

**TOWN OF HEBRON, NH  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by moderator Everett Begor at 7:00 p.m. Official ballot voting for town officials and zoning amendments closed at 7:00 p.m. Following the Salute to the Flag, the moderator introduced town and election officials and then explained and read the meeting rules. Mary Campbell asked the moderator to dispense with the second reading of the warrant articles.

(Note: The original wording of articles are in *italics*, amendments are in *italics* and **bold**, results are in **bold**)

**Articles 1-11:** *To choose all Town Offices for the ensuing year by official ballot, and to vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments submitted by the Hebron Planning Board as Articles 2 through Article 11. The polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., and the business meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Article 12 and following.*

**The results of voting for town officials and zoning ordinance amendments are recorded separately.**

**Article 12:** *Paul Hazelton moved and Phil Twombly seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our state Senator and our Governor:*

*Resolved: We the citizens of Hebron, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (Submitted by Petition)*

Paul Hazelton deferred to Mary Hazelton. Mary spoke to the motion and explained the goal is to educate as to the effects of the tax system and to seek a fairer means to pay property taxes. A concern mentioned was an alternative tax would not necessarily reduce property taxes. Neighboring states have implemented an income and/or sales tax which did not reduce property taxes. Residents supporting the article stated there are other options than an income or sales tax to reduce property taxes and this is only asking state leaders to discuss options.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 13:** *Richard Cowern moved and Bruce Barnard seconded the motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) to pave all of Country Lane. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and shall not lapse until December 31, 2010 or until the project is completed, whichever occurs first. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Richard Cowern spoke to the motion and gave a Power Point presentation. Country Lane is a dirt road with five residences and the residents have requested the road be paved. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 14:** Bruce Barnard moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to *see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.) to pave a portion of Braley Road from where the Braley Road Bridge paving finishes to just over the hill beyond the Alan Esty home (approximately 1100’). This is a non-lapsing appropriation and shall not lapse until December 31, 2010 or until the project is completed, whichever occurs first. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Bruce Barnard spoke to the motion and gave a Power Point presentation. The old pavement has been removed and the prep work completed. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 15:** Bruce Barnard moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to *see if the town will vote to completely discontinue Bryar Road, a Class VI town road that was relaid out in 1971, and which is located near the conjunction of Valley View Road and Kill Mountain Road. The discontinuance of Bryar Road shall take effect only if the selectmen find and vote to certify that proper arrangements have been concluded to guarantee continued legal access to property of John & Lynne Robertson (Tax Map 18, Lot 19-2B-1), and to property of Stephen Karem (Tax Map 18, Lot 18). A copy of the selectmen’s certification, if any, shall be delivered to the town clerk as evidence of the effective date of the complete discontinuance of Bryar Road.*

Bruce Barnard spoke to the motion and gave a Power Point presentation. Mr. Barnard explained a portion of Bryar Road was discontinued two years ago when Valley View Road was accepted. This article is a continuance of the discontinuance of the prior section of Bryar Road.

A resident asked if Steve Karem, a landowner whose access is off Bryar Road, would have access to Kill Mountain Road. Legal access to Kill Mountain Road would be granted as it is a part of the legal process. A condition of the discontinuance is that legal access would be deeded to the Karem and Robertson properties.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 16:** Richard Cowern moved and Maynard Young seconded the motion to *see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$4,744.) to be allocated among the following agencies as shown below:*

- A. *Newfound Lake Region Association - request \$500.*
- B. *The Genesis Behavioral Health – request \$1,000.*
- C. *The Cady Fund - request \$3,000.*
- D. *American Red Cross – request \$244.*

Richard Cowern spoke to the motion. ***John Matthews presented an amendment, seconded by Bruce Barnard to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum***

*of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$2,744) to be allocated among the following agencies as shown below:*

- A. *Newfound Lake Region Association – request \$500***
- B. *The Genesis Behavioral Health – request \$1,000***
- C. *The Cady Fund – request \$1,000***
- D. *American Red Cross – request \$244***

John Matthews spoke to the amendment and explained Deb Naro of CADY asked for the request to be amended from \$3,000 to \$1,000. No discussion occurred regarding the amendment.

**The amendment passed by voice vote.**

Martha Twombly of the Newfound Lake Region Association thanked the town for placing this request on the warrant. She explained the benefits of the association.

**The article as amended passed by voice vote.**

**Article 17:** *Richard Cowerm moved and Bruce Barnard seconded the motion to see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the dedication of Cilley Brook Lane as a Class V town road as approved by the Planning Board. The acceptance shall not occur until on or after May 15, 2008, after thawing and inspection of the road by the Selectmen and the Highway Supervisor, and only if the Selectmen are satisfied with the construction and condition of the road following their inspection*

Richard Cowerm spoke to the motion and explained Cilley Brook Lane is located off of George Road. The road was paved by the developer and there is currently one residence. He further explained the road must meet certain conditions, i.e. freeze/thaw period, before it will be accepted. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 18:** *Bruce Barnard moved and Richard Cowerm seconded the motion to see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the George Road Relocation Fund, for the purpose of relocating George Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund; further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend the monies in this fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Bruce Barnard spoke to the motion. Mr. Barnard referenced the 2004 and 2005 warrant articles listed on the balance sheet on page 23 of the town report as being a part of this ongoing project. Negotiations to relocate the entrance to George Road from North Shore Road to the top of “Sanborn Hill” have been ongoing with a developer and abutting landowners. The current location is dangerous and has an 18 percent grade at the beginning section of the “S” curve by Larry Kill’s house. The capital reserve account would assist in legal fees and initial engineering fees for the relocation. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 19:** *Richard Cowerm moved and Bruce Barnard seconded the motion to see of [sic] the town will vote to eliminate the elected offices of town auditor. If this article is*

*adopted, the persons currently holding the offices of town auditor shall continue to hold office until the annual town election in March, 2009.*

Richard Cowern spoke to the motion and explained the town utilizes a professional auditing firm to annual audit the town's records. Mr. Cowern mentioned the current auditing firm's fees may increase by 40 percent, but the town has assurance that rules and regulations are adhered to by utilizing a professional auditing firm. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 20:** *Bruce Barnard moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000.) to be added in the amounts shown to the following capital reserve funds:*

<i>Ambulance</i>	<i>20,000.</i>
<i>Bridges</i>	<i>23,000.</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>2,000.</i>
<i>Fire</i>	<i>25,000.</i>
<i>Highway</i>	<i>20,000.</i>
<i>Town Hall</i>	<i>5,000.</i>
<i>Police</i>	<i>6,000.</i>
<i>Government Building Repair Fund</i>	<i>1,000.</i>

*The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Bruce Barnard spoke to the motion and explained these are the capital reserve accounts the town has been voting on for several years. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 21:** *Richard Cowern moved and Bruce Barnard seconded the motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,150.) to provide programming in the Gazebo. Of that amount, \$7,719 shall be raised by taxes, \$931 from the town's General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2007, and \$2,500. from donations and grants. Said funds to be administered by the coordinators.*

Richard Cowern deferred to Everett Begor who stepped down as moderator and explained the article. There are approximately eight entertainment acts scheduled for the summer. One donation has been received from Northway Bank and several other grants will be applied for. The Shaw Brothers are scheduled for Family Fun Day. No discussion occurred.

**The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 22:** *Bruce Barnard moved and Richard Cowern seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement, upon such terms as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the town, to David and Anne Hardy to allow an existing artesian well, water pump, and associated water line to lawfully remain within a portion of town property directly in front of the Hardy property. The well, pump, and water line serve the Hardy residence at 5 School Street,*

*Tax map 17, Lot 19. The property of the town that will be subject to the easement is known as the town common, Tax Map 17, Lot 21.*

Bruce Barnard spoke to the motion and explained that David and Anne Hardy are recent purchasers of the property. The selectmen signed a memorandum of understanding with the Hardys that the selectmen would bring this issue forth at town meeting. The artesian well has been in existence on the property for numerous years. No discussion occurred. **The article passed by voice vote.**

**Article 23:** *Ed Gempka moved and Maynard Young seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,267,275.) to defray charges for the ensuing year. This article EXCLUDES appropriations made under all previous articles.*

Ed Gempka spoke to the motion. **Richard Cowern proposed an amendment, seconded by Bruce Barnard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,300,275) to defray charges for the ensuing year. This article EXCLUDES appropriations made under all previous articles.**

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,267,275</b>
<b>Highway (add):</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>External Auditors (add):</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,300,275</b>

Richard Cowern spoke to the motion and explained the need to add \$30,000 to the highway budget due to the additional cost of winter road maintenance and to add \$3,000 to the external auditors' fee. No discussion occurred regarding the amendment.

**The amendment passed by voice vote.**

A resident asked if the budget could be amended at town meeting time. The selectmen explained the town is not under the municipal budget act and therefore increases or decreases to the budget voted on at town meeting are not restricted.

**The article as amended passed by voice vote.**

**Article 24:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.*

The selectmen presented a plaque to retiring Moderator Everett Begor recognizing his 40 years of service to the town. Mr. Begor stated he has enjoyed serving the townspeople as auditor and moderator.

Bruce Barnard thanked retiring selectman Richard Cowern for his time and dedication as a selectman and a fire department member.

Richard Cowern gave a quick overview of Senate Bill 539 which could reinstate the town to donor town status at a substantial increase. Mr. Cowern encouraged townspeople to contact their representative.

Bruce Barnard recognized Linda and John Fischer as the Municipal Association volunteers of the year and thanked them for their service to the town.

Everett Begor thanked the highway department for a job well done during this difficult winter.

No further discussion.

Richard Cowern moved and Ed Gempka seconded the motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

A true copy of action taken at the Hebron Town Meeting on March 11, 2008

Tracey Steenbergen  
Town Clerk