

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

March 12, 1996

ARTICLE 1 - The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8 AM by the Moderator, Electra L. Alessio, for the balloting for Town Officers, Officers of the Sanborn Regional School District and 12 Zoning Questions, and the Senate Bill 2 Question for both Town and School. The Moderator announced that the absentee ballots would be processed at 2:00 PM. It was voted to continue the meeting tomorrow night at 7 PM at the Swasey Gym.

The Town Clerk, Bettie C. Ouellette, broke the seals on the boxes of ballots and the Moderator inspected the ballot box. The Ballot Clerks were Holly Ouellette, Marilyn B. Bartlett, Marion L. Clark, David G. Conant, Donna M. Grier, Charles Bradley and John W. Whittier. No additional counters at night were needed. The Police Officer was Chief Donald W. Briggs, Jr.

The Moderator announced the following results at 9:45 PM, due to many write-ins. The Accu-Vote saved many additional hours for counting.

The total cast was 1736 including 78 absentee ballots. The total voters on the check list at the end of the day - 3297.

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS

Electra L. Alessio	1464*
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SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

Ralph W. Dumke	1242*
Jeremy D. Russman	461

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS

Leo J. Moriarty	1460*
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TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR

Maria M. Haydock	596
Dorothy M. Wagner	864*

CHIEF OF POLICE FOR ONE YEAR

Donald W. Briggs, Jr.	1623*
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POLICE OFFICER FOR ONE YEAR

James M. Champion	1455*
Joel T. Johnson	1398*

CONSTABLE FOR ONE YEAR

Peter P. Basler	1452*
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

Joyce Davies	1285*
Travis A. Jones	1303*

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS

Robert M. McPhee	1316*
Roxanne M. Moore	1158*
Peter J. Sullivan	1312*

FIRE WARD FOR THREE YEARS

Alan Alpert	1402*
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MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Marilyn B. Bartlett	1331*
Andrew Gaunt	1198*
James T. Rankin, Sr.	1251*
Joline Bell	122* write-ins
Roxanne M. Moore	33 write-ins

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS

Edward W. Conant	1340*
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MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR

Edward D. Peterson, III	1277*
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TOWN ARTICLE 11 - Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow OFFICIAL BALLOT voting on all issues before the Kingston Town Meeting? (1042 votes needed to pass)

YES	1111*	NO	480
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM KINGSTON

TERM ENDING 1999

Herbert G. Noyes	906*
Brian Woodworth	619

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

TERM ENDING 1999

Donald A. Brown	424
Mark W. Furlong	701*
Diane M. Vaillant	389

MODERATOR
TERM ENDING 1997

Richard "Rick" Russman

1307*

SCHOOL ARTICLE 2 - Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow OFFICIAL BALLOT voting on all issues before the Sanborn Regional School District? (1042 votes needed to pass)

YES 1156*

NO 473

Combined with Newton (1601 needed to pass)

YES 1795*

NO 722

*Elected

ARTICLE 12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 1 as proposed by citizens petition for the Town of Kingston zoning ordinance? The amendment proposes to change the zoning on Main Street from Rockrimmon Road south to the New Route 111 intersection for Single Family Residential to Rural Residential. The new paragraph will read as follows:

4.41 The Single Family Residential District shall include the area shown as such on the Zoning Map, extending along Rockrimmon Road from the Plains to Ball Road, southward along Ball Road to Danville Road, eastward along Danville Road to Route 111, eastward along Route 111 to Main Street, ending at Main Street. All properties fronting on sections of said roads, and those in Tax Maps U-4, *U-5, U12, R-25 and those properties in Tax Map U-11, with the exception of those with frontage on Main Street, are excluded. In addition, Sections R-24 and...(remainder of paragraph is unchanged). *U-5 (properties along Route 111, Wadleigh Point Road and Drew Lane)

Topical Note: Adoption of this amendment will allow the property owners on the above mentioned portion of Main Street to be governed by Rural Residential zoning. This zoning will allow business signs, farm animals, and duplex houses. Many of these already exist and are grandfathered.

YES 257

NO 1420

ARTICLE 13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 2 as proposed by citizens petition for the Town of Kingston zoning ordinance? Such will result in the citizens electing the Planning Board beginning with the March 1997 election.

RSA 673:2 II (B) (1) The selectmen shall chose one selectman as an ex officio member and the remaining planning board position shall be filled at the next regular town election pursuant to RSA 669:17. Thereafter, a planning board member shall be elected for the term provided under RSA 673:5.

Note: Beginning with the Town Election of 1997, two members will be elected for three year terms, two members for two year terms, and two members for one year terms. The resulting board will elect three alternates for one, two, and three year terms respectively. In subsequent elections the town will elect two planning board members each year for three year terms.

YES 1160

NO 448

ARTICLE 14: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 3 as proposed by citizens petition for the Town of Kingston zoning ordinance? Pursuant to RSA Chapter 675:4, the undersigned Charles S. Briggs, and at least 24 other voters in the Town of Kingston, hereby submit this petition to change the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Kingston, to add new Section 4 to the Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

Section 6.40 - Well Radius and Placement

6.41 Definition - the term well shall mean and apply to any hole, pipe, or other means or applications drilled, dug or sunk into the ground for the purposes of the extraction of water or other fluid.

6.42 No new well installed shall be located within:

- a. 100 feet of any leach field and/or septic tank.
- b. 100 feet of any surface waters.
- c. 25 feet of any drainage culverts.
- d. 100 feet of any property lines.
- e. 20 feet of any right-of-way.
- f. 20 feet of any driveway.

6.43 No animals shall be penned or tied within a 100-foot protection radius of any well.

6.44 No well shall be located in any area subject to flooding unless the immediate (15' radius) vicinity is built up or constructed in a manner designed to insure that no flooding of the well shall occur.

6.45 All wells installed must be installed by a person licensed under RSA 489-B with the State of New Hampshire Water Well Board.

6.46 All wells installed shall have a water quality test performed on the well before such well may be used. A copy of the results of this test shall be submitted to the Health Officer.

YES 379

NO 1277

ARTICLE 15: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:?

Amend the Kingston Zoning Ordinance by adding the following as a new section 5.14, Article V, Supplemental Lot Regulations:

The building setback for new construction for properties located along NH Route 125 shall be 100 feet as measured from the centerline of NH Route 125. Expansions to existing structures shall not encroach beyond the existing building footprint. For purposes of this section parking areas, signage, fencing and landscaping treatments are permitted within the 100 foot setback distance. Septic systems are not permitted within the 100 foot setback distance.

Topical discussion: The purpose of this proposal is to insure that future highway construction has a minimum impact upon businesses.

YES 1111

NO 484

ARTICLE 16: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:?

Adopt the Following as a new section 7.70 in Article VII, Supplemental Provisions:

7.70 SEWAGE SLUDGE AND RESIDENTIAL SEPTAGE APPLICATION ORDINANCE

Topical Note: Passage of this measure would result in the adoption of an ordinance regulating the use of biosolids in the Town of Kingston, NH. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the Town with a regulatory framework for dealing with applicants who wish to land apply biosolids materials. Copy of complete text of this zoning amendment proposal is available for inspection at the Polling Place and in the office of the Town Clerk.

YES 873

NO 661

ARTICLE 17: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:?

Adoption of a new section 7.50, Article VII, Supplemental Provisions:

7:50 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

All uses of land in the Town of Kingston shall comply with the following:

- A. Noise. It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant and any person causing or permitting, continuing or causing to be made, any noise which either injures or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of Town.
- B. Odor. No emission of odorous gas or other matter in such quantity as to be readily detectable without use of instruments at any point along lot lines or beyond shall be permitted.
- C. Toxic or Noxious Matter. No discharge to the air, water, or soil or soil of any toxic or noxious matter in such quantity as to be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or welfare, or cause injury or damage to property or business, shall be permitted.
- D. Dust and Fly Ash. No solid or liquid particles shall be emitted in such quantity as to be readily detectable at any point along lot lines or as to produce a public nuisance or hazard beyond lot lines.
- E. Radioactivity. No operation shall be permitted which causes radioactivity detectable at the lot lines or beyond.
- F. Heat and Glare. No heat or glare shall be caused to the extent that they are detrimental to adjacent properties or the traveling public.
- G. Smoke. No smoke shall be emitted in such quantity as to become a nuisance or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or welfare, or cause injury or damage to property or business.

Existing Section 7.50 to become section 7.60.

Topical Note: Adoption of this measure would prohibit uses of land on the grounds of such uses being obnoxious or injurious due to noise, odor, toxic or noxious matter, dust and fly ash, radioactivity, heat and glare, and smoke.

YES 1022

NO 516

ARTICLE 18: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 7, as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:?

Amend Article 11 Definitions, Section 12. Wetlands to remove the reference to town of Kingston soil survey and replace as follows:

12. Wetlands. Fresh water marshes, ponds and lakes, streams and soils classified as poorly and very poorly drained as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in a publication entitled "Soil Survey of Rockingham County, New Hampshire" Parts 1 and 2, issued in October, 1994.

Topical Note: This measure is proposed to update the zoning ordinance in order to include the most recent soils information available to the Town.

YES 1083

NO 399

ARTICLE 19: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 8 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.70 Wetlands Conservation District, section 4.72 Definitions to read as follows:

a. The Wetlands Conservation District of Kingston shall consist of those areas within the Town which contain fresh water marshes, ponds and lakes, perennial streams and soils classified as poorly and very poorly drained as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in a publication entitled "Soil survey of Rockingham County, New Hampshire" Parts 1 and 2, issued in October, 1994.

Topical note: This measure is proposed to update the zoning ordinance in order to include the most recent soils information available to the Town.

YES 1083

No 399

ARTICLE 20: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 9 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows:?

Amend Article 1, Purposes and Authority, section 1.20 to read as follows:

1.20 Authority

This Ordinance is established and governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, Chapters 674 and 675 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.

Topical Note: The purpose for this amendment is to update the zoning ordinance to reflect new RSA citations as a result of a recodification of state laws.

YES 954

NO 444

ARTICLE 21: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 10 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows?:

Amend Article IV, District Regulations, 4.10 Historic District, Section 4.11 Purpose and Authority to read as follows:

4.11 Purpose and Authority: For the purpose of preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the Town of Kingston, two Historic Districts are hereby established in conformance with Chapters 674 and 675 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, and all subsequent amendments thereto. The Selectmen shall appoint an Historic District Commission (HDC) with the powers and duties stated therein. The commission shall establish such rules as are necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Topical Note: The purpose for this amendment is to update the zoning ordinance to reflect new RSA citations as a result of a recodification of state laws.

YES 1023

NO 455

ARTICLE 22: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 11 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as follows?:

Substitute the wording found in section 3. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, a. Location, with the following:

The boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District are those areas designated as "Stratified Drift Aquifer" and Stratified Drift Aquifer Over Glacio-Estuarine Silts and Clays as found on the Map entitled Saturated Thickness and Transmissivity of stratified Drift in the Exeter, Lamprey, and Oyster River basins, Southeastern New Hampshire, (Study entitled Geohydrology and Water Quality of Stratified-Drift Aquifers in the Exeter, Lamprey, and Oyster River Basins, Southeastern New Hampshire, WRI 88-4128, published in 1990); and areas designated as Fine-Grained Stratified Drift, Coarse-Grained Stratified Drift or Coarse-Grained Stratified Drift Overlying Fine-Grained Stratified Drift, as found on the map entitled Saturated Thickness, Transmissivity, and Materials of Stratified-Drift Aquifers in the Lower Merrimack and Coastal River Basins, Southeastern New Hampshire, (Study entitled Geohydrology and Water Quality of Stratified-Drift Aquifers in the Lower Merrimack and Coastal River Basins, Southeastern New Hampshire, WRI 91-4025, published in 1992).

Topical Note: The wording that is underlined would be added as new. Addition of this wording only clarifies the boundaries, this type of aquifer is merely a combination of those two types of geohydrology already considered aquifer by the Town of Kingston.

YES 1065

NO 371

The ballots were wrapped, sealed and locked in the vault at the Town Hall at 10:30 PM on March 12, 1996.

Bette C. Ouellette
Kingston Town Clerk

MINUTES OF CONTINUED TOWN MEETING AT SWASEY
GYMNASIUM - MARCH 13, 1996

The Moderator, Electra L. Alessio, called the meeting to order at 7 PM, and all saluted the flag. She then introduced the Selectmen: Ellen Faulconer, Chairman Jeremy D. Russman, and Stamatios Yiokarinis; the Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Bettie C. Ouellette; and the Budget Committee: Chairman Carroll Wright, Brian Woodworth, Anthony Whitcomb, Charles Vaillant, Marilyn Bartlett, Roxanne Moore, James Rankin, William Eckel and David Currie. She specified an area to her left as the non-voting section.

The Moderator announced the results of yesterday's balloting, including the 12 zoning questions and the results of Senate Bill 2 for both Town and School. All votes on articles were by voice, unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE 2 - A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,317,933.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. During the discussion, an amendment was made by Neil R. Parker, and seconded, to add \$3250.00 to the Recreation Commission to the line item budget, to replace amount deducted (\$2250. for Salary and \$1000. for Supplies). This amendment was passed.

Then it was voted to raise and appropriate the amended amount of \$2,321,183.00.

ARTICLE 3 - It was voted to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Town Property Tax when payment is made within 30 days of billing.

ARTICLE 4 - It was voted, as amended to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to be added to the existing Nichols Memorial Library Reserve Fund for future library expansion [shall be deemed to include land purchased and future construction at a suitable site and shall include all reasonable architect's, engineering and related fees] and name the Nichols Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The amendment, made by Dorothy Wagner, was the words in parentheses.) After much discussion, it was voted to cut off debate on a motion made by George Schiller. When the voice vote was uncertain, the Moderator asked the voters to stand for an eye vote, and declared the article passed. However, this was challenged by Brian Woodworth, and the Moderator appointed the following tellers to count the voters, Patricia Cline, Walter Clark, Sr. and Robert Pothier, Jr. Results were Yes 136, No 114.

ARTICLE 5 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,795 to install a new rubber roof on the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 6 - A motion was made to authorize the charging of a fee to Kingston Residents who receive ambulance service, for the purpose of reducing the amount of funds the Town must raise by direct taxation to fund the Fire Department. Residents are not currently charged for ambulance service and have never been charged in the past. Whereupon an amendment was made by Norman Hurley to strike out the line "for the purpose of reducing the amount of funds the Town must raise by direct taxation to fund the Fire Department".

After much debate, the article, as amended, was defeated.

ARTICLE 7 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,750 to purchase Supplemental Disability Insurance for the members of the Kingston Fire Department.

ARTICLE 8 - It was voted to have the Selectmen appoint a committee of volunteers to draw up a plan to beautify the Plains. Committee to be appointed by April 1, 1996 and consist of everyone who volunteers.

Articles 9 and 10 were Moderated by Commissioner William S. Bartlett, Jr.

ARTICLE 9 - It was voted, as amended, to direct the Moderator to establish the Kingston Business Development Committee (KBDC), as a permanent standing committee. This committee is charged to aggressively pursue corporate and other business entities for relocation to the Town of Kingston, as well as to advocate on behalf of existing businesses. The committee's purpose is to diversify and broaden the Town's tax base in a manner that preserves Kingston's quality of life. The KBDC shall serve foremost and primarily as a task force to increase nonresidential tax revenue.

The KBDC shall be composed of seven citizens appointed by the Moderator. Once appointed, the committee shall meet within 30 days and elect a Chairperson. The committee shall work closely with Town officials and shall, on a quarterly basis, meet with the Chairpersons (or a representative) of the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Town.

The amendment was made by Natalie Timmons, to delete the words "responsible to the Moderator".

It was voted to "cut off debate" on a motion made by Edward Spinney.

ARTICLE 10 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,679.60 (this figure represents unexpended amounts remaining from the monies appropriated at 1995 Town Meeting) to be used to apply for matching grant funds in order to carry out the duties of the Kingston Business Development Committee. During the discussion, an amendment, made by Diane Vaillant "to reduce the amount to \$2500.00", was NOT passed.

ARTICLES 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 were voted by written ballot Tuesday.

ARTICLE 23 - This article, relative to raising and appropriating the sum of \$9,000 to fund the Fire Department Physical Program, was NOT passed. The vote was taken after it was voted "to cut off debate" on a motion made by Edward Spinney.

ARTICLE 24 - This article, relative to establishing a permanent, part time position of Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Kingston, with the first year funded at \$7,500, was NOT passed. It was voted "to cut off debate" on a motion made by Edward Spinney.

ARTICLE 25 - It was voted, on a motion made by Donald W. Briggs, Sr. "to pass over this article" relative to raising and appropriating \$1,500 for the purpose of increasing the rate the Town pays to its Forest Firefighters to that which it pays its Firefighters during other emergency responses.

Police Chief, Donald W. Briggs, Jr., made a motion to consider Article 27 before Article 26, and it was passed. After a short discussion, Chief Briggs withdrew this motion, as he was looking at the wrong article number.

ARTICLE 26 - It was voted to establish a three year term of office for the elected Police Chief, Police Officers, and Constable pursuant to RSA 41:47 (supp. 1995) commencing with the Police Chief, Police Officers, and Constable elected at the 1997 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 27 - It was voted, on a motion made by Police Chief Donald W. Briggs, Jr. "to table this article" relative to establishing a two year term of office for the elected Police Chief, Police Officers, and Constable pursuant to RSA 41:47 (supp. 1995) commencing with the Police Chief, Police Officers and Constable elected at the 1997 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28 - It was voted, as amended twice, to raise and appropriate \$32,183.27 and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1984 for the purpose of developing recreational fields and a playground on the property identified as R20-16, formerly known as the Kingston Fairgrounds, and to establish the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Commission as agents to expend. The amendments were made by Joline Bell, David Welch and George Schiller. (During the discussion it was pointed out that the article as submitted was flawed or invalid.)

ARTICLE 29 - It was voted, as amended by Joline Bell, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000. This money would be used for the development of recreation fields/facilities on the property formerly known as the Kingston Fairgrounds.

ARTICLE 30 - It was voted, as amended by Joline Bell, that the land formerly known as Kingston Fairgrounds was purchased in 1995 for the sole purpose of development of recreation facilities.

ARTICLE 31 - It was voted, on a motion made by Donald W. Briggs, Sr. to "pass over this article" relative to raising and appropriating \$2000. for the purpose of increasing the rate the Town pays to its Firefighters during emergency responses by 2.7 percent which is the rate of increase the rest of the Town employees received last year.

ARTICLE 32 - It was voted to authorize the Department Heads of each of the Town's Departments to directly expend the funds allocated to their respective department's budget, without further approval, for purchases up to \$500.00, from the present time forward.

ARTICLE 33 - It was voted to raise and appropriate \$13,432.50 and to authorize one additional full time police officer. The first year would be funded for only six (6) months at \$13,432.50, which includes benefits. (During the discussion, it was noted that in 1987, when the last full time officer was authorized, there were 1296 calls and in 1995 there were 6496 calls.)

ARTICLE 34 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500. to fund a fifth full time employee for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 35 - It was voted, on a motion made by Donald W. Briggs, Sr. to table this article relative to establishing a Forest Fire Department to be headed by the Forest Fire Warden who is to be recommended by the Fire Chief for appointment by the State Director of Forest and Lands for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 36 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,213.29 to be added to the Annual Kingston Celebration Trust Fund established in 1995.

ARTICLE 37 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established at the Town Meeting of March, 1992 for the replacement of Highway Department dump truck with plows and sander, and to name the Board of Selectmen and Road Agent as agents to expend.

ARTICLE 38 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for Apparatus Replacement.

ARTICLE 39 - It was voted to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing cable television equipment; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,125.52 to be placed in this fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen and the Cable Advisory Television Committee as agents to expend.

ARTICLE 40 - It was voted, as amended by Richard Lamprey, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,551. to be placed in the Capital Reserve Account for future replacement of the Ambulance. Said sum represents the collected Ambulance fees for 1995.

ARTICLE 41 - It was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for fireworks during the Kingston Weekend Celebration during August, 1996.

ARTICLE 42 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1150 to the New Hampshire SPCA to support the many services they provide to the Town of Kingstin, including: Sheltering and Adoption of Homeless Animals, Impoundment Facilities, Lost and Found Services, Animal Cruelty/Neglect Investigation, Assistance to Animal Control Officers, Public Information Services and Referrals, Education Programs and Services, and Pet Therapy and More.

ARTICLE 43 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to assist the Pregnancy Care Center service the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire, a non-profit organization, in providing services in 1995 to 28 women and children living in Kingston, NH.

ARTICLE 44 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for A SAFE PLACE, a private non-profit organization which provides emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence and their children. A Safe Place serves the residents of the Town of Kingston.

ARTICLE 45 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to assist Crossroads House, Inc. a non-profit organization, in providing emergency shelter and transitional housing services to the area's homeless population.

ARTICLE 46 - It was voted to adopt the grand total of the budget and all articles at \$2,568,613.18. Carroll Wright, Chairman of the Budget Committee, announced that this is \$120,384.12 less than last year.

The Moderator announced that all officers who had opposition can be sworn in on Friday after 5 PM.

Next year the Secret Ballot voting will be held on the second Tuesday in April. More information on this new system will be forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 PM.


Kingston Town Clerk