

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ATKINSON
2017 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson, in the County of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

First Session of the Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Dyke Auditorium of the Atkinson Academy, 17 Academy Avenue in Atkinson, New Hampshire, on Saturday, the 4th day of February, 2017, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to deliberate on the articles included in the Warrant. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and debate of Warrant Articles 2017-4 through 2017-18. Warrant articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV, with the exception of warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV (a). Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the Official Ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting (Voting):

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017, at 7 o'clock in the morning, at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main Street in Atkinson, New Hampshire, to vote by Official Ballot on the election of Town Officials and on all Warrant Articles. By vote of the Selectmen, the polls for the meeting will remain open from 7 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock in the evening.

Present: Moderator, James M. Garrity; Selectman, Philip Consentino and Selectman, William Friel; Town Administrator, Alan Phair; Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer; Town Clerk, Rose Cavalear, Deputy Town Clerk, Bonnie Jordan; Supervisor of the Checklist Chairman, Leslie Barbera, Supervisor of the Checklist Ellyn Murphy and Supervisor of the Checklist Adele Dillon; Budget Committee; Chairman, William Smith, Vice Chair, Wendy Barker, Peter Torosian, Susan Carroll, Thomas Mealey, Kay Galloway and a total of 62 registered voters throughout the day. Also present were non-voters including a reporter, a soundman, cameramen, and our Cable Coordinator, David Williams.

The Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He started off the meeting with a prayer. Town Administrator, Alan Phair, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator introduced the Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Deputy Town Clerk and the Town Clerk. He also, commented that we had three of our State Representatives at the meeting, Debra DeSimone, William Friel and Peter Torosian.

The Moderator, James Garrity, talked about the Moderator's Rules, he said nothing had changed from last year. James also commented on the 3- minute countdown clock that was used last year to keep our Good Neighbors under 3 minutes per discussion.

Article #2015-1 Election of Officers

The Moderator explained to the voters that while most officials were elected by ballot, the Surveyors of Wood and Lumber and the Fence Viewers are elected here, during Deliberative Session.

He read the slate from last year for Fence Viewers: Susan Killam, Robert Stewart and Kenneth Grant.

Selectman, William Friel, made a motion to move the same slate; seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer. There were no other nominations from the floor and the last years Fence Viewers were re-elected.

The Moderator read the slate from last year for Surveyors of Wood and Lumber: Marty Feuer, John Feuer and Edward Stewart.

Selectman, William Friel made a motion to move the same slate; seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer. There were no other nominations from the floor and the last years Surveyors of Wood and Lumber were re-elected.

The Moderator explained that Article #2017-2 and Article #2017-3 were Planning Articles and these Articles cannot be deliberated on by law.

Article #2017-4 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the Warrant, or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million Five Hundred Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,544,530)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Four Million Four Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$4,471,763), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson or by law, or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only.

The Moderator read Article #2017-4. Selectman, William Friel so moved and seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer.

The Moderator asked for an overview of the budget, from William Smith, Budget Committee Chairman. Mr. Smith had some power point slides on the budget. Mr. Smith stated that the Employee Salaries are up, New Hampshire Retirement is up, Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Expenses are up. Fuel Expenses are down and Debt is down and a line for some other changes was at the bottom of his chart. Mr. Smith had a quick summary of what changed the budget this year. Town employee raises, State laws and rules made changes to increase town

funding for retirees benefits. Solid waste disposal and recycling was up and the reason for that is; because, if you put recycling in the trash, the Town pays per pound for that. If you recycle, the town doesn't have to pay anything. You can save the Town a little bit of money by recycling. Fuel prices are down from last year's prices. We are paying off some debt, so there are lower interest payments.

Mr. Smith's slides were displayed and he spoke about the 8 lines in the budget; discussing each line, if they went up or down this year. General Government was \$1,072,779 down 2.38%, Public Safety was \$1,533,022 up 6.72%, Highways & Street \$576,337 down 1.70%, Sanitation is \$445,368 up 2.84%, Health & Welfare is \$64,511 up 3.25%, Culture & Recreation is \$718,436 up 5.53%, Conservation is \$9,027 0%, Debt Services is \$125,050 down 6.89% for the budgets grand total of \$4,544,530 for an increase of 2.32% to the Operating Budget.

The Moderator, James Garrity, informed us that we would go over one Budget Account Section at a time, starting with General Government.

Budget Committee Chairman, William Smith, made a motion to amend a couple of lines; seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer. Starting with line number 41301.220 Fica, increase of \$624, line 41301.225 Medicare, increase of \$141, line 41951.625 Postage, increase of \$25, line 43111.220 Fica, decreased \$322, line 43111.225 Medicare, decreased \$75 and line 43111.230 NH Retirement, increased \$1,613. This would be a net change of \$2009.

The Moderator asked all in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

Then Moderator, James Garrity asked if there were any more amendments to General Government.

Debra DeSimone made a motion to amend the Financial Administration line 41501-41509, seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer.

Debra would like to amend the line up by \$195.00 for limited configuration of invoice summary and balance only to be online for view only.

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on this amendment. He stated that this would put tax records on- line for the public to view only and that these are Public records.

Leon Artus asked what is the purpose of this and why do we need to do it? Debra DeSimone stated that the Tax Collector Office is only open 20 hours per week and the Tax Collector's Office may receive a call for a closing on a Friday afternoon and she wouldn't get the message until Monday morning which would be too late. Once the records are on- line residents and banks will be able to get the information they need on the website. There was a little more discussion on this amendment.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on this amendment and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there were any more amendments to Financial Administration.

Russell Wolf stated he would like to make a motion to increase line number 41506.890 (IT Services) by \$2,000 from \$36,000 to \$38,000 to account for the new contract effective March 1, 2017, seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer.

The Moderator asked Russell Wolf to speak to his amendment. He stated that this \$2,000 dollars is to cover the new contract which starts March 1, 2017.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on this amendment; and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there were any more discussions on this General Government line; and hearing none, he asked all those in favor of the amended General Government.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there were any amendments to Public Safety line.

Craig Schuster stated he didn't have an amendment, but wanted an explanation for the increases on a few lines. He wanted to hear why the Police Department, Elder Services and Building Inspection line have increased. The Moderator asked Budget Chairman, William Smith, to explain these increases. Mr. Smith noted that the Police Department line went up because of raises, Fica, Medicare and the NH Retirement all went up. Most of these are contracted, so there isn't much opportunity for the Budget Committee to do anything in these areas. The Elder Services went up 7.55%; that was mainly payroll which was up 36%. Mainly more working hours contribute to this and the ten part-time drivers plus Fica and Medicare fees. The Building Department went up; as there are more construction sites for new housing in town. More money is designated for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Code Enforcement Inspector and Plumbing Inspector. This year's anticipated revenue will neutralize this; because the fees will pay for this increase.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on the Public Safety line and there was none. The Moderator asked all those in favor of Public Safety line going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there were any amendments to Highways & Streets line.

The Moderator recognizes the Town Administrator, Alan Phair. He would like to make a motion to increase the Highway Departments Bottom line by \$4,290; seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer. There are 4 lines that are affected by this. He would like to increase line 43111.130.01 Road Agent Salary by \$3,700, increase line 43111.220.00 Fica by \$229, line 43111.225.00 Medicare, by \$54 and line 43111.200.00 Retirement by \$307.

Alan stated that the Selectmen voted to raise the Road Agents Salary from \$52,000 to \$57,200 at their Board of Selectmen's meeting, November 7, 2016, with an effective date of April 1, 2017. The Board reviewed a number of communities like the size of our town and determined that the current rate of pay was not in- line with them.

Leon Artus spoke on this amendment, stating this should have been put in a warrant article. The Selectmen are handing out raises that the tax payers don't have a say in. The Moderator said the voters can do it either way. They can vote here at Deliberative Session or by placing it on the warrant. The Moderator said this was a legal process. Chairman of the Budget Committee, Mr. Smith, spoke on this and stated that they took the money out of the Road Agents budget because they would like the raise put in a warrant. There was more discussion on this amendment by other members of the Budget Committee. Town Administrator, Alan Phair stated that the vast majority of towns do it this way instead of putting it on a warrant separately. The Road Agent stated that he disagrees with the Budget Committee; that this shouldn't be an open debate every year. He stated that the Selectmen should be able to rate an employee's merit in private and set a salary for that employee; it is perfectly legal to do so. There was more discussion on this amendment.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on this amendment and there was none. The Moderator asked all those in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

The Moderator asked all those in favor of the Highways & Streets line as amended.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on the Sanitation line and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of Sanitation going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on the Health & Welfare line and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of the Health & Welfare line going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on the Culture & Recreation line.

Town Administrator, Alan Phair would like to make a motion, seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer. Alan would like to amend line 45208.411.00 Heat, by adding \$665 to account for adjustment of 6.6 cents per gallon cost adjustment for propane. Based on approximate 10,000 gallons of annual use (Can be distributed out of this line later based on actual use by building)

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on this and there was little discussion on this. The Moderator asked all those in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

Alan Phair made a motion to amend line 45501.411.00 Heat by adding \$665 to account for adjustment of 6.6 cents per gallon cost adjustment for propane use by Library, Approximate 10,000 gallons of annual use, seconded by Assistant Town Administrator Barbara Snicer.

Because of a mix-up over ownership of the two (2) in-ground tanks at the library with the new vendor, the Town needed to adjust the bid price by 6.6 cents per gallon bringing the per gallon total to \$1.245 from \$1.179. This was still a considerable savings over the previous year's agreement. The Town opted for this arrangement versus paying \$5,360 to get ownership of the tank.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on this amendment, hearing none he asked all those in favor of this amendment.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on the Culture & Recreation line, hearing none he asked all those in favor of this amendment Culture & Recreation line.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on the Conservation line, hearing none he asked all those in favor of the Conservation line going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on the Debt line, hearing none he asked all those in favor of the Debt line going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

The Moderator asked someone on the Budget Committee for a new bottom line on the Operating Budget. Chairman, William Smith asked for a few minutes to recalculate the bottom line figure. The bottom line figure which was actually given at the end of the meeting was \$4,554,354.

Article #2017-5 Field Production Cameras

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of purchasing four (4) UHD-ready video camcorders, including all appropriate accessories, including, but not limited to: Tripods, Dollies and Travel Cases for Atkinson Community Television, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve

Fund established March 12, 1994, for this purpose; and to dispose of five (5) cameras by sale, bid or trade? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-5 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-6 Control Room HVAC

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of purchasing an HVAC system to be used in the Atkinson Community Television Control Room/Office, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund, established March 12, 1994 for this purpose? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-6 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-7 Cemetery Capital Reserve

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 (Article #2015-7) for the purpose of developing an additional section in the Atkinson Cemetery? As of December 31, 2016, there were Thirty-one Thousand Six Hundred Six and 75/100 Dollars (\$31,606.75) remaining in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-7 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-8 Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund, established March 8, 2016 (Article #2016-5) for the purpose of replacing Elder Services' vehicles and equipment? As of December 31, 2016, there were Five Thousand Twenty-two and 02/100 Dollars (\$5,022.02) in the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-8 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-9 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, as modified March 14, 2000 (Article #2000-28) for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles, as outlined by the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan? As of December 31, 2016, there were Ninety-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and 23/100 Dollars (\$91,193.23) in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-9 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-10 Shim and Overlay Roads

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$335,286) to shim and overlay the following roads with approximately 5,588 tons of New Hampshire Department of Transportation-approved asphalt: Brookside Terrace, Belknap Drive, Emery Drive, Commerce Drive, Industrial Way, Island Pond Road from Main Street to Brookside Terrace, Conley Road, Hall Farm Road and Westside Drive (shim only from Island Pond Road to Oakridge Drive and spot-shim to Town line)? All work is to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this work is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article #2017-10 and asked if there were any discussion on it.

Craig Shuster had a question on why the Shim and Overlay of Roads was placed as a warrant article instead of in the Road Agent's budget. Road Agent, Edward Stewart, spoke up and agreed with him that he would be happy to put it in his budget each year instead of doing a warrant for it. Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer, said it was taken out of the Road Agent's budget because of a grant. There was a little more discussion on this Article.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-11 Highway Department Truck

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease-purchase agreement in the amount of Eighty-four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$84,371) subject to annual funding, for the purchase of a Ford F-550 or equivalent, to include a wing, plow and accessories for the Highway Department; to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$18,308) which is the first of 5 annual payments; and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the 2008 Ford F-550 by trade, sale or bid? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-11 and asked if there was any discussion on this and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-12 Winter Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Winter Expendable Trust Fund established March 9, 2010 (Article #2010-15) for the purpose of funding additional costs, in excess of the annual Operating Budget, for plowing and removal of snow and winter weather management, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Forty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight and 65/100 Dollars (\$40,298.65) in the Winter Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain*

The Moderator read Article # 2017-12 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-13 Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing funding for unanticipated maintenance expenses for Town facilities; to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500); such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance; and name the Selectmen to be the Agents-to-Expend these Funds? This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 2 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain*

The Moderator read Article # 2017-13 and asked if there was any discussion on it.

Selectmen Vice Chairman, Philip Consentino asked to make a short statement on this article. Anyone who owns their own home or car, you need to do preventative maintenance on them. If something comes up and we have to fix it, there is no money in the maintenance line to fix it; so we have to take it out of someone else's budget. Budget Committee Member, Wendy Barker wanted to clarify. This money is to be put aside for Capital Improvement projects. Preventative maintenance should be kept separate. There was more in depth discussion on this article.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of closing the debate on Article 2017-13 and sending it to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-14 Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$49,390) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established March 14, 2006 (Article #2006-11) for that purpose? As of December 31, 2016, there were Three Thousand Thirty-six and 95/100 Dollars (\$3,036.95) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-14 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-15 Police Department Computers

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase five (5) specialized Patrol Tablet Computers and associated equipment for the Police Department, if and only if Fifty percent (50%) of which comes from the New Hampshire Department of Highway Safety and the balance to be raised by taxes? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget. Should this article fail to pass, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be used from the Computer Technology Operating Budget to replace the 5-year old laptops currently in use.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-15 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-16 Police Vehicle

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600) to purchase and equip a new Police Utility Vehicle; and to allow one of the Town's cruisers to be transferred to the Elder Services' Department, or to be disposed of by trade, sale or bid? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this

purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-16 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-17 All Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Atkinson vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

The Moderator read Article # 2017-17 and asked if there was any discussion on it and there was none.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of this article going to the ballot as written.

PASSED

Article #2017-18 Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Town accept reports of agents, auditors and committees as written in the 2016 Annual Report?

The Moderator stated that we vote in March on this Article so it goes to the ballot.

The Moderator asked the Budget Committee if they had a bottom line figure for the Operating Budget Article 2017-4.

Chairman of the Budget Committee, William Smith gave a figure of Four Million, Five Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$4,554,354). Which is an increase of 2.54% to the 2017 Operating Budget?

The Moderator asked all those in favor of the Article #2017-04 Operating Budget bottom line of \$4, 554,354.

PASSED

Susan Killam would like to restrict reconsideration on the entire warrant from Article 18 on back, seconded by Assistant Town Administrator, Barbara Snicer.

The Moderator asked all those in favor of restricting reconsideration from Article 18 on back.

PASSED

The Moderator dissolved the 2017 Deliberative Session at 12:00noon.

A True Record, Attest: Rose M. Cavalean Town Clerk

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