

# TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION – FEBRUARY 3, 2018

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## TOWN OF HOOKSETT DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES Cawley Middle School Saturday February 3, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER

Moderator, Don Riley called the First Deliberative Session to Order at Hooksett Cawley Middle School Cafeteria Center at 9:00 AM.

Boy Scout Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ATTENDANCE

James Sullivan, Chair, Rob Duhaime, John Giotas, James Levesque, Marc Miville, David Ross, Tim Tsantoulis, Alex Walczyk and Don Winterton

Moderator, Don Riley

Supervisor of the Checklist Mike Horne, Kim Daggett, and Bryan Williams

Town Clerk, Todd Rainier

Legal Counsel, Matt Serge

Registered voters – 53 in attendance

### PROOF OF POSTING

Proof of posting was provided by the Don Riley.

The Moderator introduced the members of the Town Council in Attendance as well as the Town Staff.

The Moderator recognized all veterans for their service.

A general overview of the rules and procedures was given by the Moderator and are available in writing in the voter's guide.

### BUSINESS

Moderator Don Riley read the Warrant Articles into the record:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hooksett, New Hampshire, in the county of Merrimack in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

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You are hereby notified to meet at **David R. Cawley Middle School on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 am** for the first session of the Town Meeting to discuss and amend, as required, warrant articles 3 through 20.

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The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at **David R. Cawley Middle School on Tuesday, March 13, 2018**. The polls will be open from 6 am until 7 pm.

### Article 1

To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

### Article 2

#### **Zoning Amendments**

#### **Amendment No. 1**

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Hooksett Planning Board, for the Hooksett Zoning Ordinance to replace paragraph C.6 of Article 27, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) which presently reads “The ADU shall not exceed 750 square feet in habitable living area”, and replace it with paragraph C.6 as follows “If the primary single family dwelling unit is less than or equal to 2,500 square feet in habitable living area, then the ADU may be a maximum of 750 square feet in habitable area. If the primary single family dwelling unit is greater than 2,500 square feet in habitable living area, then the ADU may be a maximum of 30 percent of the primary single family dwelling unit.”

*The purpose of this amendment is to allow ADU’s to be greater than 750 square feet but not exceed 30% of the size for larger sized single family residential dwelling units.*

#### **Amendment No. 2**

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Hooksett Planning Board, for the Hooksett Zoning Ordinance to rezone Tax Map 6 Lot 56 from Medium Density Residential District (MDR) to Urban Density Residential District (UDR)?

*The purpose of this amendment is to rezone lot 56 on Highland Street, which is the only MDR zoned property on Highland Street, to be consistent with the surrounding zoned parcels. Lot 56 was previously a two family residence and has recently been converted back to a single family residence. It received this unique MDR zoning classification when the UDR district was initially created essentially creating spot zoning.*

### Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,390,000.00** for the purpose of performing Phase III and IIIA Capital Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (the “Project”); to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, that may be available for the Project; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,390,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Town Council to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000.00 from the first year’s interest payment on such bonds or notes? Without impairment to the general obligation of said bonds or notes, it is intended that said bonds or notes shall be fully paid from funds existing in the Sewer Commission Trust account. (3/5 ballot vote required) Recommended by Town Council (8-1), Recommend by Budget Committee (9-1).

*Donald Winterton moved Article 3. Seconded by Tim Tsantoulis.*

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D. Winterton: The Sewer commission is undertaking some renovations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They have enough money in the bank. This bond will allow for matching funds from the State .The risk to the taxpayer is nil.

D. Riley declared Article 3 moved to the Town Ballot.

### **Article 4**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$762,500.00** for the construction of improvements to the Safety Center and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$752,500.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from taxation for the bond issuance costs and first year's debt service payments on such bonds or notes? (3/5 ballot vote required) Estimated tax impact is \$0.01. Recommended by Town Council (8-1), Recommended by Budget Committee (9-1).

*John Giotas moved Article 4. Seconded by Don Winterton*

J. Giotas: The purpose is to improve the facilities at the Safety Center for the safety of the officers and public, particularly after hours. It will improve customer service. It will also improve and expand the locker area.

D. Riley declared Article 4 moved to the Town Ballot.

### **Article 5**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$607,500.00** to purchase a Rescue Pumper and equipment for the Fire-Rescue Department; of this amount \$250,000.00 shall be expended from the Fire Apparatus fund; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Town Council to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 from taxation for bond issuance costs and the first year's debt service payments on such bonds or notes? (3/5 ballot vote required) Estimated tax impact is \$0.005. Recommended by Town Council (9-0), Recommend by Budget Committee (10-0).

*David Ross moved Article 5. Seconded by Tim Tsantoulis*

D. Ross: We are replacing an aged piece of equipment. We have accumulated enough money to pay for half of this equipment.

D. Riley declared Article 5 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 6**

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To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the Storm water System that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds (the “Project”); to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Town Council to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid for the Project, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, which may provide principal forgiveness in the amount of up to \$30,000.00? (3/5 ballot vote required) Recommended by Town Council (9-0), Recommend by Budget Committee (10-0).

***Donald Winterton moved Article 6. Seconded by James Sullivan.***

D. Winterton: This is a procedural situation; in order to have State funds pay for this we must bond the money. We will pay this within days of receiving the bond.

D. Riley declared Article 6 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 7**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the Wastewater Collection System that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds (the “Project”); to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Town Council to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid for the Project, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, which may provide principal forgiveness in the amount of up to \$30,000.00? (3/5 ballot vote required) Recommended by Town Council (9-0), Recommend by Budget Committee (10-0).

***Donald Winterton moved Article 7. Seconded by James Levesque.***

D. Winterton: This is the same as Article 6. This is the procedure for the town to access these funds and reimbursement will come from the State.

Tom Young, 43 Joanne Drive: I cautioning the \$30,000 will be reimbursed by the State and Federal Funding; but if those funds are discontinued it will be paid by the town. What does it encompass? Why will it cost so much when this could be done on an excel spreadsheet.

Jim. Donnison: The management program is a format that the State will require and an investigation will be required at each structure and consider the condition and make a recommendation for repair or replacement. It includes a lot of field work and investigation.

Tom Young: Is this the software or the staff?

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R. Duhaime: This is a State and Federal mandate based on the Clean Water act. It started in California when they found out that the water was being the greatest water polluter. Now the towns have to correct this.

Jim. Donnison: There are 3 sides. Each one has \$30,000. You can hire a consultant to do the entire job or we can hire an intern to be dedicated to this project.

T. Young: This is for the bond and the wastewater is a separate department.

The only reason we are looking at this is because wastewater can't bond? Will there be additional money for staffing and why aren't we doing this already?

D. Shankle: There is no additional money that is why we put it here. We haven't done it because we haven't had the money. It has to be done and done right. We want to approach it holistically.

D. Riley declared Article 7 moved to the Town Ballot.

### **Article 8**

Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, and other appropriations voted separately totaling **\$18,544,778.00**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$18,250,895.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town meeting, or by law or the Town Council may hold one special meeting, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Estimated tax rate impact \$6.85. Not recommended by Town Council (3-5), Recommended by Budget Committee (8-2).

*Tim Tsantoulis moved Article 8. Seconded by James Sullivan*

T. Tsantoulis: This was worked on by the budget committee and this is the final number.

J. Sullivan: If you look at the voter's guide you will see the increases and decreases and the reason for the changes. The budget committee did their job and this is a decrease from last year's operating budget of \$63,000. The difference between the Council and the budget Committee is \$71,000. Part of that is assistance for the Fun in the Sun programs. Because of the difference in the Budget Committee number, the Council decided not to recommend the budget because of the fun in the sun assistance. It is a good budget despite the difference. We wanted to get your input as well. There is a difference in the recommendation. Any changes made tonight would result in the Budget Committee and Council reconsidering their recommendations.

Jason Hyde, Budget Committee Chair: We reduced the fuel based on past usage. The next largest thing we adjusted was the \$28,000 reduced for Family Services Fun in the Sun assistance. The Council put that in the budget to offset rising cost of Fun in the Sun program. It was raised from \$100 to \$150 per week. Some came forward and said they can't afford that. It is a summer camp and is extremely inexpensive compared to other camps. To go from \$100 to \$125 is not a lot. They were raising cost to offset cost to the town. Because a few came forward, the Council said we will put money in the budget to subsidize the cost. The Budget Committee felt that \$25 was

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not that much and they could afford to pay that increase rather than the taxpayer. There were a few other minor reductions in postage and shipping.

David Boutin: Council recommendation is not to support this budget but the Council here is in approval? How do I reconcile that?

D. Ross: The explanation is in the \$71,000 difference. The only way to keep confusion from the budget is to amend this budget today to come up with a new recommendation today.

D. Boutin: Are we going to have an amendment today?

J. Sullivan: The motion that was made was just to place the article on the ballot. We are not recommending at this point.

D. Boutin: I understand but what will you do on Wednesday when the voters defeat this budget because it is not recommended by the Council?

M. Horne: There is money in two spots for Fun in the Sun; \$35,000 and \$12,000 in DPW.

***M. Horne motion to reduce \$16,000 from Article 8. Seconded by J. Hyde.***

T. Young: Could someone clarify why there are two lines with Fun in the Sun?

D. Shankle: When we originally looked to increase tuition it was \$140. The number in the DPW line will bring the tuition to \$125. That would reduce the cost per child to \$125/week. The money in Family Services was for people that had a need and couldn't afford the increase and get it subsidized to \$100. Since this is not a purpose the current budget, we cannot move money around without a purpose. If you vote against this budget, it goes to the default budget not the Council's number.

Maureen McDonald: I am the person who is speaking for the parents and Fun in the Sun. The parents were concerned early last year that the program wouldn't continue because the Rec. Director didn't pass. We know that this is a positive impact on the town. We went to Dr. Shankle and we found there was interest. A charge went to a Rec Committee. I have always felt the Fun in the Sun program could run without a Rec. Director. It however would be better. These are two separate issues. There was a thoughtful discussion however we still have a program that never had a budget. We need to get through a year to determine the costs. We can't estimate how many will enroll each year. Dean and Diane tried to set a rate that will keep the program self-funded. When Dean brought the potential cost from \$125 to \$150 we thought it would box some people out. So the Council put a \$24,000 in the budget to cover the increase and money in Family Services because we rely too much on Salvation Army. This program was started to help families in the summer. The Budget Committee didn't have a lot of the context when they made their decision. We went to the Budget Committee and gave them the context. The Budget Committee then compromised and split the money. I felt it was a positive discussion and we all had a say and made a decision. I was surprised that the Council voted to not approve this budget. I don't want more money in the budget but I don't want any more coming out.

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M. Miville: \$24,000 was added as a new line for DPW to offset the tuition. The \$20,000 was for Family Service. The Budget Committee cut all \$44,000 initially and then put \$16,000 back in the budget after the public hearing. My opinion is this should be a program that is self-funded by the parents. The taxpayers should not be paying for the parents decisions.

R. Duhaime: This program was always subsidized by the town. The program was originally run out of Village School and it is all the taxpayers' money.

Maureen McDonald: We want this to be self-funded. This is a one year request. I believe this program will make money and there will be rollover.

Jason Hyde: As Maureen mentioned, it is a self-funded program. The people paying into it pay for the program. This money is for additional staff like a nurse that is needed for safety. There was no line in the budget in the past. Maybe it is a temporary thing. I am good with the Budget Committee number and I don't know why the Council didn't support the Budget for this small amount. We did come to a compromise.

J. Sullivan: This amendment would not allow us to maintain the \$125/week cost for the program. The Family Services money helps those in need for those that can't even afford the \$125. The other half was under the Fun in the Sun which as a result of a review, there were items not included in the past like a nurse to provide minimal service to distribute medication to kids. There is also work done by DPW which is not covered.

D. Winterton: I am in opposition to this amendment. To echo Mr. Hyde, the Budget Committee deliberated and came to a compromise. I supported the Budget and I don't support this amendment. Most of the cost is to cover the risk of the program without proper staff.

M. Horne: My motion was to reduce the overall budget.

***M. Horne moved to withdraw his motion. Second withdrawn.***

D. Ross: If we alter this Budget can we reconsider our recommendation?

Matt Serge: If the Article is amended, the recommendation can be reconsidered.

***D. Ross motioned to reduce the Family Service line item by \$100. Seconded by D. Winterton.***

D. Ross: This motion and change to the budget will allow the Council to reconsider their recommendation on this Article.

***Voice vote passed the motion.***

D. Riley declared Article 8 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 9**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,523.00** for an increase in salaries and benefits for non-union full-time and part-time Town personnel?

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Fiscal Year	Salaries	Benefits	Total
2018-19	\$120,723.00	\$24,800.00	\$145,523.00

Estimated tax impact is \$0.09. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (9-1).

***D. Winterton moved Article 9. Seconded by David Ross.***

D. Winterton: This is a 2% plus a 1% discretionary for positions that need adjustments. This will also help offset increases in cost for employees due to changes in insurance which resulted in a decrease cost to the town.

D. Riley declared Article 9 moved to the Town Ballot

**Article 10**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000.00** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds and to apportion the sum among several funds as listed below:

Fire Apparatus	\$ 50,000.00
Air Packs & Bottles	25,000.00
Emergency Radio Communications	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 125,000.00?

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.08. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (10-0).

***Tim Tsantoulis moved Article 10. Seconded by Alex Walzcyk.***

T. Tsantoulis: This is to replace aging Air packs and Bottles which expire every 20 years.

D. Riley declared Article 10 moved to the Town Ballot

**Article 11**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to be added to Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.06. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-3).

***Marc Miville moved Article 11. Seconded by John Giotas.***

M. Miville: We have many buildings that require upkeep. There is \$187,000 in this fund. We like to keep \$200,000 in the fund. In the past, this fund paid for a new roof at the town hall and an elevator at the Library.

T. Young: Please provide clarification why this fund was not used for Article 3 but rather we are looking for a bond for that work. Isn't a capital fund to pay for large costs?

D. Ross: This is a maintenance and repair fund and that is a new project. This was to prevent stealing from other funds to pay for emergency repairs.



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T. Young: The importance was emphasized when I was involved that you should start planning for these costs. Is Article 3 a disaster or is it we don't have enough space to store our goods?

J. Sullivan: This is a renovation project. The building is now 21 years old. Could we have foreseen this, probably. This is a growth issue as much as maintenance issue. We have more officers. The design of the safety center 21 years ago met the needs but now we are seeing the strains of a growing population. It is changing the location of the communication command. Now if you go to the Police Department, you are not seeing someone in person so this is a safety issue. The new elevator at the library was 40 years old. Were they expecting it to break; no. If they had, the Library Trustees would have started to save. If it is a planned renovation, it should be under an article but repairs are under this article.

D. Riley declared Article 11 moved to the Town Ballot.

### **Article 12**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** to be added to the Public Works' Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.06. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (8-2).

*James Sullivan moved Article 12. Seconded by Marc Miville.*

J. Sullivan: This is to purchase vehicles for plowing and road maintenance. This allows us to replace vehicles as we maximize their services and usefulness. This is used to place money over a period of time for public works.

M. Miville: This is an ongoing repair fund to replace vehicles.

D. Riley declared Article 12 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 13**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed the sum of **\$88,000.00** for the salary and benefits to hire a full-time recreation director?

Fiscal Year	Salary	Benefits	Total
2018-19	\$58,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$88,000.00

Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.05. Recommended by Town Council (6-2), Recommended by Budget Committee (8-2).

*Robert Duhaime moved Article 13. Seconded by James Sullivan*

R. Duhaime: Why are we looking for additional personnel? We have a lot of volunteers in this town. We have an infrastructure but we are not utilizing. The quality of life for this amount would increase.

Jason Hyde, 36 Edgewater Drive: Whenever we increase government, things don't happen quickly or cheaply as when they are grown organically from the bottom up. A person that runs Old Home Day offered to increase recreation for no cost and they were shot down by the Administrator and the Council because they want the Rec Director. We have Fun in the Sun that

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has run for years without a director. I guarantee that if you have a Director, they will have to go out to bid on things and it will cost a lot more. No one will donate money to a town employee but will donate to volunteers. When you add government bureaucracy, cost goes up and efficiency goes down.

Wayne Goertel, 33 Park Lane: Last year Article 10 was less and it was defeated. I was surprised that it is on for more. I think there are a lot of volunteer opportunities. I am opposed to a full time \$88,000 position but might support a part time position to coordinate these efforts.

D. Boutin: We hired a town engineer which resulted in saving a great deal of money. I am a fiscal conservative. I've lived here 12 years. Recreational activity has always been for the youth; HYAA, Fun in the Sun, etc. What about the seniors and young adults. The Rec. Director will direct services for the entire population most towns of this size have Rec. Directors and contribute to the quality of life in the town.

Dave McPherson: I am a member of the Park and Rec. Advisory Board. \$88,000 is an increase from \$78,000 last year. This is not a position for youth athletics. It is for all people in the town. We did research and came up with a rate of \$63,000 plus \$33,000 for benefits. We came up with \$99,000 and it was lowered by Council. The impact is .05/1000. Article 10 is \$125,000 for Fire Apparatus and there is not a resident that doesn't support that article. A Recreation Director will benefit every citizen in Hooksett. We felt that a part time person would not be fully committed and leave after a year.

Alton Woods, 1 Summerfare Street: The Article says Salary and Benefits. I don't see any additional cost. What office space or vehicle will they need like office supplies. Could someone quantify, other than Fun in the Sun what other duties this position would entail?

D. Shankle: With regard to other costs, we have office space. For Computers etc., if we put it in, we would put it in Administrative budget just like vehicles. We move old equipment around when new ones are replaced. We see the Rec. Director as someone coordinating resources. Every other program they run will be self-funded and come out of the evolving fund. We will move things around to get what we need.

Germano Martin, 17 Stevens Drive: I am in support of this Article. This is a bargain. I think of the youth and the elderly being more active. If the elderly were more active, they would be healthier.

Sarah Mackey: I am part of the Advisory Committee. There is a presentation on the website. We are concerned about cost and now. There are people doing things they are not supposed to do. There are meetings involving many department heads like with Old Home Day. We can't get volunteers. People volunteering are getting burnt out. Most of the recreation now is focused on children and sports. The Library does a lot but can't accommodate everyone's needs. There are other interests in town other than sports. There is a desire to have photography classes for example. There are seniors that are lonely and need to get out and socialize. When you bring activities to the town, we draw other people to our town. We underutilize our fields and bring money into our town.

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T. Young: My experience is that a title drives a salary. Do we need a Director or do we need a Recreation Administrator to oversee programs. We also say that the needs will come from a revolving fund that I don't see in the budget.

C. Soucie: The Recreation Revolving Fund is outside the budget and can be found on page 32. It is under special revenues.

T. Young: Where do the funds come from?

M. Miville: To answer the title question, it will be a Department head level.

D. Shankle: The money in the revolving fund isn't overcharging on Fun in the Sun. A few years ago, the Fun in the Sun was fairly small and I realized it was because they had an 8-3 time and we changed it to run a before and after care. When we unofficially budgeted, we didn't know how many people would sign up and that money is if we have more kids than anticipated. We didn't accumulate any money prior to 3 years ago. The salary is a not to exceed. The committee came up with the title.

Dave McPherson: The average is \$66,000 and as a program starting out there would be more work. Other town staff have certifications. We came up with \$63,000 initially without benefits. I am also the President of Hooksett Youth Lacrosse and sit on HYAA. We talked about someone with the ability to come in and run programs as volunteers. I have 132 students with 71 from Hooksett. I have 11 volunteers and that is rare. We no longer have a football program in town. How do we pay for these programs? If we now tried to fundraise for a program in town, they would ask for what. With a Director, they will have direction. The \$88,000 – the average home is \$268,000 and that cost is \$225 per year. My family has a two family membership at the Y and we pay \$80/month. That is \$20/week. We are talking \$13 for a recreation director.

J. Hyde: Whenever you put another layer of bureaucracy it is not good. I keep hearing a Director without direct reports. You don't need another layer of bureaucracy. You don't want a position like this in town. It is \$88,000 the first year. It will go up every year. No one is going to give money to a town employee. The program won't be as good and it will cost you more. There are plenty of volunteers in this town.

Maureen McDonald: How many attended the meeting to coordinate on Old Home Day? There are 3 people who discuss and attend meetings. I think if you had a Rec. Director you would have one person, not taking it over but advocating and it would be more efficient. Whether you call it a Director or an Administrator; as an Administrator it would be under the DPW and it would put more responsibility for Diane. This belongs under the Administrator. I applaud the Library but I also don't think they should be doing yoga for the kids. As a daughter of people in their 70's and the needs of seniors, it is about getting them balance and strength classes and keeping people in their homes. If you have someone in that situation and want them to be independent, they are leaving this town to get those services. This Director, if nothing else, should be for seniors.

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Alton Woods: This only addresses the salary and doesn't talk about the other costs for seniors. Who is going to pay for the equipment? Is this person qualified to do exercise for elderly? Who will pay for the basketballs for an adult basketball league? This is only .05/1000 but it adds up.

Germano Martin 17 Stevens Drive: We are going to pay for this because we are the taxpayers. We have benefits. We can't expect everything in life to be paid by volunteers. That is why we have a Fire Department and not a volunteer Department. It is about accountability. We want to decide if we want to pay for things that are healthy or pay for bills.

Sara Markey: We have \$100,000 in the evolving fund to pay for balls, art supplies, etc. Other towns use a software program to sign up for these programs. There are fees for these programs. There are ways to accommodate costs. We will have someone develop and execute programs for the entire town population.

J. Sullivan: The \$29,500 is for a family benefit. It could be reduced based on the selection. We do get volunteers but we can't depend on volunteers all the time. Since 1989 when the Charter was established, the increases in bureaucracy have benefited and improved this town. We have had surveys and they all indicate a strong desire from the citizens that they want these types of programs. The Council decided to form a sub-committee to look into these things. Last year, there was lack of communication and there was a lack of understanding on what this will be. This is the type of program this community wants.

Alex Wilson, 42 Joanne Drive: Towns with Rec. Directors increase property value. It doesn't eliminate the need for volunteers. Not all programs need to be run by the town.

Marcy Rothenberg: I serve on the Budget Committee but as a citizen. Don't confuse the word bureaucracy with leadership. Don't confuse open volunteerism with inclusion and welcoming. When we talk about a program manager, it is managing programs for all people in the town. To increase our taxes we need to have things for everyone. The presentation that the committee put together, which is available on line is a non-partisan presentation. I believe that a skilled manager can save us money. A skilled Rec. Director will be able to find grant money which is readily available.

***T. Young motioned to call the question. Seconded by D. Boutin.***

D. Riley declared Article 13 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 14**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$65,000.00** to purchase a scale system at the Recycling and Transfer Division of Public Works with said funds to come from the Solid Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund? No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Town Council (8-1), Recommended by Budget Committee (10-0).

***James Levesque moved Article 14. Seconded by John Giotas***

J. Giotas: This fund has been established for a while. We are asking the town to use the money to repair the scale system.

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R. Duhaime: The steel is rusting and the cement is cracking on the scale.

D. Riley declared Article 14 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 15**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Drainage Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.03. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Not recommended by Budget Committee (4-6).

*Mare Miville moved Article 15. Seconded by Robert Duhaime.*

M. Miville: This is an ongoing fund which was initially established to correct problems in the Beachesne Development and is now being used to correct other areas in town.

D. Riley declared Article 15 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 16**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire-Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to replace rescue tools and fire equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000.00** to be placed in this fund; further, to name the Town Administrator as agent to expend from said fund? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.02. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (10-0).

*Robert Duhaime moved Article 16. Seconded by John Giotas.*

R. Duhaime: This is for tools that need to be updated over a period of time.

D. Riley declared Article 16 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 17**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to be added to the Automated Collection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.02. Recommended by Town Council (7-1), Recommended by Budget Committee (9-1).

*James Levesque moved Article 17. Seconded by Tim Tsantoulis.*

J. Levesque: This is to put money way so when we need to buy a new truck it will be there.

D. Riley declared Article 17 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 18**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.01. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (9-1).

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*Robert Duhaime moved Article 18. Seconded by Marc Miville*

R. Duhaime: There is no room in the building to hang anything else. No more can be stored in that building.

D. Riley declared Article 3 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 19**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.01. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-3).

*Donald Winterton moved Article 19. Seconded by Marc Miville.*

D. Winterton: The Master Plan needs to continue to be updated. Now Southern New Hampshire Planning is helping with a bare bones plan.

M. Miville: It was last updated in 2004 and it is recommended update every 10 years. We are doing it chapter by chapter.

D. Riley declared Article 19 moved to the Town Ballot.

### **Article 20**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Conservation Land Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? Estimated tax rate impact is \$0.01. Recommended by Town Council (8-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-3).

*D. Ross moved Article 20. Seconded by Donald Winterton*

D. Ross: This is an ongoing fund. The Conservation Commission must maintain these properties.

D. Riley declared Article 20 moved to the Town Ballot

### **Article 21**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Hooksett Town Charter article 11.1. to add the following:

“G. Board of Assessors. There shall be a Board of Assessors consisting of three (3) members and one (1) alternate who shall be appointed by the Council annually at the Council’s first meeting. Each member of the Board shall be a sitting Town Councilor. The Board of Assessors is empowered by Town Charter and guided by State Statute, Department of Revenue and local legislation.”?

*David Ross moved Article 21. Seconded by John Giotas.*

D. Riley declared Article 21 moved to the Town Ballot

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### **Article 22**

To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51?

*James Sullivan moved Article 22. Seconded by Alex Walczyk.*

J. Sullivan: This is tied to SB 199 to fund full day Kindergarten - Read a letter from NH Lottery

D. Riley declared Article 22 moved to the Town Ballot

Don Riley declared the meeting closed at 12:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan