



**Town of Milton  
First Session  
Deliberative Minutes  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Chris Jacobs, Town Moderator, declared the meeting in session at 9:17 AM and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence for Bette White, Leo Lessard, Lu Snyder, Nancy Johnson, Art Downs and those that have passed.

*A total of 71 voters were in attendance.*

The Moderator introduced the following: Selectmen: Andrew Rawson, Ryan Thibeault, Tim Long; Town Administrator: Heather Thibodeau; Town Council Walter Mitchell; Budget Committee Members: Larry Brown, Robert Carrier, School Board Representative Peg Hurd, Erin Hutchings, Dennis Wing (absent), Thomas McDougall, Shawn Perreault, and Water District Representative Stan Nadeau (absent); Supervisors of the Checklist: Karen Brown; Robert Graham, State Representative; Fire Chief Nick Marique, Public Works Director Pat Smith and Police Chief Richard Krauss.

The Moderator noted that there would be a Candidate's Forum for all candidates running for School District and Town Offices on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall in the Selectmen's Chamber. He noted that it will be recorded for a later broadcast.

*The Moderator explained the rules of SB-2.*

The Moderator noted that the second session, Annual Town Meeting, would be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the Milton Assembly of God Church located at 370 White Mountain Highway and the polls for voting by official ballot will be open from 8am to 7pm.

The Moderator mentioned that there are some persons in the room that are not eligible to vote but may wish to speak to one or more of the articles. Those persons are: Town Attorney Walter Mitchell, Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau, Assessing Director Kathy Wallingford and Police Chief Richard Krauss. Tom Gray made the motion to allow those nonresidents to speak. Majority in favor, motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 1:**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law.

Board of Selectmen: 1 for 1 year - Lawrence D Brown, Andy Lucier, Thomas McDougall; 1 for 3 years - Erin Hutchings, Andrew Rawson. Budget Committee: 1 for 1 year - Shawn Perreault; 2 for 3 years – 2 open positions. Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years - John Katwick, Dennis Therrien; Fire Chief: 1 for 1 year -Stephen Duchesneau, Nicholas Marique; Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years -Nancy Drew; Moderator: 1 for 2 years - Chris Jacobs; Planning Board: 2 for 3 years - Matthew Morrill, Lynette McDougall; Public Works Director: 1 for 3 years - Pat Smith; Supervisors of the Checklist: 1 for 4 years – 1 open position; 1 for 6 years - Brittney Leach; Treasurer: 1 for 1 year - Pamela J Arnold, Mackenzie Campbell; Trustee of the Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years - Marion E Trafton; Zoning Board of Adjustment: 1 for 2 years - Stephen Baker; 2 for 3 years - Lawrence D Brown, Stanley Nadeau.

The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 1 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 2: Zoning 1**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the Milton Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Article XXI, entitled Accessory Dwelling Units which makes an Accessory Dwelling Unit a permitted use by right in conjunction with any permissible single-family dwelling while maintaining the visual and functional character of single-family residential neighborhoods, as required by a 2016 State statute, RSA 674:71-:73. Copies of the complete text of Amendment No. 1 are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Planning Board (5-0). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Selectman Thibeault made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Selectman Rawson seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

*The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.*

It was noted that this is a State Statute with Town limitations.

Michelle Beauchamp made the motion to close further discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 2 on the second session ballot as read.

Larry Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 3: Zoning 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article XVI, Groundwater Protection Overlay District by updating all sections to ensure compliance with current State statutes and administrative rules, to amend Section III, Definitions to add and delete definitions as required by statute, to amend Section IV, Groundwater Protection Overlay District to add wellhead protection areas and to add a 1000-ft. radius around wells for blasting activities, to amend Section VI, Performance Standards by updating to reflect current best management practices for source water protection including those pertaining to regulated substances, and by adding a requirement for projects to prepare a groundwater monitoring plan when excavating or blasting within 1000-ft. of municipal water wells, to amend Section XI, Exemptions, B. to correct an error, to amend Section XVI, Effective Date by adding date of enactment and amendment, and various revisions were made throughout the text to identify updated reference documents or sections. Copies of the complete text of Amendment No. 2 are available for review at the Town Office and will be available the day of the election. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Planning Board (5-0). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Selectman Rawson made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Selectman Long seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Long noted that the purpose of the article is to preserve, maintain and protect existing and potential groundwater supplies and related groundwater recharge areas; and to prevent development and land use practices that would contaminate or reduce the recharge of the identified aquifers. Bruce Woodruff, Town Planner, added that this updates the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Michael Tabory made the motion to close further discussion. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 3 on the second session ballot as read.

Karen Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 4: Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, Four Million, Five Hundred Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$4,508,365) 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. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,534,914) 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 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (7-2)

Larry Brown made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Karen Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Brian McQuade made a motion to amend the article by reducing the operating budget by \$450,836 to reflect a total operating budget of \$4,057,529. Nancy Wing seconded the motion. Majority in favor to discuss the amendment.

Brian McQuade noted that the tax rate chart shows a 56% increase over a 10 year period. Over that same time period nominal wages rose 26% and inflation officially rose 19%. So property taxes rose at more than double the rate of nominal wages and nearly triple the rate of inflation.

Ann Walsh questioned what type of cuts would need to be made if this amendment passed. The Town Administrator, presented a summary of possible reductions in departments if the amendment passed. She noted that every department would see a cut such as the Town Clerk's hours, the Assessing Department would be eliminated, the Police Department would lose 2 officers, coverage would decrease in the Fire Department, we basically would not have a Planning & Code Department; the Highway Department would go to sand only; Solid Waste Department would cut down one day; there would not be any outside appropriates; the Recreation Department would see casualties, as well as, the Library. Brian McQuade noted that most of these could be filled by private services.

Les Elder questioned how much money was in the fund balance. The Town Administrator noted that the Town cannot answer that question since it has not been audited yet. Les Elder felt that there would be enough money in the fund balance to cover the 10% cut.

Attorney Mitchell noted that some articles do not come from taxation, they would come from the undesignated fund balance. He noted that the fund balance is the surplus at the end of the year. It includes leftovers from the operating budget. There are three ways that the fund could be used: 1-at tax rate setting time to reduce the tax rate; 2-emergencies when overspending the budget with permission from the Department of Revenue Administration. Emergency by reducing operating budget would be a hard sell; and 3-a special town meeting.

Barbara Hughes questioned the allocation of the proposed department cuts. The Moderator noted that there are State mandates for certain expenses. He added that the State does not say you have to have a library, a planning department, or a recreation department. The Town Administrator noted that there are legal contracts that the Town needs to pay. The Police Chief added as an example, that the Town cannot cut 10% from the debt services.

Doug Shute asked what the budget increase was over 2017. The Moderator noted that it was a \$174,465 increase with an estimate tax impact of .41 cents per thousand.

Elizabeth Baker, Librarian, noted that the library has approximately 3,700- 4000 patrons a year, not just for books but also for the educational programs. Selectman Rawson added that the Recreation Department has basketball, soccer, t-ball, camps, senior dinners, bingo and it would be a huge loss.

Brian McQuade asked the Moderator to move the question. Larry Brown asked to overrule the Moderator in moving the question so that others can speak. Majority not in favor of overruling the Moderator and in favor of moving the question.

The Moderator reread the article with the proposed amendment. Majority not in favor of the amendment, the amendment failed.

Doug Shute made the motion to move the original budget and to close further discussion. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 4 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Elizabeth Baker seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

#### **The Moderator read Article 5: Highway and Road Reconstruction**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000) for Highway and Road reconstruction purposes. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant estimated to be One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$134,000). This appropriation will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2019. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (7-1).

Selectman Thibeault made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Thibeault noted the money annually received from the Highway Block Grant is estimated to be \$134,000. This money offsets the \$290,000 raised for the program. The estimated tax impact would be .70 cents per thousand; there is no effect on the tax rate since it is the same amount asked for last year.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Susann Foster-Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 5 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Les Elder seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 6: Lease Purchase Fire Department Pumper**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year lease/purchase agreement for the sum of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000) for the purpose of leasing a pumper/tanker to replace the 1989 pumper for the fire department, as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. The first years payment will commence in 2019 which is the expiration of the lease for the 2013 pumper and is estimated to be approximately Sixty-one Thousand Dollars (\$61,000). This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0) Recommended by Budget Committee (8-1).

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Erin Hutchings seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Long noted that this would replace a 1989 pumper with an 800 gallon water capacity with a modern NFPA compliant unit with a 2,000 gallon water capacity. The estimated tax impact starting in year 2019 is .05 cents per thousand. The funding will come from a 10 year lease to purchase agreement with no funds raised until 2019.

Nick Marique added that this truck will meet our water supply needs. The 1989 pumper in Milton Mills will be removed from service. The 2005 pumper will then go to Milton Mills and the new truck will be at the central station and be used as a primary response piece.

Doug Shute asked if there are any capital reserve funds to pay this down. Nick Marique noted that there are 2 capital reserve funds: one has \$893 and the other one has approximately \$30,000 (earmarked for a grant for a ladder truck).

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 6 on the second session ballot as read.

Michael Tabory made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 7: Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be added to the Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (8-0)

Maureen Steer made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Les Elder questioned the wording "this sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation". He believes the fund balance is made up of taxation from previous years. Nick Marique noted that the wording came from the Department of Revenue Administration.

Selectman Thibeault made the motion to close further discussion. Larry Brown seconded the motion.

Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 7 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 8: Highway Department Special Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Department Special Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Thibeault noted that this was for the future purchase of DPW equipment in accordance with the 2018-20123 Capital Improvement Plan. The current balance is \$47. Funding will come from the unreserved balance in 2018 and there is no effect on this year's tax rate.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 8 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7 & 8. Paul Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 9: Highway Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Long noted this was for the future purchase of DPW pickup trucks with snow plows in accordance with the 2018-2023 CIP. The current balance is \$7,500. The funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2018 and there would be no effect on this year's tax rate.

Larry Brown noted that the CIP is the clearest way to see how the decision to fund big ticket items with the least amount of pain and even out the tax level for the community.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 9 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 10: Establish Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, constructing, and maintaining municipal buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.



The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Rawson noted that this was a new capital reserve fund to be used for fixing current buildings. This is good budgeting, good planning and can help us avoid a tax spike.

Michelle Beauchamp made the motion to include the words "Municipal Buildings" so that it reads: Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Pat Smith. Pat Smith noted that this is for bigger projects. Majority in favor, motion passed.

Larry Brown made the motion to close further discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 10 on the second session ballot as amended.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 9 & 10. Virginia Long seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 11: Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0).

Fred Cameron made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Thibeault noted that this would be used for the continued restoration of the Milton Free Public Library. The current balance is \$25,000. The funding would come from the unreserved fund balance in 2018 and there would be no effect on the tax rate this year.

Les Elder questioned if this capital reserve fund was the one which was eliminated. Elizabeth Baker noted that we are putting money into the correct capital reserve fund.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Paul Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 11 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 12: Town of Milton Technology Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be placed in the Town of Milton Technology Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0) Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0).

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Long noted that this is to be used for computer software, hardware and other technological items. The current balance is \$6,000, funding will come from the unused fund balance in 2018 and there will be no effect on this year's tax rate.

David Carpus questioned if the GIS system should be included in this reserve fund. Bruce Woodruff noted that the geographic information system has to be built over years with many layers of information. Lynette McDougall felt they should be combined.

Michelle Beauchamp made the motion to include the words "Upgrades Capital Reserve" so that it reads: Town of Milton Technology Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Karen Brown. Majority in favor, motion passed.

Bruce Woodruff noted that it includes computer software, hardware, and other technological items. There will be contracted services to collect GIS data for mapping and data layers. The Moderator added that keeping it separate makes it much clearer when applying for a grant.

Virginia Long raised concern over the use of the fund balance to pay for these articles. Selectman Rawson noted that the fund balance is in good shape. He added that this is how the CIP works. He stated that the fund balance is replenished in several ways: unexpended funds from prior years and through the clerk's registration fees. Doug Shute added that the fund also includes unexpended operating budget money from the school.

Robert Graham made the motion to close further discussion. Patrick Smith seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 12 on the second session ballot as amended.

Larry Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 11 & 12. Robert Graham seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 13: Geographic Information System**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of establishing a Public Web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) for the town as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Rawson noted that this would be used to create a public web based GIS system for the Town to aid in future planning and land use data retention and retrieval. Bruce Woodruff added that the information will also be usable by the public.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 13 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 14: Establish Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing, reconstructing or constructing bridges or culverts in the Town of Milton and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0) Recommended by Budget Committee (7-1).

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Thibeault noted that this fund would be used future replacement of Milton Bridges which have been red listed by the State. He noted that the other existing bridge fund can only be used on border bridges. This funding will come from the unreserved fund balance and there will be no effect on this year's tax rate.

Michelle Beauchamp made the motion to include the word "Bridge" so that the article reads: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Nick Marique. Majority in favor, motion passed.

Judy Lover questioned the need for a road reconstruction fund and a bridge fund. Pat Smith clarified that the bridge fund would be for bridges like the one on Winding Hill Road, the road reconstruction fund would be for overlay and smaller culverts. Pat Smith noted that the culvert on Townhouse Road cost \$230,000 which he had to take out of the road reconstruction fund. In order to get away from having to do that, this fund would need to be created. Bruce Woodruff added that the town needs two fund because the block grant money received from the State could not be used for the match.

Robert Graham made the motion to close further discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 14 on the second session ballot as amended.

Larry Brown made the motion to restrict reconsideration for Article 13 & 14. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 15: Eradicate European Naiad**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purposes of eradicating the invasive plant species, European Naiad from the water bodies in the Town of Milton. This is a special warrant article. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount is to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0). Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0)

Selectman Rawson made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Long noted that this would be used to fight the European Naiad in the Milton Three Ponds. The funding would come from the unreserved fund balance and no effect on this year's tax rate. He added that grants have been written to eradicate this species.

Larry Brown made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 15 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 16: Extend Fire Chief Term**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the term of office for the position of Fire Chief from one (1) year to three (3) years. (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Paul Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

The Town Administrator noted that currently the position is an annual position and is being proposed to be a three year position as other major elected positions in Town. She added that turnover can be costly in leadership positions. She noted that the Town would benefit from having a consistent person in place to manage the grants of this department. It was noted that the 3 year term would begin in 2019.

Karen Brown made the motion to close further discussion. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 16 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 15 & 16. David Carpus seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

#### **The Moderator read Article 17: Conservation**

To see if the Town will vote under the authority of RSA 80:80, V, to retain for public use 5 former subdivision lots located on the Class VI portion of Winding Road, as conveyed to the Town by tax collector deeds, which property has since been voluntarily merged into one lot of approximately 5.5 acres, by action of the Town and the Planning Board. (These lots were formerly identified in the town's records as Map 41, Lots 68.11, 68.12, 68.13, 68.14 and 68.15.) This property is to be dedicated to conservation purposes with public access, and approval of this article shall also authorize the Town to convey a conservation easement on this property to a qualified non-profit conservation organization for stewardship. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Rawson noted that the land will be open to public use and conservation use. He added that this will be a great resource for the town and school. Jen Duprat questioned if there would be any maintenance cost. Karen Golab noted that they do not plan on any tax impact such as maintenance. Currently they are working on a volunteer system to clean up the trails. Richard Lover questioned if this property would be open to all uses, specifically hunting. Karen Golab noted that the topic is still being discussed. Virginia Long noted that it would be up to the property owner which is the Town. The Moderator noted that the Selectmen could revisit it each year to change the restrictions.

Larry Brown made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 17 on the second session ballot as read.

**The Moderator read Article 18: Milton Disincorporation (Submitted by Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote that the Town of Milton be disincorporated and a trustee appointed with authority to terminate the affairs of the corporation, sell and convey its property, real and personal, pay the debts of the Town and deposit the surplus of the proceeds of the property in the Strafford County treasury to be there disposed of for the improvement of roads in the vicinity in which the Town is situated. Such proceeds shall be distributed by the trustee to the respective county in the proportion that the population of the Town within said county bore to the total population of the county, according to the most recent regular or special federal census. If a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon votes for disincorporation, then the Selectman shall, by an order entered of record, declare the Town disincorporated and shall proceed in the manner prescribed in paragraph 1 of this article. (Majority vote required). Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen (0-3)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Elizabeth Baker seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Attorney Mitchell noted that it would have no validity or effect if approved. The Town doesn't have the authority to disincorporate itself. The Town only has the authority that has been given to the municipality by the State legislature.

Nick Marique made the motion to add the words "The Town has been advised by Town Attorney that this article is not valid" at the end of the article. Karen Brown seconded. Majority in favor, motion passed.

Tom Gray made the motion to close further discussion. Fred Cameron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 18 on the second session ballot as amended.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration for Article 17 & 18. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

**The Moderator read Article 19: Keno Games (Submitted by Petition)**

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town? (Majority vote required). Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Tom Gray made the motion to open the warrant article for discussion. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator opened the warrant article for discussion.

Selectman Thibeault noted this was for pouring establishments in NH. Selectman Rawson noted that it supports full time kindergarten. It was also added that it could bring in additional revenue to the establishment.

Larry Brown stated that on the State wide basis, you are claiming that full time kindergarten is a valuable thing to the State if it is supported by gambling. He added that Keno will bring in a net of 8.5 million dollars, for this Town, which will represent \$37,000 for 30 kindergarten students.

Bruce Woodruff made the motion to close further discussion. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

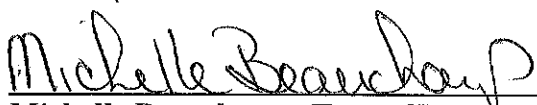
The Moderator instructed the Clerk to place Warrant Article 19 on the second session ballot as read.

Tom Gray made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Maureen Steer seconded the motion. Majority in favor, the motion passed.

Selectman Rawson made the motion to adjourn at 12:50PM. Larry Brown seconded the motion. Majority in favor, motion passed.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

**A true record, attest:**



**Michelle Beauchamp, Town Clerk Tax Collector**

**A true copy of record, attest:**



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