

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
February 14, 2008**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 5:35 PM in the Cafeteria at Kennett High School with the following members present: Chairperson Melissa Stacey, Robert Drinkhall, Pat Libby, Phil Dighello, Karen Umberger, Doug Swett, Bill Jones, Betty Boucher, Crow Dickinson, George Fredette and John Edgerton.

Chairman Stacey stated she had received a letter from the Selectmen in response to the Recommendations Letter. Earl Sires reviewed the response by the Selectmen:

1) The proposed Warrant Article concerning an increase of \$500.00 for the five (5) members of the Board of Selectmen be eliminated. **Response:** The board voted to continue to support the article so that the voters could have the chance to consider the raise.

Chairman Stacey stated that on the Warrant Article on Page 3, "annual compensation" is worded as receiving raises annually. Chairman proposed changing the language "to raise to \$3,500.00 per year". Earl Sires stated that he would take that suggestion back to the Selectmen.

2) The proposed Warrant Article concerning an increase of \$400.00 for the three (3) members of the Supervisors of the Checklist be eliminated. **Response:** The Selectmen noted that the Warrant Article was not written as originally intended. It needs to be revised to indicate that the proposed raise was for the 2008 year only. The Board feels that it is appropriate to support a one year increase based on the work load resulting from new State requirements and the fact that there are four elections this year.

Earl Sires stated the Article was not written as intended; revised to propose the raise for 2008 only. Earl stated it was his fault; he didn't pick that up; have 4 elections this year. The new language does specify to fund an increase for 2008; increase for one year. There is a tremendous amount of work with the new requirements of the State. Karen Umberger stated could take annual out of that also; confuses the issue more.

Jack Zemla stated they were requesting the increase due to the increase in the work involved. They registered an additional 1,000 voters already, 365 had to be entered in a timely fashion into the computer and a checklist made up of just the new voters. All voters now have a bar code and after a voter votes, they have to scan every voter who voted. It took 4.5 hours to do the Primary; can only batch in 10 voters at a time and have to go through 4 books; it adds up. Entries used to be done by Town employees; they did the entire checklist for the Town. They don't do it now; it is a secured State system; have a special code that is only good for 90 days, put it in wrong and it is gone and have to call the Secretary of State to get back in. The Presidential Primary cost 120 hours. Carol does 99% of the work at her home. He takes many trips to grab files and pays \$30.00 a month for the Internet which he doesn't get

compensated for. He goes to homes to register voters. Now the Supervisors have over 7,200 names to keep updated and are mandated by the State. Everything on the checklist is sent to the State. The list is also used for Jury Duty; they are responsible for it. Since the paperwork is endless, the computer work is endless. It is very involved, not like it used to be. Some towns have had people quit because they don't work with computers. Everything has to be perfect. Town is in good shape with us helping.

Rick Paquette asked if someone could tell him, with the machines using currently, is there a paper trail. Mr. Zemla stated yes. Rick asked if that could be an audit paper trail and Mr. Zemla stated everyone of those forms is counted by the machine and has to match with the checklist to make sure numbers are the same.

Crow Dickinson stated he had a problem with scratching annual out; annual refers to compensation both for the Supervisors of the Checklist and the Selectmen. Chairman Stacey stated objection is to \$500.00 every year, looking for clear and concise wording.

3) Request clarification on the Capital Reserve Fund for Police Vehicles. It was our understanding that Chief Wagner stated they would not request same this year. **Response:** The original schedule for the Police Vehicles CRF is attached. As it shows, the annual contribution is level at \$38,000.00 through the year 2012.

Earl Sires stated the Reserve Fund was set up for a flat contribution until 2012 then jumps to \$40,000.00 or whatever the figure is.

Karen Umberger asked if the Police will buy two vehicles and Chief Wagner stated yes. Karen stated she obviously didn't understand they were planning to purchase vehicles.

4) Recommend that the ending balance in the Recreation Revolving Fund in amount \$29,786.52 be left alone for one more year; see where we are at that time. **Response:** The Board responds that they will continue to manage the fund in accordance with state law.

Bill Jones stated according to state law, explain. Earl Sires stated there are restrictions on how it can be used; to make sure to follow in administration of the fund. Bill asked if there was something there he didn't know about and Earl stated allows for fund to be set up and managed. Fees taken in can be kept in the fund paying for expenses; can accommodate basics of the law. Bill stated it wasn't set up to support fees. Earl stated it was set up as a vehicle to manage the fees; could have fees without the fund; a way to show in fact offsetting tax revenue. Bill stated expend from the fees for facility needs and Earl stated law allows for that. When say Rec, when charge for electricity for an event, take fees and put in fund and pay out of that program side; take fees for the summer program to pay counselors, could be used for a capital facility. Bill stated could be used for other than fees and Earl stated any fees taken in can be used.

Crow Dickinson stated there was an ongoing discussion between Earl and he and that the revolving fund includes funds from Eaton and Albany. There are three sources of funds: Conway, Albany and Eaton, those should not be included.

Rick Paquette stated Point of Order. This body will discuss merits; purpose now is to obtain information. Also possible under this interpretation and application of the law, money collected might be used for a party for the summer recreational staff; rather is it possible to use for a party. Earl Sires stated could you do that probably; I don't imagine we would. Remember fees collected only fund about 25% of the total cost. Rick asked if it was possible to use for the Christmas Party and Earl stated suppose they could, but never have dollars left over. Rick stated have \$29,000.00 and Earl stated there is a balance, yes. Rick stated Selectmen could, they could throw a party and Earl stated I suppose they could.

5) Recommend to review the need for the new position of a Police Officer in the Police Department budget and look at the possibility of using the part-time staff to replace the one person requested. **Response:** The Board agrees with the Police Commission and the Department that there is a need for a new full-time police officer. There are a number of problems in hiring full-time officers. First, it is difficult to find qualified people that are interested in working part-time. More importantly, training costs, uniform and equipment costs become prohibitive and turnover in such positions is high.

Chief Wagner stated basically the initial investment is \$39,000.00 and the benefit package; not sure what that comes out to. It is very hard to hire part-time officers. There is a time certification of 525 hours, so looking at \$8,000.00 per person for that. Based on the past 10 years, there has been about a 20% decrease in hiring part-time officers and an increase to have full-time officers. New Hampshire is getting away from part-time officers; don't know the reason why. There is that decline in part-time and an increase in full-time. By hiring a part-time officer, they certainly are not roadworthy, don't have as much training and so forth. Currently budgeting for two special officers at 400 hours for \$6,000.00 a year; the two current part-time officers worked 398 hours. They are people with other jobs, other commitments, and family; the don't mind part-time and don't want full-time. If only hire an officer for 200 hours, in order to fill for the 2,080 hours, we would need to hire 10 officers; if hire for part-time at 400 hours, would have to hire 5 officers. Same thing for the initial investment of clothing at \$2,000.00, shield at \$700.00; gun, holster and ammunition at \$1,000.00. Part-time for 200 hours at \$15.00 per hour is \$3,000.00; Field training at 320 hours is \$4,800.00; psychiatric and polygraph examinations is \$600.00; total investment is \$12,125.00 per part-time officer. If hired 5 part-time officers, it would be over \$60,000.00. On top of that, still looking at an officer to work 2,080 hours.

Bill Jones asked during this training period are they visible in uniform and Chief Wagner stated it is done away from Conway; done somewhere else. Field training is in uniform, but they are never on their own. Bill stated \$15.00 per hour and Chief Wagner stated yes.

Earl Sires stated the Selectmen wanted to give everyone a heads up about the snow situation and how much it is costing to remove same. They ran the numbers and are about six weeks into the 20-week season, beginning April 15th to November 15th, and if we continue as we have, we will over spend by \$170,000.00. Selectmen have discussed reviewing the fuel lines at Town meeting, the snow removal budget. We may need to have discussion at Town meeting about adjusting the budget.

Rick Paquette stated excess in budget for previous year, where has that money gone and Earl Sires stated in essence goes into the Reserve Fund, no fund balance, and Selectmen will apply to offset taxes. In essence, came back in as revenue.

Bill Jones asked if the \$170,000.00 estimate included pay and benefits and Earl Sires stated pretty much the full ticket.

PUBLIC HEARING - PRECINCTS

Birch Hill

Chairman Stacey stated the total proposed budget is \$4,726.00, level funded. Bill Jones stated their request is the same as last year and the money asking for comes from existing funds from surplus in escrow with the Town. Bill further stated that he had been asked what have they done with the money; the \$4,726.00 is to cover any contingencies that may be needed; they have negotiated their own betterments. Water pipeline is in; only missing the meters and they anticipate having them in the next week and a half.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns the hearing was closed with the proposed budget of \$4,726.00.

Center Conway Fire Precinct

Chairman Stacey stated the total budget proposed is \$142,376.00. Nancy Leavitt, treasurer stated they were requesting an Operating Budget of \$112,376.00 plus \$30,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund. There is also going to be a Special Article for \$20,000.00.

Karen Umberger asked about the Special Article and Ms. Leavitt stated there would be a Special Warrant Article for \$20,000.00.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns the hearing was closed with the proposed budget of \$142,376.00.

East Conway Fire Precinct

Chairman Stacey stated the total budget proposed is \$50,650.00. Since there was no one present from East Conway Fire Precinct, Chairman Stacey stated that the Precinct had met and looked up heating and increased it and they realized some items were running a surplus so they decreased them. Karen Umberger stated they went from \$49,800.00 to \$50,650.00.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns the hearing closed with the proposed budget of \$50,650.00.

Redstone Fire Precinct

Chairman Stacey stated the total proposed budget is \$52,000.00. Karen Umberger stated this Committee asked them to also look at their heating and electrical and add to them; guess they have no choice, that is what it will be.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns the hearing was closed with the proposed budget of \$52,000.00.

Before going into the Public Hearing on the Town Budget, Betty Boucher stated that she thought this Committee should not vote on anything tonight because the whole Committee was not present. Chairman Stacey stated have to proceed to vote tonight; she did talk with those absent.

TOWN BUDGET

Chairman Stacey stated the total proposed Operating Budget is \$9,103,865.00 and the proposed Default Budget is \$8,999,023.00.

Bill Jones asked if the condition about snow removal would effect this number and Earl Sires stated any increase made would up both the Operating Budget and the Default Budget. Chairman Stacey stated any changes can be made at the Deliberative Session.

Karen Umberger asked if the number could be amended tonight and Earl Sires stated it certainly could. Crow Dickinson stated that he hoped we would do that. Karen stated that since the Selectmen chose not to vote last night at their meeting, she personally was not in favor of changing anything. They made the decision not to vote for whatever reason.

Rick Paquette asked if the Selectmen's representative would apprise why they did not vote on any Articles which would give this Committee an indication of support. Crow Dickinson stated the Selectmen decided they wanted this Committee to go first. Bill Jones stated that he was aghast they would do this. Earl Sires stated the Selectmen have to post by the end of next week. Rick asked when was the last time it was done that way and Chairman Stacey stated she could not remember a time when they did not have the Selectmen's vote.

Phil Dighello asked if the Selectmen have come up with an exact figure on fuel and Earl Sires stated it would be discussed on Tuesday; needed time to put numbers together. An estimate of \$100,000.00 just came up today; \$170,000.00 if we continue as we are now, but don't believe we will; estimate 60% over run. Earl stated he wanted to make everyone aware of it; just letting everyone know what is going on.

Karen Umberger stated during the course of events she thought the initial budget presented was \$9,131,361.00, now \$9,103,685.00. Earl Sires stated

there was an adjustment based on some of the labor and benefit accounts. Lucy Philbrick stated the Workers Compensation bill came in.

Karen Umberger stated no dollars on Conservation; thought they came in and discussed dollars. Earl Sires stated there were two lines, would be 9%.

There being no further questions, comments or concerns, Chairman Stacey proceeded with the Warrant Articles:

Article 5 - the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Conway and AFSCME #93, Local 859, Department of Public Works. Earl Sires stated the Selectmen have ratified this Agreement. Bill Jones asked Crow Dickinson why the Selectmen did not vote on this one. Crow stated for the same reason as stated before. Chairman Stacey stated they are not going to vote until we vote. Phil Dighello stated this was a two year contract and he believed Earl had stated there was a re-open clause and Earl stated yes.

Article 6 - the Maintenance of Town Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$175,000.00. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 7 - the Capital Reserve Fund For Police Vehicles in amount \$38,000.00. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 8 - the PEG Expendable Trust Fund in amount \$109,581.00. Karen Umberger asked how much over last year and Earl Sires stated he thought \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00; \$104,000.00 last year. Karen asked what Valley Vision's request was this year. Earl stated they asked for a cost of living increase with \$84,900.00. Selectmen haven't taken any action; typically will have ready for the Deliberative. Karen stated that was not what was presented to this Committee. Earl stated \$83,000.00 flat last year, asking for an increase making it \$84,900.00. Karen asked about the overpayment and Earl stated they probably should have left that out; once it was approved, they failed to increase their monthly invoice. Lucy has a standing policy to only pay what is being asked for. Karen asked how much was in the fund and Earl stated there may be \$60,000.00 or \$70,000.00 in there.

Rick Paquette stated he has had a lot of conversations with taxpayers and was confused with how it is run. They are now asking for more money and he was confused. Earl Sires stated this is not tax revenue, this is a franchise fee paid to us by the company. Rick stated as an example, last year at the public meeting they were absent at one of the major meetings. Earl stated the School Board had miscommunication there. Rick stated there are some taxpayers dissatisfied with their access; have to pay to get on; being told they have to pay; they have no choice. Need to look at this paying and not getting access. They missed one of the biggest meetings of the year. Budget Committee doesn't manage this, it has to do with the citizen's money. You need to take a closer look; something is not working right with this system. Mark Hounsell stated the money received is from Time Warner; there is a difference between PEG and Valley Vision. This article takes the money received and puts in a designated account. Question is where to put the money; put in PEG

Expendable Fund or not, or in the General Fund. Dick Clement stated it makes it appear that it is a gift; should state derived by people paying Time Warner. He thought people didn't understand that.

Crow Dickinson stated some Towns choose to just reduce taxes with this money. He hoped and expected discussion on this at the Deliberative Session. That is the time to come forward. Mark Hounsell stated the Time Warner Contract is up in 2010; right now the Selectmen charge the rate. A lot of people watch the government meetings. As for Valley Vision, different conversation.

Bill Jones asked what kind of accountability do you get and Earl Sires stated they give an itemized statement. Bill asked if \$109,581.00 was the bottom line and Earl stated he thought so. Bill stated this Article is worded may only be used to support Valley Vision. Earl stated once deposited in an account, can only be used for PEG services. When we receive a check for \$109,000.00, could put in the General Fund revenue. However, several years ago this process was set up for more accountability. Earl further stated that the Town owns and received as part of the Agreement some equipment and access to Channel 3. Mark Hounsell stated Channel 3 belongs to the Town of Conway, not Valley Vision.

Article 9 - the Computer System Server for the Police Department in amount \$10,900.00. Karen Umberger stated she thought that last year they purchased the entire suite of computers, server and everything else for the Police Department. Chief Wagner stated their server is about 8 years old; has crashed once; could last 3 or 4 more years or go tomorrow and they would rather be safe than sorry. They do a backup Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Karen asked if they checked with the School about a server and Chief Wagner stated theirs are just as old, if not older.

Article 10 - the Motorcycle for the Police Department in amount \$14,150.00. Karen Umberger asked what other costs the motorcycle was going to generate, like putting gas in it. Chief Wagner stated they would put on about 4,000 to 5,000 miles per year; probably get about 40 mpg so gas is fairly cheap. The \$14,150.00 does not include \$1,500.00 to purchase the Extended Warranty for 7 years. Karen asked if that was in the budget and Chief Wagner stated it was not in the Operating Budget. Earl Sires stated the Article would be changed to \$15,650.00. Chief Wagner stated the Extended Warranty would cover the cost of major problems.

Betty Boucher asked if the motorcycle was covered under their insurance and Chief Wagner stated it was in the policy already. Bill Jones asked if there would be special clothing and Chief Wagner stated it would come out of their budget.

Karen Umberger asked if they were going to change and re-word the Article. Chairman Stacey stated if there was a motion made.

Betty Boucher asked about maintenance and Chief Wagner stated they would have the Extended Warranty with Harley Davidson. Betty asked who would do

it after that and Chief Wagner stated they would. They plan to trade in every 7 years or so.

Karen Umberger stated the number should be \$15,650.00 for purchase of motorcycle and 7-year Extended Warranty.

Article 11 - Maintenance and Improvements to Town Wide Fire Ponds in amount \$4,000.00. Karen Umberger asked if there was a Plan on this and Earl Sires stated he thought he had given it to the Committee; can make it available to anyone who wants it. Karen stated one of her things that she has worried about for quite some time is the people not serviced by fire hydrants; have a lot of dollar value in this Town serviced by fire ponds. She was very concerned that maintenance needs to get done.

Article 12 - Compensation for the Five Members of the Board of Selectmen by \$500.00 each for a total of \$2,500.00. Bill Jones asked if the word "annual" could be changed to "existing". Earl Sires stated just takes the Selectmen to approve "raise the existing annual compensation" and likewise for the Supervisors.

Article 13 - Compensation for the Three Members of the Supervisors of the Checklist by \$400.00 each for a total of \$1,200.00. Chairman Stacey stated increase during the Primary year and Earl Sires stated he did meet with the Selectmen and their recommendation is to leave it like this.

Pat Swett stated she would like to see the removal of 2008. After listening to the presentation from the Supervisors, maybe they do have a rough year this year, but also have plenty of work; they deserve this. Crow Dickinson stated for your information this can be changed at the Deliberative, could bring this then.

Chairman Stacey stated can't change anything until we vote. Once we vote tonight, then can change. Pat Swett stated she had already asked Earl to look into; taking \$30.00 out of their own pocket should be compensated. Karen Umberger stated they are not employees, they are elected officials. If you choose not to work at a public place where connection is available, that is the choice you made. It is their choice that they are making to work at an area that is off public access. Pat Swett stated she just asked that it be looked into.

Pat Libby stated it could read a little more clearly if a comma was place after the word "only". Earl Sires stated the Selectmen approved the language and if you choose, can move to support with the text change.

Article 14 - Elderly Exemption From Property Tax. Dick Clement stated if you look at Article 26 it has different numbers. Article 26 says how much the deduction is. In the Elderly Article, it doesn't say what it is; what is the deduction. Earl Sires stated good question; however, it is a petitioned Article and without the Petitioner here it was hard for him to answer. Dick stated he could see where it was petitioned, but wanted to know what the deduction or modification was. Earl stated the deduction stayed the same.

Bill Jones stated combined income or net income of less than \$30,000.00. Earl Sires stated he believed it to be statutory language.

Article 15 - Tri-County Community Action in amount \$13,000.00. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 16 - The Gibson Center For Senior Services, Inc. in amount \$32,000.00. Sheryl Kovalik asked if this was level funding and Chairman Stacey stated it was.

Article 17 - Vaughan Community Service, Inc. in amount \$3,000.00. Sheryl Kovalik asked it if could be stated whether level funded or not and Chairman Stacey agreed.

Article 18 - North Conway Day Care in amount \$5,000.00, level funded. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 19 - Starting Point in amount \$8,750.00; last year's request was for \$2,886.00. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 20 - Mount Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross in amount \$7,298.00, level funded. No questions, comments or concerns.

Article 21 - White Mountain Community Health Center in amount \$35,565.00, level funded. Rick Paquette stated he wasn't present for the discussion but it reads uninsured and underinsured and he would like to add including military retirees.

Article 22 - Eastern Slope Airport Authority in amount \$10,000.00. John Edgerton stated this was reduced by \$2,000.00 as requested.

Article 23 - Children Unlimited, Inc. in amount \$12,000.00. Karen Umberger stated they requested \$10,000.00 last year.

Article 24 - North Conway Community Center in amount \$75,000.00. Karen Umberger stated this is with an increase of \$5,000.00.

Article 25 - Project Prom in amount \$500.00. Chairman Stacey stated they came in to the Town; asked if this should go before the School and was told no. They have made a proposal to the Selectmen and have asked other towns for same amount.

Bill Jones asked for an explanation of what it is and Karen Umberger stated basically every year the parents of Seniors have Project Graduation. This year the cost for the prom at Mount Washington Hotel increased from \$50.00 per couple to \$65.00 per couple and the Project Graduation families felt that the children were spending a significant amount of money already on the prom and felt they would try to raise the money to take care of the additional \$15.00 and maybe more. Sheryl Kovalik stated the Prom Committee is doing fundraising for Project Prom. It is for after Prom activities; some parties that the kids go to are not always the best environment and frequently there is alcohol. The concept is to give an alternative event to keep the kids safe and off the street

all night. This just started up this year and the only reason she knew about it was because her daughter is a Senior.

Bill Jones asked if it would be mandatory and Sheryl Kovalik stated not mandatory; hope they will want to. This is the first year and don't know if they will reach their goal. This year will be a telling year; possibly funding for next year. Bill asked what the goal was and Sheryl stated she didn't know the number. Sheryl further stated that she wasn't planning to speak, but her recollection was in the \$25,000.00 range. They hoped to provide activities and feed breakfast afterwards. Bill asked how many towns and Sheryl stated she believed all 8 towns.

Betty Boucher asked why this was in the Town Warrant, should be in the School Warrant and why didn't they make a presentation to the Committee. Chairman Stacey stated they were not aware of non-profit day and they did make a presentation to the Selectmen. Chairman was advised that someone would be here tonight. Petition was submitted to the Town and it has to go on the Warrant. Betty asked if they would be considered non-profit and Sheryl Kovalik stated they are functioning under the PTSA of Kennett High School which is a 501(c)(3).

Crow Dickinson stated he still didn't understand why this was not in the School Budget if asking for \$500.00 from 8 towns comes to \$4,000.00, goal is for \$25,000.00, what are other sources. Sheryl Kovalik stated fundraising events and pursuing Grants that she knew of. Crow stated if this is a national program, there must be some materials on this from national. Sheryl stated it is a national movement springing up independently across the country for after Prom events.

Karen Umberger stated she would like to recommend that we invite someone involved with this to the meeting on Monday so we could get a better clue of what is going on. Chairman Stacey stated Karen Hallowell had already made the call inviting them to the meeting.

Crow Dickinson asked why isn't this in the School budget and George Fredette stated one would have to ask the parents putting this thing together. This isn't anything the School is doing. Chairman Stacey stated Carl knew about the Petition at the same time she did; not submitted to the School as it is not a school issue.

Bill Jones asked where the function was being held and Sheryl Kovalik stated it was her understanding there was a preliminary agreement with the Base Lodge for Bretton Woods; no contract and an agreement for Highland House for breakfast.

John Edgerton stated this is concurrent with Project Graduation and Sheryl Kovalik stated Project Graduation is in June. Project Prom is in May. Parents for both are working together. This is the 20th year in existence for Project Graduation. This is the first year for Project Prom.

Earl Sires stated that he wanted it noted that Carroll County Transit did not have sufficient signatures so they are out. Chairman Stacey stated they filled out the form with 29 signatures and 8 were disqualified.

Article 26 - Exemption For The Disabled. Betty Boucher stated on the exemption for the elderly and the disabled, if a husband is handicapped and the wife is disabled, can they get both exemptions. Earl Sires stated he didn't know the answer. Earl stated it is a petitioned Article; the person who submitted it needs to answer. I don't think this is related to the statutory language.

Rick Paquette stated he would be very confused as a voter; maybe something can be added. He had no idea what Title II or Title XVI was. Earl Sires stated there was a similar article several years ago and there was a pretty good discussion then.

Phil Dighello suggested that maybe Tom Holmes could address this issue at the Deliberative meeting.

Chairman Stacey closed out the Town portion of the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Chairman Stacey opened the School portion of the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM. George Fredette stated that he would like to go over the School Board's response to this Committee's recommendations.

George Fredette stated on Warrant Article 10, the School Board agreed to remove the cameras from the Warrant Article, reducing the Warrant Article to \$54,230.00; this will still provide the locks.

George Fredette stated on Warrant Article 13 concerning the Boom Lift, the School Board discussed, reviewed and decided this would be a good year to see how much one is needed and agreed to pull it for at least a year.

George Fredette stated on Warrant Article 16, the School Board had significant discussion on this and were not comfortable funding with surplus; they took the position to come to the taxpayer. They don't want to give the impression that they are padding the budget and reduced the amount to \$150,000.00 and asking the taxpayer to raise from taxation.

George Fredette stated on Warrant Article 17, the School Board established the Warrant Article deriving the \$100,000.00 from taxes for unanticipated special education expenses and cap the trust fund at a maximum of \$500,000.00. They discussed how to define catastrophic situations and decided that instead of using catastrophic, they would put in unanticipated.

George Fredette stated on the revisiting of all new positions at the High School except for the custodian and the 12 Special Education Aides already employed, the School Board reviewed all positions and came to the conclusion that one teaching position for \$49,074.00 would be removed from the High School and removed the Career Technical Center student organization advisors from the budget at \$11,412.00. The new total of reduction of the current budget would be \$60,486.00. John Edgerton asked

if they do not intend to hire 7 new teachers and George stated they were down to 3 teachers, a Family Liaison, support staff and one-half custodian.

Chairman Stacey stated we met half way and George stated three-quarters.

Chairman Stacey proceeded with the Warrant Articles:

Article 2: Operating Budget of \$33,446,421.00 being recommended and a Default Budget of \$32,507,009.00 is being recommended. Rick Paquette asked if we are to interpret that these numbers include whatever changes made by the Board as George has read.

Pat Swett stated she thought this is a very bad year to come forward with new positions; a perfect way to have the budget defeated before it is voted on. Rick Paquette asked how many positions; want to make sure the taxpayer knows they have 11 Special Education Aides, 1 non-contract Special Education person in the budget, not new, currently working that the School was required to hire; have two half time Librarians and are adding one for half time. The High School and Middle School have full-time clerical; an English teacher, .22 Health teacher, a reading teacher at the High School, a Family Liaison, a .5 custodian and an Assistant Maintenance Director.

Karen Umberger stated she wanted to make a comment that the majority of dollar increases seem to be at the High School and the Middle School level. The Elementary Schools are staying pretty much funded as they were last year. The other thing is the increase in the Special Education costs in 2 and 10 and she didn't remember how much the increase was. George Fredette stated \$800,000.00. Karen stated that was a pretty big bite; not disagreeing with what Pat was saying, but if currently paying for those Special Education Aides out of the current budget, the question is whether or not you should add those costs. Totally agree with Pat's comments.

Pat Swett stated she agreed with a lot George had mentioned; where in this year's budget are the new positions. She thought this is the wrong year to be adding new teachers specifically in the High School; just the wrong year to do it.

George Fredette stated we are not sure if all is right this year; Carl has warned us we may be in a deficit position. Karen Umberger stated we haven't seen anything as to where the budget stands in the first 9 months of the year. George stated that was his point; don't know where we stand; don't have a clue. John Edgerton stated going even farther, if the budget is defeated, it will be in bad faith to hire any new teachers. Karen stated the problem with the Special Education Aides is that you have no choice. John stated he was talking about other positions. George stated keep in mind we did cut one out; if we end up with the Default Budget, we will have to find \$850,000.00 somewhere; still have to spend on Special Education, honor contracts and still have to pay \$3.10 per gallon on fuel oil.

Article 3: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,443.00 (to be offset in part by payments from the sending towns) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund (New Kennett High School Facilities Maintenance Fund) established for that purpose in 2007.

Karen Umberger asked if this was the total amount by all 8 towns and if Conway would be paying a portion and George Fredette stated yes. Karen asked what is Conway's portion and Becky Jefferson stated she would get that figure. Karen stated she thought it was important to know the amount being raised and appropriated for all 8 towns. Becky stated to look on Page 4, Tuition line, you will see what the sending towns will contribute. Karen stated taking in \$36,000.00, so our share is about \$18,000.00.

Bill Jones stated it would be a good idea to put that number in the Warrant Article, to be offset by a specific amount. George Fredette stated he was not sure if the DRA would allow that; if they do, they would be happy to put it in.

Article 4: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,086.00 (to be offset in part by payments from the sending towns) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund (A. Crosby Kennett Middle School Facilities Maintenance Fund) established for that purpose in 2007.

Sheryl Kovalik stated this is similar to the previous Article and asked if the Committee wanted it changed if the DRA let them.

Article 5: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,900.00 (to be offset in part by payments from the sending towns) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund (Elementary Schools Facilities Maintenance Fund) established for that purpose in 2007.

Karen Umberger asked if any money had gone out of the Trust Funds to do anything and George Fredette stated no. Becky Jefferson stated funds were just created; have only had for one year. Karen asked if there was any idea where or what to expend it for. George Fredette stated the original concept was to do the thing in Article 16. Roofs, driveways, discovered there was no way near enough monies to cover this cost. Karen stated she understood that on Article 16, there is a plan; so will this offset what is raised by Article 16 and George stated Article 16 is raising \$150,000.00 and this Article serves the same purpose, but there is not enough

money going in. Karen stated she wanted to make sure people understand it is not the same money, but the same purpose. The reason for Article 16 is because Articles 3 and 4 are not sufficient to meet the needs of the School Facilities in the upcoming years. On Article 16 then you are also covering the Elementary Schools and George stated it is specific to Conway facilities and has to be spent on those particular facilities.

John Edgerton stated multiple Articles for the same purpose and George Fredette stated can't mix the \$150,000.00; it is not like Articles 3, 4 and 5. Becky Jefferson stated that basically 3, 4 and 5 have contributions by all towns. Article 16 is Conway only; when it is

expended, it is clear who paid what monies; when expenses get paid from Article 16, know where the monies came from.

Article 6: To raise and appropriate \$114,315.00 to fund all cost items relating to employee salaries and benefits for the Conway Education Support Personnel for the 2008-09 School year.

Karen Umberger stated she did not get a copy of the changes to this and Becky Jefferson asked Karen to look at Page 7. Karen stated this is just a Summary; she didn't vote on a Contract until she has read it. Becky stated they haven't done the actual contract; check next week with Carl; Page 7 gives the Summary. Karen stated since this is the first time she had seen this, what is the health care and Becky stated the same as it has been: 80/20 of HMO. Karen stated they have the same thing as the teachers; if decide to do something different, it can be adjusted.

Sheryl Kovalik stated she wanted everyone aware that this was a one year contract and the CEA is a two year contract. Karen stated they are on the second year and Sheryl stated they were in negotiations and she expected if ratified, the next one would have to be incorporated. Becky Jefferson stated she believed there was a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement in the budget book. Karen stated she didn't have a cost figure; and asked if there were any other changes and assumed it has been voted on by the School Board. Chairman Stacey stated the vote was 5-0-2. Karen asked how many people were covered and Becky stated 85 people.

Phil Dighello stated it looked like there was a change in Section 6 eliminating the use of serious illness in the family. Becky Jefferson stated that was correct; that was in reference to leave amounts; serious illness was death, only bereavement leave now.

Article 7: To raise and appropriate \$103,673.00 to supplement the funding of the John H. Fuller School, Conway Elementary School and Pine Tree School Project SUCCEED Programs. There were no questions, comments or concerns.

Article 8: To raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 to replace the phone system at Conway Elementary School. George Fredette stated last phone system you will see for a very long time. Karen Umberger stated this completes all three Elementary Schools.

Article 9: To raise and appropriate \$195,000.00 to replace a portion of the roofs at two of the Elementary Schools (Conway Elementary School storage/kitchen/cafeteria roof, \$110,000.00; and John Fuller 1988 wing, \$85,000.00).

Rick Paquette asked for himself and the taxpayers, are these numbers correct and could he assume that these numbers are from bids. Jim Hill stated if approved, it will go out to bid; this is a quote. When asking contractors, we say it is limited, can't exceed Warrant Article number. Rick asked how many bids and Jim stated it depends, have had 6; could end up with 1 or 2. Rick asked if there was a mandatory minimum and Jim stated no. George Fredette stated they are required to get at least 3

bids. Rick asked if they go outside the community and Jim stated yes, have gone to Lewiston, ME and Auburn.

Article 10: To raise and appropriate \$54,230.00 to provide security systems at two elementary schools (John Full and Pine Tree, \$27,115 each).

Rick Paquette asked for details for himself and the taxpayer. Jim Hill stated it was in the booklet he had handed out to the Committee; it is for external doors, some internal, basically the main external doors; card system. Board agreed that this has been successful. Jim hoped this would get the support of the Budget Committee.

Article 11: To raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to change to lever door handles to meet ADA requirements for the interior doors at John Fuller School and Conway Elementary School.

Rick Paquette asked if the Article should read upgrade locks, security system. He wanted the voter to understand that it is something more than just putting locks on a door; should say something about updating door locks. George Fredette stated they would take a peek. Chairman Stacey suggested moving to electronic locks that will be monitored at Andy's office.

Rick Paquette stated he wanted the voter to get their money's worth. Bill Jones stated provides security from unauthorized intrusion. George Fredette stated will beef it up.

Article 12: To raise and appropriate \$53,658.00 to purchase and install a Pine Tree Energy Management system. (This is approximately 1/3 of the total cost of the Energy Management System to be placed in the Pine Tree School.)

Jim Hill stated basically the system there is 1960's technology; runs on compressed air. They have no capability to monitor the building externally to see what is going on. Andy will be able to go into the computer room and look at that system. Right now there is a heating problem and they are trying to figure out what it is. Once this is fully up and operational, there will be a 15% to 20% increase in efficiency.

Article 13: To raise and appropriate \$11,412.00 for the purpose of funding 10 Career/Technical student organization advisors previously funded by the Perkins Federal Grant.

Rick Paquette asked what the School Board vote was. George Fredette stated he thought they had voted on Monday night, didn't remember. Sheryl Kovalik stated she thought they may have forgotten to vote. George stated he knew they voted to put it as a Warrant Article, didn't think they voted for or against it. Becky Jefferson stated the School Board is meeting next Thursday evening to vote on budget, they can vote on this Article too.

Article 14: To see if the school district will vote to withdraw \$850,000.00 from the Expendable Trust Fund (Tuition Trust Fund) to be used to offset tuition contracts for the 2008-09 school budget.

Becky Jefferson stated that the last sentence "This appropriation is included in Warrant Article #2, the operating budget" is a change recommended by the DRA. All they want to do is withdraw; you will see it on your Revenue page.

Karen Umberger asked how much was left in the bond money and George Fredette stated this is reimbursement for the bond. Karen asked if there was anything left and George stated yes; Middle School still in progress; High School as some left, have some "oopses" still cleaning up.

Article 15: To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the Junior/Senior High School Buildings Maintenance Fund created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the school district's general fund.

Pat Libby asked what the balance was in this fund and Becky Jefferson stated \$4,500.00.

Article 16: To raise and appropriate \$150,000.00 to be placed in the Expendable General Trust Fund (School Buildings Maintenance Fund) established for that purpose in 1995.

John Edgerton asked if this was the 20-year plan; if it was, he would like to see the 20-year plan. Karen Umberger stated we have it some place; it was handed out. George Fredette stated it was in the book that Jim passed out. Chairman Stacey stated it is in the book handed out during Jim's presentation. Bill Jones asked if he could get a copy. Jim Hill stated just to reiterate, you will be able to drive a bus through those numbers; trying to project; a 40% increase in just one year. This was our best effort to get estimates. Betty Boucher asked if any of the expendable trust funds have to be used for maintenance. John stated he was having a hard time with a 20-year plan when the government can't come up with a 5-year plan that works, a real hard time.

Article 17: To vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Special Education Trust Fund, for the purpose of offsetting future unanticipated special education costs. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate up to \$100,000.00 to be placed in the Special Education Trust Fund.

Chairman Stacey stated the voting number has changed, did you vote on multiple nights and George Fredette stated when this Article was revised, Mike was not available on Monday night. Becky Jefferson stated earlier Articles 16 and 17 are not from surplus. George stated he told Carl to change that. Karen Umberger stated this whole Article needs to be cleaned up. George stated it should be unanticipated, need to clean this up; you are right.

Article 18: To raise and appropriate \$49,074.00 for the purpose of funding a remedial teacher position previously funded by a Title 1 grant (Title 1 teacher) funds which are no longer available.

Doug Swett stated you said special not separate; somebody should make a definition of the two terms. One is a one time deal and one is continual. Chairman Stacey stated special is one-time and separate can be continuing. Doug stated he couldn't remember which one is which. Karen Umberger stated she thought this was a teacher at Pine Tree and to her the \$49,000.00 means they are going to hire a new person. George Fredette stated no. Karen stated \$49,074.00 is approximately the same amount of money used for new hires. To her, this figure is for a new hire, not to retain the person there at the current time. Becky Jefferson stated they will be advertising the position; could be someone at that school or at another. George stated the existing person doing this job, why not use that and Becky stated don't assume it will be that person; creating a new, different position.

Rick Paquette stated his question had to do with the other position; if a remedial teaching position, isn't the school adding a position. George Fredette stated can't, for the same reason established earlier. Chairman Stacey stated if Grant funded, it has to be put on the Warrant.

Article 19: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Municipal Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?

Bill Jones asked why the question mark and George Fredette stated because it is a question. Karen Umberger stated the Article is not written properly to have effect because the actual words in 40:14-b have to be in the Article. This is moot. Petitioners did not properly form the Petition. Even if it passed, it doesn't matter because it is not worded properly. George stated he was with her on that one.

Pat Swett stated that she did not see the Petition and asked what was wrong with it. Karen Umberger stated 40:14-b says you have to word a certain way and there are two or three sentences that have to be in the Article.

Karen Umberger stated she had a couple of thoughts: if the School Board, before our meeting on Monday, decides that \$49,074.00 is not the right number they could certainly vote to change it. She understands where the number is coming from and that is why she raised the questions. That is certainly an option or they can do something at the Deliberative Session.

Becky Jefferson stated she would leave the budget form with Melissa; must be signed by next Friday. Chairman Stacey stated it would be signed Monday night and Becky would have it on Tuesday. Karen Umberger stated that she thought the Assistant Superintendent should tell everyone who he is since she was not exactly sure how many people he had met you before. Bob Gadomski stated he had met many of those present and since starting in September and he is settling in.

Article 20: To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting. No questions, comments or concerns.

Chairman Stacey closed out the School portion of the Public Hearing at 8:45 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Umberger stated one comment: Crow Dickinson is here representing the position of the Selectmen on the votes and she thought that since the Selectmen have not voted, as the Selectman's represent he should abstain since the Selectmen have not made a decision; he can not represent the Selectmen when they haven't voted. Crow asked if he could leave.

Motion by Rick Paquette, seconded by Betty Boucher, to recommend or demand that the Selectmen vote before Monday and be required to report prior to Monday with their recommendations on the budget. In favor: 6; Opposed: 2 - Crow Dickinson and Pat Libby; Abstain: 3 - Melissa Stacey, Karen Umberger and Phil Dighello.

Bill Jones stated he failed to see a vote on anything to set the budget. How are we supposed to monitor the presented budget with no vote to see how they voted on any issues. Rick Paquette stated he wanted to make a motion to not vote on any of the Town's budget or Articles until such time as the Selectmen vote. Seconded by Bill Jones. Chairman Stacey stated can't do that; not that she didn't agree, but the issue is it runs into the date the Warrant has to be posted. We are meeting on Monday, the Selectmen are meeting on Tuesday and it has to be out Wednesday. Karen Umberger stated she wanted to make sure she understood that the budget is being posted late; this is the Budget Committee's budget so if the Selectmen haven't voted or the School Board hasn't voted that is okay. Karen thought it was dastardly that the Selectmen haven't voted on the budget. Rick stated if we don't establish or put together a budget, that is misrepresentation; what remedy is there for the Budget Committee. Chairman Stacey stated under the law it is our budget. We have every right to go to the Selectmen and say we want this number with this receipt and this time code.

Crow Dickinson stated he had a procedure question: how is this going to be communicated to the Selectmen and Bill Jones stated through you. Crow stated they may not believe me. Chairman Stacey stated the point of the matter is Crow, it is your job as Selectman, it is your job to tell them; whether or not it happens. Crow stated he understood his responsibility, but wanted to know whether the results were going to be conveyed in writing to the Selectmen. Chairman Stacey stated no, she would convey it to Earl; she would convey it to Karen, but it was not her job, it was his job; likewise with George, George went back to the School Board. Crow stated maybe the motion is going to lose and he recommended that. Bill Jones called the question.

Phil Dighello stated he thought it was strange that the Selectmen did not vote; negating their vote on the Budget Committee which is Crow's vote. Phil found it a little strange.

Karen Umberger stated the other half of the problem is the School Board has not voted. George Fredette stated they had, but not on the revised budget and failed to vote on one Article. Karen stated got all kinds of problems here.

John Edgerton asked, as the Selectmen's representative, what was the intent to put the onus on us. Crow Dickinson stated they were convinced in all sincerity that the Budget Committee should vote first. He thought it a bit odd, but he did not say anything. Rick Paquette asked Crow to answer the question please; what was the intent of the Selectmen, not Crow, but the Selectmen. Crow stated the Selectmen were convinced this was entirely appropriate and the way it had been done. Karen Umberger stated Point of Order; passed the Motion, let's get on with the Town voting. Crow stated he can't vote and Chairman stated he could not vote on anything.

Pat Swett stated Crow, in my mind, is a member of the Budget Committee and she saw no reason if it was in the Minutes, it is his position. Chairman Stacey stated he has to vote as the Selectmen voted. If George votes no and the School Board votes yes, he has to vote as they did. It is the law.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Melissa Stacey, to support the Tri-County Community Action in amount \$13,000.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 1 - John Edgerton; Abstain: 2 - Crow Dickinson and Betty Boucher.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by John Edgerton, to support The Gibson Center For Senior Services, Inc. in amount \$32,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1 - Crow Dickinson.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bill Jones, to support Vaughan Community Service, Inc. in amount \$3,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1 - Crow Dickinson.

Bill Jones moved, seconded by George Fredette, to support North Conway Day Care in amount \$5,000.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 2 - Betty Boucher and Crow Dickinson.

Rick Paquette questioned this Article and Chairman Stacey stated North Conway Day Care is with Vaughan, it is a part of Vaughan, but they are two separate entities. Karen Umberger stated the money goes to help those not under Title 13, but just over that dollar limit.

George Fredette moved, seconded by Melissa Stacey, to support Starting Point in amount \$8,750.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 2 - Bill Jones and John Edgerton; Abstain: Betty Boucher, Melissa Stacey and Crow Dickinson.

Karen Umberger stated this is the one where we have not been paying our fair share for the services being provided, so they reallocated for Conway to pay a bigger share of what this organization provides. George Fredette stated he did watch this meeting on TV, why such a big increase and Chairman Stacey stated Conway has the most residents using the services; allocated with more of the share.

Rick Paquette moved, seconded by Betty Boucher, to support the Mount Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross in amount \$7,298.00. In favor: 0; Opposed: 10; Abstain: 1 - Crow Dickinson.

Bill Jones asked if this was level funded and Karen Umberger stated yes. Rick Paquette asked if there was a discussion on why they are the only Red Cross Center north of the Mason/Dixon Line and Chairman Stacey stated yes, other towns would not fund. They rely on community support; when they ceased to operate, the Chapter allocated their funds to the Mount Washington Valley Chapter. Bill Jones stated there was a big discussion on why they are paying the officers such a huge amount; asking us to fund, but it is going to supplement them. John Edgerton stated over 50 years this discussion has been going on.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Betty Boucher, to support White Mountain Community Health Center in amount \$35,565.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 3 - Betty Boucher, Bill Jones and Crow Dickinson.

Bill Jones stated he questioned the Teen Center and being who he is he can not support it because of the way sex education is being handled by these people. From what he is being told, they are teaching kids to have sex. Chairman Stacey stated they are teaching abstinence. Bill stated they are giving prophylactics. Karen Umberger stated the School is giving out prophylactics.

Rick Paquette stated he wanted to reiterate they were the only place Veterans could get dental paid for, only one in the Valley. Chairman Stacey asked about the Health teacher in the School and George stated apparently not.

Pat Libby stated part of the discussion was that there were a couple of teen interns that work out of the School; sounded like an excellent program.

Sheryl Kovalik stated this organization with Partners in Health procured \$30,000.00; they have also helped with the construction of the track at the High School. Sheryl supported, even if this Committee doesn't like all they are doing.

Karen Umberger stated she thought the White Mountain Community Health Center does a wonderful job for a very small amount of money. Whenever she hears someone say they don't have health care, they need to go to the White Mountain Community Health Care, that is what their job is, to provide health care assistance to people who don't have health insurance. It is a wonderful place, good service and you pay based on your ability to pay; if you don't have the ability to pay, they will still see you and help you get prescriptions.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bill Jones, to support Eastern Slope Airport Authority in amount \$10,000.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 2 - Rick Paquette and Betty Boucher; Abstain: 3 - George Fredette, Melissa Stacey and Crow Dickinson.

Betty Boucher stated we have not supported this for 6 years; 9 other towns do not support and they have got along; leave as is. Sheryl Kovalik asked if this request was a stepping stone for Grants. John Edgerton stated fund is for 5% together with 95% for expansion. It is important for people to know there was an earlier original contract with Conway to build and support; supported in the beginning, need to understand the history behind this request.

Melissa Stacey moved, seconded by Betty Boucher, to support Children Unlimited, Inc. in amount \$12,000.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 2 - Betty Boucher and Crow Dickinson.

Rick Paquette moved, seconded by Karen Umberger, to support North Conway Community Center in amount \$75,000.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 3 - Rick Paquette, Betty Boucher and John Edgerton; Abstain: 1 - Crow Dickinson.

Karen Umberger stated she thought they had come to the Budget Committee with \$75,000.00. Chairman Stacey stated came at Public Hearing and had their own meeting and lowered the request. Rick Paquette stated he needed help in understanding how this was in any way connected to the summer program. Chairman stated recreationally it was not, they have their own; in reality, there are only two programs duplicated; Conway has flag football and North Conway has tackle football; Hockey on Saturdays at the Rec Center.

Karen stated she was not real excited about the \$5,000.00 increase and she knew that when Ryan presented it he had indicated they had some losses in fundraising opportunities and that the taxpayers could make up the difference. She supports North Conway Community very much and she would like to see the taxpayer help fund the program, but she was leery at \$75,000.00.

Rick Paquette stated he was reluctant, echoes of the past, trying to ask for more; they should raise the user fees to offset taxes and if they keep going up and monies dry up from other sources, they automatically turn to the taxpayer. There must be some other way; this smells very similar to the discussion of last year; why should the taxpayer pay. Chairman Stacey stated they do charge fees. Karen Umberger stated the people that go to the North Conway Community Center for the summer program pay a fee that is higher than what the people going to the Rec Center pay. It is a higher fee than what is at the Rec Center. Rick stated maybe we should ask them to look at their fee structure. The taxpayers are already supporting.

Rick Paquette asked if they paid taxes on the building and Chairman Stacey stated no. Rick asked if they received a tax abatement. John Edgerton stated the building came from Harvey Gibson. Rick stated that was good, but are they paying taxes. Karen Umberger stated she didn't see the answer.

Sheryl Kovalik asked if this Committee could amend it and Chairman stated no, only time it can be amended is on the floor of the Deliberative Session and we can change our vote at that point. Bill Jones stated he didn't think they came in at \$75,000.00.

Phil Dighello stated in comparing the two Centers, Rec Center is fully funded by taxpayers; North Conway Center is only partially funded. Talk about getting a good bang for our buck, only funding a portion of it. George Fredette stated lucky you don't get asked to support the whole thing.

Karen Umberger stated the tax abatement was \$14,899.00. Chairman Stacey stated that would total \$89,000.00. Bill Jones called the question. Betty Boucher stated she has voted against over the years because they have refused people the use of the facilities.

Article 25 - Project Prom in amount \$500.00: Karen Umberger recommended not do anything until Monday night.

George Fredette moved, seconded by Betty Boucher, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary