

**MINUTES OF THE 2014 WEBSTER TOWN ELECTION & MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014 AND MARCH 15, 2014**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 -- THE POLLS WERE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
TO ACT ON ARTICLES 1-5**

Moderator Robert H. Pearson, III declared the polls open at 10:00 am.

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

OFFICE	# YRS. TERM	NAME	# OF VOTES
Selectman	3	Frank "Butch" Thornton	134
		Bruce Johnson	320
Moderator	2	Robert Pearson III	244
		Mike Jette	241
Tax Collector	3	Karen King	454
Town Clerk	3	Michele Derby	474
Treasurer	3	Mary Smith	451
Cemetery Trustee	3	Brenda Silver	449
Library Trustee	3	Nancy Pitchall-French	434
Supervisor of the Checklist	6	Sarah Chalsma	295
		Henry Bergeron	109
Supervisor of the Checklist	2	Beth-Holly LaDuke	416
Trustee of Trust Funds	3	Judith Jones	452

493 Ballots Cast

ARTICLE 2: **PASSED** **YES – 305 NO – 147**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing *Webster Zoning Ordinance* dealing with the regulation of Recreational Vehicles in licensed campgrounds?

In Article III, Uses Permitted:

Delete all but the first paragraph of Section 2.

Delete the existing Section 5 in its entirety, replacing it with a new Section 5 reading as follows:

5. Recreational Vehicles in Campgrounds

- A. A recreational vehicle located in a State approved and locally approved campground may be occupied or used for any other purpose only during the operating season approved for said campground by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- B. Screen rooms or decks may be added to recreational vehicles in an approved campground but must be temporary in nature, to the extent that they must rest on the ground and not be on piers extending below grade or on an in-ground foundation of any kind.

ARTICLE 3:

PASSED

YES – 283 NO – 164

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing *Webster Zoning Ordinance* dealing with the use of Recreational Vehicles on residential property?

In Article III, Uses Permitted:

Add a new Section 6 reading as follows:

6. Use of Recreational Vehicles on Residential Property

- A. The purpose of this Section is to allow reasonable incidental use of recreational vehicles (RVs) on residential property, but to ensure that no RV evolves into a second residence, which is prohibited by Section 2 above.
- B. RVs may be occupied or used for any other non-commercial purpose for up to 15 days, either consecutive or cumulative, in any calendar year, without any requirement for a permit. The Select Board may, upon application from the property owner, grant a permit for more than 15 days of occupancy/use. Such permits shall normally be for a maximum of 90 consecutive days in any calendar year, but the Select Board may exceed that limit if they consider there to be extenuating circumstances.

ARTICLE 4:

PASSED

YES – 260 NO – 191

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing *Webster Zoning Ordinance* dealing with the storage of Recreational Vehicles on residential property?

In Article III, Uses Permitted:

Add a new Section 7 reading as follows:

7. Storage of Recreational Vehicles on Residential Property

- A. RVs may be parked or stored for an unlimited time on residential property, except that large RVs (defined as those greater than 18 feet in overall length) are subject to the following restrictions:
 - i. Only one large RV is allowed on lots 2.0 acres or less in area.
 - ii. A maximum of 2 large RVs is allowed on lots greater than 2.0 acres but less than 5 acres in area.
 - iii. A maximum of 3 large RVs is allowed on lots 5 or more acres in area.
Exceeding these limits is allowed only upon the granting of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, per Article V-7 of this ordinance.
- B. The location of an RV on a residential property must comply with setback requirements and all other provisions of this ordinance, as well as any relevant State regulations.

In Article V, Special Exceptions:

Add a new Section 7 (with subsequent sections re-numbered accordingly), reading as follows:

7. **Recreational Vehicles.** A number of stored large recreational vehicles (RVs) greater than allowed on a residential lot by Article III, Section 6-B of this ordinance may be permitted by special exception, provided that:
 - A. The proposed locations and use of all such large RVs comply with setback requirements, all other provisions of this *Ordinance*, and all applicable State regulations.
 - B. All such RVs are located and/or screened from view by abutters and passersby to the extent that the character of the neighborhood and the values of abutting properties are not adversely affected.

ARTICLE 5: **FAILED** YES – 217 NO – 227
 Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing *Webster Zoning Ordinance* defining ‘building’ and ‘structure’, modifying setback requirements, and reflecting those changes as needed elsewhere in the ordinance?

In Article II – Definitions

Precede the opening paragraph with the phrase “Except with respect to Article XI, which incorporates its own Definitions section”, and delete the sentence “The word ‘building’ includes the word ‘structure’.”

Add a definition of ‘Structure’ as “Anything constructed, placed, or erected, above or below ground, either fixed or movable”.

Change the definition of ‘Building’ to “A structure consisting of any combination of any materials, movable or fixed, temporary or permanent, having a roof and/or one or more exterior walls, built to provide shelter for persons, animals, or property of any kind”.

Delete the definition of ‘Accessory Structure’.

Change the definition of ‘Setback’ to “The shortest horizontal distance between a structure and a lot line”.

Change the definitional term “Commercial Purposes” to “Commercial Uses” and within such definition, substitute the word “structure” for “building”.

In the definition of “Completed Dwelling” substitute the word “dwelling” for “building”.

In the definition “Non-Conforming Use” substitute “and/or structures that” for “buildings or premises which” and substitute “and/or structures are” for “building or premises is”.

In the definition of “Lot” substitute the word “primary” for “principal”.

In Article IV – Lot Area and Yard Requirements

Revise Sections 4 and 5 as follows, add a new Section 6 as follows, and re-number subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

4. In the Residential/Agricultural District, all structures other than those listed in Paragraph 6 below shall be subject to the following:
 - A. The setback from any lot boundary line abutting a road shall be a minimum of:
 - a. One hundred (100) feet for lots 5 or more acres in size.
 - b. Fifty (50) feet for lots less than 5 acres in size.

- B. The setback from any lot line not abutting a road shall be a minimum of forty (40) feet.
- 5. In the Pillsbury Lake District, all structures other than those listed in Paragraph 6 below shall be subject to the following:
 - A. The setback from any lot line abutting a street shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet.
 - B. The setback from any lot line not abutting a road shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet.
- 6. The following structures are not subject to the foregoing setback requirements:
 - A. Any structures the locations of which are expressly governed or permitted by other sections of this ordinance, other Webster ordinances or regulations, ZBA decisions, or any other applicable law.
 - B. Small incidental structures - such as conventionally sized mailboxes, bird houses, exterior lighting fixtures, antennas, or satellite dishes 4 feet or less in diameter - that would have a negligible detrimental impact on neighboring properties.
 - C. Lawns, gardens, landscaping features, survey markers, boundary stone walls and fences, interior stone walls and fences not used for animal enclosure, screening fences, gates in said walls and fences, and retaining walls.

In the original Section 6 (to be re-numbered Section 7), substitute the word “structure” for “building, residence, or manufactured housing unit”.

In Article V – Special Exceptions

In Section 1 – Commercial Exceptions, in Paragraph A – Required Plan: Substitute the phrase “structures associated with commercial use” for the word “buildings”.

In Section 2 – Home Business: In Paragraph A substitute the phrase “structures related to the home business” for the word “buildings” and in Paragraph B delete the word “structure”.

In Section 3 – Conditions to be Applied to Special Exceptions: In Paragraph B substitute the words “footprint or” for the words “coverage of” and the word “structures” for “buildings”; and in Paragraph H substitute the word “structures” for the word “facilities” and the word “structure” for the word “building” wherever the word “building” appears.

In Section 7. – Setbacks: Delete Paragraph B.

In Article VI – Non-conforming Building, Land or Uses

In Section 4, substitute the word “structure” for the word “building”.

In Article VIII – Building and Construction

In Section 2, in the second sentence, substitute the word “all” for the fifth appearance of the word “the” and delete the words “dwelling, accessory” before the word “structures” and delete the words “drainage systems, wells, driveways, curbs, sidewalks, setbacks,” after the word “structures”.

In Article XI – Impact Fee

In Section B. – Definitions, Paragraph 2 – Impact Fee, substitute the word “dwelling” for the word “building”.

**BUSINESS MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014 AT 10:00 AM
TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am. Moderator Pearson invited Clarence Jeffery, a WWII Veteran along with Emma Kimball, a 4-H Member of the Merrimack County Ox Bows and Cub Scout Trevor Merchant to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Pearson reviewed emergency exits and rules of the meeting. He asked all veterans to stand and be recognized with a round of applause.

Selectman Fanjoy announced the holder of the Boston Post Cane, Dorothea Young, had passed and the cane is now held by 95 year old Roger Verville.

The Select Board presented a powerpoint of the Year in Review covering the activities the Town had in 2013.

Similar to last year, due to a large turnout of voters (244) and others, and the occupancy restrictions on building space, speakers and a video feed were set up downstairs for the overflow of people.

The Moderator read the election results. He explained that a recount for the position of Moderator was performed election night and the original count was not changed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,297,188, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately.

Moved by Selectman Johnson and seconded by Selectman Fanjoy.

Moderator called for a voice vote. Passed by voice vote.

After some confusion as to what had been voted on the Moderator clarified it was his intention to go through the article line item by line item. By a show of hands, Article 6 was not reviewed line item by line item.

The Moderator reread Article 6.

Selectman Johnson made the motion and Selectman Donovan seconded.

Tom Mullins questioned the 2 to 1 Select Board's recommendation to the article. Selectman Donovan did not support the 3% salary increase for the Police Department because they received one the prior year when the other departments did not.

Motion made by Harold Janeway to move the question. It was seconded by Todd Walker.

Police Chief Dupuis explained two years ago the Town approved a 6% increase for all employees except the PD. Last year the PD got 3% and the other employees got 0.

Moderator called for a vote to move the question. Motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

David Collins made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 6. It was seconded by George Cummings.

Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration of Article 6.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for road pavement preservation.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

George Cummings asked where the money will be spent in 2014. The Select Board will discuss in the Spring which roads will be impacted after the plowing season has ended. Selectman Johnson referenced a road study by UNH of the roads in Webster. The study's results prioritized roads in need of repair and some highlights for year one are overlay of Detour Road, shimming on Concord Drive and ditch work on Dustin Road. Year two suggested a ½ inch overlay on Pleasant Street and continued work on Dustin Road.

Robert Porter questioned the overage from 2013's appropriation and where the money came from to cover that. Selectman Johnson explained there were over expenditures on the Little Hill Road work and money was moved by an interfund transfer into the Highways and Road budget. Road Agent, Bean explained Little Hill was not over budget but the overage came from a one inch overlay on Deer Meadow Road from the Concord town line to the power lines. FEMA money was received in the 2012 general budget, which was explained that it was used to pave a portion of Deer Meadow Road. Little Hill work cost \$100,000. The Road Agent also oiled and sand sealed a little section on Allen Road and Deer Meadow Road. The cost of sealing is \$20,000 per mile.

Selectman Fanjoy explained the Town has already spent over \$27,000 for salt and sand work and clearing of the roads; explaining that it will be necessary to increase the amount in the Expendable Trust Fund in a later warrant article to continue with the work to the roads.

Mike Jette recommended posting the UNH Road Study to the Town's website and following the prioritization of the study.

Road Agent Emmett Bean said he had already done a road study with Bruce Davis from Allstate Asphalt. He stressed the importance of a solid foundation rather than adding overlay over overlay. "Build a foundation before you build a road." He disagrees with the numbers of the UNH Study.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,120 to complete necessary structural safety improvements to the Public Safety Building.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Dianne Klabecek questioned how old the Public Safety Building was and why it was built this way in the first place. The building is 11 years old.

Tom McWilliams suggested looking into heating devices that are put on the roof to melt the ice and snow and run into gutters to divert the water away from the building. He questioned whether this could be considered as a less expensive alternative to the proposed option.

Selectman Johnson answered it had not been considered but it could be.

Fire Chief Wolinski noted that the building has had roof issues since it was built and the Town cannot go back on the builder. The snow is coming off the building and there is no soffit to make the snow fall away from the building. It is falling into the building. Snow stops were added but it does not allow the snow to fall off the roof, as intended. He discussed a couple hazards created by the snow coming off the roof and the need to fix these hazards.

Jon Pearson asked if the building could collapse from the snow load because it was not designed for this region and if there were drainage problems at the Safety Building. Selectman Johnson clarified that the issue was there are no eaves on the building and therefore the roof does not stick out far enough so that when the snow does come off the roof, it falls back into the building's walls. The drainage was worked on over the past summer. The next issue is the cement pads outside the garage bays used for the fire trucks.

Selectman Fanjoy explained the snow will slide off the roof once the snow rakes are removed and the building should not cave in from snow load with the new proposed engineered plans.

Connie Evanofski questioned if the ice building up on the valleys has been addressed and the potential damages and safety concerns involved.

Further discussion stating that if the money is not spent now, it will only be more expensive later. The valley problems will be addressed in the plans from the engineers. The Select Board will be discussing the plan of action with the Police Chief and Fire Chief at future Select Board's meetings.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of designing, purchasing, and installing a wood pellet boiler heating system for the Town Hall, together with any associated structural, plumbing, and electrical work needed to implement the system. The exact specifications for this boiler will be developed by the Select Board, who shall award a contract for the project using the competitive bidding process. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the boiler installation and related testing is completed or by June 30, 2015, whichever is sooner. This warrant article to be contingent upon the Select Board securing at least 30% of the cost of the project through grant or other funding sources other than general taxation.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Selectman Fanjoy explained he was against the article solely from a money standpoint because of the warrant article for the Safety Building. Selectman Donovan was against the article because it was too specific and did not give the Town the choice of other energy-efficient options. Selectman Johnson spoke in favor of the article because of the dollar savings in the future and encouraged the Town to be more energy efficient.

Marty Bender, a member of the Energy Committee, summarized the inefficient oil furnaces currently at the Town Hall and the energy-efficient options the committee had looked into.

Marty clarified the money from the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) is a grant and not a rebate.

Ellen Kontinos-Cilley asked about the supply of wood pellets and if it could be a problem getting them, as it seems to be for people this year. Marty responded it would not be a problem as the supplier is only producing at half production.

There was discussion on any regulations from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and if it would impact the Town; as wood pellets had been exempt until this year. How would the pellet boiler be cleaned and maintained? The cleaning would be every 2-3 weeks; consisting of taking out a bag of wood ash by Energy Committee members and annual maintenance. This is a bulk automatic system. Greg Roberts, experienced with this size of boiler, cautioned that cleaning and maintenance would be more than the salesman mentioned. The pellets would be delivered in bulk and would be stored in a blocked off room downstairs in the Town Hall. The furnace and bulk storage will hold 7.5 tons; with an estimated need for 16.5 tons per year. There was an inquiry as to whether geothermal had been considered as there is already a well drilled that could be used for the geothermal. The Energy Committee was encouraged to look into geothermal and/or solar before moving forward.

More discussion of the underestimated maintenance and it was requested not to put the ash on soccer field.

The Energy Committee has done a number of projects to improve the buildings' energy efficiency.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

FAILED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of the bond for "Funds to Repair Dam" passed at the Pillsbury Lake Water District Special Meeting held August 5, 2006.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

No discussion.

Elaine Hashem made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. Seconded by Paul King.

Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration of Article 9.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Moderator called for a voice vote on Article 10.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,000 to be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds:

Office Equipment	1,000
Fire Dept. – Air Packs	7,000
Bridge Improvements	40,000
Fire Dept. – Dry Hydrant/Repairs	2,000
Reappraisal	7,500

Town Hall Improvements	20,000
Police Cruiser	15,000
Fire Truck	48,000
Highway Land/Building Fund	30,000
Fire Department – Bunker Gear	4,000
Public Safety Building	5,000
Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Station Fund	9,000
Cemetery Improvement Fund	1,000
Police Equipment	2,500
Highway Equipment	2,500
Medical Equipment	2,500
Tax Maps	2,000

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Tom McWilliams questioned the need to add to the Capital Reserve Funds when there is so much cash on hand and over one million dollars in the Town’s Trust Funds. The Select Board explained the Capital Reserve Funds are designed to be a savings account; so when the time comes for a major project, the money is not coming from taxes that year. For example, the last fire truck was over \$300,000.

There was discussion in support of this warrant article and the cost of several bridges in Town needing repair.

Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to amend Article 11 to increase the Reappraisal line by \$7,500 (making it \$15,000) thereby increasing the total article to \$206,500. It was seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Andrea Morrill asked why the reappraisal line needed to be increased. Selectman Fanjoy and Selectman Donovan explained there have been a large number of abatements and there is a cost associated with each abatement.

David Klumb questioned whether the fees should be in the annual operating budget and the response was that DRA (Department of Revenue) said it was ok to do it this way.

George Cummings moved the amendment. It was seconded by Emmett Bean.

Moderator called for a voice vote to the amendment.

AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Moderator called for a voice vote to the amended warrant article.

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Andrea Morrill questioned if the reserves are being used to offset the costs from the separate articles. The Select Board responded that the Capital Reserve funds are being used and gave the examples of a new well pump and replacement pressure tank at the Town Hall. Judith Jones, a Trustee of Trust Funds, explained that none of the trust funds are spent on anything except for

the purpose it was voted for. It takes a vote of the agents to expend and it must apply for the purpose it was put aside. The three Trustees can withhold money any time they do not agree with the purpose for which it is being spent.

David Collins made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 7,8, 10 & 11. It was seconded by Renee Doucette.

Moderator called for a voice vote to restrict reconsideration of Article 7, 8, 10 & 11.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 to be added to the previously established Expendable Trust Funds:

Forest Fire	1,000
Legal (Webster)	2,000
Police Vehicle Maintenance	1,000
Highway	2,500
Fire Department Equipment	5,000
Highway Bldg. Maintenance	5,000
Compensated Absences	5,000

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to amend the article to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,500 to add to the previously established Expendable Trust Funds: the additional \$27,00 will be added into the Highway Expendable Trust Fund. This increase will be to cover the additional costs of sanding and plowing this winter. It was seconded by Selectman Donovan.

David Collins asked as to why this was not brought up at the budget hearing. Selectman Johnson explained it was to recover funds spent at the first of the year.

Roger Becker moved the question. It was seconded by John Clark.

Moderator called for a voice vote to move the question. Voice vote was undecided and there was confusion on what was being voted on. Moderator explained the vote was whether to stop debate on the amendment.

Moderator called for a card vote to move the question. It was passed by card count.

Moderator called for a vote to amend the article as proposed. It was passed by voice vote. A card count was asked for from the floor. Moderator called for a card count to amend the article.

AMENDMENT PASSED BY CARD COUNT -- 116 Yes 70 No

Moderator called for a voice vote to the amended article.

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to organize the Webster Fire Department pursuant to RSA 154:1 I(a) as follows: “A fire chief appointed by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief.”

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Fire Chief Wolinski explained the article lines up with what the Town is already doing and is at no cost to the Town and is official with the State.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to change, pursuant to RSA 35:16, the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 to read Emergency Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Select Board and Fire Chief as agents to expend.

(2/3 Vote Required, by Hand Count)

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

No discussion.

Moderator called for a card vote.

PASSED BY CARD (hand count) VOTE – 174 Yes 1 No

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board and the Road Agent as agents to expend from the Highway Land/Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

No discussion.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to change, pursuant to RSA 35:16, the purpose of the Tri-Centennial Committee Capital Reserve Fund established in 1984 to Bi-Centennial Committee Capital Reserve Fund.

(2/3 Vote Required, by Hand Count)

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Selectman Johnson explained 200 years is a closer goal than a 300 year celebration and the money could be used sooner.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

Passed by voice vote.

It was clarified this article required a 2/3 vote and a hand count was taken.

PASSED BY CARD (hand count) VOTE – 167 Yes - 0 No

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to offer for sale, as adopted at the annual Town Meeting of 1994 per RSA 80:42 III and 80:80 III, to abutters only those lots owned by the Town located in the Pillsbury Lake District, with the stipulation that the lots be

merged with the existing abutting lot and no further lot-line adjustment will be allowed. The price will be determined by the Select Board at the time of sale. The property available is as follows:

Map 10-1-70 (Deer Meadow Road)

Map 10-1-72 (Newport Circle)

The above 2 lots to be sold as a block

Map 10-1-83 (Newport Circle)

Map 10-1-84 (Newport Circle)

Map 10-1-85 (Newport Circle)

Map 10-1-88 (Newport Circle)

The above 4 lots to be sold as a block

Map 10-2-18 (Deer Meadow Road)

Map 10-5-50 (Rogers Drive – Discontinued Road)

Map 10-5-53 (Rogers Drive – Discontinued Road)

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

With no discussion the Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Sally Becker made a motion to dispense with the reading Article 18. Moved and seconded from the floor.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to preserve in perpetuity the below listed Town owned lots to be kept as undeveloped land in conservation per the Conservation Commission’s recommendation:

Map 5, Lot 5 is on the island in the Blackwater River below the dam. Annual canoe and kayak races are held here and access to the island is difficult at all seasons.

Map 5, Lot 35 is located at the north end of Tyler Road at “Snyder’s Mill” on the northeast side of bridge. The half-acre lot is probably too small to allow a building to be set far enough back from the Blackwater River to satisfy State Shoreland Protection Law. The scenic rapids here are a well-used site for recreation, swimming and fishing.

Map 6, Lot 116 is ten acres at the inlet to Walker Pond and is mostly, if not entirely, a marsh which is a common loon nesting area, and enjoyed by fishermen, boaters, hunters. Very scenic, it provides wildlife habitat for waterfowl and other bird species. The Penacook-Boscawen Water Precinct owns the large adjacent lot. We are unable to determine if Lot 116 includes shore land but the high assessed value indicates that it does.

Map 10, Lot 1-92 is on Deer Meadow Road (across from Centennial Drive). The lot has open water year-round, and is a scenic wetland with colorful plants.

Map 10, Lot 4-85 is on the peninsula on Granite Way and could be used as a boat launch, swimming beach or small park. Scenic, waterfront land.

Map 10, Lots 141 and 142 are in a large, wooded swamp on Deer Meadow Road (near Christopher Robert Road). The swamp protects the privacy of Webster's only great blue heron rookery and osprey nest tree. This year, as in years past, four pairs of herons and an osprey pair raised their young in trees in the open water swamp behind these lots. Other waterfowl (ducks, green herons) also use the swamp which is kept full by a large beaver dam. Wildlife species require privacy and quiet. We recommend conserving this area.

Moved by Selectman Fanjoy and seconded by Selectman Donovan.

Road Agent Emmett Bean referenced Map 10 lot 4-85 on Granite Way from the article and would like to keep it available to use for a Town turn around and pump site. A plow truck cannot currently turn around and there is no water at that end of Town accessible by the Fire Department.

Road Agent Bean made a motion to remove the paragraph regarding Map 10, Lot 4-85 from Article 18. It was seconded from Fire Chief Wolinski.

There was some discussion as to whether the lots had been offered to abutters to keep the land in the tax base. These parcels have been gifted to the Town or through tax lien. The Conservation Committee went through all the land owned by the Town and proposed these seven pieces be preserved for environmental/conservation quality to the Town.

Moderator called for a voice vote to the motion to amend.

AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Roger Becker made a motion to move the question. It was seconded from the floor.

Moderator called for a voice vote to move the question. It passed by voice vote.

Moderator called for a voice vote to the amended article.

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19. New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics – To see if the Town will vote to urge:

That the NH State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the NH Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the NH State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Board of Selectmen to Webster's congressional delegation, to Webster's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote?

SUBMITTED BY PETITION

Sally Becker requested the Moderator dispense with the reading of Article 19.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Tara Gunnigle thanked the PAC (Police Advisory Committee) established in 2013 and suggested the committee continue to give it a chance to work. She recommended the Committee improve on the minutes and create a policy for the Committee.

MJ Turcotte recognized the staff in the Town offices for their hard work. Emmett Bean thanked everyone for their support of the highway crew.

Mason Donovan encouraged people to go to the school district meetings as 60% of our property tax bill goes to the school. He suggested that "Pursuant to RSA 195:25 that we direct the School Board to establish a study committee to report on the feasibility to withdraw from the district."

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Derby".

Michele Derby
Town Clerk