

**Town of Hooksett
Town Council Budget Review Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

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2 The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:00 in the Hooksett
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 30 Sep 2020 to order at 6:00 pm.

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8 **PROOF OF POSTING**

9 Administrative Services Coordinator Donna Fitzpatrick provided proof of posting.

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11 **ROLL CALL**

12 **In Attendance:** Councilor James Sullivan, Councilor John Durand, Councilor Randall Lapierre,
13 Councilor David Boutin, Councilor Clifford Jones, Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis

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15 Councilor Alex Walczyk arrived at 6:03 pm.

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17 Councilor Clark Karolian attended remotely, joining the meeting at 7:26 pm.

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19 Missing: Councilor Roger Duhaime

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21 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

22 Chair Sullivan called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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24 Chair Sullivan: For next year, the Town Council requests a calendar of meeting dates from the
25 Budget Committee so that we can meet their requests, as we are willing to do.

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27 **BUDGET REVIEWS**

28 **Recommend Town Council's FY 2021-22 budget to the Budget Committee**

29 Chair Sullivan: We were unable to finalize the budget at the last meeting. We plan to
30 finalize it this evening so that it can be given to the Budget Committee for their meeting
31 tomorrow evening.

32 A. Garron: Thank you for agreeing to meet this evening. What you have before you is the
33 final budget amount, which takes into consideration the cuts to Fire & Police and the
34 amended Administration budget with the removal of a full-time position, as well as the cost
35 for New Hampshire retirement, is \$18,323,910.00. Page 4 of your packets illustrates this in
36 more detail. There are no changes from last week to this week.

37 A. Walczyk: Thank you for putting this together.

38 A. Garron: The credit goes to the Finance Director.

39 A. Walczyk: Would you refresh my memory about the removal of new positions?

40 A. Garron: In the Administration budget, a part-time position was proposed to become full-
41 time and has been returned to part-time. A part-time position in the Fire Department has
42 been removed, as has a reorganization in the Fire Department to create a Fire Prevention
43 Officer.

44 J. Durand: I just want to say 'hats off' to Mr. Garron and his staff for going with Councilor
45 Boutin's proposal to keep the budget increase to two percent. This has required a lot of
46 work.

47 Chair Sullivan: Can you explain the difference between the Fire Department's proposed
48 budget and the default budget for them which was approved as their budget last week?

49 A. Garron: Referring to page 2, \$83,043.00 went back into the Fire Department's budget,
50 bringing that budget up to \$4,541,237.00.

51 D. Boutin: Column 2 on page 2 has Fire Department actual expenses of \$4,078,321.00.
52 How did they get to \$4,541,237.00, which is an increase of \$500,000.00?

53 A. Garron: You are looking at actual expenses from FY 2019-2020. The budgeted amount
54 for that fiscal year was \$4,187,405.00, so they actually underspent their budget that year.
55 The increase is due mainly to increased hydrant rental & lease costs and contractual salary
56 increases.

57 R. Lapierre: This is a two-year increase, of which \$300,000.00 is contractual salary
58 increases of about 3.5% each of the two years.

59 A. Garron: We brought to you the figures you all agreed to last week.

60 T. Tsantoulis: I just want to point out that not all Councilors agreed to the figure. That is the
61 figure that was voted on and passed.

62 R. Lapierre: There are many reasons to vote 'no' on a motion. There may have been many
63 different reasons. My reason was that the cuts to Police & Fire were too severe, impacting
64 personnel and services to the residents of Hooksett.

65 **Chair Sullivan motioned to approve the amount of \$18,323,910.00 for the FY 2021-22**
66 **budget. D. Boutin seconded the motion.**

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68 **Roll Call Vote #2**

69 **R. Duhaime Not present**

70 **J Durand Nay**

71 **C. Jones Nay**

72 **R. Lapierre Nay**

73 **A. Walczyk Aye**

74 **D. Boutin Nay**

75 **C. Karolian Not present**

76 **T. Tsantoulis Nay**

77 **J. Sullivan Aye**

78 **Motion failed (2-5).**

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80 **R. Lapierre motioned to recommend the default budget amount of \$18,378,495.00, which**
81 **does not include Wastewater. Chair Sullivan seconded the motion.**

82 C. Soucie: I just want to point out that the NH Retirement amount has been added to both the
83 proposed budget and the default budget.

84 R. Lapierre: I made this motion to get some movement, because no one else has a concept of
85 how to get an agreement.

86 D. Boutin: You are going in the wrong direction.

87 **Roll Call Vote #3**
88 **D. Boutin** *Nay*
89 **C. Jones** *Nay*
90 **A. Walczyk** *Aye*
91 **J. Durand** *Nay*
92 **R. Duhaime** *Not present*
93 **T. Tsantoulis** *Nay*
94 **R. Lapierre** *Aye*
95 **C. Karolian** *Not present*
96 **J. Sullivan** *Aye*
97 **Motion failed (3-4).**

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99 **D. Boutin motioned to recommend a budget of \$18,000,910.00. T. Tsantoulis seconded**
100 **the motion.**

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102 R. Lapierre: This is another cut of \$323,000.00 from last week's figure.

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104 D. Boutin: This is a more reasonable budget, more affordable to the taxpayers. I also want the
105 Town Administrator to decide where the cuts will come from.

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107 T. Tsantoulis: I concur with Councilor Boutin. The voters would be more willing to accept this.

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109 Chair Sullivan: This is a little too much of a cut.

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111 R. Lapierre: The amount of \$18,323,910.00 is a 2.09 percent increase from the previous budget.
112 Councilor Boutin asked for an increase of two percent. Now he is against it.

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114 Chair Sullivan: How much does 0.09% amount to in dollars?

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116 R. Lapierre: It is about \$150.00.

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118 Chair Sullivan called for a roll call vote on the motion.

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120 **Roll Call Vote #4**
121 **A. Walczyk** *Nay*
122 **R. Lapierre** *Nay*
123 **C. Jones** *Nay*
124 **R. Duhaime** *Not present*
125 **J. Durand** *Aye*
126 **C. Karolian** *Not present*
127 **T. Tsantoulis** *Aye*
128 **D. Boutin** *Aye*
129 **J. Sullivan** *Nay*
130 **Motion failed (3-4).**

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132 Chair Sullivan: As a compromise, I am thinking of \$18,200,000.00.

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134 T. Tsantoulis: I was thinking of the same amount.

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136 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to recommend a budget of \$18,200,000.00. D. Boutin seconded***
137 ***the motion.***

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139 **Roll Call Vote #5**

140 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

141 ***C. Jones Nay***

142 ***R. Duhaime Not present***

143 ***A. Walczyk Nay***

144 ***R. Lapierre Nay***

145 ***C. Karolian Not present***

146 ***J. Durand Aye***

147 ***D. Boutin Aye***

148 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

149 ***Voted in favor (4-3).***

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151 Chair Sullivan: As a suggestion, the paving line could be cut by another \$150,000.00. What is
152 the proposed amount for paving and what was the reduction?

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154 A. Garron: The proposed amount was \$900,000.00, up from \$600,000.00 in the previous
155 budget. We reduced that to \$750,000.00.

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157 T. Tsantoulis: I would prefer that the Town Administrator and his department heads sit down
158 and hammer out the amount to make this work.

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160 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**

161 **Capital Improvement Plan FY Ending 2022-2027 Overview**

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163 Chair Sullivan: We will start with Conservation Commission Chair Cindy Robertson.

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165 C. Robertson: We started the Merrimack Riverwalk Trail project five years ago. We have
166 finished Phases I and II. We want to complete the third phase out by the dog park to finish
167 the loop. Going across the metal bridge and the wooden one, this phase turns to the right
168 and loops back to Phase II. The total cost is \$320,950.00. We recently received a
169 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for \$80,000.00 to help with the expense of the
170 project. We would provide \$20,950.00 from the capital reserve account, so we are looking
171 for \$220,000.00 to come from taxation. More people are walking now, probably because of
172 the pandemic. This bring people to Hooksett and keeps them here. It promotes the town,
173 beautifies it, and demonstrates that we are conservation-minded. Phase IV is not likely to
174 be done until Allenstown finishes its piece, and there will probably be funding from other
175 sources for that.

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177 T. Tsantoulis: I agree with what Ms. Robertson has said. A lot of people have commented
178 on the trail and are getting out there. Having gone this far, we should try to finish the loop.

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180 Chair Sullivan: Does the Conservation Commission have other funds available for this?

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182 C. Robertson: We do have Conservation Commission funds. That amount was \$336,587.36

183 as of July 31, 2020. Per RSA 227-M, the L-Chip program, it is recommended that we keep
184 an amount in reserve for stewardship and monitoring. That amount is \$269,000.00.

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186 Chair Sullivan: A lower figure might be more acceptable to the voters. If the Conservation
187 Commission has other funds, why not use them?
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189 ***D. Boutin motioned to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,950.00 for the purpose***
190 ***of constructing Phase III of the Merrimack Riverfront Trail, with \$20,950.00 to come***
191 ***from the Conservation Land Improvements Capital Reserve fund, \$80,000.00 from a***
192 ***NH Parks and Recreational Trail Program Grant, \$20,000.00 from the Conservation***
193 ***Commission budget, and \$200,000.00 from taxation. T. Tsantoulis seconded the***
194 ***motion.***
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196 **Roll Call Vote #6**

- 197 ***J. Durand Aye***
198 ***R. Lapierre Aye***
199 ***C. Karolian Not present***
200 ***D. Boutin Aye***
201 ***C. Jones Nay***
202 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***
203 ***A. Walczyk Aye***
204 ***R. Duhaime Not present***
205 ***J. Sullivan Aye***
206 ***Voted in favor (6-1).***

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208 A. Garron: At what rate is the account replenished?
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210 C. Robertson: When land that is in current use comes out of current use, the penalty paid goes
211 to the Conservation Commission. It is a difficult amount to predict.
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213 A. Walczyk: Are the funds sufficient if \$20,000.00 is put toward Phase III or will this place you in
214 jeopardy?
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216 C. Robertson: Yes, the funds are sufficient.
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218 A. Walczyk: The voter information on page 9 of our packet says, "Additional sources of funding
219 are being applied for." This sentence should be removed, as the funds have already been
220 received.
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222 ***Chair Sullivan motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of***
223 ***\$10,000.00 to be added to the Conservation Land Improvements Capital Reserve Fund***
224 ***previously established. D. Boutin seconded the motion.***
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226 **Roll Call Vote #7**

- 227 ***C. Jones Nay***
228 ***C. Karolian Not present***
229 ***R. Lapierre Aye***
230 ***R. Duhaime Not present***
231 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

232 **J. Durand Aye**
233 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
234 **D. Boutin Aye**
235 **J. Sullivan Aye**
236 **Voted in favor (6-1).**

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238 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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240 A. Garron: I would remind the Council that the CIP material is informational. The Warrant
241 Articles are the financial arm of this planning. I was charged last year with reigniting the CIP
242 process and forming a committee. Along with staff members, the CIP Committee is made up of
243 representatives from the Town Council, the Planning Board and the Budget Committee. We do
244 not yet have all members in place, but we have made progress with long term thinking. We have
245 projects which should have been part of the CIP, such as the recreation shed and the Route 3A
246 quarter. Projects costing more than \$25,000.00 and with a greater than three-year life should be
247 in the CIP, which is the financial arm of the Master Plan. The department heads did a good job
248 of identifying projects. This is a fluid document which can be revisited. The minimum is a six-
249 year plan, and it has the blessing of the Planning Board. It is to be a guide for the Town Council
250 and the Budget Committee to help with budgeting. The goal is to avoid peaks and valleys in the
251 budget and thus with the tax rate. This was our first year to move forward with a CIP. We started
252 meeting in April and concluded in June. The Planning Board suggested two changes: the
253 removal of a replacement pool car and the moving up of the Historic Old Town Hall project from
254 Year Five to Year One. Besides the Merrimack Riverwalk Trail Phase III, there are 12 additional
255 items in the CIP Plan for 2022-2027 as follows:

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257 2) Engine #4 Replacement for \$700,000.00, funded from Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve.

258 3) Car #3 Replacement for \$65,000.00, funded by \$50,000.00 from Fund Balance and
259 \$15,000.00 from tax dollars.

260 4) Cruiser Replacement for \$97,090.00, funded with tax dollars.

261 5) Route 3A Corridor Improvement Study for \$250,000.00; funding of \$200,000.00 from the
262 State and \$50,000.00 from tax dollars.

263 6) Town-wide Paving for \$900,000.00, funded from tax dollars.

264 7) Pickup Truck P4-08 Replacement for \$40,000.00, funding from DPW Vehicle Capital
265 Reserve.

266 8) Pickup Truck PR1-08 Replacement for \$50,000.00, funding from DPW Vehicle Capital
267 Reserve.

268 9) Public Works' Building Upgrades for \$250,000.00, funding from Town Building Maintenance
269 Capital Reserve.

270 10) Historic Old Town Hall for \$200,000.00, funding from tax dollars.

271 11) Parks Maintenance Building at Donati for \$150,000.00, funding from P&R Facilities Capital
272 Reserve and Parks Impact Fees.

273 12) Cat Loader SW-924 for \$150,000.00, funding from Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund.

274 13) Auto #1 Replacement for \$300,000.00, funded by \$175,000.00 from Automated Collection
275 Capital Reserve and \$125,000.00 from Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund.

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277 D. Boutin: Mr. Garron, I don't see the Town Engineer's vehicle. The 2017 Tahoe is supposed to
278 go to him from the Fire Department. He is driving a pretty old buggy.

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280 A. Garron: The Town Engineer's vehicle is scheduled for replacement in FY2023-24. There was
281 some discussion at the Planning Board about changing this, but there was no vote.

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283 J. Durand: How is the Fire Department done with this vehicle after only three years?

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285 Assistant Chief Colburn: The plan is for the replacement of Car 3, the 2007 vehicle, which has
286 116,000 miles on it.

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288 Chair Sullivan: Will that vehicle go to another department, maybe Highway?

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290 Assistant Chief Colburn: I would caution that this vehicle has a lot of corrosion on the underside
291 of it. We often trade in these vehicles to help with the cost of the extended warranty. We look to
292 recycle these vehicles before 100,000 miles.

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294 Chair Sullivan: Regarding the Historic Old Town Hall, I don't think this should be a \$200,000.00
295 warrant article this year because I don't think it would pass. I agree that it should have been on
296 the CIP plan ten years ago. A lot of money has gone into this building already, some from
297 grants. The tin ceiling was removed, the windows were replaced, and the second floor was
298 removed. My suggestion is to have warrant articles in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year for the
299 next four years. Projects such as electricity, plumbing and heating could be done one at a time.
300 If this is moved to the fifth year, it won't be ready for the Bicentennial. If we are going to support
301 this, I believe this is the best way. We do have a plan, but it hasn't been fine-tuned.

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303 A. Garron: The CIP is a fluid document. Moving from Year Five to Year One is not an actionable
304 plan.

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306 D. Boutin: I disagree with both the Chair and Mr. Garron. The Planning Board was adamant
307 about this. They voted for a \$200,000.00 warrant article now and would be very disappointed to
308 wait until 2025.

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310 A. Walczyk: It makes sense to start saving now. It doesn't make sense to kick the can down the
311 road. The purpose of the CIP is to level out spending. It's true that \$200,000.00 might be a
312 'spicy meatball to stay in the kitchen' for the voters. We need to make people aware. We need
313 to get eyes on it and get some funding. It is worthy of a warrant article.

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315 Chair Sullivan: I have been on the committee since day one. We have had ten years of doing
316 this piecemeal. It would have been nice if the Planning Board had contacted the committee
317 about this. I am saying that \$200,000.00 didn't pass last year and it won't pass this year.

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319 D. Boutin: I will tell you why it didn't pass: You don't sell the plan. The plan was not shared with
320 the public. You need a presentation where the voters can see it near the front.

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322 Chair Sullivan: You are right. We didn't do the educational piece.

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324 T. Tsantoulis: At Old Home Day, which we were not able to have this year, there are special
325 booths for presentations. If this is presented properly to the people, it would have a better
326 chance. There is also the Town website and a flyer can be sent with the tax bills.

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328 A. Garron: We are all on the same page about getting this done, but we need a plan of action.
329 Will it be used for a meeting place? We don't have a plan to present to the people. I don't think
330 we are there yet. We are close, but we all need to be clear on the end result.

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332 D. Boutin: It is your job to put this together. You have plenty of time to get a picture ready.
333 Kathie Northrop could tell you in a heartbeat.

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335 C. Karolian: How many times has this gone out to the voters as a warrant article?

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337 Chair Sullivan: Once. This is because it was decided to do it one project at a time as money was
338 available.

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341 **OTHER**

342 **Warrant Article Review**

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344 Chair Sullivan: If the Council wishes, we can start looking at the warrant articles.

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346 C. Jones: That will be hard to do without knowing the impact on the tax rate.

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348 A. Garron: I would suggest voting on the warrant articles at the November 4th meeting.

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350 A. Walczyk: We can go through them. If we have questions, we can get them answered.

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352 R. Lapierre: Half of these warrant articles don't have a tax impact, so we could act on them.
353 Also, I don't see a warrant article for the Historic Old Town Hall.

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355 ***T. Tsantoulis motioned to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of***
356 ***\$300,000.00 to purchase an Auto Collection Truck to haul trash to the Recycling and***
357 ***Transfer Division of Public Works, with \$125,000.00 to come from the Solid Waste***
358 ***Disposal Special Revenue Fund and \$175,000.00 to come from the Automated Collection***
359 ***Equipment Capital Reserve, with no amount to be raised from general taxation. D. Boutin***
360 ***seconded the motion.***

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362 **Roll Call Vote #8**

363 ***R. Lapierre Aye***

364 ***R. Duhaime Not present***

365 ***T. Tsantoulis Aye***

366 ***A. Walczyk Aye***

367 ***J. Durand Aye***

368 ***C. Jones Aye***

369 ***D. Boutin Aye***

370 ***C. Karolian Abstained***

371 ***J. Sullivan Aye***

372 ***Voted in favor (7-0) C. Karolian abstained because he did not receive a packet***
373 ***electronically to review.***

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375 T. Tsantoulis: Could we get an approximate tax rate amount from the Finance Director?

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C. Soucie: Using last year's rate, it would be twelve cents on \$250,000.00

D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with an estimated tax rate impact of \$0.12. T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.

Assistant Chief Colburn: This would replace Engine 4 next year. The vehicle would be ordered next year, with a 12 to 14 month build time. By then, Engine 4 will approach 130,000 miles. We pay cash up front to save money on financing costs.

Roll Call Vote #9

- J. Durand Aye***
- D. Boutin Aye***
- C. Jones Aye***
- R. Duhaime Not present***
- C. Karolian Nay***
- A. Walczyk Aye***
- T. Tsantoulis Aye***
- R. Lapierre Aye***
- J. Sullivan Aye***
- Voted in favor (7-1).***

D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 to be added to the Public Works' Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with an estimated tax impact rate of \$0.10. T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote #10

- C. Karolian Abstained***
- T. Tsantoulis Aye***
- R. Lapierre Aye***
- C. Jones Aye***
- D. Boutin Aye***
- J. Durand Aye***
- A. Walczyk Aye***
- R. Duhaime Not present***
- J. Sullivan Aye***
- Voted in favor (7-0). C. Karolian abstained because he just received a packet electronically and has not had time to review the information.***

Chair Sullivan motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 to purchase a Front End Loader to process, load and haul trash for the Recycling and Transfer division of Public Works, with said funds to come from the Solid Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund. No amount is to be raised from general taxation. D. Boutin seconded the motion.

424 **Roll Call #11**

425 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

426 **R. Lapierre Aye**

427 **J. Durand Aye**

428 **C. Jones Aye**

429 **C. Karolian Abstained**

430 **A. Walczyk Aye**

431 **R. Duhaime Not present**

432 **D. Boutin Aye**

433 **J. Sullivan Aye**

434 **Voted in favor (7-0). C. Karolian abstained because he just received a packet**
435 **electronically and has not had time to review the information.**

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437 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to see if the town will vote to establish a Retirement Expendable**
438 **Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for payment paid out to retiring employees and to raise and**
439 **appropriate \$150,000.00 to put in the fund, with the amount to come from assigned fund**
440 **balance; further to name the Town Administrator as agent to expend from said fund. No**
441 **amount is to be raised from general taxation. D. Boutin seconded the motion.**

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443 **Roll Call Vote #12**

444 **D. Boutin Aye**

445 **A. Walczyk Aye**

446 **J. Durand Aye**

447 **C. Karolian Abstained**

448 **R. Lapierre Aye**

449 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

450 **R. Duhaime Not present**

451 **C. Jones Aye**

452 **J. Sullivan Nay**

453 **Voted in favor (6-1). C. Karolian abstained because he just received a packet**
454 **electronically and has not had time to review the information.**

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456 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
457 **\$100,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**
458 **previously established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.05. D. Boutin seconded the**
459 **motion.**

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461 T. Tsantoulis: I expect someone will wordsmith the warrant articles and Voters' Guide.

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463 Chair Sullivan: Please let Ms. Soucie know if you find errors in spelling and grammar, or if you
464 have other suggestions about the warrant articles or the Voters' Guide information.

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466 **Roll Call Vote #13**

467 **C. Karolian Nay**

468 **D. Boutin Aye**

469 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

470 **R. Lapierre Aye**

471 **A. Walczyk Aye**

472 **R. Duhaime Not present**

473 **J. Durand Aye**

474 **C. Jones Aye**

475 **J. Sullivan Aye**

476 **Voted in favor (7-1).**

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478 **D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
479 **\$55,000.00 to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds and to**
480 **apportion as follows: Air Packs & Bottles - \$20,000.00; Fire Rescue Tools & Equipment -**
481 **\$35,000.00. T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.**

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483 T. Tsantoulis: I want to point out that the voters have the final say on all of the articles we are
484 voting on tonight.

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486 **Roll Call Vote #14**

487 **R. Duhaime Not present**

488 **J Durand Aye**

489 **C. Jones Aye**

490 **R. Lapierre Aye**

491 **A. Walczyk Aye**

492 **D. Boutin Aye**

493 **C. Karolian Abstain**

494 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

495 **J. Sullivan Aye**

496 **Voted in favor (7-0). C. Karolian abstained because he just received a packet**
497 **electronically and has not had time to review the information.**

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499 **D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
500 **\$65,000.00 to purchase a Fire Command vehicle for the Fire-Rescue Department, with**
501 **\$50,000.00 to come from Fund Balance and \$15,000.00 to be raised by general taxation.**
502 **R. Lapierre seconded the motion.**

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504 T. Tsantoulis: Will you have to wait for this vehicle?

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506 Assistant Chief Colburn: No, this is a standard vehicle that is readily available. The vehicle
507 being replaced will have 120,000 miles on it by the time we get the replacement.

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509 **Roll Call Vote #15**

510 **D. Boutin Aye**

511 **C. Jones Aye**

512 **A. Walczyk Aye**

513 **J. Durand Nay**

514 **R. Duhaime Not present**

515 **T. Tsantoulis Nay**

516 **R. Lapierre Aye**

517 **C. Karolian Nay**

518 **J. Sullivan Aye**

519 **Voted in favor (5-3).**

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521 **A. Walczyk motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
522 **\$50,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund**
523 **previously established. D. Boutin seconded the motion.**
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525 A. Walczyk: I suggest removing this sentence in the Voters' Guide explanation. "A portion of the
526 fund was used in 2020 to purchase new portable radios." It is out of place.

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528 **Roll Call Vote #16**

529 **A. Walczyk Aye**
530 **R. Lapierre Aye**
531 **C. Jones Aye**
532 **R. Duhaime Not present**
533 **J. Durand Aye**
534 **C. Karolian Nay**
535 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
536 **D. Boutin Aye**
537 **J. Sullivan Aye**
538 **Voted in favor (7-1).**
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540 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
541 **\$50,000.00 to be added to the Drainage Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund previously**
542 **established. The estimated tax rate impact is \$0.02. D. Boutin seconded the motion.**
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544 E. Labonte: The plan is to address drainage on Lehoux Drive in FY2021-22 and Scott Avenue
545 and Sherwood Drive in FY2022-23.

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547 T. Tsantoulis: What happens when you have an issue which suddenly arises as it did with
548 Winter Drive?

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550 E. Labonte: We would have to shuffle projects around. The Winter Drive problem was not
551 sudden; it was ongoing but ignored for five years.

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553 **Roll Call Vote #17**

554 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**
555 **C. Jones Aye**
556 **R. Duhaime Not present**
557 **A. Walczyk Aye**
558 **R. Lapierre Aye**
559 **C. Karolian Nay**
560 **J. Durand Aye**
561 **D. Boutin Aye**
562 **J. Sullivan Aye**
563 **Voted in favor (7-1).**
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565 **D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of**
566 **\$30,000.00 to be added to the Automated Collection Equipment Capital Reserve**
567 **previously established. A. Walczyk seconded the motion.**

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Roll Call Vote #18

J. Durand Aye
R. Lapierre Aye
C. Karolian Nay
D. Boutin Aye
C. Jones Aye
T. Tsantoulis Aye
A. Walczyk Aye
R. Duhaime Not present
J. Sullivan Aye
Voted in favor (7-1).

D. Boutin motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Chair Sullivan seconded the motion.

A. Walczyk: If the revaluation cost \$161,000.00 in 2009, we will be coming up short by adding only \$20,000.00 per year to this fund? Is the cost reduced because we have an Assessor now?

Chair Sullivan: Yes. Mr. Duhamel will do some of the residential revaluations, but none of the commercial properties.

Roll Call Vote #19

C. Jones Aye
C. Karolian Nay
R. Lapierre Aye
R. Duhaime Not present
A. Walczyk Aye
J. Durand Aye
T. Tsantoulis Aye
D. Boutin Aye
J. Sullivan Aye
Voted in favor (7-1).

R. Lapierre motioned to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established. D. Boutin seconded the motion.

T. Tsantoulis: I want to state again that the voters have the final say on these warrant articles. The Town Councilors may vote 'Yes' tonight and 'No' at the election, or vice versa. It may seem that we are spending a lot, but the voters have the final say.

Roll Call Vote #20

R. Lapierre Aye
R. Duhaime Not present
T. Tsantoulis Aye
A. Walczyk Aye

616 **J. Durand Aye**
617 **C. Jones Aye**
618 **D. Boutin Aye**
619 **C. Karolian Nay**
620 **J. Sullivan Aye**
621 **Voted in favor (7-1).**

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623 **Appoint Town Councilor as the Budget Committee Representative**

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625 Chair Sullivan: I would like to serve on the Budget Committee but I'm not allowed to because I
626 am a School Board member. When we get a Budget Committee schedule, we will set up a tag
627 team because we are required to have a representative on the Budget Committee. For the
628 meeting tomorrow night, I can sit in the back and answer questions if necessary. I will not vote.
629 The Budget Committee was disappointed that we did not have a representative at last week's
630 meeting. Ms. Soucie, do you know when the Budget Committee meets?

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632 C. Soucie: They meet every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

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634 C. Soucie: You still have warrant articles coming for the unions and the non-union wages. A
635 warrant article can be drafted for the Historic Old Town Hall if the Council wishes.

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637 **Chair Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. T. Tsantoulis seconded the motion.**

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639 **Roll Call Vote #21**

640 **J. Durand Aye**

641 **D. Boutin Aye**

642 **C. Jones Aye**

643 **R. Duhaime Not present**

644 **C. Karolian Aye**

645 **A. Walczyk Aye**

646 **T. Tsantoulis Aye**

647 **R. Lapierre Aye**

648 **J. Sullivan Aye**

649 **Voted in favor (8-0).**

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651 Respectfully submitted,

652 *Kathleen Donnelly*

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654 Recording Clerk

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657 **Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.**

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