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**Town of Sandown
P.O. Box 1756
Sandown, NH 03873**

Deliberative Town Meeting Saturday, February 2, 2019

Town Officials Present: Moderator Kevin Major, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Jonathan M. Goldman, Vice Chairman Stephen Brown, Selectman Thomas Tombarello, Selectman Bruce Z. Cleveland, Selectman Darren Hudgins, Town Counsel Attorney Diane Gorrow, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dawn Nicolaisen, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tanya Gaynor, Town Clerk's Office Assistant Judith Devine, Budget Committee Members: Chairman Suzanne Reynolds, Vice Chairman Steven Finnegan, Lorna Walker, Fran Rosenau, Amanda Knight, David Solomon, Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, Finance Director Cheryl Eastman, Supervisors of the Checklist Rosemarie Bruno, Diane Thompson and Heather Zaganis and Recording Secretary Paula Gulla.

Moderator Kevin Major called the 2019 Town of Sandown Deliberative Session to order at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main Street, Sandown, New Hampshire. Boy Scouts Alexander Fournier, Justin Silva and Ben Winter led the body in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator read the Rules of Order and pointed out handouts were available to all on the table. He also advised those in attendance they could check-in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to obtain their voting cards.

Warrant Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (to be voted by ballot March 12, 2019).

Voting will take place at the Town Hall and polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Warrant Article 2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,299,746. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,058,443, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$6.54 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3-1-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

MOTION by Tom Tombarello to place Special Warrant Article 2 on the ballot
SECOND by Darren Hudgins

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Bruce Cleveland - noted he had voted against the budget and stated the Recreation and Library budgets were overfunded. This budget is \$247,000 more than last year's budget and we are presently in a default budget. Mr. Cleveland is only in favor of the raises, and cannot support increases in any other areas.

David Solomon – noted he was the no vote on the budget committee and agreed with Mr. Cleveland. He would like to see level funding and no raises for the Library and Recreation budgets. He also noted the Finance budget is looking for payroll coverage for 3 weeks of vacation coverage, but Mr. Solomon pointed out if the coverage is coming from internal personnel, then money is already allocated in the budget and no additional is needed. He felt the fireworks should be zeroed out and fundraising should be done to cover the fireworks. Other items are more important and he won't vote for the budget.

Bruce Cleveland – if we are in a default budget again, there is only \$6,000 more funds and that is a tight budget. We don't need to grow departments, but he noted this had nothing to do with the performance on those personnel.

Diane True – Library Trustee, pointed out their budget was the default budget plus 4.5% increase and was \$15,000 less but did include the 3% raises. Books are expensive and she noted that these are fun things and that is important because without the fun things, it is only business.

Deb Hoadley – Library Director asked permission to speak as a non-resident.

Moderator Major asked the body to vote on whether Ms. Hoadley could speak

VOTE: to allow Deb Hoadley to speak PASSED

Deb Hoadley – pointed out the budget was initially 6.5% higher but after discussion was only 4.5% higher. This includes a part-time to full time position change and the raises are only 1.7% not 3%. The position change will allow 2 full time employees for coverage and the full time exempt position is taking a \$2.14/hour pay cut to facilitate this change. The change will allow more outreach and interactions with the schools etc. The library had over 26,000 interactions including outreach items like the availability of IRS tax forms, on-line job applications and entertainment items.

David Solomon – stated this was no slant on Library or Recreation. The recycling budget was overspent by \$20,000 last year.

Point of Order – Arlene Bassett – questioned if there was a motion on the table

Moderator Major stated there was none.

Warrant Article 2 will be moved to the ballot as written

MOTION by Jonathan Goldman to restrict reconsideration on Warrant Article 2

SECOND by Steve Brown

VOTE: MOTION to restrict reconsideration PASSED

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Jon Goldman asked that the Board of Selectmen be allowed to update their vote on the article's recommendation since one of the members was not present at the time of the vote.

MOTION by Jon Goldman to recommend warrant article 2

SECOND by Steve Brown

MOTION PASSED – Goldman – aye, Brown – aye, Tombarello – aye, Cleveland – nay, Hudgins – aye. (4-1-0)

Warrant Article 2 will now read:

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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 4-1-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

Warrant Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to accept a Highway Block Grant in the sum of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$166,857) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen, said sum to be supplied by the State of New Hampshire.

Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to place Warrant Article 3 on the ballot

SECOND by Tom Tombarello

There was no discussion on Warrant Article 3.

Warrant Article 3 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000) to be added to the previously established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.62 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

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MOTION by Jonathan Goldman to place Special Warrant Article 4 on the ballot
SECOND by Steve Brown

There was no discussion on Special Warrant Article 4.

Special Warrant Article 4 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Warrant Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement not to exceed five years in the amount of Two Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$203,430) for the purpose of leasing/purchasing a truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,686 for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Steve Brown to place Warrant Article 5 on the ballot
SECOND by Tom Tombarello

Chris True – asked why lease for 5 years rather than purchase. Since it is cheaper to buy, he wondered if the thought was to spread out the cost over several years.

Jon Goldman – stated the town prefers historically to purchase vehicles and it was talked about but this year the Selectmen agreed to a lease/purchase due to the tax rate. The truck is badly needed, and they felt leasing was the right option for this time.

Bruce Cleveland – pointed out at the end of the lease, there is an option to purchase the vehicle for \$1.00.

Tom Tombarello – cited that the John Deere backhoe was leased years ago and the lease was up and paid off this year. Now the town is asking to lease the truck which is desperately needed. The current truck is a 1984 and parts are no longer available.

Warrant Article 5 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Warrant Article 6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$179,700) to purchase and equip a truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department. Should Article 5 pass, this Article becomes null and void.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.27 per thousand.

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-5-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 0-7-0)

MOTION by Steve Brown to put Warrant Article 6 on the ballot
SECOND by Bruce Cleveland

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Steve Brown pointed out the Selectmen have not recommended this article because they are asking the voters to approve the lease/purchase in the previous article.

Warrant Article 6 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Warrant Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to purchase a lawn mower for the Highway Department to maintain grounds for the Town.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.02 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Darren Hudgins to place Warrant Article 7 on the ballot

SECOND by Tom Tombarello

Bruce Cleveland asked why we were asking for \$15,000 when the quote is for \$14,000

Arthur Genualdo – Public Works Director – said there would be an increase to the price as of the first of the year

Bruce Cleveland – asked if we could reduce the amount to \$14,000

Arthur Genualdo – stated the salesperson could not provide a firm figure and it was suggested to use \$15,000 for the price

Scott Bassett – asked what grounds were being maintained by the Highway Department

Arthur Genualdo – the Transfer Station, field on Fremont Rd, a section of the Town Forest, Town Hall, Fire Department, Police Department and Library

Jon Goldman – pointed out the need for this lawnmower since currently employees are using their personal mowers which is unacceptable especially for liability reasons.

Peter Stock – asked why type of mower is being sought

Arthur Genualdo – Kubota, diesel, industrial, zero turn mower

Warrant Article 7 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$173,500) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.26 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

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MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to place Special Warrant Article 8 on the ballot
SECOND by Darren Hudgins

Bruce Cleveland – pointed out a warrant article last year failed at \$90,000. The bridge on Odell Road has now been added and with bridge aid, the town will pay out the full amount and be reimbursed 20% with the state paying 80%. If this article is not funded, the price just keeps increasing each year that we need to save and eventually the bridge(s) will close and we will need to come up with the full amount immediately. This is a layaway plan for the bridge costs.

Tom Tombarello – stated we applied for bridge aid and this project is scheduled for 2024. We need the money at that time or the project won't move forward. If we continue to fail these articles, next year the cost will be \$225,000. The bridges will close, jersey barriers will be put up if we don't save for the project.

Special Warrant Article 8 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Warrant Article 9. Shall the town modify the optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750. The all Veterans' tax credit will also be modified from \$500 per year to \$750.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Jon Goldman to put Warrant Article 9 on the ballot
SECOND by Steve Brown

There was no discussion on Warrant Article 9.

Warrant Article 9 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$29,586) for treatment to control exotic aquatic species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Costs will be offset by \$8,490 in grant funds and a \$10,500 donation from the Phillips Pond Association. This is a special warrant article.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.05 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Tom Tombarello to place Special Warrant Article 10 on the ballot
SECOND by Bruce Cleveland

Paula Gulla – Selectmen's Office Assistant – stated that there were funds encumbered from last year's warrant article to treat the pond. Also, there is a special permit that must be filed in advance for treatment of the pond this year at a cost of \$1,500. The permit was able to be paid for with the encumbered funds, therefore this figure can be reduced by \$1,500 to a cost of \$28,026.

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MOTION by Paula Gulla to reduce the figure to \$28,026
SECOND by Sue Reynolds

MOTION to reduce the figure to \$28,026 PASSED

The article will now read:

Special Warrant Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Twenty Six Dollars (\$28,026) for treatment to control exotic aquatic species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Costs will be offset by \$8,490 in grant funds and a \$10,500 donation from the Phillips Pond Association. This is a special warrant article.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.04 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 10 will be moved to the ballot as amended.

Special Warrant Article 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) for the purpose of site work and expansion costs of the Center Cemetery. This is a special warrant article.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.06 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5-1-1)

MOTION by Darren Hudgins to place Special Warrant Article 11 on the ballot
SECOND by Tom Tombarello

There was no discussion on Special Warrant Article 11.

Warrant Article 11 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.08 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

MOTION by Jon Goldman to place Special Warrant Article 12 on the ballot
SECOND by Darren Hudgins

Amanda Knight – Budget Committee member – wanted it known that the minutes are incorrect and she was not the person that voted against this article.

David Solomon – stated he was the person that voted against the article.

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MOTION by David Solomon to reduce the amount from \$50,000 to \$25,000 for this year. He felt the savings won't be lost in the long run.

SECOND by Pamela Merrill

VOTE: MOTION to reduce the amount to \$25,000 FAILED

Special Warrant Article 12 will be moved to the ballot as written

Warrant Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to support charitable organization, Isaiah 58 New Hampshire. If this warrant article passes, future appropriations will be included in the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$0.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Tom Tombarello to place Warrant Article 13 on the ballot

SECOND by Bruce Cleveland

Tom Tombarello – stated that this article failed last year and the very next day, the organization was helping a Sandown resident. There were 17 calls and the company helped with furnishings, food and clothing, financial assistance and he would like to see this article supported.

Steve Brown – pointed out that when an organization asks for support, the first time it is always a warrant article but once passed, it will be in the budget in future years.

Bruce Cleveland – it appears they gave assistance in the amount of \$6,000 but are only asking for \$2,500 and he supports it.

Lynne Blaisdell – Town Administrator – stated that in addition to financial, clothing, food and shelter assistance, this organization goes a step further and provides counseling, assistance with job interviews, computers, phones etc. and she calls this agency first if the town has to deny someone assistance for ineligibility.

Tina Owens – asked if the people the town helps are all residents

Lynne Blaisdell – yes

Tina Owens – asked if we know if these people vote and are they doing their civic duty? Is there any way to track if they are voting?

Lynne Blaisdell – not sure if they are voting – she would need to elicit the help of the Supervisors of the Checklist. But she noted that the people we help are in a crisis with food, shelter and maybe voting is not one of their immediate concerns at that time.

Warrant Article 13 will be moved to the ballot as written

Special Warrant Article 14. Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of stormwater management and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$0.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to place Special Warrant Article 14 on the ballot

SECOND by Tom Tombarello

Bruce Cleveland – stated this is a federal requirement although unfunded which he dislikes, and its focus is on clean water. Sandown does not have an excessive amount of work to accomplish but we must have a plan. Each year the program is progressively structured with additional requirements. We may need the assistance of an engineer for water testing and he noted this program is a requirement whether we like it or not. Fines are heavy and Plaistow has been fined approximately \$40,000 in the past for non-compliance.

Special Warrant Article 14 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

MOTION by Tom Tombarello to place Special Warrant Article 15 on the ballot

SECOND by Steve Brown

Steve Brown – the revaluation is required every 5 years and we currently have an agreement with Municipal Resources to complete the revaluation. The agreement ends in 2021 and the cost is approximately \$45,000. This article attempts to put a little in the bank each year. Last year's article for \$5,000 failed, so this year the article is for \$8,000. If this fails, it just means that when the next revaluation comes, we will be asking the voters to pay the full \$45,000 at once.

Special Warrant Article 15 will be moved to the ballot as written.

Special Warrant Article 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for painting and exterior repairs to the Town Hall. This is a special warrant article.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.05 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended/by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

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MOTION by Darren Hudgins to place Special Warrant Article 16 on the ballot
SECOND by Bruce Cleveland

There was no discussion on Special Warrant Article 16.

Special Warrant Article 16 will be moved to the ballot as written

Special Warrant Article 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5-1-1)

MOTION by Jon Goldman to place Special Warrant Article 17 on the ballot
SECOND by Steve Brown

Erica Olsen – stated she is a member of the Old Home Day Committee and said members of the committee are town residents except for 3 members. The event brings in approximately \$1,500 more or less each year in revenue from the vendor booth rental fees. The event is an opportunity for the civic organizations to show the townspeople what they offer and what they are about. She asked residents to support the article.

Tina Owens – asked why if there are 6 budget committee members there are 7 votes on the recommendations.

Tom Tombarello – stated it is because he is an ex officio position with the Budget Committee and therefore, he is the seventh vote.

Warrant Article 18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$10,765) which will increase each selectman's annual stipend by \$2,000 and appropriate \$765 for payroll taxes.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.02 per thousand.

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-5-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 1-6-0)

MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to place Warrant Article 18 on the ballot
SECOND by Darren Hudgins

Bruce Cleveland – stated he originally asked for the increase because there have been no increases since the 1990's. He feels that increasing the stipend would bring more qualified people to the board. We are \$3,000 to \$4,000 less than area towns and the monthly stipend is about \$150 per month now and with the increase, it would be about \$300 per month. He then voted against it because he felt that now is not the time to raise it.

Tom Tombarello – felt it is up to the voters to decide to put the increase into place

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Jon Goldman – said there was some discussion about whether to put this on the ballot or not and he feels there should be an increase for the number of hours and headaches that accompany this position. But he feels the warrant article should be a petitioned warrant article put forth by the people and not by the Board.

MOTION by Jon Goldman to reduce the \$10,765 to zero, reduce the \$2,000 to zero and reduce the \$765 to zero. Jon questioned if this would change the subject of the article.

Attorney Diane Gorrow – Town Counsel – stated it would not change the subject matter of the article and the reduction was acceptable.

SECOND by Kate Winter

Point of Order – Diana True – the tax impact should also be noted as no tax impact.

David Solomon – stated what is the point of having people vote on the article if it is a zero dollar amount

Moderator Kevin Major – pointed out that in an SB2 town, this is an appropriate amendment provided the subject matter is not changed. Striking out dollar amounts in a warrant article is acceptable.

Chris True – stated it is important that we don't overrule the people and it is up to them to speak on the article. If we zero it out, we take away that option and he will vote against the motion.

Bruce Cleveland – concurs and stated that if it is zeroed out, it won't show if the people are interested and he asked to let the voters decide

VOTE: MOTION to reduce the \$10,756, \$2,000 and \$765 to zero FAILED

MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to restrict reconsideration on Articles 3 through 18

SECOND by Tom Tombarello

VOTE: to restrict reconsideration on articles 3 through 18 PASSED

Warrant Article 18 will be moved to the ballot as written

Warrant Article 19. Shall the Town explore the possibility of changing the accounting period from the current calendar year format (January 1 through December 31) to a fiscal year format (July 1, through June 30). This article is exploratory, non-binding and advisory only.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 4-0-0)

MOTION by Bruce Cleveland to place Warrant Article 19 on the ballot

SECOND by Darren Hudgins

Bruce Cleveland – pointed out that currently we have not yet passed the budget, yet we have been spending the 2019 budget since January 1st. By the time the budget has been voted on, and

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if there is a default budget, 3 months have already passed which makes it difficult to determine the spending for the rest of the year. A fiscal year format would allow for voting before the budget is spent giving time to analyze and make any necessary changes.

Deb Brown – if this passed, how would it affect the first year? Would we have to pay 18 months of taxes at once?

Bruce Cleveland – stated there are 4-5 different methods that could be used to deal with the transition: bonding, planning ahead, saving etc.

Kate Winter – what does the school do and are they on a fiscal year?

Bruce Cleveland – yes, the school is on a fiscal year, so the town would match the school. Cash flow would be better with tax money.

Arlene Bassett – what would happen to voting dates and town report?

Bruce Cleveland – nothing would change

Tom Tombarello – explained that the county has changed to a fiscal year and it is working out and has helped with the budget

Sue Reynolds – Budget Committee Chair – stated the Budget Committee saw this article at the public hearing and it was worded drastically differently and therefore, they did not recommend it. The Budget Committee would like to add their recommendation to this article.

MOTION by Sue Reynolds to recommend Warrant Article 19

SECOND by Steve Finnegan

MOTION to recommend Warrant Article 19 PASSED – Reynolds – aye, Finnegan – aye, Rosenau – aye, Walker – aye, Knight – aye, Solomon – aye, Tombarello – aye. (7-0-0)

Moderator Major asked town counsel to confirm that Budget Committee members can put a recommendation on a non-monetary warrant article.

Attorney Diane Gorrow – stated that Budget Committee members can put a recommendation on any and all warrant articles.

Jon Goldman stated the Board of Selectmen would like to update their recommendation since a member of the Board was not present when the recommendation was made

MOTION by Jonathan Goldman to recommend Warrant Article 19

SECOND by Steve Brown

MOTION PASSED – Goldman – aye, Brown – aye, Tombarello – aye, Cleveland – aye, Hudgins – aye. (5-0-0)

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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

Warrant Article 19 will be moved to the ballot as amended

Jon Goldman thanked all those involved in putting the Deliberative Session together

Steve Brown noted that Mr. Goldman is not running again for Selectman and thanked him for his leadership and service on the Board.

Moderator Major thanked everyone involved as well stating that when he walked in, everything was set up and ready to go.

Lynne Blaisdell asked if she could speak to the Zoning Amendments.

Moderator Major agreed.

Lynne Blaisdell – stated that the Zoning Amendment on the ballot is part of the Stormwater management requirements and she encouraged everyone to support the amendment.

Tom Tombarello thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work.

The meeting ended at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Gulla
Recording Secretary