

## **Combined 2021 Hancock Annual Town Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Hancock's Annual Town Meeting for 2021 was executed using the provisions formally titled "HB 1129-8:3 Temporary Optional Town Meeting Procedures; State of Emergency." The provision required a sequence of meetings and procedures that we followed.

For the record here are the execution details for those provisions:

- Saturday, February 27th, we held our First Informational Meeting
- Wednesday, March 3rd, we held our Second Informational Meeting in which the warrant was amended and the amended warrant was formatted into the Alternative Ballot also referred to as the Warrant-Only ballot.
- Tuesday, March 9th, was our Annual Town Meeting for the respective Town Election and was held at the Hancock Elementary School for both Walk-in and Drive-up voting.

Below are the minutes for each of those meetings.

Regards,

Richard Haskins  
Hancock Town Moderator

## **TOWN OF HANCOCK**

### **MINUTES FOR THE FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

On February 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., Moderator Richard Haskins opened the Town of Hancock's First Informational Meeting by introducing those present: the Selectboard members Laurie Bryan, Kurt Grassett and Jeff Brown; Town Clerk Joan Joseph; Town Administrator Jonathan Coyne; Chief Tom Horne and Director of Public Works Tyler Howe.

He explained that this is not a Town Meeting but we are here to review the Warrant and the articles therein in preparation for making a "Warrant-Only" (Alternative) Ballot for you the voters to act upon instead of the annual in-person Town Meeting. This Warrant-Only ballot will be one of three ballots that you will receive during the Election Day, Tuesday March 9, 2021 when voting at the Hancock Elementary School.

Moderator Haskins then explained the protocols for the meeting. For those connecting with us today via a Zoom Conference Call please show your full name and if you have any questions please enter them through Zoom Chat. Those connecting only via a phone please "raise your hand" by entering \*9 and we will un-mute you and ask that you please state your name. All speakers will direct their remarks to the Moderator

Moderator Haskins explained that he would read the beginning of the Warrant and then each Article. He'll then ask the principal speaker for the Article to give a brief presentation or statement about the Article. We will address all questions and will proceed through the entire Warrant in this manner. Unlike normal Town Meetings, we cannot handle amendments – in this process only the Selectboard can amend the Warrant and that will happen during the Second Informational Meeting, March 3, 2021.

Moderator Haskins then started by reading the Town Warrant (original warrant text is bolded):

#### **Town of Hancock New Hampshire Warrant 2021**

**The inhabitants of the Town of Hancock in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs; you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hancock Elementary School on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021 at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven of the o'clock in the afternoon to vote on ballot of Town Officers and other matters requiring ballot vote to act upon the following subjects:**

**Article 01 To Choose Town Officers  
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.**

**Article 02 Prerequisite Question on Alternative Ballot  
To see if the Town will vote to approve the optional meeting procedures as outlined in House Bill (HB) 1129. If this optional procedure is not approved by a simple majority, all other warrant articles shall be deemed disapproved. However, the election of officers and action on other items on the Official Ballot will be effective. Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Moderator Haskins then explained that in the recent months the Selectboard has considered the safety issues of having an in-person Town Meeting. The Selectboard also considered the timing with regard to putting the 2021 projects out to bid and ordering equipment. With all of these concerns, the Selectboard has chosen to use the procedures that the State Legislature provided to us via HB1129. Their decision means that there will be NO in-person Town Meeting this year. We will be having these two Informational Meetings via Zoom prior to voting on the Warrant Articles via an Alternative Ballot during Election Day on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

So, this is the first of those informational meetings and I appreciate what the Selectboard went through to decide and I think it is appropriate. If there are concerns about this, now is the time to put them in Chat.

### **Article 03      Operating Budget**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,695,136 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Laurie Bryan spoke to the article: This year our goal was to keep a level funded budget and we came very close, the budget for 2021 is about \$7,700 higher than it was in 2020. We then realized there were 53 pay periods and it bumped it up \$7,700 up over last year. If you take a look at this any real changes, it looks like executive is up and financial is down. The real reason for that is that we have gone to the new account system, so some budget lines have changed. The accounts have changed around, so actually we moved some from assessing into executive; so that's an even situation. In the Legal line item, we've dropped down \$15,000 as we don't feel we are going to be needing that. Health Insurance is down some because of who is in the program and some of the adjusted rates. There is an increase in the Police of \$19,500 that is largely due to the fact that we have decided to hire a prosecutor. We have gone in with neighboring towns to have a prosecutor to represent us in court, which we feel this is going to allow the police to do more work for the Town of Hancock by being present in town, doing more community things and less time on the phone, waiting for court and going to court. Let's let the professionals who are trained in legal work do the legal work and our Police officers do what they are really trained for. The Police were spending about 25 hours a week doing prosecution related work. Solid waste is up a little bit, that's the hauling cost. The offset, the place where we came up with the largest reductions was in our debt service. One of our truck leases has been paid off and we renegotiated our interest rate because interest rates came down so we were able to pick up some savings there. That's the nut shell description of the expense side. The income has pretty much stayed level. It is up almost \$1,400. Land use change tax is what people pay when they take land out of current use for development or building and that was up some this year and not sure it's going to go up as high next year so we dropped it \$11,000

### **Article 04      Lease New 22,500 GVW Dump Truck with Plow**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease agreement in the amount of up to \$118,000 for the purpose of leasing a new 22,500 GVW dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Tyler Howe spoke to the article: The goal of this warrant article is to replace the 2013 Dodge Ram 550 truck. With this new truck, it is going to increase the size of the current vehicle but not by a lot. We are going from 19,500 lbs. to 22,500, but with that we are going to get better safety, better visibility and the capability to cover the plow routes, sand routes and other jobs that it does throughout the year. As we did in the past, when we switched from a 350 to a 550, we are basically doing it again. This vehicle does everything, where we go, it goes, it tows everything we tow and it is on every water main repair. It's the second vehicle to the salt runs with the pickup and it does 60% of the dead-end short roads along with many others.

The new truck is a purpose-built vehicle. It's not a vehicle bought right off the lot and we can't just put a plow on it. Another gain to this one is that the truck has the class 4/5 brakes; it has the brakes of our larger six-wheel dump truck. It is also a non-CDL vehicle, which is starting to become a problem with people obtaining a CDL license these days. This is not an additional vehicle. It's getting moved into a position where the Dodge is, the Dodge will step down and the pickup will get stepped down and the van is currently off the road. I just want to be clear on that.

Howard Mansfield of Hancock asked the question as to Why lease?

Tyler Howe said that the lease is not your typical car lease, it's a municipal lease. We are going to do a three-year municipal lease and at the end of that we pay one dollar and it does not go back to the dealer it actually stays with us. It's just the way they worked it out and how they titled it.

#### **Article 05 Purchase & Outfit Police Vehicle**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$55,000 for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a new police vehicle and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade-in 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and 2013 Ford Explorer. Of this amount \$14,000 is to come from the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund, created by Article 14 in 2016, to offset equipment outfitting expenses; the balance of \$41,000 to come from general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Chief Tom Horne spoke to the article: The general purpose for this warrant article fits in with the vision we have for the police department moving forward, which is to improve efficiencies. The idea here is to trade in the older vehicles which are in failing condition, work to a fleet of two rather a fleet of three, so long as the two vehicles that we have are within their useful life expectancy. We have some processes in place, from an operational standpoint, designed to minimize the consumption of fuel while still being present and afford the town proper police coverage. This Dodge vehicle is a typical SUV style, which I prefer. The Ford Explorer has a new hybrid engine in it this year which has been problematic. I think the Dodge Durango model is a better option for us. It has a V8 opposed to a V6, but still spacious enough to have a prisoner in the back compartment and the rear hatch where we can store equipment. The SUV obviously will struggle on the muddy roads but for the most part would generally satisfy our needs.

Tom Villeneuve of Hancock asked how many years do you get from a cruiser?

Chief Tom Horne said that it is really mileage based. We are under the assumption that we are doing between 20 and 30 thousand miles per vehicle and so the assumption is about 150 thousand mile is when the cruiser should be ready for retirement. So using that as a model anywhere between 6-7 years would be life expectancy for a cruiser.

#### **Article 06 Full Statistical Revaluation**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$32,000 for the purpose of conducting a Full Statistical Revaluation in order to meet the constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. A Full Statistical Revaluation was last performed in 2016. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Jonathan Coyne spoke to the article: Every five years we have to go through a statistical revaluation, it is a state constitutional statutory requirement. The last time we had a full revalue was in 2016 so this the year we have to have one. It's a requirement.

#### **Article 07 Slope Stability Evaluation**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$11,900 for the purpose of performing preliminary geotechnical engineering services for and evaluation of the Old Dublin Road slopes in the vicinity of 45 Old Dublin Road. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Tyler Howe spoke to the article: This is for us to hire an engineering firm to do the geotechnical inspection for a 250-foot section of Old Dublin Road in the area of #45. There are two forms of slope failure, it's on the low side down toward the brook and the retaining wall on the high side. As we all know it's extremely narrow through there. The only way to move forward is to have them do core samples in that certain zone. In that

same zone is the main water line that comes from the chlorinator to feed town which is a 572 foot section of the cast iron. This stability study is necessary before planning the update to the water main and before we can have the engineering done for the road itself. With this we are going to get cost estimates, the necessary environment permits, the remedial options because we are so close to the brook. This all is going to be done with the new gravel road guidelines and routine maintenance. In this area we need to make sure this is done correctly.

#### **Article 08 Bridge Capital Reserve**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Tyler Howe spoke to the article: The proposal is for \$15,000 being contributed into that fund and this is not new. At the moment the balance is only \$14 thousand and change. At the current time we have two red-listed bridges. One on Middle Road and one on Windy Row. The NHDOT red-list bridge funding, which would pay 80% of the municipal bridge replacement, are not accepting applications until 2024 and no money handed out until 2031. We are working on a plan for the Middle Road one and a decision on the Windy Row have not been made at the current time. So, it's pretty crucial that we continue to deposit money into this account.

Tom Villeneuve said that years ago there was talk of rerouting Vatcher Road, on the back of the spillway to do away with the bridge. Is that still being considered?

Tyler Howe responded that there was talk of it but the issue with that is because of the land and the right-aways that the Feds hold there and the wetlands impact, the engineering for that alone would be quite expensive to dive into.

Tim Theberge of Hancock asked if anyone knew how we ended up owning that bridge since the Corps built it?

Tyler Howe responded that we purchased the bridge for one dollar back in 1947.

#### **Article 09 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

David Drasba spoke to the article: Back in 2019 we did a strategic plan for the Meetinghouse looking at our expected expenses and looking back at the history of what we spend annually. We have been putting aside \$5,000 a year for the Meetinghouse for a number of years but going forward looking out 20 years we realized that was not going to be enough to keep up with expenses. So, we are asking to increase that fund for the town share to \$7,000 for this coming year. Ultimately, we would like to get this up to about \$10,000 a year. This would be consistent with what we are spending.

#### **Article 10 Grapevine Community Resource Center**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding The Grapevine family & Community Resource Center programs and services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Nancy MacAlaster spoke to the article: As a staff person and a resident of Hancock I can state that the number of people, particularly since the past year that have been serviced in different ways. It's been quite remarkable how the Grapevine stepped up and adapted to what the needs are.

Moderator Haskins stated that during the budget hearing the respective member for the Grapevine spoke and made their case and received a fair amount of support from the audience, as well as the Budget Advisory Committee that was here at the time. This has been well supported across the years and one question has always been is why not just put it in the budget? We like to see the Grapevine come back in each year and make their case and also give them the opportunity to show the community what they are doing and how important it is.

Tim Theberge said that the Grapevine is a vital community organization that provides services that are a lifeline to people in our community.

Lauren Carney asked if there is a way this can be encouraged to become a part of the budget?

Laurie Bryan said that we will look at again for next year. It's pretty much an annual discussion as to how we handle this and we welcome the input.

#### **Article 11 Grapevine Avenue A Program**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of funding The Grapevine family & Community Resource Center Avenue A programs and services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of funds needed to support The Grapevine Avenue A program, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Tim Theberge spoke to the article: Avenue A is a youth focus division of the Grapevine. For many of our area youths Avenue A experience is the most stable and the safest place for them to be. It's a nurturing environment outside of school for many of the kids that are there. They offer many different programs that our youths use. Obviously, that has changed a little bit over the past year, but they are still providing those resources. One of them is the writing group, if you haven't seen the anthology, I encourage you all to pick-up a copy of that. I believe the library has a copy or two available to you. It really is just a good place to allow these young adults to come together and meet, talk and exchange feelings and emotions with each other. Which is vitally important.

Peri Chickering asked how many kids are served by this program?

Tim Theberge said that he did not have that number but they used to report that every year to us. Jacqueline the director of the program usually provides those statistics on that and it is a good number of students or kids.

Moderator Haskins read the statement that said 53 Hancock residents used Avenue A last fiscal year July1 – June 30. Twenty-eight teenagers participated in the program.

#### **Article 12 Community Volunteer Transportation Company**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of funding The Community Volunteer Transportation Company programs and services for the people of Hancock and the Greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Moderator Haskins spoke to the article: We have a statement that we had received that quoted, I believe this is from the whole company; seventy-one drivers provided just under 2500 rides for 234 individuals in the region. There were forty-five ride requests made by six Hancock residents.

Sheila Mahon spoke to the article: I am on the board of directors for CVCT and I live here in Hancock. I would ask the town to continue to support this organization especially in this time with COVID and CVCT is helping to get individuals who need rides to the vaccine clinics. We have five drivers here in town and are always looking for more people and we are grateful for the support of the town; so hopefully this will pass and CVCT will continue to receive support from the town of Hancock.

Jim Mason a volunteer for CVCT stated that it is a great program and these rides that we give to people really makes a difference in their lives. A lot of people just can't get out of the house to get food and medicine, I think it's a great program.

### **Article 13 Acceptance of Dedicated Streets**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will delegate to the Selectboard the authority to accept dedicated streets pursuant to RSA 674:49-a. This delegation of authority would be limited to those streets that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision, site plan or street plats approval. The Selectboard may accept these streets as town roads or "public highways" after holding a public hearing. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Kurt Grasset spoke to the article: This is for streets that have gone through subdivision approval to be able to be accepted as town roads. So, it's not to make class 6 roads into class 5 roads. It is not to make some of the old private roads that have not been through subdivision approval into public ways. Any street that would be considered has to be up to town standards. It also gives us the ability as the board to work with the DPW. If there is any upgrade that needs to be made, we are sure to get them made so we manage our investment wisely.

Karen McCormack asked what is the background of this to make it to the Town Meeting?

Kurt Grasset said that the background stems from a previous subdivision (Moose Brook, came through on Chat), the people buying out on Moose Brook and Moose Brook was a subdivision that went through the Planning Board approval. On every deed when they buy a lot out at Moose Brook it says "the road will remain private until such time they bring it to town standards". Right after the approval, the developer brought it up to town standards, so now we have residents coming to us asking when are you taking it over. What we are trying to do is prevent a legal battle. They are buying these properties with the assumption that it is up to town standards. Because it has been so long since the development, that this is going to allow us to sit down and negotiate with them for any work that needs to be done to maintain the road. This would be with Tyler's input, to sit down with the residents and allow the process to go through and possibly avoid some legal battles. It is what most towns are doing now if they go through Planning Board approval and it comes to the Selectboard once it's done.

Peri Chickering asked what is the financial implications for plowing and maintenance?

Kurt Grasset responded that two things are going to happen, we will pick up plowing and maintenance but we will also pick up the ability to put this on our road list where we get our Highway Block Grant from.

Tyler Howe said that it would take less and half an hour per storm to pick up that little part of road on Moose Brook and because there is nothing on Open View Lane but that could be taken care of in negotiations. So, it would be that and could be sealing, paving, mowing and it would be added to our Highway Block Grant Funding list to the state. At the current time just like everything else they won't give me a statistic on per foot, they don't know at the moment so they can't tell us.

Tom Villeneuve asked do the taxes go up for those homes?

Kurt Grasset answered: Taxes, that's easy, "yes", they would because they currently get a reduction for being on a private road so we would increase tax revenue as well.

Abby Hamilton asked would this pose a cost to the town long term?

Tyler Howe responded that would this pose a cost to the town long term saying no different than any other classified road.

Kurt Grasset said that he was involved with the construction of that road, overlooking it and that it is probably the best built road in this town.

Tyler Howe commented that just like every road or any driveway they all need maintenance.

Rick Duerden asked what, would you say, is the guiding philosophy behind board approval/acceptance of streets?

Kurt Grasset said that it has to go through the Planning Board process first and approve as a subdivision.

Tyler Howe stated that the Planning Board would tell them everything they need to do and would be inspected by him and the building inspector throughout the process.

Peri Chickering asked does this mean other roads like Clark Farm can come up for this kind of approval?

Tyler Howe responded that if it built up to Planning Board expectation, and would still have to apply

Kurt Grasset said that it would have to come up to town standards and see if it was Planning Board approved.

Laurie Bryan said that she didn't believe that Clark Farm went through the Planning Board process and Kurt Grasset agreed.

Jonathan Coyne asked if Clark Farm wanted to be put forth as a town road, what would the process be?

Kurt Grasset said that they would have to go through approved Planning Board approval and get the construction up to Town standards. We have a history on Moose Brook, we know it was built to Town standards because we were able to monitor it throughout the entire construction process. Clark Farm was not done that way. So, it would involve pretty hefty engineering to determine the base gravel was there, if proper drainage was there. I'm thinking, core samples and ultimately paving.

Tyler Howe said that it would also have to meet slope requirements.

Tom Bates commented that Moose Brook has a dry hydrant for fire protection. That is the dry hydrant for the whole north east part of Town. It is used for tanker shuttles for fire protection.

#### **Article 14 NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting**

**(BY PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, to ask the Town of Hancock to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. If approved, the record of the vote for the article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectboard to Hancock's state legislators, within 30 days of the vote.**

Harriet DiCicco spoke to the article: This is a process which is a Federal mandate every ten years and the results reviewing and redrawing the voting district maps, which last with us for the next ten years.

The Petition is in keeping with the goal of our meeting to be an active citizenry, it's a Pro-Voter article. This way every voter in this state knows that his or her vote matters. It's a preventative measure that corrects past



misuses of the redistricting process. By forwarding the Petition to our Representatives and Senator we are advocating a fair non-partisan and transparent process. It doesn't have any money involved in the warrant.

Robin Gregg said that I support Article 14, nonpartisan redistricting is something that supports each voter. I hope our town voters will support this when it is time to vote.

Betsy Villaume stated that the state law is clear, that it shall not use gerrymandering. Just because it hasn't been used in the past does not mean these protections are not in place. It is up to us to make sure the state follows its own rules.

Moderator Haskins spoke about the next five articles. I have referred to these in the past as my motor mouth section. These are all special revenue funds, and you may have seen some effort on Jonathan's part to try to reduce the number of these but the timing did not work out for us.

**Article 15 Baseball Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$164 for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment and doing maintenance and repairs to the ball fields; and, with said funds to come from the Baseball Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 Town Meeting. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 16: Highway Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$806 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment with said funds to come from the Hancock Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 17 History Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$3,234 for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town's archival records with said funds to come from the History Special Revenue Fund established for the purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 18 Recreation Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1,987 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities; with said funds to come from the Hancock Recreation Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19 Police Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$8,258 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Hancock Police Equipment Repair/Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 20: To Accept Town Report**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to accept the 2020 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2019 auditor's report. Selectboard recommends this Article.**

Karen McCormack emailed a question prior to the meeting asking about page 49 "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities", and how management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement health care costs and obligations.

Jonathan Coyne responded that this was brought forward last year and the response was that only one person retired and an Actuarial report was not necessary. It is a requirement and has a cost of \$8,500. Laurie Bryan said the Selectboard did not feel that it was worth the money.

**Article 21: Transact any other Business**

**To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Moderator Haskins stated that this is not a meeting, so no new business may be added to the Warrant. This concludes the business of the First Informational Meeting.

Moderator Haskins reminded the voters, that they needed to forward their additional questions and comments to the Selectboard in order that they may consider making amendments to the warrant before it becomes a Warrant-Only Ballot for you to vote on Election Day, Tuesday March 9, 2021.

Your comments and suggestions regarding the Warrant Articles can be mailed, put in the drop box in front of the Town Office Building or sent via email to: [select@hancocknh.org](mailto:select@hancocknh.org)

He explained that the agenda for Selectboard's meeting on Monday, March 1st is to begin to review the comments that they received for all articles and start drafting their amendments to the Warrant. Within the limitations of HB 1129, only the Selectboard can amend the Warrant.

Please note that this is their normal weekly Selectboard meeting, so access information about this meeting is available on the Town's website.

He then explained that the Second Informational Meeting will start next Wednesday, Feb 3, 2021 at 6pm. We will once again go through the Warrant and further discuss the Warrant Articles and the comments received. As we proceed, the Selectboard will make final amendments to the Warrant Articles.

As with the First Informational Meeting, in-person, Zoom and phone access are the same.

The output of this meeting is an amended Warrant whose content will be formatted into a ballot. This "Warrant-Only Ballot" is technically titled as the "Alternative Ballot" in the HB 1129 provisions. This "Warrant-Only Ballot" is where you voters will act upon these article's content on Election Day.

He further reminded the attendees that Tuesday, March 9th, 8am-7pm is the Town Election at the Hancock Elementary School (HES) for both walk-in and drive-up voting. Voters will receive three ballots: Official Ballot - Election of Town Officers, CONVAL School District Ballot, Warrant-Only Ballot (technically called the "Alternative Ballot").

He thanked those that participated in this process today.  
Of note, at one point this morning, we had 57 Zoom connections.  
Moderator Haskins then closed the meeting at 10:30am.

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### MINUTES FOR THE SECOND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Tonight, we will once again review the Warrant, Article by Article. What we will not do is have presentations by the Article's principals. After each Article we will be asking if you, the voters, have a comment or question. The Selectboard will then decide if they want to amend any of the Articles and present those amendments. The Selectboard, will vote on each proposed amendment, as under this HB 1129, only they can make amendments to the posted Warrant. Once we have all amendments completed and the Warrant is finalized.

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#### **Article 02 Prerequisite Question on Alternative Ballot**

**To see if the Town will vote to approve the optional meeting procedures as outlined in House Bill (HB) 1129. If this optional procedure is not approved by a simple majority, all other warrant articles shall be deemed disapproved. However, the election of officers and action on other items on the Official Ballot will be effective. Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Moderator Haskins spoke to the Article: In the recent months the Selectboard has considered the safety issues of having a in-person Town Meeting. The Selectboard has considered the timing with regard to putting the 2021 projects out to bid and ordering equipment. With all of these concerns, they chose to use the procedures that the State Legislature provided to us vis HB1129. Their decision means that there will be NO in-person Town Meeting this year. We will be having two Informational Meetings this being the second. I believe that they are strongly recommending that you vote in favor for this so that all the plans that they made can go through.

Marilyn Wyzga asked if voting to accept this format for Town Meeting this year, set a precedent for doing away with actual Town Meeting next year?

Moderator Haskins responded by saying this is a one off only. This procedure the Selectboard has chosen to use is only available to us this year. To go into a ballot mechanism would mean that we would have to accept provisions of government form called SB2. Our town has generally not accepted as such so we will stay with the traditional Town Meeting moving forward.

Laurie Bryan stated that it is our firm commitment to go back to a regular in-person Town Meeting next year. This is only for this year for the overall health of our community

#### **Article 03      Operating Budget**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,695,136 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 04      Lease New 22,500 GVW Dump Truck with Plow**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease agreement in the amount of up to \$118,000 for the purpose of leasing a new 22,500 GVW dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 05      Purchase & Outfit New Police Vehicle**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$55,000 for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a new police vehicle and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade-in 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and 2013 Ford Explorer. Of this amount \$14,000 is to come from the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund, created by Article 14 in 2016, to offset equipment outfitting expenses; the balance of \$41,000 to come from general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Marilyn Wyzga asked, are you asking to purchase one new vehicle or two?

Moderator Haskins said the answer is one.

Chief Tom Horne said retiring two vehicles for the purchase of one, so we reduce your fleet from three to two.

#### **Article 06      Full Statistical Revaluation**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$32,000 for the purpose of conducting a Full Statistical Revaluation in order to meet the constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. A Full Statistical Revaluation was last performed in 2016. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Nathaniel Peirce asked does the state contribute to this requirement?

Laurie Bryan said "No" they just require it.

#### **Article 07 Slope Stability Evaluation**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$11,900 for the purpose of performing preliminary geotechnical engineering services for and evaluation of the Old Dublin Road slopes in the vicinity of 45 Old Dublin Road. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Marilyn Wyzga asked what is the range of possible costs for stabilization or will that be determined by the evaluation?

Tyler Howe said that with that work they are going to do construction cost estimates along with the rest of the work. Once they complete their work we will have a few options with three construction costs. At the end of evaluation, they will give us an estimate.

Ken Messina asked assuming the budget and all these articles are approved, how will our taxes be affected?

Laurie Bryan stated that if all articles pass and the budget passes then our tax rate which is \$7.60 right now will go to somewhere between \$7.75 - \$7.80. It is based on very much estimated income figures, which we will not really have until later in the year. We think we have under estimated our income somewhat. When we do the full statistical revaluation it's going to change all the values in town which is going to change the tax rate. After speaking to our Assessor, he thinks our tax rate could possibly drop to around \$7.00 per thousand as opposed to \$7.75. We just don't know. So, if we give a number it's not going to be what it looks like come November.

#### **Article 08 Bridge Capital Reserve**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 09 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 10 Grapevine Community Resource Center**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding The Grapevine family & Community Resource Center programs and services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 11 Grapevine Avenue A Program**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of funding The Grapevine family & Community Resource Center Avenue A programs and**

**services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of funds needed to support The Grapevine Avenue A program, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 12 Community Volunteer Transportation Company**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of funding The Community Volunteer Transportation Company programs and services for the people of Hancock and the Greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

Jeff Reder asked, Could you please explain how an Amendment to this article would be effected?

Roberta Bell, asked is it "Community" or "Contoocook"?

Jeff Reder said that he has driven for CVCT up until COVID about a year ago. Originally it was Contoocook Valley and they changed it and it is known today as Community Volunteer Transportation Company. I missed the Saturday meeting and would like to know exactly how an Amendment would be made. I understand if the Amendment is accepted the Selectboard would do it. It wasn't clear to me, given the format that we have now, I know there is no new discussion and I offered the same Amendment last year. The Amendment would be to move the \$500 to \$1,000 for Article 12.

Laurie Bryan said: If I understand Jeff's question, you have proposed an Amendment and want to know how it proceeds forward from here? Laurie then responded with: The answer is that we have your proposed amendment and we'll discuss it later and decide whether to amend the warrant, thank you.

#### **Article 13 Acceptance of Dedicated Streets**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will delegate to the Selectboard the authority to accept dedicated streets pursuant to RSA 674:49-a. This delegation of authority would be limited to those streets that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision, site plan or street plats approval. The Selectboard may accept these streets as town roads or "public highways" after holding a public hearing. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)**

No new Discussion

#### **Article 14 NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting**

**(BY PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, to ask the Town of Hancock to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. If approved, the record of the vote for the article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectboard to Hancock's state legislators, within 30 days of the vote.**

No new Discussion

**Article 15 Baseball Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$164 for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment and doing maintenance and repairs to the ball fields; and, with said funds to come from the Baseball Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 Town Meeting. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

No new Discussion

**Article 16 Highway Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$806 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment with said funds to come from the Hancock Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Nathaniel Peirce asked what is the definition of highway equipment.

Tyler Howe said that fund has recently been used for the replacement of small equipment. Last year we bought two new chain saws and a compactor before that and some safety equipment.

**Article 17 History Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$3,234 for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town's archival records with said funds to come from the History Special Revenue Fund established for the purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

No new Discussion

**Article 18 Recreation Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1,987 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities; with said funds to come from the Hancock Recreation Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

No new Discussion

**Article 19 Police Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$8,258 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Hancock Police Equipment Repair/Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 Town Meeting. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

No new Discussion

**Article 20 To Accept Town Reports**

**To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to accept the 2020 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2019 auditor's report. Selectboard recommends this Article.**

Marilyn Wyzga asked via Chat: I would like you to remind us what the distinction is between the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee and how they interact?

Moderator Haskins responded saying that the Selectboard is a group of people in which you the voters have voted the person into that position of Selectboard and the position comes vacant every year and you serve for a term of three years.

The Budget Advisory Committee is a committee that I set up and I try to select a broad spectrum of people throughout the community. I try to find people with kids, people who are retired and people that have a business in town. The Budget Advisory Committee has access to all the Department Heads as well as all of the financial records. The committee reviews as much and everything they can and make their recommendations and work with the Selectboard.

Besty Villaum, a member this year's Budget Advisory Committee; said that we took our responsibilities very seriously to oversee and give a different viewpoint as to what the Selectboard and Department Heads were doing with developing the budget for 2021. We met about 17-18 times and with every Department Head, Selectboard and the Capital Improvement People (CIP). I encourage you to read our final report which is part of the Town's documents (Annual Town Report). It might appear that we are agreeing with the Selectboard on every article but that was not the case. We and the Selectboard worked very hard to stick to their goals, basically zero increase to the operating budget. We had very good discussions with the Selectboard and the Department Heads that we met with. Everyone did a terrific job.

#### **Article 21 Transact any other business**

**To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Moderator Haskins stated that this is not a meeting, so no new business may be added to the Warrant.

He continued by saying: Now that the Warrant has been reviewed for a second time, we will proceed to Review the Comments and Suggestions Received by Selectboard by March 2, 2021.

Here is the list of comments received by the Selectboard since the First Informational Meeting:

- Meeting Process Suggestion - Matthew Stoops
- Articles 3 and 4 - Tom Shevenell
  - Article #3 - What will the estimated town tax rate be if all articles are passed on the warrant?
  - Article #4 – Municipal vs. Consumer Leases
- Article 12 - Jeff Reder
  - Amendment Suggestion \$500 -> \$1000
- Article 14 - Nahida Sherman
  - Do the statutes allow for an amendment to a petition (article) without review by the original petitioners?
- Audit Report - Karen McCormack
  - Pg 49, Recurring Audit Finding - why?

Moderator Haskins, responded that Matthew Stoops' suggestion about how we handle sound during the meeting has been implemented. Thank you, Matthew!

Laurie Bryan responded that the tax rate question was answered tonight during our discussion of Article 7. Regarding the Municipal vs Consumer Leases, Laurie explained that we have Lease Purchase arrangements and so our terms are slightly different.

Kurt Grassett further explained that we have more flexibility with a Municipal style lease than a Consumer lease especially regarding troublesome equipment.



Moderator Haskins asked that we deferred discussion about the potential Amendment for Article 12 until we finish discussing the comments that were received.

Moderator Haskins then spoke about Nahida Sherman's question about a potential amendment to Article #14. Nahida had asked: "Do the statutes allow for an amendment to a petition (article) without review by the original petitioners?". I passed this question to the "Legal Inquires" desk at the NH Municipal Association and they wrote back:

"In our guidance on using HB 1129, we state as follows on the subject of the select board amending a petitioned warrant article:"

"5. We often have a handful of petitioned articles on the warrant, some of which can be controversial. Ordinarily, the governing body must put a petitioned article on the warrant as submitted. If a town is going to use HB 1129, can the governing body amend petitioned articles? The language suggests that it can. Since HB 1129 gives the governing body the authority to amend warrant articles at the second virtual meeting, a power that ordinarily would be exercised by the town meeting, it does seem that the governing body could amend petitioned warrant articles at the second virtual meeting. However, this is likely to be politically very unpopular, and we recommend against doing so."

Moderator Haskins continued: My own understanding from the Selectboard is that they have no interest in making any modifications to the Article as submitted. Further, I believe this question was posed as a "What-If" circumstance, I don't believe we have any proposed or suggested amendments to this article. I believe this addresses the question.

Moderator Haskins then spoke to the comment from Karen McCormack referring to Page 49 in the Annual Town Report about a "Recurring Audit Finding" and she asked Why? Jonathan Coyne wrote a response to her: The Town of Hancock offers one health plan for retirees that is paid 100% by the retiree. To clear the adverse opinion (by the Auditors) the Town would need to hire an actuary; we received a proposal last year for \$8,500 for such work. This would need to be done annually. The Auditors are required by GASB rules to make this finding each year. Further update from Jonathan Coyne: The initial work would be for \$8,500 and subsequent years would be less.

Having finished going through the comments and questions received, Moderator Haskins then turned to the Selectboard and asked, "Do you have any Amendments"?

Laurie Bryan said: We have the proposed amendment from Jeff Reder for Article #12 to increase the amount from \$500 to \$1000. Kurt Grasset asked: Jeff, why should we increase the amount? Jeff Reder said that we do have people here in town that do take advantage of their service and that last year's warrant was heartily amended to \$1000. Kurt asked, do they have other funding sources? Are they operating in the red? Jeff replied that they do get state funding and they do have fund raisers.

Marilyn Wyzga asked by Chat - "What do these funds pay for?" Jeff replied, there are some full time and part time administrators and some of it is for gas money paid to the volunteer drivers but he wasn't sure of all of their expenses. Jonathan Coyne pulled up an informational page that we had received about the CVTC and displayed it for all to see. The bottom portion of it read:

"Town funding represents \$16,500 (7%) of this year's operating budget of \$228,969. 47% of the budget is federal dollars. The remaining 53% is raised from individuals, businesses, foundations and municipalities. In 2020, we received funding from 21 towns.

Laurie Bryan then proposed an amendment to increase the amount to \$1000 and to fix the naming inconsistencies. The proposed article was read as:

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of funding The Community Volunteer Transportation Company programs and services for the people of Hancock and the Greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support Community Volunteer Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general

taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article.  
(Majority vote required)

The Selectboard voted in favor unanimously.  
So the Warrant will be amended accordingly.

Moderator Haskins asked the Selectboard, "Are there any more amendments?". There were none.

Moderator Haskins then presented a series of slides that showed that the amended / Final Warrant will be formatted into a Warrant-Only Ballot for use on Election Day. How sample copies of this ballot will be posted on Website and around Town - Library, Town Hall, Post Office.

He reminded the audience that Town Election will be held at the Hancock Elementary School (HES) for BOTH Walk-In and Drive-Up voting. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 9th from 8am-7pm.

He spoke of how the voters will receive three ballots:

- Official Ballot - Election of Town Officers
- CONVAL School District Ballot
- Warrant-Only Ballot - (technically titled the "Alternative Ballot")

He asked if there were any other comments or questions. He noted that we had 33 connections at the peak of the evening.

He said, "Hearing none, seeing none, I should like to thank you for your participation in this process tonight and I hope to see you all at the Hancock Elementary School on Tuesday."

Moderator Haskins closed the meeting at 7:20pm.

TOWN OF HANCOCK

ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

Moderator Richard Haskins began the meeting by reading the beginning of the Warrant and the first article:

**Town of Hancock New Hampshire Warrant 2021**

**The inhabitants of the Town of Hancock in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs; you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hancock Elementary School on Tuesday the 9th day of March 2021 at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven of the o'clock in the afternoon to vote on ballot of Town Officers and other matters requiring ballot vote to act upon the following subjects:**

**Article 01: To Choose Town Officers.**

**To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuring year.**

At this point, the next activity before us is to act upon the article previously read. Moderator Haskins declared the poll open and that it shall remain so until 7:00 pm this evening.

At 11:00 am, 15 Absentee Ballots were processed.

At 7:00 pm Moderator Haskins declared the polls closed.

Moderator Haskins read the following:

I wish to read the following into our minutes to document what we have done today.

Today we are operating under the provisions of HB 1139. This provision is formally titled "HB 1129-8:3 Temporary Optional Town Meeting Procedures; State of Emergency." The provision required a sequence of meetings and procedures that we have followed.

For the record here are those details:

- Saturday, February 27th, we held our First Informational Meeting - up to 57 participants connected, observed and participated in that meeting.
- Wednesday, March 3rd, we held our Second Informational Meeting in which the warrant was amended and the amended warrant was formatted into the Alternative Ballot (Warrant-Only) ballot that was voted and counted today. - up to 33 participants connected, observed and participated in that meeting.
- Tuesday, March 9th, we started our Annual Town Meeting earlier today and moved into holding the respective Town Election here at the Hancock Elementary School for both Walk-in and Drive-up voting.

The number of Official Ballots processed today was: 462

- New Registrations: 5
- Absentee Ballots: 15
- Drive-Up Voters: 72

Here are the results of the Town Official Ballot:

Article 01: To Choose Town Officers.

Moderator - 1 Year Term, Richard M. Haskins - 481

Selectman - 3 Year Term, Kristen Moberg Bernier - 80  
Laurie Bryan - 363

Treasure - 3 Year Term, William Flatley - 424

Water Rent Commissioner - 3 Year Term, Linda E. Coughlan - 440

Water Commissioner - 3 Year Term, Eric Bourgoine -134  
Sean Kerwin - 243

Common Commissioner - 3 Year Term, Allison E. Kerwin - 428

Library Trustee - 3 Year Term, Kary Shumway - 423

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Year Term, Leonard H. Dowse, Jr. - 421

Cemetery Trustee - 1 Year Term, Robert A. Fogg, Sr. - 436

Cemetery Trustee - 2 Year Term, Margarita C. Klug - 421

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Year Term, Allison E. Kerwin - 426

As mentioned before we are operating under the Provision of HB 1129. So, all the remaining Warrant Articles have been formatted into an Alternative Ballot. The first question on the Ballot was required to be a question to see if the Town approved the use of the HB 1129 procedures.

If the Town approved the use, the remainder of the Warrant Articles in the form of a ballot of questions were to be respected by their voted counts.

If the Town did not approve the use, the remainder of the Warrant Article are all considered failed and the Town would operate using last year's budget.

Article 02: Use of Optional Meeting Procedure, Yes - 386  
No - 32

Article 03: Operating Budget, Yes - 390  
No - 32

Article 04: Lease New 22,500 GVW Dump Truck with Plow, Yes - 377  
No - 51

Article 05: Purchase & Outfit New Police Vehicle, Yes - 333  
No - 99

Article 06: Full Statistical Revaluation, Yes - 359  
No - 63

Article 07: Slope Stability Evaluation, Yes - 373  
No - 54

Article 08: Bridge Capital Reserve, Yes - 391  
No - 37

Article 09: Meetinghouse Capital Reserve, Yes - 363  
No - 65

Article 10: Grapevine Community Resource Center, Yes - 380  
No - 50

Article 11: Grapevine Avenue A Program, Yes - 377  
No - 58

Article 12: Community Volunteer Transportation Company, Yes - 390  
No - 44

Article 13: Acceptance of Dedicated Streets, Yes - 355  
No - 65

Article 14: NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting, Yes - 352  
No - 74

Article 15: Baseball Special Revenue Fund, Yes - 389  
No - 29

Article 16: Highway Special Revenue Fund, Yes - 402  
No - 12

Article 17: History Special Revenue Fund, Yes - 366  
No - 41

Article 18: Recreation Special Revenue Fund, Yes - 379  
No - 33

Article 19: Police Special Revenue Fund, Yes - 354  
No - 61

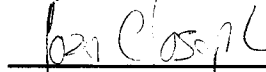
Article 20: To Accept Town Reports, Yes - 400  
No - 12

Moderator Richard Haskins then stated: At this time I will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.  
It was so moved by Tom Shevenell and Seconded by Dan LaPlante.

Moderator Haskins took a voice vote.

Moderator Haskins stated: By my hearing, the Ayes have it and the motion passes. In doing so, I hereby  
declare that the 2021 Town Meeting is now adjourned. The meeting closed at 12:10am on Wednesday March  
10<sup>th</sup>.

Prepared and submitted by:



Joan C Joseph  
Hancock Town Clerk