

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
February 11, 2010**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room at the Conway Police Station with the following members present: Chairman Pro Tem Dan Bacon, Bob Drinkhall, Doug Swett, Pat Libby, David Jensen, Bill Masters, David Sordi (arrived at 6:56 PM), Karen Umberger, Bill Aughton, Raymond Shakir and Sheryl Kovalik. Members excused from meeting: Jim LeFebvre and John Edgerton. Members absent from meeting: Shirley Renahan.

Chairman Bacon asked Doug Swett to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Doug Swett, to consider and accept the Minutes of January 25, 2010, as amended. In favor: 9; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1 - Sheryl Kovalik.

The Recording Secretary read the following corrections: on page 9, line 4, "insulation" should read "installation"; page 12, line 7, "out" should be "our"; page 12, paragraph 3, last sentence, "March 3rd" not "February 3rd".

TOWN - VOTING

Chairman Bacon stated there were some questions Wednesday night at the Public Hearing about the Precincts and reading the Warrant Articles, whether we could approve them or not. He talked with DRA and they stated that as long as the Precincts submitted on the MS-37, has the appropriate information on it and the information was disclosed at the Public Hearing, the Warrant Articles do not have to be read because they are submitted on the MS-37. It doesn't have to be presented by the Chair, can be presented by the Precincts themselves as long as the dollar amounts talked about.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to recommend the total appropriation for the Center Conway Fire Precinct in amount \$122,356.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Pat Libby, to recommend the total appropriation for the East Conway Fire Precinct in amount \$51,750.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to recommend the total appropriation for the Redstone Fire Precinct in amount \$52,650.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to recommend the total appropriation for the Birch Hill Water Precinct in amount \$4,726.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Ray Shakir stated he was confused; users are charged a fee for the use of the water. David Jensen stated they didn't charge anybody anything. Penachuck Water is the business responsible for the distribution and sale. Ray asked what is your function and David stated essentially they have no function. Ray stated then you don't need any money and David stated that was absolutely correct; they have that much budgeted as most of the items are placeholders that they set up when they first did the budget 3 or 4 years ago, just when Penachuck started to take over in case something went wrong and they had to hire a lawyer or have a consultant. They have left them in the budget, but have not spent them. David thought their actual expenditures last year was \$150.00 and that was for their mail box, they are required as a District to actually pay the Town Clerk \$25.00; the actual expenditures are very small but they have a budget amount that has to be there in case they ever felt they needed to use it.

Sheryl Kovalik stated by the approval of this budget do we actually effect the raising and appropriating of funds any where. David Jensen stated no because they do not raise and appropriate any funds; they have not done so in 4 or 5 years. Sheryl wanted to clarify that the budget is not related to the tax rate. David Jensen stated there are no taxes being raised from anybody.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Chairman Bacon reminded everyone that before members left the meeting, signatures were needed on the budget forms; everybody needs to sign each. Chairman further stated that there were some questions last night on the Mount Washington Valley Addiction Treatment Center. Dr. Cunningham is on the Board of Directors and Chairman has a copy of their non-profit corporation papers which show their Articles as non-profit and who is involved with it. The question was posed that they didn't know who it was, whether it was qualified individuals and according to the documents the answer would be "yes" they are qualified.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 11 - Bond Article for the construction of a new Public Works Service Garage. In favor: 8; Opposed: 2 - Bill Aughton and Ray Shakir; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated she was sorry she was not there last night for this discussion; but she does understand there was some concerns about the Article and she was also concerned that the Selectmen did not unanimously support this for whatever reason. She read that some people thought it should be back to \$650,000.00 and not reduced to \$600,000.00. It concerns her that the Selectmen are sending a very mixed message to the community about their support for this Bond Article and she didn't know what the right number was, doesn't know if it is \$600,000.00 or if it is \$650,000.00 or if the right number is \$200,000.00. She is just conflicted now that the Selectmen were not wholeheartedly behind this. She understands the problem with cost over runs and all the other stuff. It was her understanding the Town was going to do the grading and some of

the work that needed to be done to build the garage and often times a large portion of the cost is involved in the site work and this was all going to be accomplished by the Town. Karen further stated that she was very discouraged that we are looking at basically just the building for \$600,000.00 and that the Selectmen didn't think that was going to be enough. The site work, if that was added in, would probably be another \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00. She just expressed this; still not exactly sure what she was going to do with regards to a vote but she was concerned about the mixed message that the Selectmen are sending.

Ray Shakir stated there is extremely little site work involved and if site work is involved it will cost no where near that figure.

Sheryl Kovalik stated based on her limited experience with construction projects, it is important to start with a number that is reasonable with the understanding that if you need to spend more than the money allowed the first thing that happens is that you value engineer the project to fit within the budget you've been given and then if you get to an extreme situation where to accomplish the task in a proper way you have the latitude to go back to the Town's people and say "we were wrong". If you start with a number that's excessive and you spend it all, you lose the opportunity to have the credibility that says "I tried very hard to be conservative in the expenditures." We are half of where we used to be and the proper solution for this meeting is for somebody to make a motion to amend that number on the floor of the Deliberative Meeting if they want to do that and vote against this number at this meeting. She would like to see us vote for it or against it because she would like to see us move on because she is tired of debating it.

Chairman Bacon stated if we don't have any new information, he would like to move on with the voting and he thanked Karen for her input.

Bill Aughton stated he had the same disturbing feeling as Karen does; 2 out of 5 against it from the Selectmen; that's a no confidence vote from him. Bob Drinkhall stated he couldn't agree with both more, but the more we talk about it, the worse it sounds. The reason was he wanted it to be unanimous and he couldn't vote for \$650,000.00 and that's where the \$600,000.00 came from and then there were the 2 who felt we should spend more, who incidentally were not on the Committee.

Chairman Bacon stated that he would like to move the question. Karen Umberger stated she would like to hear from the Committee if in fact the \$600,000.00 is the right number. Sheryl Kovalik stated they were very clear last night, they felt it was more than enough.

Bob Drinkhall stated originally, prior to the 2nd, there was suppose to be a bid done on the work; that was changed by staff and the Board of Selectmen due to the fact that they wanted to go after the stimulus money. The stimulus money requires all sorts of strings that we have gone over and over with and due to that fact, they said they couldn't go for that bid that they had originally scheduled and he has the exact dates and so forth that this was suppose to be done; that was a non-binding bid, it wasn't one that was going to be awarded because, of course, they didn't even have the money. That is what transpired. Bob further stated

that he would assure everyone, he was the one that started this, he's been to private buildings, he's been to public buildings and we have all the information here. He would have been more comfortable with \$550,000.00, but the absolute maximum, not having those bid figures, would be the \$600,000.00 and that's where we are at.

Bill Aughton moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by David Jensen, to support Article 12 - Operating Budget in amount \$8,923,038.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated just to make sure, this is with all the Capital Reserve Funds out, this is all the changes that were made, this includes the \$18,000.00 for the Police Department, it includes all the Collective Bargaining, and it reduced the Rec Center and increased the Library. Bob Drinkhall stated put the \$25,000.00 back in, took the \$825.00 out and took their number out; it is with all the changes, yes.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to set and accept the Default Budget at \$9,247,446.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 0.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 13 - Two-Year (2010-2011) Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Conway and AFSCME #93, Local 859, Department of Public Works. In favor: 9; Opposed: 1 - Doug Swett; Abstain: 1 - David Sordi.

Doug Swett stated with no increase, nothing will happen with the Evergreen clause. Sheryl Kovalik stated this is not correct; it will in fact invoke the Evergreen clause; any contract that goes into effect after July of 2008 is going to assume the Evergreen clause and the language is not presented here and maybe should be. Pat Libby stated that's not necessarily true because they operate off the Matrix System so they basically have automatic raises anyway. Sheryl stated the law states any collective bargaining agreement whose official start date is after July 1, 2008 will automatically include in it the Evergreen clause; but with these guys, there is no increase attached to it. Pat stated it's attached because they basically had an Evergreen clause ever since the Matrix went in because they get an automatic raise even if they don't get a contract.

Karen Umberger stated maybe Bob can explain. Bob Drinkhall stated they agreed to a 2% maximum for one year. Karen asked what it would be for the second year of the contract and Bob stated he didn't have that information with him, it would revert to the other percentage, but he was not positive.

Sheryl Kovalik stated this is very misleading to taxpayers because all of the collective bargaining agreements at the School have a cost value

associated with them. These dollars will be represented in the budget itself. Karen Umberger stated if you look at the Default Budget, in there are the basic increases that are associated with the collective bargaining agreement. Sheryl stated actually not accurate when it says "no increase in benefits or costs to the Town". Bob Drinkhall stated for the fiscal year 2010/11 from the previous year. Sheryl stated the benefits stay the same but they carry a cost increase even though the package is the same. It is very misleading.

Chairman Bacon stated the package is the same; there was no increase on the package so the monies at last year are obligated to go through this year; so there is no increase even though we are paying under the contract. Sheryl Kovalik stated the point of curiosity for her is when this is explained to the voter, will the voter be told that to vote this down means that the Matrix that they conceded some of the cost of will be higher. The voter needs to understand that to vote this down will incur higher costs because the existing agreement which has an Evergreen clause will remain in effect.

Karen Umberger stated this was a 2-year contract before, so this is the first contract that they've had since the Evergreen clause went into effect. Sheryl Kovalik stated she just wanted them to know that what Pat was trying to point out is the cost to vote it down will be greater.

Bob Drinkhall stated hopefully we are going to have that explanation that we talked about last night for everything and the explanation will probably be fairly involved and he didn't know how much help it would be. Sheryl Kovalik stated Warrant Article 101. Doug Swett asked if this was a 2-year contract and Bob stated yes. Doug stated there are some increases the second year. Bob stated the second year could be greater; that would be correct. Sheryl Kovalik stated but it won't exceed the existing Matrix. Karen Umberger stated we did not get a copy of that contract and she was sorry that wasn't requested and it should have been so that we would have a clearer understanding of what is in there.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support Article 14 - Capital Reserve Fund For Police Vehicles in amount \$38,000.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 1 - Bill Masters; Abstain: 1 - Sheryl Kovalik.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 15 - Maintenance of Town Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$75,000.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 3 - Dan Bacon, Bill Aughton and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Bill Masters stated he was not opposed to the Articles themselves, the Capital Reserve Funds, it's just that he can support something less than the amounts that are shown, say less 50% less. We're in real tough economic times and he has a feeling that when the voting population sees a lot of these figures, all they are going to see is the tax dollars

going up and the tax rate going up and that is his concern in terms of the current financial climate.

Bill Aughton stated he agreed, but the place for that is the Deliberative. Karen Umberger stated no, we can do whatever we want to; we can amend the number here, our number is what goes on the Warrant. Chairman Bacon stated he was not going to support it because he thought with the tight budget, they should have lowered all of the Capital Reserves to take the brunt off because they may need the maintenance in the future but they may not; that's up in the wind type of thing. They can always increase when the economy goes up, can always vote to increase more to make up at that point but for right now he agrees with Bill that it should be lower.

Bob Drinkhall stated there are already requirements for repairs that are looming, such as a new roof for the other Highway Garage and also the money that we are talking about toward the garage depending on how it is funded in the end result. This is bare bones for that particular account as far as he is concerned and he wants to spend as little as possible, but we will have problems if this doesn't pass or if any of these don't pass, those that were moved from the budget into new Articles. Chairman Bacon stated it was his assumption that they had the money in the Reserve Fund for the roof. Bob stated not if we spend \$200,000.00 on the new garage. Chairman stated he still thought if we waited that long on the maintenance garage, we might be able to wait a little longer.

Karen Umberger stated she thought what Earl had explained last night was that there was currently \$225,000.00 in that account and the estimate to re-roof the garage was \$51,000.00. Bob Drinkhall stated \$51,975.00. Karen stated using that logic that if they have \$25,000.00 and it costs \$50,000.00 then we could suggest that we'd look at changing this number from \$75,000.00 to \$50,000.00; she didn't know what else is in there, but does feel that we certainly need to cover the new roof for the Storage Garage. Bob stated the problem is that it's rusting because of the type of insulation that's in there and there is moisture in between, that was just the new roof. In that project, the Highway Garage alone, \$51,975.00 for the new roof, chimney \$6,700.00, insulation which will be required or we will be able to melt the snow off that roof because the old insulation is no good is at \$39,360.00 and paint was \$17,550.00. Bob stated he could go on and on about the other items. Chairman asked if it was the one that stored the vehicles. Bob stated that was correct and if everything goes well and they get the new Maintenance Garage, the waste oil will be utilized to heat that garage.

Doug Swett stated this has been mentioned and he wouldn't say that it has been kept from the public but it hasn't been brought to the forefront simply because of the amount of money involved, but that roof needs to be replaced now, but he thought they were putting it off for a year; he thought they have hesitated to tell us just how serious it is. That is just his opinion.

Sheryl Kovalik stated we have a bad history of cutting maintenance when things get tough, that's the first thing we do and we end up paying through the nose afterwards to fix what we didn't do. She added up all

the Warrant Articles to the tune of \$1 Million and it represents 10% of the budget and it hurts the maintenance of the buildings which is not the place where she would like to see us make the cuts at this time.

Bob Drinkhall stated for those of you that weren't here or didn't see the old High School, if you ever needed convincing that you don't want to go in that direction and patch decade after decade and end up with a mess, he couldn't believe it because he had only been in the relatively decent portion up until some time ago when we went through it and he thought he was in a dungeon. We would be headed for the same thing.

Chairman Bacon stated he didn't want to get into a discussion on School buildings. Sheryl Kovalik stated if nobody is going to make a motion to amend the number then the debate doesn't need to continue and we can just take a vote on the number that is here.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 16 - Infrastructure Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$325,000.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 2 - Ray Shakir and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Dan Bacon, to amend Article 16 - Infrastructure Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund to \$300,000.00. In favor: 5 - Doug Swett, Dave Sordi, Karen Umberger, Dan Bacon and Sheryl Kovalik; Opposed: 5; Abstain: 1 - Ray Shakir. AMENDMENT DID NOT PASS.

David Jensen stated if such a motion were to pass, how would it read. Chairman Bacon stated the Article would say \$200,000.00. David stated but that's not recommended by the Board of Selectmen though. Karen Umberger stated that's okay, they would re-vote. David stated anything that we change gets kicked back to the Board of Selectmen.

David Sordi asked what is this fund for. Karen Umberger stated this was to redo a portion of Kearsarge, that's what the money was for. This was the addition to the infrastructure, the 10-Year Plan, and what is in the Plan for this year was to redo the portion of Kearsarge from the North-South Road to Skimobile Road. Ray Shakir stated it doesn't say that and that's going to be extremely confusing to the voters. This reads, to him, like a general infrastructure maintenance; anybody reading that is going to come to that conclusion unless you know for a fact that it is specific.

Karen Umberger stated just so we know, 2010 it was Kearsarge Street, Tasker Hill Bridge, drain on Duprey Road and drain on Ledgewood. Duprey Road and Ledgewood drainage is in conjunction with the water and sewer project that is being accomplished by the North Conway Water Precinct this year, so it makes sense and it is less expensive to incorporate the drainage when you are tearing up and redoing things. The \$325,000.00 doesn't cover the cost of these things, but with what we had left in the Reserve account plus this, then you have the money. Chairman Bacon stated then Kearsarge is strictly paving and Karen stated Kearsarge is just like they did on the lower end of Kearsarge where they redid the whole thing, that's what this is, to redo from the North-South Road to Skimobile Road.

David Jensen thought they had just done that section. Karen stated they did from Main Street to the North-South Road. Sheryl Kovalik stated that David was thinking of Mechanic Street.

Doug Swett stated this may be a little off, but he wanted to say that he thought we needed to get to the Legislature and get this changed so we can put details in these to get the information to the voter. We can't do it this year, but what's being explained is fine and it will get out but when they go in the booth, they aren't going to have anything to go by. Raymond Shakir stated he wanted to expand on what Doug just said; anybody who reads this is not going to see Kearsarge Road even in between the lines; they are not going to know what this means.

Karen Umberger stated we have to understand something here; this is the first time that these have not appeared in the budget; they were buried in the budget and so this year because of what has transpired they have come out of the budget. You can put anything into a Warrant Article that you choose, there's no restrictions on what you can say, what you have to say is what's written here, that doesn't mean, just like if you look at the School's budget they put in parenthesis this does this and this does that and that is certainly acceptable to DRA because the same person the reviews the Town's Warrant Articles, reviews the School's Warrant Articles. You can add whatever you want to the Warrant Article just a long as you say these things, but what's happen is that it is just new this year and hopefully they'll discuss it.

Doug Swett stated it bothers him because they make statements about having a level budget or up 2.5% or whatever, yet to do what they need to do is out of the budget now and it's an increase above and beyond the percentage they are bragging about.

Bob Drinkhall stated this is very complicated because things have been moved around over the years due to the order in which things were getting done with the North Conway Water Precinct because when it's done in unison it costs less, you're not digging up a road twice to accomplish this. We are actually behind, as an example a section of Thompson Road is in deplorable condition and that's been put off and many of these things have been put off and if we don't put in some money, we'll be in the same boat where we have to raise an inordinate amount in a given year to accomplish these things and that's why that figure is there. You don't even know what asphalt is going to cost this summer. Karen Umberger stated less than what it has been. Bill Masters asked Bob how many years had these projects been put off and Bob stated they've moved around so much he didn't have that information with him.

Karen Umberger stated what's happened is that all of these projects were supposed to have been done about 3 years ago and because of not getting the money from Rural Development and any number of things that's why the Precinct is finally getting their stuff done and it just happened that way. She did not disagree with what was being said, she was not sure we should empty the account.

Bob Drinkhall stated it would be much easier to have Paul D. explain all of this and the moving around because he did not have the order in front

of him. As Karen said, it has been 3 or 4 years; Mechanic wasn't originally set up for this year but it was changed because North Conway Water Precinct was able to do it because they had some money left over from something else and it made sense for us to do that at the same time. It is so complicated, the moving around, many things have been put off. Again, Paul D. can explain it far better than he could.

Doug Swett moved the question on amending Article 16.

Pat Libby moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 17 - Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$155,000.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 4 - Karen Umberger, Bill Aughton, Bill Masters and Dan Bacon; Abstain: 1 - Doug Swett.

Karen Umberger stated she was not exactly sure why the other mower that they want \$12,500.00 for was not included in this Vehicle Replacement Plan and there is one mower here and it has a life of 20 years but she did not know which mower that was. She thought all of the vehicles and equipment that they needed were included in here because they do include a Wheeler, a snow blower. Chairman Bacon stated if they are talking about equipment may be both the mower blade and mower should have been included in here instead of set out separately. David Sordi stated originally this was going to be included in the overall budget and they were going to do the mower blade and the mower as a separate Article which is probably why they have the three separate Articles now; they probably never combined them in the end.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 18 - Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$90,000.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Dan Bacon, Karen Umberger, Bill Aughton and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Dave Sordi, to amend contribution to \$75,000.00. In favor: 5 - Doug Swett, Dan Bacon, David Sordi, Karen Umberger and Sheryl Kovalik; Opposed: 6; Abstain: 0. AMENDMENT DID NOT PASS.

Sheryl Kovalik stated maybe she missed something because she doesn't get to come to all the meetings, but she doesn't get a feel for what is in the fund, what the life of the fund is, when the fund has to be expended. Karen Umberger stated that Sheryl has that in her book. Sheryl stated it is possible to include the balance of fund in the Warrant Article when raising additional funds as a statement, i.e. not to exceed, fund already has, currently has. Karen stated in 2010 they are buying a \$30,000.000 3/4 Ton Pick up Truck; at the end of 2009 they had \$35,593.00 and they are adding \$90,000.00, leaving a balance for 2010 at \$95,593.00 with an expenditure the following year of \$85,000.00. Sheryl stated but they are projecting, adding \$90,000.00 in 2010, 2011 and then dropping it to \$75,000.00 in 2012 and they are going to have a balance that accrues from \$95,000.00 to \$100,000.00 and then back down to \$90,000.00.

Doug Swett stated he knew they were considering changing the dump all around; they've got some deal of shipping all recyclables to Portland and they will pick them apart down there. He further knew that the baler was gone, it broke down and he didn't see anything for a baler. Bob Drinkhall stated they thought that it was beyond repair and they were able to repair it themselves.

Sheryl Kovalik stated she didn't understand the logic behind front ending the accrual process before spending it; they are forecasting expenditures and are accruing a balance that they are not depleting and it's a tough economic time and she doesn't understand the logic behind that. Bob Drinkhall stated he thought all of this runs the same as the Police Vehicles so it's spread out evenly, like the School buses, etc. It's all based on the same logic. Sheryl stated for two years they spike to \$90,000.00 in contributions and then in 2012 they drop to \$75,000.00 which is sustained over the balance of the life and she knows these are projections it just seems that this is not the time when you want to spike numbers. Bob Drinkhall stated you should notice that it was cut in 2009. Chairman Bacon stated talking back then that times were tough and times are still tough. Bob Drinkhall stated we've been criticized that we have to make up or to at least get back on track.

Chairman Bacon moved the question after the amendment failed.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Pat Libby, to support Article 19 - Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$30,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 1 - Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

David Jensen stated he didn't know how important it was, but it doesn't say \$30,000.00 in the draft, it says \$30,00.00. Chairman Bacon stated the copy he had, dated 2/11/10, does correctly stated \$30,000.00.

Karen Umberger stated she knew that the Selectmen had directed a study about what to do with the Landfill Closure or that's what Earl suggested last night. She didn't know how much is in this account or the next one but there are lots and we are not anywhere near having to think about closing the landfill or expanding the landfill and we have cut this down every year for the last 5 years when we started the recycling and she knows that DES has some amorphous requirements that say that you have to have some amount of money on hand which of course she didn't think anyone knows how much money you have to have on hand. Bob Drinkhall stated this is to satisfy DES and keep the license going; this is just to meet the requirements but they are going to work at having that reduced due to the fact that we are not using the landfill to the degree that we were scheduled to.

David Sordi stated the way these typically work is and the reason it's gone down is your life of the landfill is going further out so they can reduce it. The DES doesn't care how much is in there, they just care that you are keeping up with your schedule. As he mentioned last night, there may be other alternatives to just sinking money into it like getting a Letter of Credit so that in the future the money will be there and it protects the State from the default of the Town so that may be a better way to do it.

Karen Umberger stated she was not sure what the projected schedule is any more; the last time she thought it was extended for 30 or 40 years because of our waste stream reduction and she was not confident that either of those numbers are right. Chairman Bacon asked if there was a projected schedule and David Sordi stated he hadn't seen it, but if it is going out 30 or 40 years, that's quite awhile for a landfill which in a way benefits us because it reduces the amount we have to put in.

Karen Umberger stated last year it was reduced to \$30,000.00 and this year it remained the same and they had it at \$43,000.00 and we did not get the briefing on what was going on with the landfill. Bob Drinkhall stated his understanding is that this rate was in some way tied into what is required, hence that is what they are doing but they are also working at having that rescheduled so in the future we don't have to put it in; that's his understanding and it could be wrong. Karen stated she thought that was what Earl said last night. Bill Aughton stated he thought that was what Earl said last night, that was the minimum amount to protect the license. Karen stated she disagreed with that statement, but that's okay.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by David Jensen, to support Article 20 - Landfill Expansion Capital Reserve Fund in amount \$80,500.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Doug Swett, Dan Bacon, Bill Aughton and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated she would support this but if she doesn't see zero next year, she will be very upset.

Chairman Bacon stated doesn't this fall under the same category and Karen Umberger stated it falls exactly under the same category. Chairman stated so both Funds have to have a minimum amount of money for licensing. Bob Drinkhall stated that was his understanding. Chairman asked if there was just one license for the Landfill altogether for their plan; he didn't quite understand that. Bob stated he didn't have a copy so he couldn't tell. Karen stated you have to have a Landfill Expansion Plan because the Town of Conway has chosen to have its own landfill; we are one of two towns that have a landfill, so if you own a landfill you not only have to have a Plan for closing it but you also have to have a Plan for expanding it. Chairman Bacon stated he understood that, he just didn't understand why it wasn't in just one Capital Reserve Fund. Karen stated because it's two separate actions. She just can't wait to hear on the landfill study because she thinks we will find out some very interesting things as we did when we first mandated recycling.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 21 - Kearsarge Road Pedestrian Way/Bike Lane in amount \$306,000.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 2 - Doug Swett and Ray Shakir; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik stated just in case anyone's watching, it says "no funds shall be raised by local property taxes". Bob Drinkhall stated it should

also be clear that it still comes from the same taxpayers just spread a little bit thinner. Chairman Bacon stated Grants and donations are still our money. Karen Umberger stated the Grant they are going after is a State Grant.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Doug Swett, to support Article 22 - Mower Blade for Public Works Department in amount \$12,400.00. In favor: 9; Opposed: 2 - Dan Bacon and David Sordi; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 23 - Commercial Lawn Mower For The Recreation Department in amount \$10,000.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Dan Bacon, Bill Masters, Ray Shakir, David Sordi and Bill Aughton; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support Article 24 - PEG Expendable Trust Fund in amount \$122,038.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 1 - Ray Shakir; Abstain: 0.

Doug Swett stated no property tax will be raised to support this Warrant Article.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Karen Umberger, to support Article 25 - The Gibson Center For Senior Services, Inc. in amount \$32,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 1 - Pat Libby; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 26 - North Conway Community Center in amount \$75,000.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 3 - Dan Bacon, Ray Shakir and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support article 27 - Carroll County Transit in amount \$3,000.00. In favor: 4 - Pat Libby; David Sordi, Karen Umberger and Sheryl Kovalik; Opposed: 7; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated she needed to hear from somebody about what the problem is because the Carroll County Transit is suppose to start up this next year with bus service from Conway to Ossipee and on to Wolfeboro and her concern is that we have a real problem because we don't have any public transportation and that's what this is going to provide, the beginning of the corridor that will run all the way to wherever it runs. She just needs to hear some discussion from people and the reason she is asking this is because the County also has a request from Carroll County Transit to provide money for it.

Chairman Bacon stated some of the concerns at the meeting of the non-profits; he explained that it was also going to be for that public transit fix, commuter routes and demand response, Senior transportation and long distance non-emergency medical transportation. Chairman further stated his concerns, even though it is a new transportation, to him with the demand response he thought they are going to get a lot more of that than anything because if you can call somebody up and get a ride from Point A to Point B, they are going to do that. The other thing is we have the Gibson Center that provides certain services for transportation of people and they said they were going to work in conjunction and try to work with them. His concern is if we are having transportation, one

service might be good, but he just sees the service they are going to provide being more abused by people.

Karen Umberger stated this is going to be a State wide thing and you can't just call up and say I want to go to Madison; that's not what they mean by demand service. It has to be for a doctor's appointment and in order to get that it's not you and I that can get that. Chairman Bacon stated when the gentleman was posed the question, he said anybody could call and use it. Whether the gentleman was misleading at the meeting, he did not know.

Sheryl Kovalik stated he didn't say anybody could call and use it for anything, what he said was he was responding to "Can anyone call", a direct question. Chairman Bacon stated if I live downtown and needed to get uptown to the medical center because I had an appointment and you have a fixed transit going that way, I doubt the person would use the fixed transit, they would call the demand response to go to their medical appointment. Karen Umberger stated she doubted they would get demand response if, in fact, there was a fixed route.

Pat Libby stated she would like to have Bob explain the Selectmen's reasoning since they were unanimously against it. Bob Drinkhall stated he couldn't say what the individual Selectmen's reasons were. Karen Umberger asked what was the discussion held or did you just vote. Bob stated there was some discussion; basically this isn't the time to be doing this for one thing, another he believes brought up the fact that there have been other times when service of this nature have been attempted in transit in a very general sense and it hasn't worked. He does know of at least one of the Selectmen stating he didn't think it would work and that the cost would be very high per mile of service.

Doug Swett stated there was going to be a route from Ossipee to Laconia and Doug asked what percentage had to be filled up before they started showing some real income and he didn't have an answer for that; asked him what the cost for per passenger miles was going to be; this is a government entitlement. Doug talked to a gentleman about a year ago when he first heard about this and he was a person privately driving people on a volunteer basis to doctors and he said on the short runs around here, there wasn't much problem at all but sometimes there was when there were longer runs. This country's got into this stuff forever and if they don't stop it, it's like Amtrak, everybody thinks that's a success, ever seen the figures, what you have to subsidize, it's right off the end of the wall.

Chairman Bacon stated the other thing was the plans for 3 in town demand response Dial-A-Ride services that will operate in designated areas to help people get to the public route systems or to bring them to any other destinations; that's pretty vague. To him that's saying that you can use it for just about anything you like.

Sheryl Kovalik stated there was one positive that she would like to bring up and that was having a supplemental transportation service which could create the opportunity through their demand services where all their volunteers are trained and through some of the bus routes, could offset

some of the busing that we have to provide as a School District. Demand response could have a huge impact on Special Ed transportation because people would have to be pre-qualified and insured because they've been trained to do that kind of thing. There is a possible benefit and at \$3,000.00 for the Town of Conway to try it out for a year and see what benefits accrue, it would not be a bad investment.

Doug Swett stated this is set up and all set to go; buses are ordered and may be delivered, he was not sure. A lot of people involved in this. This is adding government employees that are going to get on fancy retirement programs, health care and the whole nine yards. We've bought into this for years and we're in trouble.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by David Sordi, to support Article 28 - Tri-County Community Action/Fuel Assistance Program in amount \$13,000.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Bill Masters, David Jensen, Ray Shakir and Doug Swett; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support Article 29 - White Mountain Community Health Center in amount \$35,565.00. In favor: 8; Opposed: 3 - Bob Drinkhall, Bill Masters and Ray Shakir; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated she needed to understand what went on with this because there's always been good support for this program by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee because of the work that they do with the uninsured and the help that they provide to the community. It's a very, very important part of our community in health care delivery service preventing people from ending up in the Emergency Room and she just was shocked when she saw this the other night.

Chairman Bacon stated he thought some of the sentiment on the non-profits was the fact that some of the benefits increased drastically, even though the salaries didn't, there was a question on why their benefits increased so much and the salaries didn't. The salary increase was because of one part-time individual for the pay and most of the things revolve around benefits, couldn't understand why the dollar amount was so high.

Bill Aughton stated the dollar amount you just mentioned, they were level funded from previous years, so they are asking the Town for the same amount and providing service which you can't reproduce anywhere in the Valley.

Sheryl Kovalik stated there were a couple of points that were made; one was that they fall under the health plan for Memorial Hospital which by all comparisons is probably less, they are self-funded so it may very well be the cheapest health plan that's out there right now and they don't get to tweak the aspects of it because they don't design it. The other thing was if you looked they serve more people than they've been serving. They're actual budget is up over the previous year and their funding request is level funded. Part of the problem with the benefits looking as much of an increase as it is, it wasn't broken out into specific categories so we can't tell how much of it was health insurance

increase, how much of it might be retirement plan changes or 401(k) contributions because people come of age which was part of the pre-established benefit package and some of that's legal. If you choose a 401(k) for an organization and 5 people reach their vested state and they start contributing, you're obligated and you could have put that in place 10 years ago. Sheryl further stated that she thought it was important when looking at that in the context of the rest of the budget, we're not looking at huge raises, they added a staff member so the salaries is an increase in people and not raises for the people. There's some hamstringing going on relative to the way the budget was laid out; too many summary categories and not enough breakdown in detail so that we weren't able to discern what caused certain things. She will support this for the same reason that Bill mentioned and she is disappointed that the Selectmen didn't. Chairman Bacon stated that they did say that they would expand on that. Sheryl Kovalik stated we agreed, as a Committee, to modify the form again next year so that we can get more detail.

Bill Aughton stated he always looks at Salaries and it did not take enormous leaps and they are providing more service. If you walk in there for a problem, the typical cost versus going to one of the other clinics in town is 50% less and that's a huge amount. When people get tight for money, when they lose their jobs and they don't have insurance, that's the place they will go to, not to the other places. He is really sad that the Selectmen didn't support that.

David Sordi stated as much discussion and rancor as there has been throughout the country on health care reform, this seems to be a pretty good model for how to run a Health Care Center for the uninsured and underinsured and supporting it is beholden upon us even though we may not agree completely with the costs that they are incurring. It's still a better option than some of the other ones that have been proposed.

Bill Aughton stated he is always a little cautious about micro-managing things; to him providing there's no big jumps in salary, there are no big jumps in travel, after doing more things for the same money then that's what their job is and they can do it better than he can.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support Article 30 - American Red Cross/Granite Chapter in amount \$4,128.00. In favor: 1 - Bob Drinkhall; Opposed: 10; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik stated she was going to be voting against it because we don't have all the information that we asked for and if they show up at the Deliberative, we can reconsider it. Chairman Bacon stated that he felt the same way. Bill Aughton stated he was going to vote against it for the same reason and it's a pity that John Edgerton isn't here because of the inappropriate distribution of money in the Red Cross. Bill further stated he will give blood to the Red Cross, but no money.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 31 - the Early Supports & Services Program of Children Unlimited, Inc. in amount \$13,000.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Ray Shakir, Bill Masters, Bob Drinkhall, Doug Swett and Bill Aughton.

Pat Libby asked if "level funded" had been taken out in the updated copy of the Warrant and Chairman Bacon stated it had been taken out. Bob Drinkhall stated he just wanted to bring up the fact that they were the only one, out of all of the non-profits, to increase what they were asking for.

Sheryl Kovalik stated that she would recommend if that is the only element standing in the way of supporting the Article, she would encourage to amend the number to level fund it. Karen Umberger stated we can't do that. Sheryl stated it is important for us to have this early intervention to get the children that have developmental disabilities on a track so that they need less support when they hit the School District.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Ray Shakir moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 32 - North Conway Day Care in amount \$5,000.00. In favor: 5 - Bill Aughton, David Jensen, Pat Libby, Sheryl Kovalik and David Sordi; Opposed: 5; Abstain: 1 - Karen Umberger.

Sheryl Kovalik stated because they go after lots of Grants to offset some of their costs, is there a requirement to have a contribution from the Town to help them achieve some of the Grants that they get. Karen Umberger stated no.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 33 - Vaughan Community Services, Inc. in amount \$3,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1 - Karen Umberger.

Bob Drinkhall stated this helps the Town to a great degree and is recommended by our General Assistance Officer. Chairman Bacon asked what this was used for. Bob Drinkhall stated for the Food Pantry; there are 3 and this past year 90% of what was referred by the Town was to the Brown Church but that was because of the problems that existed with Vaughan. The Brown Church and the White Mountain Community Health Center agree that it should go to Vaughan according to our General Assistance Officer.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 34 - Mount Washington Valley Addiction Treatment Solutions Sliding Scale Fee Program in amount \$2,025.00. In favor: 1 - Karen Umberger; Opposed: 8; Abstain: 2 - Sheryl Kovalik and David Sordi.

Karen Umberger stated she knows that for some reason they obviously didn't get the word or the understanding that they were suppose to come before the Budget Committee. Chairman Bacon stated that's correct so they put it in by Petition. Karen stated not that she knows a lot about this program, but she does know enough to be dangerous and what this program

as she understands it is to help people that are addicted to do things like learn how to work, learn how to socialize, learn how to be productive members of the community, and she was sure if Dr. Cunningham had realized up front that he needed to come to the Budget Committee, he certainly would have. She has only been on the fringes of what is going on with this but she does feel it is an extremely important program for our community that these volunteers have put together and are trying to get off the ground.

Pat Libby stated she would like to treat this the same as the Red Cross and take the vote based on the fact that we don't have the information and then they can come to the Deliberative and make their case since they didn't make it to us. Chairman Bacon read from the documents obtained from the State: Purpose of this organization is to operate integrated intensive outpatient substance abuse program and to create, develop, market and provide substance abuse prevention treatment, maintenance and educational purposes and to provide out reach counseling, training, consulting services regarding substance abuse and all other lawful related activities. Karen Umberger stated they are non-profit.

Sheryl Kovalik stated there's a slight difference, the people from the Red Cross came and they were unprepared; that is very different from not being there at all; if they are not going to be there at all, we could not vote at all, just refuse to vote on this particular Warrant Article because we don't have any information. Karen Umberger stated but you have to vote. Sheryl stated then we can all abstain. Pat Libby stated or we could all vote no.

Bob Drinkhall moved the question.

Bill Masters stated he wanted to clarify his position on a lot of the Warrant Articles that he voted against. The issue is not that he is anti to any of these things that were presented, but he thinks the taxpayers at this point expect us to take a deep breath, draw up our belts and live with what we've got. In these times, have to separate, so it seems to him, what we actually need versus what we want and one wise gentleman said that to him not too long ago. He thought it was very appropriate to keep in mind that we are tacking on \$750,000.00 to the budget if these Warrant issues pass. Again, that's all up to the voters, but the point is that we need to really take a deep breath, look and give it the best shot we can. He would have gone along with a 50% reduction on each one of the Warrant Articles, but that's an issue that's neither here nor there. Chairman Bacon stated there's always that opportunity at the Deliberative; if you feel strongly about that, you could always make those notions made at the Deliberative.

SCHOOL - VOTING

Sheryl Kovalik stated before we get underway, there was an issue brought up last night at the Public Hearing relative to whether or not the 1.5 Elementary teachers should be in the budget or handled as a Warrant Article. Sheryl called the District Office and had a conversation and as it turns out, they petitioned the Department of Ed for the ability to take the Class Size Reduction Funds and while they want us to put

everything into Professional Development, we arranged to put a portion of it into Professional Development and use the balance of those projected funds to fund these additional positions; they are removing \$74,514.00 from the budget; they won't have those positions added into this budget as presented. Sheryl further stated can't amend it here, but she wanted the Committee to know as you consider what number you are going to put in there, the number shouldn't include that sum.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Bill Aughton, to support Article 2 - Operating Budget in amount \$32,538,251.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Ray Shakir, Dan Bacon, Doug Swett, Bill Masters and Bob Drinkhall.

Pat Libby asked if that impacted on the Default Budget as well. Sheryl Kovalik stated no because the Default Budget doesn't include any additions at all. The Default Budget is last year's budget and it will stay where it is at.

Karen Umberger stated she understands all of this, but she is just disappointed that we saw no savings whatsoever from the \$1.3 Million that we no longer have to pay. It disturbs her greatly when the School purports that the budget increase is only less than 1% and that in the same way that she gets upset at the Town when they don't account for the \$124,500.00 that went off this year. She certainly understands how this got eaten up in increases, but she is just not really excited about it.

Sheryl Kovalik stated she could appreciate that and it's not a fun position to be in, but for a bunch of years in a row they had no increases to the budget that were programmatic based on things they were adding for the students. Last year was the first year they actually added anything which was at the High School because everybody complained that they were so far behind. What they have been trying to do is to sustain the programming that they have in place that's been successful. The Health Insurance savings that we would be seeing are imbedded in the Warrant Article for the teachers. Sheryl encouraged everyone to support this budget.

David Sordi stated it frightens him for next year where the economy is very difficult and people couldn't find a way to reduce operational expenses. His biggest frustration is that there didn't seem to be any attempt to reduce the operating budget.

Bob Drinkhall stated there was no way he could support a budget with a projected tax rate increase of \$1.37, which is a 12% increase in the tax rate if everything passes. Bill Masters stated he couldn't support \$1.37, can't afford this at this point in time. Chairman Bacon stated he was not comfortable with the increase; like always, take away because of salaries and he understood hands are tied, but it ends up as a way of manipulation of monies.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Karen Umberger moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 3 - Expendable Trust Fund (New Kennett High School Facilities Maintenance

Fund) in amount \$54,443.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Dan Bacon, Ray Shakir, Bill Masters and Doug Swett; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to support Article 4 - Expendable Trust Fund (A. Crosby Kennett Middles School Facilities Maintenance Fund) in amount \$17,086.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Ray Shakir, Doug Swett, Bill Masters and Dan Bacon; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 5 - Expendable Trust Fund (Elementary Schools Facilities Maintenance Fund) in amount \$9,900.00. In favor: 7; Opposed: 4 - Ray Shakir, Doug Swett, Bill Masters and Dan Bacon; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by David Sordi, to support Article 6 - Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Conway School Board and the American Federation of state, County and Municipal Employees in amount \$31,022.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Ray Shakir, Dan Bacon, Doug Swett, Bill Masters and David Sordi.

Karen Umberger stated looking at the salaries increase, these contracts have a different COLA and she realizes there were 3 separate bargaining teams and 3 separate ways of coming to an agreement; that doesn't make her happy. Sheryl Kovalik stated one explanation on why the AFSCME may be different is that they had a previous agreement raise over past year and the other 2 Unions had no increase for the past year.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by David Jensen, to support Article 7 - Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Conway School Board and the Conway Education Association in amount \$355,436.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Ray Shakir, Dan Bacon, David Sordi, Doug Swett and Bill Masters; Abstain: 0.

Karen Umberger stated starting salaries of teachers were raised from what. Sheryl Kovalik stated from \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Karen stated and that in turn jumped up everyone hired in the last year. Sheryl stated they did not go above it; if they were below, they came up. Karen asked out of the \$355,000.00, how much was salaries. Sheryl Kovalik stated she was not sure.

David Sordi asked about the current contract for tenure bonuses. Sheryl Kovalik stated there is a longevity based on a fixed dollar amount. David stated in theory, when they hit that mark, it's 2.5% COLA plus \$850.00. Sheryl stated COLA wasn't their preference, they had to go that route in order to get to the \$500.00 deductible.

Karen Umberger stated according to this, on July 1st everybody will get a 2.73% increase. Sheryl Kovalik stated 2.5%. Karen stated the extra performance pay hasn't changed. Sheryl stated came down in dollar amounts; zero being given for distinguished.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

David Sordi moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 8 - Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Conway School Board and the Conway Educational Support Personnel in amount \$18,823.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Dan Bacon, Ray Shakir, David Sordi, Doug Swett and Bill Masters.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Ray Shakir, to support Article 9 - Project SUCCEED Programs in amount \$78,907.00. In favor: 4 - David Jensen, Bill Aughton, Sheryl Kovalik and David Sordi; Opposed: 7; Abstain: 0.

Sheryl Kovalik asked those who voted against the dollar amount, why. Pat Libby stated she was opposed to after school programs being paid for by the taxpayers. Bob Drinkhall stated ditto to what Pat said.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 10 - Expendable Trust Fund (Special Education Trust Fund) in amount \$100,000.00. In favor: 5 - Pat Libby, David Jensen, Bob Drinkhall, Sheryl Kovalik and David Sordi; Opposed: 6; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall stated he would vote for it; he did not believe in Special Education as it is mandated by the State, but he does believe in being prepared.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall to support Article 11 - Capital Reserve Fund (School Buses) in amount \$142,000.00. In favor: 10; Opposed: 1 - Ray Shakir; Abstain: 0.

Bob Drinkhall stated he thought it was important that the fund be kept up, same as the police vehicles.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, Bob Drinkhall seconded, to support Article 12 - second phase of the Conway School District three year Technology Plan in amount \$75,000.00. In favor: 6; Opposed: 5 - Dan Bacon, Bob Drinkhall, Doug Swett, Ray Shakir and Bill Masters; Abstain; 0.

Karen Umberger stated she was not available when this was discussed; what is happening, is this the second year. Sheryl Kovalik stated it was part two of the 3-Year Plan. David Sordi asked what percentage of the money that goes into Technology is for administrative purposes. Sheryl Kovalik stated that technology piece has nothing going to the students. Chairman Bacon stated he supported it last year being a tech guy and would not be supporting it this year; postponing one year will not affect the school.

Chairman Bacon moved the question.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Sheryl Kovalik, to support Article 13 - School Buildings Maintenance Fund in amount \$130,000.00. In favor: 5 - Doug Swett, David Jensen, Bob Drinkhall, Sheryl Kovalik and David Sordi; Opposed: 6; Abstain: 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Bacon read a letter to the Committee which had been received by Sheryl Kovalik from Ben Kane, a copy of which will be attached to the Minutes on file at the Town Hall.

Bob Drinkhall stated he received a fax today of some complaints about the Public Hearing; he will print it up and get copies to everyone. Bob further stated this is Dan's last official act and thanked Dan for his work with this particular Committee, it is a very difficult position. Doug Swett stated to Dan that he did very well. Chairman Bacon stated that he certainly learned a lot.

Chairman Bacon moved, seconded by Bob Drinkhall, to have Jim LeFebvre back in as Chair as of February 26, 2010. In favor:

Sheryl Kovalik asked why the change needed to be made now and Chairman Bacon stated it was because he was leaving town and will be in Florida. Karen Umberger stated she thought he had been elected as Vice Chair prior to becoming Chair. Chairman Bacon stated no, Ben Kane was the Vice Chairman. Karen stated David Sordi is the official vice chair.

Sheryl Kovalik moved, seconded by David Sordi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary