

**Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting  
Town of Waterville Valley, New Hampshire  
March 12, 2019**

**Present:** Moderator, M. Clarkson  
Selectman, Mike Aronson                      Selectman, Margaret Turner                      Selectman, Rich Rita  
Town Manager, Mark Decoteau              Finance & HR Administrator, Judy Rolfe  
Town Department Heads                      Community Members

**Motion:**        To call the Annual Town Meeting Deliberative Session to order at 5:30pm.  
**Motion:**        M. Aronson  
**Second:**       M. Turner  
**Discussion:**   None  
**Disposition:** Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Moderator M. Clarkson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.  
The Pledge of Allegiance led by Gavin Szymczak.

Moderator M. Clarkson made the following introductions:

    Seated at the Head Table:

        The Board of Selectmen: Margaret Turner, Mike Aronson and Rich Rita

        Town Manager: Mark Decoteau

        Finance & HR Administrator: Judy Rolfe

        Volunteer Taking Minutes: Nancy Decoteau

    Department Heads in the audience:

        Brooke Wakefield – Recreation Director

        Jim Mayhew – Director of Public Works

        Chris Hodges – Director of Public Safety

        Dave Noyes – Police Chief

        Greg Campbell – Wastewater Plant Chief Operator

Moderator M. Clarkson made the following comments:

- Cell phones and electronic devices should be turned to silent mode
- Those present should have a copy of the 2018 Annual Town Report
- Those wishing to speak use the microphone stand at the front of the audience
- Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes at a time per person
- The Moderator's Rules of Procedure are available on pages 31 and 32 of the Town Report
- All registered voters present should have checked in and received a red voting card.

Moderator:     Do I hear a motion on Article 9?

**Article 9:        I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the purchase of a Fire Department Ladder Truck. Funding to come from \$828,500 in bonds and notes, and \$71,500 from existing Ladder Truck Capital Reserve. And to authorize the issuance of not more than \$828,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the municipal finance act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.**

Motion: M. Turner  
Second: R. Rita  
Moderator: Noted that the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and the article takes a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Noted the procedure for Articles 9, 10 and 11 includes the following:

- to be voted on after the presentation of information and discussion of Articles 9, 10 and 11 is completed,
- to be voted by written ballot,
- Article 9 is a GREEN Ballot,
- Article 10 is a YELLOW Ballot,
- Article 11 is a BLUE Ballot and
- the polls to remain open for 1 hour.

Presentation:

C. Hodges made a presentation regarding the purchase of a new Fire Department Ladder Truck which included the following information.

1. Former Truck was a 1987 with an 85' Ladder which was taken out of service in May of 2018.
2. Emergency Appropriation in August 2018 allowed for 1-year lease of 2017 Truck with a 100' ladder.
3. The Ladder Truck is needed in Waterville Valley for the following reasons:
  - to access 10 high occupancy buildings that are 3 stories or higher
  - there are 7 buildings with a potential occupancy of 100 or more people
  - reach issues on some of the residential properties on small uneven lots
  - staffing limitation and
  - mutual aid time factor
4. Three Options were presented:
  - Continue lease of the 2017 Truck which carries the factory warranties, meets NFPA Safety Regulation, fits into the Fire Station bay, has an annual payment of \$100,300 for 11 more years for a total cost of \$1,103,300.
  - Purchase a used truck. Two used trucks were presented a 2007 for \$550,000 and a 2014 for \$700,000 both of which would not fit into the Fire Station bay and do not include full warranties.
  - Buyout the 2017 Truck Lease with Bond Purchase for a total cost of \$1,170,862 with annual payments that would fit into the long-range debt service of the Town and payments would be spread out over 20-30 years during the useful lifespan of the truck.

C. Hodges summarized by recommending the Town vote to approve the bond issue for the purchase of a 2017 E-One 100' Aerial Platform Fire Truck for the Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety.

Discussion:

C. Piekos asked for clarification of the year of the truck to be bonded.

C. Hodges stated it is a 2017.

J. Jacobs asked for an explanation of why bonding is preferred over leasing.

M. Decoteau stated one reason is that bonding spreads the payments over the 20-30 years of the life of the truck which means the taxpayers using the truck will pay for it, rather than leasing is for 11 years and having the cost absorbed by the tax base present for the first 11 years of the life of the truck.



J. Recine asked what features the 2017 Truck has.

C. Hodges stated it is not just a ladder truck but has pumping capacity as well which helps to boost the insurance rating for the Town.

B. Larson asked how many people were needed to operate the 2017 Truck.

C. Hodges stated that only 2 people were needed which is one less than the old 1987 truck required.

Moderator: After some further discussion was completed, the voters were directed to mark their Ballot #9 (green) either YES or NO and wait until all of the ballot articles are discussed before placing the marked ballot in the appropriate colored box.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 10?

**Article 10: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase of a Solid Waste Trash Truck. And to authorize the issuance of not more than \$250,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the municipal finance act (RSA33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Noted that the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and the article takes a 2/3 majority vote to pass.  
Noted that Article 10 is a bond issue which is a ballot vote and the polls will remain open for an hour.

Presentation:

J. Mayhew made a presentation regarding the purchase of a new Solid Waste Trash Truck which included the following information:

1. The current 2006 Trash Truck has been in service for 12 years, has 146,000 miles and 10,750 hours on the engine.
2. The truck has broken down frequently since December 1, 2018 and can not be driven for any extended distance.
3. Three Options were presented: A) Repair 2006 Truck, B) Purchase Used Truck, C) Purchase New Truck

J. Mayhew summarized by recommending the purchase of a new truck by authorizing a bond of not more than \$250,000.

Discussion:

B. Larsen expressed his desire for the Town to make more of an effort to increase recycling and asked if a different type of truck would be necessary if there is an increase in recycling.

J. Mayhew stated the Town hauls solid waste to Bethlehem which is a 3 hour round trip and added that the Truck can hold trash from 25 dumpsters in one load.

J. Mayhew stated the truck is sized and built for the type of travel necessary.

J. Jacobs asked how long it would take to get the truck.

J. Mayhew stated it would take 90-100 days.

M. Aronson stated the Board of Selectmen has done due diligence regarding the best option for the Town and pointed out that the truck is also sized to access the dumpsters in Town which negates any need to change size/location of the 70 existing dumpsters.

Moderator: After some further discussion finished, the voters were directed to mark their Ballot #10 (yellow) either YES or NO and wait until all of the ballot articles are discussed before placing the marked ballot in the appropriate colored box.

Moderator – Do I hear a motion on Article 11?

**Article 11: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for maintenance, improvements and the purchase of new directional signs for town maintained walking and biking trails. And to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the municipal finance act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted that the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and the article takes a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Noted that Article 10 is a bond issue which is a ballot vote and the polls will remain open for an hour.

Presentation:

N. Knight from the Town Core Working Group gave a presentation on the Phase II Implementation of 2015 Pedestrian Village Revitalization Study which included the following information:

1. The goal is to encourage pedestrianization by informing people of where the trails are, how to use the trails and by making the trails easier to use – while simultaneously extending the Town’s branding throughout the experience.
2. The trail work will focus primarily around the pond from the beach to Snows Brook Road; improving existing paths so they are identifiable and accessible.
3. Signage, bollards and lighting will be included in the project.
4. Trails will be natural and fit in with existing paths/trails – NOT paved.
5. Consideration will be given to commercial and recreational needs.
6. The project is a partnership between the Town and the Resort.
7. Public input will be part of the process prior to seeking final approval by the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion:

C. Helfman asked if any grants were sought after for funding the project.

M. Decoteau stated two grant applications were submitted but neither were successful.

B. Fish noted the project is called Phase II and asked what Phase III would include.

M. Decoteau stated Phase II focuses on the trail system emanating from Town Square and that Phase III would continue the improvements to trails in the outlying areas of Town.

S. Larsen stated her concern about having too much lighting.

N. Knight stated consideration will be given to maintain the beautiful night skies of the Town.

B. Britton suggested using solar powered lighting.

Moderator: After some further discussion finished, the voters were directed to mark their Ballot #11 (blue) either YES or NO and once finished to place their completed ballots for Article 9



Moderator: (green), Article 10 (yellow) and Article 11 (blue) in the corresponding colored ballot box. Agreed with the request by M. Aronson to take up Articles 26-29 out of order while the polls remained open for an hour during the ballot voting.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 26?

**Article 26: I move that the Town vote to answer the question: “Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?”.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval. Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend disapproval of this Article.

Presentation:

B. Conklin gave a presentation which included the following:

1. A 5-member Board of Selectmen would provide a broader range of expertise
2. The two additional opinions would enhance discussion
3. Board member visibility in the community, attendance at town functions and communication with taxpayers would be improved.
4. The work load would be spread over 5 instead of 3 making it a lighter load.
5. The impact of a single Selectman not being able to attend a meeting would be lessened.
6. Other Town committees have 5 or more members
7. Neighboring towns have a 5 member Board of Selectmen to include Campton, Holderness, Ashland, Plymouth and Thornton.
8. The current 3-member Board may not be “broken” but there is room for improvement.

Discussion: None

Moderator: Noted that Article 26 will be a Paper Ballot and directed those present to use the designated ballots to vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 27?

**Article 27: I move that the Town vote to answer the following question: Do you approve of having two sessions for the Annual Town meeting in Waterville Valley, the first session for choice of Town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the Selectmen, for transaction of other business?**

Motion: M. Turner

Second: R. Rita

Moderator: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation:

B. Conklin made a presentation which included the following:

1. The NHMA Town Meeting Handbook suggests that Saturday meetings are more productive than mid-week meetings.
2. Holding the deliberative session on a day separate from election day would make it easier for the vote counters.
3. The non-residents property owners are not present mid-week, and holding the deliberative

- session on Saturday would make it easier for them to attend.
4. A Saturday meeting enables additional attendance while not inconveniencing the majority.
  5. Nearby Towns of Ashland, Thornton and Wentworth hold a deliberative session on Saturday.

Discussion:

S. Larsen stated that counting the approximate 130 votes cast at an election is not difficult.

C. Powell stated Waterville Valley is a resort town and people are not likely to attend a meeting on Saturday when they could be out enjoying recreation activities.

M. Aronson stated the Board of Selectmen has held informational meetings on various Saturdays for the non-resident property owners which received an underwhelming response.

M. Furgal pointed out that parking could become an issue.

C. Bierbrier asked if Article 27 passed and the Town found that it wasn't working would it be possible to return to holding voting and the deliberative session on the same day.

M. Decoteau stated it would require a vote at Town Meeting to change back.

J. Jacobs stated he preferred holding voting and the deliberative session on the same day.

Motion: **“To call the question of Article 27.”**

Motion: T. Myrick

Second: J. Jacobs

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of calling Article 27.

Requested a show of red cards against calling Article 27.

Determined the Motion passed with a majority vote.

Moderator: Noted that Article 27 will be a Paper Ballot and directed those present to use the designated ballots to vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 28?

**Article 28: I move that the Town vote to approve Selectmen's Ordinance no. 20 – Solid Waste Disposal.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.

Noted a copy of Selectmen's Ordinance no. 20 – Solid Waste Disposal showing the changes is available.

Presentation:

M. Decoteau stated the major change is to include a definition of Municipal Solid Waste as it was not clearly defined in the document adopted at the 1998 Annual Meeting.

Discussion:

B. Larsen asked if the Town was going to work on enforcing the ordinance.

M. Aronson stated the Board of Selectmen is aware of the problem and is looking into enforcement options.

W. Dropkin stated issuing a Resident Sticker may help so that people authorized to use Town



dumpsters could be identified.

**Motion: “To call the question of Article 28.”**

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: J. Jacobs

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of calling Article 28.  
Requested a show of red cards against calling Article 28.  
Determined the Motion passed with a majority vote.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 28.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 28.  
Determined that Article 28 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 29?

**Article 29: I move that the Town vote to approve Selectmen’s Ordinance No. 21 – Solid Waste Container Enclosures.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Please note the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
Please note the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.  
Noted a copy of Selectmen’s Ordinance no. 20 – Solid Waste Disposal showing the changes is available.

Presentation:

M. Decoteau summarized the changes to Ordinance #21 –Solid Waste Container Enclosures as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 includes language addressing the requirement of maintaining the area around dumpsters
2. Paragraph 3 states that the Town will have a central collection site
3. Paragraph 4 requires that a point of contact is identified for each dumpster.

Discussion:

J. Jacobs stated his opinion that the Town should be responsible for the maintenance.

M. Decoteau stated Public Works employees can’t be responsible to keep the areas around dumpsters clear and that additional dumpsters will be available at the central location for use when there is overflow.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of Article 29.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 29.  
Determined that Article 29 passed with a majority vote.

Moderator: Recognized M. Turner.

**Motion: I move to limit reconsideration of all votes taken to this point.**

Motion: M. Turner  
Second: R. Rita  
Moderator: Please note a vote to limit reconsideration means that all of the votes taken up to that point cannot be changed by further action of this meeting.  
Please note this motion requires a simple majority vote.

Discussion: None  
Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of the Motion.  
Requested a show of red cards against the Motion.  
Determined that the Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Reported that the polls for the Ballot questions on Article 9, Article 10 and Article 11 were open for an hour and the votes have been counted to reflect the following results:

Article 9:	Yes 62	No 30	Blank 0
Article 10:	Yes 82	No 2	Blank 1
Article 11:	Yes 73	No 16	Blank 0

Moderator: Reported that the votes for Article 26 and Article 27 which were taken by paper ballot have been counted to reflect the following results:

Article 26:	Yes 35	No 50	Blank 0
Article 27:	Yes 9	No 74	Blank 0

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 12?

**Motion: I move that we table Article 12.**

Motion: M. Turner  
Second: R. Rita  
Discussion: M. Decoteau noted that Article 12 is redundant because Article 9 passed.  
Moderator: Noted the vote on tabling a motion takes a simple majority.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of tabling Article 12.  
Requested a show of red cards against tabling Article 12.  
Determined that Article 12 is tabled with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 13?

**Article 13: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four- year lease agreement in the amount of \$136,000 for the purpose of leasing a new public works backhoe loader, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000 from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.**

Motion: R Rita  
Second: M. Aronson  
Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and this amount is not included in Article 22.  
Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for



approval.

Presentation:

J. Mayhew gave a presentation that included the following information:

1. Current equipment is a 2001 backhoe/loader with 11,000 hours on it
2. The expected useful life of the 2001 backhoe/loader was ten years and initially the CIP scheduled replacement in 2011.
3. The backhoe/loader is an important piece of equipment for the Town that performs many tasks for the Public Works department

Discussion:

J. Monterio asked why the recommendation was to lease rather than purchase the backhoe/loader.

J. Mayhew stated leasing will spread the impact on the tax rate over four years.

J. Mayhew stated it is a lease to own.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of Article 13.  
Requested a show of red cards against of Article 13.  
Determined that Article 13 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 14?

**Article 14: I move that the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease agreement in the amount of \$66,000 for the purpose of leasing a new recreation fifteen passenger bus, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and this amount is not included in Article 22.  
Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation:

B. Wakefield made a presentation which included the following information:

1. The current Recreation Department van is a 2005
2. The expected useful life of the 2005 was ten years and it is 4 years overdue to be replaced.
3. The new Recreation Department van will be a 2019.
4. A new feature of the 2019 is overhead bins which will accommodate backpacks etc.

Discussion:

R. Breeckner asked if the Town will own the van at the end of the lease.

B. Wakefield stated the Town will own the van at the end of the lease.

S. Larsen asked if the new van will have seatbelts.

B. Wakefield stated the new van will have seatbelts.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of Article 14.  
Requested a show of red cards against of Article 14.  
Determined that Article 13 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 15?

**Article 15: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,000 for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of property identified on the Town Tax Maps as Map 108 lot 043 and located adjacent to the beach on Corcoran Pond and associated legal and administrative fees. Funds for these improvements will come from general taxation.**

Motion: M. Turner

Second: R. Rita

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen recommend approval of this article by a vote of 2 to 0 with one abstention from the recommendation.

Noted the amount is not included in Article 22.

Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation:

Select Board members and M. Decoteau provided the following information regarding Article 15:

1. The parcel of land is located behind the Golden Eagle Lodge near the beach at Corcoran's Pond.
2. The price is the current assessed value of the parcel.
3. The Town needs addition restroom facilities for people who use the beach, trails and wedding venue.
4. Plans for the funding and design of the facility are yet to be determined

Discussion:

T. Myrick stated his concern regarding the cost of putting a restroom facility on the parcel and suggested the restrooms at Town Square be refurbished instead.

M. Aronson stated the details of the funding and design of the structure are yet to be determined.

M. Aronson added that building will need to come before the Town for approval.

C. Helfman asked is the land could be used for business development and asked what Zone it is in.

M. Decoteau initially stated the parcel is located in the Recreation Zone but corrected himself and stated it is in the Commercial 1 zone.

M. Turner stated initially the Waterville Company wanted \$300,000 for the parcel but the Board of Selectmen negotiated that down to \$88,000 (and \$1,000 for legal costs to transfer the property).

B. Leo stated his opinion that there is a need for a restroom facility and that it is a great idea.

**Motion: "To call the question of Article 15."**

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: J. Jacobs

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of calling Article 15.

Requested a show of red cards against calling Article 15.

Determined the Motion passed with a majority vote.



Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 15.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 15.  
Determined that Article 15 passed with a majority vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 16?

**Article 16: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for repairs and improvements to the Osceola Library building. Funds for the improvements will come from general taxation.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.  
Noted the amount is not included in Article 22.  
Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation:

J. Mayhew provided the following information regarding Article 16:

1. Funds will be used to paint the exterior siding and trim and replace soffits
2. Additional issues with rot were discovered when the water service line failed
3. Some foundation work needs to be done to help alleviate the problem of animals getting under the building.

Discussion:

M. Furgal asked when the work would begin and stated his concern regarding having it done during the summer.

J. Mayhew stated that if the article was approved, bids would go out ASAP to get the work done as soon as possible.

R. Kucharski asked if \$75,000 was enough to get all the work done.

J. Mayhew stated that the \$75,000 reflects the estimates he was given.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 16.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 16.  
Determined that Article 16 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 17?

**Article 17: I move that the Town vote to establish a Curious George Cottage Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for repairs and maintenance of the building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed into the fund with said funds to come from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 and no amount will be raised by general taxation. Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend APPROVAL and this amount is **not** included in Article 22.

Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation:

M. Decoteau stated that the Town is responsible to maintain the Curious George Cottage.

M. Decoteau stated the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund will set aside funds specifically for the Curious George Cottage rather than include it in the operating budget every year.

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 17.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 17.  
Determined that Article 17 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 18?

**Article 18: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,100 for the payment of the second year of a three-year lease for a public works plow truck. This appropriation is to come from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 and no amount to be raised by general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.**

Motion: M. Turner

Second: R. Rita

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend APPROVAL of this article and this amount is not included in Article 22.  
Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation: M. Decoteau stated the lease for the plow truck was established last year and it has an escape clause which requires a Town vote each year.

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 18.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 18.  
Determined that Article 18 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 19?

**Article 19: I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Road Repair Capital Reserve account with said funds to come from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 and no amount to come from general taxation.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend APPROVAL of this article and this amount is not included in Article 22.



Discussion: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 19.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 19.  
Determined that Article 19 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 20?

**Article 20: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for engineering costs associated with the Corcoran Pond Dam Improvement Project. This appropriation is to come from the December 31, 2018 fund balance available on January 1, 2019 and no amount to be raised by general taxation.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article and this amount is not included in Article 22.

Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.

Presentation: M. Decoteau stated the Corcoran Pond Dam Improvement Project has taken additional time due to State requirements.

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 20.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 20.  
Determined that Article 20 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 21?

**Article 21: I move that the Town vote to support the construction of a non-denominational memorial chapel structure on Town owned property in the vicinity of the Corcoran Pond beach and identified as Map 105, lot 1.1 on the Town tax maps. Funding for the design and construction of the structure will be the responsibility of a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established for that purpose. Authorization of the structure and the precise location of the structure site will be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion: M. Turner

Second: R. Rita

Moderator: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
Noted there is no appropriation of funds as part of this warrant article.

Presentation:

B. Britton gave a presentation on Article 21 which included the following information:

1. Map 105, lot 1.1 is a 7.05ac parcel located between Corcoran's Pond and Valley Road
2. No firm plans for the location/design of the building have been confirmed
3. The 501(c)(3) is looking for approval for the idea to put a non-denomination memorial chapel on the parcel so that funding efforts for the project can begin.

4. It is hoped that the building will have a spire and be constructed with natural material to be in keeping with the setting.

Discussion:

B. Larsen asked who would be responsible to maintain the structure.  
B. Britton responded it was yet to be determined as the project is not that far along yet.  
T. Rose asked if this Article was similar to a non-binding resolution.  
M. Decoteau confirmed that it was and that the 501(c)(3) is asking the voters if they support the idea of placing a non-denominational memorial chapel on the site so that they can begin the fund raising efforts.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 21.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 21.  
Determined that Article 21 passed with a majority vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 22?

**Article 22: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,982,499 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations from any of the preceding articles.**

<b>General Government</b>	<b>\$ 798,098</b>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$ 119,238</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ 883,128</b>
<b>Highways &amp; Streets</b>	<b>\$ 364,604</b>
<b>Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</b>	<b>\$ 246,369</b>
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 502,604</b>
<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 437,454</b>
<b>Conservation</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 563,004</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 55,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,982,499</b>

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.  
Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
Noted Article 22 addresses the general fund operation budget for Fiscal Year 2019.  
Noted the Budget Summary is located on Pages 14 and 15, the Town Budget is located on pages 16-21, Revenues are listed on page 22 and Long Term Debt is located on pages 56-57.

Discussion:

A. Leo asked why there is a substantial increase in the Wastewater Department operating budget.  
M. Decoteau stated that a long-term employee is scheduled to retire this year which will require hiring a replacement. He added that it is hoped the new employee will come on board prior to the retirement of the long-term employee, hence there is a period of time that the department will be paying both



employees.

S. Piekos asked what the impact on the Tax Rate will be if the Article passes.

M. Decoteau stated that the Town portion of the Tax Rate is estimated to increase \$.29.

M. Furgal stated that the Waterville Valley Elementary School portion is estimated to decrease by \$.40.

B. Larsen stated that at the Public Hearings on the Budget there was a discussion to monitor how the new Recreation Department position impacts the department.

B. Wakefield noted that baseline measurements will be taken, program counts will be monitored and the overall performance of the Recreation Department with the new position will be reported on next year.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 22.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 22.  
Determined that Article 22 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 23?

**Article 23: I move that the Town vote to allow the operation of KENO within the Town pursuant to NH RSA 284:41 through 51.**

Motion: M. Aronson

Second: M. Turner

Moderator: Noted the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
Noted the Selectmen unanimously recommend disapproval of this article.  
Noted this article is placed on the warrant at the request of the NH State Lottery Commission.

Presentation: None

Discussion:

T. Gross stated that KENO has absolutely no place in the Town of Waterville Valley as it is a resort town that encourages families to enjoy recreation activities throughout the year.

T. Gross added that he hopes it will never be on the ballot again.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 23.  
Requested a show of red cards against Article 23.  
Determined that Article 23 failed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 24?

**Article 24: I move that we Table Article 24.**

Motion: M. Turner

Second: R. Rita

Moderator: Please note the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval.  
Please note the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.

Discussion:

M. Decoteau stated that Article 24 is redundant because Article 9 passed.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of tabling Article 24.  
Requested a show of red cards against tabling Article 24.

Determined that Article 24 is tabled with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 25?

**Article 25: I move that the town vote to discontinue the Backhoe Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Please note the vote can take any form and a simple majority is required for approval. Please note the Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of this article.

Presentation: None

Discussion: None

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of Article 25.

Requested a show of red cards against Article 25.

Determined that Article 25 passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator: Do I hear a motion on Article 30?

**Article 30: To table Article 30.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Article 30 asks for reports from agents, auditors or committees appointed who need to make a presentation to do so at this time. There were no reports submitted.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in Favor of tabling Article 30.

Requested a show of red cards against tabling Article 30.

Determined that Article 30 is tabled with a unanimous vote.

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**Article 31: To transact any other business as may legally come before the meeting.**

Moderator: Recognized B. Conklin

B. Conklin asked for a sense of the meeting to have the Board of Selectmen consider repurposing some part of the town-owned school to make space available for storage, office use, pre-school, library, historical society, the Waterville Academy, Adult Ed or the Recreation Department.

Discussion:

M. Furgal stated that the building was designed with very little storage space and it would be costly to renovate the building to provide additional storage.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of the idea to repurpose the School.

Requested a show of red cards against the idea to repurpose the School.



Determined the majority vote showed the sense of the meeting did not support the idea of repurposing the School

B. Conklin asked for a sense of the meeting to authorize the Selectmen to initiate the use of electronic transfers to pay town expenses.

Moderator: Requested a show of red cards in favor of the idea to initiate the use of electronic transfers to pay town expenses.  
Requested a show of red cards against the idea to initiate the use of electronic transfers to pay town expenses.  
Determined the majority vote showed the sense of the meeting supports the idea of initiating the use of electronic transfers to pay town expenses.

Moderator recognized M. Decoteau.

M. Decoteau pointed out the Town Report was dedicated to Tal and Sharon Kersh.

M. Decoteau stated that T. Kersh is a long-time resident committed to public service who served on the Board of Selectmen for ten years and provided thoughtful vision for the future of the Town.

M. Decoteau thanked T. Kersh for the significant amount of time and energy he spent to make Waterville Valley the best it could be.

Moderator recognized R. Rita.

**Motion: I move that we adjourn the Town meeting.**

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Aronson

Moderator: Please note this motion requires a simple majority vote.

Presentation: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Motion passes by unanimous voice vote at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Reggie Breeckner,  
Town Clerk