



**District / SAU - \$10,785,091 School Board recommended**

No adjustments were proposed.

**Grants Fund - \$700,000 School Board recommended**

No adjustments were proposed.

**Nutrition Service Fund - \$1,211,209 School Board recommended**

No adjustments were proposed.

**Special Fund - \$348,650 School Board recommended**

No adjustments were proposed.

**MOTION:** (Cate/Cronin) The total Budget Committee recommended School Operating Budget is \$32,753,313.

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT REVIEW / VOTE**

Mr. Bailey read each article aloud. The Board voted on the articles requesting the voters to approve appropriations on the March 2019 ballot.

*(The following is a summary of the proposed articles. Full verbiage can be obtained by contacting the SAU)*

Article A: School District Officers – No Budget Committee vote necessary.

Article 1: Total Operating Budget of \$32,753,313 with a default budget of \$31,833,354.

**MOTION:** (Sherman/Cate) To recommend Article 1.

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

Article 2: Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The agreement has not completed negotiations.

**MOTION:** (Sherman/Capone) To ‘table’ Article 2 until Reconsideration.

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

Article 3: To establish a Building and Grounds Renovation and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate \$75,520 to be placed in the fund from year-end fund balance generated by the interest earned on the High School bond.

Mr. Cate questioned if the proposed article would recur each year. Ms. Mahoney replied that the High School capital project was closed out at the end of last year. Those bond interest amounts

83 were put into the General Fund under a restricted account. The requested vote will determine the  
84 disposition of those amounts. There is no cap on the capital reserve fund; if there is additional  
85 earned interest it will be returned to the voters. Mr. Cronin asked if the \$75,520 would empty the  
86 reserve account. Ms. Mahoney replied it would empty the restricted balance they currently have  
87 in the books.

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89 Mr. Viger questioned if the referenced RSA called for the School Board to hold one public  
90 hearing to discuss a proposed expenditure. Ms. Mahoney replied their attorney drafted the  
91 language and therefore assumed that they don't. She said she would check back to find out. Mr.  
92 Viger noted the Board of Selectmen are required to conduct a public hearing.

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**MOTION:** (Sherman/Cate) To recommend Article 3.

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

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95 Article 4: To authorize the School Board to convey an easement to the Town (that is in the best  
96 interest of the School District) for the purpose of maintaining the Willow Street Bridge.  
97 No Budget Committee vote necessary.

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99 **TOWN WARRANT REVIEW / VOTE**

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102 approve appropriations on the March 2019 ballot.

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104 (The following is a summary of the proposed articles. Full verbiage can be obtained by  
105 contacting the Selectmen's office)

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107 Article – Support Contract

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109 Mr. Cate asked what percentage increase was reflected in the proposed figures. Mr. Viger replied  
110 they were still in negotiations; the contract had not been ratified. He said the article was 'place  
111 holder'. Mr. McCarthy explained after Selectmen had reviewed the contract and forwarded it to  
112 the union, he received an email indicating they categorically rejected the numbers. Currently they  
113 are at a standstill.

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115 Ms. Bressette questioned how many employees were in the union. Mr. McCarthy replied there  
116 were twenty-two.

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**MOTION:** (Cate/Sherman) To 'table' the Support Union Contract Article until  
Reconsideration.

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

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119 Article Forestry Committee – raise and appropriate \$30,000 for forest management. No Budget  
120 Committee vote necessary.

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122 Article Highway Block Grant – To raise and appropriate \$328,684 for repair, maintenance,  
123 purchase of equipment and upgrading Town roads; to be offset by the State Highway Grant.

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

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

Article Highway Building – To raise and appropriate \$300,000 to be placed in the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Cate asked if there was currently a plan set. Mr. McCarthy replied they had a rendition. They were in the process of obtaining another quote because consideration was being given to block construction. Mr. Cate asked if they would need to add to the account next year. Mr. McCarthy answered no; he would make the numbers work. The fund currently has \$450,000.

**MOTION:** (Cronin/Cate) To recommend the Highway Building Article.

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

Article Forestry – Add 92 acres to the Cutler Spalding Town Forest. No Budget Committee vote necessary.

Ms. Capone asked who currently owned the property. Mr. McCarthy replied the Town owned the property. He described the parcel and work that would be performed.

Article Forestry – To establish the Moeckel Road Town Forest and add approximately 75 acres to such. No Budget Committee vote necessary.

Ms. Capone wanted to know who currently owned the property. Mr. Viger replied the Town owned the property. Mr. Sherman hoped there would be a map showing the Town parcels. Mr. McCarthy said there would be. Ms. Capone asked if the land in the articles would increase the percentage of Town-owned parcels. Mr. Viger explained the conservation land was already accounted for; the articles were re-naming existing land.

Article Forestry – To establish Moose Pond Town Forest and add approximately 31 acres to such. No Budget Committee vote necessary.

It was confirmed that the Town currently owned the land.

Article Forestry – To establish Wolven Park Conservation Area as Town Forest and add approximately 23 acres to such. No Budget Committee vote necessary.

Mr. Viger informed with the areas being designated ‘Town Forest’ the Town could harvest the timber and maintain the areas.

Article Old Bridge Street over Beaver Brook (Abbott Bridge) – To raise and appropriate \$1,903,000 for engineering, permitting and constructing a flood relief bridge structure; of the amount, \$1,522,400 will come from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid, \$190,000 from the existing 2015 Old Bridge Street Warrant Article and \$190,600 (requested herein) from general taxation.

Mr. Cate asked about the status of the Willow Street Bridge project. Mr. McCarthy explained that the State took an unusually long period of time to approve the project. The winter months would pose a problem; therefore, they’ve decided to hold off until spring 2019. The estimated time for completion is five-six months and hope to conclude before school commences in fall 2019.

Mr. Sherman wanted to know about sidewalks. Mr. McCarthy said with the original Willow Street proposal Liberty Utilities came forward with the project the Town told them they would back the project if sidewalks were installed along Willow Street and along Marsh Road from Willow Street to the Gibson Cemetery. Unfortunately, the final plans did not show a sidewalk on Willow Street. Mr. McCarthy and Selectmen Hal Lynde met with Liberty Utilities to push the subject but were unsuccessful. From what he understood they ran into a lot of ledge near Pulpit Rock Road and believed the project may have been overspent. He said they would open the subject back up for discussion. He confirmed there would be a sidewalk on Marsh Road from Willow Street to the cemetery.

**MOTION:** (Cronin/Cate) To recommend the Old Bridge Street over Beaver Brook (Abbott Bridge) Article.

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

*Article Library Renovation Project – To raise and appropriate \$251,060 to renovate the Library consisting of an expanded Young Adult area, ceiling enclosure of Ernest Law Room, remodel and expansion (including kitchenette) to the Molly Hobbs Room, sound reduction in the stairwell, employee break room renovation as well as new office space.*

Library Director Rita Gavelis, Library Trustee Jennifer Maslanek and Rose Cares came forward to discuss the proposed renovation project. It was noted that they had provided a complete presentation to the Selectmen. Ms. Capone asked for the cost breakdown of the project. Ms. Gavelis replied they had forwarded a copy prior to the meeting. The Board had not received the cost breakdown.

Mr. Bailey suggested that the Board hear the presentation, but table their vote until reconsideration so the Board would have the opportunity to review all the information. Ms. Gavelis stated they would resend all the information to the Town Administrator and the Budget Committee.

Using a displayed floor plan of the first and second floor of the Library Ms. Maslanek showed the areas that had already been renovated. She also discussed each of the areas that were proposed for renovations and described the work that would be done and how the project would benefit the Library and the public.

Ms. Capone asked for the age of the current circulation desk. Ms. Cares replied it was original to the building (15 years old). Ms. Capone wanted to know the expected life of the new finishing would be. Ms. Cares stated they would be using stone. Ms. Gavelis noted the current desk has a laminate that is lifting. Ms. Capone cautioned about the maintenance of granite. Ms. Cares said they had discussed using some type of stone; they were working within a price range. Ms. Capone suggested determining the cost for resealing prior to deciding on the type of stone. Ms. Maslanek commented they had a cost estimate for maintenance based on the cost estimates of the materials being reviewed.

Mr. Cate asked what impact the project would have on the patrons. Ms. Cares replied they would have phased construction to minimize the impacts.

Ms. Hillsgrove asked how many quotes they received for the work. Ms. Maslanek replied they put the cost together by using an architectural estimate based on the average cost per square foot.

Ms. Cares stated if the article is approved, they would then send out the request for proposals. Mr. Sherman questioned if the cost estimates included any furnishings. Ms. Maslanek explained that the would use existing furnishings; other items could be obtained by using money from programming.

Ms. Bressette inquired if they had considered adding onto the Library. Ms. Cares said that had been their first consideration; however, the Library was constructed with the air conditioning units on the rear of the building and the emergency stairs on the side made it difficult and more expensive. Ms. Bressette asked if the renovations would accommodate the Town's future population. Ms. Gavelis spoke about how the proposal would help them increase their programming space by having movable book stacks and increasing the interior footprint. Ms. Cares believed the renovation would accommodate the Town for the ten years; however, she couldn't answer beyond that because future growth of the Town was unknown.

Ms. Capone wanted to know if they had a contingency plan in the event costs went higher than expected. Ms. Maslanek replied they had a 10% contingency already built into the estimate. Ms. Cares noted they had a professional architect draft the plan. Mr. Viger added that the renovation project was listed on the Town's Capital Improvement Plan which went along with other projects going forward.

**MOTION:** (Sherman/Hillsgrove) To 'table' the Library Renovation Project Article until Reconsideration.

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

Ms. Cares told the Board they would like the ability to promote and advertise the project and questioned if they should wait until after reconsideration. Mr. Bailey said the only action being taken by the Board at reconsideration was to either 'recommend' or 'not recommend' the article. Mr. Viger recommended they move forward as if it would pass so information gets out to the public. Ms. Cares questioned if the Board of Selectmen would be adding a recommendation. Mr. Viger replied the Board was currently conflicted and was seeking legal opinion. Mr. Sherman pointed out that the Library Trustees could add their recommendation to the ballot.

**Next Budget Committee meeting is 'Reconsideration' and will be held January 10, 2019 at Sherburne Hall.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charity Landry  
Recording Secretary