

**TOWN OF LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE "SECOND SESSION" MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2017**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectman	Franco Rossi	561 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Stanley T. Fillion	1107 votes
Park Commissioner	Danielle Lafitte Cook	1023 votes
Library Trustees (3) 3 year term	Janice (Jani) Fillion	975 votes
	Joseph Evans	813 votes
	Judith Dean	47 votes
Library Trustee (1) 2 year term	Kim De Lutis	61 votes

ARTICLES

Article 02: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to extend the boundaries of the Industrial Zone to include a 115 acre parcel of property which abuts the current Industrial Zone, which is owned by Littleton Industrial Development Corporation and identified as Map/Lot 102-7? The property is currently in the Rural Zone. (2/3 Vote Required.)

No Tax Impact. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-1.

YES 704 NO 541

ARTICLE 2 FAILED.

Article 03: Sewer Storm Water Roadway Project Bond 2018

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of Repair and Replacement of Sewer Lines within the existing wastewater collection system, and any other costs related thereto and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project . WITH THE AMOUNT OF SUCH BONDS OR NOTES TO BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT, and further to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required).

No Tax Impact in 2017.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 945 NO 290

ARTICLE 3 PASSED.

Article 04: 2017 Operating Budget

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 purposes set forth therein, totaling \$8,730,879 (Eight Million Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars)? Should this article be

defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,666,901 Dollars (Eight Million Six Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred One 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.

Estimated Tax Impact \$7.586 Per Thousand.

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 772 NO 466

ARTICLE 4 PASSED.

Article 05: Police Department Safety Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars), for the purpose of purchasing, installing and improving Police Cruisers with updated safety and communications equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the Special Detail Revenue Fund. And to further authorize the Police Chief to trade in or sell older equipment.

No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 920 NO 329

ARTICLE 5 PASSED.

Article 06: Highway Department Light Duty Truck (3 Year Lease)

To See if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement in the amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of leasing a new or used Light Duty Truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement has an escape clause.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.042 Per Thousand.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 704 NO 526

ARTICLE 6 PASSED.

Article 07: Full Time Highway Employee (9 Months)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,867 (Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars) for the purpose of increasing the current level of staffing for the Highway Department.

The nine month estimated cost for 2017 is \$40,867, the full year cost is estimated to be \$54,711 and if approved the full cost will be added to the 2018 default and proposed budget.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.069 Per Thousand.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 629 NO 596

ARTICLE 7 PASSED.

Article 08: Part Time Highway Department Summer Laborer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of hiring a part time summer laborer in the Highway Department. If approved the part time summer laborer cost will be added to the 2018 default and proposed budget.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.014 Per Thousand.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 742 NO 483

ARTICLE 7 PASSED.

Article 09: Road Improvements

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 Repairing and Improving various roads in Town. The road improvement planned for 2017 is parts of Mt. Eustis road. Any savings realized on this project will be used for and expended on other Town roads.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.208.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 983 NO 248

ARTICLE 9 PASSED.

Article 10: Transfer Station Repair/Replacement/Equipment/Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) to replace, fix, purchase and maintain Transfer Station equipment, buildings, containers, vehicles and the purchase of an additional supply of bags. And to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund created for the above purposes.

No Tax Impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 1022 NO 214

ARTICLE 10 PASSED.

Article 11: Transfer Station Baler and Conveyor

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement in the amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of leasing a new or used Baler and Conveyor System at the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.042 Per Thousand.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 803 NO 422

ARTICLE 11 PASSED.

Article 12: SEA (Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement for two (2) years reached between the Board of Selectmen and the State Employees' Association, Local 1984, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimate

2017 \$7,281

2018 \$21,529

2019 \$6,392

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,281 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One Dollars) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.010.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0. 1

Abstained.

YES 723 NO 504

ARTICLE 12 PASSED.

Article 13: Special Town Meeting

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

No Tax impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 3-1.

YES 849 NO 382

ARTICLE 13 PASSED.

Article 14: AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the two (2) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1348 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017 \$ 5,969
2018 \$12,670
2019 \$ 3,649

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,969 (Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.008.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 710 NO 516

ARTICLE 14 PASSED.

Article 15: Special Town Meeting

Shall the Town of Littleton, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?

No Tax Impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 816 NO 413

ARTICLE 15 PASSED.

Article 16: Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210 (Two Hundred and Ten Dollars) to be placed in the Conservation Commission Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This amount represents the unexpended portion of the Conservation Commission's 2016 appropriation.

No Tax Impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 1024 NO 204

ARTICLE 16 PASSED.

Article 17: Amend Lease Limit Amount

To see if the Town will amend the lease restrictions that were placed on the Town at the 2006 Town Meeting Warrant Article #35 a \$20,000 limit on leases. The amendment would increase the limit to \$65,000 (Sixty Five Thousand Dollars).

No Tax Impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 0-0.

YES 716 NO 504

ARTICLE 17 PASSED.

Article 18: Opera House Energy Reduction Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,200 (Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of demolition, construction, air sealing and insulating areas on the Littleton Opera House as identified in Energy Audit report to reduce energy usage, and to further authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants and other funds available for this purpose. And to authorize the

Selectmen to accept a grant of \$20,537 as offsetting revenue for this article.

Estimated savings to tax payers is 3,789 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine) gallons of propane per year.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.030.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0.

YES 788 NO 450

ARTICLE 18 PASSED.

Article 19: Opera House Stage Rigging

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to install and/or replace the rigging on the stage at the Opera House as required per safety code NFPA 1983. And to further authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Opera House Special Revenue Fund to offset this cost.

No Tax Impact.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0.

YES 819 NO 417

ARTICLE 19 PASSED.

Article 20: Remich Park Building Replacement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of placing into the already established in 2015 the Remich Park Building Replacement Fund Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.028.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Not Recommended by Budget Committee 4-1.

YES 704 NO 532

ARTICLE 20 PASSED.

Article 21: Petitioned Warrant Article Littleton Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to support the Downtown Beautification efforts of the Littleton Chamber of Commerce.

Purchase Downtown Flowers \$4,250

Watering Downtown Flowers \$3,500

Downtown Piano Tuning & Covers \$5,000

Purchase Downtown Umbrellas \$ 400

Purchase Holiday Decorations \$1,850

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.021 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0.

Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 741 NO 479

ARTICLE 21 PASSED.

Article 22: Petitioned Warrant Article Glenwood Cemetery Association

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) to continue repairs of the cemetery wall on West Main Street.

Estimated Tax Impact \$.020 per Thousand.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0.

YES 896 NO 323

ARTICLE 22 PASSED.

Article 23: Petitioned Warrant Article Littleton Community Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to support a donation to the Littleton Community Center Capital Reserve Improvement Fund towards the purchase and installation of new, energy efficient storm windows.

Estimated Tax Impact \$.021 Per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Not Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 594 NO 615

ARTICLE 23 FAILED.

Article 24: Petitioned Warrant Article Library Building Improvement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the "Library Building Improvement Fund," which was created at the 2014 Town Meeting, said funds to come from taxation.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.021 per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Not Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

YES 578 NO 642

ARTICLE 24 FAILED.

Article 25: Petitioned Warrant Article Grafton County Senior Center

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Littleton residents in 2017?

These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support services for 696 Littleton residents, and ServiceLink provided services for

106 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$403,151.85.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.047 per Thousand.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 858 NO 363

ARTICLE 25 PASSED.

Article 26: Petitioned Warrant Article Boys & Girls Club

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

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.014 Per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 702 NO 518

ARTICLE 26 PASSED.

Article 27: Petitioned Warrant Article Support Center at Burch House

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,080 (Three Thousand Eighty Dollars) for the Support Center at Burch House. These funds will support essential domestic and sexual violence prevention services and emergency shelter for victims and survivors in the community.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.004 Per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 715 NO 509

ARTICLE 27 PASSED.

Article 28: Petitioned Warrant Article Northern Human Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,696 (Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six Dollars) as the Town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Littleton residents.

Tax Impact \$0.013.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 693 NO 531

ARTICLE 28 PASSED.

Article 29: Petitioned Warrant Article Tri County Transit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) in support of the Tri Town Public Bus Service.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.015 Per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 778 NO 442

ARTICLE 29 PASSED.

Article 30: Petitioned Warrant Article Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 (Eleven Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Littleton.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.015 per Thousand.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 746 NO 478

ARTICLE 30 PASSED.

Article 31: Petitioned Warrant Article Ammonoosuc Community Health Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 2,119 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those in need.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02 Per Thousand.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 761 NO 467

ARTICLE 31 PASSED.

Article 32: Petitioned Warrant Article Caleb Caregivers

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) for support of Caleb Caregivers Inc., a non-profit organization helping seniors live independently.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.010.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1. 1 Abstained.

YES 792 NO 439

ARTICLE 32 PASSED.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

**JUDITH F. WHITE
LITTLETON TOWN CLERK**