

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2011**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|
| Selectman | Mike Gilman | Votes | 987 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | Stanley Fillion | Votes | 1496 |
| Library Trustees (3) (Three year term) | Tom Loughlin | Votes | 1217 |
| | Patricia Cowles | Votes | 1383 |
| | Marcie Hornick | Votes | 1207 |
| Library Trustee (One Year Term) | Richard Friz | Votes | 1435 |
| Park Commissioner | Tod E Odell | Votes | 1495 |

Zoning – Recreation Facility:

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: adding "Recreation Facility to the Table of Use in the C, MU and R-1 zones (a Special Exception will be needed for the use in the Rural Zone)?"

ARTICLE 2 PASSED. YES 1125 NO 542

Zoning – Raising Agricultural Crops

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: adding "Raising Agricultural Crops" (excluding the raising of farm animals or livestock) as a permitted use in the Rural Zone?

ARTICLE 3 PASSED. YES 1214 NO 479

Zoning – Raising Agricultural Crops

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: adding "Raising Agricultural Crops" (including the raising of farm animals or livestock) as a permitted use in the Rural Zone and through a Special Exception in the Industrial and Commercial Zones?

ARTICLE 4 PASSED. YES 1084 NO 603

Zoning – Manufacturing

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: removing the following line in the Table of Uses: "Manufacturing, not to exceed ten employees" and changing the Table of Use to permit "Manufacturing" in the Commercial, Mixed Use and Industrial Zones and through a Special Exception in the Rural Zone?

ARTICLE 5 PASSED. YES 1002 NO 651

Littleton Water & Light Reservoir Construction Project

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,350,000 (one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the engineering and construction of a replacement reservoir near Oak Hill, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,350,000 (one million three hundred fifty 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. Littleton Water & Light will pay the annual debt service on this bond, funding that debt service through user fees. Furthermore, to authorize the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose.

(3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 PASSED. YES 1079 NO 663

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to develop a Capital Improvements Program, as provided in RSA 674:5, as part of the Littleton Master Plan.

ARTICLE 7 PASSED.

YES 878

NO 827

An Ordinance Establishing Fire Inspection Fees

Article 8. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance proposed by the Fire Department relating to Fire and Safety Inspections and the fees relating to the same? Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's and Town Administration Offices.

ARTICLE 8 FAILED.

YES 764

NO 965

An Ordinance Relating to Burglar/Panic/Fire Alarms

Article 9. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance proposed by the Fire and Police Departments relating to Burglar/Panic/Fire Alarms and the fees relating to the same? Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's and Town Administration Offices.

ARTICLE 9 FAILED.

YES 756

NO 954

Update to the Bicycle and People-Powered Vehicle Ordinance

Article 10. Shall the Town adopt changes to the Bicycle and People-Powered Vehicle Ordinance that update the language and raise fees and/or fines associated to that ordinance? Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's and Town Administration Offices.

ARTICLE 10 FAILED.

YES 633

NO 1069

Update to the Pawnbrokers Ordinance

Article 11. Shall the Town adopt changes to the Pawnbrokers Ordinance that update the language and raise fees and/or fines associated to that ordinance? Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's and Town Administration Offices.

ARTICLE 11 FAILED.

YES 750

NO 928

Lease between the Town of Littleton and Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

Article 12. To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 20-year lease with the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council for the property known as the Senior Center on Riverglen Lane under the same terms as the existing lease. This is a renewal of the existing lease on the same terms.

ARTICLE 12 PASSED.

YES 1493

NO 240

Lease between the Town of Littleton and the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce

Article 13. *To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease with the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for approximately 1,000 square feet of office space in the Littleton Town Building, on the Union Street level under the terms negotiated and agreed upon by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Littleton.*

ARTICLE 13 PASSED.

YES 1410

NO 313

Lease between the Town of Littleton and the Littleton Area Historical Society

Article 14. *To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease with the Littleton Area Historical Society for approximately 4,000 square feet of office space in the Littleton Town Building, on the Riverview level under the terms negotiated and agreed upon by the Littleton Area Historical Society and the Town of Littleton.*

ARTICLE 14 PASSED.

YES 1479

NO 251

Discontinue Completely a Portion of the Old Cross Dells Road

Article 15. To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to discontinue completely a 6000 square foot portion of the Old Cross Dells Road depicted on Tax Map 76. Tax Map 76 shows that the parcel in question runs from the right-of-way for I-93 to the right-of-way for the Dells Road and has properties owned by Mrs. Fred Gilbert on both sides.

ARTICLE 15 PASSED.

YES 1303

NO 361

Article 16. 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 **\$7,460,049** (seven million, four hundred sixty thousand, forty-nine dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$8,332,219** (eight million three hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred nineteen 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 Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 16 PASSED.

YES 964

NO 794

Replacement of Town Office Servers and Work Stations,

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$35,000** (thirty-five thousand dollars) in order to replace two servers and fifteen work stations, and necessary software, in the Town Offices, said amount to come from the undesignated fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 17 PASSED.

YES 996

NO 735

Replace Emergency Generator, Fire Station

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$28,000** (twenty-eight thousand dollars) in order to replace the emergency generator at the Fire Station, said amount to come from the undesignated fund balance. Furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for such purpose.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 18 PASSED.

YES 1113

NO 633

Transfer Station Materials Handling Vehicle

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,433.00** (thirty thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars) to purchase a Skid-Steer Loader appropriately configured to handle various materials at the Transfer Station. This equipment will replace a comparable but older Bobcat 773 currently in use. Furthermore, to partially fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of **\$19,933** (nineteen thousand nine hundred thirty three dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund created for the above purposes. The remainder of the purchase price will derive from a grant received from NH the Beautiful in the amount of **\$5,500.00** (five thousand five hundred dollars) and the trade-in credit for the Bobcat 773 equal to **\$5,000.00** (five thousand dollars).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 19 PASSED.

YES 1273

NO 490

Transfer Station Improvements, Maintenance, Replacement and Repair Funds

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,700** (twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars) to make improvements and replace equipment at the Transfer Station, as follows.

Addition to existing Transfer Station building to include a 10 foot by 12 foot break-lunch room and modifications and improvement to the existing bathroom – Estimated cost **\$14,500.00** (fourteen thousand five hundred dollars)

Replace two (2) Storage Containers – Estimated cost **\$5,500** (five thousand five hundred dollars)

Overlay Pavement, 7,000 sq. ft.; approx. - Estimated cost **\$6,400** (six thousand four hundred dollars)

Furthermore, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of **\$26,700** (twenty-six thousand seven hundred dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund created for the above purposes.

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 20 PASSED.

YES 1259

NO 501

Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2010 annual appropriation, said funds to be placed in the Conservation Fund. The unexpended portion of its 2010 annual appropriation is estimated to be **\$1,281** (one thousand two hundred eighty-one dollars).

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 21 PASSED.

YES 1263

NO 449

PETITIONED ARTICLE(S)

Chamber of Commerce Fireworks

Article 22. To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (six thousand five hundred dollars) to donate to the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or around July 4, 2011.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 22 FAILED.

YES 643

NO 1123

Rescind Provisions of RSA 41:14a

23. To see if the Town will vote to do away with RSA 41:14a taking away the authority of the Selectmen to acquire, sell land, or buildings or both in the Town of Littleton. This Article does not impede them to sell any property acquired through a tax lien. Any sale or acquisition of land or buildings shall have the vote of the voters.

By Petition

ARTICLE 23 PASSED.

YES 1203

NO 510

Eliminate Captain Position in Littleton PD

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to do away with the new position of captain in the Littleton Police Department and take the sum of \$0.00 (Zero dollars) salary allotted to this position plus the sum of \$0.00 (Zero dollars) in benefits, totaling \$0.00 (Zero dollars) from the operating budget of the 2011 Littleton Town Budget, to be effective April 1, 2011.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 24 FAILED.

YES 861

NO 884

Revenue-Producing Leases Approved by Selectmen

Article 25. To see if the Town of Littleton will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into leases of town-owned properties for a period of up to five years. Prior to entering into any lease agreement, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing and disclose the terms and conditions of the lease. The revenue from such leases is to be used to offset town operating expenses. This article shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the town in a subsequent town meeting.

By Petition

ARTICLE 25 PASSED. YES 1238 NO 430

Refinancing Financial Instruments to Save Town Money

Article 26. To see if the Town of Littleton will authorize the Selectmen to refinance any lease, agreement, bond, loan, or contract that would save the town money in interest paid. This article shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the town in a subsequent town meeting.

By Petition

ARTICLE 26 PASSED. YES 1379 NO 301

Social Service Articles

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand, three hundred fifty dollars (\$14,350.00) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS), a non-profit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services. As a Federally Qualified Health center, ACHS provides comprehensive preventive and primary health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 2,017 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those in need.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 27 FAILED. YES 806 NO 909

Boys and Girls Club of the North Country

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to support the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school environment for children from Littleton and other area towns.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 28 FAILED. YES 785 NO 933

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Article 29. 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, that serves the needs of Seniors in the community.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 29 FAILED.

YES 739

NO 969

Child and Family Services

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 (one thousand, five hundred dollars) to enable residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income from Child and Family Services. Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2009—July 30 2010, one hundred thirty-six (136) residents received 2,065 units of service and 926 days of supportive housing valued at over \$166,000 from Child and Family Services. In addition 122 residents participated in our semi-annual Days of Sharing, clothing, toy and school supply giveaway.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 30 FAILED.

YES 782

NO 929

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services provided by the Littleton Area Senior Center, the adult in-home care program, and ServiceLink for Littleton residents. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, adult in-home care, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2010, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 691 Littleton residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$345,098.80.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 31 PASSED.

YES 1030

NO 700

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,725.00 (nineteen thousand, seven hundred twenty-five dollars) for the support of the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc., in the fiscal year 2011 for the residents of Littleton, NH.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 32 PASSED.

YES 958

NO 788

North Country Transit

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars) to support the North Country Transit, Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-Town Public Transit Route.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 33 FAILED.

YES 831

NO 916

North Country YMCA

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) for the purpose of the North Country YMCA, Inc.'s multitude of intergenerational programs offered throughout the year to families and citizens of the Town of Littleton (especially, but not limited to the Lakeway S.A.F.E. After School Program, summer Soccer & Field Hockey camps, the Gilbert R. Rhoads Memorial Track Meet & the Youth and Government Program).

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 34 FAILED.

YES 764

NO 980

Northern Human Services

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,696.00 (nine thousand, six hundred ninety-six dollars) as the town's contribution to the Northern Human and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and development service needs of Littleton residents.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 35 FAILED.

YES 673

NO 1068

Tri-County Community Action Program

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800.00 (ten thousand, eight hundred dollars) to support the Community Contact Office providing Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, emergency food, security loans and other services to the residents of Littleton. From July 2009 to June 2010, Littleton residents received \$535,237 in services.

By Petition

Not Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 36 PASSED.

YES 881

NO 867

The Northern Pass

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to oppose the Northern Pass Power Transmission Project as proposed and to request that the North Country Council undertake a comprehensive analysis of the regional impact of the project.

ARTICLE 37 PASSED.

YES 1135

NO 580