

**TOWN OF MOULTONBOROUGH  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 – MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul Punturieri in the Moultonborough Public Safety Building on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:58 am. He began by announcing that absentee ballots would be processed at 9 am then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The polls were then opened for ballot voting. At 7:03 pm, the Moderator declared the polls closed and recessed the meeting until Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ballot voting results are as follows:

Votes Cast – 1,075

ONE (1) SELECTMAN FOR THREE (3) YEARS:

Karel A. Crawford 879

ONE (1) TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE (3) YEARS:

Robert H. Watts 870

## THREE (3) LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE (3) YEARS:

Sally Bartlett 849

Nancy Cole 860

Jane P. Harrington 869

**TWO (2) PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE (3) YEARS:**

Brendan Connolly 831

Norman Larson 805

ONE (1) ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER FOR THREE (3) YEARS:

Michael Mills 83

**ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: amend Zoning Ordinance Article 10.2 to remove size limitations on solar arrays?**

**ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:** amend Zoning Ordinance Article 9 to eliminate certain exemptions from the wetlands ordinance?

YES – 479

NO – 471

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Moderator Paul Punturieri reconvened Moultonborough's 248<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting at 12:36 pm in the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium and began by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He then made some announcements and introduced those seated on stage as: Town Clerk Julia Marchand, Town Counsel Matt Serge, Select Board Vice Chair Jon Tolman, Select Board Chair Kevin Quinlan, Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini, and Select Board members Karel Crawford and Chuck McGee.

**ARTICLE 4 (BY PETITION): IMPLEMENT A TAX CAP**

**3/5 vote required by ballot**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 0%.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 0 Yes – 3 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 4 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. The Moderator stated that this article requires a secret ballot vote with polls remaining open for 60 minutes. Joe Cormier commented on the process of amending articles and noted that the legislative body could use that process to adjust a proposed budget. Kathleen Dahlquist spoke in favor of the article and encouraged voters to vote no on the budget, referencing bonds and the total amount taxpayers could spend based on decisions made at the Town and School District meetings on this day. The Moderator asked the Board to clarify the portion of that which is relevant only to the Town Meeting. Chair Quinlan stated that the town's budget is approximately \$11.5 million, not including the capital items that will be decided upon in today's meeting. The Moderator asked if the town has any active bonds and the Chair stated that it does not. He also clarified that the capital reserve funds and trust fund allocations to be voted upon on this day are to prevent the town from having to obtain a bond in the future.

Hollis Austin stated that he feels the Select Board is made up of reasonable people and he commended them on reducing the town budget to offset the school budget. Eric Bernow moved to call the question and this was seconded by Joe Cormier. Mr. Cormier stated that the appropriations reported to the DRA for the 2026 fiscal year are about 1 million dollars less than last year's. The Moderator asked for a show of voter cards in favor of calling the question. More than a 2/3 majority of the room raised their voter cards, so the Moderator instructed voters to use only YES – 1 or NO – 1 secret ballots to vote. Polls opened for voting on Article 4 at 12:48 pm.

After the voters in the auditorium had cast their ballots, the Moderator stated that the polls would remain open for this article until 1:48 pm then discussion continued on the remaining articles.

Article 4 was defeated by secret ballot vote.

YES - 28 NO - 258

## ARTICLE 5: ACCEPTING RSA 31:95-e RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY DONATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to accept RSA 31:95-e which would allow the board of selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the town for any public purpose, with such authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 5 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 5 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 6: RETAINING CERTAIN TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES – USE #1

To see if the Town will vote to retain certain parcels of land it has acquired through the tax deed process, as designated on the tax maps of the Town of Moultonborough and identified below, for public purposes:

Map/Lot	Property Address
016-009	Holland Street
098-078	2 States Landing Road
107-018	Deercrossing
188-018	Wyman Trail

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 6 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 6 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 7: RETAINING CERTAIN TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES – USE #2**

To see if the Town will vote to retain certain parcels of land it has acquired through the tax deed process, as designated on the tax maps of the Town of Moultonborough and identified below, for conservation purposes:

<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Property Address</b>
060-008	Huckleberry Island
085-023	Bean Road
142-052	Island off Merrivale Road
142-053	Island off Merrivale Road
231-001	Island off Geneva Point
254-049	Island off Foley Road

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 7 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 7 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 8: DISCONTINUING CERTAIN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC), with the amounts remaining as of June 30, 2025, together with any interest earned thereon as of said date, being transferred to the general fund.

- CR100: Visiting Nurse Services
- CR108: Rangeway Fund
- CR112: Appraisal Fund
- CR114: Playground Equipment
- CR118: Police Service Fund
- CR142: Fire Service Fund
- CR144: Public Works Equipment
- CR154: Crosswalk RFD

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 8 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Mr. Quinlan moved to amend the article to remove CR112, the Appraisal Fund. This was seconded by Mr. Tolman to read as follows:

*To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC), with the amounts remaining as of June 30, 2025, together with any interest earned thereon as of said date, being transferred to the general fund.*

- CR100: Visiting Nurse Services
- CR108: Rangeway Fund
- CR114: Playground Equipment
- CR118: Police Service Fund
- CR142: Fire Service Fund
- CR144: Public Works Equipment
- CR154: Crosswalk RFD

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

Denise Hervieux asked how much money is in CR100, Visiting Nurses Services, and if that amount can be applied toward articles 23 and 32. Mr. Quinlan stated that the town did that last year, taking about \$45,000 out of the fund, reducing it down to about \$32.96 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and that this is more of a housekeeping item with the intent now being to close the fund completely.

Article 8, as amended, was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 9: CREATING AN AMBULANCE CONTINGENCY TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will voted to (a) establish an Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Ambulance Contingency Fund for the purpose of ensuring uninterrupted ambulance service due to unforeseen increases in costs in addition to the normal ambulance services contracted and appropriated for each year, (b) designate the Select Board as agents to expend both the principal and interest from this fund and (c) raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be placed in this fund upon its establishment.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 9 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Fred Van Magness moved to amend article 9 to include “(CR162),” explaining that this will assist the Trustees of the Trust Funds in the future when they need to find the exact wording of the fund as it was originally established at Town Meeting. The amended article would read as follows:

*To see if the Town will voted to (a) establish an Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Ambulance Contingency Fund (CR162) for the purpose of ensuring uninterrupted ambulance service due to unforeseen increases in costs in addition to the normal ambulance services contracted and appropriated for each year, (b) designate the Select Board as agents to expend both the principal and interest from this fund and (c) raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be placed in this fund upon its establishment.*

The amendment was seconded by Fire Chief David Bengtson and voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

Hollis Austin asked if this takes into account any possible price reductions in the future. Chair Quinlan stated that other municipalities are also establishing such a trust fund in anticipation of certain legislation introduced by the NH Insurance Department which would shift a financial burden from insurance companies to taxpayers. Mr. Austin asked if this cost applies only to the insurance of the ambulance service or if it can be applied to other costs of business for the ambulance service as well. Chair Quinlan stated that this is the cost being transferred from the state to the town, rolled into one. Vice Chair Tolman elaborated to say that Moultonborough, Sandwich, Center Harbor, and Meredith will all be engaged in a joint cooperative with Stewart's Ambulance and that the other three towns have already passed the warrant articles that will allow them to contribute their portion. These funds will allow the towns to pay for ambulance services if the legislation goes through and Stewarts' cost of doing business exceeds the funds they otherwise receive.

Denise Hervieux asked when the legislation is anticipated to be brought forward in the New Hampshire legislature. Fire Chief Bengtson stated that the legislation is currently pending and will be acted upon in this coming legislative session. He likened this change to the way municipalities have their own Police Departments and Fire Departments and said that the Insurance Commissioner would like to have a similar system for EMS coverage. Chief Bengtson also spoke to Mr. Austin's earlier question and stated that, looking back at contracts with Stewart's Ambulance over the years, prices are going up every year so there will not be price reductions. Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 9, as amended, was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 10: CREATING A BRIDGE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Bridge Repair Fund for the purpose of maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of municipally owned bridges , (b) designate the Select Board as agents to expend both the principal and interest from this fund, c) deposit the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Fifty One Dollars and five cents (\$92,051.05) currently held in Account 01-253-2404 in this fund upon its establishment and d) deposit herein such funds as may be received from time to time from the State of New Hampshire specifically for this purpose.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 10 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Fred Van Magness moved to amend article 10 to include "(CR164)," to specifically identify this to the Trustees of the Trust Funds in the years going forward. The amended article would read as follows:

*To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Bridge Repair Fund (CR164) for the purpose of maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of municipally owned bridges , (b) designate the Select Board as agents to expend both*

*the principal and interest from this fund, c) deposit the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Fifty One Dollars and five cents (\$92,051.05) currently held in Account 01-253-2404 in this fund upon its establishment and d) deposit herein such funds as may be received from time to time from the State of New Hampshire specifically for this purpose.*

The amendment was seconded by Greg Samaha and voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

Article 10, as amended, was then voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 11: FUNDING CERTAIN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$132,500) to additionally fund certain previously established Expendable Trust Funds (ETFs) as identified below in the amounts as set forth below:

Dry Hydrant CRF116	\$7,500
Milfoil Control CRF140	\$100,000
Police Cruiser CRF160	\$25,000

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 11 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 11 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 12: FUNDING CERTAIN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand (\$397,000) to additionally fund certain previously established Capital Reserved Funds (CRFs) as identified below in the amounts as set forth below:

CRF106: Fire Fighting Equipment	\$350,000
CRF110: Historical Building Fund	\$25,000
CRF152: Town Wide Technology	\$22,000

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 12 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 12 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 13: FUNDING THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ENGINE #1**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000), subject to the passage of the article contained in this warrant of a FY '26 contribution to Fire Fighting Equipment Fund (CRF106) of no less than Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), to replace 2007 Fire Engine #1 (pumper truck) and to meet said appropriation by a withdrawal of said sum from the Fire Fighting Equipment Fund (CRF106).

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 13 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Judith Plaisted Haracz thanked the town and Select Board for dedicating the annual report to her brother, Richard Plaisted. She then recognized and thanked the other civil servants in the room as well as those serving in town, state, and federal government.

Josh Bartlett inquired about the cost of the new truck. Chief Bengtson explained that in the last 3-5 years, the price of fire apparatus has jumped about 15%-17% each year on average. The last fire apparatus purchase that the MFD contracted to replace was for \$1,013,000. He stated that the goal of purchasing this truck now is to try to get ahead of a further \$500,000-\$800,000 increase in cost and that this has been discussed in collaboration with the Select Board and the Capital Improvement Committee.

Hollis Austin asked if this would be an electric vehicle. The Chief confirmed that it would not be. Jean Beadle, speaking on behalf of herself (not the Advisory Budget Committee), stated that this truck was intentionally scheduled to be replaced in 2032 so the town would not have to replace two fire trucks around the same time. Chair Quinlan stated that delivery times right now are also around 3 years or more and that with supply chain issues, the consolidation of the industry, and the significant backlog as a result of the California wildfires, he feels this is a prudent decision at this time to save taxpayer money and ensure we have the truck when we need it.

Matthew Henry asked if this truck would be in addition to the rest of the fleet or as a replacement vehicle and, if it is a replacement, what is the approximate value we can anticipate receiving for the old truck. Chair Quinlan stated that it will be a replacement. Chief Bengtson said that the value of the disposed apparatus would be subject to the market at the time. In the past, they have gotten in the range of \$1,250 - \$8,000 but considering this truck's condition we can expect to get roughly \$15,000-\$25,000. Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 13 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 14: FUNDING THE FY '26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$815,000) for a program of Capital Improvements and special items, as generally illustrated below,

Department	Item	\$s
Police	Replace 20 Portable Radios	\$75,000
Police	Replace 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility	\$85,000
Police	Replace 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility	\$85,000
DPW - Transfer Station	WMF Truck Scale Replacement	\$85,000
DPW - Highway	Winter Sand/Salt Shed Roof Replacement	\$50,000
DPW - Highway (Note 1)	3500 Platform/Dump W/Plow & Sander (Trk #11)	\$110,000
Fire (Note 2)	2026 Storage Pole Barn	\$75,000
DPW - Bldg/Grds (Note 2)	Highway Garage: Pole Shed	\$200,000
DPW - Bldg/Grds	DPW/Fleet 10 Ton Vehicle Lift Replacement	\$35,000
DPW - Bldg/Grds	Town Hall Space Needs: Concept Study	\$15,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$815,000</b>

and to meet said appropriation by the withdrawal of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) from the Public Works Equipment Fund (CR102), One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from the Municipal Building Maintenance Fund (CR104), and the balance from taxation.

Note 1: This project is being partially funded with monies from CR 102 - \$75k

Note 2: This project is being partially funded with monies from CR 104 - \$150k

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 14 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Denise Hervieux inquired about the Town Hall space needs concept study. Chair Quinlan responded that there are varying opinions about what could or should be done to expand the usable space in Town Hall, so an architect is necessary at this time to assess what is possible and what requirements there are.

Article 14 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 15: FUNDING THE FY '26 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000), with said appropriation to be non-lapsing until the end of the Fiscal Year 2027, for a road improvement program as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation from (a) a NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000), (b) a withdrawal of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) from the Roads Improvement Fund (CR156) and (c) the balance from taxation.

<u>Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REHABILITATE/RECONSTRUCT</b> Brae Burn Rd, Country Side Ln, Susan Dr., Eagle Shore Rd.	9500'	8" Reclaim/Pave	\$862,790
<b>PRESERVATION</b> <b>Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay</b> Black Point & Clark's Landing Rd	3,370	Shim/Overlay	\$114,580
<b>Chip Seal (AKA Asph. Rubber SAM)</b> Hanson Mill, Ossipee Mountain, & Winaukee Road(s); Paradise Dr & Old Route 109	17,700	Asphalt Rubber SAM	\$239,658
<b>Crack Sealing</b>	27,000	Crack Sealing	\$24,840
<b>Update Road Surface Management Study Update</b>			\$30,000
<b>Contingency</b>			\$28,132
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>

Note: Inclusion of any road on this list was based upon a condition assessment and budget estimate prepared in November of 2024. It is no guarantee of work being undertaken on the identified roadway. Final construction decisions are made based upon engineering analysis and actual bids received with work additions or deletions based upon the final bids.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)  
(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee – 5 Yes – 0 No)

Article 15 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 15 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## ARTICLE 16: FUNDING A SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL ITEM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to fund the replacement of the motors and control system on the Fire Department's Fire Boat and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the unassigned fund balance.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No)

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

Article 16 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 16 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 17: FY '26 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, subject to all changes made at this meeting, the sum of Eleven Million Five Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three (\$11,506,683) to pay the FY '26 Operating Expenses for General Government, Public Safety, Public Works (including Highways, Cemeteries, Buildings and Grounds, and Transfer Station), Human Services, Culture and Recreation, and Land Use Services.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 17 was read by the Moderator then moved by Chair Quinlan and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 17 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 18: FY '26 TOWN LIBRARY OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Forty Thousand, Thirty-One Dollars (\$740,031) to pay the FY '26 Operating Expenses for the Public Library.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 18 was read by the Moderator then moved by John Buckley and seconded by Greg Samaha. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 18 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

## **ARTICLE 19: FUNDING THE LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) to be placed in the Library Building Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (CR159).

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

Article 19 was read by the Moderator then moved by John Buckley and seconded by Greg Samaha. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 19 was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

Chris Shipp moved to vote collectively on articles 20-25 and 27-32 for a total of \$162,105. This was seconded by Lauren Lavoie.

Bundled articles 20-25 and 27-32 were then voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

#### **ARTICLE 20 (BY PETITION): WINNIPESAUKEE WELLNESS CENTER**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to support the Winnipesaukee Wellness Center, a community service program providing a supervised exercise program for clients.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 2 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstain) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

#### **ARTICLE 21 (BY PETITION): LAKES REGION FOOD PANTRY**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Lakes Region Food Pantry to help in its mission of feeding families one bag at a time.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

#### **ARTICLE 22 (BY PETITION): TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$11,066) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc, service programs in Moultonborough: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, Tamworth Dental Center.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 23 (BY PETITION): LAKES REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to support the operations of Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, a local agency that provides Visiting Nurses, Therapy, Aide Services, Hospice Care, and Care for the Caregiver services to the residents of the Town of Moultonborough, NH. This past year residents received home visits from Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association. Town funds are used chiefly to support hospice care, nursing care to homebound residents who are at medical or social risk, and immunization services.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 24 (BY PETITION): INTERLAKES COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS, INC.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc., which provides support services to the residents of Moultonborough.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 25 (BY PETITION): STARTING POINT**

To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$5,814) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **(ARTICLE 26 WAS VOTED UPON AFTER ARTICLE 32)**

## **ARTICLE 27 (BY PETITION): MOULTONBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

To see if the Town of Moultonborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$4,700) to support the work of the Moultonborough Historical Society in the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the Moultonborough History Museum; the educational and cultural programs the Society offers; and the stewardship of the Town owned “Middle Neck Schoolhouse” and “Old Moultonborough Townhouse”.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee – 4 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstain)

## **ARTICLE 28 (BY PETITION): OSSIPEE CONCERNED CITIZENS**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000) to support the Nutritional Meal Program (Meals on Wheels) provided by Ossipee Concerned Citizens.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 29 (BY PETITION): LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE ALLIANCE**

To see if the town will vote to allocate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to support the Lake Winnipesaukee Alliance (LWA) activities. LWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnipesaukee and has taken the lead in this effort since 2010. LWA has and continues to provide direct support in obtaining grants for Town projects that improve the water quality of Lake Winnipesaukee and water bodies in Moultonborough. The LWA are an important liaison between NH DES and the Town for water quality monitoring and local communication of cyanobacteria alerts issued by NH DES. LWA also provides on site evaluation and recommendations as requested that lead to improved storm water management practices by town residents through the LakeSmart/Keep Winni Blue program.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 30 (BY PETITION): SANDWICH CHILDREN'S CENTER**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to continue our tuition assistance for Moultonborough children attending Sandwich Children's Center as well as Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to help SCC replace worn out supplies.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 31 (BY PETITION): INTERLAKES DAY CARE CENTER**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$2,025) to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 32 (BY PETITION): GRANITE VNA**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to support the operations of Granite VNA (Formerly Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice), a local agency that provides Visiting Nurse Services, Hospice Care, and Pediatric Care to residents of the Town of

Moultonborough, NH. This past year residents of Moultonborough received 691 home visits from Granite VNA. Town funds are used chiefly to support hospice care, pediatric care to children at medical or social risk, wellness clinics, bereavement support groups and immunization services.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

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

## **ARTICLE 26 (BY PETITION): LEE ROAD/OLD ROUTE 109 STOP SIGNAGE**

To see if the Town will direct the installation of two additional stop signs at the intersection of Lee Road and Old Route 109 so that the junction becomes a legal three-way stop intersection. Making this permanent change this year will promote public safety by reducing the number of motorists and truckers using this section of road as a short cut.

(Recommended by Selectmen – 3 Yes – 0 No) (2 Absent w/Prior Notification)

(Recommended by Advisory Budget Committee – 1 Yes – 0 No – 4 Abstain)

Article 26 was read by the Moderator then moved by Josh Bartlett and seconded by Vice Chair Tolman.

Cody Gray asked if it was too late to discuss one of the bundled articles. The Moderator stated that the bundled articles have already been voted upon, so it is too late to discuss them. Mr. Gray then moved to reconsider the bundling of articles 20-25 and 27-32 which was seconded by Tom Howard. Mr. Gray stated that article 29 for the Lake Winnipesaukee Alliance be considered separately because the Alliance is an environmental organization which promotes environmental education but also functions essentially as a political action committee in Concord, so he feels it is inappropriate for taxpayer money to fund activities such as reviewing or supporting legislation. Mr. Gray asked that this article be voted on independently.

The Moderator called for a vote to reconsider the bundled articles. The motion to reconsider the bundled articles was defeated by a show of voter cards.

Discussion continued on article 26 with Josh Bartlett speaking in favor of the article, stating that driving has become increasingly dangerous on Old Route 109 over the past 20 years. He noted that the road is used regularly by pedestrians and senior citizens frequenting the Function Hall, yet drivers use it as a short cut between Routes 25 and 109, not obeying speed limits or passing zones. He stated that this is a “traffic calming” suggestion from former Town Planner Bruce Woodruff.

Dan Collins spoke against the article, stating that the intersection is not designed for a stop sign and he feels it will cause more issues than it solves. Jack Hadam, a resident who lives near that intersection, acknowledged the issues with motor vehicle speeding in that area, but spoke against the article stating that in his communications with the Police and Fire Departments, it doesn’t appear that the collision or ticketing data supports this particular solution. He spoke of a similar situation in Tamworth which he feels has been successfully handled by lowering the speed limit and putting radar speed signs in place.

Mark Reschke spoke against the article saying that he uses the road regularly and has not observed a safety issue but suggests that, if there is one, it could be addressed by adjusting the speed limit instead of installing stop signs. The Moderator, who also lives in that area, acknowledged the dangerous traffic near the corner on Old Route 109.

At this time, the Moderator announced that the polls were closed for secret ballot voting on article 4 and the Assistant Moderators began tallying the votes.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he doesn't feel that most drivers obey speed limits and said that the intersection in question could be set up for stop signs. He urged voters not to wait for a fatality to take action on this matter. Denise Hervieux stated that she has measured the distance and Old Route 109 is not a short cut. Police Chief Peter Beede gave statistics for the number of motor vehicle collisions (two on Old 109, two at the intersection of Old 109 and Gov. Wentworth Highway, and four at the intersection of Old 109 and Whittier Highway) and traffic stops (85) in that area over the last five years. He stated that, based on his experience in the Police Department over the last 30 years, he thinks drivers will speed back up immediately after stopping at a stop sign so he doesn't feel it will have the desired effect. Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called the question.

Article 26 was defeated by a show of voter cards.

At this time, the Moderator thanked the School District staff and Assistant Moderators for their work and preparation to ensure a smooth Town Meeting. He also thanked the voters for staying for the long meeting. When the Assistant Moderators had finished tallying votes, the Moderator announced the results of article 4.

#### **ARTICLE 33:**

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

Article 33 was read by the Moderator who then asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Peter Whelley moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Greg Samaha. This motion was voted in the affirmative by a show of voter cards.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

True copy attest:



Julia Marchand, CNHTC Certified Town Clerk