

MINUTES OF 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Election of Officers

Selectman	Edward Farrell	857
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	1609
Park Commissioner	Todd McKee	1638
Supervisor of the Checklist	Sharon Hampson	1558
Library Trustees	Patricia H. Eastman	1152
	Ellen Manley	705
	Mary Swinyer	689
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Robert E. Paddock	1543

REZONING OF INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL – ROUTE 135

Article 2 Are you in favor of amending Littleton's Zoning Ordinance as follows: That the zoning classification of Map/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 and Map/Lot 45-8, being the 6.15 acre parcel presently owned by the Wanda McLure 2002 Revocable Trust, abutting Lot 45-9, of which approximately 3 acres are located in the Commercial-I zone and the approximately 3.15 remainder is presently located in the Industrial zone, be converted so that the entire acreage of the said lots shall be zoned as Commercial-I.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 2 PASSED YES 1333 NO 526

REZONING OF RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL – BETHLEHEM ROAD

Article 3 Are you in favor of amending Littleton's Zoning Ordinance as follows: That the zoning classification of Map/Lot Lot 93-26, being the 4.3 acre parcel presently owned by George McAvoy, and Map/Lot 93-27, being the 4.40 acre parcel presently owned by Lon W. and Kimberly Howard, situated on the north side of Bethlehem Road, which is presently in the Residential-I district be converted to the Commercial-I district.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 3 PASSED YES 1292 NO 562

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CLARIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL ZONING

Article 4 Are you in favor of amending Littleton's Zoning Ordinance as follows: That Article III, Section 3.02.04 – Cottage Street District Boundary Extension – be amended to omit "to be used for professional office use" and includes property of Eva Dobson off Cottage Street and Bethlehem Road, lots formerly known as tax map 113, lots 6,7,& 8, (now known as tax map 93, lots 12,13,&16). This amends previously approved C-1 with restrictions, to remove restrictions.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 4 PASSED YES 1412 NO 430

TOWN BUILDING PETITION

Article 5 *By Petition:* To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900,000.00 for the purpose of repairing and restoring the Town/Opera House Building, for a Police Station, Town Offices and Historical Museum, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,900,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes 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 \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for administrative and legal fees associated with such borrowing. (60% majority vote required)

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5 WAS DEFEATED YES 1053 NO 812

PARKING LOT

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,000 (Two Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of acquiring the parking lot on Green Street (behind the Littleton Diner) and to fund that appropriation by authorizing the issuance of notes for up to \$210,000 (Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) for said purchase and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes 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. Further to authorize the withdrawal of \$33,000

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(Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars) from the Parking Meter Special Reserve Fund to pay a down payment on the property. This will have no tax impact.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6 WAS DEFEATED YES 1095 NO 756

BROOK ROAD BUSINESS PARK/REDINGTON STREET BRIDGE

Article 7 To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 33:7-b, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to incur no more than \$1.00 (One Dollar) indebtedness in anticipation of the receipt of funds from federal and state agencies (specifically, from the United States Department of Economic Development and/or the New Hampshire Department of Transportation) for the Brook Road Business Park Project and Redington Street Bridge replacement.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7 PASSED YES 978 NO 828

TOWN BUDGET

Article 8 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 \$6,330,963 (Six Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,353,990 (Six Million Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety 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.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8 PASSED YES 978 NO 861

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue a ten year lease/purchase agreement (originally entered into in 2005) for the purpose of leasing a 2003 American LaFrance Aerial Truck, with a total cost of \$544,000 (Five Hundred Forty Four Thousand Dollars), and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,065 (Seventy Thousand Sixty Five Dollars) which sum

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sum includes the second year's lease payments of \$67,065 (Sixty Seven Thousand Sixty Five Dollars), as well as maintenance, inspections and operation of the vehicle in the amount of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) and to fund part of this appropriation by authorizing the transfer from the 1994 Capital Equipment Reserve Fund of \$14,342 (Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars) with the balance from general taxation so that the total amount to be raised by taxes will be \$55,723 (Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars). This lease contains an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9 PASSED YES 1302 NO 537

BRIDGE REPAIR FUND

Article 10 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.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10 PASSED YES 1662 NO 185

RECONSTRUCTING/RE-PAVING AND UPGRADING VARIOUS TOWN ROADS

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$383,215 (Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads and to fund part of this appropriation by authorizing the transfer from the unexpected fund surplus balance as of December 31, 2005 of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) with the balance from general taxation (so that the total amount to be raised by taxes will be \$333,215 (Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars). The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

Badger Street – estimated cost \$19,250 (Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars),

Brickyard Road – estimated cost \$90,850 (Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars)

Fairview Street – estimated cost \$22,000 (Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars)

Girard Road – estimated cost \$15,400 (Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars)

Kelley Lane – estimated cost \$9,350 (Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars)

Merrill Street – estimated cost \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars)

Old Waterford Road – estimated cost \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars)

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Saranac Street – estimated cost \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars)
Slate Ledge Road – estimated cost \$113,365 (One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Dollars)
Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads – estimated cost \$28,000 (Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11 PASSED YES 1542 NO 311

PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT TRUCK

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2006 dump truck as a replacement for the 1992 dump truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department, the total acquisition cost of which is \$135,363 (One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Dollars), and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the replaced vehicle for a value of (\$10,000). To further raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,390 (Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars), for the first year lease payment and setup costs. This amount includes the \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) trade in credit, leaving \$28,390 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars) to be raised by taxation. This lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12 PASSED YES 1286 NO 558

PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRACTOR

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,995 (Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a four-wheel drive tractor for the purpose of sidewalk plowing and roadside mowing and maintenance.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13 PASSED YES 1224 NO 623

TRANSFER STATION RESERVE FUND USE

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,200 (Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) and to fund that

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appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that sum from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund for the purpose of improvements at the Transfer Station. These improvements will include:

Purchase of trash bags – estimated cost \$13,200 (Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars)

Building, equipment and vehicle repairs as necessary – estimated cost \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars)

This will have no tax impact.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14 PASSED YES 1603 NO 251

ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION

Article 15 Shall we modify the standards required to be met to qualify for the elderly exemption from the property tax in the Town of Littleton, such that the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars), or, if married, a combined income of less than \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 (Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars), excluding the value of the person's residence, in order to qualify for the exemption? To qualify, the person must also have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. The amount of the exemption shall remain the same.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15 PASSED YES 1641 NO 211

POLICE DEPARTMENT EVALUATION

Article 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of hiring an outside consultant to conduct an organizational and operational study of the Police Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16 WAS DEFEATED YES 899 NO 943

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PETITIONED ARTICLES

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Article 17 *By Petition:* Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for optional veterans seeking the Exemptions? The optional veteran's exemption is \$500 rather than \$300.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17 PASSED YES 1102 NO 733

LITTLETON AREA SENIOR CENTER

Article 18 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand 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 2006.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18 PASSED YES 1696 NO 168

NORTH COUNTRY YMCA

Article 19 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty 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 19 PASSED YES 1483 NO 372

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Article 20 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) for the 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. In 2005, the approximate value of this care was \$886,022.00.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20 PASSED YES 1217 NO 627

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CALEB INTERFAITH GROUP

Article 21 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650 (One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) to support The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 21 PASSED YES 1421 NO 414

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA

Article 22 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,758 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars) 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 22 PASSED YES 1642 NO 190

TRI-COUNTY C.A.P.

Article 23 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 (Nine Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton, NH. Tri-County CAP offers 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 23 PASSED YES 1507 NO 332

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Article 24 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,967 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars) 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 2006 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 24 PASSED YES 1566 NO 273

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NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES

Article 25 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,506 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars) as the town's contribution to Northern Human Services (NHS) to be used to support White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, local programs of NHS that serve residents of Littleton in need of mental health and/or developmental services.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 25 PASSED YES 1354 NO 482

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Article 26 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS), a non profit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26 PASSED YES 1433 NO 404

LITTLETON – LANCASTER TRANSPORTATION

Article 27 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,225 (One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars) to support the public transportation system in the Littleton-Lancaster corridor.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27 PASSED YES 1388 NO 448

LITTLETON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Article 28 *By Petition:* To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) to the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or around July 4, 2006.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28 WAS DEFEATED YES 790 NO 1044

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AUDIT OF DRUG FORFEITURE FUNDS

Article 29 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the expenditure of the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no/cents (\$1,500.00) to audit the expenditures of all Drug Forfeiture Funds received by the Littleton Police Department or the Town of Littleton for the years of 2003, 2004 and 2005. Said audit shall include recommendations for fiscal oversight of funds by the Selectmen.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 29 WAS DEFEATED YES 894 NO 942

LITTLETON TOWN MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Article 30 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will favor the establishment of a seven (7) member Littleton Town Maintenance Committee to oversee the development and implementation of a 5 year maintenance plan for all Town Buildings, Equipment, Bridges and all other Town property and shall report to the Selectmen on or before October 1, 2006, their recommendations and findings. The Committee shall initially consist of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, or Designee, Chairman of Budget Committee, or Designee, and 5 members of the community to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Community Committee members shall have experience in building or bridge construction, building or vehicle maintenance and maintenance planning. This article shall sunset on March 31, 2009 unless reauthorized by the Town.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 30 PASSED YES 991 NO 857

MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Article 31 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will favor establishment of the Littleton Main Street Reconstruction Oversight Committee who will oversee the development and implementation of a final plan for the reconstruction of Main Street. The Committee shall issue their recommendations and findings to the Selectmen on or before November 1, 2006. The Committee shall consist of Robert Copenhagen, Jere Eames, the President of the Littleton Water and Light Department, or Designee, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen or Selectmen Designee, the President of Littleton Main Street, Inc., or Designee, the President of the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce or Designee and a community member appointed by the Selectmen. The Town Manager shall be a non-voting ex officio member

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of the committee. All expenses of the Committee shall be paid for by TCSP Funds or other funds designated for the project. The Committee shall also issue a report to the Selectmen and the community detailing the expenditures of all TCSP Funds and all other funds expended for any purpose for the development of the Plan for the reconstruction of Main Street as of March 31, 2006 by June 1, 2006.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 31 PASSED YES 994 NO 861

MOORE DAM REVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Article 32 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will favor the establishment of the Moore Dam Revaluation Oversight Committee to oversee the revaluation of the Moore Dam for 2006. The Committee shall issue their recommendations and findings to the Selectmen on or before October 1, 2006. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen or Designee, the Chairman of the Town Budget Committee, or Designee, the President of the Littleton Water & Light Department, or Designee, and 2 members of the community to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. One of the community members shall be an accountant or have experience in financial management. The Town Manager shall be a non voting, ex-officio member of the Committee.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 32 PASSED YES 1013 NO 841

PUBLIC NOTICE & APPROVAL OF INSPECTIONS

Article 33 *By Petition:* To see if the Town shall indefinitely require the Selectmen, Town Manager and Department Heads to give public notice in a newspaper of local circulation and to place upon the agenda of the next scheduled Selectmen's meeting any request to inspect any Town Building, Bridge, Fire or Town Equipment, for public discussion and vote by the Selectmen. The Selectmen shall have the authority to order an emergency inspection upon good cause, after a vote of the Selectmen. This article shall not apply to State Vehicle inspections. This article shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Town. Any Town Manager or Department Head who requests an inspection without notification and vote of the Selectmen shall be immediately terminated.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 33 PASSED YES 1024 NO 831

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Town Manager Audit

Article 34 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the expenditure of the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and no/cents (\$5,000.00) for an independent study by a third party consultant of the performance of the current Town Manager and the Town Manager form of Government for the purpose of improving Town Department communications, management, business, efficiencies and community relations. The independent study shall not be conducted by Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI).

Not Recommended By the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 34 WAS DEFEATED YES 912 NO 947

Lease Restrictions

Article 35 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will authorize indefinitely that for all leases of any kind for any purpose over the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no/cents (\$20,000.00) of the total Lease payments or initial Lease property value whichever is higher shall be placed upon the Warrant by the Selectmen for approval by the Town. This Article shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Town in a subsequent Town Meeting.

Not Recommended By the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 35 PASSED YES 1028 NO 821

Temporary Police Station

Article 36 *By Petition:* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the expenditure of the sum of Eighty-six Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and no/cents (\$86,317.00) to lease approximately 9,000 square feet of space for a Temporary Police Station at Mt. Eustis Commons. This lease shall only be for 2006.

Not Recommended By the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 36 WAS DEFEATED YES 525 NO 1333

Options for the Town Building

Article 37 Of the following future alternatives for the Town Building/Opera House, which one alternative are you in favor of the Board of Selectmen developing plans to bring to a future town meeting for action on Town Building/

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Opera House:

- Demolition of the Town Building/Opera House
- Sale of the Town Building/Opera House
- Renovation of the Town Building/Opera House by relocating the building back onto a new foundation and widening the intersection of Main Street, Union Street, and Cottage Street with intentions to house the Town Offices, Historical Society, and other compatible uses in the building (if any).
- Renovation of the Town Building/Opera House on its current site with intentions to house the Town Offices, Historical Society, and other compatible uses in the building (if any).

DEMOLITION	193
SALE	257
RENOVATE & MOVE BACK	310
RENOVATE ON SITE	644

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK