

**Minutes for Town of Salisbury Business Meeting**  
**Original date March 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM, Postponed to March 28<sup>th</sup> 7PM**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Salisbury, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Salisbury on **Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023** at eleven o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects by ballot. Polls will close for balloting no earlier than the opening of the Business Meeting.

1. To choose the following Town Officers: Selectman (1 for 3 years); Trustee of Trust Funds (1 for 3 years); Library Trustees (2 for 3 years); Budget Committee (3 for 3 years); Planning Board (2 for 3 years); Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 for 3 years); Cemetery Trustees (1 for 3 years).

And to act upon the following subjects at the Business Meeting at 7:00 PM:

At 7PM Moderator David Hostetler began the town business meeting and called for a motion to extend the polling hours until the completion of the business meeting. Selectmen John Herbert made a motion to do so, Selectmen Jim Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the town body. The invocation was given by Pastor Eric Ekholm from the Salisbury Congregational Community Church. After which Moderator Hostetler led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Hostetler then read the first article as listed below.

2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand and Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$1,448,481)** which represents the operating budget recommended by the Budget Committee. This sum does not include the amounts appropriated in special or individual warrant articles in this warrant. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$3.056 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler requested an explanation of the budget from the Chairman of the Board of Selectman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker described the increases in the budget from 2022 to the proposed budget for 2023 including ambulance services, forestry services, heating of town buildings, town auditor and a cost of living increase of 6.5% for all town employees. There is also a

significant increase in the budget due to the reclaim project for West Salisbury Road reclaim project's increase from the reclaim of Raccoon Hill Road in 2022. The reclamation of West Salisbury Road was estimated at \$236,000 in the budget as compared to Raccoon Hill Road which was \$170,000 in 2022. Some of the budget also decreased including tipping fees at the transfer station due to less hauling overall loads, library budget, and cemetery maintenance.

Discussion : After explaining the differences in the budget from 2022 to 2023 Chairman Walker made a motion to amend warrant article #2 by increasing it \$17,500, to a new total of \$1,465,981. This increase was due to the fact that the budget for road maintenance for the winter had already been used up due to the lengthy storms we had so far. The motion to amend this article was seconded by Selectman Hoyt. Jeff Blanchard asked why we were not decreasing our budget for some items that could be used to offset this requested increase, such as donations to the VNA, volunteer appreciation, or our legal budget since we don't seem to ever use it all, or even close the dump on Wednesday if it's not getting the use. Seelye Longnecker addressed on the fact that a vote needed to be made to accept the amendment proposed by Chairman Walker before further discussion. A vote was called to adopt the amendment to the article as such, and continue discussion. Eric Swendsen asked what company bid the reclamation of West Salisbury Road. Road Agent William MacDuffie Jr. stated Pike does the estimates for budgeting purposes but it still has to go out for bid. Tricia Thompson asked how far the road was being paved, MacDuffie Jr. replied from Bay Road until the end of the tar. Thompson exclaimed that \$236,000 was too much for less than a mile of road. Dawn Platte asked what was meant by reclaiming the road. Road Agent MacDuffie Jr. explained that it meant digging up the old pavement and repaving it again. Moderator Hostetler asked how often reclaiming is done. MacDuffie Jr. answered more often than every 10 years. Nathan Irving said that he has lived on W Salisbury Road since he was a child and he knows that the same spots that were bad 40 years ago are still bad even now. Tricia Thompson made a motion to amend the article from the originally amended by cost of \$1,465,981 to a new cost of \$1,229,981. This would be decreasing it \$236,000 that was budgeted for reclaiming W Salisbury Road. Josh Nixon asked if we are going to let all the paved roads go back to dirt. Dawn Platte asked if there is another option if we don't reclaim the roads. Road Agent MacDuffie Jr. stated that in his opinion any fix other than reclaiming the road was a waste of money. Tom Ciccarello commented that if the roads get too bad emergency services like an ambulance or fire truck will not be able to get down the road when there is an emergency. Donna Ayoub asked what percent of the roads are paved in town, MacDuffie Jr. responded about 50%. David Kelly commented that the budget process takes 6 months and very few residents attend

any of those meetings during that time. Tom Ciccarello motioned that they vote on adopting the second amendment to the article, Selectmen Hoyt seconded. Moderator Hostetler called for a vote, the second proposed amendment, \$1,229,981 failed. At that time Moderator Hostetler explained that the second amendment failed so it would revert back to the original amendment of \$1,465,981. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the originally proposed amendment to article #2, \$1,465,981, Chairman Walker seconded the motion. Moderator Hostetler called a vote and the original amended amount passed with a new operating budget of \$1,465,981. Town Administrator April Rollins made a motion to restrict reconsideration of this article, Chairman Brett Walker seconded the motion, Moderator Hostetler called for a vote and it passed.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400) to be added to the **Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund**, established in 1976. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.034 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #3 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker stated that this matched the price received from the new assessment company. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Chairman Walker seconded the motion. No discussion, Josh Nixon made a motion to call a vote. Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) be added to the **Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund**, established in 1992. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.010 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #4 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. He explained that this fund was designed to pay for any unexpected repairs to town buildings. David Rapalyea made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Peggy Sue Scott seconded the motion. Discussion : Josh Nixon asked what the current balance was, Chairman Walker replied, \$68,913. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Peggy Sue Scott seconded the motion. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the **Transfer Station/Recycling Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2002 and repurposed in 2020. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article). (Estimated Tax Impact \$.020 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #5 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. He explained that this fund was designed to pay for any repairs or maintenance at the transfer station. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt for consideration, Judy Frenette seconded.

Discussion : Tricia Thompson exclaimed that she though Chairman Walker had said this was decreased in the budget from last year. Walker explained that the decrease was in the operating budget not the capital reserve fund, they are two different things. Thompson stated, so you are just moving money around, to which Chairman Walker responded, oo, that's just your perspective. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article. Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000) to be added to the **Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** established in 1994 and repurposed in 2020. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.200 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #6 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Walker explained that is fund was used to buy new equipment and vehicles when needed, there was currently \$205,000 in the fund which would be used to replace Engine 1 in 3 years, the estimate for replacement was \$500,000. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt for consideration, Peggy Sue Scott seconded.

Discussion : Fire Chief, William MacDuffie Jr. stated that this reserve fund was now a combination of all the previous fire/rescue reserve funds. Joseph Schmidl explained that a capital reserve fund is like a savings account an individual uses for unexpected expenses and the operating budget is like a checking account you use for day to day expenses. Walter Scott made a motion to vote on the article, Josh Nixon seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be placed in the **Forest Fire Expendable Trust**

**Fund** established in 2011. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.002 per thousand

Moderator Hostetler read article #7 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker explained this was used to pay for mutual aid in case we have a forest fire. It is put aside to pay other towns if we have a forest fire and have to call for additional help. Tom Ciccarello made a motion to adopt for consideration, Judy Frenette seconded. No discussion was had, Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article. Judy Frenette seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the **Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**, established in 1987. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.004 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #8 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker explained this fund was for maintenance on the ball field and skating rink. Chairman Walker made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Judy Frenette seconded.

Discussion : Jeff Blanchard asked for the current balance. Chairman Walker replied \$21,132. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article. Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the **Cistern & Dry Hydrant Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund**, established in 2016 and renamed in 2017. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.010 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #9 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker stated that due to previous land development projects cisterns were required by the town to allow for fire suppression in these locations. Currently there are 2 cisterns in town but once they are built they must be maintained. Peggy Sue Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration. Walter Scott seconded.

Discussion : Ralf Platte asked if they can be removed, to which Fire Chief William MacDuffie Jr. stated that in order to do so an alternate method would

need to replace them. Town Administrator April Rollins stated that at the time they were required for the subdivisions that were approved. Peggy Sue Scott stated that removing them could likely lead to your house burning down in the case of a fire. Joseph Schmidl explained that the planning board is looking into alternatives. Chairman Walker explained that removal of the cisterns without an alternative would open the town up to liability if something occurred because when they were put in the town took over ownership of them. Walter Scott stated that before they adopted the cisterns they used to have fire ponds, but after a child drowned in one it was decided to remove the ponds, which is why cisterns were put in. Town Administrator Rollins explained that the number of houses is what dictates when such precautions are necessary. Megan Ciccarello made a motion to vote on the article. Town Administrator April Rollins seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

10. To see if the town will vote to adopt **RSA 41:14-a**, to allow the selectmen **to acquire or sell land, buildings or both**; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required) (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #10 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker explained that in 1996 the town had established a land acquisition Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund, however at the time RSA 41:14-A was not adopted, so even with the fund being created the only way to purchase land would be at town meeting. Given the volatility of the real estate market it would be nearly impossible to purchase land in this way. Chairman Walker also explained that the purpose of this article was in anticipation of the next warrant article which would be to begin the process of finding land in order to construct the highway department that the town would be needing when the current road agent retires. David Rapalyea made a motion to adopt the article for consideration. Walter Scott seconded.

Discussion : Joel Eugenides asked for clarification on the wording asking if voting against this meant that land could not be purchased by the select board. Jeff Blanchard stated that he believed government should be moving slower and that he believed having the whole town involved in such a decision was the way to go. Tom Ciccarello made a motion to vote on the article. Megan Ciccarello seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote. The results from a verbal count

were unsure so a count by raised hands was done. 56 residents in favor, 24 opposed. The article was approved by the residents.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$152,517) to be added to the **Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund** established in 1996. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.625 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #11 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker explained as he did in the previous article that this money would be used in order to purchase land for the new highway department to be built. The estimate was that around \$200,000 would be needed in the fund in order to purchase land for that purpose. Road Agent William MacDuffie Jr. was planning to retire in 5-6 years so we need to start now. David Rapalyea made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Josh Nixon seconded.

Discussion : Road Agent, MacDuffie Jr. explained that presently there was no property owned by the town that would work. Mark Heath asked if this money could be specifically designated for the purchase of land for the highway department. Chairman Walker explained that there was no way to specifically designate the funds to a specific purpose. Celina Nixon asked if the town could simply share another towns shed, such as Andover. Road Agent MacDuffie Jr. explained that is not what this article is about. Chairman Walker stated that a thorough investigation had been done by a committee to examine all options. Al Romano asked if there was any specific property the selectmen had in mind. Chairman Walker replied that there was no specific land in mind, the estimate of the \$200,000 was based on the market at the time and what guidelines the committee had come up with. David Merwin asked how many acres they were looking for. David Kelly stated the committee, which he was part of, had come up with 10 acres as a guideline. Seelye Longnecker asked if the town had reached out to current land owners about purchasing their land. Chairman Walker explained that until the previous warrant article had passed it would be premature to look for specific property since the land couldn't be purchased until it had passed. He also explained that based on the criteria the committee came up with the selectmen could now use the data to contact land owners who met that criteria and begin looking for land. Eric Swendsen asked if these funds could be used for purposes other than land, Chairman Walker replied that these funds could only be used to purchase land. Lisa Lawrence asked if the town could simply purchase all of the MacDuffie's equipment. Chairman Walker explained

that the road agent was retiring from being the town road agent but he was not retiring from work, so all the equipment his company owned would not be able to be purchased. William MacDuffie Sr. stated that the town's master plan, which was created in 1977 had recommended buying land for that purpose. Jeff Blanchard restated that this fund was not designated specifically for the purposes of the highway department. Chairman Walker replied that this article was to add funds to allow for the purchase of land, not to change the fund itself. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article. Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be deposited into the **Cemetery Maintenance and Operation Trust Fund**. Said funds to come from the 12/31/22 unassigned fund balance and not from taxation. Funds are the proceeds of the sale of five (5) rights of interment in 2022. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #12 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Joel Eugenides made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Walter Scott seconded. No discussion was had, Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article. Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$16,960) to be placed in the **Air Pack Equipment & Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund** established in 2016. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.069 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #13 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker stated that this article was increased from previous years due to the increase in replacing the expired air packs. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Joel Eugenides seconded.

Discussion : Dawn Platte asked why this article was voted on every year, Chairman Walker replied that if it were in the operating budget then it would go back into the general fund at the end of the year if it was not spent. Sandra Miller asked if there was grant money available for this. Fire Chief, William MacDuffie Jr. said that even if there were grant money available they would still need to put money in since they are a necessity and grants aren't guaranteed. Loretta Razin



asked if it was possible to replace half of them at a time. Chief MacDuffie Jr. explained that they need all of them otherwise the fire fighters can't go into a burning building. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) to be placed in the **Defibrillator & Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**, established in 2016. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.009 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #14 then requested an explanation of the article from Chairman Brett Walker. Chairman Walker stated that this article was basically the same as the previous article but for the defibrillator. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Josh Nixon seconded. Discussion : Judy Frenette asked where these defibrillators were and how many there are. Tom Ciccarello explained that this was for the large defibrillator that is in the ambulance and is used for calls to monitor patients. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$13,649) from the 12/31/22 unassigned fund balance and not from taxation, to be added to the **Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund** pursuant to RSA 35:8. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #15 then requested an explanation of the article. Town Administrator April Rollins explained that this was grant money that had been given back and was originally simply book keeping that was needed to put the grant money into the fund that it was taken from. David Rapalyea made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Walter Scott seconded. Discussion : Jeff Blanchard asked if that meant this fund would now have \$34-35,000 in it, Town Administrator Rollins replied yes. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Walter Scott seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) in order to hold a **Household Hazardous Waste Day** at the Salisbury Transfer Station in 2023. (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.) (Estimated Tax Impact \$.028 per thousand.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #16 then requested an explanation of the article. Transfer Station Manager Albert Laflamme explained that the purpose of the household hazardous waste day was to stop illegal dumping of items in town. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Josh Nixon seconded.

Discussion : Chairman Brett Walker stated that the company recommended \$6,000 for the first year but the budget committee recommendation was to increase it to \$7,000. Judy Frenette asked if this was just for household waste or medications as well. Manager Laflamme replied that it was for household waste only and that a date was set for July 18<sup>th</sup> because they needed to set a date in order to get it reserved. Sandra Miller asked if there was additional cost to the residents when they disposed of waste. Manager Laflamme explained that this was the rate to cover a specific amount of waste and there would be no additional cost per resident up to the amount this covered. Philip Alton asked who the money goes to and what is done with the waste. Moderator Hostetler explained that the money was paid to the company and they are certified to dispose of the waste. Eric Swendsen asked if volunteers from the town could assist in this process. Manager Laflamme explained that this would be staffed by the company because they need to be certified to handle the waste. Joseph Schmidl made a motion to vote on the article, Celina Nixon seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

17. Shall the Town of Salisbury readopt the “**All Veterans Tax Credit**” in accordance with **RSA 72:28-b**, for an annual tax credit of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans’ tax credit voted by the Town of Salisbury under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) (Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #17 then requested an explanation of the article. Chairman Brett Walker explained that the town had received an email to change the wording of this article as follows “Shall the Town of Salisbury re-abopt the optional veterans' tax credit in accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:28,II,

for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500; and re-adopt all veterans' tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property, which shall be the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit? (Majority vote required)". Chairman Walker explained that the wording needed to be changed in order to keep the change to the tax credit of \$500 as it was intended. Walter Scott made a motion to adopt the article for consideration, Joel Eugenides seconded.

Discussion : Joseph Schmidl asked how much this tax credit had been total for last year. Town Administrator April Rollins replied \$38,100. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the article, Joel Eugenides seconded. Moderator Hostetler called a vote, which was approved by the residents.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) for the purpose of increasing police patrol coverage from 8 hours a week to 16 hours a week to ensure the safety of the motoring public and safety of the residents of Salisbury. (By Petition – Majority Vote Required.) (Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation.)

Moderator Hostetler read article #18 then requested an explanation of the article. Walter Scott made a motion to accept this article for consideration, Joel Eugenides seconded. Faith Muello made a motion for this article to be voted by secret ballot. She presented a written request signed by herself and 6 other registered voters all of whom were present at the meeting. Moderator Hostetler explained that this meant that instead of a count by voice or hands it would be voted on using a simple yes/no paper that would be handed out by the Ballot Clerks upon confirmation of the individual being registered to vote. This would be done after discussion had concluded and a motion was made and seconded to count such votes. David Croft made a motion to amend the article to read as 4 additional hours instead of the petitioned 8 hours, with an increase of \$18,400 instead of the \$33,000 in the article. Croft stated that the state police had assured him that they could cover the additional 4 hours per week for a total of 12. Celina Nixon seconded the motion to amend the article.

Discussion : Lieutenant, Daniel Baldsarre of the State Police's Troop D explained that these hours are patrols the town pays for. They are additional hours not for calls made to the state police outside those hours. Eric Maxwell asked if these were for proactive or reactive policing. Lt. Baldsarre explained that proactive would be something like DARE in schools, these shifts were primarily reactive such as speeding, etc. Melinda Johnston asked what the officers are doing during these shifts. Lt. Baldsarre said it was up to the troopers discretion. If there are

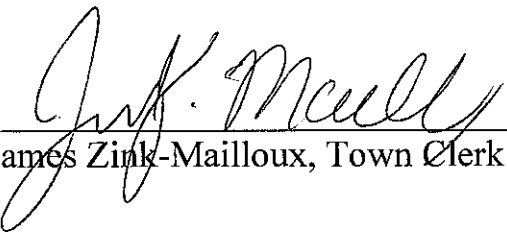
specific roads that residents would like patrolled they can contact the selectmen to pass that along to the police. Marlena Dipre said she was not as concerned about speeding but would like to see the police get to know people in the community more. She asked when the police typically patrolled. Lt. Baldsarre said that they are shifts that are voluntary and typically are after 4pm when the trooper has finished their regular shift. It's all overtime volunteers taking the shifts. The pay is based on the hours covered so the town only pays if the shift is covered. Jerry Lorden stated that he believed the state police had been doing a great job in town and had helped the fire department countless times on calls. Eric Maxwell asked how the patrols we pay for are helping proactively. Lt. Baldsarre said that hopefully more trooper visibility would reduce the amount of speeding or risk of things like break ins. Nathan Irving asked to clarify that they were discussing the amended 12 hours not the original 16 hours. Moderator Hostetler confirmed the discussion was on David Crofts' requested amendment for 12 total hours, not 16 as originally proposed on the warrant. Eric Swendsen asked if the full hours were not covered in one week if they could be carried over to the next week. Lt. Baldsarre replied that if the shifts could be filled the following week it could be possible, but at this point every month when he requests for volunteers to cover the shifts they had all been filled. Sandra Miller asked why the total for 2022 was budgeted for \$33,000 but had not totaled that for the actual amount paid. Chairman Brett Walker explained that it was probably due to the increase in the budget from 2021 that would not have been approved until March town meeting at which point a portion of the year would have already passed at the lower number of hours. Josh Nixon made a motion to vote on the amended article as proposed by David Croft, Walter Scott seconded the motion. Moderator Hostetler explained the secret ballot procedure again then asked residents to line up to be verified as registered by the Ballot Clerks and to vote on the amended article. Residents voted on the article and everyone appeared to have voted. Moderator Hostetler confirmed that all registered voters present had voted if they wanted to. The vote was tallied by the Town Clerk and one Ballot Clerk. The count was 46 in favor, 45 opposed. The amended article proposed by David Croft was passed by the residents. William MacDuffie Jr. made a motion to restrict reconsideration of this article, Judy Frenette seconded the motion. Moderator Hostetler call for a vote, it was approved.

19. To hear the reports of the Officers of the town, agents, auditors and committees appointed and pass any vote relating thereto.

David Merwin made a motion to accept the reports which were published in the town report, Judy Frenette seconded. Moderator Hostetler called for a vote, it was

approved. Town Administrator, April Rollins made a motion to adjourn, Walter Scott seconded, Moderator Hostetler called for a vote, it was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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James Zink-Mailloux, Town Clerk