

Public Hearing for Proposed Operating Town Budget

April 4, 2017

Members present: Chairman Smith, Mr. Rumph, Mr. Spaulding, Mr. Frampton and Mr. Stewart.

Audience: Mr. McGuckin, Mr. Buxton and Mr. Schulte

Mr. Smith opened meeting at 7 p.m. Mr. Stewart did an over view of proposed town budget. He said the town has in the budget a Town Manager position. The town is going to upgrade the sewer pump stations for about \$400,000.00. \$131,000 for the sewer by pass paid by the sewer trust fund. \$125,000 for the pump upgrades, from the sewer trust fund, and \$275,000 from a 3 year note that is one of the warrant articles. He mentioned the sewer rates will increase from \$14.54 to \$17.00 per unit. Mr. Buxton mentioned that the warrant article should state who is obligated to pay the sewer warrant article. Mr. Schulte stated that because the sewer warrant article was not shown at public hearing that we must adjourn or go into recess until it is ready to be read and proposed. A very very very long discussion ensued about RSA's and time lines to be met. At the end of the very very very long debate over time restrictions and dates to be met, Mr. Stewart received a copy of the proposed

sewer warrant article and the meeting finally frigin continued. Mr. Buxton asked a few questions about a roof to be repaired on the common building, the new town manager position and why the committees did not approve retirement benefits for the librarian. The questions were answered professionally by Mr. Stewart.

Public Hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

After all documents were in hand we finally got to vote on warrant articles and proposed town operating budget. All wording will be logged into town log at town hall.

Warrant article IX.. \$132,000 V and E Fund.. Passed 5 to 0.

Warrant article XI..\$11,000 for Town Donations. Passed 5 to 0.

Warrant article XII..\$10,000 for Contingency fund... Passed 5 to 0.

Warrant article for \$400.745 for sewer upgrades... Mr. Rumph wanted to adjust wording so it states how it's getting paid for and who is paying for it. Mr. Stewart adjusted wording and passed 5 to 0.

Time to vote on the recommended operating budget for the general operation of the town. \$2,838,213. passed 5 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Truthfully Submitted to the best of my knowledge

Damon H. Frampton II

MAY WE ALL HAVE FAIR WINDS AHEAD