amendment #3 (Submitted by Petition):

To see if the Town of Milton will change the area known as Tax Map 10, Lots 1 and 2, Tax Map 11, Lot 11 and Tax Map 11, Lot 11-1 from the Industrial/Commercial Zoning District to the Commercial/Residential (CR) Zoning District?

Recommended by the Planning Board

The Moderator noted this article could not be amended and opened it for discussion.

Brian Boyers noted that when the original zoning was done, it was a classic spot zoning. He added that the only access to the property was Harmony Lane, which runs through a residential area in Wakefield.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 4 on the second session ballot as read.

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Luella Snyder made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Brian Boyers seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,864,100.00) for the purpose of design and construction of a new Fire Station and EMS facility in the Town of Milton.

Said sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bond or notes not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,864,100.00) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town's Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such Bonds or Notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Milton, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, and pass any vote relating thereto; and further, to raise and appropriate Two Hundred and Eighty Four Thousand and Eight Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$284,885.00) for the first year's interest payment and Bond Issuance cost on said Bond.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise and appropriate Two Hundred and Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars (\$284,885.00) in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.78 in FY 15. Two Hundred and Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$267,625.00) in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.73 in FY 16. Two Hundred and Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$261,100.00) in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.72 in FY 17. Two Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$254,575.00) in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.70 in FY 18, based upon projected assessed values.

(3/5's vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-2)

Robert Bridges made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Bruce Woodruff seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Robert Bridges discussed the key points of the need for the fire station. Nick Marique, Fire Chief, made a presentation of the proposed fire station.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 5 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

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**The Moderator read Article 6**

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, Twenty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$425,958.00) payable over a term of 7 years for three (3) Highway Department 6 Wheel Dump Trucks with snowplow equipment and sanders, and to raise and appropriate Sixty Five Thousand, Six Hundred, Fifteen Dollars (\$65,615.00) for the first years payment for that purpose; the lease/purchase agreement does contain a municipal funding escape clause. If this warrant article passes, then warrant article 8 is null and void.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Robert Adams seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray explained the benefit of a lease purchase program, which allows the town to spread the payments over several years. He added that it would be a \$0.18 per thousand tax impact. Pat Smith, Road Agent, noted that this was his fourth attempt because he did not believe the town could afford to purchase a vehicle outright.

Jennifer Palmatier made the motion to allow discussion of Article 8. Billy Palmatier seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Pat Smith discussed the need for a purchase and sale agreement. He added that the town had three options: lease, purchase or do nothing.

Karen Brown made the motion to close discussion on Article 6. Larry Brown seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Karen Brown made the motion to close discussion on Article 8. Luella Snyder seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 6 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration on Warrant Article 6. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 7**

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 Three Million, Six Hundred Sixty Four Thousand, Seven

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Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$3,664,745.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Six Hundred Forty Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty Two Dollars, (\$3,643,832.00) 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 special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

(Note: This Warrant Article, the operating budget, does not include special or separate warrant articles.)

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-4)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Robert Adams seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu discussed workman's compensation, health insurance, unemployment supplies, general operations and salaries. He added that unused monies were returned to the fund balance. Bruce Woodruff noted that the Budget Committee met dozens of times and worked hard with the Board of Selectmen as well as department heads. He did not feel this was a good budget and added that there was opposition for further cuts. He noted that more cuts could have been made but services would have decreased. He stated that the Budget Committee was torn over this compromise. Douglas Shute noted that the budget was not easy. Larry Brown discussed the cost of providing services.

Michael Beaulieu made the motion to amend line 340, Contract Service with an increase of \$10,000 for the contracted planner so the bottom line budget would be \$3,674,745. Tom Gray noted that this was a part time planner and economic development director. He added that business would reduce the tax burden on the taxpayers. Karen Brown seconded the motion to amend. Majority in favor (31-24), amendment passed. The moderator noted that the proposed budget would increase to \$3,674,745.

Michael Beaulieu made the motion to amend line 961, Fire Department Per Diem, with an increase of \$10,000 so the bottom line budget would be \$3,684,745. Karen Brown seconded the motion to amend. Majority in favor (44-9), amendment passed. The moderator noted that the proposed budget would increase to \$3,684,745.

Michael Beaulieu made the motion to amend line 410, Fire Department Electric, with an increase of \$500 so that the bottom line budget would be \$3,685,245. Tom Gray seconded. Michael Beaulieu noted that this line was over expended in 2013. Karen Brown seconded the motion to amend. Majority in favor (39-6), amendment passed. The moderator noted that the proposed budget would increase to \$3,685,245.

Luella Snyder made the motion "to reduce the Milton Town Budget by \$2,000 to reflect a zero funding of the Red Cross and a Safe Place, in outside appropriations". Douglas Shute seconded.

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She added that the Red Cross had been removed years ago. She felt that taxpayers had a right to choose where their charities go. Douglas Shute questioned how the town could spend money on charities outside of town. James Sessler noted that it was possible if they provided public service to the town. Karen Brown made the motion to move the amendment. Seconded by Luella Snyder. Majority not in favor, motion to amend failed.

Karen Brown made the motion to end the discussion. Tom Gray seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 7 on the second session ballot as amended.

Karen Brown made the motion to restrict consideration. Tom Gray seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The moderator called for a five-minute recess.

The moderator called the meeting back to order at 3:10pm.

**The Moderator read Article 8**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Six dollars (\$158,486.00) for the purchase of one (1) Highway Department 6 Wheel Dump Truck with snowplow equipment and sander. This Article is contingent on Article 6; if Article 6 passes this Article is null and void.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-3)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Karen Brown seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this warrant article would have a \$0.43 per thousand tax impact.

Robert Bridges made the motion to close discussion on the warrant article. Douglas Shute seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 8 on the second session ballot as read.

Robert Bridges made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Doreen Valente-Gray seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 9**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

David Levin made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Jennifer Palmatier seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this account was for small vehicles.

David Levin made the motion to close discussion on the warrant article. Doreen Valente-Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 9 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Luella Snyder seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

#### **The Moderator read Article 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000) for Highway and Road reconstruction purposes. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant estimated to be One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00). This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. This appropriation will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2015.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Billy Palmatier seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this was for repair and maintenance to roads. David Levin made the motion to close discussion on the article. Robert Graham seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 10 on the second session ballot as read.

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Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Graham seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Robert Adams Jr. made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this warrant article was special equipment.

Karen Brown made the motion to close discussion on the warrant article. Luella Snyder seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 11 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Adams Jr. seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 12**

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 Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment and/or Fire Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that this article was for ambulance vehicles and equipment. He added that the estimated balance was \$22,000. Nick Marique noted that this includes the forestry vehicles.

Doreen Valente-Gray made the motion to close the discussion. Tom Gray seconded. All in



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favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 12 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Karen Brown seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that the fund was to maintain equipment and replace air packs. He added that the estimated balance was \$36,000.

Tom Gray made the motion to close the discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 13 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Bridges seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 14**

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 Fire Department Vehicle Repairs and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Robert Bridges seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

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Tom Gray noted that this warrant article was for fire department major repairs and improvements.

Larry Brown made the motion to close discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 14 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Karen Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that the current balance is \$16,438.61. He added that repairs are need at the library. He has seen the engineers report regarding the back egress and he added that it was the most immediate repair needed.

Tom Gray made the motion to close the discussion for the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 15 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

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Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Karen Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Jennifer Palmatier seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that the current balance was \$40,684.98. He added that the fund paid for netting and ball field bathrooms. Jennifer Palmatier asked if the town was saving for something. Chris Jacobs, as a member of the Recreation Commission, noted that there were long term plans for the bathrooms, which could cost \$100,000.

Karen Brown made the motion to close the discussion for the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 16 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Bridges seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 17**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Milton Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that the fund balance was \$20,158.91. He noted that the State Statute says we have to have a cemetery. He added that currently Milton is leasing a cemetery for \$1.00 and we are building a fund to purchase land for a cemetery.

David Levin made the motion to end the discussion on the warrant article. Robert Graham seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 17 on the second session ballot as read.

Larry Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Tom Gray seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

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**The Moderator read Article 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Milton/Maine Bridges Capital Reserve Account previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that the balance of the fund was \$41,088.93. He noted that Milton's portion to replace the bridge would be \$140,000. Bruce Woodruff noted that there were grants available from the Federal Highways. Michael Beaulieu noted that the Department of Transportation has not jurisdiction over bridges. James Sessler noted that generally bridges are different than highways. Barbara Hughes asked if Maine's goals are the same as Milton's. Chris Jacobs noted that the States work in harmony.

Larry Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 18 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Adams Jr. seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) payable over a term of 7 years for one (1) Highway Department Grader, and to raise and appropriate Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$36,970.00) for the first years' payment for that purpose; The lease/purchase agreement does contain a municipal funding escape clause.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this article is to replace the 1974 road grader. He added that Milton has 10 miles of dirt road. He stated that this would be a 7 year lease program and would have a \$0.10 per thousand impact on the tax rate. Pat Smith gave a cost comparison.

Karen Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. Doreen Valente-Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 19 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing an addition onto the Milton Public Works Garage and providing funds for future construction, future structural repairs and improvements due to the age of the building; to authorize the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Robert Ferris seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that a structure needed to be removed. Pat Smith noted that the building was 17 years old. Pat Smith noted that there are safety issues with the structure.

Larry Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 20 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Luella Snyder seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 21**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of establishing a Milton Police Department Computer and Radio Capital

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Reserve Fund for purchasing and replacing critical computers, servers, and radios; to authorize the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

David Levin made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Richard Krauss, Police Chief, noted that currently there is no fund in place. He added that the laptops and servers are 8 years old. He noted that 10 radios were recently replaced through grants at \$3,800 each.

Karen Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 21 on the second session ballot as read.

Larry Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Elizabeth Baker seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand, Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$90,098.00) for the purpose of funding an Officer Retention Schedule which will adjust wages for police department employees so the department can better retain Police Officers, lower the turn-over rate, lower the expense of certifying, training, and other costs associated with new hires.

(This appropriation is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to Warrant Article 7, the operating budget article.)

(This is a one-time article and that if passed, the cost will become part of the Police Department annual budget.)

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that over the last year Milton has lost 2 officers to other towns. Richard

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Krauss noted that since 2001, Milton has lost 18 officers of which 15 received 10 weeks in-house training and 14 went to the Police Academy. He added that Milton's starting pay is \$1.00-\$3.00 per hour less than the surrounding towns.

Larry Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 22 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 23**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d "Acceptance of Personal Property Donated to Libraries" authorizing the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of town meeting. Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at over \$5,000 the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this section shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Les Elder noted that this was a house keeping warrant article.

Karen Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. Larry Brown seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 23 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Douglas Shute seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 24**

To see if the Town will vote to change the agent to expend funds for the existing Sewer System Improvement Capital Reserve Fund from the Sewer Commission which is no longer in existence,

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to the Board of Selectmen. The Sewer System Improvement Fund was established in 1988 with the agent to expend funds stated as the Sewer Commission. In 2011 Town Meeting voted to dissolve the Sewer Commission and the Commission's authority was to revert to the Board of Selectmen. This article if passed, is a housekeeping measure and it will only change the agent to expend from the non-existent Sewer Commission to the Board of Selectmen.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Tom Gray noted that this was a house keeping issue.

Larry Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 24 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Luella Snyder seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 25**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a General Fund Trust under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, titled Library Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of making structural repairs to deteriorating conditions at the Milton Free Public Library and to authorize the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in this fund; The need for making structural repairs to deteriorating conditions at the Milton Free Public Library was previously mentioned in the 2012 Five-Year Plan.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Michael Beaulieu noted that the egress and exterior of the building needed repairs. Elizabeth Baker, Librarian, noted that in 2013 the trustees applied for every grant possible.

Larry Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin



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seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 25 on the second session ballot as read.

David Levin made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Robert Graham seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**A The Moderator read Article 26**

Shall the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Luella Snyder made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Cynthia Wyatt, Conservation Commission member, discussed the reasoning behind the warrant article.

Karen Brown made the motion to close the discussion on the warrant article. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 26 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. David Levin seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

Robert Bridges made the motion to adjourn at 4:52 pm. David Levin seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

A true record, attest:

  
Michelle Beauchamp  
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