

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING IN THE BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2021

PRESENT: Paul Hazelton, Patrick Moriarty, Richard James, and Karen Sanborn, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Brooks, Audrey Johnson, John Dunklee, Alison York, Dave Hardy

7:00 P.M. **OPENED MEETING:** Chair Hazelton opened the public hearing in the 2021 Budget and Warrant.

7:00 P.M. **WARRANT ARTICLES 1-5:** Chair Hazelton read Warrant Articles 1-5 which are as follows:

1. Elect Town Officials
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section "B" Lake District Definition
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Spectacle Pond Lake District Definition
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section "B" Uses Permitted. Repeal 4 a, b, c, (Marinas shall be provided that ...)
5. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Hebron Small Wind Energy Ordinance

WARRANT ARTICLE 6: Chair Hazelton read Warrant Article 6 to see if the town will vote to establish a Hebron Library Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of studying, designing and potentially constructing a new library and to raise and appropriate \$5,000. Further to name the Selectmen as the agents of the fund. Audrey Johnson asked if the article should be for a library/community center as the building may be for dual purpose. John Dunklee stated that the use of the fund could be changed at a future town meeting, if necessary. Dave Hardy questioned if the Select Board was leading the planning function of the project. Chair Hazelton replied that the Select Board had appointed a committee that had been working on studying the project for a couple of years. Dave Hardy inquired about modifying the current buildings to better suit the purpose. Chair Hazelton replied that based on the architectural and structural reports received, the Select Board feels that the buildings have significant issues. John Dunklee asked if the Select Board had heard back from the Grange. Chair Hazelton replied no.

WARRANT ARTICLE 7: Vice-Chair Moriarty read Warrant Article 7 to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to prepare Crescent Lane for paving and to pave the road. This is a 2-year non-lapsing article. Vice-Chair Moriarty stated that this paving project is planned for this year, but is a 2-year non-lapsing article in case the weather does not cooperate. Vice-Chair Moriarty informed the audience that the Board would be performing a study of the town roads utilizing the service of Lakes Region Planning Commission to develop a plan for future maintenance. John Dunklee noted that he had been monitoring the ditch work done on Crescent Lane as designed by TF Moran, which has been working well reducing the amount of silt going into Newfound Lake.

WARRANT ARTICLE 8: Selectman James read Warrant Article 8 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to prepare Beachwood Road for paving and pave the road. This is a 2-year non-lapsing article due to weather concerns. Selectman James informed the audience that this project is proposed due to the current condition of the pavement on Beachwood Road. Bob Brooks noted that the wording of the article should be corrected from "paving" to "repaving" as the road is already paved.

WARRANT ARTICLE 9: Chair Hazelton read Warrant Article 9 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,225 for the Gazebo Programs with \$7,075 to be raised by taxes, \$1,000 from anticipated Donations and Grants, and \$4,150 to come from fund balance. Bob Brooks reviewed the upcoming schedules of Gazebo Programs for the summer of 2021 and the summer of 2022.

WARRANT ARTICLE 10: Vice-Chair Moriarty read Warrant Article 10 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to update the Hebron Town Forest Plan. This is a 2-year non-lapsing article. Vice-Chair Moriarty stated that the town is required to keep the plan updated which has not been done since originally written.

WARRANT ARTICLE 11: Selectman James read Warrant Article 11 to raise and appropriate \$83,100 to be added to the capital reserve funds and reserve funds as follows:

Police	\$7,500
Highway	\$10,000
Fire	\$20,000
Ambulance	\$15,000
Communications	\$5,000
Assessment Services	\$8,600
Cemetery Tombstones and Fence	\$2,000
Road Emergency Repairs	\$5,000
Culvert Repair and Maintenance	\$5,000
Preservation of Town Records	\$5,000

Audrey Johnson inquired about adding funds to the Dry Hydrants Capital Reserve Fund. Vice-Chair Moriarty replied that there are currently no dry hydrants planned for installation.

WARRANT ARTICLE 12: Chair Hazelton read Warrant Article 12 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,440,296 as an operating budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Chair Moriarty stated that the department heads of the Police, Fire, Highway are very conservative with their budgets and do a great job managing the departments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Vice-Chair Moriarty informed the audience of a new lawsuit that is being heard known as the Con-Val Lawsuit which proposes to develop a new state education funding formula that will impact prior “Donor Towns” significantly. Hebron was included as a “Donor Town”. Selectman James explained the current laws proposed and the impact to NH Towns and Cities.

Vice-Chair Moriarty informed the audience of the fiber optics project that the Town of Bristol and Plymouth State University are currently working on to improve internet service. The Board is looking into joining the project as many areas of Hebron still have ~~no~~ poor service to their residences as the lines were never run.

7:40 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** John Dunklee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Sanborn
Town Administrator