

## **Town Meeting Results – March 13, 2008**

**Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars, (\$305,000.00) for the purpose of improvements to North Branch Bridge on North Branch Road. The cost is presently estimated by the NH DOT Bridge Division, this will include; bridge replacement, road resurfacing, wetlands permitting, engineering, and all other associated fees. Two Hundred Forty Four Thousand Dollars (\$244,000.00) or 80% of the approved cost, of the monies for this work has been approved and will come from the NHDOT State Bridge Grants, Sixty One Thousand Dollars (\$61,000.00) or 20%, of the monies, will be withdrawn from the Emergency Bridge Fund which was established for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. And will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2013, whichever date comes first.

**Passed**

**Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Open Space Reserve Fund, for the purchase of land or other property interests therein, for the protection of the natural heritage and rural character of the Town, including any buildings or structures incidental to such land, as may be in the best interest of the Town, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) (gross budget) to be placed in the fund.

**Passed**

**Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to continue to up date the Town assessment in compliance with RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 75:8-a the fund was set up for this purpose.

**Passed**

**Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$ 50,000	Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 20,000	Highway/Engineering Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 5,000	Fire Fighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 50,000	Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 5,000	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 25,000	Recreation Field Development Fund

**Passed**

**Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) from the TIF Fund account, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) will be used for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements in the downtown, and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) will be returned to the Town's General Fund. And to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax

Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) for these purposes. **Passed**

**Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the TIF Fund account, for the purpose of business development, marketing, and improvement projects in the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District and to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for these purposes.

**Passed**

**Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for major repairs to our government buildings, including, but not limited to renovations to the current Police Department to bring it up to recommended insurance standards, or its redesign and to withdraw from the Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from this reserve account set up for this purpose.

**Passed**

**Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of subdivisions, in accordance with RSA 674:35.I

**Passed**

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund set up as the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

**Passed**

**Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to add to our existing vehicle leasing program police cruisers, and a One Ton dump truck with sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. The current equipment will be sold and the monies will be turned into the General Fund. The lease will be for a Five year period with a one dollar buyout. The total cost will be One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) over the lease period.

**Passed**

**Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), to support the Teen/Community Center that was started last year. These funds will be contributed to the Grapevine Family & Community Services who are responsible for the operation of the Teen Center.

**Passed**

**Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eighty Dollars (**\$3,306,158.00**) to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including Three Hundred Nineteen

Thousand Ninety Dollars (**\$319,090.00**) for the Water & Sewer Department) and said sum excludes all Warrant Articles addressed or action taken thereon.

**Amendment to Article 14**

*The Board of Selectmen move to amend the operating budget by Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. The money would be added to the Highways and Streets budget and will be used to repair North Main Street from the bridge north up to the lower part of Smith Road. The condition of that section of road at the present time is in very poor condition. We have developed a plan within the last few days to be able to accomplish the work that must be done at the same time that the bridge is being replaced. We wish to give the voters the choice to repair the road or not. Therefore, we move to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Four Hundred Five thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight Dollars (\$3,405,658.00) to pay the normal operating cost of the Town as set forth in the Budget – including Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$319,090.00) for the Water and Sewer Department) and said sum excludes all Warrant Articles addressed or action taken thereon.*

**Passed**

**Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for improvements to Memorial Park which will include but not be limited to playground equipment, benches, etc. this will be raised by taxes.

**Passed**

**Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$6,200.00) for the purchase of additional equipment for the skateboard park, Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) of this will come from donations and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will be raised by taxes.

**Passed**

**Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to approve the rate of pay for the Town Clerk, effective March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This Office will be open to the public at least Sixteen (16) hours per week, this position will be classified in a Wage Grade V. (\$14.50/hr. minimum; \$18.20/hr. mid-point; \$21.15/hr. maximum) these rates will be adjusted as is required on an annual basis. The cost of the position will be part of the annual operating budget and shall not be exceeded unless approved by the Board of Selectmen. The rate for the incumbent of this position will be increased on an annual basis at the average percentage increase of all other Town office employees and will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

**Passed**

**Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to accept the deeding of the North Branch Cemetery property to the Town from the North Branch Cemetery Association. The North Branch Cemetery Association will be terminating its association as per RSA 289:13. The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be raised by taxes, for the proper care and maintenance of the cemetery. Upon transfer of the title to the cemetery, the balance of the funds in the care

of the North Branch Cemetery Association, estimated to be in excess of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) will be transferred to the Town General Fund. Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of said funds, were donated and will be earmarked for a memorial garden for Amber Carter, it is the intention to have this garden completed by December 31, 2008. The Antrim Cemetery Trustees shall have the sole management responsibility for the cemetery.

**Passed**

**Article 19** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500.00) from the Highway/Engineering Capital Reserve Fund for engineering fees related to the design of drainage and wetlands requirements for the lower part of Pleasant Street to Route 202, the fund was set up for these purposes.

**Passed**

**Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, in accordance with RSA 231:43, the portion of Diebart Lane that runs off of Grove Street to the property of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Kemp, and to also discontinue Davison Drive that runs off of Old Clinton Road, and to relinquish all interest in said roads or portion thereof, so long as discontinuance has no cost to the Town or take any other action thereon.

**Passed**

**Article 21** To hear reports of the committees and act thereon.

**Passed**

**Article 22** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion was made to see if the town will vote to add individual salaries of all town employees back into the town report.

**Passed**