

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2004**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	George O. Hicks	1418 Votes
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	1855 Votes
Town Clerk	Judith F. White	1300 Votes
Park Commissioner	Mark E Driscoll	1894 Votes
Supervisor Of The Checklist	Faye V. White	1854 Votes
Treasurer	Lillian Rayno	1832 Votes
Library Trustees(3)	Victoria Eames	1640 Votes
	Chris Larson	1517 Votes
	Joan J. Buffington	1630 Votes
Trustee Of Trust Funds	Paul J. McGoldrick	1831 Votes

Rezoning of Industrial to Commercial – Route 135

Article 2 *By Petition:* Are you in favor of amending Littleton's Zoning Ordinance as follows: That the zoning classification of Littleton Lot 45-9, being the 58.96 acre parcel presently owned by the C. George McLure Revocable Trust, situated on the northeast side of Route 135, of which approximately 5 acres are located in the Commercial-I zone, and the approximately 54 acre remainder is presently located in the Industrial zone, be converted so that the entire 58.96 acres of said lot shall be zoned as Commercial-I, and the entire lot subject to the Permitted Uses for the Commercial-I district.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 2 WAS DEFEATED 1348 YES 736 NO

Commercial Development Voluntary Review

Article 3 Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the existing town zoning ordinance as follows:?

The amendment adds recommended lot features for commercial development over 25,000 square feet and requires an informational hearing with the Planning Board.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 3 PASSED 1380 YES 702 NO

Extension of Residential-1 Zone Along Farr Hill Road

Article 4 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 extends the Residential-I zone to properties on the west side of Farr Hill Road, behind the existing Commercial zone along West-Main Street.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 4 WAS DEFEATED 1198 YES 882 NO

Police Department Replacement Facility

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250,000 (One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of constructing a replacement police facility to

be located at West Main Street, 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. (60% majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5 WAS DEFEATED 1179 YES 892 NO

Town Budget

Article 6 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 \$5,446,663 (Five Million Four Hundred Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,410,930 (Five Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand nine Hundred Thirty 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 6 PASSED 1386 YES 636 NO

SEA of NH Chapter #57 Union Contract

Article 7 To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and SEA of NH Chapter 57 (Police) which calls for increases in total salaries and benefit costs in 2004 fiscal year in the amount of \$19,912 (Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars), increases in total salaries and benefit costs in the fiscal year 2005 in the amount of \$21,505 (Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars) and increases in total salaries and benefit costs for the 2006 fiscal year in the amount of \$23,010 (Twenty Three Thousand Ten 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 2003 fiscal year. And further to raise and appropriate \$19,912 for this year's increases with \$3,750 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to come from surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2003 (which amount was appropriated in 2003 and not spent for negotiation costs) and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

Note: This is a three year contract which runs from April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2007

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7 PASSED 1295 YES 733 NO

AFSCME Union Contract

Article 8 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 (Fire and Public Works) which calls for increases in total salaries and benefit costs in 2004 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,499 (Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars), increases in total salaries and benefit costs in the fiscal year 2005 in the amount of \$30,249 (Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Dollars) and increases in total salaries and benefit costs for the 2006 fiscal year in the amount of \$32,669 (Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine 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 2003 fiscal year. And further to raise and appropriate \$27,499 for this year's increase with \$3,750 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to come from surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2003 (which amount was appropriated in 2003 and not spent for negotiation costs) and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

Note: This is a three year contract which runs from April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2007

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8 PASSED 1317 YES 701 NO

Community Activities Director

Article 9 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,477 (Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars), of which \$16,333 (Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three Dollars) represents the cost of wages and \$7,144 (Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Dollars) represents the cost of benefits and taxes for the purpose of hiring a Community Activities Director beginning after June 1, 2004. And further to direct the Board of Selectmen to establish an Advisory Committee with representation from Parks and Recreation, the Littleton Area Senior Center, Littleton High School, Daisy Bronson Middle School, Lakeway Elementary School, Littleton Youth Soccer, Cal Ripken Baseball and the Community Accessibility Advisory Board. This Advisory Committee will report quarterly to the Board of Selectmen and present a report on progress to the 2005 Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9 PASSED 1080 YES 947 NO

Fire Department Roof

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 (Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Littleton Fire Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10 PASSED 1602 YES 433 NO

Bridge Repair Fund

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of bridge cleaning and emergency bridge repairs. It is intended to present a warrant article in 2005 to place any funds raised by this article and not used for this purpose into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for Bridge Repair. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$954 (Nine Hundred Fifty Four Dollars) for transfer into Bridge Repair Capital Reserve 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, 2003.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

1670 YES 368 NO

Purchase of Replacement Truck for the Highway Department

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2004 dump truck as a replacement for the 1990 dump truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department so that the total acquisition cost is \$120,373 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Dollars) and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the replaced vehicle for a value of \$4,500 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). To further raise and appropriate the total appropriated sum of \$36,082 (Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Two Dollars), this amount includes the \$4,500 trade-in leaving \$31,582 net. This being the balance of the first year lease payment and setup costs. This lease will contain an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12 PASSED

1327 YES 724 NO

Reconstructing/Re-Paving and Upgrading Various Town Roads

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

Slate Ledge Road – estimated cost \$187,706 (One Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Six Dollars)

Bishop Street – estimated cost \$34,700 (Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars)

Burndy Road – estimated cost \$22,500 (Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

Crawford Street – estimated cost \$1,575 (One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars)

Orchard Hill Road – estimated cost \$7,674 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Dollars)

Mount Misery Road – estimated cost \$1,480 (One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars)

Washington Street – estimated cost \$27,865 (Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars)

Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads – estimated cost \$16,500 (Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13 PASSED

1616 YES 454 NO

Transfer Station Improvements & Repair Funds

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000 (Thirty Four Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of improvements at the Transfer Station to include:

- Purchase of replacement rubbish storage containers – estimated cost \$11,000 (Eleven Thousand Dollars)
- Purchase of mobile recycling trailer – estimated cost \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars)
- Replacement of retaining wall by rubbish compactor – estimated cost \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars)
- Purchase of trash bags – estimated cost \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars)
- Building, vehicle and equipment repairs as necessary – estimated cost \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars)

Said funds to come from the Transfer Station unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2003. This will have no tax impact.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14 PASSED 1539 YES 519 NO

Landfill Closure Capital Reserve

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,500 (Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the Landfill Closure Trust Fund. This amount represents approximately one half of the debt repayment to be made in 2005.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15 PASSED 1454 YES 591 NO

Fire Department Ladder Truck Repair

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of repairs to the Littleton Fire Department Ladder Truck and /or temporary rental of a replacement vehicle. It is intended to present a warrant article in 2005 to place any funds raised by this article and not used for this purpose toward future replacement of this vehicle.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16 PASSED 1516 YES 541 NO

Acceptance of Land

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept property located at Tax Map 57, Lot 13, off Brickyard Road from the Nancy Brammer 1999 Revocable Trust. The land will be used for recreational fields.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17 PASSED 1730 YES 320 NO

PETITIONED ARTICLES

Scenic Road Designation

Article 18 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to designate Williams Road from Williams Lane to Gannon Road, and Gannon Road from Williams Road to the Lyman Town Line, and all of Hubbard Road as Scenic Roads as provided by RSA 231:157.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18 WAS DEFEATED 898 YES 1066 NO

Littleton Area Senior Center

Article 19 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,300 (Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars) for support of home delivered meals, senior dining room services, transportation, outreach, care management and other services provided by the Littleton Area Senior Center during fiscal year 2004.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19 PASSED 1805 YES 207 NO

North Country YMCA

Article 20 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of the North Country YMCA's multitude of intergenerational programs offered throughout the year to families and citizens of the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20 PASSED 1543 YES 455 NO

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Article 21 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 (Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for Littleton Regional Hospital for the purpose of helping defray the costs associated with providing free medical services to the citizens of the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 21 PASSED 1262 YES 735 NO

Caleb Interfaith Group

Article 22 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to help support the Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 22 PASSED 1456 YES 538 NO

Hospice of The Littleton Area

Article 23 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,697 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars) (based on 61 cents per capita) to support the social and volunteer services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, a non-profit organization which offers supportive care and bereavement services to terminally ill patients and their families in the Town of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 23 PASSED 1753 YES 251 NO

Tri-County C.A.P.

Article 24 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton to offer energy, rental, housing and food or other emergency assistance to the low-income, elderly and handicapped residents of Littleton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 24 PASSED 1567 YES 427 NO

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Article 25 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton 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 the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of the North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency, Inc. in the fiscal year 2004 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 25 PASSED 1640 YES 364 NO

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services

Article 26 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,506 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars) as the Town's contribution to White Mountain Mental Health Development Services, a non-profit mental health and developmental service center.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26 PASSED 1420 YES 578 NO

American Red Cross

Article 27 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,420.80 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eighty Cents) (based on 40 cents per resident) for disaster relief, community health and safety services, and military communication and disaster preparedness programs provided by the American Red Cross, Greater White Mountain Chapter.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27 PASSED 1535 YES 465 NO

Project Reach

Article 28 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) the amount of which will cover the funds lost during year three (fiscal year 2004) of its five year start-up grant. The Project REACH After-School Program offers social, educational, enrichment and community service programs for the middle school youth and their families in Littleton during the after-school hours. Project REACH funding provides daily transportation, daily healthy snacks, field trips, enrichment materials, Homework Center materials and qualified staff.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28 PASSED 1317 YES 680 NO

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

**JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK**