

**Kingston Budget Committee
Public Hearing/Meeting
January 14, 2017**

1. Call to Order/Postings

The Chair called the public hearing to order at 9:09 AM; the public meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM. Ms. Gainty noted the posting locations; there were no challenges to the validity of the hearing/meeting. The Board of Selectmen, Mark Heitz, George Korn and Peter Broderick opened their meeting at this time.

2. Attendance

Present: Lynn Gainty, Chair; Ed Conant, Mary Fidler, Gary Finerty, Rick Edelman, Larry Heath, Carol Croteau, Sandy Seaman, Stanley Shalett, Peter Broderick.
Absent: Lindsey Cunningham.

3. Public Hearing

Ms. Gainty explained the process for the public hearing; she will read the warrant articles and allow response from the public. She noted that the agenda and the warrant articles were available for the public.

- Article 6: Ms. Gainty read the warrant with a proposed total operating budget of \$5,299,606; the default number proposed by the Selectmen was \$5,249,763. Ms. Gainty stated that the library benefits number was provided at \$56,446.74 adding that this number needed to be added into the budget. Ms. Faulconer, library trustee, confirmed that it was not the Trustees intent to spend any excess funds that might come out of the benefits line in case a family plan was not needed during the year. There was a suggestion to put the “benefits” funding in the Selectmen’s budget like that which is done with the other departments’ benefits.

Rockland Porter from Family Mediation spoke in favor of adding funds back into the Family Mediation line; she provided the number of residents served to the Committee: 3 – Anti-theft, 4 – Challenge Course, 1 – Community Service, 8 – Mediation, 19 – Parent Education, 173 – Students, Opiate Abuse (3 separate programs), 4 – other (grief support); the original request was \$7930 that had been reduced. Ms. Gainty thanked Ms. Porter for providing the numbers to the Committee and said they will take it under advisement.

Mr. Finerty, liaison to Recreation, explained the request to add \$2000 to the Recreation salary line; these funds will be used to get a qualified director.

Ms. Gainty noted that the expended amounts had been corrected in the current financial information.

Debra DeSimone, Chairperson of Family Mediation, asked when they would know of the Budget Committee's decision regarding the funding. Ms. Gainty explained the process and the liaison would contact them about the decision.

- Article 7: 1 ½% property tax deduction – no comments.
- Article 8: Veterans Credit – no comments.
- Article 9: Highway CRF, \$75,000 – Mr. St. Hilaire, Road Agent, explained that this CRF has been in effect since the 1990's and has been a successful program that is used to replace the "bigger" trucks in the Highway Department. He stated that the oldest of these trucks is a 1996 vehicle adding that they only replace as necessary; the purpose is to build up funds to have the money to buy the truck when necessary without any prior Town Meeting action. No other comments.
- Article 10: Town Building CRF, \$50,000 – Mr. St. Hilaire spoke to this article saying that it is basically for the same purpose as the Highway CRF but for this different department; he said that he will probably spend more than this amount this year on the Nichols Building for repairs on the roof, front stairs, masonry and chimney. No additional comments.
- Article 11: Fire Apparatus CRF, \$85,000 – Chief Bill Seaman said that the CRF is similar to the other two just reviewed; he stated that it was a good program and the next vehicle replacement is anticipated for 2020; this enables the Town to put money away and is done to be consistent with funding and replacement costs; they re-evaluate the apparatus and will push off the replacement if possible. No additional comments.
- Article 12: FD Building Replacement, Refurbishment, Upgrade CRF for \$75,000 – Chief Seaman said that these funds would be used for the future replacement of the Central Fire Station; there is a building committee trying to identify sites that may be viable; they intend to do investigation of viability using Impact Fees that will hopefully be available after Town Meeting. No additional comments.
- Article 13: Full-time Firefighter/EMT, \$39,708 – Chief Seaman said that figure includes salary and benefits for 6 months and then will be part of the budget; he explained that there has been a huge increase in call volume, especially in ambulance calls. He explained the coverage issues the Department has been facing and the Overtime use; the addition of the F/T employee will have cost saving in O/T. He said that this will be \$19/hour which is in-line with other FD staff but still not in-line with other towns' salaries; there are three F/T employees plus the Chief and Department secretary who is also an EMT. He explained that people leave town during the day for their full-time jobs so there are not a lot of other p/t employees available during the day. Mr. Edelman asked the rates in other Towns; Chief Seaman said Plaistow and Hampstead's are in the \$20's. Chief Seaman added that they are working with the BOS to bring the numbers in-line and they are not currently too far off. He agreed that all positions at this time are considered "turn-over"; they have lost 2 guys to Exeter and another to Chester who left \$19/hour for \$26/hour; he added that the turnover is not as quick as the PD but it is a turnover; Kingston is a training ground and they can't compete with the big cities. Mr. Heitz reviewed the proposed assisted living facility which is expected to increase ambulance calls; consolidation with other communities have been entertained as well as utilizing an outside ambulance as opposed to 24 hour

91 service. He noted that volunteering is at an all-time low which means more need
 92 for more employees; to get 7 days/week coverage, they have to pay people to fill
 93 the weekend shifts and a new person will be some cost savings in over-time for
 94 call personnel. The ambulance reconciliation and finance reports and revenue
 95 were distributed to the Committee. There were no additional comments.

- 96 • Article 14: Land Acquisition CRF, \$10,000 – Ernie Landry gave the history of
 97 why FOCUS facilitates the articles; it is the goal of the Master Plan and they
 98 facilitate this as the work of the Town at the Town’s request. Mr. Landry noted
 99 that this amount is lower than recommended in the CIP but they currently have
 100 \$400,000 for a future purchase and since they have no current project, they are
 101 asking for this smaller amount to meet the goal recommended by the Master Plan
 102 to put funds in the CRF on a yearly basis. He explained that once the goal is met,
 103 the work will slow down or stop completely. He added that there have been 26
 104 articles, all recommended by both Boards and passed by vote of the residents; he
 105 clarified that they do not target commercial or industrial property as they
 106 recognize that there needs to be a balance; they leverage funds with other
 107 agencies, such as SELT. The typical request was reviewed. Mr. Landry
 108 explained that the Town has a goal of acquiring 450 acres; FOCUS supports the
 109 Town’s goals; the current percentage of land is approximately 21%. Melissa
 110 Beal, asked about the statement of this stabilizing the tax base. Mr. Landry
 111 explained that this is due to cost of community services with residential properties
 112 raising the cost of services particularly due to school costs. Ms. Gainty said that
 113 55+ developments have a financial impact on Fire and Police.
- 114 • Article 15: Library Full-time position with benefits - \$19,000; Steve Sousa,
 115 Trustee, explained why the Trustees were asking for changing the part-time
 116 position to full-time that included continuity, staffing requirements and
 117 programming for adults and young adults; he provided comparisons with other
 118 libraries. Ellen Faulconer, Trustee, reviewed the skills required for the position.
 119 Mr. Sousa said that the positions today include specific educational requirements,
 120 technology requirements and the need to have well-trained individuals; we are
 121 looking to retain the good people for as long as possible. Ms. Croteau confirmed
 122 that the Library lost a person in this position who went to a new job and the
 123 person being discussed is a new person stating that this illustrates what is
 124 happening. Mr. St. Hilaire explained that the person previously in the position
 125 went to Massachusetts for a full-time position; he said he was a good guy who the
 126 Town lost because he was part-time and had no benefits. Mr. St. Hilaire
 127 explained that 5 years ago he was in favor of a new library and at the time hoped
 128 it wouldn’t be filled up with full-time employees but there is now a lot going on at
 129 the library and another full-time employee is needed; there are currently two full-
 130 time positions, one being the Director. He said that the library is a different place
 131 and a different library with a lot more going on; the parking lot is full most of the
 132 time; more and more is going on and there are a lot of services and activities
 133 being provided to the community. He said that the Trustees do not see the need
 134 for any additional full-time staff after this and hoped the Committee and
 135 Selectmen supported the warrant article. Mr. Finerty asked if this was approved
 136 would the part-time position be filled; Mr. Sousa explained that the part-time

position would become full-time eliminating the part-time position. The current salaries were reviewed. Ms. Faulconer will review the current proposed funding as it is possible that it could be reduced based on not needing family health benefits; she will have a new number for the Board's vote. Kathy Houghton, Chair of Friends of the Library, spoke in favor of the article; she said that the Library has a great staff and would like to keep them "steady"; they are very skilled at finding ways to put on programs without cost to the community; it is always full and it is becoming difficult to find a space to book a room; it is a dynamic place for the community. Ms. Gainty suggested working with Family Mediation on programs; the Director of Family Mediation would like to work with the Library on programming especially with the opiate issue. She also invited two Kingston residents to join their Board. Mr. Heitz questioned whether the Library differentiates between Kingston residents or other Town's residents' use of the Library. Mr. Sousa explained that library cards are available to students of the SRSD and anyone with a library card can use the materials in the Library. Mr. Heitz said that it seems that there is someone already working there and agreed that it made it easier to retain people in a full-time position and it is a balancing act to provide services. He added that he thinks of Fire and Police as essential services; he thinks Highway is an essential service but he thinks of the Library more like the Recreation program and it is great to provide these services to the Town but they need to keep them affordable. Ms. Faulconer agreed that Fire, Police and Highway have to be considered essential and is obviously a priority adding that a community is not made up of just Fire, Police and Highway and a thriving Library is also important and brings people to a town.

- Article 16: \$56,000 for Nichols Building – Mr. Landry spoke in support of this article; there is major deterioration around the roof that needs repair.

<Board note: There was a 10 minute recess at this time.>

- Article 17: \$262,000 for resurface of Main Street – Mr. St. Hilaire explained that the upkeep of the roads gets more behind every year; he added that this would go out to bid. He explained the "cold plane" process. He discussed the bridges and culverts that had been replaced; he didn't want to double the paving line in the budget instead putting the funds to warrant. Ms. Gainty asked if the Highway Maintenance Trust or interest from the Landfill fund could be used for this purpose to no impact the taxpayers. Mr. St. Hilaire said that those recommendations could be made and then some of the funds could be used adding that there is not currently a lot left in the interest for the landfill as most was used for the Highway building. He re-iterated that he was trying to "catch-up" and should be close to this goal next year. Mr. St. Hilaire confirmed that putting this in a two-year project and using the Highway Block grant for two years would put the projects back further and possibly cost more. Mr. Finerty asked the timeframe before the street gets bad. Mr. St. Hilaire said it has 1 or 2 years before it nose dives; he continued that other streets are as bad or worse but they don't have the traffic Main St. has. The road building procedure was explained; the increasing costs were reviewed.
- Article 18: New wording for this article was distributed by the Board of Selectmen: *"To see if the Town of Kingston will authorize the Board of*

183 *Selectmen (or its designee) to enter into discussions with the Sanborn Regional*
184 *School District for the purpose of negotiating options for a future transfer of the*
185 *Sanborn Seminary property to the Town of Kingston. If negotiations are*
186 *successful and the Board of Selectmen and School district agree to transfer the*
187 *Seminary property to the Town of Kingston, the Town of Kingston will vote on*
188 *this agreement at a future town meeting.” – Mr. Edelman asked what the Town’s*
189 *intent was for the use of the building. Mr. Broderick said that this came out of the*
190 *Envision Kingston charrette; Ms. Gainty said that this would be part of the*
191 *revitalization of the downtown area. Mr. Heitz explained that this was not for*
192 *additional use of the Town. There was discussion regarding current expenses;*
193 *two towns being involved in the District, revitalization, vested interest. Public*
194 *comment: Ms. Sandy Roger-Osterloh asked about the historical restrictions on*
195 *the land and the complex. Ms. Gainty said that was part of another discussion*
196 *noting that there is a document from Envision Kingston that touches on the*
197 *possibilities; she added that the Sanborn Seminary Trustees need to be part of the*
198 *discussion and this warrant article was simply to start the discussion. Mr. Landry*
199 *said the report referenced by Ms. Gainty was on the Town’s web site.*

- 200 • Article 19: Create and appoint a 325th Anniversary Committee – Ms. Gainty
201 explained that this would be a committee separate from the Kingston Days
202 Committee.
- 203 • Article 20: Create Agents to Expend for 325th Trust – Ms. Gainty explained that
204 there are two funds for this purpose and one doesn’t have agents to expend.
- 205 • Article 21: BOS increase to five members – no comments.
- 206 • Article 22: Numerical tally of votes - Mr. Heitz explained that a number of
207 BudCom members came to the BOS to ask them to put the tallies on the ballot as
208 the BOS have the statutory authority to do this; the BOS recommended that a
209 warrant was placed on the ballot to get the legislative body’s opinion. Ms. Beals
210 asked about the benefit adding that it only shows the numbers and not who voted
211 which way while also cautioning that this could add to the printing costs of the
212 ballots. Ms. Croteau explained that members of the BudCom did meet with the
213 BOS but as individuals; she stated that this provides transparency to the voters as
214 it shows the vote eliminating the assumption that it was an “all or nothing” vote; it
215 gives a disclosure. Mr. Edelman said that the warrant articles add up and the
216 voters should see the votes of these articles. Mr. Broderick said he voted it should
217 go to warrant unless the BudCom had voted to recommend adding the votes. Ms.
218 Gainty said it is fine to ask the voters how to proceed adding that transparency is
219 good. Mr. Finerty said a tally doesn’t give the voters any additional information.
220 Ms. Gainty said that a 6-5 vote shows that it was a tight vote and lets the voters
221 know to look at that warrant closely. Mr. Edelman said that he sees the same
222 things and the same faces; he stated that “if you always do what you always did
223 then you always get what you always got”. He suggested that providing more
224 information may get more involvement. Ms. Beals disagreed with Mr. Edelman’s
225 stating; she reviewed the changes that had occurred in her office including those
226 that provide additional information to the Town; she praised Ms. Grant for the
227 information she provides on the Town’s web site. She cautioned Mr. Edelman to
228 not be discouraged if things don’t change. Mr. Edelman commented that Ms.

229 Beals had made changes and he agrees with making changes. Mr. Broderick
230 reviewed the change made to the date of the Deliberative Session that did not
231 encourage any additional participation by residents. Ms. Gainty commented that
232 the budget is not a point of contention in the Town and the BudCom is trusted to
233 control taxes. Ms. Faulconer stated that it was disappointing that this public
234 hearing on the budget and warrant wasn't televised and hoped it would be
235 televised next year. Mr. Heitz asked Mr. Broderick if the Deliberative Session
236 had been scheduled to be televised. Mr. Broderick said he will ask the person if
237 he is available. Ms. Gainty commented that Ms. Grant was a great resource for
238 everyone.

- 239 • Article 23: Banning of traps – Mr. St. Hilaire said that he did not think this was a
240 good idea as the last sentence does not allow him to go on private land; hundreds
241 of beavers have been killed in the past to prevent property from being flooded; he
242 hopes the Town doesn't support this article. Evy Nathan, Conservation
243 Commission Chairperson, said it exempts town officials from dealing with
244 nuisance animals. Mr. St. Hilaire said that often he does not do the work but hires
245 and agent. Ms. Gainty said that the words "designee or agent" are missing but
246 can be amended at the Deliberative Session. Mr. Heitz said that hunting is
247 allowed on many of the parcels of land acquired by the Town; it would not be
248 right to change that permitted use as people may have voted to do that based on
249 the ability to hunt on the land. Mr. Heath reviewed a previous issue with a
250 coyote. Mr. Korn said that he doesn't believe there is a need for further
251 government regulations adding that if not broke, don't fix it. Mr. Broderick
252 expressed concern with possible legal problems due to adding restrictions on
253 previous agreements for open space or other conservation agreements or
254 easements. Ms. Nathan answered some of the comments: 1. a property owner
255 can do whatever they want on private land, 2. they would agree to adding
256 "designee or agent" at Town meeting to address that concern, 3. hunting and
257 fishing is still allowed on the properties; "trapping" is not considered "hunting"
258 and anyone trapping on a property needs to get the property owner's permission,
259 4. for nuisance beaver dams, "agents" should be able to intervene, 5. Southeast
260 Land Trust (SELT) does not allow "trapping" on their lands, 6. Fish and Game
261 would enforce this ordinance. Ms. Gainty said that she expects Ms. Nathan will
262 amend this language on the floor to add "agents".
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264 Ms. Gainty said that this was the end of the warrant articles; the public hearing was
265 recessed at 11:45 AM; the public meeting continued. *<Board note: there was a five*
266 *minute recess at this time.>*
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268 4. **Approval of Minutes**

269 Mr. Edelman reviewed language in lines 334 and 335. Per Board consensus, line 334
270 starting with the words "After discussion" and line 335 were removed.
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272 **MM&S to accept the 1/7/2017 minutes as amended.** (Motion by Ms. Seaman,
273 second by Mr. Croteau) **PUNA**

274 **MM&S to accept the 1/18/2017 minutes as written.** (Motion by Mr. Heath, second
275 by Mr. Conant) **PUNA**

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277 **5. Board Business**

278 Ms. Gainty announced that the Deliberative Session is February 4th; the BudCom
279 meeting starts at 8:30 AM that day; Mr. Conant will not be available that day; if
280 anyone else will be unavailable, please contact the Chair. Ms. Gainty reminded the
281 members that if not representing the BudCom position on an article, leave the table
282 and speak from the floor.

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284 **6. Voting**

285 Ms. Gainty reviewed the procedure for voting the operating budget. *<Board note:*
286 *Mr. Heitz will be voting for Mr. Broderick as the BudCom rep. at this time.>*

287 - **Motion made by Ms. Seaman and second by Mr. Heath to accept the following**
288 **for the operating budget (unless otherwise noted):**

- 289 • **Executive: \$343,902 (PUNA)**
- 290 • **Election and Registration: \$10,401 (PUNA)**
- 291 • **Finance/Administration: \$125,405 (PUNA)**
- 292 • **Legal: \$35,000 (PUNA)**
- 293 • **Personnel Admin.: \$903,348 (PUNA)**
- 294 • **Planning Board: \$61,346 (PUNA)**
- 295 • **ZBA: \$1680 (PUNA)**
- 296 • **Historic District Commission: \$1500 (PUNA)**
- 297 • **Municipal Properties: \$210,451 (PUNA)**
- 298 • **Cemeteries: \$37,712 (PUNA)**
- 299 • **Insurance: \$70,490 (PUNA)**
- 300 • **Regional Assoc.: \$5,900 (PUNA)**
- 301 • **Other Gen. Govt.: \$146,500 (PUNA)**
- 302 • **Police: \$744,209 (PUNA)**
- 303 • **Fire: \$540,970 (PUNA)**
- 304 • **Forest Fire: \$3,000 (PUNA)**
- 305 • **Town Inspectors: \$32,402 (PUNA)**
- 306 • **Emergency Mgmt.: \$22,902 (PUNA)**
- 307 • **Highway: \$785,570 (PUNA)**
- 308 • **Street Lights: \$30,000 (PUNA)**
- 309 • **Other Highway, Streets, Bridges: \$170,853 (PUNA)**
- 310 • **Sanitation: \$502,630 (PUNA)**
- 311 • **Health: \$13,576 (PUNA)**
- 312 • **Pest and Animal Control: \$54,750 (PUNA)**
- 313 • **Human Services: \$14,371 (PUNA)**
- 314 • **General Assistant: \$26,700 (PUNA)**

315 **Social Services:** Ms. Croteau asked to review Family Mediation; she asked for
316 comments from the Board. Ms. Gainty said that the Board had asked for the number of
317 residents served which have now been provided. Ms. Croteau noted that this agency is
318 asking for the most funding and their numbers are not as significant as other agencies

asking for less. Ms. Gainty says mediation keeps people out of court. Ms. Croteau noted that the Diversion Program is not part of Family Mediation. Ms. Seaman said that Kingston pays less than other towns and it seems like good service for the money.

- **MM&S to fund Family Mediation back to \$7,930.** (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **Motion passes 8-0-2** with Ms. Croteau and Mr. Conant abstaining.

- **Social Services: \$43,674 (Motion carries 9-0-1 with Ms. Croteau abstaining)**

Recreation: Ms. Gainty said that currently Recreation is proposed at \$84,101; expenditures were corrected and reposted; three lines need to be addressed.

- **MM&S to fund Special Events at \$4600.** (Motion by Mr. Finerty, second by Mr. Conant) **PUNA**
- **MM&S to fund Kingston Days Events at \$900.** (Motion by Mr. Finerty, second by Mr. Conant) **PUNA**
- **MM&S to fund Salaries at \$41,000.** (Motion by Mr. Finerty, second by Mr. Conant) **PUNA**

- **Recreation: \$84,101 (PUNA)**

Library: Ms. Gainty stated that currently Library is at \$266,545 but the benefits need to be updated and voted on.

<The Board took a five minutes recess>

The Library benefits were reviewed.

- **MM&S to fund FICA at \$13,361.** (Motion by Mr. Edelman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**
- **MM&S to fund Retirement at \$11,439** (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**
- **MM&S to fund Disability and Life at \$730.** (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**
- **MM&S to fund Dental and Health at \$30,917** (Motion by Mr. Edelman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA** Ms. Faulconer confirmed that this was the funding that the Library Trustees have committed to not spend on items other than benefits.

- **Library: \$281,686 (PUNA)**

<Board note: Mr. Edelman left at this time.>

The Budget Committee recommended speaking with the Trustees to consider having the “Benefits” in the overall budget as other Departments; Ms. Faulconer will bring this to the Library Trustees for review and bring back to the Budget Committee next year.

- **Patriotic Purposes: \$500 (PUNA)**
- **Historical Museum Committee: \$4498 (PUNA)**
- **Heritage Commission: \$2650 (PUNA)**
- **Conservation: \$6000 (PUNA)**

Article 6: MM&S to recommend \$5,318,177 for the operating budget. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

Mr. Conant noted that this was a 1.89% increase.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the default numbers adding in the actuals for benefits for the library and the \$20,000 increase to the Hazardous Waste Collection; the new Default Budget per the Board of Selectmen is \$5,284,904.

BOS recommend.

Article 7: The BudCom determined it had a budget impact.
MM&S to recommend. (Motion by Mr. Finerty, second by Ms. Seaman) **Motion carries 8-1** with Ms. Gainty opposed.

BOS recommend.

Article 8: The BudCom determined it had a budget impact.
MM&S to recommend. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **Motion carries 7-1-1** with Ms. Croteau opposed and Mr. Conant abstaining. Ms. Croteau said that she is not opposed to the intent but was concerned with the legality; Mr. Conant had the same questions. The legality and recent amendments were reviewed.

MM&S to allow for a re-vote of Article 8. (Motion by Ms. Gainty, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

MM&S to recommend Article 8. (Motion by Mr. Heath, second by Ms. Gainty) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 9: MM&S to recommend \$75,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Finerty) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 10: MM&S to recommend \$50,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 11: MM&S to recommend \$85,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 12: MM&S to recommend \$75,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 13: MM&S to recommend \$39,700. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

BOS recommend.

Article 14: MM&S to recommend \$10,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **Motion passes 7-2 with Mr. Heath and Mr. Conant opposed.**

BOS recommend.

Article 15: Ms. Faulconer stated that after reviewing the figures, the \$19,000 request could be amended to \$8, 463. She said that the number would need to be amended on the floor at Deliberative Session. There was discussion regarding the recommendation; if the new number is recommended, that number will appear as part of the recommendation. **MM&S to recommend \$8,463 for Article 15.** (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **Motion carries 7-2** with Mr. Heitz (voting for Mr. Broderick) and Mr. Heath opposed.

BOS do NOT recommend.

Article 16: The Board reviewed the intent of the article which was to raise and appropriate \$56,000 and that the additional amounts stated in the article are not intended to be off-setting revenue. The Selectmen were asked if the language had been reviewed by the DRA; it was suggested that if it wasn't, the DRA should be contacted to make sure they do not think the intent is off-setting revenue. The Selectmen will check with Ms. Grant.

MM&S to recommend \$56,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **Motion carries 6-3** with Mr. Shalett, Ms. Gainty and Mr. Finerty opposed. Ms. Gainty and Mr. Finerty explained that they were opposed not for the activity but due to concerns with the way the article was written.

BOS recommend.

Article 17: MM&S to recommend \$262,000. (Motion by Ms. Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA** Mr. Shalett noted that it was important to take care of the roads and have them upgraded.

BOS recommend.

Article 18: Ms. Gainty reminded the Committee that this article had been re-submitted; it is a non-money article; no recommendation made by the BudCom.

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457 BOS recommend.
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459 **Article 19:** Ms. Gainty stated that this was a non-money article; no recommendation
460 from the BudCom.
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462 BOS recommend.
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464 **Article 20:** Ms. Gainty stated that this was a non-money article; no recommendation
465 from the BudCom.
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467 BOS recommend.
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469 **Article 21:** Ms. Gainty stated that this was a non-money article; no recommendation
470 from the BudCom.
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472 BOS do NOT recommend.
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474 **Article 22:** Ms. Gainty stated that this was a non-money article; no recommendation
475 from the BudCom. Mr. Broderick asked for a straw vote from the Budget Committee.
476 Mr. Heitz said he did not see the need for it; he said both Boards review the articles and
477 make their recommendations; he doesn't see a big disparity on split votes. Ms. Croteau
478 agreed that was true this year but there was more disparity last year. Ms. Croteau
479 questioned the BOS making recommendations on non-money issues. Mr. Broderick read
480 that a decision from Superior Court said Selectmen can make recommendations. Ms.
481 Croteau said that the NHMA does not recommend it.
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483 BudCom straw vote recommending Article 22 (vote tally on warrant): 3 in favor, 1
484 opposed, 4 abstained.
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486 BOS does NOT recommend.
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488 **Article 23:** Ms. Gainty stated that this was a non-money article; no recommendation
489 from the BudCom.
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491 BOS does NOT recommend.
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493 Ms. Gainty said that ended the voting for the warrant articles but the Revenue projections
494 needed to be reviewed. The Committee reviewed recommendations based on input from
495 the Finance officer and Department Heads.
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497 **MM&S to propose a projected revenue of \$2,404,375.** (Motion by Mr. Conant, second
498 by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**
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500 **The Committee compared the revenue projections against the proposed operating**
501 **budget and recommended warrants; the Committee, by consensus, determined the**

502 **total amount to be raised and appropriated is \$3,574,975. The “10% rule” number**
503 **is \$357, 498.**

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505 **MM&S to adjourn the public meeting and public hearing at 2:00.** (Motion by Ms.
506 Seaman, second by Mr. Heath) **PUNA**

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508 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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511 **Ellen L. Faulconer**
512 **Acting Secretary**