

2024 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator Norman Head opened the annual Town Meeting at 7:55AM to swear in the election officials and then opened the polls at the Town Hall located at 56 Town Hall Road in the Town of Bartlett, NH on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:00AM by reading the following: "To the inhabitants of the Town of Bartlett, New Hampshire in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in the Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, 56 Town Hall Road, in said Bartlett on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be by official ballot at the Town Hall, 56 Town Hall Road, Bartlett, NH and the polls shall open for balloting at eight o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before seven o'clock in the evening. The following articles (Articles 3-30) in the warrant will be acted upon on March 14, 2024 at six o'clock in the evening at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School, 1313 US. Rt. 302 in Bartlett Village."

Certification of Posting - We hereby certify that we posted a like copy of said Town Warrant and Budget on or before February 26, 2024 at the Post Offices in Glen and Bartlett, at the Town Hall in Intervale (Bartlett) and the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School (the places of meeting), all being public places within the said Town of Bartlett, New Hampshire as well as the town's website. A true copy of warrant attest: Board of Selectmen: Gene G. Chandler, Vicki L. Garland, Ronald T. Munro. February 26, 2024.

The polls were then opened to the voters. Voting occurred throughout the day. Motion was made by Cheryl Nealley, seconded by Gail Paine to close the polls at 7:00PM and reconvene the meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. VOTE: **PASSED**. The ballots were then counted. There were 447 ballots cast. The results were announced as follows: (* denotes the winners)

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2024 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

SELECTMAN (3 YRS)

Christopher Walcott = 152
Vicki Garland = 289*

MODERATOR (2 YRS)

Norman Head = 398*

AUDITOR (1YR)

Becky Jefferson = 391*

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST (6 YRS)

Elaine Ryan = 392*

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (3 YRS)

Beverly Shaw = 391*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YRS) - Vote for Two

Laura Schoen = 389*
TBD - Various Write-ins

PLANNING BOARD (3 YRS) - Vote for Two

Scott Grant = 350*
Michael Galante = 337*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 YRS) - Vote for Two

Steven Hempel = 349*
Peter Gagne = 358*

ARTICLE 2. Proposed Town of Bartlett Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 1- To see if the town will vote to amend the definition of "Structure" under Article XIX Definitions to add "storage containers or sheds" to the examples of structures and that they are located on the property "for any period of time". Submitted by the Board of Selectmen (favors). (Planning Board opposes) YES = 167 NO = 185 **(FAILED)**

2024 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

MODERATOR (1 YR)

Julia King = 396*

CLERK (1 YR)

Gail Paine = 392*

TREASURER (1 YR)

Sheila Glines = 398*

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (3 YRS) - Vote for Two

Emily Calderwood = 348*

John Dzaugis = 178

Heather Forbes = 250*

There were various write-ins for various positions and copies of the complete tallies are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Moderator Head then reconvened the meeting for the deliberative portion on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:05 PM at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. Moderator Head explained the emergency procedures. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Grant. Moderator Head reminded voters to check in and get their ballots, explained the rules of procedure he would be following by having a motion and second to accept the article and residents are asked to go to the microphone and identify themselves for the record. Moderator Head explained that there would be a cake auction to benefit the Bartlett Recreation Department throughout the meeting, so get your wallets ready. Moderator Head then read the results of the election and asked anyone who was elected and present to come to him at the end of the meeting to be sworn in or they could go to the Town Hall and have Town Clerk Cheryl Nealley swear them in.

Moderator Head then proceeded with the rest of the warrant:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$271,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a highway truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$271,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes for up to five (5) years and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Selectmen favor. (3/5 majority vote by ballot required). Moderator Head stated that this would be one of the articles required to be voted on by ballot, we will discuss it first and then the polls will remain open for an hour for voting. Motion was made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read. Chandler spoke to the article explaining it may take a while to get the truck. No further discussion. Moderator Head opened the polls at 6:25PM and voters were allowed to place their ballots in the ballot box supervised by Town Clerk Cheryl Nealley. (Results announced later were YES=153/NO=21 - **PASSED \$271,000.00**)

Moderator Head proceeded to the next article:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000.00 for the purpose of flood damage repair to the dugway berm on the Saco River, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$600,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes for up to ten (10) years and to determine the rate of interest thereon, with any balance to be raised by taxation. The town has had discussions with USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) for assistance, if any may become available for said project which may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes. This article is non lapsing until project completion. (2/3 majority vote by ballot required). Agreeable to a petition signed by William Fabrizio and others. Selectmen oppose. Moderator Head explained that by law this will require a 3/5 majority vote by ballot, not the 2/3 as shown, that because it was a petitioned article, we could not change the wording.

Motion was made by William Fabrizio, seconded by Phil Franklin to accept the article as read. Fabrizio spoke to the article, explaining where the dugway was, the history of the berm in this area, and his main concern of emergency access to this area especially in flood conditions. Burr Phillips referred to the hydrological study (sometimes referred to as the Ripple Study) done in 2018-2019 and has concerns that repairing the berm will cause more problems somewhere else. Val Rothen stated that the full study is available on the town's website and it explains several options with maps that supports this article. Tom Dewhurst supports the article and that the total package is needed. Patsy Rogerson stated that she was born and grew up on that side of the river, the storms just keep coming with the last storm stranding her due to her driveway being flooded, and asks what happens when school buses and people get stranded on that side of the river. Bill Duggan stated that he has lived on that side of the river and where he was he did not expect to see the river coming down the road by his house and is all for looking for free money to fix things, so he supports the Selectmen in that, but does not this time with the berm and we need to step up and make a plan. Linda Bernard stated she has been at her property on the riverfront for 22 years, is 20 ft from the river and every time it rains she gets really nervous and thinks we need to be proactive. Peter Crane asked why the Selectmen are listed as opposed to this article. Selectman Gene Chandler stated that we had submitted previously for the berm repair as a project and it was not approved by the State so we could not do anything without a permit, however, we have agreed to submit it again for approval. He went on to say that the permitting process has changed over the years as they have determined that the domino effect occurs where you "fix" one place and it then causes new issues elsewhere, but we have taken FEMA there to look at it. Peter Gagne asked how this article is related to Article 15 and said he couldn't find the study on the website. Selectman Garland stated that it is there and she also initially had trouble finding it, however, it came out during COVID. Selectman Chandler also stated that the town held a public hearing with the developers of the study to review the results. Queenelle Minet asked what the emergency plan was for evacuation. Selectman Chandler stated it would involve various scenarios. Dana Depaolo asked whether the disaster declaration helps us any. Selectman Chandler stated not necessarily although one would think it would. Burr Phillips stated that rivers are very complicated to engineer and it is not a common sense sort of thing. Peter Gagne asked what Phillips' background was and Phillips explained he was a civil engineer by trade. Peter Crane made a motion, seconded by Pat Higgins to amend the article, after Saco River, to add the phrase "and/or take action to mitigate flood risks in this area. Bill Fabrizio asked if the amendment has to pass by a 3/5 majority. Moderator Head stated no and asked for any discussion. Val Rothen stated that the study doesn't say not to work on the berm, it gives options. Fabrizio stated that the dollar amount for this article came from the formula of 100 feet at \$50,000/foot and the river flowed straight for about one mile at the berm and it lasted for 22 years. Do we have to lose lives before we do something? Doug Garland asked if we could reword the amendment to add at the end of the amendment "to follow recommendations of the Ripple Study" and that he feels berms are not the solution because they don't work. Moderator Head stated that he did not like to amend amendments but if Crane and Higgins wanted to withdraw their amendment and propose another, he would accept that. Crane and Higgins withdrew their amendment. Crane made a motion, seconded by Higgins to amend the article by adding after Saco River "and/or to take action to mitigate flood risks in this area in accordance with the so-called Ripple Study". Val Rothen again pointed out the two pages of options in the Ripple Study. Peter Gagne asked who decides what gets done. Moderator Head stated the Selectmen would, just like with all the other articles. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDMENT = PASSED.** Ballot vote will now be taken on the article as amended which now reads as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000.00 for the purpose of flood damage repair to the dugway berm on the Saco River and/or to take action to mitigate flood risks in this area in accordance with the so-called Ripple Study, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$600,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes for up to ten (10) years and to determine the rate of interest thereon, with any balance to be raised by taxation. The town has had discussions with USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) for assistance, if any may become available for said project which may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes. This article is non lapsing until project completion.

Moderator Head opened the polls at 7:36PM and stated they will remain open for at least an hour. Doug Garland then approached the Moderator and wanted to protest because he had his hand up and didn't get to speak on the article after it was amended. Moderator Head overruled him and the polls remained open.

Moderator Head gave last call for voters to cast their ballots for Article 3. Seeing none, he declared the polls closed at 7:37PM and asked Assistant Moderator Becky Jefferson to commence counting votes.

Moderator Head then offered a cake for auction to benefit the Bartlett Recreation Department that was a carrot cake with the successful bidder being Mary Miller at \$60.00. He then returned to the warrant as follows:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,240,106.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read. Chandler spoke to the article, indicating his dismay of having a budget over \$3 million but saying it was necessary, then proceeded to go through the budget by each category taking questions as he went along. Peter Gagne asked for more specifics on the legal expense. Selectman Chandler stated that he could not give specifics but only generalities such as ZBA \$4,000 and employee matters \$4,200. Kate Battenfelder asked why the Selectmen would sue the ZBA and Selectman Chandler explained they did not sue them but it was a Selectmen's decision that was appealed to the ZBA and legal representation was required. Peter Gagne asked what the status of the lovino dump was. Selectman Chandler stated it was awaiting agreement between the State, the owner and the Town. Gagne asked about short term interest and twice a year tax billing. Selectman Chandler responded that unfortunately interest rates to borrow last year were crazy and twice a year billing has to be voted in, has been defeated twice in the past, and has additional expenses associated with it. Ray Hodgkins asked if an audit is required each year and didn't we have to pay a penalty. Selectman Chandler explained we have an elected auditor, her summary report is on page 29, the full report is on our website and available in our office and we have not ever had to pay a penalty. No further questions. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$3,240,106.00**

Moderator Head announced the results of Article 3 for the Highway Truck bond of \$271,000.00 as YES=153 and NO=21 and declared the Article has **PASSED (\$271,000.00 w/bond)**.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of town road improvements. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Bill Duggan, seconded by Phil Franklin to accept the article as read. Selectman Gene Chandler spoke to the article referring voters to p. 74 of the town report for the planned roads to be worked on, stating that this can change depending on how all roads fare after this winter. Linda Bernard asked if Cobb Farm Road was part of the list and Selectman Chandler responded that is included in flood damage, not road maintenance. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$400,000.00**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to continue a five year lease agreement in the amount of \$145,000.00 for the purpose of leasing a loader for the highway department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 for the fourth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Nancy Kelemen, seconded by Kevin McEnaney to accept the article as read. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article, No discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$29,000.00**

The next cake Moderator Head auctioned was a four layer lemon blueberry cake. Successful bidder was Kathleen Sullivan Head for \$70.00.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$910,000.00 for the purpose of replacement of the Town Hall Road bridge. This amount is anticipated to be the total cost of this project with \$910,000.00 to come from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). This special article will be a non lapsing appropriation per NH RSA 32:7-VI and will not lapse until project completion or December 31, 2026 whichever is sooner. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Paula Graham, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article. No discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$910,000.00**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing turnout gear for the Bartlett Fire Department. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Janet Hadley Champlin, seconded by Peter Crane to accept the article as read. Selectman Ron Munro spoke to the article. Julia King stated she just saw a story on WMUR about firefighters getting cancer from their turnout gear and asked whether this purchase will take this into consideration. Selectman Munro asked for Fire Chief Jeff Currier to speak to the article. Moderator Head asked the body for permission to allow the non-resident Chief to speak and it was granted by voice vote. Chief Currier stated that the turnout gear they are looking at is not the cancer chemical free version and he does not know what that gear costs.

Laura Reiners stated that we should not buy any gear until we can get the non-cancer causing gear. Chief Currier explained that we need to replace gear now as the life expectancy of the gear is 10 years and we have some old sets that we need to replace. Robert Reiners made a motion, seconded by Paula Graham to amend the article to \$100,000.00 so that we can purchase the non-cancer turnout gear. **VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDMENT - FAILED.** Chris Fithian stated that we need to consider the PFAS chemicals and it would be excellent to have the gear without it. John Tedeschi stated that with all the articles and budget that our taxes could go up 20% this year and consider what you are voting for since the whole world is surrounded with chemicals and we need to spend wisely. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN - PASSED \$13,500.00**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,000.00 for purchasing radios and associated accessories for the Bartlett Fire Department for the ensuing year to be offset by \$143,450.00 (95 %) of the cost to be covered by the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, pending award notification, with \$7,550.00 (5%) to be raised in general taxation. If the Town is not awarded the grant, the equipment will not be purchased and this article will be null and void with no amount from taxation. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Paula Graham, seconded by Jeanne-Marie Maher to accept the article as read. Selectman Ron Munro spoke to the article and indicated that we have already applied for the grant. This article would purchase all the radios at once to replace the current radios which are becoming obsolete and can't get batteries or parts for anymore. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN = PASSED \$151,000.00**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing radios and associated accessories for the Bartlett Fire Department. This Article is contingent on the failure of passage of Article 10. If Article 10 passes with grant funding, this Article will be null and void. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Jeanne-Marie Maher, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read. Selectman Ron Munro spoke to the article explaining that if we don't get the grant, we still need to start replacing radios and this article will allow us to replace about 7 of the oldest radios. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN = PASSED \$37,000.00**

Moderator Head auctioned off another cake in the form of a chocolate layer cake to Malcolm Badger for \$100.00. He also asked for anyone who has not voted on Article 4 to do so as the polls would be closing soon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of installing a new heating system at the Glen Fire Station. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Gene Chandler, seconded by Paula Graham to accept the article as read. Motion was then made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Paula Graham to amend the article by adding \$5,000.00 bringing it to \$45,000.00. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article stating we had gotten a rough estimate back in January but got an updated one recently and we feel we need to add \$5,000. Selectman Chandler explained that right now the Chief's office, hallway and bathroom area does not have heat, when the technician came to fix it, he told us that we should not invest in fixing it as it needs replacement, so we will be switching from oil to propane and it will be put out to bid. Jeanne-Marie Maher asked if solar was considered and Selectman Chandler indicated we hadn't but can look into it. Chris Fithian also supported looking into solar. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDMENT = PASSED \$45,000.00** (adding \$5,000). **VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED = PASSED \$45,000.00**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for the purpose of building maintenance to replace/repair windows, doors, add an overhang over exterior doors, replace toilets and associated repairs at the Glen Fire Station. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Laura Reiners, seconded by Paula Graham to accept the article as read. Selectman Ron Munro spoke to the article, stating this will add to the energy efficiency and it will be put out to bid. No further discussion. **VOTE WAS TAKEN = PASSED \$21,000.00.**

Moderator Head announced the polls were closed at 8:38PM for voting on Article 4 and asked Assistant Moderator Becky Jefferson to count the ballots.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of painting trim and other areas of the Town Hall. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read.

Selectman Chandler spoke to the article explaining that we were woefully short on our estimate of last year as we did not realize how much other wood was on the building besides the trim until we had put it out to bid last year. Paula Graham stated that we need to include power washing. Jen Robinson asked what happens to last year's amount and was this in addition to that. Selectman Chandler stated we would not be spending that and it would then go into surplus. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$35,000.00**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town of Bartlett will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of repairing flood damage to roads and other areas due to recent storms with \$300,000.00 to come from taxation. The town has applied for a USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to offset expenses, which could reduce the amount to be raised through taxation. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Selectman Vicki Garland, seconded by Selectman Ron Munro to accept the article as read. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article explaining that this is not for private property but for town property. David Publicover asked how this money related to Article 4 and Selectman Chandler responded it doesn't. Bill Duggan asked how the dollar amount was arrived at and if the berm is compromised, could this be considered town property. Selectman Chandler stated the figure is an estimate and that we cannot commit to whether the berm is town property or not. Julia King stated that her husband Bob used to be the Emergency Management Director and when they looked at this after TS Irene, he was told that the river belonged to the State and the banks belong to the landowner. Kate Briand asked if the words "other areas" in the article were considered public property only. Selectman Chandler said yes. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$300,000.00**

Moderator Head then auctioned off the last baked item which was an apple pie baked by award winning baker Beth Carta Dolan. Successful bidder was Kathleen Sullivan Head for \$165.00. Recreation Director Annette Libby announced that brought the proceeds from the auction to \$395.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and accessories. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Rick Murnik, seconded by Janet Hadley Champlin to accept the article as read. Selectman Vicki Garland spoke to the article stating that we had a great fully staffed police department now and this article is to replace a 2016 Ford Explorer with 203,000 miles on it with a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe. John Tedeschi stated that we should have the cruisers parked inside a garage and Selectmen should consider this. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$79,000.00**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of performing a financial audit. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Ray Hodgkins, seconded by Peter Gagne to accept the article as read. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article explaining that we had a professional firm lined up a few years ago but it was during COVID, they were losing staff, and we were not automated enough for them to do the audit and that funding has run out. Selectman Chandler continued that if we receive a certain amount of federal money, we have to have a professional audit. John Smallcomb asked if it was required by the State and Selectman Chandler said no. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$30,000.00**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,200.00 for the purpose of performing landfill testing at the former Garland Landfill. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to accept the article as read. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article. Julia King asked if this was water testing and Selectman Chandler said yes. No further discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$9,200.00**

Moderator Head announced the results of the vote on Article 4 for the Berm Flood Damage bond of \$600,000.00 was YES=107 and NO=67 and declared the Article has **PASSED (\$600,000.00 w/bond)**.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town of Bartlett, NH will vote to direct the Bartlett Select Board to reestablish the long-standing taxpayer service of a "dump store" at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. This article is contingent upon Jackson, NH also approving the re-establishment of the Transfer Station "Dump Store". Agreeable to a petition signed by Linda Hastings and others. Selectmen oppose. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Julia King, seconded by Linda Hastings to accept the article as read.

Selectman Vicki Garland spoke to the article stating that it has become a real problem and we are supporting the employees who have to deal with it. Linda Hastings stated that provides free items for those who need it, promotes reuse of items, but feels it is in the wrong location. Brittany Russo asked about volunteers to run the store. Selectman Gene Chandler responded that there was a group that attended the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station Committee meeting and they were given the opportunity to come up with a plan to man the store but we didn't get anything from them. John Tedeschi stated that stuff is now being left on the side of the road. David Publicover stated he loves the store and has used it from both sides of depositing and taking things, could we have it open for maybe 2 days a week and suggested a video camera. Selectman Ron Munro stated that they had a camera and it was stolen and only being open 2 days will be a problem on the other days it is not open for people to abuse it and the employees. Bill Fabrizio stated that it is very effective but its location is a problem. Ted Robinson asked if volunteers were used is the town liable for them. Selectman Chandler said they would be covered under the town's liability insurance. Bob Blake, Transfer Station Manager, stated that the attendants can see the outside of the store from their buildings but cannot monitor the inside of the store without manning it. Jim Miller stated that there are other locations in the area to take these items. Vicki Garland supported Miller's statement and said that they handout a flyer with the names of the other places. Linda Hastings countered by saying that the other locations are not free and it also is not practical for a volunteer group to man the store to be open all the hours that the Transfer Station is open. No further discussion. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN - VOTE UNDETERMINED. Moderator Head asked for a standing count. STANDING VOTE WAS TAKEN - **FAILED (YES=47/NO=70)**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be deposited into the Town's Conservation Fund, designated to support invasive species management on Town-owned property, by the Conservation Commission in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A25,II. Agreeable to a petition signed by Christopher Fithian and others. Selectmen favor. Motion was made by Gail Paine, seconded by David Publicover to accept the article as read. No discussion. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED \$2,000.00**

Motion was made by William Ballou, seconded by Paula Graham to take Articles 21-29 as a block. Selectman Chandler stated that we need to take Article 29 out of the block because Article 3 passed and therefore we need to pass over Article 29. Ballou withdrew his motion and Paula Graham withdrew her second. Ballou then made the motion to vote Article 21-28 as a block. Moderator Head explained what voters were voting on. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED ARTICLES 21-28 AS A BLOCK. AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for distribution at the Selectmen's discretion to a Public Education and Government TV Station for Valley Vision to provide Channel 3 to Bartlett. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$5,000.00**

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 for the Mount Washington Valley Adult Day Care Center to supplement support services for elderly Bartlett residents attending the day center. Agreeable to a petition signed by Cynthia Hembree and others. Selectmen opposed until all towns contribute. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$2,800.00**

ARTICLE 23. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Way Station for the purpose of continuing to provide safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for the homeless and housing insecure of the Mount Washington Valley. Agreeable to a petition signed by Gail Doktor and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$2,000.00**

ARTICLE 24. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Conway Area Humane Society in Conway, NH for the purposes of continuing services for stray, abandoned or animals brought to the shelter by Animal Control or private citizens no longer able to care for them. Agreeable to a petition signed by Kevin McEnaney and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$2,000.00**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 to support Bartlett home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation, and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Agreeable to a petition signed by Mary Tedeschi and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$5,500.00**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Family Resource Center of Children Unlimited, Inc. Agreeable to petition signed by Pamela Stimpson and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$4,000.00**

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,995.00 in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Agreeable to a petition signed by Malcolm Badger and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$5,995.00**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,982.00 to support White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and under-insured residents of Bartlett. Agreeable to a petition signed by Lisa DuFault and others. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) **PASSED \$4,982.00**

Moderator Head continued with the rest of the warrant:

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$271,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a highway truck for the Highway Department. This article will be null and void if Article 3 to bond the highway truck passes. Selectmen favor. (Majority vote required) Motion was made by Selectman Gene Chandler, seconded by Selectman Vicki Garland to pass over the article. Selectman Chandler spoke to the article explaining since we passed Article 3, this article is not needed. VOTE WAS TAKEN = **PASSED OVER**

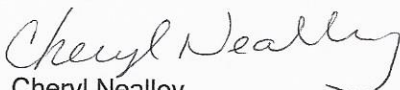
ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. There was no discussion on this article.

Motion was made by William Fabrizio , seconded by Janet Hadley Champlin to adjourn the meeting. VOTE WAS TAKEN = PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 9:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn P. Jones
Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen



Cheryl Nealley
Town Clerk