

TOWN OF KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
BUDGET REVIEW MEETING  
January 13, 2018  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ POSTINGS**

Chair Rick Edelman called KMBC meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.  
Board of Selectman meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Rick Edelman, Carol Croteau, Sandy Seaman, Larry Heath, Ed Conant,  
Charles Hart, Mary Fidler, Gary Finerty, Stanley Shalett, Lynn Gainty,  
Sandi Rogers-Osterloh.

BOS members: Peter Broderick, Mark Heitz

Absent:

Lyndsey Cunningham, George Korn - not excused.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Lynn Gainty and seconded by Sandy Seaman to accept the December 10, 2017 minutes, with corrections to lines 122 and 123 by Lynn Gainty and corrections to lines 214 and 215 by Carol Croteau. The motion passed.

Yeas: 10      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 2      Motion carries

A motion was made by Sandy Seaman and seconded by Lynn Gainty to accept the January 6, 2018 minutes.

Yeas: 10      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 2      Motion carries

A motion was made by Lynn Gainty and seconded by Sandy Seaman to accept the January 7, 2018 minutes.

Yeas: 11      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 1      Motion carries

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing called to order.

### Warrant Articles

#### Ed Conant read Article 1

Ellen Falconer noted that one Town Officer is not listed, which is one library trustee for a two-year term.

Lynn Gainty stated that one ZBA member for a one-year term is missing as well, and that the Board of Selectman need to make adjustments to the list.

Sandy Seaman stated that the dates for filing were not on the website. Carol Croteau said she called the Town Clerk's office and was given the dates of January 24, 2018 - February 2, 2018, until 5 p.m.

#### Ed Conant Read Article 8

Leslie Hume commented that regarding the request for the purchase of a camera, perhaps there was a misunderstanding from last week's meeting - that the Historical Museum Committee is requesting an additional \$581.

9:18am George Korn arrives

Debbie Powers of the Heritage Commission Chair asked the Budget Committee to re-consider the Heritage Commission budget by re-funding the Signs Project line. She wanted to point out two things: she has noticed that in the past the town has supported historic aspects/efforts of the commission, and that regarding the Charette's Program the road map has been a successful program.

Ms. Powers also commented that they have gotten quotes for signs and that the commission's desire is to have uniformity in type and material for the ten signs they want to purchase. The committee has also been working cooperatively with the Envision Kingston project.

Lynn Gainty asked if the company that is making the signs would remove their company name from the sign.

Debbie Powers said she didn't know, and agrees that the company name of the sign maker should not be on the sign. She also stated that the commission will be getting more quotes and that they want public input regarding the signs and locations.

Rick Edelman asked Debbie Powers if they had considered putting up a GoFundMe page, requesting donations for the cost of the signs.

Debbie Powers stated that they are always looking for donations, that they have received about \$1800 so far, and that she will ask the commission about a GoFundMe page. She also stated that she doesn't think that the commission can use the Heritage Fund for the signs.

85 Debbie Powers distributed copies of the purpose of the Heritage  
86 Commission to the Budget Committee.

87 Ellen Faulconer stated that she believes the signs are commercially  
88 viable and are good for attracting businesses by branding and identifying  
89 Kingston. She also stated we need to get this done as a part of Envision  
90 Kingston.

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92 **Ed Conant read Article 9**

93 Leslie Hume asked if the tax bills came out late this year.

94 The Board of Selectman and the Budget Committee members answered,  
95 “Yes.”

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97 **Ed Conant read Article 10**

98 Ellen Faulconer asked why this Article is being brought forward.

99 Lynn Gainty stated that they found last year at Kingston Days there isn't  
100 a warrant article on the books for us to have Bingo. She stated that this  
101 article brings us into compliance with the town.

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103 **Ed Conant read Article 11**

104 Fire Chief Bill Seaman stated that this warrant article is for replacing the  
105 existing 12 year-old Ambulance, A1. The department has spent over  
106 \$15,000 in repairs; A1 is a PowerStroke Diesel and continues to need  
107 repairs and that this is the worst ambulance we have had during his  
108 tenure. The release of these funds in the Ambulance Replacement  
109 Special Revenue Fund will cover the entire cost of a new ambulance. It  
110 will be a sealed bid RFP, the old ambulance has little value and was only  
111 given \$7500 trade in value, Chief Seamans hopes to find a better offer.

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113 **Ed Conant read Article 12**

114 Fire Chief Seaman stated that this warrant article funds future  
115 replacement of fire apparatus.

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117 **Ed Conant read Article 13**

118 Fire Chief Seaman stated a feasibility study was completed and that this  
119 article is for the purpose of developing plans for a new fire station on  
120 land owned by the town. He stated that we will then have a rock-hard  
121 number on the dollar amount to build a new building.

122 Muriel Ingalls, President of the Kingston Lake Association, stated that she  
123 has great concerns about the site for the new fire station due to  
124 proximity to the lake. She said they are not against the station, just the  
125 location; and that many others that are not on the lake are concerned as  
126 well.

127 Fire Chief Seaman stated that the study for a new fire station and its  
128 location, based on best response time, has been going on since 2004. The  
129 study looked at 148 Main Street (where the station is now), the state  
130 shed on Mill Road, 24 Main Street (proposed location), and the town  
131 Highway department location. The location identified by the study, for  
132 the best response time and with suitable land for a station, is at 24 Main  
133 Street. The Chief also said that as far as Environmental Impact, there are  
134 much higher standards now regarding floor drains, underground  
135 catchment tanks, etc.

136 Lynn Gainty asked about the wording of the article's use of the word  
137 "withdrawal." She wanted to know if the DRA has approved the wording  
138 of the article.

139 Fire Chief Seaman and KFD Captain Kent Walker stated that the DRA has  
140 approved the wording.

141 Muriel Ingalls asked if we could change the wording of the article at the  
142 Deliberative Session.

143 Clarification was given by Ellie Alessio, that the wording can be changed  
144 in an article, but, not the intent.

145 Leslie Hume stated that there is difference between a Board of  
146 Selectman warrant article and a petition article in that the Board of  
147 Selectman can change the wording of their warrant articles.

148 Muriel Ingalls stated again that the Kingston Lake Association is strongly  
149 in favor in changing the wording - that the KLA is against the location for  
150 a lot of reasons - not against the fire station - and doesn't want conflict  
151 in the community. She is very much opposed to this location - and they  
152 will be sending letters to the editor and will be in the community making  
153 their opposition known.

154 George Korn stated that it is his understanding that the dollar amount in  
155 this article is tied to this specific site, and changing the wording may set  
156 it back a year.

157 Fire Chief Seaman and Captain Kent Walker concurred, that the warrant  
158 article is location specific, and the plans and costs will be site specific.

159 Ellen Faulconer stated that she would think that the Kingston Lake  
160 Association wouldn't want the article re-written as it could affect not  
161 doing what they want to do, that they wouldn't then know the location.

162 Virginia Morse stated that she wanted to know why the people are not  
163 voting on the location and the fire station as two separate votes like it  
164 was for the library.

165 Captain Kent Walker stated that the building committee has been  
166 meeting for two years now, and that consideration of the site, acreage  
167 needed, square footage of the building, timing, and the fact that the  
168 town already owns the land have all been part of the process.

169 Ellie Alessio said she would like to speak to leave the article as is. She  
170 stated that she has faith in the community and to let the community  
171 should vote to accept the location.  
172 George Korn stated that he supported what Ms. Alessio stated, because  
173 otherwise we won't have a clear answer regarding dollar amount or the  
174 site.  
175 Leslie Hume asked if the fire department will make a presentation like  
176 the library did.  
177 Fire Chief Seaman said that he will have materials available at the  
178 Deliberative Session, and the department will be posting on social media  
179 and the Kingston cable channel.  
180 Ellen Faulconer stated she would like the location and funding separated  
181 into two articles, but she did not know if viable.  
182 Lynn Gainty stated that it is different than the library, but the article  
183 regarding property and architectural plans seems "muddy", and she is in  
184 support of removing the warrant article and she encouraged that the  
185 town approve the location first.  
186 Mark Heitz stated that the Board of Selectman have been working with  
187 the Fire Department for quite a few years now. He also stated they have  
188 studied possible locations and they considered that we could consolidate  
189 the two fire stations and, most importantly, improve response time.  
190 When the purchase for the Rec Department land came up, part of the  
191 decision process was that the town could use this site for a fire station as  
192 it is a fairly large parcel - four acres. Mark stated that operating  
193 procedures, safety precautions and technology has changed over the  
194 years. He also said they (BOS) would never put in an article if they  
195 thought it would jeopardize Kingston Lake. For all those reasons he  
196 thinks the article should be in, and let the people decide.  
197 Gary Finerty asked how many years they have looked for land and  
198 Captain Kent Walker said the town doesn't own a lot of land in that area  
199 and that they have called owners of land and the owners have declined  
200 to sell. Also, he stated that other land that was suggested was outside  
201 the zone of response time.

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203 **Ed Conant read Article 14**

204 There was no discussion. Ed Conant noted a typographical error.

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206 Ellen Faulconer requested that Article 21 be taken out of order.

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208 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Carol Croteau seconded to take Article  
209 21 out of order.

210 Yeas: 11      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

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212 **Ed Conant read Article 21**

213 Ellen Faulconer stated that she had questions regarding the contract.  
214 She said this article allows them to discuss it further, particularly if it is  
215 not financially viable and whether they will use impact fees to pay for it.  
216 She stated that the Board of Selectman are not trying to bring solar to  
217 the whole town to reduce energy costs. She also mentioned that this is  
218 an educational tool for the community.

219 Lynn Gainty asked that Ellen explain "Impact Fees."

220 Ellen Faulconer explained that impact fees occur with new construction  
221 and a percentage is allocated to each town department. The fees can be  
222 used for things that are pertinent to the building.

223 Mark Heitz stated that after a pre-determined amount of time, if the  
224 impact fees are not spent they must be returned to the developer. He  
225 also said that the Board of Selectman are opposed to the departments  
226 not using the impact fees and having them returned to the developer.

227 Peter Broderick stated that the fees are on new construction.

228 Mark Heitz stated, for clarification, that new construction places a  
229 burden on town services.

230 James Hasselbeck, Operations Manager for ReVision Energy, stated that  
231 the solar panels put in at the Kingston Library will be 35% the size of the  
232 panel area put in at the Brentwood Fire Department. The panels at the  
233 library do not impact the building and they will be placed in the ground.  
234 Ground placement gives more "bang for the buck" as production is  
235 higher. He also spoke about tax credits and the Power Purchase  
236 agreement for seven years. Their company has a tax liability for the  
237 panels, and will pass savings back to the town in lower electricity rates.  
238 The seven-year tax structure is a minimum, and there are buyout options  
239 throughout the thirty-year lease.

240 Stanley Shallet asked about how much would the lease be to rent it or  
241 buy it.

242 James Hasselbeck answered that the savings is in the price of electricity.

243 Ed Conant asked if we could put a solar array at the landfill and tie in  
244 the library.

245 Mark Heitz mentioned that the largest user of electricity in the town is  
246 the school district and that they already have a contract for solar panels.

247 James Hasselbeck spoke to the Environmental Protection Agency and  
248 there are many rules about putting a solar array at the landfill. The  
249 primary requirement is that there must be electrical load use next to the  
250 array.

251 Rick Edelman asked what the install cost would be - would there be no  
252 initial cost to the town and would the solar company bear the cost of  
253 installation.

254 Rebecca Mateyk from the librarian stated that they had done a walk-  
255 through with Rich St. Hilaire from the Highway Department and that  
256 three trees would have to come down. She also stated that Rich and the  
257 Friends of the Library are in agreement regarding the solar panel site.  
258 Mark Heitz stated that we would be using our town services to prepare  
259 the site.

260 Virginia Morse stated that she is in support of the solar panels, but she  
261 wants to know the impact on the beauty of the library without the  
262 appearance of solar panels.

263 Ellen Faulconer, Library trustee, stated that they spoke about roof  
264 panels but it was off the table immediately due to the color of the  
265 library roof and the look.

266 James Hasselbeck stated that the roof is not an option. He also stated  
267 that they will utilize landscaping, screenings, etc. to lessen the impact  
268 of the change, because it is a change.

269 Kent Walker asked how much of the existing green space will be used.

270 James Hasselbeck stated the panels would be 1/3 the size of the  
271 Brentwood panel space.

272 Kent Walker asked about the installation and covering maintenance costs  
273 for duration of the lease and the life of the system.

274 Mark Heitz stated we are still going to get an electric bill.

275 James Hasselbeck explained the electric bill will be for use of power and  
276 rates regarding supply and transmission costs.

277 Leslie Hume asked if they could possibly move the panels further back in  
278 the open space.

279 James Hasselbeck stated they are trying to minimize removal of trees.

280 Ed Conant asked why can't we find alternative energy and put it on the  
281 landfill.

282 James Hasselbeck stated that with New Hampshire legislation there must  
283 be 20% use onsite.

284 Mark Heitz stated that he hoped legislation would change in the future.

285 Rebecca Mateyk stated that the library will have informational sessions,  
286 that the article is for them to enter into the agreement.

287 Peter Broderick said he agrees with Rebecca Mateyk regarding  
288 transparency about no cost to the town.

289 Lynn Gainty pointed out that there is a cost to the town with the impact  
290 fees.

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292 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Carol Croteau seconded to take Article  
293 19 out of order.

294 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

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297 **Ed Conant read Article 19**

298 Rebecca Mateyk, Kingston Librarian, stated that this article is for a full-  
299 time Information and Technology specialist position. That there are  
300 emerging technologies, network design and maintenance, etc. that they  
301 have needs for. She stated that they have had a person working for them  
302 in Information Technology 16 hours/week, and this person has put in a  
303 firewall, trained staff and re-designed their website. She also stated that  
304 Sanborn High School has only assisted them with two hours of help since  
305 May 2017. Rebecca also stated that they are 1 of 75 Libraries that  
306 received a NASA STEM grant for programming support.

307 Ellen Faulconer stated that the library put in two years ago for this  
308 position and they have reviewed their needs and they really need an  
309 Information Technology person; particularly with the increase in the over  
310 55 community members and their need for assistance.

311 Ed Conant clarified that the dollar amount of \$34,354 is for six months.

312 George Korn said the salary is \$68,908 per year.

313 Ellen Faulconer said they base the salary on benefits for a “family” and  
314 the amount is computed by the town. She also stated that we will keep  
315 losing people if we don’t offer appropriate salary and benefits.

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317 **Ed Conant read Article 15**

318 Fire Chief Seaman and Mark Heitz stated that this article is for the  
319 Highway Department replacement fund.

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321 **Ed Conant read Article 16**

322 Ernie Landry said this article is similar as proposed last year, their goal is  
323 30-35% of land acquisition, and the dollar amount in the article is less  
324 than recommended in the Capital Improvement plan. The article  
325 supports the Master Plan, they have acquired 21% and have about 250  
326 more acres to be purchased for use by the townspeople for recreation.  
327 Their plan is to preserve some of the viewsapes in town and preserve  
328 the image as a rural community, that they are not targeting Industrial or  
329 Commercial property, but, we need balance. He also stated that we  
330 have a long history of this effort with proposed articles.

331 Lynn Gainty asked when we are going to “get there” for conservation  
332 easements.

333 Ernie Landry stated they are continuing to work on it and they are at 21%  
334 now. He then gave clarification that their goal is NOT 30-35%, it IS 25-  
335 30%.

336 Sandy Seaman asked what the balance is in their land Acquisition Capital  
337 Reserve fund.

338 Ernie Landry stated the balance is \$415,000.

339 Mr Landry stated that they have about \$2 to \$3 million in funds and  
340 leverage through grants, and work with conservancy groups and work  
341 with the landowners to get the best buy.  
342 Ellen Faulconer commented that regarding Article 19, the salary includes  
343 about \$8000 for benefits, that the actual amount for a family is \$12,397  
344 for six months. and \$22,057 for the second year.  
345 Ellie Alessio said the salary amount regarding Article 19 is an annualized  
346 salary of \$48,000-\$52,000.

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#### 348 **Ed Conant read Article 17**

349 Leslie Hume stated that Selectman Peter Broderick has been working on  
350 solving the technical issues with the Town Cable Channel system. The  
351 intent of the article is to bring this station and equipment up to date for  
352 storing session recordings that you can watch at any time, and, also to  
353 provide portable equipment for recordings. The money will get us up on  
354 technology. She stated that \$30,000 is on the high end of the quotes that  
355 she got.

356 Rick Edelman asked what the \$30,000 is actually for.

357 Leslie Hume said the money will add functionality; we will be able to  
358 livestream and put recordings on the website to be viewed at the  
359 viewers convenience, and to purchase equipment that is compatible.

360 Peter Broderick stated that he didn't know that others wanted offsite  
361 access.

362 Leslie Hume stated that if there are other town and community  
363 presentations we would then have a system to have a DVD with  
364 recordings. She also said that there are questions about who can use the  
365 system and with the agreement with Comcast, but that with it we can  
366 have meetings and then have a means to educate people. She also stated  
367 that it is a disservice to the community by not having the system be  
368 flexible or comprehensive as it can be.

369 Peter Broderick said that the information was discussed by the Board of  
370 Selectman and they gave it back to the Museum and asked them to put  
371 forth a warrant article to get this functionality in place.

372 Mark Heitz stated that the system is designed for televising from the  
373 town hall meeting room and that Leslie wants to expand to do that off  
374 site.

375 Ellie Alessio said she is supportive of this article and that she is appalled  
376 that we have not had the meetings televised for several years.

377 Rick Edelman said he agrees and asked, "...and the \$30,000 is to fix  
378 what?"

379 Ellen Faulconer stated that the money is for equipment to allow for  
380 videos to be put on the website. She is concerned that we have bought  
381 our future, but not have our present. Ms Faulkner stated that she is in

382 favor of the proposal. She was concerned about spending a significant  
383 amount of funds to repair existing equipment. We should do some work  
384 next year.

385 Gary Finerty asked why we don't do it all together.

386 Peter Broderick stated that we are not sure who's problem this is, that  
387 we need to know that first-whether it is the equipment or Comcast.

388 Ellen Faulconer stated that we should think about getting the Cable  
389 Committee back together.

390 Virginia Morse commented that when she was taking petitions around for  
391 signatures she could not believe how many people are uninformed.

392 Peter Broderick stated that he understands their frustration, but we rely  
393 on our vendors.

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395 11:16 a.m. five-minute break

396 11:26 a.m. meeting resumed

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398 **Ed Conant read Article 18**

399 Leslie Hume stated that this article addresses the need to get the Cable  
400 Channel back up and running with a central person at \$15/hour for 20  
401 hours a week to do that. The money for this article would come from the  
402 Comcast fees the town collects. She also wants us to leave the \$5000  
403 already budgeted for the Town Cable Channel still in the budget to be  
404 used for training.

405 Lynn Gainty asked what we do with the \$90,000 we receive from  
406 Comcast.

407 Peter Broderick stated that we use the money as revenue and to pay  
408 down the tax rate.

409 Lynn Gainty stated that we can't reduce revenues if the town budget  
410 warrant article doesn't pass.

411 Peter Broderick then commented that for town committee and board  
412 meetings we need to have someone hired and trained to record

413 meetings. He also has been in contact with the Newton person that does  
414 this and that person would be available to record some of our meetings.

415 Leslie Hume stated that it shouldn't be the Selectman's job to make sure  
416 that these meetings are recorded and broadcast and that she is in favor  
417 of having the Cable Committee. Ms. Hume also stated that she has  
418 checked with other towns and that we need to have someone coordinate  
419 all these meetings; that there is a lot going on in Kingston and all of  
420 these should be available to see on cable.

421 Ellen Faulconer stated that the Cable Franchise fees can be spent by the  
422 town, and that the funds could be considered, "not revenue."

423 Pete Broderick said he was not 100% certain on that.

424 Mark Heitz stated that there are plenty of things the town could use. It  
425 all depends on our resources because it is all from the taxpayer. He  
426 stated that the Board of Selectman have been fairly conservative on  
427 personnel and we try to use volunteers and part time employees  
428 wherever we can. He also stated that we need to come up with new  
429 ways to hire people, and said that we could use a Code Enforcement  
430 officer instead of a cable manager.

431 Rick Edelman asked if with the addition of two new selectman, could  
432 that off-set some of those things.

433 Peter Broderick stated you're looking at him.

434 Leslie Hume stated that the town officials need to be accountable and  
435 we need to keep our citizens informed. If meetings were on TV, people  
436 would know, and educating the public is extremely valuable.

437 Ellen Faulconer stated that it may not be pertinent, but regarding the  
438 Library, they have hired one person in the past three years.

439 Virginia Morse stated that if we are going to spend the money on  
440 equipment, then we need to spend the money on a person to run the  
441 equipment.

442 Mark Heitz stated that the \$5000 in the budget is for hiring a person to  
443 televise the meetings, and there are no provisions for anything else.

444 Rick Edelman asked if the Board of Selectman have someone hired.

445 Peter Broderick said yes.

446 Gary Finerty said we need someone to manage that person.

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#### 448 **Ed Conant read Article 20**

449 Debbie Powers stated that they put in this article for starting a Heritage  
450 Fund. The money has to go through the Board of Selectman and she feels  
451 this is a reasonable dollar amount for future enhancements and support  
452 for the preservation and utilization of the town's historic properties. The  
453 Heritage Commission wants to build up the dollar amount so that they  
454 can take action with the seed money. She stated this is viable support  
455 for beginning the Heritage Fund.

456 Virginia Morse stated that while she was collecting signatures for this  
457 article that she encountered great enthusiasm from the people for  
458 maintaining and preserving historic properties in our town.

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460 11:54 a.m. Recess from Public Hearing

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462 Lynn Gainty made a motion to discuss Article 8, seconded by Charles  
463 Hart.

464 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

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467 **Ed Conant read the totals for each department.**

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469 **EXECUTIVE 4130**

470 Lynn Gainty took a bye on Town Cable Channel.

471 Carol Croteau took a bye on Salaries-Selectman.

472 Ed Conant made a motion to remove \$5000 from the Town Cable Channel  
473 line, seconded by Lynn Gainty.

474 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

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476 Carol Croteau made a motion to level fund the Selectman Salaries line,  
477 seconded by Rick Edelman.

478 Carol Croteau stated that she had contacted the attorney at NH  
479 Municipal Association and they told her that according to RSA 32:16, the  
480 budget committee can change any line in the budget, including the  
481 salary line for Board of Selectman. Ms. Croteau wanted to clarify that in  
482 the previous budget meeting, Peter Broderick had stated that the Board  
483 of Selectman set their own salary and decide how much they get paid.  
484 She stated that the Board of Selectman's previous statement appeared  
485 that no one could touch that line, and that this is not accurate and is  
486 supported by the RSA. Ms. Croteau stated that the attorney gave RSA  
487 31:9-b which actually states that the town approves the salaries of  
488 elected and appointed officials. She stated that she had copies of the  
489 RSA's if anyone wanted to review them.

490 Peter Broderick and Mark Heitz then stated that the Budget Committee  
491 can touch this line.

492 Mark Heitz and Lynn Gainty then stated that there are two new BOS  
493 positions and one existing position that are open for the election.

494 Larry Heath stated that the Budget Committee can change any line in  
495 the budget.

496 The Board of Selectman members all stated that they can change any  
497 line they want in the budget.

498 Ed Conant commented that the Board of Selectman members get paid  
499 \$85/week and they can find money elsewhere in the budget to pay  
500 themselves even if we cut this line.

501 A discussion of many members of the Budget Committee ensued about  
502 level funding or not level funding the Board of Selectman salaries.

503 Various members stated their position on level funding this line.

504 Ed Conant said he disagreed with level funding this line item.

505 Rick Edelman said last year in Deliberative session, he wanted to keep  
506 this line the same, and then stated the line item could be zero.

507 Rick Edelman stated to the Board of Selectman that they have made it  
508 abundantly clear that they set their pay, and pay themselves.

509 Peter Broderick stated if the line was zero they would just have to find a  
510 line to take from.  
511 Rick Edelman stated he was surprised such little thought was put into the  
512 amount of the line item.  
513 Peter Broderick disagreed with Mr. Edelman.  
514 Rick Edelman commented that he was surprised at the lack of creativity  
515 in determining this line item.  
516 Ed Conant said he is against having five Selectman, that being a  
517 Selectman is a thankless duty and we have had three for a long time. He  
518 stated that \$85/week is a pittance and he is not running for Selectman.  
519 Rick stated that there is a great amount of interest for the open  
520 Selectman positions, and he knows of two in the room that are running  
521 and two others that have said they are going to run.  
522 Peter Broderick stated that it is the Selectman's choice if they get paid  
523 and they can also turn the money paid to them, back into the town.  
524 Carol Croteau stated that she respects the work that the Board of  
525 Selectman do, but this is a stipend. She continued that they will never  
526 get paid for all their work, that this is a service to the town.  
527 Mark Heitz stated that Chief Briggs brought it up, and they will find the  
528 money in the budget, that they will be paying the next two Selectman  
529 the same as they are being paid.

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531 The vote was taken:

532 Yeas: 2        Nays: 10    Abstentions: 0        Motion fails

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534 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$364,791, seconded by Sandy  
535 Seaman.

536 No Discussion.

537 Yeas: 11        Nays: 1    Abstentions: 0        Motion carries

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### 539 **ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION (4140)**

540 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$12,050, seconded by Lynn  
541 Gainty.

542 No discussion.

543 Yeas: 12        Nays: 0    Abstentions: 0        Motion carries

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### 545 **FINANCE ADMINISTRATION (4150)**

546 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$125,805, seconded by Lynn  
547 Gainty.

548 No Discussion.

549 Yeas: 12        Nays: 0    Abstentions: 0        Motion carries

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552 **LEGAL EXPENSE (4153)**  
553 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$35,000, seconded by  
554 Lynn Gainty.  
555 No discussion.  
556 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
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558 **PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (4155)**  
559 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$973,371, seconded by  
560 Lynn Gainty.  
561 No discussion.  
562 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
563

564 **PLANNING BOARD (4191)**  
565 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$60,487, seconded by Chuck Hart.  
566 No discussion.  
567 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
568

569 **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (4191)**  
570 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$1680, seconded by Chuck Hart.  
571 No discussion.  
572 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
573

574 **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (4191)**  
575 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$1425, seconded by Chuck Hart.  
576 No discussion.  
577 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
578

579 **MUNICIPAL PROPERTY (4194)**  
580 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$203,961 seconded by Lynn  
581 Gainty.  
582 No discussion.  
583 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
584

585 **CEMETERIES (4195)**  
586 Lynn Gainty took a bye on the category to ask a question about the  
587 information given by Brad Maxwell at the last meeting.  
588 Sandy Seaman reviewed that Mr. Maxwell had talked about the  
589 information on trees, a gate, and that we had changed the salary line.  
590

591 Lynn Gainty made a motion to reduce the line item Stone Repair to \$620,  
592 seconded by Ed Conant.  
593 Yeas: 11      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 1      Motion carries  
594

595 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$37,212 seconded by Ed Conant.  
596 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

597

598 **INSURANCE (4196)**

599 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$973,371, seconded by Lynn  
600 Gainty.

601 No discussion.

602 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

603

604 **REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (4197)**

605 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$6069, seconded by Lynn  
606 Gainty.

607 No discussion.

608 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

609

610 **OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT (4199)**

611 Lynn Gainty wanted to clarify that we had moved the Cable Operations  
612 Salary out of this department as needed. The committee confirmed that  
613 we had.

614 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$148,000, seconded by Chuck  
615 Hart.

616 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

617

618 **POLICE DEPARTMENT (4210)**

619 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$751,987, seconded by Chuck  
620 Hart.

621 No discussion.

622 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

623

624 **FIRE DEPARTMENT (4220)**

625 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$586,250, seconded by Lynn  
626 Gainty.

627 No discussion.

628 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

629

630 **FOREST FIRES (4221)**

631 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$3000, seconded by Sandy  
632 Seaman.

633 No discussion.

634 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

635

636 **TOWN INSPECTORS (4221)**

637 Lynn Gainty asked why this department is not level funded.

638 Peter Broderick stated that the 55 and over communities were what  
639 made it go over budget.

640 Mark Heitz will check with Cindy that \$28,000 is okay.

641 Rick Edelman stated that this is more than \$2000 per month.

642 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$32,801, seconded by Lynn  
643 Gainty.

644 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

645

646 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (4290)**

647 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$29,464, seconded by Chuck  
648 Hart.

649 No discussion.

650 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

651

652 **HIGHWAY DEPT. (4312)**

653 Ed Conant asked is we could move the historic signs request into this  
654 department.

655 Lynn Gainty agrees.

656 Mark Heitz stated that the Signs and Barricades line item in this  
657 department is for directional signs, etc. and that the Historic

658 Commission signs request is for a specific purpose and type of sign.

659 Rick Edelman commented that Sandy Seaman's point is well taken in  
660 previous discussions that we fund the signs over a two-year period.

661 Sandy Seaman stated that she had never heard a claim that a sign  
662 company could guarantee that these (metal) signs will never fade, etc.

663 Lynn stated that there are no welcome signs now, but, there used to be.

664 Peter Broderick stated that there had been a general discussion about  
665 working with the school regarding signs.

666 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$965,836, seconded by Chuck  
667 Hart.

668 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

669

670 **STREET LIGHTS (4316)**

671 Lynn Gainty asked what the state is doing regarding lights on Hwy. 125.

672 Mark Heitz stated that the state wanted to remove some of the lights  
673 because they are trying to reduce expenditures. The Board of Selectman

674 looked at it and the state removed some of the lights and the town  
675 picked up the initial change on that to cover the extra cost.

676 Sandy Seaman asked if the Board of Selectman have looked into the  
677 ability of solar for lights the town pays for.

678 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$30,000, seconded by Gary  
679 Finerty.

680 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

681 **OTHER HIGHWAY, STREETS & BRIDGES (4319)**  
682 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$179,179, seconded by Sandy  
683 Seaman.  
684 No discussion.  
685 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

686  
687 **SANITATION (4323)**  
688 A discussion ensued with many of the Budget Committee and the Board  
689 of Selectman regarding waste receptacles and size, bagging garbage,  
690 hazardous waste, recycling, and the new contract.  
691 Rick Edelman pointed out that in the new contract, the interpretation  
692 can be pretty broad, and that we have a New Contract, New Discussion  
693 and New Opportunity to discuss.  
694 Pete Broderick stated that it costs the town a great deal more if we  
695 recycle.  
696 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$503,129, seconded by Chuck  
697 Hart.  
698 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

699  
700 **HEALTH DEPARTMENT (4411)**  
701 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$20,475, seconded by Ed  
702 Conant.  
703 No discussion.  
704 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

705  
706 **PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL (4414)**  
707 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$54,051, seconded by Lynn  
708 Gainty.  
709 No discussion.  
710 Yeas: 11      Nays: 1      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

711  
712 **HUMAN SERVICES (4441)**  
713 No discussion.  
714 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$14,371, seconded by Chuck  
715 Hart.  
716 No discussion.  
717 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

718  
719 **GENERAL ASSISTANCE (4442)**  
720 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$29,700, seconded by Chuck  
721 Hart.  
722 No discussion.  
723 Yeas: 10      Nays: 2      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

724 **SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES (4445)**  
725 Lynn Gainty took a bye on Family Mediation, and asked for confirmation  
726 from Carol Croteau.  
727 Carol Croteau stated that she sent Family Mediation an email to let them  
728 know of not being funded and with information of how to get re-funded  
729 by coming to hearings or doing a warrant article. Carol had received no  
730 response.  
731 Lynn Gainty asked Mary Fidler about the heat situation at the thrift  
732 store.  
733 Mary Fidler stated they are all set, the situation is resolved.  
734 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$33,744, seconded by Lynn  
735 Gainty.  
736 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
737  
738 **RECREATION (4520)**  
739 Mark Heitz asked if Mary Fidler still needed the \$2000 for Senior Lunch.  
740 Mary Fidler responded in the affirmative.  
741 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$88,365, seconded by Rick  
742 Edelman.  
743 Yeas: 11      Nays: 1      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
744  
745 **LIBRARY (4550)**  
746 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$327,295, seconded by Chuck  
747 Hart.  
748 No discussion.  
749 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
750  
751 **PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (4583)**  
752 Sandy Seaman made a motion to accept \$700, seconded by Chuck  
753 Hart.  
754 No discussion.  
755 Yeas: 11      Nays: 1      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries  
756  
757 **HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE (4589)**  
758 Lynn Gainty took a bye on Archival/Museum Supplies.  
759 Lynn Gainty made a motion to add \$600 to supplies, seconded by Mary  
760 Fidler. Some general discussion took place.  
761 Yeas: 5      Nays: 7      Abstentions: 0      Motion fails  
762  
763 Ed Conant made a motion to increase this line to \$1000, seconded by  
764 Lynn Gainty.  
765 Mark Heitz asked Rick Edelman what happened to the camera he  
766 suggested.

767 Rick Edelman stated that he gave them the information, but the  
768 commission was more interested in a camera that was refurbished and  
769 had a case and tripod.  
770 Leslie Hume stated that with a Friends of the committee match they  
771 would need a total of \$1336.09.  
772 Yeas: 10 Nays: 2 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries  
773  
774 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$5368, seconded by Sandy  
775 Seaman.  
776 Yeas: 9 Nays: 3 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries  
777  
778 **HERITAGE COMMISSION (4590)**  
779 Lynn Gainty took a bye on Signs Project.  
780 Lynn Gainty made a motion to increase the Signs Project to \$4800,  
781 seconded by Ed Conant.  
782 Yeas: 3 Nays: 8 Abstentions: 0 Motion fails  
783  
784 Ed Conant made a motion to increase the Signs Project to \$1200. There  
785 was no second.  
786  
787 Sandy Seaman made a motion to increase the Signs Project to \$2400,  
788 seconded by Lynn Gainty.  
789 Sandy Seaman commented that then they would be able to get more  
790 than two signs and perhaps they could get the rest from the Heritage  
791 Fund, and that she feels there is some redundancy with the sign  
792 locations.  
793 Yeas: 5 Nays: 7 Abstentions: 0 Motion fails  
794  
795 Ed Conant made a motion to accept \$3610, seconded by Chuck Hart.  
796 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries  
797  
798 **CONSERVATION (4611)**  
799 Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept \$6000, seconded by Chuck  
800 Hart.  
801 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries  
802  
803 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to accept the  
804 total budget for Article 8 of \$5,688,748.  
805 Ed Conant stated that this budget is a 6.97% increase over last year.  
806 Carol Croteau clarified that we will be able to vote again on the total  
807 after the Deliberative Session.  
808 Yeas: 11 Nays: 1 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries  
809

810 1:12 pm lunches were passed out and the meeting continued

811

812 **Warrant Articles:**

813 Ed Conant made a point of clarification that we are voting to  
814 Recommend or Not Recommend the warrant articles.

815

816 **Ed Conant read Article 9**

817 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Ed Conant seconded to Recommend.

818 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

819 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

820

821 **Ed Conant read Article 11**

822 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Ed Conant seconded to Recommend.

823 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

824 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

825

826 **Ed Conant read Article 12**

827 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to Recommend.

828 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

829 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

830

831 **Ed Conant read Article 13**

832 Ed Conant commented that when the Rec Center property was  
833 purchased, the warrant article indicated that the land could be used for  
834 fire or public works; the warrant article passed 658/446.

835 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Ed Conant seconded to Recommend.

836 Yeas: 8 Nays: 4 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

837 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

838

839 **Ed Conant read Article 14**

840 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to Recommend.

841 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

842 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

843

844 **Ed Conant read Article 15**

845 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Rick Edelman seconded to Recommend.

846 Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recommended

847 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

848

849 **Ed Conant read Article 16**

850 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to Recommend.

851 Yeas: 9 Nays: 3 Abstentions: 0 Not Recommended

852 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

853 There was a short discussion on how to record the vote if the motion  
854 failed. Ed Conant stated that the vote should be Not Recommended  
855 with the vote shown as reversed.

856  
857 **Ed Conant read Article 17**  
858 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to Recommend.  
859 RYeas: 7 Nays: 5 Abstentions: 0 Not recommended  
860 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Not Recommended

861  
862 Rick Edelman questioned if recording the vote this way is correct. Carol  
863 Croteau stated, that if the “Recommend” motion fails then there should  
864 be a motion made to “Not to Recommend” that this was the correct  
865 process. Ed Conant and Lynn Gainty disagreed. Therefore, if the  
866 “Recommend” motion failed, it was recorded as “Not Recommended”  
867 with the votes being recorded reversed.

868  
869 **Ed Conant read Article 18**  
870 Ed Conant suggested we consider hiring a “Town IT person.”  
871 Sandy Seaman stated we should include the Library.  
872 Rick Edelman said we need one person for the whole town.  
873 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Rick Edelman seconded to Recommend.  
874 Yeas: 11 Nays: 1 Abstentions: 0 Not recommended  
875 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Not Recommended

876  
877 **Ed Conant read Article 19**  
878 Rick Edelman made a motion and Lynn Gainty seconded to Recommend.  
879 Yeas: 8 Nays: 4 Abstentions: 0 Not Recommended  
880 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Not Recommended

881  
882 **Ed Conant read Article 20**  
883 Lynn Gainty made a motion and Ed Conant seconded to Recommend.  
884 Yeas: 8 Nays: 4 Abstentions: 0 Not Recommended  
885 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Not Recommended

886  
887 **Ed Conant read Article 21**  
888 Ed Conant made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to treat Article 21  
889 as a money article.  
890 Yeas: 11 Nays: 1 Abstentions: 0 Motion carries

891  
892 Ed Conant made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to Recommend.  
893 Yeas: 11 Nays: 1 Abstentions: 0 Recommended  
894 Board of Selectman: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Recommended

895 There was a general discussion about the article. Carol Croteau asked  
896 the Board of Selectman how much money was in the Impact Fees Fund  
897 for the Library. Mark Heitz responded, approximately \$30,000.  
898

899 **Revenue:**

	From Cindy	Estimated Jan - Dec 18
900		
901	3120 · Land Use Change Taxes	0 41,000
902	3185 · Yield Taxes (Timber)	1,200 1,200
903	3187 · Excavation & Gravel Tax	100 100
904	3190 · Interest & Penalties	100,000 100,000
905	3210 · Business Licenses & Permits	150 150
906	3220 · Motor Vehicle Permits	1,100,000 1,100,000
907	3230 · Building Permits	45,000 45,000
908	3290 · Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	53,000 53,000
909	3319 · Other Federal Grants & Reimb.	0 0
910	3352 · Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	300,000 300,000
911	3353 · Highway Block Grant	173,179 173,179
912	3356 · State & Fed Forest Land Reimb.	25 25
913	3359 · Other State Grants & Reimbursements	24,000 24,000
914	3379 · Other Governments	
915	3401 · Departmental Revenues	200,000 200,000
916	3501 · Sale of Town Property	0 70,000
917	3502 · Interest On Investments	2,000 2,000
918	3503 · Rent of Town Property	0 0
919	3506 · Insurance Dividends & Reimburse	0 0
920	3509 · Other Miscellaneous Sources	120,000 0
921	3915 · Transfers From Capital Reserve	0 0
922	3916 · Transfers From Trust & Agency	5,000 5,000
923	Total	2,123,654 2,114,654
924		
925		

926 The Operating Budget minus Revenue is: \$3,495,094.

927  
928 Mary Fidler asked Lynn Gainty how much money was in the 325<sup>th</sup>  
929 celebration fund.

930 Lynn Gainty replied that there was about \$180,000.

931

932 The public meeting was closed at 2:07 p.m.

933

934 It was noted that if a petition warrant article changes, the budget  
935 committee can re-vote on its recommendation.

936

937 Ed Conant made a motion and Sandy Seaman seconded to adjourn.

938 Yeas: 12      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carries

939

940 The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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