

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

**Article One:** To choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year.

**Total Votes Cast: 340 (13 of which were absentee)**

Budget Committee for 3 years (vote for 2)

Laurie Colburn	169 Elected
Timothy Mckenna	238 Elected
Claire James	121

Budget Committee for 2 years (vote for 1)

Douglas R. Southard	258 Elected
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Cemetery Commission for 3 years (vote for 1)

Marlene Freyler	4 (Already on Committee)
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Moderator for 2 years (vote for 1)

Brackett L. Scheffy	312 Elected
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Planning Board for 3 years (vote for 2)

Mel Pfeifle	154 Elected
Pam Bruss	191 Elected
Claire James	121
Sonny Harris	138

Scholarship Committee for 3 years (vote for 1)

Mary Keegan-Dayton	226 Elected
Elizabeth E. Bouley	61

Selectman for 3 years (vote for 1)

Marlene Freyler	164 Elected
Jordan T. Dunne	19
David Nunnally	145

Supervisors of the Checklist for 6 years (vote for 1)

Jacqueline V. Pehrson                      295 Elected

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (vote for 3)

Caitlin Banaszak                      245 Elected

Laura J. Beaton                      271 Elected

Annette Leonas                      241 Elected

Trustee of The Trust Funds for 3 years (vote for 1)

George Cilley                      3 Elected

Zoning Board for 3 years (vote for 2)

Nathanial Bruss                      221 Elected

Beth Downs                      178 Elected

Steve Pierce                      125

**Article Two:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to add new language to Article III (General Provisions) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III to add a new section Q to Article III General Provisions.

Q. In accordance with RSA 674:72:1 Accessory Dwelling Units are permitted in the Town of Bradford, NH, by Building Permit, under the following conditions:

1. No more than one (1) ADU, per single family dwelling, is permitted.
2. No ADU will be attached to a multi-dwelling unit (i.e. Townhouses) or manufactured housing.
3. Title to an ADU shall be inseparable from the primary dwelling.
4. The property owner must demonstrate adequate parking for the primary and ADU dwelling.
5. An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and an attached accessory dwelling unit.
6. The property owner must demonstrate the adequacy of water supply and sanitary disposal in accordance with RSA 485-A:38 as applicable.
7. One unit must be owner occupied, proof of residency is required, includes named trustee of a property owned in trust.
8. The exterior appearance shall maintain aesthetic continuity with the primary dwelling.
9. The ADU shall have a minimum size of 200 square feet and a maximum size of 900 square feet and no more than 2 bedrooms.
10. All building activity will comply with applicable Bradford Zoning Ordinances and Building Permit requirements.

11. Detached ADU's are permitted in the Rural Residential and Conservation District only.
- The primary dwelling lot must have a minimum of 4 buildable acres for the permit of a detached ADU.
  - The detached ADU shall be located within a 75-foot proximity of the primary dwelling unit."

YES 196 NO 109

**Article Three:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to delete existing language from Article IV Section 3 (Rural Residential District) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 2. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IV Section 3 to read.

Section 3:B:1 Provisions

Article IV, Section 3. Rural Residential District, b. Provisions, 1) Each lot shall be a minimum of two (2) buildable acres. ~~No more than one dwelling unit shall be allowed per lot, except that one accessory dwelling unit may be allowed on the same lot by Special Exception."~~

YES 204 NO 102

**KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, March 10, 2020**

**Question 1** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$ 45,069,217** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The **School Board** recommends **\$45,069,217**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (MBC Recommends 7-0)**

**A. \$45,069,217 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board**

**B. \$45,069,217 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee**

**A: 188 B: 91**

**Question 2** To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Para Educators at Kearsarge which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Estimated Increase</i>
2020-2021	\$279,009
2021-2022	\$86,622
2022-2023	\$84,636

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$279,009** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.  
**(School Board Recommends 7-0) (MBC Recommends 7-0)**

**YES 196 NO 114**

**Question 3** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded **from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2020.  
**(School Board Recommends 7-0) (MBC Recommends 7-0)**

**YES 233 NO 82**

**Question 4** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$50,000** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded **from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2020. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (MBC Recommends 7-0)**

**YES 237 NO 78**

For Moderator for 1 Year (vote for one)

Brackett L. Scheffy **295**

For School Board Member for 3 Years (vote for one)

Eric Gregoire **252**

For Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years (Vote for One)

James V. Bibbo, III **226**

Election officials present at the March 10, 2020 Town Election:

Moderator: Brackett Scheffy  
Town Clerk: Melissa Cloutier

Assistant Moderator: Fred Hubley  
Deputy Town Clerk: Erica Gross

Selectmen: Jason Allen, Michael James and Dave Nunnally

Supervisors of the Checklist: Judy Marshall, Jaqueline Pehrson and Sandy Paul

Ballot Clerks: Teresa Bryant, Mary Derry, Tandy Hartford, Rebecca Herman, Garry Kalajian, Eileen Kelly, Tom Marshall, Denise Renk and Diane Whalley

Counters: Erica Gross, Garry Kalajian, Eileen Kelly and Tandy Hartford

The count ended at 8:38pm

**Article Four:** To adjourn the meeting until Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00am at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Rd and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator thanked all the Election Officials for their work and read the results of the Election. He then proceeded to explain how the meeting is run.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Three Cents (\$2,217,213.03) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,198,433.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,217,213.03.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
33. Executive	185,000.00	185,000.00 <i>Amended</i>
❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, made a motion to amend line 33 Executive line to read \$190,000.00.		
❖ Laurie Colburn seconded the motion.		
❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained this was to help cover the cost of transition to a new Town Administrator.		
❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend line 33 Executive to read \$190,000.00. <b>Amendment Passed</b>		
❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on the amended line 33 <b>Executive \$190,000.00. Amended Amount Passed</b>		
34. Elections & Vital Statistics	10,000.00	10,385.50 <i>Passed</i>
❖ Beth Downs asked Melissa Cloutier, Town Clerk, what this line includes and which amount she recommended.		

- ❖ Melissa Cloutier, Town Clerk, explained this line is the Supervisors of the Checklist Budget. It covers the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator, the ballot clerks and supplies they may need for elections. She recommends \$10,385.50.

35. Financial Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
36. Revaluations	22,500.00	22,500.00 <i>Passed</i>
37. Legal	55,000.00	35,000.00 <i>Amended</i>

- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, made a motion to amend line 37 Legal to \$55,000.00.
- ❖ David Nunnally, Selectman, seconded the motion.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained that the Town has been consulting with legal counsel more often to make sure they are doing things properly.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend line 37 Legal to \$55,000.00. The voice vote was to close to call and a hand count was done. The results of the hand count were: YES 25 NO 33. **Amendment Failed**
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, made a motion to amend line 37 Legal to read \$45,000.00.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board Member, seconded the motion.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board Member, explained that the Town went over the legal line last year and that many of the boards consult with legal counsel as well.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator called a voice vote to amend line 37 Legal to read \$45,000.00. The voice vote was to close to call and a hand count was done. The results of the hand count were: Yes 32 N 28 **Amendment Passed**
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on amended line 37 Legal **\$45,000.00. Amended Amount Passed**

38. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
39. Planning & Zoning	10,000.00	10,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
40. General Gov	85,000.00	85,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
41. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
42. Insurances	75,500.00	75,500.00 <i>Passed</i>
43. Other General Gov	7,700.00	7,700.00 <i>Passed</i>
44. Police Department	505,000.00	505,000.00 <i>Amended</i>

- ❖ Officer Edward Shaughnessy requested a motion be made to line 44 Police Department to \$517,825.58.
- ❖ Andrew Pinard made a motion to amend line 44 Police Department to \$517,825.58.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg seconded the motion.
- ❖ Officer Shaughnessy explained the breakdown of the budget and the percentage that each portion covers. If the budget was set at the \$505,000.00, they would most likely have to cut the secretary and the overnight on-call services leaving the State Police to handle the overnights.
- ❖ Beth Downs voiced her support for the overnight on-call person as she has had to call the Police in the middle of the night.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg expressed his support for the increase because the Bradford Police also respond to Fire calls and accidents. He also stated that if there were a domestic disturbance in the middle of the night that the Bradford Police would arrive quicker than the State Police.
- ❖ Officer Shaughnessy explained that the State Police could take a half hour, or more, to arrive at a call in the middle of the night and the Bradford Police Department would not get the report of the call.

- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend line 44 Police Department \$517,825.58. **Amendment Passed**
  - ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on the amended line 44 **Police Department \$517,825.58. Amended Amount Passed**
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| 45. Fire Department | 115,800.00 | 141,995.00 <i>Passed</i> |
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- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, made a motion to amend line 45. Fire Department line to read \$155,000.00.
  - ❖ David Nunnally, Selectman, seconded the motion.
  - ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained this would be to help with the transition to the new Fire Chief, for services provided by MRI and to hire a part-time chief.
  - ❖ There were many questions about the breakdown of the budgeted line.
  - ❖ Marlene Freyler, Budget Committee, stated that part of this increase was for equipment.
  - ❖ Pam Bruss clarified that last year's budget included money for a part-time chief and per call stipends for half of the year. It was noted the funding in the fast squad training line is being moved into this line.
  - ❖ Marlene Freyler, Budget Committee, the per call stipend had also increased and there is money to cover for the chief in this line.
  - ❖ Marcia Keller asked what the breakdown of the \$40,000.00 difference would be.
  - ❖ David Nunnally, Selectman, explained that \$5,000.00 is for MRI's services and \$35,000.00 is for a part-time chief to cover 3-6 months.
  - ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend line 45 Fire Department to \$155,000.00 Voice vote to close to call and a hand count was called. The hand count was YES 17 NO 43 **Amendment Failed**
  - ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on line 44 Fire Department as written. **Passed**
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| 46. Rescue Services - FAST     | 11,280.00  | 11,280.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 47. Rescue Services – Contract | 67,000.00  | 67,000.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 48. Building Code Department   | 19,000.00  | 19,700.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 49. Civil Defense              | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00 <i>Passed</i>   |
| 50. Highway Department         | 528,500.00 | 540,000.00 <i>Passed</i> |
| 51. Bridges                    | 1.00       | 1.00 <i>Passed</i>       |
| 52. Street Lighting            | 2,700.00   | 2,700.00 <i>Passed</i>   |
| 53. Solid Waste Collection     | 87,777.00  | 87,776.92 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 54. Solid Waste Disposal       | 22,300.00  | 22,300.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 55. Inoculations               | 1.00       | 1.00 <i>Passed</i>       |
| 56. Welfare Administration     | 7,281.00   | 7,280.61 <i>Passed</i>   |
| 57. Welfare Payments           | 32,802.00  | 32,802.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
| 58. Parks and Recreation       | 11,750.00  | 11,750.00 <i>Passed</i>  |
- ❖ Tandy Hartford asked why this line was higher this year.
  - ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, clarified that there was \$6,000.00 for the lake host, \$2,750.00 for BNSYS and \$1,000.00 for maintenance. These items use to be warrant articles but were moved into this budget line.
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| 59. Library            | 77,800.00 | 77,800.00 <i>Passed</i> |
| 60. Patriotic Purposes | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 <i>Passed</i> |
| 61. Community Center   | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 <i>Passed</i> |

62. Other Conservation	900.00	900.00 <i>Passed</i>
63. Long Term Notes	81,840.00	81,840.00 <i>Passed</i>
64. Interest on TAN notes	5,000.00	5,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
Total	\$ 2,198,433.00	\$ 2,217,213.03 <b>Amended</b>

The amended total for general operations is Two Million Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$2,245,038.61)

Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on the Two Million Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$2,245,038.61) total amount. **Passed**

- ❖ Brooks McCandlish made a motion to move to Article Thirty.
- ❖ Carl Goldberg seconded the motion.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, proceeded to explain the 10% rule and stated that the Town needs to be aware of it. This 10% rule means that the Town cannot appropriate more than 10% more than what the Budget Committee recommends. If we move this article up and it passes, other articles would be unable to pass unless we adjust other articles. DRA will review the articles in order of passage and will disallow all articles passed after the 10% threshold has been achieved.
- ❖ Brooks McCandlish then asked that the Town vote down Article Thirty so the Town would not violate the 10% rule. Brooks did explain the Town needs to figure out a plan for a new pumper.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg stated that the Town needs to put into action a plan to replace the pumper but also agreed that the Town should vote down Article Thirty at this time.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to move to Article Thirty at this time. The voice vote was to close to call and a hand count was called. The hand count was YES 51 NO 16
- ❖ Moved to Article Thirty

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue a portion of the old Center Road right-of-way which is no longer in use or required by the Town for use as a public highway. The area to be discontinued is located in the front lawn of the Tall Pines Realty office at 1 Center Road, Town Tax Map 17, Lot 67. The discontinued area became disused approximately 50 years ago when the course of Center Road north of the Bement Covered Bridge was moved easterly and away from the building now housing Tall Pines Realty to make its intersection with Route 103 perpendicular. The disused area to be discontinued is roughly triangular in shape, and is bounded on the northerly and easterly edges by the Route 103 right-of-way, and on the easterly and southerly edges by a line drawn at a distance of one and one-quarter rods (20.625 feet) from the center line of the currently-existing roadway (as if the right-of-way of the currently-existing roadway is the same width, two and one-half rods, as the historical Center Road right-of-way).

The section of Center Road to be discontinued is depicted on a drawing prepared by the Town's engineer for the Bement Covered Bridge rehabilitation project and is available for review in the Town office.



The Board of Selectmen supports the adoption of this article.

- ❖ Laura Hallahan was allowed to speak on behalf of Tall Pines Realty. She stated that the Town has to vote on this to make it an official change.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy called a voice vote.

**Article Passed**

**Article Seven:** To see if the Town is interested in exploring alternate ideas for an annual Town celebration in lieu of Bradford's Independence Day celebration.

- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained that this was gauge the interest in exploring options in lieu of the Independence Day celebration and establishing a celebration committee for 2021 and not to get rid of the Independence Day Celebration in 2020.
- ❖ Andrew Pinard encouraged the Town to pass this but also cautioned the selectmen that this could restrict discussion in the future if it fails and that it should be presented at a meeting for open discussion.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, called a voice vote.

**Article Passed**

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to fund work for the 2020 Statistical Revaluation. Further to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve and to raise Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Dick Keller asked what the difference between this article and the \$22,500.00 that was already approved in the line 36 Revaluations.
- ❖ Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, clarified that this article is an additional amount to cover the town-wide revaluation taking place this year as required by the Dept of Revenue. Line 36 Revaluations is for the regular yearly work that the assessing department performs.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called a voice vote.

**Article Passed**

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$25,500.00) with the following sums to fund lease/purchase payments:

Police Sports Utility Vehicle	approved at 2016 meeting (pmt #5 of 5)	\$9,200.00
Highway John Deere Loader	approved at 2018 meeting (pmt #3 of 10)	\$16,300.00

(Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Passed**

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 1991 Town Building Capital Reserve Fund (emergency repairs). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

## **Article Passed**

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 1997 Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

## **Article Passed**

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2002 Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

## **Article Passed**

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2003 Fire Department Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

## **Article Passed**

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to fund the 2006 Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

- ❖ Andrew Pinard inquired what it entails for work and why the Budget Committee did not recommend this.
- ❖ Marlene Freyler, Budget Committee, said they recommended \$25,000.00. The majority of the money for the project can come from grants, however, they have to have matching funds available when the grant is awarded.
- ❖ Jessie Griffin asked if Old Warner Road would be getting sidewalks so kids can walk to school safely.
- ❖ Marlene Freyler, Budget Committee, explained that the width of the road does not meet the requirements for them to be able to install sidewalks. There are houses on Old Warner Rd that are close to the road and would require you to go onto people's property.
- ❖ Chris Frey made a motion to amend Article Fourteen to read \$25,000.00
- ❖ Laurie Colburn seconded the motion.
- ❖ Harry Wright explained that there are not many grants given out and he is for the \$50,000.00 to have the money on hand even if we do not get a grant. It is a benefit when we apply for grants to show the Town has the funding for the project.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend Article Fourteen to be reduced to read \$25,000.00. The voice vote was to close to call and a hand count was done. The hand count was YES 40 NO 28 **Article Fourteen Amended to read Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars**
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice for on Amended Article Fourteen **Amended Article Passed**

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2009 Salt and Fuel Emergency Non-Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Tandy Hartford asked why we would need to do this when there is \$11,000.00 already in the fund and questioned how much we really need.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained that you really have no way of knowing what the winter will bring and the Town would like to be prepared.
- ❖ Steve Hall said that sand can cost \$1,800.00 for thirty-three (33) tons.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board, stated that the CIP recommends \$1,000.00 per year so the Highway Department is never in a situation where they go over their operating budget.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote.

#### **Article Passed**

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Andrew Pinard asked the Boards what the target balance is for this fund.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, said that FirstNet is a system that the Police and First Responders use and it will require a significant amount of money to get the initial cost for equipment they will use.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg reviewed the number of handhelds and mobile units the Fire Department uses and the cost to have them replaced.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board, explained that the CIP is a tool used in planning to save and they plan to put money into this in the coming years. They will plan to ask to have \$2,500 the next 2yrs, then \$5,000 and then \$10,000 until this is funded to be able to replace the equipment.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called a voice vote.

#### **Article Passed**

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2015 Highway Expendable Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 2015, so that the fund which was originally established for the purpose of purchasing equipment, shall now be used for the purpose of funding major repairs to the Town's vehicles and heavy equipment and is no longer used for purchasing equipment. Further, to rename this fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained the purpose of this article is to start saving for unexpected major repairs are needed for Town equipment without hurting the departments operating budget.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg expressed concerns that the Selectmen would authorize repairs on anything, even small projects.
- ❖ Chris Frey made a motion to amend Article Seventeen to read "2015 Town Equipment Major Repair Expendable Trust Fund".
- ❖ Carl Goldberg seconded the motion.

- ❖ Brad Keller asked who defines what a major repair is and questioned why repairs are not already being made.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, stated this is for unexpected repairs for example, if the motor in a plow truck were to go.
- ❖ Michael James, Selectman, explained that this is an attempt to restrict the Selectmen from spending money on new equipment. The article is to shift the thinking from buying to repairing.
- ❖ Steve Hall, Road Agent, told the Town that last year \$48,000.00 was budgeted for repairs, but due to unexpected repairs, \$60,000.00 was spent.
- ❖ Officer Edward Shaughnessy stated that a water pump in one of the police vehicles had to be replaced and that was a \$1,500.00 unexpected expense that was not in the operating budget.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote to amend the wording of Article Seventeen. Amendment Failed
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a hand count on Article Seventeen, which requires a 2/3 vote to pass. **YES 58 NO 4**

#### **Article Passed**

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the failure of Article Seventeen (repurpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ There were questions from the Town's people inquiring if this was enough money.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board, explained the CIP is a planning tool that is still being worked on each year. The goal is to put money into this fund every year increasing the amounts over the years.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote which was too close to call so a hand count was called. YES 45 NO 13

#### **Article Passed**

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund created in 2015. Said funds and interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's fund balance. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Seventeen (repurpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. **Article Null and Void**

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2020 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding major repairs to Town vehicles and heavy equipment; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to put in the fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Seventeen (repurpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. **Article Null and Void**

**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained this fund is the start of a plan to improve roads.
- ❖ Brad Keller asked how much still remained in this fund.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, stated \$90,000.00
- ❖ Andrew Pinard asked the Selectmen to expand on which roads will be worked on.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, stated that the roads they are going to focus on are the Cochran Hill intersection, the West Meadow Bridge which currently has steel plates right now, Marshall Hill Road and Hogg Hill Road. These were determined by traffic counts and the Road and Bridge Committee.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called a voice vote.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment for the Highway Department. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Brooks McCandlish made a motion to amend Article Twenty-Three to read Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).
- ❖ Mark Goldberg seconded the motion.
- ❖ Brooks McCandlish expressed his concerns for the Fire Department needing a new pumper and the Town should be saving more for that now.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board, informed the Town that the CIP does have a plan for saving money for this fund. The Town should be aware that there have already been many things passed and increasing this will affect the tax rate.
- ❖ Carl Goldberg stated that more money should be put to this fund and less to something that will not be able to be used right away like the Town Hall.
- ❖ Refer to the audio for additional comments as to why this article should be amended.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, informed the Town that the amending this article to a higher amount will increase the tax unless something else was reduced.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for voice vote to amend Article Twenty-Three to read \$80,000.00. The voice vote was too close and a hand count was called. The hand count was YES 30 NO 23. **Amendment Passed**
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called a voice vote on amended **Article Twenty-Two which read \$80,000.00.**

**Amended Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing non-heavy equipment. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Mark Goldberg made a motion to amend Article Twenty-Four to read \$5,000.00.
- ❖ Carl Goldberg seconded the motion.
- ❖ Mark Goldberg stated that the equipment, such as the breathing apparatuses, are costly to replace.
- ❖ Pam Bruss, Planning Board, explained that the CIP has put in the \$1,000.00 this year with additional larger amounts over the years to replace equipment.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on the motion to amend Article Twenty-Four to read \$5,000.00. The voice vote on the amendment failed. Brooks McCandlish asked if a hand count could be done. The hand count was YES 14 NO 39.

**Amendment Failed**

- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on Article Twenty-Four as written.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Dick Keller made a motion to amend Article Twenty-Five to read \$210,000.00.
- ❖ Beth Downs seconded the motion.
- ❖ Dick Keller expressed his concern about the building just sitting there and stated that we should be moving ahead with the construction. He stated that we are spending \$20,000.00 just to heat and protect the empty building.
- ❖ Dick Keller was asked by Pam Bruss if \$210,000.00 would get the first floor opened. He said it will not but it will move things ahead.
- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, stated that it does not make sense to piece meal things together and that we should save the money at this time.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called to a voice vote to amend Article Twenty-Four.

**Amendment Failed.**

- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote on Article Twenty-Four as written which was too close to call and a hand count was done. YES 45 NO 13

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Jason Allen, Selectman, explained that \$60,000.00 was raised last year; it was not used and lapsed into the Fund Balance. This article will not impact the tax rate but is simple moving money.
- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called for a voice vote.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Ann Eldridge, Conservation Commission, explained that this is also known as the Land Protection Fund. She said that the Town used to put money into this fund until the Budget got tight and the funding stopped. This fund is used to assist land owners with surveys and such. It is not for purchasing land.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$69,731.00) to be placed in the Bridge Fund for use on the Bement Bridge Rehabilitation Project. This appropriation will come from the residual SB38 Highway Block Grant funding included in the general fund unassigned Fund Balance available as of December 31, 2019. It will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Bement Bridge Rehabilitation Project is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Passed**

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$23,081.00) for maintenance and repair projects on Town buildings. This amount to come from the unassigned fund balance which represents the residual of the unanticipated HB4 Municipal Aid revenue received in 2019. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Passed**

**Article Thirty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment, Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$337,000.00) to come from the Fire Department Heavy equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Two Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$213,000.00) to come from Taxation, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. **By Petition.** (Majority vote required). Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Failed**

**Article Thirty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Offices. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- ❖ Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, asked if the Town would accept the reports of the Town Offices.
- ❖ Brooks McCandlish, asked to have on record that he felt the Selectmen's commentary in the Town Report about the hiring process of the Fire Chief was incorrect.

- ❖ Jacqueline Pehrson asked that we take a moment of thanks and to recognize John Pfeifle who was a Selectman and passed away this year.

Motion to Adjourn

Seconded

Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, called a vote to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

Bradford Board of Selectman,

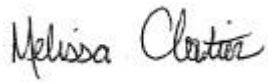
Michael James, Chair

Jason Allen, Selectman

David Nunnally, Selectman

A true copy attest:

Official Town Warrant and Minutes for the Election on March 10, 2020 and Meeting on March 14, 2020.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melissa Cloutier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Cloutier

Town Clerk/Tax Collector