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MARCH 12, 2002

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	Burton E. Ingerson	1319 votes
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	1341 votes
Supervisor of Checklist	Raymond G. Hopkins	1353 votes
Park Commissioner	Jon Wood	1291 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Stan Fillion	1348 votes
Library Trustee	Patricia Stinehour	1321 votes

PERSONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AMENDMENT

Article 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?
The amendment provides for the requirements for the siting and construction of wireless communications facilities in all zones.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 2 PASSED 1071 YES 386 NO

LANDFILL CLOSURE BOND

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,470,000 (One Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of closing the Littleton Town Landfill, as ordered by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, said amount to be raised through a bond or other borrowing in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and/or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such notes and/or bonds as shall be in the best interest of the town, and to further raise and appropriate up to \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for administrative and legal costs associated with such borrowing. (60% majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3 PASSED 1076 YES 394 NO

TOWN BUDGET

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Article 4 Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling, \$5,037,639 (Five Million Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,991,488 (Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4 PASSED

932 YES

539 NO

AFSCME LOCAL 1348 UNION CONTRACT

Article 5 To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and AFSCME Local 1348 Union (representing Fire and Public Works employees) which calls for increases in total salaries in the 2001 fiscal year in the amount of \$20,529 (Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars), increases in the fiscal year 2002 in the amount of \$52,478 (Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars) and increases in total salaries for the 2003 fiscal year in the amount of \$44,878 (Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars), such sums representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the 2001 fiscal year, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,007 (Seventy Three Thousand Seven Dollars) to fund these obligations for the years 2001 and 2002.

Note: This is a three year contract which runs from April 1, 2001 – March 31, 2004

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5 PASSED

928 YES

518 NO

SEA OF NH CHAPTER #57 UNION CONTRACT

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and State Employees Association of NH Chapter #57 (representing Police employees which calls for increases in total salaries in the 2001 fiscal year in the amount of \$9,594 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Dollars), increases in the fiscal year 2002 in the amount of \$10,360 (Ten Thousand Three

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Hundred Sixty Dollars) and increases in total salaries for the 2003 fiscal year in the amount of \$24,472 (Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Dollars), such sums representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the 2001 fiscal year, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,954 (Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four Dollars) to fund these obligations for the years 2001 and 2002.

Note: This is a three year contract which runs from April 1, 2001 – March 31, 2004
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6 PASSED 915 YES 528 NO

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Article 7 To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$39,300 (Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars) for the salary, all tax and benefit costs, and associated start up costs of a Recreation Director to serve under the direction of the Littleton Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7 WAS DEFEATED 668 YES 785 NO

LANDFILL CLOSURE FUND TRANSFER

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the landfill capital reserve fund, and to authorize the funding of this appropriation by transfer of that amount from surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2001. This amount is equivalent to the amount raised by vote of the town for solid waste disposal alternatives at the 2001 Town Meeting, which amount was not spent in 2001.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8 PASSED 982 YES 458 NO

BRIDGE REPAIR FUND

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,200 (Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of repair or reconstructing the Dells Road Culvert, bridge cleaning and emergency repairs to bridges. It is intended to present a warrant article in 2003 to place any funds raised by this article and not used for this

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purpose into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for Bridge Repair.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9 PASSED

1054 YES

396 NO

OPERA HOUSE/TOWN BUILDING FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Opera House/Town Building Facilities Capital Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10 PASSED

889 YES

561 NO

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SWEEPER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2002 Elgin Sweeper as a replacement for the 1995 Johnson Sweeper in service in the Littleton Highway Department so that the net acquisition cost is \$159,855 (One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the replaced vehicle for a value of \$12,500 and to apply such proceeds toward the first year lease payment and setup costs and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,671 (Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One Dollars), this amount being the balance of the first year lease payment and setup costs.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

879 YES

574 NO

RECONSTRUCTING/RE-PAVING AND UPGRADING VARIOUS TOWN ROADS

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,000 (One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads as follows:

- 1) Resurfacing with hot bituminous pavement approximately 1060 linear feet of Kilburn Street – estimated cost \$17,000.
- 2) Reconstructing and resurfacing with chip seal approximately 3700 linear feet of Williams Road – estimated cost \$37,000.

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- 3) Resurfacing with chip seal approximately 2100 linear feet of Sampson Road – estimated cost \$29,000.
- 4) Reconstructing and resurfacing with hot bituminous pavement approximately 1730 linear feet of Mt. Eustis Road from Cottage Street to Birchcroft Road – estimated cost \$70,000.
- 5) Roadside ditching miscellaneous town roads – estimated cost \$31,000.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12 PASSED 1140 YES 328 NO

MOTOR VEHICLE SURCHARGE/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND

Article 13 Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 261:153 authorizing the town to introduce up to a \$5.00 fee on vehicles registered in the Town of Littleton? And further to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict these revenues from such a fee for the purposes of replacement of the Redington Street Bridge. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Transportation Improvement Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for the specified purposes of the fund and shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13 WAS DEFEATED 359 YES 1104 NO

TRI-TOWN INDUSTRIAL PARKS AGREEMENT

Article 14 To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 162-G, to authorize the selectmen to acquire, develop, and dispose of industrial land and facilities. This authority will be in connection with a proposed inter-municipal agreement between the towns of Bethlehem, Littleton, and Lisbon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14 PASSED 1013 YES 443 NO

ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS

Article 15 Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 162-K, which will allow the

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town to establish one or more development districts, and for each such district, the municipality shall establish a development program and tax increment financing plan? Creation of a specific district will require a specific plan and approval at a future town meeting. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15 PASSED

760 YES

664 NO

VACATION ACCRUAL TRUST FUND

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Vacation Accrual Trust Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to serve as agents to expend from the funds, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64, 822 (Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars) for transfer into this fund, and further to authorize the funding of this appropriation by the transfer of this sum from the surplus unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2000. This amount is being held in that unexpended fund balance under the accounting heading of Vacation Accrual Fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16 WAS DEFEATED

617 YES

808 NO

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Article 17 To see if the town will vote to become a member of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste district, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a membership agreement on terms agreeable to the Selectmen.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17 PASSED

1028 YES

399 NO

ACCEPTING OF GRANT AUTHORIZATION

Article 18 Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31: 95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend without further action by town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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ARTICLE 18 PASSED 992 YES 443 NO

RESCINDING TOWN MEETING 2001 ARTICLE 15: TOWN FISCAL YEAR

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to rescind Town Meeting 2001 Warrant Article 15 which allowed the Town to adopt an optional fiscal year running from July 1st to June 30th, as permitted by RSA 31:94-a.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19 PASSED 1044 YES 313 NO

RELIEF OF REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE TRUCK

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) at the request of the Eureka Hose Company to relieve them of the annual \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) reimbursement payment toward the 1997 KME Fire Truck; and further to direct the Board of Selectmen to include such payments in the annual Fire Department operating budget for the remaining seven years of the lease/purchase agreement.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20 PASSED 945 YES 428 NO

TRANSFER OF LAND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LITTLETON AND USGEN

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to exchange Town property located off Hilltop Road, Tax Map 240, lot 27 for portions of property located on NH Route 135, Tax Map 246, Lots 1 and 2 as well as property located on NH Route 18, Tax Map 218, Lot 3 with the U.S. Generating Company. The land to be acquired by the Town on NH Route 135 will be used to expand the Wheeler Hill Cemetery and the land on NH Route 18 will be used by Littleton Water and Light.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 21 PASSED 1145 YES 225 NO

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HOSPICE OF LITTLETON

Article 26 *By Petition:* To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,697 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars) to support the social and volunteer services of Hospice of Littleton Area, a non-profit organization which offers supportive care to terminally ill patients and their families in the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26 PASSED 1223 YES 172 NO

TRI-COUNTY C.A.P.

Article 27 *By Petition:* To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton, to offer energy, rental, housing and food or other emergency assistance to low-income, elderly and handicapped residents of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27 PASSED 1071 YES 315 NO

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH

Article 28 *By Petition:* To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,966.50 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents) for the support of home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of North Country Home Health Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2002 for the residents of the Town of Littleton, NH.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28 PASSED 1074 YES 311 NO

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

**JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK**