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WARNER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 15, 2017

ARTICLE 1

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Almoner of the Foster & Currier Fund 1 for 1 Year
442 Jere Henley

Almoner of the Foster & Currier Fund 1 for 3 Years
471 Penny Sue Courser

Budget Committee 2 for 3 Years

240 Martha Bodnarik*

205 John Leavitt

340 David Minton*

Chandler Reservation 1 for 4 Years

427 Jonathan France

Selectman 1 for 3 Years

356 Kimberley Edelmann*

108 Paul Hagenow

Trustee of Pillsbury Library 3 for 3 Years
376 David Bates
350 Ralph Parsons
361 Judith Pellettieri

Trustee of Pillsbury Library 1 for 1 Year
8 Sara McNeil *(Write-In)

Trustee of Town Cemeteries 1 for 3 Years
444 Kenneth W. Cogswell

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 Years
436 David Karrick

NOTE: * = Winner in contested race

ARTICLE 2

ZONING QUESTION: YES: 353 NO: 91

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment #1: Amend Article XVII Section F Time Limit, by changing the existing wording:

F. Time Limit: Approvals granted by the Board for Variance or Special Exception are valid for a two-year period unless vested

to the following wording:

F. Special Exception or Variance Time Limits:

a. A Special Exception or Variance approved by the Board will expire after two years from the date of the Board's decision if the use or construction authorized by the Special Exception or Variance has not commenced. This two-year limit may be extended by the Board for good cause. No Special Exception or Variance will expire until one year after the resolution of an application to the Planning Board filed in reliance on the Special Exception or Variance.

b. If the use or construction authorized by a Special Exception or Variance is abandoned for at least two years, then the Special Exception or Variance cannot be reestablished without a new application and approval by the Board.

ARTICLE 3

ZONING QUESTION: YES - 329 NO - 118

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment #2: Amend **Table 1 Use Regulations under Retail and Services Numbers 19, 19-a and 20 Article XVII** by changing the existing wording:

USES	R-1	R-2	R-3	B-1	C-1	OC-1	INT	OR
19. Other amusement and recreation service, outdoor; including camping grounds.		S	S			S		S
19-a. Other amusement and recreation service, outdoor; excluding camping groups (<i>Amended March 2015</i>)					S			
20. Other amusement and recreation service, indoor				S	S		S	

To the following wording:

USES	R-1	R-2	R-3	B-1	C-1	OC-1	INT	OR
19. Other amusement and recreation service, event venue and related function services , outdoor; including camping grounds.		S	S			S		S
19-a. Other amusement and recreation service, event venue and related function services , outdoor; excluding camping groups (<i>Amended March 2015</i>)					S			
20. Other amusement and recreation service, event venue and related function services indoor				S	S		S	

ARTICLE 4

ZONING QUESTION: YES - 317 NO - 148

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment #3: Amend **Article III Definitions**, by changing the definition as currently worded:

“Accessory Apartment” means a separate complete housekeeping unit that is contained within, attached to a single family dwelling, or within an accessory building, in which the title is inseparable from the primary dwelling.
to the following wording per RSA 674:71:

“Accessory Apartment” means a residential living unit that is appurtenant to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. An accessory dwelling unit may be within or attached to the principal dwelling unit.

and, amend Article XIV-B Accessory Apartment item 1, by changing the existing wording:

1. The accessory apartment shall be clearly incidental to the primary use of the property. The apartment shall be a completely separate housekeeping unit that can be isolated from the primary dwelling unit.

to the following wording:

The accessory apartment shall be clearly incidental to the primary use of the property. The apartment shall be a completely separate housekeeping unit that can be isolated from the primary dwelling unit **but shall have an interior door connecting it to the primary dwelling unit.**

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- QUESTION 1:** A. \$42,492,091 182
 B. \$42,492,091 52
 C. \$42,142,091 244*

QUESTION 2: **YES: 339 NO: 150**

Vote to Approve the cost item in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between KRSB and the Para Educators

Year	Estimated Increase
2017-18	\$57,686
2018-2019	\$78,354
2019-20	\$71,079

and further raise \$57,686 for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

QUESTION 3: **YES: 366 NO: 117**

Vote to raise up to \$25,000 to be placed in Special Education Expendable Trust Fund (est 2008) from unassigned fund balance on hand June 30, 2017

QUESTION 4: **YES: 371 NO: 117**

Vote to raise up to \$50,000 to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Fund for the repair, unanticipated utility cost and maintaining school buildings and equipment funded from unassigned fund balance remaining June 30, 2017.

Moderator: 448 Brackett L. Scheffy

School Board Member 1 for 3 Years

163 Joseph Mendola
348 Faith Minton*

Municipal Budget Committee 1 for 3 years

394 Jonathan Sevigny

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2017

(@ 7:00 PM WARNER TOWN HALL)

Moderator Ray Martin opened the Warner Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 15, 2017. He introduced himself, asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, he announced results of the previous day's voting (reported at the beginning of these minutes) and asked winning candidates to go to the Town Clerk's Office to take their Oath of Office to be sworn in.

Moderator said results would be released from the school district when totals from all the towns in the Kearsarge Regional School District were tallied.

He said voters totaled 511, 22% of Warner's 2292 registered voters, with the majority of voters arriving in the morning, polls closed at 7 PM and ballot counting was rescheduled due to the weather until Wednesday morning, March 16, 2017.

Moderator announced the results of the survey that asked voters if they would like to change the day of the week the business session of the Annual Town Meeting is held - 257 – YES, In Favor of Saturday, 101 – NO, Against changing.

Chairman Clyde Carson announced the retirement of Selectman Alan Brown, congratulated and welcomed Kimberley Edelmann to the Warner Selectboard, announced the dedication of the Town Report to Phillip Rogers, said the survey conducted yesterday may change the day of the 2018 Town Meeting, the Town's newest fire engine had been involved in a rollover, no one was hurt and the truck will be replaced or repaired. Selectman Carson proceeded to present a powerpoint presentation of 2016 Town Highlights. (on file)

Moderator explained the meeting rules.

ARTICLE 5
AMENDED AND PASSED
YES – 270 NO – 44

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,530.00 (Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars) to construct a solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount \$64,935 (Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) to come as a rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission and further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$273,595 (Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) of bonds or notes, which includes the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's bond payment, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE 5:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$328,530.00 (Three Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars) to construct a solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount \$64,935 (Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) to come as a rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission and further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$263,595 (Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's bond payment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-2, 1 Abstained) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded.

Moderator said 2/3 Majority Vote needed to pass Article 5 and voting would remain open for 1 hour.

Selectman John Dabuliewicz was asked to address Article 5.

Motion by Selectman John Dabuliewicz to Amend Article 5:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,530.00 (Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars) to construct a solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount \$64,935 (Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) to come as a rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission and further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$273,595 (Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) of bonds or notes, which includes the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's bond payment, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Motion Seconded

Selectman Dabuliewicz explained the proposed Amendment was necessary to correct the wording to increase the project total by \$10,000 and include the first years payment of \$10,000 in the loan or bond amount. Brief discussion followed.

Moderator read the Amendment to Article 5 and called for a Vote on the Motion to Amend Article 5.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority.

Motion to Amend Article 5 Passed.

Discussion followed.

Motion by James Gaffney to Amend Amended Article 5:

Create an account and any and all revenue that comes in, similar payments from Eversource shall go into this fund and the sole purpose of the fund shall be to pay down the principal associated with this loan, the only other use the funds may be used for are administrator fees associated with this account. Upon the satisfaction of this bond/loan any revenue that comes in as a result of the solar array shall go to paying down the future loan associated with the fire house.

Second.

Selectman Dabuliewicz explained research had been done, it was a large accounting task to accomplish the request and revenue goes into the Town General Fund.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Rebecca Courser to Move the Question on the Amendment to Amended Article 5.

Two speakers waiting to respond prior to the Motion were recognized by Moderator to speak.

Voice Vote to Move the Question on the Amendment to Amended Article 5.

Ayes in the Majority.

Motion Passed to Move the Question.

Voice Vote on the Amendment to Amended Article 5.

Majority in the Negative.

Amendment Failed.

Discussion continued.

Motion to Move the Question on Amended Article 5.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote to Move the Question on Amended Article 5.

Ayes in the Majority.

Motion Passed to Move the Question.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,530.00 (Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars) to construct a solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount \$64,935 (Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) to come as a rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission and further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$273,595 (Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) of bonds or notes, which includes the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's bond payment, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Moderator stated that the time for ballot voting on Amended Article 5 would remain open until 9:15 PM, 1 hour and 2/3 Majority was needed to Pass the Article. He explained the yellow paper ballots from the ballot packet would be used, a "YES" Vote in Favor and "NO" was a Vote Against.

ARTICLE 6 **PASSED**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070,486 (Three Million, Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars) as the 2017 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Kimberley Edelmann, Budget Co-chairman, presented and explained a slide show of Town financial data using graphs and charts showing 2016 Operating Budget, Expenditures, 2017 Capital Budget, Estimated Revenue and 12 years of Tax Rates. (presentation on file with this report)

Discussion followed.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Article 6. Ayes in the Majority. Article 6 Passed

Motion by Martha Mical: To Move Article 10 up to be heard next, followed by Article 23. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

ARTICLE 10
PASSED YES - 159 NO - 48

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,000 (One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established New Fire Station Construction Capital Reserve Fund? Of this amount \$82,000 (Eighty Two Thousand Dollars) to come from the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund and the balance amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-0, 1 Abstained). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Out going Selectman, Alan Brown opened the discussion with a brief history of the New Fire Station Committee 2016 activity.

Discussion followed.

Motion made to Move the Question. Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Motion Passed.

Motion by Martha Mical for a paper ballot. Request supported by 5 Voters.

Moderator read Article 10, stating that the green paper ballot would be used, "YES" was a Vote in Favor of Article 10 and "NO" was Against Article 10.

*Results reported later in the meeting after all voters voted.

ARTICLE 23
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Town of Warner under RSA 72:28.(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Paul Violette provided an explanation of Article 23.

Hearing no Questions, Moderator called for a Vote on Article 23.

Motion by Martha Mical for a paper ballot. Request not supported by 5 Voters.

Motion did not carry.

Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Article 23 Passed.

ARTICLE 7
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded Martha Mical presented an explanation for Article 7.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Article 7 Passed.

ARTICLE 8
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Expendable Health Trust Fund? This Fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

James Bingham, Town Administrator, explained Article 8.

Brief discussion.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Article 8 Passed.

Before proceeding, Moderator announced the voting results on Article 10: YES - 159 NO – 48 and declared Article 10 Passed.

ARTICLE 9
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

William Chandler, Chief of Police, spoke to Article 9.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Article 9 Passed.

Moderator announced the Voting results for Article 5:

YES – 270 NO – 44 Article 5 Passed.

Motion by Darrin Blood to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 5, 6 and 10. Second.
Moderator explained Restricting Reconsideration.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority.

Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 5, 6 and 10 Passed.

Motion by James Gaffney to Move Article 25 to be heard next. Second.

Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Motion Passed to hear Article 25 next.

ARTICLE 25
PASSED AS AMENDED

AMENDED AND PASSED: To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall be presented at a Public Hearing and shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town of Warner will direct the selectmen to develop and implement a plan to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building in 2018. The lot would be developed as a combination parking lot and green space. The plan should also include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature to display on said lot. (Submitted by Petition)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Rebecca Courser, who submitted the petition, asked the Selectmen to address the pending Agreement before she offered an amendment to Article 25, referencing the Thursday, March 9, 2017 Public Hearing.

Selectman John Dabuliewicz responded by saying the Board of Selectmen Passed a Motion to Approve the sale of the OFB to Nate Burrington provided they can reach a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Motion by Ms. Courser to Amend Article 25:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Second.

Point of Order by James Gaffney: When can an Amendment to the Amendment be made?

Moderator answered that the discussion was on the proposed Amendment. He stated he would allow Ms. Courser to speak to her Amendment and then open the floor for discussion.

Ms. Courser explained her motion stating it is important to have a plan in place in the event the parties can not come to a mutual agreement.

Motion by James Gaffney offered to Rebecca Courser to reword her Amendment:

Eliminate the specificity of buyer and give the Selectmen a period of time, January 1, 2018 as an example, to complete a sale and if they are unable to complete a sale to some buyer, they shall come to the 2018 Town Meeting with a plan to demolish the building.

Second.

Moderator read the Amendment with Mr. Gaffney's Motion: To strike "Nate Burrington" and replace with "*a sale of the building prior to January 1, 2018*":

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with *a sale of the building prior to January 1, 2018* falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Ms. Courser asked for clarification: Is Mr. Gaffney's Amendment giving the Selectmen a chance to find another buyer before January 1, 2018 if the pending sale with Mr. Burrington falls through?

Mr. Gaffney agreed.

Moderator asked Ms. Courser if she would accept Mr. Gaffney's Motion as a change to her Amendment. Ms. Courser answered, "No."

Moderator ruled and discussion followed on the Amendment by Mr. Gaffney.

Motion made to Move the Question. Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Motion Passed.

Moderator read the Amendment:

To allow the Selectmen to proceed with a Purchase and Sale Agreement to be completed by January 1, 2018 at the latest and if not completed then the Selectmen will come up with and present a plan to demolish the building at the March 2018 Town Meeting.

Voice Vote taken. Majority Against.

Amendment to Article 25 Failed.

Moderator read the first Amendment:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Discussion followed.

Motion made to Move the Question on the Amendment.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Motion Passed to Move the Question on the Amendment.

Moderator read the Amendment:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Voice Vote taken. Ayes in the Majority.

Amendment to Article 25 Passed.

John Leavitt asked what the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission were on the sale of the OFB. Moderator said Article 25 was submitted by petition. Mr. Leavitt said his question was to the Selectmen regarding the procedure necessary before selling Town property.

Point of Order by Andrew Bodnarik Mr. Leavitt's question was "irrelevant", the Amendment addressed what will happen if the Purchase and Sale "Fails", therefore what happened with Planning Board or Conservation Commission does not matter.

Ms. Chamberlain asked to make an Amendment to the Amendment.

Mr. Leavitt asked the Moderator if he was being ruled "Out of Order".

Moderator answered, "Yes" because the Amendment does not include if the Planning Board and Conservation Commissions have or have not approved the plan for selling the OFB.

Mr. Leavitt said his contention was that the Selectmen do not currently have the right to sell the property and that would void Article 25 and the amendments.

Selectman Dabuliewicz said the Conservation Commission "do not have a problem" with the plan and there was no recommendation from the Planning Board because there was a tie vote on a Motion to Approve the Sale, 3-3. He said statute requires a "recommendation" not an "Approval" therefore the Planning Board made no recommendation.

Mr. Leavitt said the Planning Board minutes said information provided to the Board was lacking enough that they could not make a decision "For" or "Against" so decided not to make a recommendation pending more information.

Selectman Dabuliewicz said 3 members voted to "Recommend" and 3 members voted "Not to Recommend" and what Mr. Leavitt was saying was not correct.

Mr. Leavitt said the statute requires that the Town "must get" a recommendation from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Selectman Dabuliewicz said the Planning Board decided to "Not" make a Recommendation and disagreed with Mr. Leavitt's interpretation.

Mr. Leavitt said he also believed the Selectmen did not have the Conservation Commission recommendation before the Public Hearing was held. He read RSA 41:14-a: ".....*After the Selectmen receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, where a Board or Commission or both exist, they shall hold two public hearings....*"

Moderator stated he is not a lawyer but would rule that the Selectmen received a “non recommendation, not up or down” from the Planning Board and that constitutes a “Recommendation.”

Motion by Alice Chamberlain: In the last sentence insert after “...and the plans” the words, “shall be presented at a Public Hearing.” Second.

Ms. Chamberlain said the present wording does not allow public input.

Selectman Carson said he believed the Selectmen would have a Public Hearing and he was in favor of the Amendment.

Hearing no further discussion,

Moderator read the Amendment to the Amendment:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall be presented at a Public Hearing and shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Voice Vote taken. All in Favor.

Amendment to the Amendment to Article 25 Passed.

Selectman Brown asked voters to instruct the Selectmen to sell the building and get it back on the tax rolls.

Moderator reminded voters the Article asks Selectmen to present a “Plan” at the next Town Meeting and the OFB will not be demolished before then.

Discussion followed.

Selectman Dabuliewicz said he did not feel the Article restricted the Board from pursuing another buyer however, he did not believe the Board would “look” for another buyer nor would they turn one away if one “came through the door.”

Discussion followed.

Motion made to Move the Question on the Amended Amendment to Article 25. Second.

**Voice Vote to Move the Question on the Amended Amendment to Article 25. All in Favor.
Motion Passed.**

Moderator read the Amended Amendment to Article 25:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall be presented at a Public Hearing and shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Voice Vote. Moderator in doubt of the Majority.

Moderator Asked for a Vote by Raising of Paper Ballot.

Amended Amendment to Article 25 Passed. YES – 92 NO – 29

Moderator called for a Vote on Article 25 as Amended:

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the Selectmen to develop a budget to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building if the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nate Burrington falls through and report back this budget to the 2018 Town Meeting. In that plan, the lot is to be considered developed as a combination parking lot and green space and the plans shall be presented at a Public Hearing and shall include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature and displayed on said lot.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority.

Article 25 as Amended Passed.

Selectman Brown questioned the voice vote results.

Moderator asked if there was a Challenge. Several voices responded, “Yes”.

Point of Order by Martha Mical: Could there be a paper ballot to verify the results.

Moderator said he would rule on a Voice Vote first.

Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote to Move Forward with a Challenge to the Moderators Results of the Voice Vote on Article 25 as Amended.

Majority in the Negative. Support for a Challenge Failed.

ARTICLE 11
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Presented by Edward Raymond, Warner Fire Chief.

Discussion followed.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. Ayes in the Majority. Article 11 Passed.

ARTICLE 12
PASSED

Shall the town vote to establish a Firefighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of firefighter equipment and gear, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2). (Majority Vote Required).

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded.

Presented by Edward Raymond, Warner Fire Chief. He said: years ago a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) was created for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department, in addition to money in the Fire Department Operating Budget, in 2016 a \$138,000 Grant was received to replace all 20 SEA packs - and \$24,400 from the CRF will replace a 15 year old Defibrillator.

Edward Mical said wording in Article 12 is to “create a Capital Reserve Fund”, Chief Raymond talked about a Capital Reserve Fund created a few years ago and there is a CRF listed in the 2016 Town Report with a balance of \$40,000 (Fire Dept Equipment, pg 60) He asked if that amount was available. Chief Raymond replied that it was his understanding that the funds from that CRF were available.

James Bingham, Town Administrator, said the Town was “officially establishing the funds we already have” because when he submitted Article 12 to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for review they contacted him to say they had no record of a Town Vote to establish a Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. He said his research showed that the Fire Equipment CRF was a “fund carried over” from when the Fire Department was part of the Water Village Precinct. He said because of a mix up of names - the Trustees of the Trust Funds used one name for the fund and the Town had established a Vehicle Rescue CRF with another name - therefore there was no record of a CRF established for Firefighter Equipment. He said this is a “housekeeping” step to provide a record for DRA that a Firefighter Equipment CRF was established at a Town Meeting. Mr. Bingham added that he contacted the Trustees of the Trust Funds, they have submitted paperwork to transfer funds and change the name from “Fire Equipment CRF” to “Firefighter Equipment CRF”.

Chief Raymond said he did not need to ask for an increase to the \$10,000 as he originally thought, he was not aware of the \$40,000 in the Fire Dept Equipment CRF at the time that he presented his department budget requests and he confirmed the cost to replace the defibrillator was less than anticipated therefore the funds available will be sufficient.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. All in Favor. Article 12 Passed.

Motion made by Rebecca Courser to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 23 and 25. Second.

Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote. All in Favor.

Motion Passed to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 23, and 25.

Moderator suggested combining the vote on Articles 13, 14 and 15.

He said the Articles requested funds annually at Town Meeting for already established Capital Reserve Funds for the Highway Department and voters may discuss any Article individually.

This was Moved and Seconded.

Voice Vote. All in Favor to Combine Article 13, 14 and 15.

ARTICLE 13
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 14
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 15
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read Articles 13, 14 and 15. Motion made to Move the Articles. Motion Seconded.

Tim Allen, Director of Public Works explained: Pumpkin Hill Road and Duck Pond Lane were planned projects, the highway vehicle fleet is aging and they are catching up to meet the replacement schedule and the Waterloo bridge and other bridges need some repair work.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 13, 14 and 15. All in Favor. Articles 13, 14 and 15 Passed.

ARTICLE 16
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established DPW Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Selectman Brown explained Warner needed to protect its' buildings and planned to eventually install a fire suppression system at the highway garage.

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Article 16. All in Favor. Article 16 Passed.

ARTICLE 17
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Preservation of Town Records Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Moderator explained the continuation of complying to the statutory requirement to preserve Town Records. Selectman Carson answered funds previously included in the operating budget have been subjected to being cut so in order to maintain funds a Capital Reserve Fund was created in 2016.

Martha Mical added that funds do not lapse in a Capital Reserve Fund.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 17. All in Favor. Article 17 Passed.

ARTICLE 18
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Selectman Dabuliewicz answered Christine Perkins' question saying that the \$10,000 listed in the Town Report as the balance of the Contingency Fund, lapsed at the end of the 2016.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 18. All in Favor. Article 18 Passed.

ARTICLE 19
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount needed to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Hearing no questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 19. All in Favor. Article 19 Passed.

ARTICLE 20
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 (Twenty Four Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required).

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Sara McNeil, Chair, Trustees of the Pillsbury Library, said the money would be used to level the Frank Maria meeting room floor, remove the drop ceiling in the staff room of the upstairs library to expose original stained glass window, install energy efficient lighting and fix the water damage to the ceiling in the original upstairs library.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 20. All in Favor. Article 20 Passed.

ARTICLE 21
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of setting aside Town funds to use as “matching funds” for transportation improvement grants from state and federal agencies as well as funding repairs and improvements to town walkways, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund and furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4-3). (Majority vote required).

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Timothy Blagden explained: Federal Funds available with a 20% town match, Transportation Alternative Funds are very competitive when available, could be used for sidewalk projects (ex: sidewalks to Market Basket area), setting up a fund shows authorities that Warner is serious and taking steps in the direction of a project.

John Leavitt, Budget Committee member, explained that his vote against recommending Article 21 was because the Town should establish a CRF for a project that is strongly supported.

Selectman Brown said CRF's are also for an unforeseen opportunity.

Kimberly Edelmann, Budget Committee Co-chair, agreed the fund should have a general name to cover any transportation related project and eliminate the need for many small specific funds.

Kristin Ingold asked if the Selectmen are directing where the funds would be used?

Selectman Carson explained when the Selectmen are named as Agents to expend, the Town is authorizing and giving the Selectmen the ability to spend the money. He said unless a public hearing is required by law, spending usually is discussed at the Selectman's Meetings, which are public meetings open to the public to attend but it means one needs to pay attention to the Selectman's meetings notices that are posted. He said the money being requested in Article 21 is “seed money” to show the Town has intentions for projects.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Rebecca Courser to Move the Question.

Voice Vote. All in Favor. Motion to Move the Question Passed.

Voice Vote. All in Favor.

Article 21 Passed.

ARTICLE 22
PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to assist the Warner Fall Foliage Festival Committee in paying for the cost of the site work on the new town parking area adjacent to the school? The owners have granted a permanent ROW easement to the Town to use this developed section of their property for additional parking as well as during the Fall Foliage Festival. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-0, 1 Abstained). (Majority vote required).

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Selectman Brown explained it was decided to give the Town of Warner the easement for the land and \$20,000 is a minimal amount to obtain the use of the land as improved.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 22. All in Favor. Article 22 Passed.

ARTICLE 24
PASSED

“Polling hours in the Town of Warner are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. for all regular state elections beginning in 2019 (To go into effect)? (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion made to Move the Article. Motion Seconded

Selectman Carson said in anticipation of the large crowd expected for the November 2016 election, the Selectmen opened the polls at 7 AM. He said people liked the earlier open time, the Selectmen would like to ask voters if they want to have the question to change polling hours on the ballot at the next Town Meeting.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a Vote.

Voice Vote on Articles 24. Ayes in the Majority. Article 24 Passed.

ARTICLE 26

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

Motion to Adjourn.

Voice Vote. All in Favor.

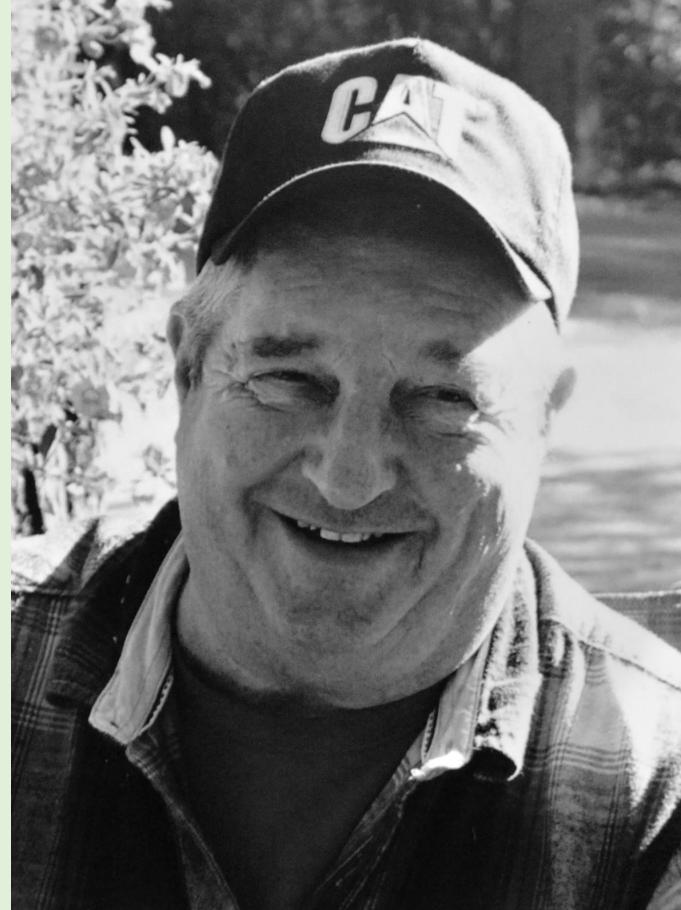
Meeting Adjourned. 10:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Newman-Rogers
Warner Town Clerk

Warner Town Meeting

2016 Highlights



Phil Rogers
Thank you for your service to Warner!

Town Meeting Survey

Would you be more likely to attend town meeting on Saturday rather than Wednesday evening?

Yes – 257

No - 101

Warner Engine 2



Rollover occurred on March 10th on Route 89

No serious injuries

Insurance covers full replacement or repair with a \$1,000 deductible

Roundabout



Total Cost: \$1,041,498

State Share: \$694,679

Town Share: \$346,819 –

includes \$44,000 gift from Market Basket

Final reimbursement from the State this spring
following some rework by the contractor

Fire Station Site

Key Milestones in 2016



April - Property purchased from Gordon Smith

Oct - SMP Architects selected for conceptual design

Nov 2016 - North Branch Construction selected as construction managers

Highway Grader



Purchased in October 2016

Cost: \$299,245

Odd Fellows Building



Completed removal of contaminated soil – NHDES - all clear on soils and ground water

Negotiated lot line adjustment with KRSD to add parking

Selectmen are in final stages of negotiation to sell property

Town Hall Handicap Lift



Savaria lift installed in June 2016

Budget: \$52,000

Actual cost: \$29,000

A Special “Thank You” to David Hartman

Eversource Grant for LED Lighting

- Retrofit of lighting at Town Hall, Police Station and Highway Garage
- 50:50 grant -
- Total cost: \$37,668
- Town cost: \$18,834
- Eversource: \$18,834
- Projected annual savings: \$4,520
- Projected payback: 4.3 years

Economic Development Committee

Members



Charlie Albano – chairman
Michael Amaral
Peter Anderson
Christine Frost
Ginger Marsh
Joe Mendola
Darryl Parker
Aedan Sherman

Warner Town Meeting



Warner Budget Committee Town Meeting Report

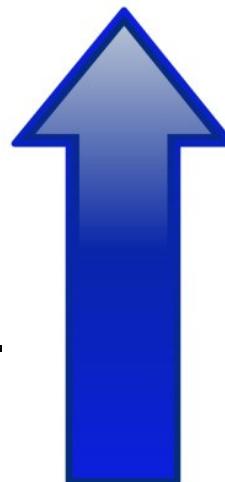
Warner Budget Committee

(April 2016 - March 2017 Session)

Michael Cutting	Chairman
Kimberley Brown Edelmann .	Vice Chairman
Alfred Hanson	
John Leavitt	
Jonathan Lord	
Martha Mical	
Allan Brown	Selectmen's Rep
Peter Newman	Water Precinct Rep

Operating Budget Summary

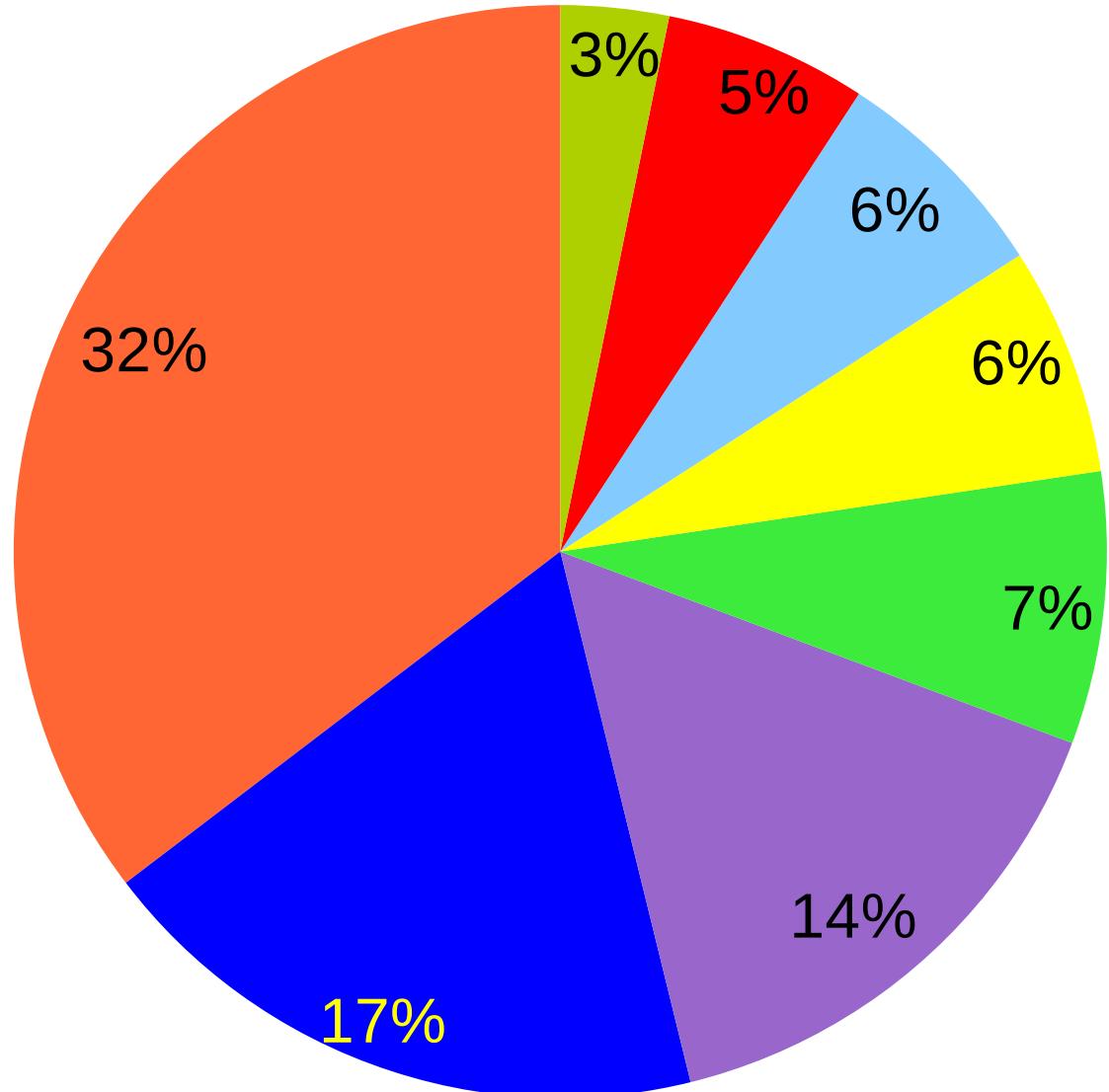
2016 Appropriations		\$3,026,049
2017 Budget		\$3,070,486
Change	1.47%	\$44,437



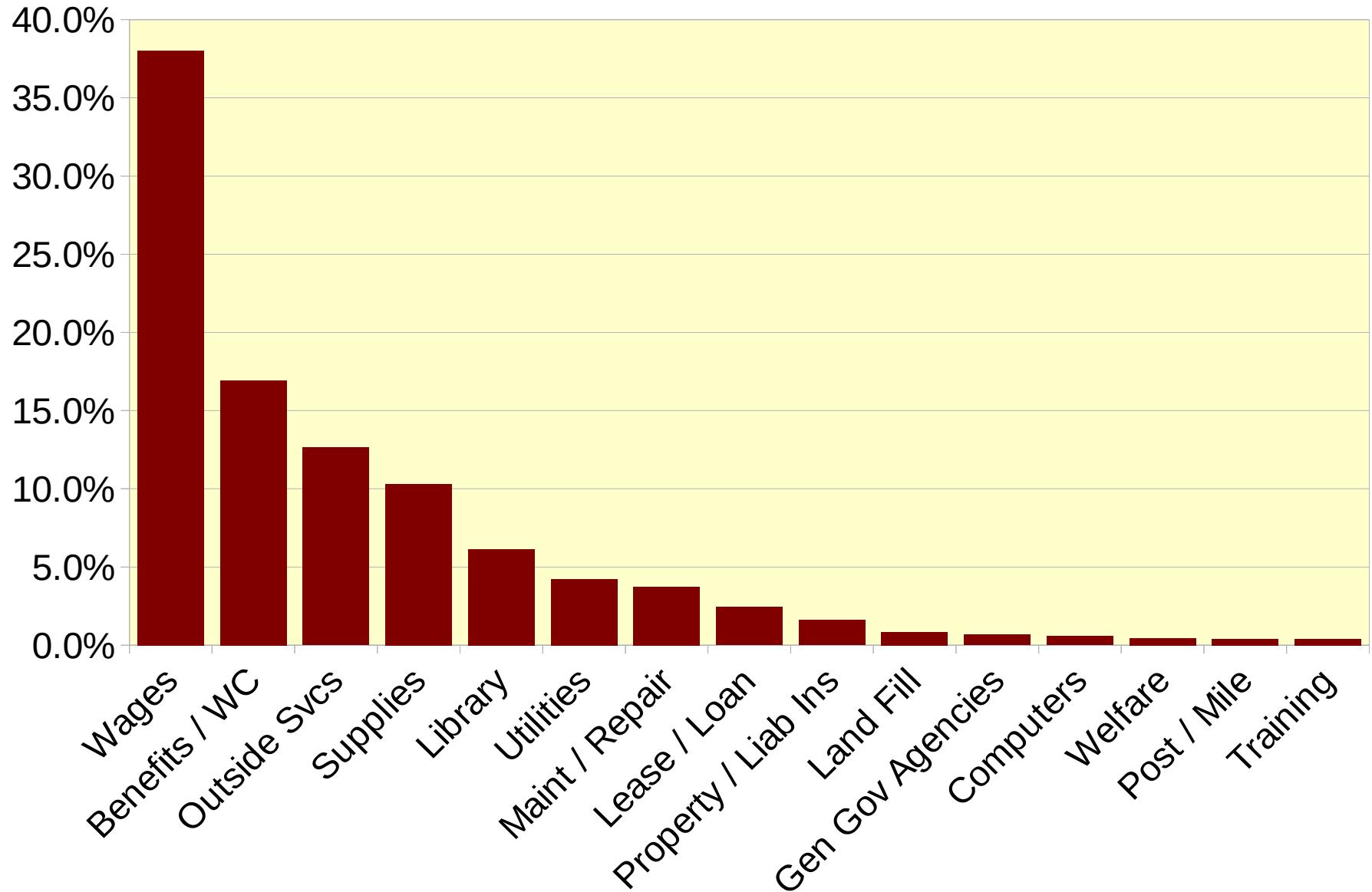
Amount unspent in 2016 : \$118,280

Top 8 Areas ➔ 90% of Operating Budget

- Highway
- Police
- Town Hall Ops
- Transfer Station
- Library
- Benefits
- Fire & Rescue
- Insurance



Expenditures

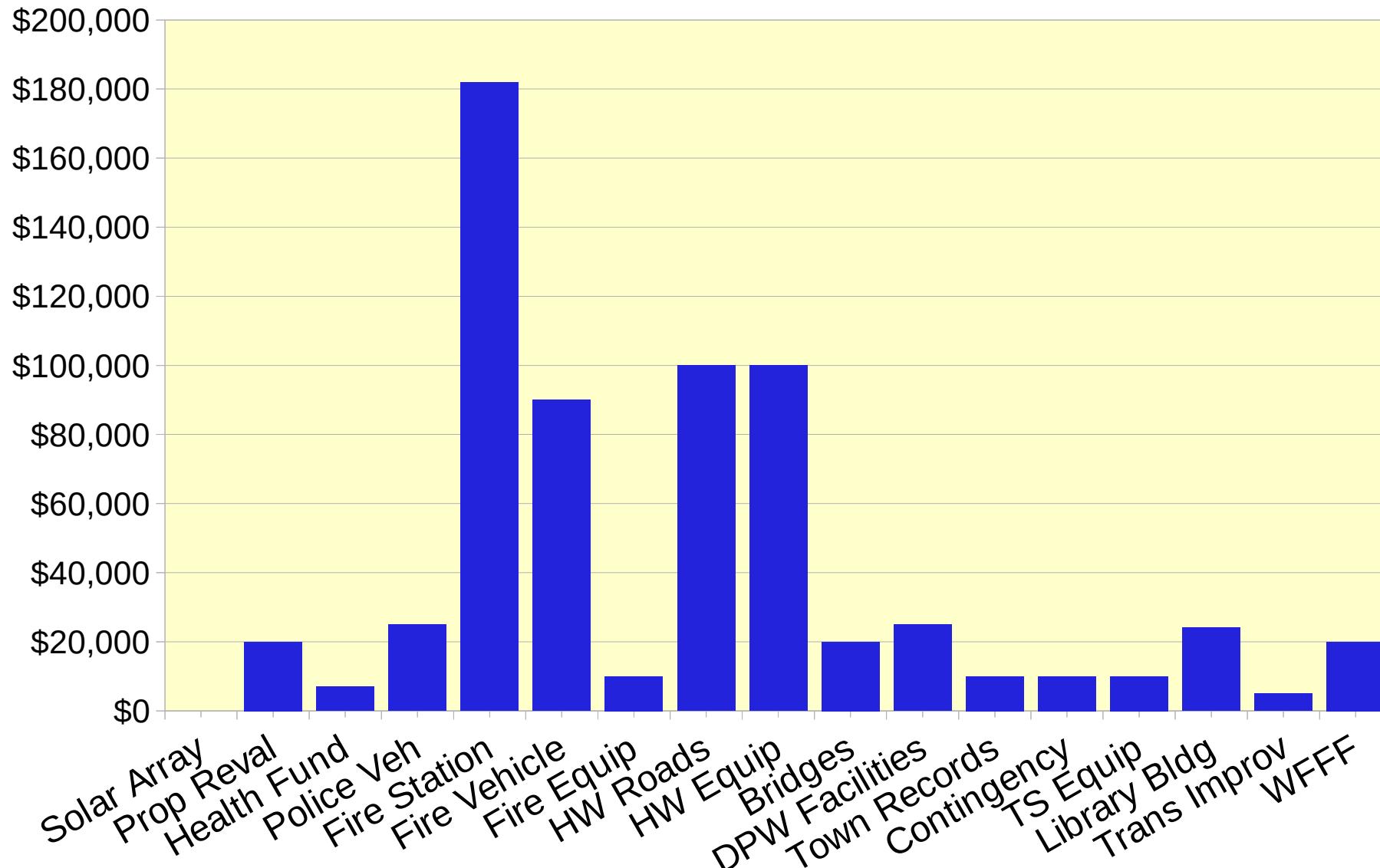


Capital Budget Summary

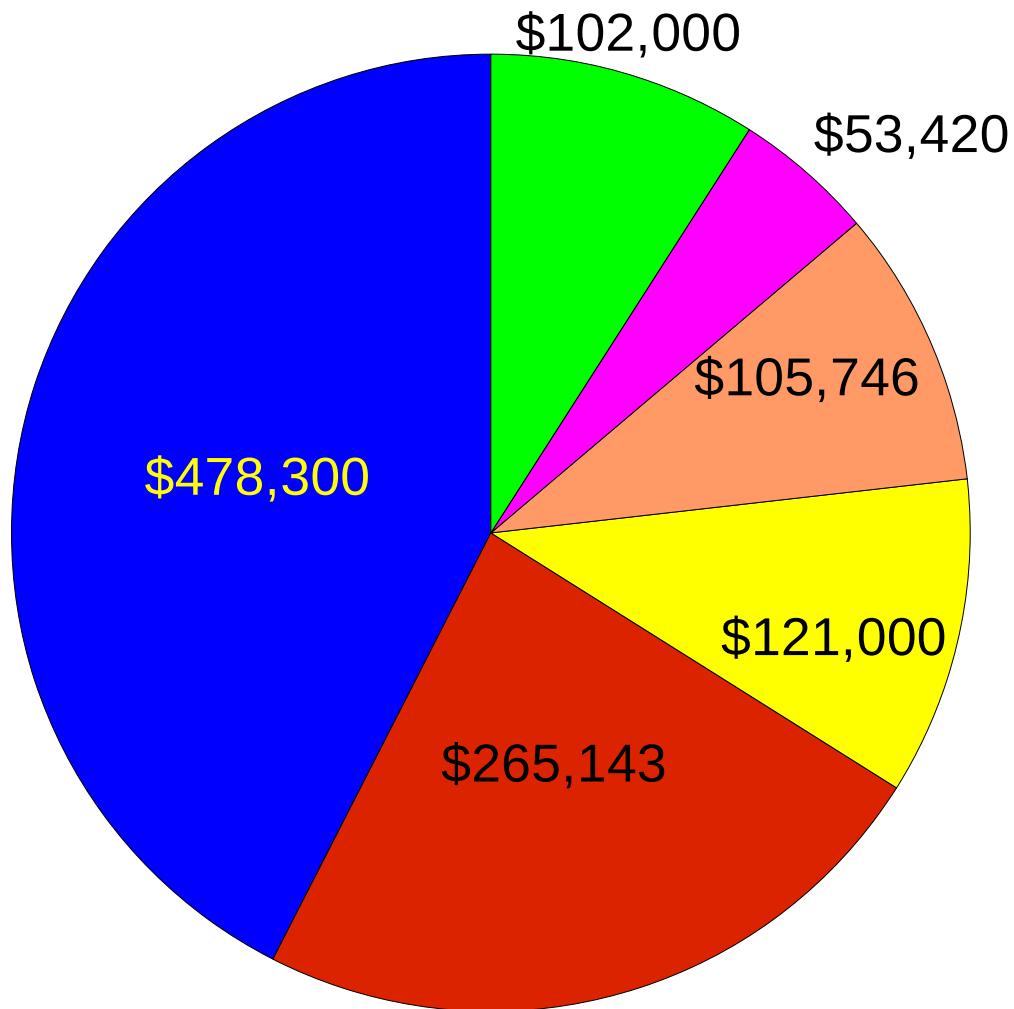
2017 Proposed Capital Budget	\$668,000
minus \$\$ from Fund Balance	-\$102,000
Amount to Raise	\$566,000
2016 Appropriations	\$557,750
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Change	1.5%
	\$8,250



Tonight's Capital Budget Items



Conservative 2017 Revenue Estimates

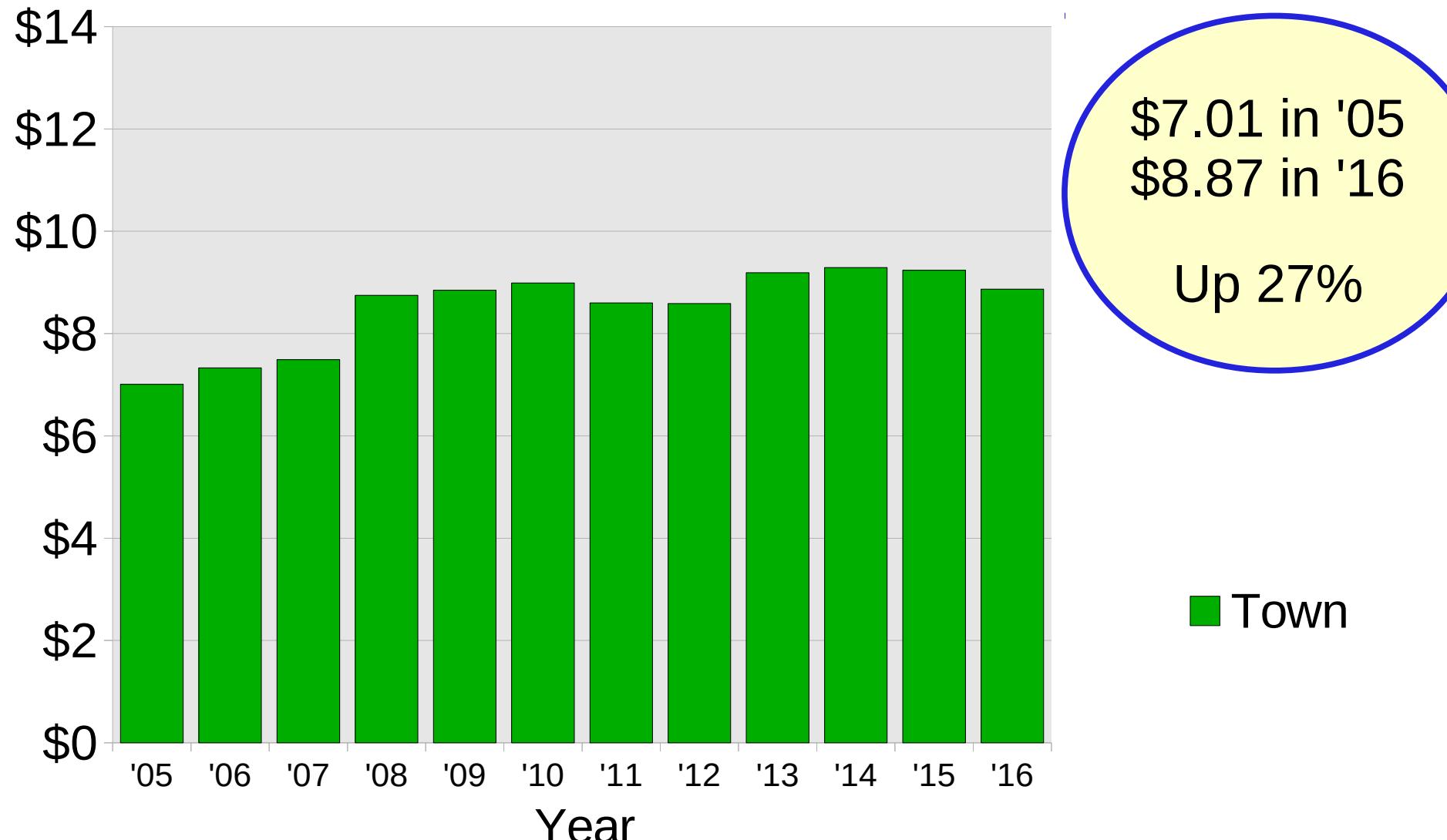


Total : \$1,125,609

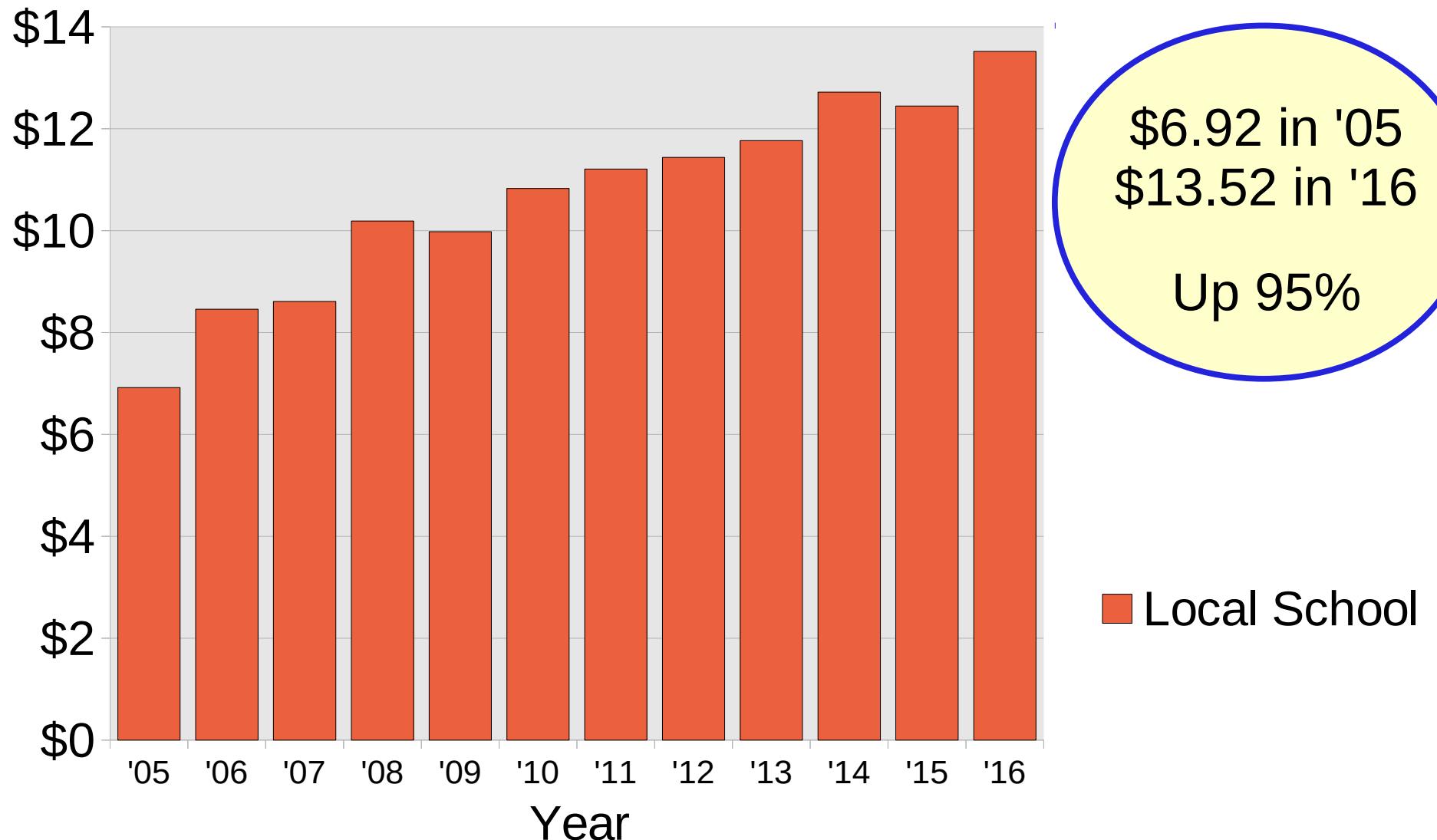
- Licenses, Fees, Permits
- State & Grants
- Department Services
- Taxes, Interest, Penalties
- Miscellaneous Revenues
- Voted from Fund Balance

Taxes

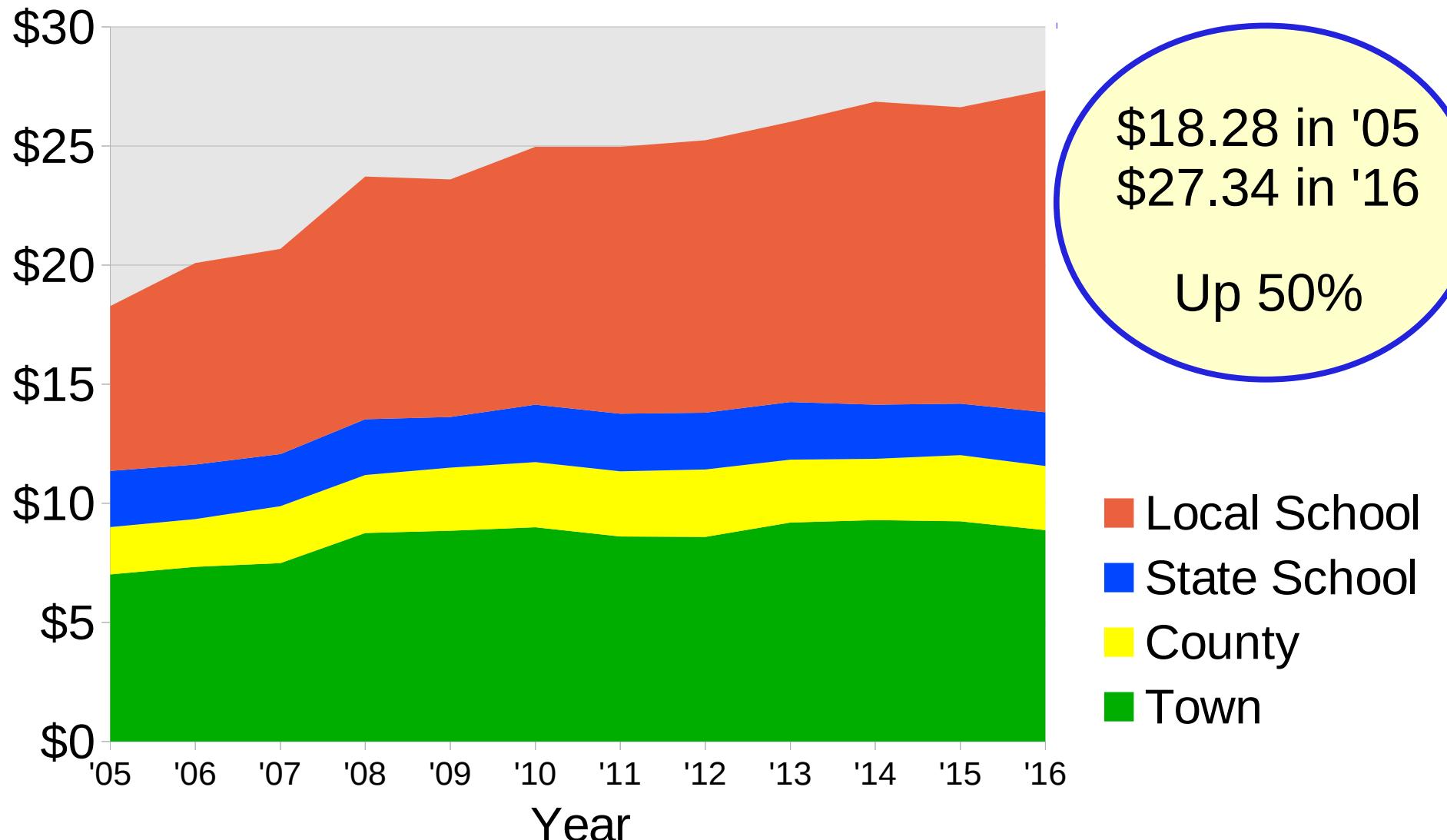
Town Tax Rate, Past 12 Years



Local School Tax Rate, Past 12 Yrs



Combined Tax Rates, Past 12 Yrs



Conservative Tax Rate Estimate

Requested Operating Budget	+	\$3,070,486
Requested Capital Budget	+	\$668,000
Overlay	+	\$75,000
War Service Credits	+	\$90,000
Estimated Revenues	-	\$1,023,609
Applied Fund Balance	-	\$102,000
Amount to Raise	=	<hr/> <hr/> \$2,777,877
Town Valuation	/	\$282,748,035
Estimated Tax Rate	=	\$9.82

Warrant Articles

Article 5 - Solar Array

To raise & appropriate a total of \$328,530 to construct a solar array near the Transfer Station :

- ◆ \$64,935 to come as a NH PUC rebate
- ◆ Authorize the issuance of no more than \$263,595 in bonds or notes
- ◆ \$10,000 to cover the first year's payment

***** 2 / 3 Ballot Vote Required *****

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 4 / 2 / 1

Article 6 - Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$3,070,486

as the 2017 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include any other warrant articles.

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 5 / 2 / 0

Article 7 - Property Reval

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$20,000

to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 8 - Health Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$7,000

to be added to the previously established Employees Expendable Health Trust Fund?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 5 / 2 / 0

Article 9 - Police Vehicles

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$25,000

to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle CRF?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 10 - New Fire Station

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$182,000

to be added to the previously established New Fire Station Construction CRF?
\$82,000 from the unassigned fund balance, \$100,000 to be raised via taxes.

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 6 / 0 / 1

Article 11 - Fire & Rescue Vehicles

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$90,000

to be added to the previously established Fire & Rescue Vehicle CRF?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 12 - Firefighter Equipment

Shall the Town vote to establish a Firefighter Equipment CRF, and raise & appropriate :

\$10,000

for the purchase of equipment & gear?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 5 / 2 / 0

Article 13 - HW Road Construction

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$100,000

to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 6 / 1 / 0

Article 14 - Highway Equipment

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$100,000

to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 15 - Bridge Repair / Replace.

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$20,000

to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair / Replacement CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 6 / 1 / 0

Article 16 - DPW Facilities Improve.

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$25,000

to be added to the previously established Department of Public Works Facilities Improvement CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 6 / 1 / 0

Article 17 - Preserve Town Records

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$10,000

to be added to the previously established Preservation of Town Records CRF ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 18 - Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for unanticipated expenses, and raise & appropriate:

\$10,000

This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 5 / 2 / 0

Article 19 - Transfer Stat. Equipment

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$10,000

to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment CRF ? This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 20 - Library Building Renov.

Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of :

\$24,000

to be added to the previously established Library Building Renovation & Repair CRF? This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 7 / 0 / 0

Article 21 - Transportation Improve.

Shall the Town vote to establish a CRF for the purpose of setting aside Town funds to use as "matching funds" for transportation improvement grants as well as funding repairs & improvements to Town walkways, raise & appropriate :

\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 4 / 3 / 0

Article 22 - Fall Foliage Festival

Shall the Town vote to raise & appropriate
the sum of :

\$20,000

to help the WFFF Committee pay for site
work on the new Town parking area next
to the school ?

Recommended by Selectmen

WBC Voted : 6 / 1 / 0

Article 23 - All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, "All Veterans Tax Credit"?

If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the USA, was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, same as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Town of Warner under RSA 72:28.

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 24 - Polling Hours

Polling hours in the Town of Warner are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm for all regular state elections beginning in 2019? (To go into effect.)

Article 25 - Odd Fellows Building

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the selectmen to develop & implement a plan to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building in 2018. The lot would be developed as a combination parking area and green space. The plan should also include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature to display on the lot.

Submitted by Petition

Article 26 - Any Other Business

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

Thank you !

A photograph of a two-story red brick building, likely a school, with snow-covered trees in the foreground. A "ONE WAY" street sign is visible in the lower center. The building has multiple windows and a dark roof.

Thank You
&
Safe Journeys Home !