

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2008**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman (One Year Term)	William J. Latulip	927 votes
Selectman (Three Year Term)	Edward C. Boynton	913 votes
Park Commissioner	Jon R Wood	1474 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Stan Fillion	1603 votes
Library Trustee (Three)	Tom Loughlin	922 votes
	Thomas B. Merritt	912 votes
	Patricia Cowles	1321 votes
Moderator	Gerald H. Winn	1610 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist	Mary Edick	1505 votes

Amendment to Charter

Article 2 Shall the Town of Littleton approve the Charter Amendment summarized below?

Amend the Town Charter by repealing Section 12, "Special Tax," and Section 13, "Liens". Section 12 requires that an additional tax be levied upon all properties that abut sidewalks or that are within 500 feet of a hydrant. This special tax is used for the construction, management, maintenance and repair of sidewalks and the rental of hydrants. When repealed, the cost of construction, management, maintenance and repair of sidewalks and the rental of hydrants will be incorporated into the Town's overall tax rate." Section 13 provides for a lien on properties subject to the tax under Section 12, and will have no purpose when Section 12 is repealed.

ARTICLE 2 WAS DEFEATED YES 853 NO 935

Police Station

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,879,000 (one million eight hundred seventy nine thousand dollars) for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a new police station on West Main Street, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,879,000 (one million eight hundred seventy nine thousand dollars)) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) for that purpose, and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose.

(Proposed Term 20 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen (1-1)

ARTICLE 3 PASSED YES 1132 NO 699

Parking Lot

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of acquiring the parking lot on Green Street (behind the Littleton Diner) and to authorize the issuance of bonds and/or notes for up to \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) for said purchase in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Proposed Term 10 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 WAS DEFEATED YES 1005 NO 811

Main Street Reconstruction - Project Phase 1

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200,000 (two million two hundred thousand dollars) for the construction and engineering of the Main Street Reconstruction Project – Phase I, and, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The balance of \$1,700,000 to come from Federal Highway Funds. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose. The \$500,000 in bonds and/or notes will be reimbursed during the construction of the project by additional Federal Highway Funds.

(Proposed Term 10 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 5 PASSED YES 1278 NO 554

Main Street Reconstruction – Project Phase 2

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000 (one million three hundred thousand dollars) for the construction and engineering of the Main Street Reconstruction Project – Phase 2, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,300,000 (one million three hundred thousand dollars) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose. (Proposed Term 20 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 WAS DEFEATED YES 875 NO 940

Redington Street Bridge Replacement

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100,000 (two million one hundred dollars) for the engineering and construction of the Redington Street Bridge, and, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 (five hundred thousand

dollars) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The balance of \$1,600,000 to come from Federal and State Highway Funds. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose. The town will be reimbursed for \$100,000 of the \$500,000 bonds and/or notes during the construction of the project by additional Federal and/or State Highway Funds; the town's share of the project is \$400,000. (Proposed Term 10 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 7 PASSED YES 1528 NO 292

Grove Street Reconstruction Project and Sidewalk Replacement Project

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 (one million five hundred dollars) for the engineering and construction of the Grove Street Reconstruction Project and Sidewalk Replacement on Chiswick Avenue, Kilburn Street, Whitcomb Woods Drive, Oak Hill Avenue, High Street, Redington Street, Lafayette Avenue, Willow Street, Elm Street and Merrill Street, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 (one million five hundred thousand dollars) of bonds and/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 and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose. (Proposed Term 15 Years)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 8 PASSED YES 1236 NO 585

Transfer of Land

Article 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a gift of .37-acres of land from Franklin E. Dodge, described as a portion of tax map 56-11, located off Brickyard Road adjacent to land of Littleton Water and Light and Interstate 93.

ARTICLE 9 PASSED YES 1605 NO 223

Kittridge Property

ARTICLE 10 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF 2.15 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OF THE PARCEL KNOWN AS THE KITTRIDGE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON WEST MAIN STREET, DONATED BY RODNEY AND DONNA TRAHAN.

ARTICLE 10 PASSED YES 1154 NO 671

Riverwalk – Phase II

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of constructing Riverwalk – Phase II, \$50,000 to come from general taxation and \$200,000 from the NHDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant Program.

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 11 PASSED YES 1027 NO 794

Town Budget

Article 12 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 **\$7,457,315** (seven million four hundred fifty seven thousand three hundred fifteen dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$7,193,280** (seven million one hundred ninety three thousand two hundred eighty 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.

ARTICLE 12 WAS DEFEATED YES 803 NO 994

Parking Meters

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 (eighty-eight thousand dollars) for the purpose of acquiring new digital parking meters and to authorize the withdrawal of \$88,000 from the Parking Meter Enterprise Fund created for that purpose.

ARTICLE 13 PASSED YES 1105 NO 715

Economic Development

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty-thousand dollars) to support Economic Development Projects for the Town of Littleton. The funds thus raised will go to Littleton Main Street, Inc. to support their efforts towards maintaining a viable Main Street business district.

ARTICLE 14 PASSED YES 996 NO 799

Police Department Lease at Mt Eustis Commons – January 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008

Article 15 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,530 (twenty nine thousand five hundred thirty dollars) for the purpose of renting space at Mt. Eustis Commons for the location of the Police Station from January 1 through March 31, 2008. This amount represents the rental fee paid Mt. Eustis Commons from January 1 to March 31, 2008.

ARTICLE 15 PASSED YES 1447 NO 356

Police Department Lease at Mt Eustis Commons – April 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Article 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$147,648 (one hundred forty-seven thousand six hundred forty-eight dollars) for the purpose of continuing to rent space at Mt. Eustis Commons for the location of the Police Station from April 1, 2008 through June 31, 2009. This is a non-lapsing fund pursuant to RSA 32:7, IV and will not lapse until June 30, 2009.

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 16 PASSED YES 1350 NO 451

Reconstruction/Upgrading Various Gravel Town Roads

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,933 (forty four thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving two miles of gravel Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved include Partridge Lake Road, Oregon Road, Williams Lane and Dodge Road.

ARTICLE 17 PASSED YES 1292 NO 527

Reconstructing/Re-Paving and Upgrading Various Paved Town Roads

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved include:

- Edencroft Road – estimated cost \$8,680 (eight thousand six hundred eighty dollars)
- Lafayette Avenue – estimated cost \$6,200 (six thousand two hundred dollars)
- Manns Hill Road – estimated cost \$256,088 (two hundred fifty-six thousand eighty-eight dollars)
- McBean Circle – estimated cost \$14,352 (fourteen thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars)
- Oak Hill Avenue – estimated cost \$22,320 (twenty-two thousand three hundred twenty dollars)
- Willow Street – estimated cost \$11,160 (eleven thousand one hundred sixty dollars)
- Winter Street – estimated cost \$6,200 (six thousand two hundred two dollars)

Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads – estimated cost \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars)

ARTICLE 18 PASSED YES 1359 NO 457

Replacement of Highland Avenue Bridge

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of replacing the Highland Avenue Bridge (Culvert). Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are

available for such purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 2010, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 19 PASSED YES 1433 NO 357

Purchase of Highway Department Replacement Truck

Article 20 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 1-½ ton truck as a replacement for the 2001 1 ½ ton truck in service in the Littleton Highway Department, the total acquisition and set-up cost of which is \$64,463 (sixty-four thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars), Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,459 (twenty-two thousand four hundred fifty-nine dollars), for the first year’s payment of the lease. Further, to authorize the selectmen to trade in or sell the 2000 1 ½ ton truck, the proceeds to be put into the general fund. This lease/purchase agreement shall contain a municipal escape clause.

ARTICLE 20 PASSED YES 1143 NO 630

Purchase of Highway Department Replacement Truck

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate not more than \$35,098. (Thirty-five thousand ninety-eight dollars) to purchase a 2008 F-350 Crew Cab pick-up, and to authorize the Selectmen to either retain the replaced vehicle or to trade it in for the purpose of reducing taxes. Trade-in value of the truck is approximately \$3,400. If retained, the truck will be put into service by the Littleton Fire Department for use in clearing snow around the Fire Station and the fire hydrants throughout Town.

ARTICLE 21 PASSED YES 1057 NO 717

School Resource Officer

ARTICLE 22 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1.00 (ONE DOLLAR) TO RETAIN A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN THE LITTLETON SCHOOLS.

ARTICLE 22 PASSED YES 1032 NO 755

Fire Department Recruitment

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) to support the recruitment of call and part-time fire fighters to build the call company and reduce overtime.

ARTICLE 23 PASSED YES 1147 NO 626

Transfer Station Baler

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,000 (sixty-seven thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new Baler at the

Transfer Station, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$52,000 from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund, created for that purpose. The remaining \$15,000 to come from the credit obtained from trading in the existing Baler.

ARTICLE 24 PASSED YES 1470 NO 318

Transfer Station Improvements, Maintenance, Replacement, & Repair Funds

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,462 (twenty-one thousand four hundred sixty-two dollars) for the purpose of improvements, maintenance, repairs and purchasing trash bags at the Transfer Station, to include:

Fire Pump & Installation for Burn Pit Area - Estimated cost \$4,000 (four thousand dollars)

Building, equipment, vehicle repairs, improvements, maintenance, and replacement – Estimated cost \$ 4,462 (four thousand, four hundred sixty-two dollars).

Purchase of trash bags – Estimated cost \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars).

And to authorize the withdrawal of \$21,462 from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund. created for that purpose.

ARTICLE 25 PASSED YES 1526 NO 271

Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2007 annual appropriation, said funds to be placed in the Conservation Fund. The unexpended portion of its 2007 annual appropriation is \$1,479.40.

ARTICLE 26 PASSED YES 1354 NO 416

Land Use Change Tax

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize \$10,000 of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25,II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2008, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

ARTICLE 27 PASSED YES 1182 NO 567

Change in Purpose and Title of Existing Beacon Street Repairs Capital Reserve Fund

Article 28 To see if the municipality will vote to change the purpose of an existing Beacon St Repairs CRF established in 1993 which had a balance at the end of 2007 of \$15,527.03, to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of “engineering and repair of Littleton’s Bridges”, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 28 PASSED YES 1421 NO 342

Discontinue Emergency Bridge Repair Fund

Article 29 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Emergency Bridge Repair Fund that was established in 1990. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town’s general fund.

ARTICLE 29 PASSED YES 1153 NO 634

Change in Purpose and Title of Existing Grader Capital Reserve Fund

Article 30 To see if the municipality will vote to change the purpose of an existing Grader CRF established 2000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the “purpose of purchasing a grader, loader or other rolling stock for the Highway department ” This account had a balance at the end of 2007 of \$49,446.02 and will require an affirmative vote at Town Meeting to remove funds.

ARTICLE 30 PASSED YES 1312 NO 446

Discontinuance of Library Boiler Expendable Trust Fund

Article 31 To see if the municipality will vote to discontinue the Library Boiler ETF created in 1994 per RSA 35:3. The 1997 Town Meeting authorized the withdrawal of all funds including interest leaving the account with a zero balance. The account must be officially closed.

ARTICLE 31 PASSED YES 1566 NO 215

Special Community House Fund

Article 32 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to donate to the Community House capital improvement fundraising drive, to match, dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000, the amount raised by the Community House Board of Directors. .

ARTICLE 32 PASSED YES 1283 NO 510

Chamber of Commerce Fireworks

Article 33 To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000. (six thousand dollars) to donate to the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or around July 4, 2008.

ARTICLE 33 PASSED YES 1105 NO 701

Petitioned Article

Historical Society Appropriation

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600. to defray the cost of office space rent for the Littleton Historical Society at the Littleton Community House.

ARTICLE 34 PASSED YES 1205 NO 595

Social Service Articles

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,350 (fourteen thousand three hundred fifty dollars) to support the work of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 35 PASSED YES 1351 NO 454

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650 (one thousand six hundred fifty dollars) to help support the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community.

ARTICLE 36 PASSED YES 1432 NO 368

Littleton Area Senior Center

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 (twenty seven thousand dollars) for the support of home delivered meals, senior dining room services, transportation, outreach, care management, and other services provided by the Littleton Area Senior Center.

ARTICLE 37 PASSED YES 1649 NO 166

Littleton Regional Hospital

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,080 (sixteen thousand eighty dollars) for the purpose of helping defray the costs associated with providing free medical services to the citizens of the Town of Littleton.

ARTICLE 38 PASSED

YES 1205

NO 592

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,725 (nineteen thousand seven hundred twenty-five dollars) for the support of medical hospice and community health programs and services provided by the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.

ARTICLE 39 PASSED

YES 1503

NO 304

North Country Transit

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the North Country Transit public transportation system.

ARTICLE 40 PASSED

YES 1446

NO 355

Northern Human Services

Article 41 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 Community Services 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.

ARTICLE 41 PASSED

YES 1356

NO 441

Tri-County C.A.P.

Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,300 (ten thousand three hundred dollars) for the Tri-County Community Action Program, Littleton, NH. Tri-County CAP offers energy, rental, housing, food and other emergency assistance to the low-income, elderly and handicapped residents of Littleton.

ARTICLE 42 PASSED

YES 1449

NO 341

American Red Cross

Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,827 (two thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars) for the American Red Cross to support disaster relief, community health and safety services and military communication and disaster preparedness programs provided by the American Red Cross, Greater White Mountain Chapter.

ARTICLE 43 PASSED YES 1409 NO 387

Boys and Girls Club of the North Country

Article 44 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) for support of the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country.

ARTICLE 44 PASSED YES 1397 NO 396

North Country YMCA

Article 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars) for support of the North Country YMCA.

- ARTICLE 45 PASSED YES 1375 NO 419

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK