

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	Ronald Bolt	Votes 958
Trustee of Trust Funds	Robert E. Paddock	Votes 1387
Park Commissioner (Three Year Term)	Bryan B. Hadlock	Votes 913
Park Commissioner (One year Term)	Charles Paradice	Votes 1303
Library Trustees (Three) (Three Year Term)	Pamela Cavanaugh	Votes 1174
	William Cushing	Votes 1115
	Mary Swinyer	Votes 1188
Library Trustee (Two Year Term)	Richard G. Friz	Votes 1339
Supervisor of the Checklist (One Year Term)	Jerry Lesage	Votes 1360

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 When repealed, the cost of construction, management, maintenance and repair of sidewalks and the rental of hydrants will be incorporated into the Town's overall tax rate.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13 provides for a lien on properties subject to the tax under Section 12, and will have no purpose when Section 12 is repealed. If approved, this amendment shall become effective on April 1, 2009

Article 2 passed. Yes 805 No 776

Main Street Reconstruction - Project Phase 1

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,255,968, which together with the \$2,200,000 previously appropriated by the Town under Article 5 at its 2008 annual meeting (which appropriation has not lapsed), represents a total revised cost of \$3,455,968 for the construction and engineering of the Main Street Reconstruction – Phase I. \$500,000 of this appropriation will be funded with a \$500,000 bond previously authorized by the Town under Article 5 at its 2008 annual meeting (which bond has not yet been issued). The \$1,255,968 here appropriated will come from the following sources: (i) New Hampshire Department of Transportation - \$105,838; (ii) Department of Environmental Services Grant - \$60,130; (iii) Littleton Water & Light - \$115,000; and (iv) State Aid Highway Funds - \$975,000. Furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose; and to take any other act relative thereto.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 3 passed. Yes 998 No 607

Sidewalk Replacement Project

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend IAW RSA 33:3-a, II, the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of repairing additional sidewalks in Town, that amount remaining from the funds obtained from issuance of a Bond approved as Article 8 on the 2008 Annual Town Warrant (Grove Street and Sidewalk Replacement Project, \$1,500,000). There remains \$350,000.00 after completing the proposed sidewalk replacements and the Grove Street reconstruction project under contract. The Selectmen now ask approval to expend up to the \$350,000 remaining to repair additional sidewalks in the Town to the same standard as in the preceding year. Failing the approval by the voters of this request, after completion of the Grove Street Reconstruction Project all remaining proceeds from the Bond will be used to pay the principal of the Bond as it matures.

(3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 4 passed. Yes 1158 No 468

Parking Lot

Article 5 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 purchasing the parking lot on Green Street (behind the Littleton Diner) and to authorize the issuance of bank note(s) 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), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bank notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for the first year's payment of the resulting debt service in 2009, and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Parking Meter Enterprise Fund established for this purpose. Future payment of debt service will continue to come from the Parking Meter Enterprise Fund.

(Proposed Term 20 Years)

(3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 5 was defeated. Yes 724 No 898

Redington Street Bridge Replacement

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$900,000 (nine hundred thousand dollars) for the construction and engineering of the Redington Street Bridge Replacement Project. This appropriation, together with the \$2,100,000 previously appropriated by the Town under Article 7 at its 2008 annual meeting (which appropriation has not lapsed), recognizes a corrected total project cost of \$3,000,000. The \$900,000 appropriation will come from the following: \$100,000 general taxation this year, \$400,000 from federal funds and \$400,000 from NHDOT funds. Furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose.

Recommended by Selectmen: 3-0

Article 6 passed. Yes 1338 No 279

Purchase of Highway Backhoe

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of leasing a backhoe, with attachments, to replace the 1999 Caterpillar Backhoe now in service in the Littleton Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1999 Caterpillar Backhoe being replaced as part of the lease/purchase agreement for \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to reduce the lease/purchase price. The resulting net value of the lease-purchase agreement will then be \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars). Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,750 (eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars) for the first year payment of the lease/purchase. This lease/purchase agreement shall contain a municipal escape clause.

Article 7 passed. Yes 818 No 785

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 **\$7,691,747** (seven million six hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred forty-seven dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$7,684,058** (seven million six hundred eighty-four thousand fifty-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.

Article 8 passed. Yes 1044 No 551

Fire Department Employee

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,750 (forty-one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars) for the purpose of hiring 1 (one) full-time Firefighter. This appropriation encompasses salary, benefits, uniforms, recruitment and training and other related costs. If approved, salaries, benefits, and related costs will automatically be put into the budget in future years.

Article 9 was defeated. Yes 718 No 901

Reconstructing/Re-Paving and Upgrading Various Paved Town Roads

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving the following Town Roads:

- Church Street – estimated cost \$10,000*
- Cross Street – estimated cost \$5,000*
- Hilltop Road (part of) – estimated cost \$45,000*
- Manns Hill Road (part of) – estimated cost \$50,000*
- Pleasant Street (part of) – estimated cost \$20,000*
- Crushing of pavement for reuse on paved roads – estimated cost \$20,000*

Article 10 passed. Yes 1232 No 395

Reconstruction/Upgrading Various Gravel Town Roads

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 (twenty-eight thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading and improving two miles of gravel Town Roads. The roads to be upgraded and improved are *Williams Road, Orchard Hill Road, Mount Misery Road, and Perkins Landing Road.*

Article 11 passed. Yes 1099 No 482

Street Light Maintenance Fund

Article 12 To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to create an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a entitled Street Light Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing for maintenance or replacement of street lights, including on Main Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 (fifty-two thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, said amount to come from the 2008 Unreserved Fund Balance and, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 12 passed. Yes 1058 No 573

Town-wide Assessment Maintenance Fund

Article 13 To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to create an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town-wide Assessment Expendable Trust Fund for future revaluation of Littleton and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,944 (thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred forty-four dollars) to be placed in said fund, the amount of \$22,444 (twenty-two thousand four hundred forty four dollars) to come from the 2008 Unreserve Fund Balance and \$15,500 (fifteen thousand five hundred dollars) from current year taxation, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 13 passed. Yes 862 No 744

Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2008 annual appropriation, said funds placed in the Conservation Fund. The unexpended portion of its 2008 annual appropriation is \$3,115 (three thousand one hundred fifteen dollars).

Article 14 passed. Yes 1116 No 446

Transfer Station Improvements, Maintenance, Replacement, & Repair Funds

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,400 (eighty thousand four hundred dollars) to replace equipment and purchase trash bags at the Transfer Station and to provide a one-time offset of diminished revenue received from recyclables, as follows.

Container	\$ 7,400.00
Purchase trash bags	\$13,000.00

Equipment Repairs	\$10,000.00
Offset Lost Revenue	\$50,000.00
TOTAL:	\$80,400.00

Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$80,400 (eighty thousand four hundred dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund created for the above purposes.

Article 15 passed. Yes 1222 No 392

Discontinue Portion of a Town Road

Article 16

To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to "DISCONTINUE" completely approximately 1,409 feet of the existing Hilltop Road from the southeast intersection at Route 18/St. Johnsbury Road running west to the State of New Hampshire bridge passing over Interstate 93, abandonment to occur after the completion of and acceptance by the Littleton Board of Selectmen of approximately 1,442 feet of a new, roadway section of Hilltop Road (built as shown on the 'Hilltop Road Right of Way Relocation and Lot Line Adjustment Plan', dated, 9/17/08, and the 'Hilltop Road Overall Construction Plans', dated, dated 9/20/08; both plans approved by the Littleton Planning Board on 10/07/08). The cost of constructing the new relocated Hilltop Road and removing the existing Hilltop Road will be borne entirely by The Littleton Hospital Association dba, Littleton Regional Hospital.

Article 16 passed. Yes 1294 No 321

Selectmen's Recommendations on Warrant Articles

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to require that all votes taken by the [advisory budget committee and the] Selectmen regarding budget items or warrant articles be recorded votes and the numerical tally of each such vote be printed on the Town Warrant next to the affected article, pursuant to RSA 32:5, V-a.

Article 17 passed. Yes 1287 No 280

Petitioned Article(s)

Economic Development

Article 18 To see if the Town of Littleton Voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be used for economic development for Littleton Main Street, Inc. (By Petition)

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Article 18 was defeated Yes 489 No 1126

Chamber of Commerce Fireworks

Article 19 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, 2009.

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Article 19 was defeated. Yes 705 No 926

Littleton Community House and Annex

Article 20 To see

(By Petition)

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Article 20 was defeated. Yes 476 No 884

Mt. Washington Airport

Article 21 To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate \$0.75 per capita or the sum of \$4,509.00 (four thousand, five hundred nine dollars), to fulfill Littleton's prior commitment to pay its share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport. (By Petition)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 21 was defeated. Yes 762 No 801

LITTLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,950.00 (one thousand nine hundred fifty dollars) to defray the cost of office space rent for the Littleton Historical Society. (By Petition)

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 22 passed. Yes 994 No 572

Taxation Resolution

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

"Resolved: We the citizens of Littleton, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options and adopt a revenue system that is just and fair."

Article 23 passed. Yes 1202 No 334

Social Service Articles

Alumni Hall Cultural & Interpretive Center

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (zero dollars) to support the Alumni Hall Cultural & Interpretive Center in Haverhill, NH.

Article 24 passed. Yes 760 No 700

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,350.00 (fourteen thousand, three hundred fifty dollars) to support the Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

Article 25 passed. Yes 1088 No 470

American Red Cross

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,827.00 (two thousand, eight hundred twenty-seven dollars) to support the American Red Cross, Greater White Mountain Chapter.

Article 26 passed. Yes 1166 No 402

Boys and Girls Club of the North Country

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) to support the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country.

Article 27 passed. Yes 1142 No 427

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 (one thousand, six hundred fifty dollars) to support the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

Article 28 passed. Yes 925 No 632

Littleton Area Senior Center

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 (twenty-seven thousand dollars) to support the Littleton Area Senior Center.

Article 29 passed. Yes 1306 No 266

Littleton Regional Hospital

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,080.00 (sixteen thousand, eighty dollars) to support the Littleton Regional Hospital.

Article 30 was defeated. Yes 752 No 821

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,725.00 (nineteen thousand, seven hundred twenty-five dollars) to support the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.

Article 31 passed. Yes 1215 No 342

North Country Transit

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) to support the North Country Transit.

Article 32 passed. Yes 1119 No 445

North Country YMCA

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 (one thousand, six hundred fifty dollars) to support the North Country YMCA.

Article 33 passed. Yes 990 No 567

Northern Human Services

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,506.00 (nine thousand, five hundred six dollars) to support the Northern Human Services.

Article 34 passed. Yes 907 No 640

Tri-County Community Action Program

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,300.00 (ten thousand, three hundred dollars) to support the Tri-County Community Action Program.

Article 35 passed. Yes 969 No 583

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK