



**VOTE:** (8-0-0) The motion carried.

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35 Article C – Fire Department Matching Grant Fund - To raise and appropriate \$20,000 to  
36 participate and apply for grants requiring matching funds.

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38 Ms. Hillsgrove confirmed that the money would only be used if they applied for a grant. Mr.  
39 McCarthy stated that was correct. Ms. Hillsgrove asked if there would be an end date. Mr.  
40 Guimond believed it was ‘non-lapsing’. Mr. McCarthy confirmed it would be a non-lapsing  
41 article; appropriate wording will be included in the language of the article.  
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**MOTION:** (Cate/Cronin) To recommend Article C – Fire Department Matching Grant Fund.

**VOTE:** (8-0-0) The motion carried.

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44 Article D – Highway Block Grant - To raise and appropriate \$312,575, offset by the State  
45 Highway Block Grant for the repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads.

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**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article D – Highway Block Grant.

**VOTE:** (8-0-0) The motion carried.

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48 Article E – Highway Department Maintenance Facility – To raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be  
49 placed in the Highway Department Capitol Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing a  
50 highway maintenance facility.

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52 Mr. Bailey arrived.

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54 Mr. Cronin questioned if the request was the initial amount of money in the account. Mr.  
55 McCarthy believed there was \$50,000 from a 2016 warrant article. Ms. Hillsgrove wanted to  
56 know if the cost for preliminary design work would be pulled from the fund. It was Mr.  
57 McCarthy’s opinion that money from the fund could be used for such. Ms. Spencer believed  
58 some preliminary work had been done. Mr. McCarthy noted the work was still approximately a  
59 year away; as they started to get ‘real time’ estimates the Selectmen would have a discussion.  
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**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article E – Highway Department Maintenance Facility.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

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62 Article F – Highway Department Laborer – To raise and appropriate \$62,121 (covering costs  
63 from April – December, after which the position will be in the Highway budget) to hire and equip  
64 a Highway Department Laborer.

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66 Based on the Board’s vote to amend their By Laws, Mr. Guimond noted this position would be  
67 moved into the operating budget.  
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Article G – Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project – To raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed into the fund to replace a portion of the existing roof over the Municipal Building.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article G – Municipal Building Roof Replacement Fund.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Article H – Exchange of Town owned land with privately owned land – To exchange approximately 0.25 acres of the Wolven Conservation Area with approximately 0.25 acres of privately owned land.

*Not typically reviewed by the Budget Committee. No vote taken.*

Article I – Sale of Town Owned Land – To sell Town owned property (ML 35-6-100) at 18 Chagnon Lane through sealed bid.

*Not typically reviewed by the Budget Committee. No vote taken.*

Article J – Sale of Town Owned Land – To sell Town owned property (ML 24-12-76 & ML 24-12-77) located at what is formerly known as Third Street through sealed bid.

*Not typically reviewed by the Budget Committee. No vote taken.*

Article K – Sale of Town Owned Land – To sell Town owned property (ML 24-12-67) located off Honor Roll Road to Robert Gleason for the sum of \$10,000.

*Not typically reviewed by the Budget Committee. No vote taken.*

Article L – Full Time Interlibrary Loan / Circulation Librarian – To raise an appropriate \$51,993 (including salary and benefits costs from April – December, after which the position will be in the Library budget).

Based on the Board's vote to amend their By Laws, Mr. Guimond noted this position would be moved into the operating budget. There was a brief discussion to confirm that the position would move into the budget. The position was being moved from part-time to full-time. When annualizing the proposed salary and benefits figure, Mr. Guimond noted it fell below the Total Compensation Threshold ('TCT') contained in the newly amended By Law.

Article M – Full Time Emerging Technologies Librarian – To raise and appropriate \$59,253 (covering salary and benefits costs from April – December, after which the position will be in the Library budget).

Initially the Board believed this position would be moved to the operating budget; however after a brief discussion, it was noted the position was new to the Library and proposed salary was listed for an eight month period. Given that these facts, the Board considered the article.

Mr. Cate made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Sherman seconded for discussion. There was a question whether the cost calculation for benefits, included in the proposed figure, represented the cost for eight months or one year. Mr. Guimond told the Board he would contact the Library Trustees for clarification.

Mr. Cate stated he would vote in opposition because he felt the Board needed clarification of the figures. Ms. Spencer stated she would vote in favor, pending and including correction of the numbers.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article M – Full Time Emerging Technologies Librarian.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** (2-7-0) The motion failed. Members voting in the affirmative: Ms. Spencer and Mr. Guimond. Members voting in opposition: Ms. Larson, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cate, Ms. Hillsgrove, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Sherman and Ms. Dube.

Mr. Guimond stated the motion failed but it could be brought up at reconsideration.

Article N – Forest Maintenance Fund – To raise and appropriate \$31,800 for the purpose of forest management and maintenance. Funds requested come from revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article N – Forest Maintenance Fund.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Article O – Discontinuance of Town Capital Reserve Funds – To discontinue three capital reserve funds and accrued interest to date of withdrawal and transfer such to the General Fund.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article O – Discontinuance of three Town Capital Reserve Funds (Pandemic, Senior Center Addition, Tallant Road/Willow Street Bridges).

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Article P – Discontinuance of Town Trust Funds – To discontinue two trust funds and accrued interest to date of withdrawal and transfer such to the General Fund.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To recommend Article P – Discontinuance of two Town Trust Funds (Recycling Facility Maintenance, Recycling Equipment).

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

**SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLE VOTE**

*Following is a summary of the proposed School Warrant Articles:*

Article 1 – Operating budget and default figure. The Board voted the budget figure at their meeting of November 14, 2016. It was noted that the default figure would reviewed by the School Board and ready for reconsideration.

Article 2 – PESPA contract. The Board reviewed the article later in the meeting. (*see below*)

Article 3 – To raise and appropriate \$556,931.00 for the redesign and construction of security and structural improvements to the entrances of the Pelham Elementary School and Pelham Memorial School.

Mr. Guimond asked if the School Board had voted on the submitted articles. Ms. Mahoney replied the School Board had not voted on the articles with the exception of the PESPA contract. Mr. Guimond stated the Budget Committee couldn't vote on the articles until the School Board took a position. Mr. Sherman suggested waiting until reconsideration to take action.

Ms. Hillsgrove saw that the article was for improvements to both the elementary and middle schools. She questioned what would happen if the article failed. Ms. Larson replied the School Board had a brief discussion and decided to keep one article. Ms. Spencer supported the article because she felt security issues were an important investment. She asked if it would be worth splitting the schools. Ms. Lecaroz replied the School Board had a discussion and wanted to keep it collected. Ms. Hillsgrove understood it was a large amount of money but felt it was the right thing to do.

**MOTION:** (Sherman/Cate) To table Article 3 until reconsideration.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Article 4 – To raise and appropriate the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of converting the district's oil burners to natural gas at the three schools.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To table Article 4 until reconsideration.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Article 5 – Discontinue Trust Funds.

Article 6 – To appoint the School Board as agents to expend from the Memorial Athletic Field Reserve Fund.

Ms. Mahoney told the Board that the Board of Trustees recommended both of the articles. She said the School Board would still take a position.

**MOTION:** (Sherman/Cate) To table Article 5 and 6 until reconsideration.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

Mr. Guimond asked that the School Board take action/vote on warrant articles prior to the Budget Committee's vote.

Ms. Larson questioned if the Selectmen voted on the Library articles. Ms. Spencer replied the Library Board of Trustees had their own board and voted on their articles. She noted they weren't the Selectmen's articles. She asked if articles 5 and 6 were the School Board's articles. Ms. Lecaroz replied they were the School Board's articles. Mr. Guimond explained that the Library Trustees and Cemetery Trustees were separate governing bodies and can submit warrant articles. The Trustees of the Trust Funds were a subgroup of the Selectmen and couldn't bring forth their own article.

Mr. Cronin noted that the Library articles didn't show a recommendation from the Library Trustees. Mr. Guimond replied the Library Trustees had forwarded an email containing their recommendation. He will speak to the trustees and make sure the language is included in their articles.

The Board then reviewed Article 2 – 2017-2020 PESPA contract. Mr. Guimond read aloud the proposed article. Mr. Cronin made a motion to recommend Article 2. Mr. Sherman seconded for discussion.

The Board reviewed the contract, clarified the wages and insurance. The contract covers 92.5 full-time equivalents.

**MOTION:** (Cronin/Sherman) To recommend Article 2 – PESPA contract.

**ROLL CALL** (7-0-2) The motion carried. Members voting in the affirmative: Ms. Spencer, Ms. Larson, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Hillsgrove, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Sherman and Ms. Dube. Members abstaining: Mr. Guimond and Mr. Cate

*(Mr. Guimond and Mr. Cate have spouses that are part of the contract)*

Reconsideration will be held January 12, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** (9-0-0) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charity A. Landry  
Recording Secretary