

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 TOWN MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF WEBSTER  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

*Moderator David Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:00am in the Webster Town Hall.*

*Sarah Mason announced the Webster PTO is hosting a Town-wide Yard Sale on May 4th. Sally Embley announced the Conservation Commission is hosting the 7th Annual Roadside Cleanup as a week-long event from April 22nd to April 27th.*

*Moderator Richardson addressed the rules of order for the meeting; which were found on page 8 of the Town Report. He also announced the appointment of Mike Jette as Assistant Moderator for this meeting.*

*He invited Gordon Welch to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Select Board Chair Michael Borek presented a slide presentation highlighting the completion of performance evaluations, revisions to the Personnel Policy and the promotion of Leslie Palmer to Town Administrator. He explained the Clothespin Bridge project remains on schedule. One half of the Deer Meadow Road project started in 2018 and should be finished in 2019 pending funding from Pillsbury Lake District's water system. The oad preservation completed projects were Province, Winnepocket, Mutton (75%), and Clough Sanborn Hill (67%) Roads. Dustin Road and Little Hill Road were also worked on.*

*Road Preservation Projects slated for 2019 will be to complete Mutton Road and Clough Sanborn Hill Road and work on Call Road, Pleasant Street and Manchester Drive. \$64,275 is presently in the Expendable Trust Fund and will be used to work on White Plains Road.*

*A Salt Shed Committee was formed to determine a new site and a Scenic Road Committee completed a policy to address future maintenance on scenic roads.*

*Select Board Chair Borek thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Road Agent. He stated the Master Plan and Hazard Mitigation policies were updated and thanked everyone involved. He explained the Town's operating budget will increase 2%, capital reserve will decrease by 2%, Expendable Trust Funds will increase by 4% and the overall budget will increase about 4%. The proposed 2019 tax rate would be \$22.23. He explained that an increase/decrease of \$10,000 would change the tax rate by roughly \$.05/\$1,000 or \$10 for a \$200,000 home.*

*Select Board Member Nanci Schofield thanked outgoing Select Board Chairman Mike Borek for his four years on the Board.*

*The Moderator read the results of the Town Election held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The official ballot portion of Town Meeting:*

Article 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. **(BY BALLOT)**

OFFICE	TERM	NAME	# OF VOTES
Selectman	3 yrs	Bianca Acebron Peco	186
		Raymond Scott	162
Moderator	1 yr	Mike Jette	249
Cemetery Trustee	3 yrs	Matthew Cummings	194
		Craig Fournier	113
Library Trustee	3 yrs	Martin Bender	311
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 yrs	Therese Larson	312

Article 2: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement whereby Hopkinton Solar, LLC will lease land owned by the Town at the Transfer Station, 491 East Penacook Road. Further, the lease period shall not exceed a period of forty-one (41) years from the date upon which the solar farm is commissioned and authorized to*

generate electricity under local and state regulations. The lease shall include various easements to facilitate operation of the solar farm. The purpose of the lease is to enable Hopkinton Solar, LLC to construct and operate a solar farm on land owned by the Towns of Hopkinton and Webster at the Transfer Station. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0**

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by Select Board Member Schofield.*

*The Moderator opened the article for discussion with Select Board Chair Borek explaining that the site is 133 acres and wide open to the sun and there would be no expense to the towns. The lease would pay \$1,000 per acre. Jane Difley asked if the income would go to the landfill operations and if the easements mentioned in the article were for access to the site and if they would be permanent. Select Board Chair Borek answered that the income would go towards the operating budget of the landfill and the easements will be clarified in the negotiations.*

*Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 3: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of covering expenses related to annual municipal property maintenance and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; and further to name the Select Board as Agents to Expend from said fund until rescinded. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Member Schadler and seconded by Select Board Chair Borek.*

*The Moderator opened the article for discussion.*

*There being no discussion, the Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 4: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to establish the compensation for the Town Clerk, in accordance with RSA 41:25, as follows: \$35,000 per annum, in lieu of statutory fees, to be paid on a bi-weekly basis, and health insurance. The Town Clerk shall be open to the public a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week, which includes evening and/or weekend hours and an additional four (4) hours during the last week of the month. (Majority Vote Required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Member Schofield and seconded by the Select Board.*

*Select Board Member Schofield explained the article does not change what the Town has paid in the past. The salary is equivalent to the previously paid combined stipend and fees paid to the Town Clerk with a 2% cost-of-living allowance as the only increase. The health insurance has been included in the budget for the past several years. She explained the hours noted were only the hours open to the public and set as a minimum for the position.*

*Several residents spoke in support of this article noting the importance of the position and the high-level of training required.*

*Tara Gunnigle questioned the legality of adding a cost-of-living increase to an elected official's salary. Select Board Member Schofield explained elected officials submit their budget to the Select Board and it is not*

*automatically given to them by the Select Board. Tara Gunnigle asked if the health insurance provided in the article would be pro-rated for approximately 16 hours per week, single-person plan and if there would be a co-pay of 15% by the elected official with the Town covering the remaining 85%. Select Board Member Schofield answered it would not be prorated and clarified this article is written to support a qualified resident for the position. She stated there are towns that offer their elected officials benefits including health insurance, retirement, dental and more. Tara Gunnigle asked if this article included sick time and vacation. Select Board Chair Borek explained the Personnel Policy does not pertain to elected officials and it cannot be referenced or compared. Select Board Member Schofield could not answer Gunnigle's question about how many people would be covered under the insurance because of the HIPPA laws.*

*The Moderator clarified the article was about the Town Clerk's position and not the current Town Clerk.*

*Jon Pearson stated the Town Clerk is already getting insurance but the article is asking to provide health insurance for future Town Clerks. Select Board Member Schadler clarified the article is not about the current Town Clerk but is about the elected position. The Board presented this article to attract a qualified resident and be competitive and take it away from the individual with a combined position.*

*The Moderator tried to clarify by stating the cost of the insurance was in the budget and voted on by the taxpayers. If the town approved the budget and the money was in the budget, it was approved.*

*Jon Pearson requested a ballot vote and presented the Moderator with his request. Bruce Johnson asked for verification that the individuals on the list were present and a registered voter in town. The Moderator tasked Supervisor of the Checklist Sarah Chalsma with verifying five names on the list.*

*Jeff Weber spoke in favor stating the Town Clerk has been "the face of Webster" since he moved to Webster. Tom Clark dittoed. Brendan Merchant mentioned the repercussions if the Town Clerk were to leave and there was no one certified then vehicles could not be registered.*

*George Cummings highlighted the performance required of this complex position and moved the question. It was seconded.*

*The Moderator did not accept the motion because there was no one at the microphone to speak and it would require an unnecessary vote but then someone asked the Moderator to speak.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to move the question before allowing the individual to speak.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

*The Moderator invited Supervisor of the Checklist Chairman Sarah Chalsma forward to explain the ballot voting process. He then clarified a "YES" was to pass Article 4 and "NO" was to not pass the article. He displayed the empty ballot box.*

*A break was taken to allow voters to cycle through the ballot vote process.*

*The Moderator skipped Article 5 until the votes of Article 4 were counted because it was contingent on the results.*

*Bruce Johnson questioned whether it was necessary to skip Article 5 because it did not say to "raise and appropriate" only to "establish the funding". Jamie Dow stated the article (4) was entered as a monetary article and article 5 would need to be adjusted if 4 passed. The Moderator decided to skip to Article 6.*

Article 6: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$318,500 to be added to the following established Capital Reserve Funds under RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

Fire Department – Air Packs	20,000
Bridge/Culvert Improvements	75,000
Fire Department – Dry Hydrant Repairs	2,000
Reappraisal	5,000
Town Hall Improvements	2,500
Police Cruiser	15,000
Emergency Apparatus	50,000
Fire Department – Bunker Gear	2,500
Public Safety Building	2,500
Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Station	4,000
Police Equipment	1,500
Highway Equipment	7,500
Medical Equipment	6,000
Highways and Roads	125,000

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by Select Board Member Schofield.*

*Select Board Chair Borek explained this money is put away for future expenses and the amounts are recommended by the Capital Improvement Plan Committee.*

*Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Dubuc made a motion to amend the Public Safety Building amount to \$5,000. He explained the Public Safety Building is getting older and gave examples such as the heating systems and floors. The Moderator called for a second to the amendment. John Clark seconded the motion.*

*The Moderator called for discussion to the proposed amendment. There being no discussion, he called for a voice vote to amend the Public Safety Building line item to \$5,000.*

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

*Sue Roberts asked if any money was being slated for the Highway Land Trust Fund for the ability to acquire land for the new salt shed. Select Board Chair Borek said there was \$246,590.05 in the fund and the Board felt it was sufficient. No decisions have yet been made as to the cost and location of the new salt shed.*

*The Moderator asked for further questions. There being none, the Moderator called for a voice vote on the amended article (new total of \$321,000).*

**AMENDED ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 7: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$222,500** to add to the following established Expendable Trust Funds per RSA 31:19-a. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

Forest Fire	2,000
Legal (Webster)	8,000
Highway	5,000
Fire Department Equipment	5,000
Compensated Absences	2,500
Road Preservation	200,000

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by Select Board Member Schofield.*

*Select Board Chair Borek explained this article was recommended by the Capital Improvement Plan Committee for expenses needed during the year.*

*There being no further discussion, the Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 8: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,000** for the repair of the Public Safety Building parking lot on the south side of the building. (Majority Vote Required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*The Moderator noted it was moved and seconded by the Select Board.*

*Town Administrator Palmer stated this has been identified as a high-priority project in the Capital Improvement Plan written in 2017. Road Agent Bean provided the Select Board with estimates in 2018 for paving and site work. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised in December 2018 with a mandatory walk through and one contractor attended providing a proposal for \$34,620 and advised a 15% contingency for pricing of the asphalt cement. This covers any price increases for that commodity; however, a refund would be given if the price decreases.*

*John Clark requested Road Agent Bean speak on the drainage at the site and what some of the problems were.*

*Road Agent Bean stated he was asked by Mike Borek to provide costs to rebuild in July 2018. He described at length what needed to be done to fix the problem. He challenged the dimensions given in the RFP and stated he could do the project for \$6,000 more with a larger area covered.*

*Craig Fournier questioned the drainage problem and if there was a perimeter drain around the parking lot. Leslie Palmer explained the PSB's drainage plans were given to the bidding contractor.*

*Bill Pearson questioned the type and amount of hot top that would be used on the project. Leslie Palmer answered that "100 tons of fine-grade compact, approximately 51x62 (352 SY) of pave binder, 3" compacted, 2" compacted" State-approved mix design that the contractor would be using? Leslie Palmer answered, yes and the reference follow ups said that was used.*

*Charles Petruccelli questioned why the bid was not reconsidered given the Road Agent was in such disagreement. He suggested having a review of the project by a civil engineer, so the project is done properly.*

*Gaye Farnsworth suggested using Road Agent Bean's opinion and to vote down the article.*

*Robert Pearson asked for a definition of Request for Proposal and if the Select Board reviewed the proposal before it was advertised. He questioned why the projects in town are not receiving more bids. Town Administrator Palmer clarified the process as described in the Town's Purchasing Policy. There are two*

*different ways for projects over \$10,000: three proposals or administer a Request for Proposal process. The Road Agent did not submit a proposal nor attend the mandatory walk-through. The contractor was to provide their solution to fix the problem.*

*Ray Scott recommended including specifications in future RFPs. He made a motion to amend the article to increase the dollar amount. The motion was not accepted by the Moderator because he did not follow procedure by offering the amendment before he began his discussion.*

*Melissa Muzzy asked if the Select Board has already awarded the contract to R &D. The answer is Yes*

*Cyndel Donoghue spoke in support of the Road Agent's proposal and has not "steered us wrong".*

*The Moderator clarified only the money in the article can be changed, not who the contract is awarded to.*

*Select Board Member Schadler stated that the process needs to be respected and only one bid was submitted from the RFP. The Road Agent only submitted an estimate.*

*John Clark asked if the article could be amended to add the money into the Public Safety Capital budget. Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham clarified that the article's intent cannot be changed and could not be added to a Capital Reserve Fund. Department of Revenue Administration would refuse to accept the change. It was discussed that the article could be voted down and the earlier Capital Reserve article could be amended.*

*Susan Roman asked if there is a bond required. Mike Borek explained Leslie has contacted three references and a bond was requested.*

*Roger Becker made the motion to move the question. It was seconded by Select Board Chair Borek.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to move the question.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

*The Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote. The voice vote was undetermined, and the Moderator called for a card vote.*

**FAILED BY CARD VOTE.**

Article 4 – Results

*The Moderator announced the results of the ballot vote for Article 4.*

**YES –121**

**NO – 44.**

**PASSED BY BALLOT VOTE.**

Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 2, 3 and 4

*Select Board Chair Borek made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 2, 3 and 4; seconded by Renee Doucette.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration on Articles 2, 3 and 4.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 6, 7 and 8

*Julie Nudd made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 6, 7 and 8; seconded by Renee Doucette.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration on Articles 6, 7 and 8.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 5: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,493,376** for general municipal operations. This article does not include*

appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0**

*The Moderator noted it was moved and seconded by the Select Board.*

*The Moderator opened the article for discussion.*

*Jamie Dow made a motion to amend Article 5 to \$1,458,376. She explained this was because the pay for the Town Clerk was included in both Articles 4 and 5. Due to the passing of Article 4, the \$35,000 is not needed in Article 5. Several seconds to the motion were made.*

*The Moderator called for discussion to the proposed amendment. There being no discussion, he called for a voice vote to amend the total of Article 5 to \$1,458,376.*

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

*The Moderator asked for further questions. The Moderator reread the Article as amended and called for a voice vote.*

**AMENDED ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Restrict Reconsideration of Article 5.**

*Select Board Chair Borek made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 5; seconded by Roger Becker.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration on Article 5.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Article 9:** *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000** for the purchase of 15 radios and a bank of chargers to replace those at the Fire Department. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by the Select Board.*

*The Moderator opened the article for discussion. Select Board Chair Borek explained this was the other half of the money to replace the Fire Department's radios to match that voted in last year.*

*The Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Article 10:** *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year under the provisions of RSA 31:98-a for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,900** to put into the fund. This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount will be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Majority vote required) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*The Moderator noted it was moved by and seconded by the Select Board.*

*Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham explained this new line item will only be used if the budget was overspent. Otherwise it would stay in the fund and not be used.*

*The Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Article 11:** *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to help offset the cost of the bond for "Funds to Repair Dam" passed*

at the Pillsbury Lake Water District Special Meeting held August 5, 2006. (Majority vote required)  
**The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0**

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by the Select Board.*

*Select Board Chair Borek explained this was the 13<sup>th</sup> year with seven years remaining.*

*There being no discussion. The Moderator called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 12: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Revolving Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of purchasing or replacing Police Department vehicles and equipment. All Special Detail Funds, less salary, taxes and retirement benefits paid to Webster police personnel, will be deposited into this 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 surplus. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)* **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0**

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by Select Board Member Schadler.*

*Police Chief Adams explained the fund will have no tax impact. A portion of money earned from a police detail will be added to the fund to help offset the cost of cruisers and equipment.*

*There being no discussion. The Moderator called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12

*Select Board Chair Borek made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12; seconded by Renee Doucette.*

*The Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration on Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 13: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance, as authorized by RSA 261.157-a, waiving the fee to be charged for a permit to register one (1) motor vehicle owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days or more while serving in a qualified war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, V, and who was honorably discharged, provided the person has provided the Town Clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances. (Majority vote required)* **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0**

*The Moderator noted it was moved by Select Board Chair Borek and seconded by the Select Board Member Schadler.*

*Town Clerk Michele Derby explained the article expands the license plate types that are allowed for qualifying disabled veterans to receive a free registration. The Town is required to vote before the Town's portion of the vehicle registration is waived.*

*There being no discussion, the Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 14: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or*



spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:38 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be **\$500**, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran' tax credit voted by the Town of Webster under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required)

*The Moderator called for a motion to consider the article. It was moved by Roger Becker and seconded.*

*George Gagnon explained each town is required to vote on this exemption before it can be offered. It broadens the opportunity for veterans to receive a tax credit.*

*The Moderator explained the similar Article 15 was the petitioned article but not written appropriately. Should Article 14 pass, Article 15 would be passed over.*

*Dan Nudd asked where the money from the credits would come from because the number of eligible veterans is uncertain. He wanted to know how the Town would pay for it.*

*Land Use Coordinator Therese Larson stated the current optional veterans' credit of \$500 or \$2,000, for fully disabled veterans, applied to 89 veterans for a total of \$51,500 per year.*

*The Moderator reread the Article and called for a voice vote.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

*Select Board Chair Borek made a motion to table Article 15; seconded.*

*The Moderator called for a vote to table Article 15.*

**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Article 15: This petition is for the application of RSA 72:28-b "All Veteran Tax Credit." That the state of NH has adopted this, however, all towns have to vote on it. With your signature, I hope to get Webster to agree via Select Board meeting to see to it Webster supports its veterans. 1% of the U.S. serves in the military. 10% of all vets actually go to combat. All of our training is life threatening. I'm disabled service connected 60% yet cannot get it in Webster at this time. Your signature will help this change. (Submitted by petition)

Article 16: *The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the purpose of ongoing restoration/painting of the Old Meeting House. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Submitted by petition) **The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0***

*Judy Jones spoke on behalf of the historical society explaining the Old Meeting House needs extensive repairs and asked for the Town's help in preserving this historical building. State Historian Jim Garvin is advising in the preservation project and has determined moisture is causing the paint to peel. A plan is in place to address the moisture problem, repaint the building and repair the windows. Access to the crawl space under the building is necessary and requires the addition of a stairway. Currently, the only access is through the foundation windows. A moisture barrier will be added under the building. The cost for renovations will exceed the money already saved.*

*Roger Becker made a motion to amend the article to provide that no more money will be given to the Society until an audit is performed by a CPA. Sally Embley seconded the motion. "No additional money until an audit."*

*Barbara Corliss, Treasurer of the historical society welcomed anyone to review the books. The Restoration Account currently has \$145,000. She stated that estimates to renovate the Old Meeting House would be*

approximately \$200,000. The \$25,000 voted by the Town at the 2017 Town Meeting remains in the Restoration Account.

The Moderator addressed the open amendment that no more monies would be given in the future until an audit is performed.

More discussion followed with Roger Becker stating it was a matter of transparency and John Clark speaking in favor of the building's preservation.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purposes of ongoing restoration/painting of the Old Meeting House. With no more monies coming in the future without an audit."

**AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE**

Select Board Member Nanci Schofield asked about the status of the windows at the Old Meeting House. Barbara Corliss explained that Jim Garvin the NH Architectural Historian has taken moisture readings and needs access to the crawl space. A hole needs to be cut in the floor and a staircase added for access. An architectural carpenter will be adding stairs to the basement and the electrical box is in the basement. She provided, in order of priority, first the staircase, second electrical and then the outside/windows.

Emmet Bean made a motion to amend the article from \$5,000 to \$10,000; seconded by John Clark.

The Moderator asked for discussion on the amendment. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment.

**AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Moderator reread the amended Article and called for a voice vote.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 16 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

The Moderator reminded newly-elected officials to come forward after the meeting to be sworn in. He drew attention to the new all-women select board.

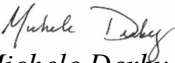
Article 17: The Moderator read the Article in its entirety, To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Robert Pearson asked about the solar array and the money received to offset the electric bill. Select Board Member Schadler explained the solar array was not put in place for all of 2018 and the money earned is for a partial year (Feb-Dec). He raised concerns over the money received vs. the electricity expense for the town.

The Moderator directed Robert Pearson to discuss his concerns at a Select Board Meeting.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michele Derby  
Town Clerk