

MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	Eddy L Moore	1042 votes
Treasurer	Lillian Rayno	1552 votes
Town Clerk	Judith F White	969 votes
Park Commissioner	Mark Driscoll	1589 votes
Library Trustees (3)	Tom Alt	1433 votes
	Chris Larson	1300 votes
	Robert M Record	1236 votes
Supervisor of Checklist	Bonnie L Trahan	1233 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Charles Buckley	17 votes
	Write in	

Zoning — Amendment to Flood Ordinance

Article 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

ARTICLE 2 PASSED YES 1492 NO 236

Zoning — Amend Definition of Manufactured Housing

Article 3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the definition of Manufactured Housing as follows: Any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating and electrical heating systems contained therein. Manufactured housing as defined in this section shall not include presite built housing?

ARTICLE 3 PASSED YES 1286 NO 385

Zoning — Amend Definition of Modular Home

Article 4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: replace the definition of Modular Home with the following definition: Presite Built Housing - Any structure designed primarily for residential occupancy which is

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wholly or in substantial part made, fabricated, formed or assembled in off-site manufacturing facilities in conformance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development minimum property standards and local building codes, for installation, or assembly and installation, on the building site. For the purposes of this section, presite built housing shall not include manufactured housing?

ARTICLE 4 PASSED YES 1292 NO 377

Police Station

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$995,000 (Nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars), for the purpose of constructing a new police station on land owned by the Town at West Main Street, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$995,000 (Nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any matching funds, grants or donations that may become available for such purpose. **No tax impact for 2007**

(3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5 WAS DEFEATED YES 1042 NO 717

Town Building and Opera House

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of stabilizing and partially refurbishing the Town Building and Opera House, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any matching funds, grants or donations that may become available for such purpose. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 PASSED YES 1155 NO 607

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Town Budget

Article 7 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 \$6,747,864 (Six million seven hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty four dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,565,763. (Six million five hundred sixty-five thousand seven hundred sixty- three 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 7 PASSED YES 1117 NO 602

Police Department Lease at Mt Eustis Commons — January 1, 2007 — April 30, 2007

Article 8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,195 (Thirty-one thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars) for the purpose of renting space at Mt. Eustis Commons for the location of the police station from January 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8 PASSED YES 1241 NO 498

Police Department Lease at Mt Eustis Commons — May 1, 2007 — December 31, 2007

Article 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,391 (Sixty-two thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars) for the purpose of renting space at Mt. Eustis Commons for the location of the police station from May 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9 PASSED YES 1076 NO 657

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SEA of NH Chapter #57 Union Contract

Article 10 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 2007 fiscal year in the amount of \$21,927 (Twenty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven dollars), increases in total salaries and benefit costs in the fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$23,023 (Twenty-three thousand twenty-three dollars), and increases in total salaries and benefit costs for the 2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,869 (Twenty-seven thousand eight 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 2006 fiscal year. And further to raise and appropriate \$21,927 (Twenty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven dollars), for this year's increases.

Note: This is a three-year contract that runs from April 1, 2007 — March 31, 2010
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10 PASSED YES 1089 NO 643

Special Meeting if Article 10 is Defeated

Article 11 Shall the Town, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 10 cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11 PASSED YES 1136 NO 578

AFSCME Union Contract

Article 12 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 2007 fiscal year in the amount of \$44,415 (Forty-four thousand four hundred fifteen dollars), increases in total salaries and benefit costs in the fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$54,473 (Fifty-four thousand four hundred seventy-three dollars), and increases in total salaries and benefit costs for the 2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$56,063 (Fifty-six thousand sixty-three dollars), such sums representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries over those of salaries over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the 2006 fiscal year. And further to raise and appropriate \$44,415 (Forty-four

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thousand four hundred fifteen dollars and eighty-nine), for this year's purpose.

Note: This is a three-year contract that runs from April 1, 2007 — March 31, 2010
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12 PASSED YES 1067 NO 677

Special Meeting if Article 12 is Defeated

Article 13 Shall the Town, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 12 cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13 PASSED YES 1100 NO 625

Reconstructing/Upgrading Various Gravel Town Roads

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,920 (Seventy-three thousand nine hundred twenty dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving 2 miles of Gravel Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

Broomstick Hill Road - \$73,920 (Seventy-three thousand nine hundred twenty dollars)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14 PASSED YES 1158 NO 604

Reconstructing/Re-Paving and Upgrading Various Paved Town Roads

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$342,900 (Three hundred forty-two thousand nine hundred dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are:

Brickyard Road — estimated cost \$79,315 (Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars)

Dells Road — estimated cost \$30,650 (Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars)

Hillview Terrace — estimated cost \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

Manns Hill Road — estimated cost 73,440 (Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars)

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Maple Street — estimated cost \$6,500 (Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).

Moore Court — estimated cost \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

Saranac Street — estimated cost \$78,495 (Seventy-Eight Thousand Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars)

South Street — estimated cost \$27,500 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads — estimated cost \$32,000 (Thirty-two Thousand Dollars).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15 PASSED YES 1336 NO 426

Reconstruction/Re-Paving and Upgrading of Pleasant Street Sidewalk

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 (Twenty- nine thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving a portion of the Pleasant Street sidewalk. (From Jax Jr. Theater to Oak Hill Avenue)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16 PASSED YES 1293 NO 474

Purchase of Highway Department Replacement Truck

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2008 1 1/2 ton truck as a replacement for the 2000 1 1/2 ton truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department, the total acquisition cost of which is \$63,589 (Sixty-three thousand five hundred eighty-nine dollars), and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell to the Fire Department the replaced vehicle for the purpose of reducing taxes. To further raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,511 (Twenty-three thousand five hundred eleven dollars), for the first year lease payment and setup costs to be raised by taxation, plus authorizing the trade in or sale of the 2000 1 1/2 ton truck to the Fire Department. This lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape clause.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17 PASSED YES 1157 NO 593

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Purchase of Highway Department Replacement Truck

Article 18 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 2008 dump truck as a replacement for the 1997 dump truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department, the total acquisition cost of which is \$127,956 (One hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred fifty-six Dollars), and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell to the Transfer Station the replaced vehicle for the purpose of reducing taxes. To further raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,695 (Twenty- nine thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars), for the first year lease payment and setup costs to be raised by taxation, plus authorizing the trade in or sale of the 1997 dump truck to the Transfer Station. This lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape clause.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18 PASSED YES 1145 NO 583

Transfer Station Reserve Fund Use

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400.00 (Eight thousand four hundred dollars) and to fund that appropriation by authorizing the transfer of that sum from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund for the purpose of:

- > Purchase a 1994 'international 4900 series Dump Truck from the Highway Department at a cost of \$3500.00 (Three thousand five hundred dollars).
- > Outside security lighting at an estimated cost of \$3400.00 (Three thousand four hundred dollars).
- > Outside security shrubs at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand five hundred dollars).

This Article has no tax impact.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE PASSED YES 1377 NO 350

Purchase of Replacement Ladder Truck

Article 20 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,),

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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 includes the third 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) so that the total amount to be raised by taxes will be \$70,065 (Seventy thousand sixty-five dollars). This lease contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20 PASSED YES 1160 NO 572 -

Parks Department Tractor

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 4-year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a four-wheel drive, diesel 31 HP John Deere tractor for mowing of parks, ball fields and town green space; snow removal, dragging ball fields and maintenance, the total acquisition cost of which is \$29,390.00 (Twenty-nine thousand three hundred ninety dollars), to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,768.00 (Six thousand seven hundred sixty-eight dollars) for the first year lease payment to be raised by taxation, plus authorizing the trade in of the tractor now in use for an estimated amount of \$5,690.00. This lease/purchase agreement must contain an escape clause.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21 PASSED YES 1109 NO 615

Parks Department Pool Repair

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty thousand dollars) for improvements to the Town Pool, and to fund this appropriation by raising \$25,000. (Twenty-five thousand dollars) by taxation with the remaining \$25,000. (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to come from matching state grant funds.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22 PASSED YES 1363 NO 372

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Fire Employees

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,772 (Eighty- nine thousand seven hundred seventy seven dollars) for the purpose of hiring 2 (Two) full-time Firefighters. This appropriation will encompass salaries, benefits, and related costs. If approved, salaries, benefits, and related costs would be automatically put into the budget in future years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23 PASSED YES 1061 NO 677

Police Department Deputy Chief

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,459 (Sixty- eight thousand, four hundred fifty-nine dollars) for the purpose of hiring a Deputy Police Chief. If approved, salaries, benefits and related costs would be automatically put into the budget in future years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 24 WAS DEFEATED YES 727 NO 995

Police Special Detail Revolving Fund

Article 25 To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance, and to raise and appropriate \$14,000 to be placed in the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 25 PASSED YES 1040 NO 688

Chamber of Commerce Fireworks

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appropriate the sum of \$5,000. (Five thousand dollars) to the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or around July 4, 2007.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26 PASSED YES 1114 NO 637

Charitable Non-Profit Contributions

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,133 (Ninety- eight thousand one hundred thirty-three) to support the following Non-Profit Organizations:

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc - \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars)

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers - \$1,650 (One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars)

Littleton Area Senior Center - \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars)

Littleton Regional Hospital — \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars)

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc. - \$19,725 (Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars)

North Country Transit - \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars)

Northern Human Services - \$9,506 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars)

Tri-County C.A.P. - \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars)

American Red Cross - \$2,752.00 (Two thousand seven hundred fifty

-two dollars) -

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 27 PASSED YES 1353 NO 403

Transfer of Land

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to convey up to a 60 acre +1-portion (pending survey) of the Eaton Property consisting of 103 +1- acres (Map 68 Lot 28) to the Littleton School District including all easements for the purpose of constructing a new school and athletic fields, such parcel to include access to Richmond Street and Sampson Road and to be made without cost to the District other than the District's cost of securing subdivision approval of the parcel. The Town of Littleton to retain right-of-way and all necessary easements, including utility easements, to remaining land from both Richmond Street and Sampson Road. Failing the commencement of

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construction of a school on the property conveyed on or before by July 1, 2010, the property thus conveyed will be returned to the Town of Littleton.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 28 PASSED YES 951 NO 784

Transfer of Land

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to exchange Town property located off St. Johnsbury Road, tax map 74-10 for a portion of property owned by Summit View Development, LLC, located off St. Johnsbury Road, tax map 73-64. The land acquired by the Town will be used to expand tax map parcel 74-10, used by the Littleton Water & Light. The exchange will consist of .87 acres from tax map 74-10 being added to tax map 73-64, and 2.01 acres from tax map 73-64 to be added to tax map 74-10.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 29 PASSED YES 1297 NO 425

Elderly Exemption

Article 30 Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Littleton based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$35,000, for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$52,500; for a person over 80 years or older \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive 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 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income not more than \$40,000; and own assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's personal residence and up to 2 acres of land. (Income and asset figures have not changed.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30 PASSED YES 1575 NO 179

Pine Hill Green Area

Article 31 Are you in favor of setting 7.5 acres of Pine Hill located on the

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North side of Town as a permanent "green area" for public recreation? (This section of Town owned land is adjacent to Remich Park and is now connected to Remich Park by a footpath. Years ago, Pine Hill was turned over to the Littleton Conservation Commission to manage for public enjoyment and to keep a system of trails open for walking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and ski touring which has been accomplished and is now being enjoyed by many users.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 31 PASSED

YES 1567 NO 182

PETITIONED ARTICLES

Boys & Girls Club of the North Country

Article 32 *By Petition:* Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 32 PASSED

YES 1396 NO 336

New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution

Article 33 To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Littleton.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reduction of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Littleton encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to

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declared candidates for those offices.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 33 PASSED YES 1275 NO 440

Town Building and Opera House

Article 34 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the expenditure of the sum of \$1.00 and no/cents (\$1.00) for the purpose of repairing and stabilizing the Littleton Town Building and Opera House, said appropriation shall be used for the purpose of structural, electrical, life safety, plumbing, heating, sprinkler and building repairs and improvements for the purpose of reopening the Littleton Town Building and Opera House to the public and furthermore to see if the Town shall vote to authorize:

- 1) The establishment of the Littleton Town Building and Opera House Maintenance and Repair Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and that Said Non-Capital Reserve Funds shall be used for the purpose of structural, electrical, life safety, plumbing, heating, sprinkler and building repairs and improvements for the Littleton Town Building and Opera House and furthermore;

- 2) To raise and appropriate up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to be placed in said Reserve Fund, said funds to be all those monies received by the Town from the Fifteen Mile Falls Mitigation Fund and to be place in said Reserve Fund and furthermore;

- 3) To designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town under the provisions of RSA 35:15 and to authorize the Selectmen to expend all funds placed in the Littleton Town Building and Opera House Maintenance and Repair Non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes thereof without further vote of the Town.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 34 PASSED YES 1121 NO 616

A TRUE COPY ATTEST;
JUDITH F. WHITE