

**TOWN OF MOULTONBOROUGH
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2013 – March 16, 2013**

Moderator Jerry Hopkins called the Town Meeting to order on March 12, 2013 at 7:00 AM. The election was held in the Mel Borrin Training Room at the Moultonborough Public Safety Building. Mr. Hopkins proceeded to read the School District Warrant Article 1 followed by the Town Warrant Article 1. At this time a motion was made by Laurie Whitley and seconded by Bev Charest to dispense of the reading of the remaining articles on the ballot. This was voted in the affirmative. Ballot voting followed immediately with ballots resulting as follows:

Votes Cast – 773

SELECTMAN FOR THREE (3) YEARS (Vote for not more than 1)

Christopher Shipp	407
Betsey Patten	349

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE (3) YEARS (Vote for not more than 1)

Paul Ardito (write in)	135
Jim Morriso (write in)	26

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE (3) YEARS (Vote for not more than 3)

Laurie Whitley	519
Susan Bucknam	398
Joanne M. Farnham	372
Barbara Sheppard	520

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR (3) YEARS (Vote for not more than 2)

Robert Goffredo	517
Josiah (Josh) Bartlett	556

ZONING BOARD MEMBER FOR (3) YEARS (Vote for not more than 1)

Timothy Tinel	139
Kenneth Bickford	507

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article III, B, E, J; Article IV, F; Article VI, A, B, C, D, E, F, G; Article VII, B; and Article XI, C, D, G, for housekeeping and language clarification purposes by adding, removing, replacing, updating per statute, and clarifying language in order to correct, update, clarify or bring in line with other ordinances and regulations.

(Recommended by Planning Board 7 Yes - 0 No)

YES - 606	NO - 111
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ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article III, Minimum Lot Sizes Based on Soil and Slopes - Table I to ensure the information used to calculate new lot sizes is up to date by removing the outdated soil types and replacing with Soils Groups and Minimum lot sizing for septic loading in accord with NH Code of administrative Rules Env-Wq 1000 and soil/slope characteristics native to Moultonborough.

(Recommended by Planning Board 7 Yes - 0 No)

YES - 586	NO - 135
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ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article IV, G. Comprehensive Shoreland Protection, by revising titles to reflect the new name of act to Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act; by clarifying that the Code Officer shall notify land owners of his visit in writing; by adding clarifying language to the tree caliper section; by deleting a sentence allowing an engineer to justify a greater than 30% impervious surface area; and increasing the point totals and reducing impervious surface percentages to strengthen this section of the act back to the requirements of the 2008 version.

(Recommended by Planning Board 6 Yes - 1 No)

YES - 598

NO - 196

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Commercial Uses, C, Moultonborough Table of Permitted Uses by adding uses, clarifying uses and deleting outmoded uses; by changing some commercial uses to “not allowed” in the Residential/Agricultural, Commercial A and Village C district (such as Salt Storage, Junkyards, Snow Dumps, Waste Lagoons and Petroleum Bulk Plants); and by changing some uses to “allowed by special exception” in the Village C district; and amending Article XV, Definitions, to add the definitions of those new uses added to the Moultonborough Table of Permitted Uses above.

(Recommended by Planning Board 7 Yes - 0 No)

YES - 571

NO - 149

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Commercial Uses, E. Special Exceptions, to create vesting and abandonment rules by adding language that establishes a 2 year time period along with specific actions that must be taken in order to vest a granted special exception, and provides that if the actions are not taken and the time period has passed, then the approval shall become void as if never granted. Additionally, language is added that provides for the abandonment of a special exception if the use ceases for a continuous period of 2 years or more or is changed to a use allowed by right in the district.

(Recommended by Planning Board 7 Yes - 0 No)

YES - 547

NO - 166

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VII, Miscellaneous, C, D, E, and F, to define nonconforming lots, uses and structures with separate requirements for each by adding a new section clarifying the rights and definitions of nonconforming lots; by revising the section on nonconforming uses to clarify that no nonconforming use may be expanded except for single family structures which may be expanded up to 20% and that the time period for abandonment of nonconforming uses is increased from one to two years, and by adding language that governs a nonconforming structure’s status, ability to be restored, expanded or moved.

(Recommended by Planning Board 7 Yes - 0 No)

YES - 539

NO – 173

At 8:00 PM the Moderator recessed the meeting until Saturday March 16, 2013.

Saturday March 16, 2013

Moderator Jerry Hopkins called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. The meeting was held at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium. Amanda and Jessica Hittner***** began the meeting by singing the National Anthem.

The Moderator announced those present on stage were Peter Jensen-Computer and PowerPoint presentation, Town Clerk Barbara Wakefield, Selectwoman Betsey Patten, Selectmen Russell Wakefield, Ed Charest, Jon Tolman, Chairman Joel Mudgett and Town Administrator Carter Terenzini.

The moderator proceeded to announce the results of Tuesdays Election and began with Article 8.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote, in lieu of the base salary and fees previously approved under Article 25 of the Town Meeting of 1987 and pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:25, to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at Grade XVI on the Town of Moultonborough's Wage Compensation Schedule, and to further authorize the SelectBoard to fix the initial step of said Grade at which the Town Clerk is to be initially paid and to make subsequent adjustments to the Town Clerk's salary on an annual basis in accordance with said schedule.

(No Recommendation by Selectmen 2 Yes – 2 No - 1 Recused)

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 2 Yes – 3 No)

[Note: The Town Clerk has requested placement at Step 7. On an annualized basis this is an increase of \$9,299.00 in salary, as of the date of the Town meeting, from \$50,043.00 to \$59,334.00. The funding for this raise is included in the proposed FY 2013 operating budget.]

A motion was made by Selectman Tolman and seconded by Kate Lancor to move the article.

A motion was made by Mark Borrin and seconded by Kate Lancor to amend the article as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, in lieu of the base salary and fees previously approved under Article 25 of the Town Meeting of 1987 and pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:25, to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at Grade XVI, Step 7 on the Town of Moultonborough's Wage Compensation Schedule, and to further authorize the Select Board to make subsequent adjustments to the Town Clerk's salary on an annual basis in accordance with said schedule.

Discussion followed by Mr. Borrin stating that RSA 41:25 gives the town legislative body the right at the annual town meeting to determine the manner, and the salary amount or compensation for the Town Clerk in lieu of fees. He stated the way the article was written in its original form, it gives the authorization to the board of Selectmen when it should have been the legislative body. The article should include the step in order to know the actual dollar amount of compensation. He stated he fully supports step seven (7) and our town clerk brings in over 1 million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of revenue to the town and over Four hundred thousand (\$400,000.00) to the state every year. She is responsible for Elections, processes 8000-9000 motor vehicle registrations per year and we no longer have to go to Concord or Tamworth for most.

Comparatively speaking to other town employees she has been underpaid for many years. He asked that this article be passed as amended. Kim Prause supports paying Town Clerk at grade and step requested but wants clarification if step seven (7) is added; will that mean the next Town Clerk would start at that same amount or, will being on the pay scale mean a new person would start at the lower step? Selectman Mudgett believes if this is voted in then a new town clerk would get the same. Josh Bartlett suggested to clean the article up we add the words step seven (7) for current town clerk. John Anderson asks if it's appropriate to change pay scale anytime. Moderator Hopkins answered the legislative body can do what they desire. Mike Lancor followed up on what Josh Bartlett stated by inserting Current Town Clerk to the

amendment and asks if Joel would have a different take on that? Selectman Mudgett replies he feels if the article says grade 16 and to start the current town clerk at step seven (7), he feels it would have a better chance. Mike Lancor asked Mark Borrin if he would add to his amendment the words (current town clerk).

The Moderator stated we would have to vote down the present amendment and resubmit a new one. Mark Borrin asked if the selectmen that supported the original article would be in favor of this article if amended with the words the current town clerk. Selectman Tolman stated the RSA is not crystal clear as how to word this. He feels that if the article as it states the selectman make subsequent adjustments and the position is placed into the wage schedule he would be OK with it. We have other elected officials in the schedule and when we hire new people we don't start them out at what the last person made. This will get the Town Clerk at the place she should be and we will not be stuck with that step. Mark Borrin agreed with that assessment. Tom Howard suggested we vote down the amendment so we can present another one which states current town clerk.

At that time the Moderator asked for a vote of the amended article. The amended article was defeated by a show of voter cards. The Moderator then informed the legislative body that we are now addressing the original article again and called for discussion. Susette Remson made a motion seconded by Tom Howard to amend the article as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, in lieu of the base salary and fees previously approved under Article 25 of the Town Meeting of 1987 and pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:25, to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk at Grade XVI on the Town of Moultonborough's Wage Compensation Schedule, and to further authorize the SelectBoard to fix the current Town Clerk Salary at step 7 and to make subsequent adjustments to the Town Clerk's salary on an annual basis in accordance with said schedule.

The Moderator asked for discussion. Becky Bryant asked if the Selectboard had a policy for the town of Moultonborough which governs how you use the wage compensation schedule. She mentioned if you place the Town Clerk in that schedule it would also apply. Karel Crawford recommended leaving the article alone because changing it may not suit DRA. The Moderator called for a vote of the amended article. The amended article was defeated by a show of voter cards.

Jean Beadle said the budget committee felt it should be phased in a 2 year period. Keith Nelson suggested if we leave the article as is and let the Selectboard set the step at step 7 if that's what we vote for. Laurie Whitley responded to the ABC's phase in comment. Selectman Tolman agreed with Laurie Whitley's statement in which the increase will be phased in over two years as the change will not take effect until April 1st. The moderator asked for a vote. There was a petition for a secret ballot by Don Muscavitz Jr, Mary Morrison, James Morrison, Lydia Eaton, Allen Hoch, and Brandyn Wixon.

The article voted in the affirmative by a secret.

YES - 173

NO - 55

At this time the Selectman recognized Selectwoman Betsey Patten for her 6 years of service on the Select Board. They next recognized Jordan Prouty for 20 years of service as a Trustee of the Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the so-called Road Sealing Fund, an Expendable Trust Fund created under Article 44 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1994, with the balance of Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$230.26) as of December 31, 2012, with said remaining funds, together with any interest accumulated thereon at the time of transfer, being transferred to the general fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Mudgett and seconded by Selectman Tolman to move the article. The article was unanimously voted in the affirmative by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote that it is the "Sense of the Meeting" that, as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Community Services and Facilities, the Town should "... pursue development of a facility that includes an indoor gymnasium, Recreation Department office, program and storage space that would be on existing school land or property adjacent to school facilities."

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 3 Yes – 2 No)

A motion was made by Selectmen Mudgett and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to move the article. Discussion was offered by Josh Bartlett who asked to please defeat this article until we have more information. Eric Taylor explained as Chairman of the Committee, there has been a long history with this issue and this article will give us a chance to look at this in a new format and new approach. He believed putting this article forward will be a way to get the information. John Anderson remarked we are a small community and not enough people would use a building like this as families don't go to places like this and would more likely go to beaches, parks and we will now have to pay for maintenance and employees for a building like this. Tom Howard mentioned that all the information from the Blue Ribbon Commission was readily available when they studied this and that this is a community service for all ages. Recreation Director Donna Kuethe stated the Blue Ribbon is the group that got most of the statistics. She mentioned many programs that are held during the same hours and there is not enough room to provide the needed 50 hours per week of programs. The programs are for adults as well as children. She then listed out many of the programs that are held in town. Shannon Fairchild asked if no money is in this article can we really pursue this. Selectman Tolman said if the concept is something the legislative body wants to pursue today he feels we could look at the capital improvement for next year with the statistics written down. This is also for the welfare department and visiting nurses. Selectman Mudgett stated this is not taking a one year approach and we need to get more information for the future if that's what the people say today. Anything we do will have to come back to the townspeople to spend any amount of money. Mike Lancor stated this article is greatly pared down for a vote to take a look at it prior. The Blue Ribbon group was a committee the selectmen appointed to get information on this and other needs. The Blue Ribbon Commission worked with the school board and the town and found there is existing school land available to use for this purpose if that's what people choose. Selectmen Mudgett stated this article originally started with a dollar amount but the Selectboard voted to not do it that way. This will involve committees to look into various items such as if we build a gym on school property what will we do with the Lions Club property will we keep it or sell it. This doesn't mean we will build a gym next year and we didn't want this to get voted down if people want it because of a dollar amount, rather to seek the sense of the meeting. If we decide to do something with this it will be brought back to the town meeting before we do anything. Josh Bartlett asked if anyone has thought that it's not up to the town to pay for people's entertainment. Gary Torressen felt the words "sense of meeting" is not appropriate as it's just a poll and he does not feel that the constitution of the US supports tax funds to put on programs such as yoga.

Selectman Mudgett said we do have an account that has money for the purpose of an engineering study if we did have an engineer go out and look at property. Selectman Wakefield said he has been going back and forth on this article. It's not that he's not in favor of a recreation building and he does believe the selectmen are doing the right thing coming to the people to ask for this. He thinks it's more in the planning stages and we are entering a year that we are doing a master plan and the facilities planning will be part of this. There will be a survey that even more people will be part of then the people today at this meeting. He feels if this is voted in today that there is no clear direction as to where the board of selectman go with this and that it should be part of the planning process. Tom Howard agreed that he also

Chip/Crack Sealing	\$60,000
TOTALS	\$775,000

[Note: Inclusion of any road on this list was based upon a condition assessment and budget estimate prepared in November of 2012. It is no guarantee of work being undertaken on the identified roadway. Final construction decisions are made upon detailed engineering and actual bids received with work deletions or additions based upon the final bids.]

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Charest and seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article. The article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purchase of software and further to declare this article non-lapsing until December 31, 2014.

[Note: This duplicates a similar appropriation in FY 2012 which was not used. It is the intent of the Selectmen to apply a like amount of fund balance at tax setting time to reduce the net tax levy impact of this Article to \$0.00.]

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Wakefield and seconded by Selectman Mudgett to move the article. The article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to (a) raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$325,500) for a program of capital improvements and expenditures and equipment as generally illustrated below, and (b) meet said appropriation by a withdrawal of One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$157,500) from the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand dollars (\$133,000) to come from taxation.

a.	DPW/Highway Dept. (6 Wheel Dump w/Plow/Sander)	\$	170,000
b.	DPW/Buildings & Grounds (Flooring replacement)	\$	25,000
c.	DPW/Buildings & Grounds (Highway Wood Boiler)	\$	17,500
d.	Police Dept. (Cruiser)	\$	50,500
e.	Fire Dept. (Turn-Out Gear)	\$	15,000
f.	Recreation Dept. (Pathway Repairs)	\$	37,500
g.	Administration (Shelving/Storage System - Ph. 1)	\$	10,000
	Total	\$	325,500

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Mudgett and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to move the article. Discussion was offered by David Oliver who asked how many police cruisers have been replaced in the last couple of years. Town Administrator Carter Terenzini replied we replace one each year. Mr. Oliver

asked what conditions the older models are in. Police Chief Wetherbee clarified the price of the cruiser and what it includes for equipment. He said they got a grant for \$5,000 towards that purchase and that the town had skipped a year on their replacement schedule in the prior year.

There was a motion for an amendment to the article to take \$50,000 out of the budget for the cruiser in order to skip a year in purchasing a cruiser in 2013. Having no second, there was no amendment. Road Agent Scott Kinmond explained some of the outsourcing he uses and that the Sterling dump truck is just a replacement. Selectman Mudgett explained the repair of the pathway.

The article was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$337,800) and to deposit the same in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Personnel Liability CRF	\$	14,500
Community Substance Abuse CRF	\$	4,300
Communication Technology CRF	\$	22,500
Reappraisal CRF	\$	24,000
Firefighting Equipment CRF	\$	110,000
Police Communications CRF	\$	2,500
Public Works Equipment CRF	\$	160,000
Total	\$	337,800

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Tolman and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to move the article. The article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand dollars (\$258,000) and to deposit the same in the following Expendable Maintenance Trust Funds:

Milfoil	\$	195,000
Historic Buildings	\$	12,500
Municipal Buildings	\$	45,000
Lee’s Mills	\$	3,000
Dry Hydrant	\$	2,500
Total	\$	258,000

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Betsey Patten and seconded by Joel Mudgett to move the article. Discussion was offered by Town Administrator Carter Terenzini explaining that in 2012 the town received a reimbursement from DES towards and its Milfoil program of approximately Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). This coming year the offset by grants could be approximately Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$42,500.00) if those grants come in again.

Phyllis Komlos asked if Milfoil becomes a problem in Lake Kanasatka would those milfoil monies be used in that lake also. The Moderator indicated the Select board said yes.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, subject to any and all changes made at this meeting, the sum of Eight Million Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$8,095,820) to pay the expenses of General Government, Public Safety, Public Works (including Highways, Cemeteries, Buildings and Grounds, and Transfer Station), Human Services, Visiting Nurse Service, Culture and Recreation, and Development Services and to meet said appropriation with a withdrawal of One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars, (\$110,000) from the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of Seven Million Nine Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty dollars (\$7,985,820) from taxation.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Charest and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to move the article.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight dollars (\$466,528) to pay the expense of operating the Public Library.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Wakefield and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to move the article.

Discussion was offered by Library Trustee Roger Simpson thanking Joanne Farnham and Cheryl Kahn for their years of service as library Trustees. He stated the circulation, patrons and number of children's and adult programs have increased. Nancy McCue marked her 20th year as the Director of the Library and Jane Rice, Assistant library Director became a published author. He talked of the budget and thanked the community.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Moultonborough.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

A motion was made by Selectman Mudgett and seconded by Bob Stephens to move the article.

This article was voted in the affirmative by a unanimous card vote.

At this time a motion was made by Bob Stephens and seconded by Selectwoman Patten to read and vote on petitioned warrant articles 20-26, 28 and 29 as a group. The total amount of the articles is Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty dollars (\$37,380.00).

This was voted in the affirmative by a majority voice vote. The moderator proceeded to read the articles. The combined articles were voted on in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 Yes – 1 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the Interlakes Community Caregivers.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the Loon Preservation Committee.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$830) for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice dba Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the support of the Moultonboro/Sandwich Senior Meals Program.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town of Moultonborough will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500) in support of the Lakes Region Food Pantry located at Whittier Highway in Moultonborough for the purpose of providing food to those in need.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes - 1 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town of Moultonborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the Moultonborough Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Coalition to support training for said committee of volunteers, supporting community forums and/or small support groups/ training sessions conducted by the trained volunteers/professionals and provide suicide prevention, mental health information, and assist in the support of local access to mental health services within the Moultonborough community for its residents.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5 Yes – 0 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 Yes – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be expended by the SelectBoard on the surveying, planning and designing of a sidewalk or sidewalks in the village area, for the purpose of presenting a plan or plans for construction thereof, for consideration by residents at the March 2014 Town Meeting, with any surplus funds dedicated to the next phase of the project.

(By Petition)

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 3 No – 2 Yes)

(Not Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 4 No - 1 Yes)

A motion was made by Kim Prause and seconded by Kate Lancor to move the article.

An amendment was made by Kim Prause and seconded by Andy Coppinger as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be expended by the SelectBoard on the surveying, planning and designing of a sidewalk or sidewalks in the village area, for the purpose of presenting a plan or plans for construction thereof, for consideration by residents at the March 2014 Town Meeting.

The amendment was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

Discussion on the amended article was offered by Josh Bartlett who mentioned he walks through the village down Route 25 and Route 109 and is opposed to the study and implementation of sidewalks and rather we should be stepping up law enforcement through this area as he noted the problem is not the lack of sidewalks but the excessive speed of vehicles that travel through town. John Anderson is opposed to spending this money on sidewalks and if the road is narrower that would now be more dangerous forcing people closer to the center line. We would need to have trucks and sidewalk maintenance at a great expense. Joanne Coppinger thinks it's a safety issue for our town. We would generate a survey and a drawing to be used for discussion of where the sidewalk would go and the associated cost. Allen Ballard said if there is a consensus of having sidewalks and if we put this into our existing DOT ten year program then the state pays 80% to 100% of the project. If we do it now the town is going to have to pay for all of it and we will also be in the states right of way and it may not even be accepted by the DOT. Sue Burton wondered why we can't have a bus from school to the recreation department or library. Donna Tatro mentioned that the bus company changed the route through there so it now arrives much later at approximately 3:55 instead of 3:05. The bus company changed the route for a safety reason. Kim

Prause mentioned there have been various reports in the past stating the need for sidewalks. She asked what year of the DOT 10 year plan are we in. Town Planner Bruce Woodworth stated it could possibly take 5 to 8 years. Jean Beadle stated the ABC was presented with the article at the last minute and had no information or communication from the petitioners and thought it inappropriate to pass judgment on a \$45,000.00 article with no information. Tom Howard said he also knows we are working on a master plan and asked if we have a breakdown for surveying, planning and designing. Kim Prause replied that we do not. Joanne Coppinger states it would cost \$10,000 or less to cover the plan done by a licensed surveyor. This would include surveying existing conditions of the entire stretch from Blake Rd to the library or even Old Route 109, the entire right away, all telephone poles, fronts of any building close to the right of way and all existing features such as signs, trees and stone walls all to scale. Mr. Howard asked Mr. Woodworth if he believed the DOT would use this survey. Mr. Woodworth said yes. Mr. Howard said he didn't believe we could do the sidewalks without first knowing what we have to do to slow down the traffic as that would be required to have crosswalks. Therefore he would like to just see us spend money for the survey at this time. Mr. Howard made a motion seconded by Paul Punturieri to amend the article as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be expended by the Select Board on the surveying necessary for planning and future planning for a sidewalk or sidewalks in the village area. The moderator asked for discussion.

Mr. Lancor mentioned on the Safe Routes Committee they found out you can only have crosswalks when there is a safe pathway to go and that traffic must be slowed down. He feels crosswalks would slow traffic down.

Josh Bartlett spoke of the Fox Hollow Rd project in which the town spent thousands of dollars on planning and then the state got involved and that was wasted town money. He has now heard today that it's dangerous because of the traffic speed. Joanne Coppinger mentioned the recent Charrette and that there are phased approaches that the future may bring such as roundabouts or other traffic calming measures and that the sidewalks would be put in a spot that would mesh with those in the future. She sees no reason we can't put the sidewalk in first. Kim Prause said it would take 18 months with the new master plan to get to where we are now. Tom Randell feels we should spend the money and pass the article so next year we can make the decision if it's too expensive to put in sidewalks or not. Dan Ringelstein believes there's not many people moving back to Moultonborough as he has because there's a general lack of infrastructure, and town features up against rising real estate costs which was driven by the baby boomers and we need sidewalks which would help with a sound infrastructure to get people to move back.

The moderator then called for the vote on this amendment. The amendment failed by a majority show of voter cards. The moderator stated the original article is back on the floor and asked for discussion.

Selectman Wakefield stated he is a big believer of planning. He felt the Charrette doesn't really play into this because it was only attended by a small number of people with their wants and that doesn't represent the town and what a master plan survey might come up with. He agrees with the points Mr. Howard brought up about the coming master plan. He does have faith in our planning board based on surveys with the input of the town and based on a year's worth of study to come up with community planning which may or may not include a sidewalk. We spent over 6 years and a great amount of money on Fox Hollow only to have the state take over and duplicate everything the town did and more. We have to have the DOT's permission to even put in sidewalks as they own the right of way. We will also need their input to affect a crosswalk or stoplight. Celeste Burns is a Girl Scout leader and does take the girls up to the rec. department or library and needs parents to drive them instead of being able to walk up. Mary Whiting asked if in 2009 the town got a grant of 5000.00 to the study the safe routes to school.

Kim Prause replied it was under the safe routes committee that is now disbanded. Mike Lancor explained that they were also hoping to get more grant money to help on the sidewalk-crosswalks. We had to prove 40% of the school children walked or rode bikes to school and we do not have that count in Moultonborough. The Moderator called for the vote.

The original article was passed by a majority show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty dollars (\$1,350) to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, Inc.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 – 0 No)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) to continue the tuition assistance fund for Moultonborough children of working families attending the Sandwich Children's Center.

(By Petition)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4 Yes – 1 No)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee 5 - 0)

Note- Voted as a block via previous motion and affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 30

To transact any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.

A motion was made by Mark Borrin and seconded by Kate Lancor to adjourn the meeting.

This was voted in the affirmative by a majority show of show voter cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

A True Copy Attest:

Barbara E. Wakefield, NHCTC Certified Town Clerk