

TOWN OF HANCOCK
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 8 AND MARCH 12, 2022

On March 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., at the Hancock Elementary School, Moderator Richard Haskins opened the Town of Hancock's annual Town Meeting by reading the Town Warrant:

Town of Hancock, New Hampshire
Warrant 2022

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 8th day of March 2022 at eight 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; and to meet at said Hancock Meetinghouse in said Hancock on Saturday the 12th day of March 2022 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 01: To Choose Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Voters present agreed to forego reading the balance of the Warrant at that time. The polls were declared open until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Haskins declared the polls closed. A motion was made and seconded to reconvene on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Hancock Meetinghouse. The motion carried by voice vote and votes were tabulated.

Moderator Haskins called the reconvened meeting to order in the Hancock Meetinghouse on March 12, 2022 at 9:06 a.m. He asked Tom Horne to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance which he did.

Moderator Haskins announced that the Ballot Clerks for the meeting would be Bob Fogg, Marie Fogg, Beth GrosJean, Linda Coughlan, Tom Shevenell, and Joe Cummings.

He introduced the Selectboard members Kurt Grassett- chair, Jeffrey Brown and Laurie Bryan; Town Administrator Jonathan Coyne, Administrative Assistant Linda Coughlan; Town Clerk Joan Joseph; Fire Chief Tom Bates; Police Chief Tom Horne; Director of Public Works Tyler Howe; Library Director Amy Markus; Town Treasurer William Flatley and Supervisors of the Checklist Roberta Bell, Kathy Anderson and Alice Welden. He also stated that the meeting would be recorded by Jon GrosJean to help Joan with preparing the minutes.

Moderator Haskins presented Certificates of Recognition to the following:

Jack McWhorter - Hancock Historic District Commission	5 Years
Stephen Fillebrown - Telecommunications Committee	3 Years
Robert Kipp Miller - Budget Advisory Committee	1 Year
Dan LaPlante - Capital Improvements Committee	2 Years
Alison Rossiter - Zoning Board of Adjustment	18 Years
Kurt Grassett - Select Board	3 Years

Moderator Haskins proposed a set of Rules of Order for the meeting and they were accepted by voice vote. He also stated that, "For any motion, five voters present may request a vote by secret ballot by signing a petition after the motion has been seconded and before the vote has been called" and the green cards would be used for a show of hands vote.

Moderator Haskins described the circumstances by which we are here in the upper meeting house today. That being from an agreement between the Hancock Congregational Church and the Town of Hancock from which he read the following:

"Please note the Hancock Meetinghouse is co-owned by the Hancock Congregational Church and the Town of Hancock. In the Articles of Agreement between these institutions, the Church is responsible for the upper portion (Sanctuary). Recognizing that there is still concerns about the safety and health of self and others due to the COVID-19 virus. The Church has a policy that requires masks to be worn for all activities in this Sanctuary."

"In honoring and respecting the co-ownership, the Selectboard and the Church Council have met and co-operatively worked out arrangements for the Town Meeting that relaxed the mask policy for this meeting only. Green ribbons have been set to encourage social distancing."

"No food or beverages are allowed in the Sanctuary."

"We appreciate the respectful working relationship as co-owners of the Meeting House and will continue to do our part to assure it continues into the future."

Moderator Haskins then thanked the two groups for providing this opportunity for us to meet in this space today.

He then asked the meeting to grant; "voice without vote" status to non-residents Police Chief Tom Horne and Director of Public Works Tyler Howe.

Moderator Haskins asked Town Clerk Joan Joseph if the signed Warrant was posted at the Hancock Post Office, the Hancock Town Building and here in the Hancock Meetinghouse at least seven days prior to Town Meeting and Town Clerk Joan replied that it was so posted. Haskins requested and received the signed Warrant.

Moderator Richard Haskins then read the Town Warrant:

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Article 01: To Choose Town Officers.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Moderator Haskins read the results of the March 8 Election as follows: Total of ballots cast – 405 (includes 15 absentee ballots.) At the start of the day, there were 1373 voters on the checklist, 11 new voters were registered and at the end of the day there were 1384 voters on the checklist. There was 29.3% registered voter participation.

The results from ballots cast were:

Moderator - Richard Haskins, 361
Selectman - Virginia Smith, 359

Water Commissioner - Eric Bourgoine, 173
Joel Chandler, 170
Common Commissioner - David Drasba, 372
Library Trustee - Jane Eklund, 366
Trustee of Trust Funds – Paul W. Faber, 364
Checklist Supervisor 6 Year Term – James Mason, 365
Checklist Supervisor 4 Year Term – Alice Welden, 364
Cemetery Trustee – Shelly Lyn Merrifield, 369
School Board Representative – Timothy Theberge, 346

Article 02: Paved Roads Project.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) for the purpose of paved road capital improvements; Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (3/5 ballot vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grasset and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) for the purpose of paved road capital improvements; Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto..

Selectman Kurt Grasset explained that this was a program that we began in around 2010. It became really clear to us as a town that the cost of inflation even back then in the construction field was running in the 6 to 7% and we could borrow funds in the 2 to 3% range. We also get an economy scale by bringing in the heavier equipment all in one shot instead of trying to bring them in five times over five years. This is the third leg of the plan and what we are intending to do is to do our capital improvements. Most paved roads have a lifespan of 20 years if you do nothing. So, we really have two programs, one is maintenance which is taken care of in the budget and the other is rehabilitation, which these plans take care of. We do use the maintenance budget to try to extend the lifespan beyond the 20 years. When they hit the end of the life where it's not cost effective to keep doing chip seals or overlays we go in and rehab them, correct all the deficiencies that have developed and start them through their cycle again.

The difficulty this year is the cost of oil, all of this is 100% oil derived. These plans will be tweaked accordingly and adjusted accordingly. The longer we wait the backed up it gets. I don't want to defer any of these programs, to wait until the costs come down.

Director of Public Works Tyler Howe, responded that we are going to take a different approach from the surrounding towns. Surrounding towns are spending two to three hundred thousand dollars a year and we

are spending \$500 every five. In 2018 Southwest Regional planning did a great plan but just wasn't great for Hancock. As of October, when the pricing was finalized it was going to be seventeen miles of roads. There was going to be a lot of shimming, a lot of overlay and then twelve months later everything would be sealed by a chipped stone. Knowing that we are stretching the dollars but also accomplishing the seventeen miles. Due to inflation since October the prices of liquid asphalt have gone from \$530.00 a ton to \$625.00. We can still get there but only getting fourteen instead of the seventeen miles. If we went with the seventeen miles it would be about 3.7 million dollars.

David Anderson asked which roads were they expecting to do and where in town would be affected.

Director of Public Works Tyler Howe, said that the entire plan is on the website under CIP.

Moderator Haskins further stated that there is a fair amount of information on the website as well as in the handout for the article, available today.

At 9:32 a.m., Moderator announced that the ballot box would be open for one hour, until 10:32 a.m., and to use the pink ballot titled "AA" and pick the particular side of the ballot that you wish and deposit it into the ballot box.

At 10:38 Hunt Dowse, reminded the moderator that the time for the poll to close had passed. Moderator Haskins, closed the poll and instructed the Ballot Clerks to begin the process of counting - which they did.

The results being that the ARTICLE was VOTED by BALLOT and PASSED –“ Yes” 106 and “No” 1 votes, exceeding the required 3/5 majority needed.

Article # 3. Operating Budget.

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,841,733 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grassett seconded by Jeff Brown.

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,841,733 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Selectman Kurt Grassett explained that the operating budget from 2021-2022 is up 1.77% or \$45,858.00 over last year's operating budget.

"One thing I like to note is that it really doesn't matter how much money we add to the budget if we don't have a great team to spend it. One of our focuses this year was being sure that our employees are taken care of, we are all feeling the inflation crunch. We have decided as a Board that we are going to mirror the cost of living wage that is placed out by the Social Security Administration which is 5.9%. We are up \$45,858.00 of which \$35,967.00 is to take care of cost of living wages. Department heads have done a tremendous job of managing costs and making sure we can still maintain the level of service without going over the top".

David Carney asked, "Do you feel comfortable with this budget especially in light of the economic pressures present?" Kurt said that he did and that they are ready for adjusting as needed.

David asked about our situation with respect to electronic payments similar to the problems that recently befell Peterborough. Kurt and the Town Treasure William Flatley explained that we have rigorous protocols in place to avoid such circumstances.

David then asked about where the ARPA funds would show in the budget. Jonathan Coyne explained that those funds cannot be used for budgetary items and as such cannot appear in the budget schedules.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 4. Lease New 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 dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Jeff Brown

I move that the Town of Hancock 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 dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Director of Public Works Tyler Howe, spoke about the lease and referred to the handout for the article that was available. He explained that in the present economic circumstances, the dealers are no longer offering municipal discounts and their inventories for such vehicles are extremely thin. Currently the only vehicle in New Hampshire that meets our needs is up north and we have been in touch with that dealer to hold the vehicle until we can get this article approved.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 5. John Deere Grader Lease Payment

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$47,080 for the purpose of making the first lease payment for the new John Deere grader. This amount to be offset by \$21,500, representing proceeds from the sale of the old grader, from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021; the balance of \$25,580 to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Jeff Brown and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate a sum of \$47,080 for the purpose of making the first lease payment for the new John Deere grader. This amount to be offset by \$21,500, representing proceeds from the sale of the old grader, from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021; the balance of \$25,580 to come from general taxation.

Selectman Kurt Grasset spoke about how Tyler tried to repair the old grader (blown transmission) and how expensive it would be for such an older, out of production machine. Kurt mentioned that we were lucky to find a buyer for the old machine who came and shipped it and paid us \$21,500 for the broken grader.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 6. Parking Lots Maintenance

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,900 for the purpose of maintenance to the parking area at the town offices and police station, post office parking area, and library handicap parking area and sidewalk. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Jeff Brown.

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,900 for the purpose of maintenance to the parking area at the town offices and police station, post office parking area, and library handicap parking area and sidewalk.

Director of Public Works Tyler Howe spoke about the article and explained the details for each location. For instance, he mentioned that re-stripping the parking spaces at the Post Office was included in the plans.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 7. Town Offices Water Infiltration Project

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of installing a perimeter drain and redirecting roof runoff at the Town Offices building. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Jeff Brown and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of installing a perimeter drain and redirecting roof runoff at the Town Offices building.

Director of Public Works Tyler Howe spoke about the article and explained that during heavy rains there can be substantial water leaking to the basement area of the Town Office. Of special concern is that the furnace, electrical and communication panels are all within that area and are at risk. This project is to provide protection for those areas.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 8. Establish Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the repair, restoration and improvement of town-owned buildings, excluding the Meetinghouse, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grassett and seconded by Jeff Brown.

I move that the Town of Hancock establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the repair, restoration and improvement of town-owned buildings, excluding the Meetinghouse, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund.

David Drasba spoke about the article and explained that this is to help us deal with issues with the other town buildings (not the Meetinghouse).

Earl Carrel, a member of the CIP committee, pointed out that monies in this Fund will help the town leverage access to grant monies from other sources.

Selectman Kurt Grasset mentioned that the Police Department building needs a new roof and the current proposal for that replacement is \$8,500. This fund could help with this and similar issues.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 9. Establish Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2026. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Kurt Grasset.

I move that the Town of Hancock authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2026.

Town Administrator, Jonathan Coyne spoke about the article and explained that we are required to have a revaluation every five years and this fund will help us plan and be prepared for that expense.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 10. Bridge Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grasset and seconded by Jeff Brown

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Selectman Kurt Grasset mentioned how this fund has worked very well for us for an number situations over the years. Looking forward, we want to be prepared so that when government funds become available, we are prepared with "shovel ready" projects to access those funds expediently.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 11. Meetinghouse Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grasset and seconded by Jeff Brown,

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

David Drasba spoke about the article and explained that this fund has helped us deal with issues with the Meetinghouse. When asked if this was enough, Dave explained that the original fund was established with \$5,000 and has been increased by \$1,000. each year with the target of having \$10,000 for the fund each year.

David Carney then moved an Amendment to the Article to increase the amount to \$10,000 and William Rouff seconded the Amendment.

Moderator Haskins then read the proposal to amend the Article, such that it would read: To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

The **Amendment** was voted by a show of cards, and **passed** unanimously.

The **Amended Article** was voted by a show of cards, and **passed** with a majority.

Article #12. Grapevine Community Resource Center & Ave A

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of funding the programs and services provided by The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, a nonprofit organization which serves the residents of Hancock; or take any other action relating thereto. This appropriation would provide funding for The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center generally, and Avenue A Teen + Community Center. This amount to be raised by general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Jeff Brown.

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of funding the programs and services provided by The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, a nonprofit organization which serves the residents of Hancock; or take any other action relating thereto. This appropriation would provide funding for The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center generally, and Avenue A Teen + Community Center. This amount to be raised by general taxation.

Melissa Gallagher, Director of the Grapevine, spoke about benefits of this program provides to the community across the spectrum of the ages of our residents.

Harriet DiCicco moved an Amendment to the Article to increase the amount to \$7,000 and Stephen DiCicco seconded the Amendment.

Moderator Haskins then read the proposal to amend the Article, such that it would read: To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of funding the programs and service provided by The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, and Avenue A Teen + Community Center a nonprofit organization which serves the residents of Hancock.

The **Amendment** was voted by a show of cards, and **passed** unanimously.

The **Amended Article** was voted by a show of cards, and **passed** unanimously.

Moderator Haskins stated that he had a question for the assembled body about Article #12. He explained that this is a "sense of the meeting" question. He stated that similar articles for the Grapevine have come before this meeting for several years now and does the town wish this to be article to be included in the budget in the future or to come before the body as an article? He explained that this question is not binding to the Selectboard, it is only a sense of the meeting at the time. The indication was that the majority of the meeting was in agreement to move this into the budget in the future.

Article # 13. Community Volunteer Transportation Company

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 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 the Community Volunteer Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Jeff Brown and seconded by Kurt Grassett

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 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 the Community Volunteer Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation.

Shelia Mahon spoke about this program. She explained that she is on the board and how over the past year it has provided transportation to eleven (11) of our residents in the form of 45 trips for a variety of purposes. James Mason also spoke how he has been a volunteer driver in this program for several years and that it is a worthy program.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and **passed** unanimously.

Moderator Haskins then asked a similar "sense of the meeting" question for the assembled body about Article #13.

David Carney explained how he enjoyed having both these articles in the warrant so that the town could see and hear where our monies are being spent especially for such good causes. He emphatically stated that these two articles are why we have an in-person annual town meeting and he would not like to see this become less.

The result of the question for the "sense of the meeting" was that the article should not be included in the budget.

Moderator Haskins then called for a 15 minute break and Town Clerk Joan Joseph administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Town Officials who were present at the meeting.

Moderator Haskins reopened the meeting and read the Maple Syrup Report 2022, as submitted by Mark Thompson:

In summary, Mark reported that they made 380 gallons in 2020, 263 in 2021 even with more taps. Mark said that he was still boiling last night and they had 30 gallons before yesterday. Mark hopes by the end of last night they will be close to 90 gallons total. The Grade has been dark, just like last year.

Moderator Haskins stated for Community Service - We need volunteers for a variety of committees. If you have any interest please stop by the town office or send email or call Jonathan.

Article #14. Rescind Baseball Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town shall vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the revenues from the baseball team participants to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment, baseball uniforms, and repairs and maintenance to any baseball fields. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Hancock Baseball Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. The Selectmen and Recreation Committee to be joint agents of the fund; or take any other action relating thereto. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority ballot vote).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grassett and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

I move that the Town rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the revenues from the baseball team participants to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment, baseball uniforms, and repairs and maintenance to any baseball fields. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Hancock Baseball Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. The Selectmen and Recreation Committee to be joint agents of the fund; or take any other action relating thereto.

Town Administrator, Jonathan Coyne spoke about the article and explained that we no longer are receiving monies into this fund, all monies have been expended and that it is appropriate to close this fund. He spoke about how the various baseball leagues that used to submit monies are handling this differently and that there no longer is a need for this fund.

The question was voted by a show of cards, and passed unanimously.

Article # 15. Highway Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,048 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment with said funds to come from the Highway Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 town meeting. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as read by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Jeff Brown.

The question was voted by voice and passed unanimously.

Article # 16. History Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,244 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 this purpose at the 1993 town meeting. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as read by Kurt Grasset and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

The question was voted by voice vote and passed unanimously.

Article # 17. Recreation Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,727 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities with said funds to come from the Recreation Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 Town meeting. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as read by Jeff Brown and seconded by Kurt Grasset.

The question was voted by voice vote and passed unanimously.

Article # 18. Police Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,456 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Police Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

The Article was moved as follows by Laurie Bryan and seconded by Jeff Brown

I move that the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,456 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Police Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting.

Selectman Laurie Bryan moved an Amendment to increase the amount to \$2,698, and Jeff Brown seconded the Amendment.

Laurie Bryan then read the proposal to amend the Article, such that it would read: To see if the Town of Hancock raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,698 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Police Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting.

Town Administrator, Jonathan Coyne explained that when the auditors had completed their work, they found that there were additional monies available for this fund thus the discrepancy and we want the permission to be able to expend all the available monies for this purpose.

The **Amendment** was voted by voice, and **passed** unanimously.

The **Amended** Article was voted by voice and **passed** unanimously.

Article # 19. To Accept Town Reports

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to accept the 2021 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2020 auditor's report. (Recommended by Selectboard).

The Article was moved as follows by Kurt Grasset and seconded by Laurie Bryan.

I move that the Town of Hancock accept the 2021 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2020 auditor's report.

The question was voted by voice and **passed** unanimously.

Article # 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

David Carney moved to adjourn the 2022 Hancock Annual Town Meeting and Kurt Grasset seconded the motion.

Moderator Richard Haskins then said, "I would like to thank you for your participation in this very important institution and tradition, namely, The Town Meeting".

Moderator Haskins declared the 2022 Town of Hancock Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Sincerely submitted,

Joan Joseph,
Town Clerk