

Article 2 – New position – Special Education Coordinator shared between Memorial School and the High School - \$116,605 (salary & benefits).

Mr. Cate stated he was originally against the position, but was now in favor given the information provided and discussed during previous meetings. Mr. Cronin agreed with Mr. Cate.

Ms. Hillsgrove noted that the Board had requested comparison salary information at their previous meeting. Ms. Mahoney forwarded information via email. Mr. Cate gave Ms. Hillsgrove a copy of such. The Board was also given a copy of the job description.

Mr. Sherman questioned who handled the position at the elementary school and wanted to know if their salary was comparable. Ms. Larson stated the Assistant Principals handled the position in the elementary school. She explained when the School Board started to review budgets, each school wanted the position; however, they couldn't fund all the positions at the same time and looked at their greatest need. Ms. Cox noted the elementary school had three administrators that shared the responsibility of the position. Ms. Larson pointed out that even though it was a special education position, it would have a positive effect on all of the education because the principal and assistant principal's time would be opened up at the middle school and high school.

MOTION: (Sherman/Hillsgrove) To vote to recommend Article 2.

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

MOTION: (Sherman/Hillsgrove) To recommend Article 2.

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

Article 3 – Convey an easement to Liberty Utilities for the purpose of installing an underground gas line. *(For Budget Committee information – no vote required)*

No vote of the Budget Committee was needed. It was explained that the School District currently had a license in place. The propose article would provide a permanent solution.

Article 4 - Discontinue the Pelham Memorial Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund. *(For Budget Committee information)*

Mr. Cate didn't believe that the Board needed to take a vote. Mr. Sherman asked if the fund would go out of existence. Ms. Mahoney answered yes. Out of caution, Mr. Sherman suggested the Board vote on the article.

MOTION: (Sherman/Hillsgrove) To vote to recommend Article 4.

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

MOTION: (Sherman/Hillsgrove) To recommend Article 4.

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

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75 The Board will sign the warrant after reconsideration.

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77 Mr. Cate thanked Ms. Mahoney, Ms. Cox and the School Board for the information and
78 presentation of the budgets and warrant articles.

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81 **2018 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLE VOTE**

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83 Town Administrator Brian McCarthy came forward for the discussion.

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85 **Article A** – Raise \$1,500,000 (gross budget) to purchase land and easements for conservation
86 purposes.

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88 Mr. Cate was in favor of the proposed article and discussed the benefits seen from the last
89 conservation bond approved by voters in 2003.

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MOTION: (Viger/Sherman) The Articles have a motion on the floor (to recommend), so the
Board can move to a vote.

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

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MOTION: To recommend Article A.

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

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95 **Article B** – Raise \$300,000 to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital
96 Reserve Fund.

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MOTION: To recommend Article B.

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

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100 **Article C** – Five year Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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102 Mr. Viger told the Board that the Selectmen had voted to ratify the dollar amounts, but there was
103 some wording that needed to be cleaned up. He said the Budget Committee could be provided with
104 a copy to review.

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106 Mr. Cronin confirmed that the figures were a true representation of what the contract would cost.
107 Mr. Viger stated they were 100% true. Mr. Cate read the article aloud.

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109 Ms. Hillsgrove and Mr. Cate spoke about their reasons for voting in favor of the article. Mr.
110 McCarthy commented about dedicated the police were to the community and how proud he was of
111 the department.

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MOTION: To recommend Article C.

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

Article E – Highway Block Grant - \$321,583

MOTION: To recommend Article E.

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

Article G – Elderly Exemption. *(For Budget Committee information – no vote required)*

Mr. Cronin asked if the Budget Committee had any purview over the article as it takes care of revenue. Mr. Viger replied Town Counsel's response was that the Budget Committee didn't have purview.

Article H - Discontinuance of Capital Reserve Funds. *(For Budget Committee information – no vote required)*

Mr. Sherman noted that the Board took action on the School Warrant pertaining to discontinuing a capital reserve fund and questioned if they should take action on the Town's article. Mr. Viger didn't think it mattered since money would be going back into the general fund. Closing accounts doesn't fall to the Budget Committee. Mr. Sherman questioned if the Board should take their recommendation off the School's warrant. Mr. Viger explained that the warrants are sent to the Department of Revenue Administration who ensures articles are legal.

Article I – Raise \$36,300 from the Forest Maintenance Fund

MOTION: To recommend Article I.

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

Article K – CMAQ Grant to construct two roundabouts at Sherburne Road/Mammoth Road and Mammoth Road/Marsh Road.

Mr. Cronin asked for an explanation of grant process. Mr. McCarthy explained the Town had submitted an application and were waiting to hear if it would be approved in December. He spoke to the grant, which related to emissions due to traffic queuing. Mr. Cate understood that the Town would need to come up with approximately \$800,000. Mr. McCarthy replied there were exaction fees that could be used. Mr. Viger said as part of the application process for the grant was to show that the Town would commit and put an article in front of the voters. He said they hoped to get awarded the grant to use as leverage when approaching the State. He noted the State had the project listed in their 10-year plan for 2027. Mr. McCarthy said there was a possibility the State might come in sooner if the Town had money and intent to get the project done.

Mr. Sherman asked if the grant would pay for traffic lights. Mr. Viger said the option was either traffic lights, or roundabouts; the roundabouts were more money, so the Town applied for the larger

157 amount. Mr. Sherman asked if the article could indicate roundabouts or traffic lights. Mr. Viger
158 answered no; they had to apply for one grant. He stated that the Nashua Regional Planning
159 Commission representative had met with the Selectmen and gave a presentation on the benefits of
160 both options. Mr. Sherman asked if the Town could apply for two grants; one for each scenario.
161 Mr. Viger answered no. The Town will find out in December if the grant application was accepted.
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MOTION: To recommend Article K.

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

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165 **Article L – Safer Firefighter FEMA Grant**
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167 Mr. Cate spoke in favor of the article. Ms. Hillsgrove discussed the information provided by the
168 Fire Department and felt the Chief did his homework to identify the need to obtain the grant.
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170 Mr. Bailey's concern with the article was adding budget to future years. He said it was a good
171 presentation, but didn't see the compelling facts that the department wasn't meeting the obligations
172 to the community. He felt it was great to seek money to fund it in the short term, but was concerned
173 with the budget amount after the grant was done. He stated he would vote in favor of the article,
174 but asked the Chief to come back with more data at reconsideration.
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176 Mr. Cronin inquired about the status of the application process. Fire Chief James Midgley came
177 forward and explained to the Board that the application process hasn't yet opened, it will open in
178 December. They received news that the Senate did their reauthorization (SB 829) in October;
179 however, when it was sent to the House they didn't take action. The House went into recess and
180 would return November 28th for three weeks. If they don't take action during the three week period,
181 the grant will sunset January 2, 2018. The IAFC is putting pressure on the House. The application
182 is for the 2017 money, which has already been appropriated.
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184 Mr. Viger stated the Selectmen had a lengthy discussion and passed on a split vote. Initially he
185 didn't support it; however, he was in support now so the Town could take advantage of 'free'
186 money.
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188 Mr. Sherman questioned if language regarding EMT's would be included. Chief Midgley said he
189 would suggest adding Emergency Medical Services Provider, which would leave the door open for
190 any level to be hired.
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192 Mr. Cronin asked if the figures represented salary and benefits. Chief Midgley answered yes.
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194 Mr. Sherman inquired when the Fireman contract ended. Chief Midgley replied it ended next year.
195 Mr. Sherman noted a new contract could change the figures for years three and four.
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197 Mr. Bailey wanted to know what the Town would risk losing if the President decided to pull funding
198 for 2017. Chief Midgley replied they wouldn't be on the hook for anything because they wouldn't
199 apply for the grant, since it wouldn't be opened. If they applied for it and the voters turned it down,
200 the department wouldn't be allowed to accept it. Mr. Bailey asked if there was any current federal
201 funding that was in jeopardy. Chief Midgley answered no.
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MOTION: To recommend Article L, with the wording amendment (suggested by the
Chief).

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION / CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Cate reminded the Board that reconsideration for the School and Town would be January 11, 2018 beginning at 7:30pm at the PES Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Hillsgrove/Bailey) To adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charity A. Landry
Recording Secretary