STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF TILTON
BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 12, 2011

The Moderator, Mr. Chuck Mitchell, called the meeting to order at 8:10am. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator went over the room rules and then introduced the Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz. He asked the Chairman of the Board of Selectman Pat Consentino to introduce the other board members; Katherine Dawson, Norm Boudreau, and Dave Wadleigh. She then introduced Tim Pearson, Town Finance Director and Joyce Fulweiler, Town Administrator. The Moderator introduced Toni Belair, Chairman of the Budget Committee, who was asked to introduced her committee members; Katina Lemay, Jon Scanlon, Bob Szot, Scott Davis and Lynne Fox. She thanked Katina Lemay for her years of service as she will be retiring from the Committee this year.

The Moderator reviewed the methods of voting on warrant articles this year. Most will be done with a voice vote or with a standing vote to count voter cards, if needed. Or in the case of several articles via a ballot vote- on Articles 3, 4, 5, 8. He discussed that polls must remain open for another hour afterward, but once it appears that the majority have voted. The Moderator then entertained a motion to accept the Moderator’s Rules. This was moved by Selectman Plessner and seconded by Selectman Boudreau. Vote to accept the Moderator’s Rules- passed.

The Town Clerk was called to give the results from the elections on Tuesday March 8, 2011. The 2011 Town Election, which was held at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School, was called to order by Moderator Charles Mitchell on March 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Moderator Mitchell read the warrant to the assembly and then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The ballot box was inspected by both Moderator Mitchell and Selectman Plessner with the purpose of ensuring that it was empty and the voting machine was zeroed. Moderator Mitchell called for a motion from the floor to open the polls. Selectman Normand Bourdreau made that motion, seconded by Selectman Sandra Plessner and passed. The polls were declared open. The absentee ballots were processed at 1:00 as posted, 11 in total. At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Charles Mitchell called for a motion from the floor to close the polls. Selectman Normand Bourdreau made that motion, seconded by Selectman Sandra Plessner and passed. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. 231 ballots were cast. The total number of registered voters at the close of the polls was 2,664.

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

For Selectman: 3 year term - Vote for two
Sandra Plessner 171
Joe Jesseman 148

For Town Clerk Tax Collector: 3 year term - Vote for one
Cindy Reinartz 188

For Budget Committee: 3 year term - Vote for two
Robert Szot 155
Jane Alden 173
For Trustee of the Trust Fund: 3 year term - Vote for two
Robert Szot 142
Katina Lemay 183

For Sewer Commission: 3 year term - Vote for one
Peter H. Fogg 205

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

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: ADD a Definition of FLEA MARKET: Flea Market means any location other than a permanent retail store at which space is rented or otherwise made available to others for the conduct of business as transient or limited vendors. This term shall not include those persons who sell by sample, catalog, or brochure for future delivery, or those persons who make sales presentations pursuant to a prior invitation issued by the owner or the legal occupant of the premises. (RSA 358-Q:1)?”

YES 135 NO 60

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: REPLACE the Definition SEASONAL DWELLING: Any structure including but not limited to private cottages and guest or tourist cottages or any portion thereof which is capable of being used as a residence for one or more persons but which, because of a lack of heating, water supply, sewage treatment, electricity, cooking facilities, or any other factor relating to the structure or the land on which it is situated, cannot be continuously used as a residence on everyday of the calendar year?”

YES 143 NO 52

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: CHANGE Section 2.3.7(e) to read: “No signage located on any roof or any part of the roof structure?”

YES 135 NO 76

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: CHANGE Section 8.2.1 to read: Minimum park lot size shall be ten thousand (10,000) square feet, or as required by NH Water Supply and Pollution Control Division regulations, whichever is larger. Any new park over 6 units shall be connected to public water and municipal sewer systems IF AVAILABLE WITHIN 500’ OF PARK PROPERTY?”

YES 151 NO 60

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: CHANGE Section 10.4 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY to add a second paragraph: Any new business moving into existing commercial
structure shall require a certificate of occupancy. All new business coming into town will be required to register with the land use office in the Town of Tilton? "YES 147  NO 65

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: CHANGE Section 10.8 FAMILY APARTMENT to read: An apartment may be made in, or added to a single family dwelling for relatives of the family. Such apartment shall not be converted to rental for non-family use except where permitted by zoning?”  YES 130  NO 81

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Article XI ADMINISTRATION - 11.12 Variances to ADD after Section 11.12.4 the following Section 11.12.5: A variance not implemented within one year of the date of approval or other time period specified in the Notice of Decision shall automatically expire and ADD Section 11.12.6: All variance approvals prior to March 2011 become null and void if a zoning amendment that affects the variance approval is enacted before the variance is implemented?”  YES 121  NO 83

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance as follows: CHANGE the CHART OF PERMITTED USES:

Page 2 Section E - Commercial - to ADD (8) Flea Market - Not permitted in VR - Village Residential, MR - Medium Residential, RA - Rural Agricultural, and IN - Industrial but will be permitted in MU - Mixed Use along Rte 3/11 only, DN - Downtown, RG - Regional Commercial, RC - Resort Commercial, and GC - General Commercial.  YES 113  NO 93

Page 5 Section B - Non-residential - to CHANGE (5) Dwelling unit for residential caretaker or security personnel to allow by Special Exception in MU - Mixed Use, MR - Medium Residential, RC- Resort Commercial, RA - Rural Agricultural, GC - General Commercial and Not Permitted in RG - Regional Commercial, VR - Village Residential and DN - Downtown?”  YES 114  NO 87

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Tilton Zoning Ordinance to REVOTE Section XV Groundwater Protection Ordinance for the protection of the aquifer?  YES 114  NO 60
The Moderator discussed the Moderator Rules and Item 23 which allows non-resident town agents and consultants to address the assembly in regards to presentations, i.e., architects, recycling experts, and some of the town officers. Motions and amendments need to be brought forth to the Town Clerk in writing and signed. We will do our best to have all the Articles on the overhead screen so everyone may view them. The Moderator presented Article 3 to the assembly.

Article 3. Passage of this warrant article shall override the 10% limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee – RSA 32:18:a

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,700,000.00 for the purpose of design and construction of a Tilton Police Department Station located at 61 Business Park Drive and to authorize issuance of $2,700,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The amount of funds to be raised by issuance of bonds or notes shall be offset by any grants, donations, or other funds obtained. The schematic design and cost estimates presented at the Town Meeting shall be deemed informational only, and the final design of the Police Station shall be determined by the Selectmen after consultation with the Life Safety Building Committee. At this time, design and construction under this Article is limited to the Police Station and does not include specific fire protection aspects of a Life Safety complex. This warrant article is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Two-thirds majority ballot vote required.

A motion was made by Selectman Consentino to move Article 3 to the floor, seconded by Selectman Sandy Plessner. Selectmen asked permission for Owen Wellington, Chair of the Life Safety Building Committee, to make a presentation.

The Life Safety Committee made a presentation regarding its mission, introduced its Committee members and went over its Site Selection criteria. The Committee determined that 61 Business Park Drive was the most economical site of the 31 they considered. There was a public hearing in January 2011 that showed considerable support by Tilton. He discussed the problems with the current Police Station, both safety and health-wise. The building failed inspection by the labor board as early as 1998, as there is no wheelchair access and no separate men’s/women’s locker room areas. There is no separate area for juveniles. The building is not secure—three people have escaped. The booking/interviewing area is right next to dispatch so noise is an issue. As well, the evidence containment section is overflowing and has no proper ventilation. Mr. Wellington then went on to discuss why the time is now to act on this. This issue has been studied for years at a cost of over $150,000. As well, Mr. Nickerson, owner of the construction site, has offered to pay for all the engineering costs to bring water to the location and to pay 50% to bring water to 61 Business Park Drive. Also, this will create tax revenue to the town once the other properties sell. The Construction Cost Estimates, the $2.7M, includes the water line construction. What does this mean to the Tilton taxpayer? An average $200k home is already paying $66 per year. This project will increase that tax burden by $88 to a total of $154. He then noted that the Nickersons and the architect, Gary Goudreau, were present to answer any questions. The Moderator recognized Toni Belair, Chair of the Budget Committee, who spoke regarding the committee’s decision not recommend this appropriation, mainly due to the current economic climate. Helen Hanks, member of the Life Safety Building Committee, spoke about the tax revenue from PSNH of $32k...
and $33k from Casey Nickerson’s property. Kirk Young spoke in favor of this article due to the potential of a lawsuit from the current station’s lack of ADA compliance. Pat Clark spoke against the article due to the building at 61 Business Park Drive being too large and not easily accessible or visible, and that it was supposed to be sold in the past year. Selectman Consentino addressed the issue of trying to sell the property this past year. It was on the market for $999,999, though we had purchased it for $1.6M and all interested parties backed out due to the lack of water. She also stated it was just taken off the market after almost a full year due to the aforementioned issues. She stated that the Police Department will only use 57% of the new building, leaving 43% available to be rented out for revenue. The property is currently leased by MMRS and Laconia Mutual Aid, and they are still interested in leasing a portion of the space. She also addressed the fact that other towns have Police Stations that are not on the main street, such as Laconia, yet it is still very accessible. Bob Haberman, spoke in favor of this article. Scott Davis, Budget Committee member raised concerns regarding the water line and why it has to come from taxpayer funds when it is the commercial sector. He is opposed to this article.

Selectman Consentino spoke to the questions raised; She said that the total cost includes the second emergency egress, a cistern would be needed for fire safety and that would cost $175-210k so it would not be sensible to do that when our portion of the water line is only $325K and any increase would be split with Nickerson. Guy Nickerson, representing Nickerson Business Park, spoke to the fact that his company is covering all engineering fees to bring water to the park, and then covering half of our fee for tying into the building. He stated that the $325K is a high-end estimate. Doug Smart asked whether there is a contract in place and whether Nickerson will still pay for half if the costs go up. Selectman Consentino answered that, yes, there is a signed agreement with Nickerson. Guy Nickerson responded that they will cover half the costs if they are higher than estimated. Selectman Dawson stated that the town owns a second developable lot next to 61 Business Park Drive that can be sold for revenue once the municipal water is in place. Joe Plessner asked whether there would be enough water pressure for all the other lots without putting in a water tower. Selectman Dawson stated that she spoke with the water district who said that the water line will be sufficient for our building’s needs, but that future tenants of the park will have to deal with this on their own. Ray Belanger spoke in favor of this article due to the fact that we own this property already, and it is not saleable in its current condition, so whether or not we put the police station there, we should complete the water line to benefit the town in the future.

Selectman Consentino addressed the issue of non-ADA compliance of the current station, and that we have paid out $165K in legal judgments for not being in compliance. Terry Wiggin, Tilton police dispatcher, spoke in favor of this article due to the unsecured nature of the current building. Tom Gallant has been involved with the study of the various properties since 1998, and he suggested it is time to vote. Helen Hanks spoke again to reiterate the point that the second egress is an emergency egress only through the Home Depot exit. Dave Fox moved to call the question; it was seconded by Toni Belair. The vote passed to end debate at 9:28am. The voting on Article 3 would be closed at 10:35am.

At 11:07am, the Moderator asked Pat Clark and Ken Randall to start counting the votes. There were 162 votes cast. A two-third’s majority is required, which would be 108 votes. The moderator gave the count; there were 107 votes in the affirmative and 55 votes against. Selectman Consentino requested a recount, which revealed the same results.

Pat Clark made a motion to protect the vote; it was seconded by Toni Belair. By standing vote, 62 voted to oppose the motion and 44 voted for it. Ken Randall spoke about the need for a motion to reconsider to
postpone to a special town meeting at least 7 days from this meeting. Selectman Consentino made a motion
to reconsider Article 3; it was seconded by Selectman Plessner. Pat Clark then brought up that one who
requests reconsideration must be someone who voted against Article 3. This was discussed and found to be
true. Lynne Fox moved to reconsider the Article, seconded by Bob Szot. Standing vote revealed 63 voted yes, 39 voted no to reconsider. A Special Meeting will be called at a later date to reconsider Article 3.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $650,000.00 for engineering and construction costs to extend the public water supply from Route 132 (Sanborn Road) to 61 Business Park Drive; and to authorize the issuance of not more than $650,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Budget Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The amount of funds to be raised by issuance of bonds or notes shall be offset by a betterment assessment and any grants, donations or other funds obtained. This warrant article is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Two-Thirds Majority Ballot Vote required. If Article #3 is adopted, this Article will be tabled.

A motion was made to table Article 4 by Selectman Consentino. Lynne Fox called a point of order to see whether, if an article is tabled, would it take it out of consideration altogether. Selectman Consentino then changed her motion to request deferment of Article 4 to the Special Town meeting. After lengthy discussion, it was felt that further review was needed. Ken Randall said that adjournment to a later time and business of the motion is a must. Selectman Consentino removed her motion. The Moderator will research and convey at the end of the meeting. Selectman Consentino made a motion; “I move to postpone Article 4 to April 21st, 2011 at 6pm at the cafetorium WRHS”, seconded by Selectman Plessner. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Lochmere Silver Lake Road Project bond authorization in the amount of $756,823.00 adopted at the 2007 Town Meeting in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. Two-Thirds Majority Ballot Vote required.

At 9:54am Article 5 was brought up before Article 4 due to the fact that the ballot and voting on Article 3 was still open, and that Article 4 is contingent upon the vote on Article3. The ballot box will remain open until 10:30am.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Consentino who stated that this was a housekeeping Article. It has been brought to their attention that this warrant article was to rescind bond authorization of this project; however, it falls shy of the 5-year mark required to rescind (per RSA 33:8-f), having been authorized in 2007. The Selectman moved to table this Article; it was seconded by Jerry Davis. This was then voted on and passed by a 2/3 majority.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of implementing curbside recycling on a weekly basis and accounting for the sale of designated solid waste bags and other receipts as budgeted annually, said fund to be known as the Tilton Recycling Revolving Fund and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for this purpose. All revenues received from
recycling will be deposited into the fund and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen. Any surplus money above what is needed to purchase additional approved solid waste bags will be applied directly to offset tipping fees. Co-mingled recyclables will be disposed of at no charge. Non-recyclable solid waste must be placed in approved bags. The first 50 bags per dwelling unit are to be supplied at no charge, with additional bags to be purchased at a nominal fee. This article was submitted by Petition and the appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

A motion was made to bring Article 6 to the floor by Selectman Boudreau, seconded by Jerry Davis. Joseph Gray, a member of the recycling committee, gave a brief presentation relative to the costs of solid waste disposal and the benefits to the environment and that the town of Tilton is a member of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Recovery Cooperative. He then discussed that tipping fees are a part of the cost of waste disposal and the "pay as you throw" program. David Fox, member of the Recycling Committee, offered an amendment to Article 6. This was seconded by Jerry Davis. "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $3000 for the Recycling Committee to promote and further study the implementation of town-wide recycling, and to continue the seasonal operation of the satellite recycling location at the east end of Tilton." Fox explained the reason for the amendment is, while they feel recycling is the proper thing for the town to do, the committee felt that the money could not be appropriated at this time. As well, they wanted to wait until the single stream recycling facility in Concord is built, so we have a guaranteed market for our recyclables to actually generate revenue through recycling. Thus, the town can see a benefit both financially and environmentally. Marjorie Bonneville, Chair of the Committee, then spoke to reiterate that the committee is still working toward its goal, but that since they discovered higher than expected fees in the cost to pick up the recyclables, it would be best to wait until next year. The vote on the Amendment to Article 6 passed. The vote on Article 6 as amended passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 for the purpose of renovating the Grange Hall in Lochmere so it will be ADA compliant in anticipation of it being used as a "Senior Citizen Center". The amount of this appropriation is to be offset by any grants, donations, or other funds obtained. The renovations include completing the demolition of the kitchen area, installation of insulation, sheetrock, and painting. Interior doorways leading from the main hall to the rear of the building will be modified in order to be ADA compliant. All unfinished wiring in the rear of the building will be completed as well as completing the installation of hard wired smoke detectors. An ADA compliant unisex rest room and a gas fired heating system will be installed to service the area behind the main hall. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Selectman Consentino moved Article 7 to the floor, seconded by Selectman Plessner. Tom Gallant, Chair of the Caring Hands (CHAT) Committee, gave a presentation. He proposed many reasons for this request such as the need to help our seniors, the "legacy and backbone of this country". The economy has not been kind to this sector of our community. We have been raising money for the rehabilitation of the Grange Hall since 2010. We envision an ADA compliant senior drop-in center. A representative from the NH Division of
Historical Preservation deemed the building qualified for grants for historical preservation. It has been partially renovated already. The CHAT committee has grown to 21 active members and has responded to 118 inquiries in our 1 year of existence. There are 5 active grant applications currently. We have received many monetary donations as well. Labor and materials have been donated for much of the construction already, such as the floor system and connection to the municipal water system. We have also received in-kind donations of office furniture, medical equipment, a computer system, and a website www.tiltoncares.org. The donations we have already received total approximately $16,395. Toni Belair from the Budget Committee spoke stating that they reviewed the estimates and it appears to be $90K worth of repairs. Selectman Pat Consentino addressed her concern stating that she has the actual estimate that states all that is needed is $20K to get us the bare bones to open us up to a different level of grant funding. Toni Belair then asked if this is a different warrant article than was brought to the Budget Committee at the public hearing. Joyce Fulweiler stated that it is for the same appropriation and same intent but a slightly different scope of work. The Moderator then addressed Toni Belair asking if the Budget Committee would alter their position. She stated that the Budget Committee would not support this article due to their feeling that it will become an increased expense year after year while there are many other services available to seniors such as the Tripp Center and The Pines Community Center.

Discussion continued regarding if this Article was the same as was seen at the Public Hearing and that perhaps this should undergo a legal review. Lynne Fox called a point of order due to the fact that this is a different warrant article, and that it is out of order and that it should be tabled. Katherine Dawson then spoke to the fact that the amount has not changed but that the scope of work has changed due to elimination of some items. She reminded everyone that we have spent $100k to support out-of-town agencies that support our seniors, but this would give us the chance to serve Tilton's needs in our town in our building and allow us to get further grant monies to support senior programs. Jane Alden then spoke to the fact that the intent of this Article has not changed. She stated that Selectman Consentino admitted that she had made an error in including items that should not have been there. The CHAT committee has worked hard to help the seniors of Tilton, and the town has to show a good faith effort in order to get the grant monies they have already applied for. The Moderator then reviewed the original article as compared to the article currently on the floor. He stated that the Articles are different in that the original one is much more specific in work needed to be done, but also that, if the basic intent of an Article has not changed, it is not necessarily out of order. He recognized Lynne Fox who moved to table Article 7; this was seconded by Toni Belair. A voice vote was called, and then a standing vote was needed. Yes votes (to table the Article)-37, No votes-66. The motion to table failed. The Moderator then opened the floor for more discussion. Questions were raised regarding the costs and ADA compliant, Tom Gallant, member of the CHAT committee and contractor answered those questions. Selectman Consentino then spoke to the fact that it is a town-owned building that we have to maintain anyway so why not utilize it to serve our seniors. Cindy Reinartz brought up that there will be a fundraiser for the Senior Center at the Lochmere Country Club in May to raise the funds for many other needs. Kathy Mitchell moved to call the question. It was seconded by Norm Boudreau. The Moderator stated that a majority vote was needed. By voice vote, Article 7 passed as presented.

At 11:07, the Moderator asked Pat Clark and Ken Randall to tally the votes from the ballot box on Article 3. Then he asked for a 10 minute recess to allow them to count the votes before moving on to Article 8. Results were reported (see results under Article 3).
Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the NEPBA Local 29, Tilton Police Union 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 $0.00 for the current fiscal year 2011, 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 in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Moderator Mitchell recognized Selectman Consentino who moved Article 8 to the floor for discussion; seconded by Jerry Davis. Selectman Consentino then highlighted the basics of the cost estimates of wages and benefits. She mentioned that there are no wage or merit increases allocated for this year. There is a 2.5% increase for 2012 and 3.5% for 2013. There are no step increases in this contract. The medical deductibles will increase from 10% this year to 12% in 2012 and 14% in 2013. The police details are currently at 38, this will increase to 39 in 2011, 40 in 2012 and 41 in 2013. Detectives were put into a separate category with a $.60 increase over patrolmen. Compensatory time available for cash-in at year-end remains at 40 hours. There was no further discussion. The ballot vote took place at 12:15pm. Voting results were- 92 yes votes and 16 no votes. Article 8 passed as presented.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000.00 to be added to the Town Roads, Streets and Bridges Reconstruction and/or Repair Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2005. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

A motion was made to bring Article 9 to the floor by Selectman Plessner, seconded by Norm Boudreau. Selectman Plessner explained Article 9 to the assembly. Moderator Mitchell asked for any discussion, being none. The vote was taken, Article 9 passed as presented.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,583.00 to be added to the Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2002; said sum to come from unreserved fund balance. (Note: this amount represents the unexpended appropriation in the Parks Commission line item budget in 2010.) This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.
Selectman Dawson moved Article 10 to the floor for discussion, second was by Jerry Davis. Katherine Dawson deferred to Mr. Bob Hardy, Chair of the Park Commission, to explain the article. Mr. Hardy stated that the reason for this request is to build up our Capital Reserve Fund to offer additional recreational programs, such as using the Rt. 132 ballpark as an ice-skating rink in winter and fixing it up for summer baseball use. Toni Belair, speaking for the Budget Committee, stated that they do not recommend this appropriation because the Park Commission already has over $43K in their account. Karen Shepard asked whether this is new money or is this from another part of the budget. Bob Hardy stated that this was money that was budgeted to them last year that they did not spend. The vote was taken via voter card. Yes votes-59, no votes 41. Article 10 passed as presented.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,700.00 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2002. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Selectman Plessner moved Article 11 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. Sandy Plessner stated that every 5 years we have to do a revaluation, and we are due for it in 2014. So we are requesting to allocate a portion of the money every year for a total of $70,800. Article 11 passed as presented.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to the Lake Improvement/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2007. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Selectman Dawson moved Article 12 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. Selectman Dawson said that we have periodically asked for money for removal of milfoil, an aquatic weed that chokes out lakes, which devalues properties along the lakes. Lake Winnisquam has a significant problem with milfoil, and we could lose the lake if it continues. Chuck Mitchell said that, as a Conservation Committee member, he recognizes the town’s funding has helped with the treatment in the past. The Article 12 vote passed as presented.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,216.00 to continue broadcasting on the Lakes Region Public Access TV Channel the Selectmen’s Meetings, Public Hearings, Town Meetings, other Town Committee/Commission meetings and programming provided by Tilton residents. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required.

Selectman Consentino moved Article 13 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. Selectman Consentino explained that this was voted in a few years back when the townspeople wanted more public access and thought we would bring it back to the voters. We are looking into other alternatives for ways to get the information out, such as through web hosting via the internet. They had planned on presenting alternatives at this meeting, but they were unable. Toni Belair discussed the reason the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation is that the cost increased by 8% over last year, and they do not feel enough people are utilizing this service. A standing vote was taken; Article 13 failed with 34 yes and 56 no.
Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,223.00 for the purpose of assisting the Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council for the funding and operation of the Pines Community Center in order to benefit the local community and its residents both young and young at heart. This article was submitted by Petition and the appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation. Majority Vote required

Selectman Dawson moved Article 14 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. Pat Clark asked to speak to this article. He discussed that the Selectmen voted to fund only half ($27,250) of the original total requested, $54,500. The Budget Committee then voted to change the dollar amount to $1.00.

Pat Clark moved to amend Article 14, seconded by Dennis Manning “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $54,500.00 for the purpose of assisting the Tilton-Northfield Council for the funding and operation of the Pines Community Center in order to benefit the local community and its residents both young and young at heart.” He then discussed the many programs that the Pines offer and the various groups that use its facilities. Selectman Plessner explained that the Budget Committee’s decision to set the $1.00 funding level was due to the possible confusion over the fact that there is a petitioned warrant article with several different proposals. Katherine Dawson wanted to make clear that the Pines is not a municipal program, but a private, non-profit program that should be seeking grant money and not funding by the towns. Heather Bishop-Dumka introduced herself, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pines, and then spoke about the programs they do offer, such as affordable daycare. She spoke about the fact that the Pines do have its own fundraisers. Karen Shepherd, representing the Pines, stated that the Pines raises 60% of its own budget, and that the towns of Tilton and Northfield each fund 20% of its budget. Jon Scanlon of the Budget Committee spoke to the fact that they were in support of the Pines, just at a slightly lower level at $47K, to encourage the Pines to raise a little more of its own funding via grants in these tough economic times. Kathy Mitchell moved to call the question. The Moderator read the Amendment submitted by Pat Clark the vote was taken yes 53, no 38. Robert Hardy moved to call the question, Kathy Mitchell seconded. The Moderator then read Article 14 as amended the vote was taken and Article 14 carries as amended by voice vote. Ms. Dumka moved to protect her vote, seconded by Pat Clark. The vote on this was taken and passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Pine Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town’s general fund. Majority vote required.

Selectman Plessner moved the article to the floor for discussion, seconded by Norm Boudreau. Selectman Plessner stated that the bridge is almost completed and the money has been taken out of the account, so the account is no longer needed. This is a housekeeping item to close the account. Being no further discussion, Moderator Mitchell read Article 15 – the vote was taken and carried by voice vote.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of $4,990,688.00 for general municipal operations as posted as part of the warrant. This article does not include special or individual articles. Majority Vote Required.
Selectman Consentino made a motion to move Article 16 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Jerry Davis. She then deferred to the Budget Committee for discussion. Chairman Belair spoke about the budget and how it relates to last year's budget. She stated that, after the Warrant Articles passed today, the sum increases to $5,124,588, which is very close to last year's budget, $5,267,848. Once we add the new Police Department and waterline extension, it will be brought back up higher than last year. We were able to reduce the budget due to the fact that the usual $50K contingency fund was not allotted this year, and $147K debt service that was finally paid off for the current police station. However, taxes will most likely go up this year. There are some line items that are controversial between the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Selectman Plessner stated that the Budget Committee zeroed out the merit raises for town employees, and the Selectmen want to make an Amendment to the Article to add back those line items. These total $15,260 and submitted “Amend lines 01-62-4130-99-266 for $6,533 on page 22, 01-78-4210-20-266 for $3,790 on page 25, 01-82-4311-20-226 for $4,937 on page 27 for a total increase of $15,260. This amendment was moved by Selectman Plessner and seconded by Pat Consentino. Selectmen Plessner said that our employees work very hard, merit raises are for performance. Scott Davis then spoke to the issue that the state has already imposed significant increases, due to cost-shifting, that will affect our tax rate to the tune of $211,500. Janice Boudreau stated that, while we respect the employees and they are doing a great job, there is a need to consider the economy and that many of us are struggling and not getting raises or even losing jobs. Discussion ended. Moderator Mitchell read the amendment asked for a voice vote and the amendment failed. Moderator was asked for a standing vote – the vote was taken; 26 in the affirmative, 43 in the negative. The motion failed. Florence Atherton commented on the fact that the voters last year voted no and the Selectmen gave it anyway. Bob King spoke against.

Selectman Dawson spoke to the issue of a raise that was given to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector last year; she explained that last year one of our Selectmen not fully understanding the situation asked for an amendment, he was asking for a raise for the Town Clerk's salary and it was based on merit. I had asked the board of Selectmen to correct an error made by previous Board of Selectmen that pertained to the Town Clerk's salary and that is where the misunderstanding came. It was not a merit raise or raise for a job well done that she was looking for. In 2008 at town meeting when the town changed two people to a combined position of Town Clerk Tax Collector, if you look at the 2008 budget you will see that the salary should have been $45,000 and our Town Clerk has never received that $45,000. The board of selectmen at that time felt when the legislative body voted in that salary amount, that it was a maximum amount that they could adjust her salary as long as they did not exceed $45,000. In 2008 her actual salary was 42,661. If you look at your 2009 town report for 2009 her actual salary was $43,407. It was not until after town meeting with a lot of documentation I was able to show the board of selectmen that what we actually needed to do was not give her a merit raise which she did not receive. What we did was correct the mistake of the board of selectmen for 2008 that never awarded her with the correct amount that the town meeting voted for the with combined position. In all actuality if she had been given that $45,000 in 2008 we would still owe her $3,773.00 worth of salary. There is one more part, the selectmen at that time told the town clerk and the tax collector if they ran for that combined position and won, that they would consider the years of experience and increase the $45,000 to recognize their years of experience. Again last year when that selectman made that amendment it was in error. It should not have been an amendment for a merit raise. We didn't ignore the merit raise we in fact adjusted her salary not even to where it should have been. We did correct the error but unfortunately she still was not recognized for her years of experience. She then spoke to the fact that the budget is a bottom line budget and the Selectmen cannot exceed that bottom line.
Chairman Toni Belair of the Budget Committee explained that the Budget Committee zeroed the lines so that the Selectmen would be unable to give any raises this year. Selectman Dawson then stated that this was the third year they have requested a budget increase in order to give merit raises and that these are true merit raises. The merit raises are to show the employee that we appreciate the hard work they do for the town and that they have been judicious about giving those raises. One of the great things about Tilton is that we don’t have a huge turnover of employees, and that is because we treat them fairly.

David Fox moved to call the question and end debate, seconded by Jerry Davis. Moderator Mitchell stated as this is non debatable asked for a vote to end debate, it passed. The question was called on this particular motion. The Moderator then read the motion Amendment to the Article, which was to add back in line items for merit raises totaling $15,260 submitted by Sandra Plessner. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion failed. The Moderator then stated he had a request for a standing vote was called. The amendment failed with 43 no votes and 26 yes votes. The Moderator asked where the total operating budget now stands. Tim Pearson answered that it now stands at $5,132,971. A voice vote was taken regarding the original Article 16, it passed as written.

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

Moderator Mitchell wanted to thank the High School Staff and especially Kurt Young for all of their hard work in set up and he also thanked his wife for putting the motions up on the screen. The Moderator recognized Selectmen Katherine Dawson who read the following: “Dave Wadleigh has served the town of Tilton for many years in various positions. Most residents will remember that for close to 19 years he served as Tilton’s Road Agent and Public Works Supervisor. Overseeing and handling his many responsibilities with professionalism and his high quality of work, he retired from this position in June of 1998. In 1999 with great dedication to his community, he accepted an appointment to the Sewer Commission. Working with the other commissioners the town’s sewer was extended to the eastern border of Tilton connecting the many camps, homes and businesses along the route 3/11 corridor and the shore of Lake Winnisquam, a major step in protecting the waters of Lake Winnisquam and its watershed for generations to come. Most of us by now would have thrown our hats into the ring and screamed “I’ve had enough”, but not Dave. He was talked into running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen and in the spring of 2005 he received the most votes of the four candidates and was sworn in on March 13, 2005 as a member of the Tilton Board of Selectmen. For the past six years, Dave has served with great wisdom and dedication to the citizens of the town of Tilton. I will miss his patience and wise council but I am pleased to say he’s not done yet as he will continue to serve on the town’s other governing body as a member of the Sewer Commission. Please join me in a standing round of applause thanking Dave for over 32 years of outstanding service to the town of Tilton.” Moderator Mitchell thanked Adam Sattler a student who gave up his Saturday to help run the AV equipment. Marge Bonneville wanted to know with special town meetings to come whether the votes would be protected, Moderator Mitchell stated that as soon as this meeting was over that they would be and could not be brought back at the special meeting. Selectmen Boudreau spoke about the Energy committee which is in need for more members. Moderator Mitchell said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Pat Consentino made that motion, seconded by Jon Scanlon. The meeting was adjourned.
Moderator Mitchell introduced those sitting at the head table, Town Clerk and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen who introduced the Members of the Board of Selectmen. Moderator Mitchell recognized Chairman Toni Belair of the Budget Committee who introduced the committee members. The meeting was then called to order and that copies of the Moderators Rules are available at the back of room. He called for a motion to accept the Moderators Rules as printed moved by Helen Hanks and seconded by Richard Manseau. The rules were accepted.

The Moderator explained to the assembly the purpose of this meeting was not to rehash what was said in the past and that hopefully with new information any misunderstandings will be ironed out. We are trying to hold debate to a minimum if possible. The reason we are here is because we accepted a motion for reconsideration at our last meeting which was handled correctly according to Roberts rules of Order which were part of the accepted Moderators Rules. However I am going to ask for an exception to that which is since the bond requires a 2/3 majority I am going to ask for a motion that any motion for reconsideration would require a 2/3 majority to pass. He explained the meaning and purpose of reconsideration. Moderator asked for a motion, so moved by Joe Plessner and seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed. We will accept a motion to protect your vote and should be made immediately following the vote and the results are in. The moderator then went over other housekeeping items.

The Moderator then read Article 3 to the assembly

Article 3. Passage of this warrant article shall override the 10% limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee – RSA 32:18-a).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,700,000.00 for the purpose of design and construction of a Tilton Police Department Station located at 61 Business Park Drive and to authorize issuance of $2,700,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The amount of funds to be raised by issuance of bonds or notes shall be offset by any grants, donations, or other funds obtained. The schematic design and cost estimates presented at the Town Meeting shall be deemed informational only, and the final design of the Police Station shall be determined by the Selectmen after consultation with the Life Safety Building Committee. At this time, design and construction under this Article is limited to the Police Station and does not include specific fire protection aspects of a Life Safety complex. This warrant article is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. Two-Thirds Majority Ballot Vote required.

Selectman Pat Consentino moved article 3 to the floor for discussion seconded by Rick Manseau. Selectman Consentino thanked all those that came to the meeting and the Life Safety for all their hard work and then
passed it over to Owen Wellington and Helen Hanks who gave a presentation to the assembly. Tom Sellew asked to see the agreement with Nickerson which was presented to him. Tim Pearson stated that this was approved by the town attorney. Discussion continued some in favor and some opposed to this article. Dave Fox moved to call the question seconded by many. A voice vote was taken to close debate which passed unanimous. The polls were declared open at 7:12. At 8:15 the polls were declared closed but not before the Moderator asked the assembly if all had voted. The ballot box was emptied and verified by Vicy Virgin and Scott McGuffin and Katherine Dawson before it was sealed.

The Moderator spoke regarding Roberts Rules being used as a guide when deemed necessary. He explained whether or not you can ask someone how they voted in a secret ballot. If the person chooses not to tell you how they voted will not have an effect on a motion for reconsideration and the Moderator can still grant that motion for reconsideration.

The total number of ballots in the ballot box is 402 of which 2 were blank which leaves 400 total ballots that were counted. Those voting in the affirmative/yes 208 and those voting in the negative 192, yes votes 52% and no votes 48% it fails to carry the 2/3 majority and so declared. Peter Spear moved to protect the vote, seconded by Robert Hallowell. Moderator Mitchell explained to the assembly that this article cannot be brought back for reconsideration – a voice vote carried to protect the vote.

Concerns were raised that a non resident received a ballot and that some residents had not gotten their voter cards punched but received a ballot while there were others that signed their voter cards and wrote yes or no on that and left them with the Supervisors of the Checklist. Moderator Mitchell said that there would be no rash decisions made and asked Attorney Scott McGuffin to comment. Attorney Scott McGuffin stood introduced himself and stated that there is no question that there was some mix ups at the Supervisors of the Checklist level, the question is going to be how many orange voter cards were in fact treated as if they were ballots. If those number of orange cards were treated as ballots if those did not add up to the number that would in fact create a 2/3 vote on an amount equal to or more than a 2/3 vote then that is in essence what would be called a harmless error and it would be his sense that while there are irregularities even if every single one of those people voted in the affirmative in favor of that particular warrant article it would not have an effect, that is something that we need to determine. As far as I knew it would be the case that it would not have an effect on the outcome of the actual numerical vote. Discussion continued regarding the irregularities.

Moderator Mitchell answered Mr. Montambeault’s comment regarding reconciliation - we have in fact 425 people whose names were checked off the checklist and we do have those voter cards that were brought down and my decision along with Attorney McGuffin is although they had signed and voted on the card they were not here for the voting and we did not allow absentee voting. The fact people came in and signed voter card but did not wait we feel that these ballots are null and void and there were a few people that once the word got contacted those they knew that left and with the orange ballot and their signature they were allowed to vote. If you take the total of 425 people that registered tonight and 192 not including any votes on those voter cards than we are nowhere close to 2/3. There were a total of 17 cards, 6 that voted no and 11 voted yes had we added those totals to this we still would have had 2/3 vote. Moderator Mitchell then read Article 4 to the assembly.
The Moderator, Mr. Chuck Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked all non registered voters to be seated or to stand in the back of the room. He introduced himself as the elected Town Moderator then introduced the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Attorney Scott McGuffin who had been retained by the Board of Selectmen for the night's meeting. He introduced his Assistant Moderators for the meeting: Linda Burns, Joe Gray and Ken Randall. He then introduced Chairman of the Selectmen, Pat Consentino who then introduced the Board. Chair of the Budget Committee Toni Belair was introduced, she then introduced that committee. Moderator Mitchell addressed the assembly stating that voting tonight is only on Article #4, which is a bond issue, so it will need to be done by secret ballot. No one may vote until all debate on Article 4 has ended and the question has been called. Once that has happened, we will be following an orderly procedure of calling one section at a time to proceed first to the Supervisors of the Checklist where they will punch your voter card and give you a ballot. At the back of the cafeteria, there is a table set up with pencils where you can mark your ballot. Once marked, please proceed to one of the three ballot boxes and hand your folded ballot to one of the three Assistant Moderators who will then place your ballot into the ballot box. By law, we must keep the polls open for one hour on any warrant article seeking funds of $100,000 or more. The Moderator asked if there was a motion and a second to approve the Moderator's Rules as printed, this was moved and seconded, and the vote was taken and passed. He continued to explain protection of the vote and how he will be conducting the meeting. He stated that we are here tonight because of a motion for “Reconsideration” at the April 21st, 2011 Town Meeting (part 2). The Warrant Article being voted on tonight requires a 2/3 majority to pass, and, as such, I am going to require any motion to reconsider to pass by a 2/3 majority. In my opinion, we need to reach finality on Article 4, and not keep bringing it back until it passes. The intent of reconsideration is that someone who voted on the prevailing side wishes another opportunity to vote on the issue since new information that was not available prior to the vote is now available. Reconsideration was never intended to allow an issue to be brought back in an effort to get more votes. The Moderator then read Article 4.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $650,000.00 for engineering and construction costs to extend the public water supply from Route 132 (Sanborn Road) to 61 Business Park Drive; and to authorize the issuance of not more than $650,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Budget Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The amount of funds to be raised by issuance of bonds or notes shall be offset by a betterment assessment and any grants, donations or other funds obtained. This warrant article is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Two-Thirds Majority Ballot Vote required. If Article #3 is adopted, this Article will be tabled.

Selectmen Katherine Dawson moved article 4 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Selectmen Sandy Plessner. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion. Katherine Dawson made a motion to amend Article 4, seconded by Pat Consentino. “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $650,000.00
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for engineering and construction costs to extend the public water supply from Route 132 (Sanborn Road) to 61 Business Park Drive; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept up to $325,000.00 (one-half of the total project cost) from Nickerson Business Park LLC, the balance of the total project cost (up to $325,000.00) to come from unreserved fund balance. This project is contingent upon receipt of the entire one-half of total project costs from Nickerson Business Park LLC. Majority vote required” Selectmen Pat Consentino stated that this is not about a police station. Selectman Normand Boudreau read a letter from Roland Seymour, Commissioner of the Tilton-Northfield Water District, endorsing the waterline extension. Tim Pearson, Finance Director, was recognized and explained the funding internally with large costs savings to the town by using the existing fund balance. Paul Boudreau wanted to know why if asked if we have the funds why we are voting on the article. Pat Consentino responding by saying we still have to ask to raise and appropriate. Jon Scanlon, Budget Committee Member said that on February 4th the committee voted on the original article and the vote was 2 to 2 with one abstention it was tabled and then on February 9th the Budget Committee reconvened and voted on this article and approved the passing of this article on a 3 to 2 vote with one abstention. He then voiced his concerns regarding the unreserved balance and the budget committee did not discuss this. Richard Montambeault raised many questions regarding the utilities and Katherine Dawson addressed all of his concerns. Dave Fox asked if we are going to use the unreserved funds to do this does that mean the vote is a majority or does it stay a 2/3 vote? Moderator Mitchell responded that this is an amendment to the original article and this amendment if passed will not be a bond issue and passage of what you see here would only require a simple majority vote and if this amendment passes this becomes the main article. It was noted that the polls would not have to be open for an hour and it would not be required to be a ballot vote. Dave Fox said that he would get the required signatures to ask for a ballot vote. Discussion continued. Katherine Dawson answered those questions raised by Mr. Hast. Point of order called by Toni Belair keep our discussion on the amendment and we have not voted on the amendment. Moderator Mitchell believes that Mr. Hast questions are relevant to the amendment.

Pat Clark asked when did they find out there was an option to change from a 2/3 vote to a 50/50 simple majority vote and when it was discovered? Moderator Mitchell responded by saying that it is standard procedure of law and as long as it is not a bond issue it does not require a 2/3 vote and if we approve this amendment it becomes a non bond article. Pat Clark continued by saying that he felt somewhat tricked with not knowing this ahead of time. Mr. Clark continued by saying that he thought that there were a lot of people having been at two previous meetings who did not want to sit through this long discussion at the beginning, and that they were going to come in at 7:00 or 7:15 to vote the way they wanted to vote and then go home, so it was very deceiving and it was also deceiving that when it was brought up and talked about, it was not brought forward when you made the motion, it was flushed out from someone from the audience who pulled it out of you and was concerned about it. He also went on speaking about the reconsideration and impact fees. The Moderator asked Mr. Clark to confine his remarks to the amendment that is on the floor as he agreed. He finished by remarking that he believes that with the water line up there then the police department would be back on the burner again next year.

Selectmen Katherine Dawson asked to be recognized and said that she wanted to comment on the “deception” part, and stated that the Board of Selectmen are not there to deceive anyone. This brought a strong negative reaction from some in the audience, and Dawson responded to the reaction explaining that their job is to bring
the most fiscally responsible article that they can. You voted on this, this being the third time, and you have
given the board of selectmen a very clear signal that you do not want to spend a lot of money, consequently we
bring to you a way of accomplishing this by increasing revenues for the town while saving over $100,000.00 in
interest. This approach is by far the most fiscally responsible approach for the project, which statement was
received with a positive reaction from the assembly. Further discussion continued, some opposed and some in
favor of the amendment. The Town Administrator, Joyce Fulweiler spoke regarding the economic
development. Further debate continued, some opposed and some in favor of the amendment.

Dave Fox moved to have a ballot vote on the amendment, seconded by Marjorie Bonneville. The Moderator
stated according to Roberts Rules you would only need 10 votes - the vote was taken to have a ballot vote and
passed. Katherine Dawson moved to call the question seconded by many. Moderator Mitchell stated that this
is not debatable the vote was taken to move the question and go to the vote – passed. The Moderator told the
assembly that this is not one hour wait and instructed to vote when all had casts their votes the ballots were
counted 65 in favor and 78 opposed – amendment failed. Moderator Mitchell addressed the assembly that we
were now on the original motion that was presented on April, and that this next vote require a 2/3 vote as it
was a bond issue and must be open for 1 hour. Dave Fox called the question, seconded by Katherine Dawson –
the vote was taken. Selectman Pat Consentino addressed the assembly to make sure that all were clear that we
were voting on the article that was in the original town report. Attorney McGuffin strongly urged the assembly
for more meaningful discussion. Dave Fox questioned whether or not we should be voting on the original
article. Moderator Mitchell answered, the legal opinion is as soon as we adjourned the last meeting we would
have to go back to the original warrant article. The vote was taken, upon ending debate, and passed. Point of
order, center Sanders asked if it should come to pass would the Moderator allow a motion to reconsider. The
Moderator responded yes and it would require a 2/3 vote and it would have to be after the other vote.

Moderator Mitchell said that we are now back to the original article as printed in the town report. Betty
Lefleche asked if there was any way we could redo on the vote, because several people were confused on what
they were voting for. The Moderator responded if we should re vote on that, it would require a motion for
reconsideration and it would need to be seconded and as he established at the beginning of this meeting today,
it would require a 2/3 vote and would also require another town meeting as per state statutes. The Moderator
asked if everyone was clear on what were voting on – he then read the article. The polls were open at 8:12.
The polls were closed at 9:13 – the results – 139 ballots were counted 49 in the affirmative and 90 opposed the
article failed. Pat Consentino motion to adjourn, seconded Katherine Dawson.

Respectfully submitted:

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Town Clerk Tax Collector

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