TOWN OF TILTON
2017 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Tilton, in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE WINNISQUAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as presented on the ballot prepared for the same.

Article 2. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of the amendments to the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Tilton Planning Board. (The complete text of the proposed amendments is printed in the Annual Town Report.)

Article 3. Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to three (3) members? (This article was submitted by petition.)

AND ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE WINNISQUAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

Moderator Mitchell called the business meeting to order at 8 AM. The body was asked to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Mitchell asked any veterans here to remain standing. The assembly applauded. Moderator Mitchell thanked the @ 300 people who braved the weather on Tuesday to come out and vote. He also thanked the Supervisors of the Check List, the ballot clerks, the Selectboard and the assistant moderators for their efforts both here today and at the town's elections. He asked that observers and non-registered voters need to be seated or standing outside the railing in the back. Confirm that all those sitting in the lower areas are registered voters. He stated that if and when I ask for a standing vote, only those who are inside the back railing will be counted. Moderator Chuck Mitchell introduced himself then continued; to my left is Cindy Reinartz, your Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Today, we have three Appointed Assistant Moderators: Helen Hanks, Linda Burns and Kathi Mitchell. To my right, the Chair of the Selectmen, Pat Consentino who will introduce the rest of the Select Board. To my left, the chair of the Budget Committee: Jane Alden, who will introduce the rest of the Budget Committee. Before we continue with the matters before us, Pat Consentino would like to make a brief statement. “Joe Jesseman has served 6 years as a selectmen. He has served wherever he was needed. From the Metrocast consortium to the RCC, public access, Eagle Scout awards, underground storage tanks to our everyday committees of the Town such as planning Board, recycling just to name a few. Joe was not afraid to take on the challenge. That, of course, was in addition to his home life, and activities that he had prior to becoming a Selectmen. He certainly was a busy man and will be missed throughout the community (except the lawyers, of course!) And we, as Selectmen will miss him holding up his sign “NO”. Joe took his responsibilities seriously, he wore his heart on his sleeve and never gave up. On behalf of your fellow selectmen and the community, I present you with this gift as a token of our appreciation.” Selectmen Joe Jesseman received a standing ovation. The Moderator called on the Town Clerk for a report of the election results which will also be displayed on the screen.

The 2016 Town Elections were held at the Winnisquam Regional High School on Tuesday March 14, 2017. Due to the blizzard the polls were opened at 6:00 a.m. Selectmen Joseph Jesseman moved the meeting to the floor, seconded by Kathleen Mitchell. Moderator Charles Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The ballot box was inspected ensuring that it was empty and that the voting machine was zeroed. Moderator Mitchell led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Absentee ballots were processed at 10:00 a.m. as posted, 44 in total. At 7:00 p.m. The Moderator called for a motion to declare the polls closed. Selectman Joseph Jesseman moved to close the polls, seconded by Kathleen Mitchell and Linda Burns. The Moderator expressed his sincere gratitude to Joseph Jesseman for 6 years of service and dedication in helping us run the elections in Tilton. The polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. 341 Ballots were cast.
Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as presented on the ballot prepared for the same.

For Selectman – 3 years
Ashlee St. John 173
Wayne Brock 73
Eric Pyra 109
Jon Scanlon 173

For Budget Committee - 2 years
Juliet Harvey 255

For Town Clerk Tax Collector – 3 years
Cindy Reinartz 218
Lynne A. Fox 123

For Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years
Janice Leighton-Boudreau 276

For Sewer Commission – 3 years
Peter Fogg 267

For Library Trustee – 3 years
Rachel Saliba 274

*2 positions open (to be appointed by Committee)

*10 residents were written in for Budget Committee - 3 years, two positions. Each name had one vote therefore 10 slips of folded paper were placed in a bowl. Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler pulled 2 slips, Bernard Chapman and Erik Pyra, both declined the positions

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt changes to the Tilton Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Tilton Planning Board as follows:

1. Amendment No. 1 (Table of Dimensional Values: Dwelling Unit Density Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 7 to establish that maximum dwelling unit density for cluster development, multifamily and condominium uses shall be calculated as a ratio of base maximum residential density in the location PER minimum lot size in the location (parcel size divided by minimum lot size multiplied by base maximum residential density)?

   Yes 203  No 92

2. Amendment No. 2 (Table of Dimensional Values: Manufactured/Mobile Homes) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 7 to establish that maximum dwelling unit density for manufactured housing parks and subdivisions shall be calculated in accordance with Article 8: Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home & Recreational Vehicle Regulations and Standards?

   Yes 207  No 86

3. Amendment No. 3 (Accessory Dwelling Units) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Articles 2, 6, 7 & 10 to allow for accessory dwelling units in single-family homes in zones that permit single family uses, and to attain conformance with NH RSA 674:72?

   Yes 198  No 92

4. Amendment No. 4 (Storage Trailers/Containers) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Articles 6 and 10 to establish that permission to use temporary storage containers may be sought by application to the building inspector?

   Yes 170  No 123

Article 3. (by petition)

Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 members? as proposed by petition of at least 25 registered voters.

   Yes 103  No 217

Moderator Mitchell explained the Moderator's Rules and other procedural items. Motion made by Pat Consentino to accept the Moderator’s Rules, seconded by Vinnie Kondrotas. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. Moderator Mitchell explained the voting procedures.
Article 4. Are you in favor of requiring that in order to serve as a sewer commissioner, you have to reside at a property that is connected to Tilton municipal sewer system? (This article was submitted by petition.) Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 4 as presented, Scott Davis made a motion to withdraw Article 4, and the motion was duly seconded by Jason Wright, Sewer Commissioner. The vote was taken and passed. Article 4 was removed.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be $500 which is the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. Majority Vote Required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 5. Motion made to move Article 5 to the floor for discussion by Joseph Jesseman, seconded by Kevin Washburn, Tilton. Joseph Jesseman deferred to Joyce Fulweiler for further explanation. Joyce explained this also covers National Guard members who were activated under Title X. There will be 11 new people if they are eligible and qualify.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 5, "Shall the Town vote to adopt provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Tax Credits? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident or the spouse of a surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be $500, which is the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28."

The vote was taken, and Article 5 passed.

The Moderator received a request from the petitioner of Article 16 requesting to have Article 16 moved to the present position on the agenda. One person objected. The vote was taken and failed. The Moderator moved forward with Article 6.

Article 6. Municipal Solid Waste and Curbside Recycling Program – Option A
To see if the Town will vote to continue with curbside municipal solid waste (MSW) and curbside collection of single stream recyclables (SSR) using a separate 96-gallon automated bin for solid waste provided by Pinard Waste Services and a separate 96-gallon automated bin for recyclables provided by the Town. MSW refuse generated in excess of the 3 bags in the 96-gallon bin would require the purchase of Town of Tilton Trash purple trash bags to be collected curbside or dropped off at the Highway Garage for disposal at the incinerator. There is no limit on the number of recyclables placed curbside. Total Annual Estimated Cost for Collection and Disposal = $308,112. (This article does not appropriate funds; it is for advisory purposes only.) Majority Vote Required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 6, Selectman Katherine Dawson made a motion to move Article 6 to the floor, seconded by Lynda Burns. Selectman Dawson stated Article 7 is a companion Article. A presentation is made showing how the numbers were arrived at in Articles 6 and 7. Passage of Article 6 will result in the requirement of citizens having two 96-gallon bins at curbside. Selectman Scanlon believes having the two bins allows the hauler to service the town better and encourages citizens to recycle. Discussion centered on Jensen's Mobile Home Park not being included in the trash pickup and that 103 additional stops would be added in order to include Jensen's in the pickup. The Select Board has the authority to set policy about where in the manufactured housing parks trash gets picked up or whether it does or does not get picked up. Jason Wright called the question with multiple seconds. Joyce
Fulweiler stated that smaller containers will be allowed by the hauler, and arrangements will be made to pick up the bags if someone is having difficulty maneuvering their bins.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 6, "To see if the Town will vote to continue with curbside municipal solid waste and curbside collection of single stream recyclables using separate 96-gallon automated bins for solid waste provided by Pinard Waste Services and a separate 96-gallon automated bin for recyclables provided by the Town. The recyclables or the MSW refuse generated in excess of the three bags in the 96-gallon bin would require the purchase of Town of Tilton Trash purple trash bags to be collected curbside or dropped off at the Highway Garage for disposal at the incinerator. There is no limit to the number or recyclables placed curbside. Total estimated cost was 308,112, and, again, this is advisory at this point."

Moderator Mitchell called for the vote, and Article 6 passed.

Article 7. Municipal Solid Waste and Drop-Off Recycling Program - Option B
To see if the Town will vote to continue curbside collection of municipal solid waste and discontinue the curbside single stream recycling program. Residents can drop off recyclables at the Tilton Public Works Garage. Total Annual Estimated Cost for Collection and Disposal = $252,970. (This article does not appropriate funds; it is for advisory purposes only.) Majority Vote Required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 7, Selectman Katherine Dawson made a motion to withdraw Article 7, seconded by Joe Jessee. The vote was taken.

The motion passed, and Article 7 was withdrawn.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Tilton Selectmen and the Tilton Police Union NEPBA Local 29 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Eleven Dollars ($24,011) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. This amount is not included in the Operating Budget. (This article is recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.) Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 8, "To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Tilton Selectmen and the Tilton Police Union, which is NEPBA Local 29 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits."

Moderator Mitchell clarified that the only amount that can be voted on is year one, 2017 and 2018, but the cost structure is presented for all three years. "For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, it's $24,011; for 2018-2019, it's $23,058; and 2019-2020, it's $18,989. And, further, total contract cost for three years, $66,058. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,011 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits that require new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. This amount is not included in the operating budget. It has been recommended by both the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee."

Motion made by Pat Consentino to move Article 8 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Katherine Dawson. Scott Davis stated the total cost for the contract is really $137,138. Moderator Mitchell repeats the amount to vote for will only be on one year, 2017-18. Moderator Mitchell requested that the vote be done by secret ballot. Bill McLain made a motion for a voice vote, seconded by Chuck Drew. Moderator
Mitchell called for the vote on whether there will be a voice vote or secret ballot. The motion passed for a voice vote.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 8, "To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Tilton Selectmen and the Tilton Police Union, NEPBA Local 29, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level. Year one, which is 2017-'18, is $24,011; second year, which is 2018-'19, $23,058; year three, which is 2019-'20, $18,989 for a total raises over three years of $66,058; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,011 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels. This amount is not included in the Operating Budget. It's recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee."

The vote was taken, and Article 8 passed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. (This article is recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.) Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 9, Jon Scanlon made a motion to move Article 9 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Pat Consentino. Jon Scanlon stated this Article is always on the Warrant and recommended voting for the Article.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 9 as presented, the vote was taken, and Article 9 passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Four Thousand Dollars ($74,000) to be added to the Town Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. (This article is recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.) Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 10, Peter Fogg made a motion to bring Article 10 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Katherine Dawson. Peter Fogg stated the fund currently has approximately $190,000, and at the request of Scott Davis explained past projects.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 10, "To see if the Town will vote and raise and appropriate the sum of $74,000 to be added to the Town Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Article is recommended by both the Select Board and the Budget Committee."

The vote was taken, and Article 10 passed.

Pat Clark made a point of order about moving Article 16 up and commented that Article 16 is after the vote on the budget and that most people leave after the budget vote and wanted to have Article 16 taken out of order. Moderator Mitchell recommended hearing Article 16 after Article 13 and called for the vote.

The vote was taken, and the motion passed. Article 16 will be moved up in order.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. (This article is recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.) Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 11, Motion was made by Pat Consentino to move Article 11 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Katherine Dawson. Pat Consentino made a motion to amendment to Article 11, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the Operating Budget." Jon Scanlon seconded the motion to amendment.
Moderator Mitchell read Article 11 as amended, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund founded in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget."

Jason Wright asked why there is a reduction. Pat Consentino responded that in 2012 Tilton changed the revaluation to meet with Northfield, and that left extra money in the fund. Mari Anne Princiotta asked how the capital reserve funds work, and Tim Pearson explained. Scott Davis asked for an explanation of the revaluation schedule. Joyce Fulweiler explained Tilton is on a five-year revaluation schedule.

Moderator Mitchell read the amendment, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002. This is an appropriation which is not included in the operating budget."

The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment submitted by Pat Consentino – the vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Moderator read Article 11, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of now $10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002. This is an appropriation which is not included in the operating budget."

The Moderator called for the vote on Article 11 as amended, Article 11 passed.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($31,300) for the purpose of developing a schematic design and total project construction cost estimate for a new Tilton Police Station. This project includes architectural services, wetlands determination and geotechnical investigation. The final report and recommendations will be presented at the 2018 Town Meeting. This article is not included in the operating budget. *(This article is recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.)* Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 12, Motion made by Pat Consentino to move Article 12 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Lynda Burns. Pat Consentino stated the Town is looking at three pieces of land and wants to hire someone to find which of the three is best suited for the Town of Tilton. One of the properties is located next to 61 Business Park Drive and is already owned by the Town. Another property is on the corner of Business Park Dr.

Drive where you see the sign. It's currently owned by the Nixon properties. It's approximately four acres of land. The third property is where the fire department wants to put their building and to place the police station in front of the fire station. Tom Damon stated building the police station on the piece of land the Town already owns would save money. Pat Clark stated cost is a very important factor and hopes the money is spent wisely. Jason Wright stated this issue has been under consideration for a few years and believes the Town should move forward on it. Stanley Brown stated economically this would be the best time to build a police station as interest rates are still relatively low. Nate Morrison, Staff Sergeant with Tilton Police Department, stated FEMA and Homeland Security have done studies that recommend the police and fire departments not be housed in the same building and that FEMA will not provide funds to projects in flood plains. Moderator Mitchell read Article 12: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $31,300 for the purpose of developing a schematic design and total project construction cost estimate for a new Tilton Police Station. This project will include architectural services, wetlands determination, and geotechnical investigation. The final report and recommendations will be presented at the 2018 Town Meeting. This Article is not included in the operating budget."

Moderator Mitchell called for the vote, and Article 12 passed.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to terminate its membership with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association effective December 31, 2017, conditional upon the Town of Northfield also terminating its membership in Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association on the
same date and the Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS becomes a member of the organization effective January 1st, 2018. (This article was submitted by petition). Majority vote required.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 16, Pat Clark made a motion to move Article 16 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Heather Dumka. Pat Clark stated the purpose of this Article is to bill for dispatch fees directly to the fire department. Right now it goes to two separate towns. Tilton-Northfield became a fire district in 1969. If this were to go into effect this year, the bill would increase by 7,842.39 translating to 1.53 cents or $3.06 for a 200,000-dollar home. Pat Consentino recommended voting no on this Article. She stated if the Town terminates its membership in the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association will lose their vote in that organization. Dennis Manning recommended voting no on this Article. There will be an $11,000 increase when it goes into effect. Northfield will see a decrease of $10,997. Katherine Dawson reiterated that Tilton would lose their right to vote if it terminates membership in Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. Kathi Mitchell made a motion to move the question and was seconded. The moderator called for a vote on ending discussion, and it passed.

Moderator Mitchell read Article 16, “To see if the Town will vote to terminate the membership in the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association effective December 31, 2017, conditional upon the Town of Northfield also terminating its membership in the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Association on the same date and that the Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS becomes a member of the organization effective January 1.”

The vote was taken, and Article 16 failed to pass.

The Moderator stated a motion was made by Pat Consentino to restrict reconsideration, which means it cannot be brought up again at this meeting, seconded by Heather Dumka. It’s also called protecting your vote.

The vote was taken, and the motion passed to restrict reconsideration.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommend the sum of $5,516,684 for general municipal operations. The Board of Selectmen recommended the sum of $5,532,689 for general municipal operations. The recommended amounts do not include special or individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

The Moderator read Article 13, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommend the sum of $5,516,684 for general municipal operations. The Board of Selectmen recommend the sum of $5,532,689 for general municipal operations. You will notice there are two different amounts. The recommended amounts do not include any special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.”

Jane Alden made a motion to move Article 13 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Pat Consentino.

Jane Alden made a motion to amend line number 01-64-4140-30-130, the salary for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector from $57,200 to $58,916, a three percent increase, seconded by Katherine Dawson. Moderator Mitchell called for discussion on the amendment. Roy Wakefield wanted to know what the raise increase was for SEA employees. Katherine Dawson clarified the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is an elected position and does not answer to the Secretary of State’s Office. Roy Wakefield stated he supports the Article. Jane Alden stated that last year a four percent increase was given to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Heather Dumka stated the Town Clerk/Tax Collector ran for the position knowing what the salary was for the position. Bob King stated recipients of Social Security received a .03 percent raise. Roy Wakefield stated the three percent raise for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is appropriate. Jane Alden responded in the budget merit increases are built in at two and a half percent, but it is based on merit. Dennis Manning stated the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector has received an aggregate raise of 39 percent since 2012.

Moderator Mitchell restated the amendment was, “To increase the line item, which is the Town Clerk’s/Tax Collector’s line item from 57,200 to 58,916.”
The moderator called for the vote, stated he was conflicted, and called for a standing vote. Standing vote was taken with 68 voting in affirmative and 22 against. The amendment submitted by Jane Alden passed.

Joseph Jessee made a motion to amend the bottom line of the operating budget by 13,500, targeted at line item 01-82-4323-99-860, which is sanitation and recycling, seconded by multiple people. Joseph Jessee explained that this specifically fund the increase to pick up Jensen's Mobile Home Park trash.

Moderator Mitchell clarified the amendment, so the question here now is whether or not to amend the bottom line in the budget by $13,500. The intent is to try to make it inclusive that all residential taxpayers in Tilton will have trash pickup and recycling." Roy Wakefield asked if park rents would decrease as a result of this Article passing. Joseph Jassee stated there were no guarantees, and it would be up to the landlords. Cindy Reinartz stated she spoke to Tom Flanders at Jensen's, and Tom said if the Article passed, the park rent would go down. Bob King moved the question.  Moderator Mitchell read the amendment submitted by Joe Jessee. The amendment is to add $13,500 to the bottom line budget for the purposes of making sure that all residential taxpayers are getting both curbside pickup and recycling."

The vote was taken, and the amendment submitted by Joseph Jessee and passed.

Peter Fogg made a motion to amend page one of the budget by increasing the Sewer pass-through by $12,000 from $450,907 to $462,907, seconded by Jason Wright. Peter Fogg stated the Sewer Commission budget was cut by $12,000, stating that the treatment plant in Franklin doesn't always bill quarterly, and this results in some years paying more. Sewer user fees will cover the cost based on how much water goes into the sewer drain. Seeing there were no further questions, Moderator Mitchell read the amendment "increase the Sewer pass-through by $12,000 from $450,907 to $462,907."

The vote was taken and the amendment submitted by Peter Fogg passed.

Scott Davis made a motion to amend line item 01-69-4191.15-130, Land Use Technician, to reduce it from $8,960 to zero, seconded by Jason Wright. Scott Davis stated this department increased from $45,000 to $60,000 and that $8,960 is not for a full year but only for 20 hours per week. Mr. Pearson stated the full year cost would be $13,300 and was budgeted for 16 hours per week. Dennis Manning is in favor of reducing the line item to zero. Joyce Fulweiler stated that Dari Sassan was hired in February 2014 as a part-time Land Use Coordinator; in March of 2015, he became full-time and was given increased job duties. In August of 2016, the Selectmen voted to change his position to Town Planner and have the Code Enforcement Officer answer to the Town Planner. Mari Anne Princiotta asked what the job duties of the position are. Joyce Fulweiler responded that the duties are to assist the Town Planner with clerical duties, assist with all the various boards, staff, and general public, and they would be the secondary person to handle the E911 mapping system and manage the Land Use website. Their primary job tasks will be for filing, Assessing and Land Use, data entry for Assessing and Land Use, handling all the billing and deposits, general clerical upkeep, tracking and managing the Land Use Board case flow and handle public and abutter notices. Bill McLain asked if the position had paid benefits, Joyce Fulweiler answered no.

Moderator Mitchell called for a vote on the amendment submitted by Scott Davis. Seeing no other questions, the amendment on the floor is to reduce that line item for assistance and secretarial help in the Land Use Office from 8,960 down to zero. That would in essence eliminate the position. The vote was taken.

The motion submitted by Scott Davis failed.

Moderator Mitchell asked if there were any other items to discuss on Article 13. Tim Pearson stated the total sum of the budget is now $5,543,900. Moderator Mitchell called for a vote on the budget of $5,543,900.

The 2017 budget passed

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to designate 55+ acres known as Buffalo Park Conservation Area (Map R17-Lot 20) which is a designated Conservation Area with deed restrictions,
as a Town Forest, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110. The Tilton Conservation Commission will manage the Town Forest which is secondary to the designation as a Conservation Area. Any activities conducted within Buffalo Park must comply with all conditions and restrictions imposed by the current easement on the property. Majority vote required.

 Moderator Mitchell read Article 14, Jon Scanlon made a motion to move Article 14 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Kathi Mitchell. Bob Hardy stated that by designating this as a town forest, the Town can seek additional grants and funding to help manage the property. Eagle project opened several trails and brought to attention other work that needs to be done. There is no impact on the budget.

 Roy Wakefield made a motion to amend Article 14 by adding the following language. "Additionally, partial Map U7, Lot 41-A to be transferred to and included as part of Buffalo Park subject to the same conditions and restrictions imposed by the current easement on the property known as Buffalo Park," seconded by Jon Scanlon.

 Moderator Mitchell stated the lot Roy Wakefield is talking about is located between the tennis courts, football field, and the Tilton School pond. The parcel is owned by the Town, and it currently is designated as a town park. Roy Wakefield stated this area is a wildlife corridor for all animals and a small population of snowshoe hare that live there, and it is important to preserve this natural area. The cost to the Town is nothing. Katherine Dawson stated the warrant article doesn’t include anything about transferring other properties into Buffalo Park but believes the Selectmen, through public hearings and working with the Conservation Commission, may be able to transfer the property into the Buffalo Park Conservation Area. Moderator Mitchell stated if Roy Wakefield agreed to withdraw his motion to amend, then Roy Wakefield can work with the Select Board. Roy Wakefield agreed to withdraw his motion to amend. Rachel Saliba asked if logging would be permitted. Robert Hardy stated the conservation easement does allow logging provided it follows state and federal rules and regulations. Juliet Harvey called the question.

 Moderator Mitchell read Article 14, “To see if the Town will vote to designate 55 plus acres of land known as Buffalo Park Conservation Area with deed restrictions as a Town Forest, in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 31:110. The Tilton Conservation Commission will manage the Town Forest which is secondary to the designation as a Conservation Area. Any activities conducted in Buffalo Park must comply with all conditions and restrictions imposed by the current easement on the property.”

 The vote was taken, and Article 14 passed.

 Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Tilton Housing Standards Ordinance. Majority vote required. (The complete text of the proposed amendments is printed in the Annual Town Report.) Majority vote required.

 Moderator Mitchell read Article 15, “To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Tilton Housing Standard Ordinance.” Katherine Dawson made a motion to move Article 15 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Roy Wakefield. Pat Consentino stated a committee comprised of landlords, tenants, Selectmen, and members of the fire department met monthly to develop a Housing Standards Ordinance. She stated the Housing Standards Ordinance can be found in the yellow packet entitled, "Moderator’s Rules," and information about the Housing Standards Board can be found near the end of the Moderator’s Rules. Katherine Dawson, The Town Health Officer reviewed the ordinance and answered some questions regarding the language of the ordinance. Scott Davis wanted to strike some language in the ordinance. Jason Wright asked if it has to come before the legislative body to make changes to the ordinance once it is passed. Pat Consentino answered that the Select Board can make amendments to the ordinance without having to return to Town Meeting to approve amendments to the ordinance. She read from the ordinance, “Proposed amendments to this ordinance shall be made only by the Board of Selectmen, following at least one duly noted public hearing.” Kathi Mitchell made a motion to move the question, seconded by multiple people.

 Moderator Mitchell read Article 15, “To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Tilton Housing Standards Ordinance.”
The vote was taken, and Article 15 passed.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to terminate its membership with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association effective December 31, 2017, conditional upon the Town of Northfield also terminating its membership in Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association on the same date and the Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS becomes a member of the organization effective January 1st, 2018. (This article was submitted by petition). Majority vote required.

**ARTICLE 16 WAS HEARD OUT OF ORDER**

**Article 17.** To enact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Mitchell stated he wanted to pay homage to the Tilton Citizen of the Year, Bernie Chapman. The assembly cheered and applauded.

Joyce Fulweiler announced that on Thursday, March 23, from 1 to 3 at the Town Hall, there will be open office hours with a representative from Senator Hassan’s office to speak about veterans issues and that on Wednesday, March 29, from 9 to 11 Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter will have staff people available if anyone wishes to express their views.

Moderator Mitchell announced that the Fire District meeting will be held next Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School. Pat Consentino announced that if anyone would like to be on a committee, that there are three openings. One opening is for the Budget Committee. There is one opening for the Planning Board and one for the Zoning Board. Any interested person should speak to Jane Alden for the Budget Committee and speak to any of the Selectmen for the Planning Board or Zoning Board.

Moderator Mitchell announced that the School District meeting will be held one week from today held in the High School Gym at 9:00 p.m.

Moderator Mitchell also announced that any newly elected people will need to see Cindy Reinartz in order to be sworn in.

Moderator Mitchell announced that a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Town Clerk Tax Collector

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