Chairman Hartman opened the meeting at 6:09 pm.

In Attendance: Selectman David E. Hartman – Chairman, Clyde Carson – Selectman, Allan N. Brown – Selectman, and Jim Bingham – Town Administrator

Others present: Martha Mical, Judy Newman-Rogers, John Warner

1. Manifest
Selectman Carson moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll check numbers 3529-3550 in the amount of $37,725.87 (including 19 direct deposits) and Accounts Payable check numbers 50601-50653 in the amount of $467,288.61. Includes a check in the amount of $350,000 to Kearsarge Regional School District. Selectman Brown seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0.

2. Consent Agenda
Selectman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda for February 3, 2015
   • Pole License for #12-0460
   • Intent to cut for Map 10 Lot 22-1 and Map 3 Lot 8
Chairman Hartman seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

3. Capital Reserve Fund – Highway Road Construction
A. $139K is being requested from the Trustees of Trust Funds for uncleared receivables from 2008 to 2012.

   Board Action
   Selectman Brown moved to request $139,924.15 from the capital reserve fund for Highway Road Construction for invoices from 2008 to 2012. Chairman Hartman seconded the motion. Selectman Carson said this request has a direct impact on the ability of the Town to complete Waldron Hill Road in 2015. All were in favor, the motion passed 3-0.

4. 2015 Warrant Articles
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $ 2,966,835.00 (Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) as a 2015 Operating Budget? This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles.

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of $600,000 (Six Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I -89, of which $400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, which represents 66% of project cost) will be reimbursed by the NHDOT, $114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance (NHDOT reimbursement for Phase 1 & 2 design), $45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and $41,000 (Forty One Thousand Dollars) will come from taxation.

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to add to the already established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase a new fire station site, and design and construction of a new fire station on that site, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $165,000 (One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in that fund account with the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend?
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $288,000.00 (Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? $139,000 (One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance and $149,000 (One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Dollars) to come from taxation.

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $53,000 (Fifty Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Shall the Town raise and appropriate $5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to the previously established Odd Fellows Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of hazard mitigation of this Brownfield site?

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0)

Shall the Town raise and appropriate $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the preservation of Town Records?

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with RSA 31:98-a for the current year to be used by the Board of Selectmen for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. Majority vote required.

Shall the Town establish a Library Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund, to raise and appropriate $42,000 (Forty Two Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this Fund and to name the Board of Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library as agents to expend?

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Improvements to the DPW Facility, to raise and appropriate $5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend?

To see if the town will vote to adopt NH RSA 673:6, 1(a) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to Appoint, within their sole discretion, 5 (five) or fewer alternate members to the Warner Planning Board. An alternate member appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall serve a term of 3 (three) years.

“Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.”

To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to place the town owned property identified as Map 29 Lot 001 (136 East Main Street) for sale prior to May 30, 2015. To be sold as described in said Deed as recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on November 1, 2010. Sale of this property should take place as soon as possible. (Submitted By Petition)

- There is a lengthy procedure to follow if the voters approve the sale. The procedure includes the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and 2 public hearings.

To see if the town will establish a dog park on town owned land on East Main Street (Map 29, Lot 1), where dog owners can allow their dogs to exercise and run in safety and out of the way of activities at the other town owned parks and recreational fields. (Submitted By Petition)

- The Town Administrator said the property was purchased from capital reserve funds so the property needs to be used in accordance with the capital reserve purpose. The Town Administrator is waiting to hear from attorney’s on how to change the purpose of the property.
Shall the Town vote to rescind the Board of Selectmen’s authority to act as authorized agents of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Funds? All Expenditures henceforth must be approved by majority vote of the legal voters present and voting at an annual or special town meeting as per RSA 35:15. (Submitted By Petition)

- John Leavitt from the Budget Committee submitted this petition and he said his contention is the Selectmen knew for a year that a dump truck will not pass inspection. John feels there was plenty of time to come up with a plan for the warrant. The Town Administrator said the Board will be looking at different options to save the Town money.
- Selectman Brown said if the Board doesn't do something before Town Meeting the fleet will be down one dump truck, which means one truck short for the plow season. He said the Board is setting themselves up to fail. Selectman Carson feels a discussion should take place at Town Meeting and he feels the Town will side with the Selectmen, he said last year it didn't pass as well.
- Selectman Brown feels those who want to take the authority away from the Selectmen should run for Selectman.
- Martha said if the Board had made their decision on a vehicle prior to tonight, she said the public wants to know what the Selectmen want to purchase.
- Chairman Hartman said the Selectmen opposed to this petition. He feels it was generated because of a couple of purchases over the last 4 years. He said the 10-wheeler has proven to be an asset to the Town and the street sweeper has paid for itself and saves the Town $10,000 per year.

5. Sprinkler System at Highway Department
A. After the Town of Henniker lost it highway fleet to a devastating fire, Chairman Hartman recommends installing a sprinkler system at the Highway Department. He is recommending creating a warrant article with the intent to install a sprinkler system. Selectman Brown and Selectman Carson agreed.

6. Library
A. Library Trustee, John Warner asked the Board if the Library needs a warrant article asking permission to spend the $50K LCHIP money and to spend money from other sources. Chairman Hartman said going back to 1892 the document gives the Trustees the authority to receive and expend any outside money.

7. Nonpublic Session
Chairman Hartman moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:55 pm. under RSA91-A:3 II (a), personnel. Motion was seconded by Selectman Carson. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman Carson – yes; Selectman Hartman – yes.

In attendance: Chairman Hartman, Selectman Carson, Selectman Brown, Town Administrator – Jim Bingham

The Selectmen discussed a step increase for the Deputy Town Clerk.

David Hartman called for a motion to end the non-public session. Selectman Clyde Carson so moved. Selectman Brown seconded. Hartman-yes, Brown –yes, Carson-yes. Motion passed 3-0 to end this non public session. The non-public session was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

8. Continuation of 02-03-15 Board of Selectmen’s Meeting at 09:47 pm
Present: Clyde Carson - Selectman and Allan N. Brown – Selectman

Proposed Article #20

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for improvements to the Highway Facility and raise and appropriate $5,000.00 to be placed in this Fund.

Selectman Brown said, so we are going to make this “improvements to the Public Works facility” and Selectman Carson answered yes.

Selectman Carson and Selectman Brown, then added the phrase "and then make the Selectmen Agents to Expend” to the end of the proposed article. They clarified that is the way it should be worded.

The final Proposed Article read as follows:

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for improvements to the Public Works Facility and raise and appropriate $5,000.00 to be placed in this Fund and make the Board of Selectmen agents to expend.

A roll call vote was taken to make the changes to the Article and vote it in. All were in favor, motion passed 3-0.
9. Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

Board of Selectmen
David E. Hartman – Chairman
Clyde Carson
Allan N. Brown

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Whalen
Recording secretary