

**TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

Moderator Rod Stark called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The following individuals were sworn in as counters: David Pierce, Gail Labrecque, Fred Robinson and Hank Boyle.

Advisor Officer Geoff Pinard introduced the Police Explorer's Color Guards – Daritza Castillo, Franklin Castillo and Zac Houle, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Stark introduced the Head Table: Town Clerk Cathy Ball, Scribe Jo Ann Duffy, Assistant Moderator Fred Plett, Chairman Collis Adams, Vice Chairman Mark Lemay, Selectman Nicholas Campasano, Selectman Philip D'Avanza, Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux, and Assistant Town Administrator Derek Horne (Absent: Selectman Allen Brown).

Moderator Stark then recognized dignitaries who were in the audience:

Budget Committee Members: Elected Members – Chairman Peter Georgantas, Vice Chairman Guy Caron, Elizabeth Dubrulle, Bryan Fournier, Lee Sperry, Ruth Gage, Lisa Jukes, Brian Lewis, Shea Sennett, Joe Spoerl; Appointed Members – Mark Lemay.

State Representatives: John Burt, Ruth Gage, John Hikel and Richard Meaney.

State Senator: Lou D'Allesandro.

Next Moderator Stark introduced Chairman Collis Adams. As many of you may have heard, Selectman D'Avanza will not be seeking reelection. He was first appointed to the Goffstown Industrial Council in 1989 and later to the Budget Committee. He became a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1990. In 1991, he became chair of the Board of Selectmen. He has served on almost every board in Goffstown. Certainly a distinguished career. Whether you agreed with Phil or not, you always knew where Phil stood. I think that is all we can ask from our elected officials. Chairman Adams presented Phil a plaque from the citizens of Goffstown.

Selectmen D'Avanza: I am honored and humble. I have been honored to serve the community and I am very humbled. Thank you very much.

Mr. Stark then introduced Rick Wilhelmi, Parks and Rec Director to present the Robinson Cullerot Volunteer Award.

Rick Wilhelmi: We have a great bunch of people. I have been in the community for the past four years. Brad Parkhurst is on our commission and is here tonight. Other members of the commission were mentioned. I am here to present the award. This was established by the Parks and Rec Commission that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism.

The Clint Robinson/Lionel Cullerot Award goes to Hugh and Jeanne Sherman. Jean and Hugh retired in 2012 from Tri-Town Soccer. They have made a major impact to youth athletics in this community. We would like to thank Jean and Hugh for their contributions.

## MODERATOR'S OPENING STATEMENT & RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. No smoking on school grounds
2. Exits in case of an emergency
3. All speakers must use microphones and identify themselves.
4. Since 1996, we have been operating under the auspices of RSA 40:12 and RSA 40:13, popularly known as Senate Bill 2. Under this system, we are undertaking the deliberative session, or ballot determination hearing. Under this system, we will not be voting to pass or defeat any Warrant Article at tonight's meeting. All Warrant Articles will be on the official ballot, which will be voted on in the Second Session, to be held Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at Goffstown High School and at Bartlett Elementary School in Pinardville, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
5. We will be discussing tonight Articles 18 through 34. These articles are open for discussion, debate and amendment. If an amendment to a particular Warrant article is properly presented and adopted by this meeting, the Article, as amended, will appear on the ballot for voting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. With respect to Amendments, please remember that the purpose of the Warrant is to place the subject to the voters on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, tonight we cannot move to pass or defeat any article, but only to amend.
7. A motion on an article is a motion simply to bring it to the floor for discussion. If an article fails to receive a motion, and a second, it will go on the warrant as printed. After receiving a motion and a second to bring it to the floor, the article may be amended.
8. Amendments to any of the articles presented tonight are permissible with certain constraints. An amendment to any of the non-money articles is permissible as long as the amendment is germane to the subject of the article. Any amendment that is offered that is not related to the subject matter of the Article will be ruled out of order and not accepted by the Moderator.
9. Amendments to money articles may only change the dollar figures appearing in the article and may not change any wording except as to provide further clarification to the changed dollar figure.
10. All amendments must be presented in writing to the Moderator. I have forms with me for that purpose. Proposed amendments must be moved to the floor and seconded before any discussion will be allowed on the amendment. And then, the discussion that is allowable is of the amendment only. A vote will then be taken on the amendment. After the vote, discussion will continue on the main article, as amended if the amendment is passed, or as stated originally if the amendment is defeated.
11. At the conclusion of the discussion of the main article, there will be no vote taken. We will simply begin consideration of the next article.
12. The previous question is still a procedure that will apply to the conduct of this meeting. After an article, or a proposed amendment to the article, has been discussed, a voter may attempt to cut off further debate by "moving the previous question". This motion is not debatable. A "yes" vote on the previous question means that debate will end. A "no" vote means discussion will continue. A simple majority is required to pass a motion to call the previous question and, therefore, end debate.
13. A motion to reconsider can only be made by a person who voted on the prevailing side. Anybody may second it.

14. Moderators have the right under NH law to establish rules of procedure. Although Roberts Rules will be used as a general guide, they will not be definitive. We are going to follow Fred's rules, and at any time, if you question Fred's rules, you may challenge the moderator, and by vote, overrule me. The meeting will be conducted as expeditiously and as fairly as possible.
15. No person may speak at this meeting without recognition by the Moderator. I will do my best to recognize all who wish to speak, in an orderly fashion, until it is clear that people have had the opportunity to make points pertinent to the article. In the interest of meeting brevity, I would request that if a previous speaker has made a point, please do not feel obligated to say the same thing, or to say "I agree". Please assume that the people present tonight have heard and weighed arguments previously made. Of course, if you have new light to shed on a matter, please feel free to be recognized. Secondly, there is no room tonight for filibusters. I would request that all initial presentations be limited to 5 minutes, and that all follow-on discussions be limited to a maximum of 2-3 minutes per person. While this is not a hard and fast rule, I will interrupt very long presentations to get a sense of the assembly whether or not the presentation should continue.
16. If a request for a secret ballot is made, it must be made in writing prior to any vote on a matter under consideration. It must be made by at least five voters present and on the checklist. After a voice vote is made, and when there is a question of a division of the house, a written request may be made for a secret ballot but with seven or more people present and on the checklist signing the request. I also have forms for that purpose.
17. I am not obligated to read the warrant. It is here for you to read, so I will not read it, and we will take up the articles one at a time.

Senator D'Allesandro: I've asked to speak about a couple of things. The Governor spoke about the State of the State today. The Governor made some points that will have a dramatic effect on everyone. The Senate has put together a framework to allow 50,000 people to be covered by insurance. She spoke about a deal that was made by the Attorney General to settle a court case. This deals with the mentally ill. This will provide monies for this matter. Without the benefit of grants, this State would not survive. If we were impeded of accepting those funds in a timely matter, this would have a detrimental effect on the State and the communities. For those of you who did not hear the Governor's message, it comes back to civility and that cooperation has been the center point of this last session. When you get cooperation, you get a better result. Those items will affect all of your lives. The fact we should keep looking for ways to embellish our town, city, State. It is a major factor in the way our government is conducted. I congratulate Selectman D'Avanza on 23 years. That is marvelous. I hope there are many, many more. Thank you very much for coming. I am honored to represent you.

***P. Georgantas moved to suspense with the reading of the warrant. Seconded by B. Lewis. Voted in favor by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 18** (FIRE STATION BOND) and recognizes Selectman Campasano.  
 Sel. Campasano: ***Move Article 18 to the floor.***  
 Vice Chair. Lemay: ***Second.***

Sel. Campasano: Explains the Bond for the Fire Station improvements. This Article seeks to fund the rehabilitation and expansion of the three fire stations. Several studies and reports concluded the stations are in need of significant upgrades and renovations. They will not meet current needs or future demands. The proposed cost includes final design, construction, equipment and furnishings and contingency. This will provide safe facilities and the space needed to meet the town's needs. This bond will be for 20 years.

Chief Richard O'Brien: There was a handout. Please take an opportunity to look at this. There is a lot of information about this program and why it needs to happen. We have an opportunity to upgrade our fire stations. There is an opportunity to make a real impact on public safety. In the handout you will see facts and figures. The stations were built decades ago. In 1969, the department did 68 calls. In January of this year we did 223 calls. Our stations were built in the 50's, 60's and 70's. We are at that point where we either start from scratch or renovate what we have. The recommendation was to renovate what was possible and add on what we need. If this project gets deferred much longer, they will no longer be any good. We will have this handout available on the Town's web site. Looking at other communities, they are looking to build another station. They estimated \$54.5 million. The handout explains station by station on what things will cost. The stations have an R value of R-4. You will see a return on your investment down the road. The project will address space issues, ADA issues, contaminant clean up, back-up generators. You will have three stations that will meet the needs for decades to come. I appreciate the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee's support on this project.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion. No questions from the public.

Sel. Campasano: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 18.***

Vice Chair. Lemay: ***Second. By voice vote, the motion carried.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 19 (OPERATING BUDGET)** and recognizes Chairman Adams.

Chairman Adams: ***Move Article 19 to the floor.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second.***

Chairman Adams: ***I move to amend from \$19,580,945 to \$19,980,945, an increase of \$400,000.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second.***

Chairman Adams: The Board of Selectmen's goal was to present an even budget. They feel the cut of the road plan was too deep. The Board of Selectmen cut the road plan to \$1 million. We thought this would allow us to improve certain roads. Cutting this further forces us to put off maintenance even further. We have been using the pavement condition index. We saw the condition of our roads increase dramatically. In the last three years, we saw the roads drop. We made a great investment to our roads and if we don't continue to fund the road reclamation line we will continue to see the number drop. The overall condition of our roads are deteriorating. We

see this PCI drop, it is a direct indication that our roadways are deteriorating. One of the other goals the BOS was to focus on economic development. In order to do that, we need to maintain our infrastructure so that those businesses would want to relocate to Goffstown. There is another reason why we need to consider keeping our roads in the better shape.

Peter Georgantas: There were a couple of factors that were decided. The Budget Committee voted 14-0 on that budget. There was a question to the department head. What was the most important thing to him? His answer was equipment. We took the dollar amount from the road program to pay for the equipment. The department has been encumbering funds. In 2006, they carried over \$280,000... This last year, \$449,579,000. They carried it over to the next year. There is still \$449,000 that did not get spent that will get spent in 2014. The Budget Committee spent a lot of time looking at this. This is a catch up. I hope you will not support this amendment and go with the Budget Committee and all their hard work came up with. Thank you.

Gatie Benner: I have a question. Does the bottom line include the \$30,000 that I had a petition for? This petition was signed by hundreds of people. I spent a lot of time with estimates, etc. for a sign. I was under the impression this would go on an Article or be included in the funds. This is very neglectful that the Board of Selectmen refused to insert this Article in the Warrant.

Moderator: I would like to get back to the amendment that was offered. We are dealing with the Amendment and you are going beyond the scope. I would rule you out of order. Come to the table after we get done with this and I will speak with you.

Chairman Adams: There is a number of reasons why monies are encumbered for road work. One issue is weather. One of the most significant reasons for encumbering monies is this Town has a policy when this town constructs roads, once the base layer goes down, it must remain in place for 12 months before the finished layer is done. We must encumber the final pavement course and the shoulder work.

Elizabeth Dubrulle: The time to make these types of adjustments is during the budget process. To wait until now, it feels like the Board of Selectmen are trying to do an end run round the Budget Committee. The decision to cut the money from the road plan was a compromise. There are many needs in our Town. Although it is an honorable goal to have a flat rate on the Town side. People are going to look at their tax bill. DPW is still getting 2/3 of the capital fund. I think this was a fair and equitable compromise. There is only so much money and it's all about making priorities.

Steve: The Board of Selectmen is right. I have done paving in my past. This is not like paving a driveway. Given what the Town needs are, I see how bad the roads are. I saw how they want to piggy back with the St. A's construction, which will save the Town money. I would support this, as long as it is used in the Pinardville area.

Liz Dolan: The DPW has done a terrific job in improving the roads. We all hate to see taxes going up. We want to keep our town viable.

Guy Caron: In addition to the \$445,000 there are other monies. This past year it was \$500,000. We can throw more but they can't spend it. They spend between \$450,000 and \$500,000 per year. This is plenty of money as far as the BC was concerned.

***A written Petition was submitted requesting a written ballot vote on this amendment.***

John Hikel: A few years ago, a ballot was torn in half. Could you please explain to the voters about this?

Moderator: Explained that you should not tear your ballots.

Town Clerk: Explained the voting process.

***Results: Vote: 57 no, 43 yes. Amendment defeated.***

Elizabeth Dubrulle: ***Moved to restrict reconsideration. Member of audience seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Chairman Adams: Explained the budget process and the reductions that were made by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. The highlights of the 2014 budget: salary for sewer is now budgeted to the sewer department. The DPW is broken into five divisions. The budget includes an engineering technician for 29 hours for storm-water management. There was a reduction of the road reclamation. There is a zero percent wage increase for non-union employees. There will be a 3.5% increase for the employees' contribution for health insurance.

Moderator: There being no further discussion, the Article will appear on the Ballot as presented.

Chairman Adams: ***Moved to restrict reconsideration.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 20** (PLEASANT ST. BRIDGE SIDEWALK) and recognizes Vice Chairman Lemay.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move Article 20 to the floor.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second.***

Vice Chair Lemay: Explains Unassigned Fund Balance & Pleasant St. Bridge Sidewalk Project. This past summer the DPW did some work on Pleasant Street. Upon further exploration, it was noticed that substantial work needed to be done to the bridge. The work was completed; however, the sidewalk was in severe decay. The structure that holds the bridge in place had caused the abutments to deteriorate. If the bridge is not repaired, this bridge will be closed to pedestrian traffic. If Article 20 does pass, we will be in good shape. The money that was appropriated was for the bridge repair only. I hope you are in support of this Article.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion. No comments.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 20.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second. The Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 21** (DETENTION PONDS) and recognizes Chairman Adams.

Chairman Adams: ***Move Article 21 to the floor.***  
 Sel. Campasano: ***Second.***  
 Chairman Adams: Explains detention ponds. In Goffstown we have about 65 detention basins. They are used to offset increased flows. We also have treatment swales that treat the water quality. The DPW has developed a plan to start aggressively addressing those in need of repair. They have ranked them from most to least severe. These two are the worst. This Article would provide funds to reconstruct these basins.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.  
 Shea Sennett: I am curious why this isn't included in the budget. This seems like something the DPW will be working on. It seems they want the unreserved fund balance to pay for this. It doesn't make sense to me to vote on this separately.

Chairman Adams: A number of these were put in years ago. They are tucked away in remote areas. Overtime they have become overgrown with vegetation. As we have researched and inspected them, we see they are in need of repair. It is important to the folks who live in these areas.  
 Shea Sennett: I don't think that answered my question.  
 Chairman Adams: These are projects that need to be done sooner as opposed to later. It is a onetime expenditure. We think it is an appropriate use of the unreserved fund balance.

Moderator: There being no further discussion, Article will appear on the Ballot as presented.

Chairman Adams: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 21.***  
 Sel. Campasano: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 22** (ADA VERTICAL LIFT) and recognizes Selectman D'Avanza.  
 Sel. D'Avanza: ***Move Article 22 to the floor.***  
 Sel. Campasano: ***Second.***  
 Sel. D'Avanza: Explains ADA VERTICAL LIFT. This has gone through the CIP process and approved by them for consideration for funding. The purpose is to replace the ADA lift at the Town Hall. It will replace this with an accessible vertical ADA compliant lift.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.  
 Gatie Benner: This is a great Article. Would it be possible to add \$31,000 for message boards to accommodate the elderly and disabled who do not have computer access?

Moderator: You are out of order. It doesn't have anything to do with this.  
 Sel. D'Avanza: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 22.***  
 Sel. Campasano: ***Second. The motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 23** (REPAIRS & PAINTING OF LIBRARY) and recognizes Chairman Adams.  
 Chairman Adams: ***Move Article 23 to the floor.***  
 Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second.***

Chairman Adams: I would hope you would support the Article.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Scott Gross and Peter Romein submit an amendment: ***To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,999 for the painting and repairs to the exterior of the public library, funding from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.***

Scott Gross: Some of you are asking why did I amend this Article down by \$1.00. I did this to see if the Budget Committee would reconsider amending their recommendation. There was a difference as to what was maintenance and what was a capital improvement. The building is 100 years old. If we don't take the necessary measures to paint and repair this now, it will cost a lot more in the long run.

Jennifer Philips: We are supportive of the Warrant Article. We ask that Goffstown Voters support it. The work needs to be done. There is a link on the Library's web site about this project. The extent of the repairs makes this more than routine maintenance. There is lead paint and rotting wood. The Library is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Peter Georgantas: Scott is right, the Budget Committee voted the way it did because we thought it was a maintenance item. I understand Scott's motion and we will vote on it again tonight.

Scott Gross: The only way the Budget Committee can reconsider this is an affirmative vote on this amendment.

***Vote on the amendment: Carried by voice vote.***

Article 23 will appear on the Ballot as amended.

Chairman Adams: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 23.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 24** (SERVER VIRTUALIZATION AT POLICE DEPT.) and recognizes Selectman Campasano.

Sel. Campasano: ***Move Article 24 to the floor.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second.***

Sel. Campasano: Explains Server Virtualization. The current infrastructure consists of five servers for dispatch, data management, radio software, web site posting, networking, printing. This will consolidate the five servers into one unit through the use of virtualization software. Enhanced data storage will provide better backup capabilities. This department serves as a regional dispatch center. We ask for your support of this important project.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion. No comments.

Sel. Campasano: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 24.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 25** (SCBA) and recognizes Vice Chair Lemay.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move Article 25 to the floor.***

Chair Adams: ***Second.***

Vice Chair Lemay: Explains Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Article. This is one of the only Articles that has complete support from the Board of Selectmen and

the Budget Committee. There are six towns applying for a grant. It is important for mutual aid to have the same equipment as it makes it easier to work with. The current SCBA were obtained in 2002. We have 38 air packs. They are getting old. Next year, the air packs would cost more. If we get the grant, there will be no tax impact.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 25.***

Chair Adams: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 26** (FIRE APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND) and recognizes Vice Chair Lemay.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move Article 26 to the floor.***

Sel. Campasano: ***Second.***

Vice Chair Lemay: Explains FIRE APPARATUS CRF. If you were to not purchase this today, you would pay more tomorrow. It is very important that we get this money. It will offset the cost of the fire apparatus.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 26.***

Sel. Campasano: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 27** (Goffstown Main Street Program) and recognizes Selectman D'Avanza.

Sel. D'Avanza : ***Move Article 27 to the floor.***

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Second.***

Sel. D'Avanza: Explains Goffstown Main Street Program. The Goffstown Main Street Program has been supported by the Town since 1999. They sponsor the Pumpkin Regatta, Trick or Treat, Old Home Day and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. They also provide support to the community as a whole. When the business community thrives in Goffstown, that is good for the entire community. We hope you will support this Article.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Beverly Powden: The Board of Directors of the Main Street Program wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and the voters for their support. We work to preserve the historic character of our community while supporting the local economy.

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 27.***

Vice Chair Lemay: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 28** (Crispin's House) and recognizes Selectman Campasano.

Sel. Campasano: ***I move Article 28 to the floor.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***I second.***

Sel. Campasano: Explains Crispin's House. This organization has served the greater Goffstown area for 25 years. The organization has partnered with our schools, churches, law enforcement, non-profit organizations and business

community. They work to empower our young people to make good choices. It is proven these prevention programs saves dollars.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Christy Curtis: We are so grateful of the support from the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the voters in Goffstown in supporting the Article last year. Work is never completed. We were able last year to leverage the Warrant Article to apply for and secure larger grants. Our diversion program has become accredited in the State of NH.

Sel. Campasano: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 28.***

Sel. D'Avanza: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 29 (MILFOIL)** and recognizes PETITIONERS.

***An amendment was submitted in writing to increase this article by \$50.00.***

***I Patricia Stagno acting as president of the Goffstown Waterways Association move to amend Article 29 from \$5,000 to \$5,050.***

Petitioner: I am the President of the Goffstown Waterways Association. We have come up with money from NHDES. We received grants totaling over \$10,000. We are asking the Goffstown residents to help us out with \$5,050 to start cleaning up Glen Lake. The Milfoil is dangerous.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Peter Georgantas: The Budget Committee did not recommend this. We never had any presentation or information. I still don't have any information for tonight's meeting. It is hard to make a recommendation if we don't have any information.

Jean Walker: We have Milfoil in our lakes. It is a plant which will take over the lake and chokes it out. It is getting to the point where there are areas that cannot be used. We also had a diver in. We are asking for this. The Conservation Commission supports this.

Elizabeth Dubrulle: A few years ago, there was a request from a resident that has professional background in this area for a comprehensive plan. I was hoping the Board of Selectmen would take the reins on this. My hesitation is that the Selectmen have never taken charge of this. Is this money well spent or is there a better way? I can't support something like this until I have this information.

John Hikel: Point of Order. Is there a motion on the floor right now?

Moderator: The amendment was moved to the floor and seconded.

John Hikel: When the Milfoil program came about, I was involved with that in obtaining funds. The issue has been successful in Namaske Lake. I would support this for Glen Lake.

Petitioner: We do have a plan. The State has a plan for Glen Lake.

Chairman Adams: There is a plan in place. The Town has worked with NHDES and there has been a private diver. I think this is important. This is a small amount of money. It has important fiscal implications as well. We need to take advantage of bringing businesses into Goffstown. If we are going to continue to attract business into Town, we need to continue to maintain

the quality of these waterways. The people who live on these lakes pay more in property taxes.

Peter Georgantas: I am disappointed to hear there is a plan, and the Budget Committee has not seen this plan. We would like to see it. We represent the taxpayers. When somebody asks for money and they don't say anything, it is hard to recommend the expenditure.

Elizabeth Dubrulle: Why is this being brought forward by petition and not by the Board of Selectmen?

Nick Campasano: One of the issues is the timing. The residents of Glen Lake came to us requesting assistance. They said you need to look at the model that was put together. The State would not provide funding to residents. They had to file the paperwork and get the estimates. The timing didn't not work. They do recognize the Town has spent a great deal of money treating milfoil in Namaske Lake. This Milfoil at Glen Lake will reinvest the other lake.

Guy Caron: Our recommendations are final unless a change is made to the amount of the appropriation. If the Budget Committee is going to reconsider their recommendation, this amendment needs to pass.

Evelyn Miller: One of the requirements for the grant is that the association needs to be independent. They are suppose to continue to monitor the lake. This is a maintenance program.

Barbara Carbonneau: I have property on Glen Lake. The lake front is valued higher than my home. Please support this petition.

***Vote on the Amendment: Motion carried by voice vote.***

Petitioner: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 29.***

Petitioner: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 30 (SPEED LIMIT)** and recognizes petitioners.

Mike Pelletier: ***Move Article 30 to the floor.***

Petitioner: ***Second.***

The speed limit on Tyler Drive is 30 mph. It is too fast. it is a safety issue. We have been trying to get the speed limit lowered. This is our last resort. This is a good Article for us to support.

Petitioner: Explains Article.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Evelyn Miller: What about a speed bump?

Liz Dolan: The speed limit is 30 mph unless otherwise posted. The main roads are higher at 35 mph. Everyone can't have their speed limit changed. You have to keep your kids out of the road.

Mrs. Pierce: It says not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. I am asking why?

Chairman Adams: State Statute empowers the Board of Selectmen to set speed limits on roadways. Imagine if we had petitions coming in, it would be chaotic.

Len Stuart: I live near Tyler Drive. About a year ago, the speed limit on Merrill Road was dropped to 25 mph. I don't think it has been effective. I support the

idea of keeping your children out of the road. The fact that Tyler Drive is a cul-de-sac, there is very little traffic. I don't think it makes sense to me.  
***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 30.***  
***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 31** (RESCIND AUTHORITY OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND UNANTICIPATED REVENUE) and recognizes PETITIONERS.

Petitioner: ***Move Article 31 to the floor.***

Petitioner: ***Second.***

David Pierce: Submitted the following amendment: ***To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the existing authority of the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from the State, Federal or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year pursuant to RSA 31-95-b.***

Moderator: I have decided to accept this because the subject of the Article is to accept the funds. It is fairly presented.

John Burt: Point of Order. A few years ago, I sat on the committee at the State House. We passed the law. This amendment changes the intent. The law that was passed by the House and signed by the Governor. It states you cannot change the intent of the Article.

Moderator: The subject matter has not been changed. It continues to be the authority of the Selectmen to deal with grants. I am not accepting the protest.

John Burt: Another Point of Order. This does change the intent. The law says you cannot change the intent. This will wipe out the amendment. The intent is to remove that so that changes the intent.

Moderator: My ruling is the same.

Shea Sennett: The Statute says "subject matter".

David Pierce: My amendment reaffirms existing authority. The rewording allows the voters to reaffirm the Selectmen's authority. This accomplishes the aims of the petitioner. This prevents a drastic change to how financing is done in this Town and how funds are available. I removed funds like HUD grants. The legislative body did not see it necessary to put a lot of qualifications in. It is unnecessary in this Article. This would hamstring every effort to provide funding for projects to this Town. This would require special Town Meetings or budgets would need to increase because we could not anticipate receiving funds.

John Burpee: This is a disaster. Everybody in this room who wants to apply for USDA, HUD or Community Block grant, you can't do it. If we have a disaster, you can't apply for grants. Where I live we had problems from the flooding. We got a grant so we could fix our leach fields. Most recently, we applied for a 50/50 grant for a generator so we could have shelter for our seniors if we lost power. I have had the privilege of working with individuals who could get a grant or loan to put a roof on their house. I

want everybody to know I understand why people are upset on Plan Pinardville, but don't take it out on the whole Town.

Ruth Gage: I am also a State Representative. I fully support this amendment. There is no way we can take this away from the Board of Selectmen.

Len Stuart: I think the Article is a disaster. It is poorly drafted, and we would shoot ourselves in the foot. We elect the Selectmen to manage the finances of the Town. We can't handcuff them in requiring every grant to come to the Legislative Body.

Gatie Benner: Let's compromise. If Plan Pinardville went through, we would have lost our front and back yards. Let's come up with another amendment.

Moderator: We are dealing with the amendment that is on the floor right now.

Gatie Benner: Why am I treated differently from everyone else? I come in with a petition and it doesn't go on. My questions don't get answered. The rules are made for the other side.

Moderator: You are out of order. I would like to address this amendment.

Bill Wynne: I support Articles 27 and 28. I am here to talk to this amendment. It needs to stay as is. There are things that the people in this room don't know yet. The Board of Selectmen are not running this town and the people in the town hall are not running this town. They will find out about it.

Charles Tentas: I agree with this amendment. You were voted in and empowered to do a job. The Selectmen are no different. If people are not happy with that, then we need to have voting turnouts at 100%.

Peter Georgantas: I would like to make mention on Article 25, we could end up paying \$250,000 vs. \$25,000 that is budgeted. We use grants for fire trucks. This is a no brainer. I urge everybody to support the amendment.

John Burt: The voters that brought this forward should have the original bill. Like I said, this is coming from Plan Pinardville. As long as the voters have a right to send a message, I guess I would support it. They need to be careful on what grants we will accept.

Christine Daniels: I am in support of the amendment that Dave Pierce put forward. In 2011 the Town had 17 financial events. If everything has to go before the people, they need to realize there will be special elections. Each special election takes as much effort to set up as a Presidential election and it is several thousand dollars to pay for this. I don't want to be overseeing 20 separate elections in one year.

Gatie Benner: Why can't we have a board that reviews these grants? The Selectmen have too much on their plate.

Peter Georgantas: ***Moved the question. Voice vote to end debate.***  
***Motion carried on the amendment by voice vote.***

***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 31.***

***Second. Motion carried on voice vote.***

Moderator: Reads **ARTICLE 32** (ESTABLISH A TRANSPORTATION STUDY COMMITTEE) and recognizes petitioners.

Petitioner: ***Move Article 32 to the floor.***

Petitioner: ***Second.***

Petitioner: Explains ARTICLE.

Evelyn Redmond: I would like to make a point people are looking for assistance with transportation. They have no way to get to stores, doctor's appointments, etc. I would urge you to support this Article.

Moderator: Opens it to the floor for discussion.

Petitioner: ***Move to restrict reconsideration of Article 32.***

Petitioner: ***Second. Motion carried by voice vote.***

***P. Georgantas moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

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