

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the Budget Presentations/Deliberations
of October 23 & 24, 2003

1. **Call to Order by Chairman William P. Cole at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Selectman Shawn N. Jasper.
3. **Selectmen:** William P. Cole, Shawn N. Jasper (left at 6:45 pm; returned at 9:50 pm), Ken Massey, Ann Seabury, Teresa Stewart

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Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Kathryn Carpentier, Finance Director; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Kevin Burns, Road Agent; Cecile Nichols, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Joyce Cloutier, Supervisors of the Checklist; Pat Hetzer, Cemetery Trustees; Joe Wozniak and Gary Dearborn, Trustees of the Trust Funds; Jim Michaud, Assessor; Police Capt. Bill Pease, Police Capt. Ray Mello and Lisa Nute, HPD Information Manager; Coleman Kelly, CATV; Howard Dilworth, Jr. and Leo Bernard, Budget Committee

4. **Default Budget**

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to set the default budget for Fiscal Year 2005 at \$22,847,664 carried unanimously.

5. **Budget Deliberations**

Budget Preparation Overview by the Town Administrator and Finance Director -- Finance Director Kathy Carpentier said they made some assumptions to start off the budget. Town property valuation is \$1.9 billion. They assumed \$40 million valuation, based on the Assessor's recommendation, so they are using 1.975. The estimated non-tax revenue is \$12,623,000 assuming auto registrations of a \$200,000 increase, which is what has been done in previous years. As a starting point, they put \$1 million of surplus into the budget, which will leave about 6.8%. It was the directive of the Board of Selectmen to stay within 3%, and most of the departments' operating budgets came in within that parameter. Spending is allowed to increase by \$435,000 without increasing the tax rate. For some benchmarks, if they change spending or revenues by \$20,000 it will result in a penny change in the tax rate; \$50,000, 2½ cents; \$100,000, 5 cents. On Monday, the tax rate was set. They used 1.590 of surplus and didn't need to use the additional \$300,000 due to additional shared revenues from the State. Currently, they are at 8.8% retained surplus.

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Town Administrator Steve Malizia said, relative to budget target information, the current tax rate for the Town portion only is \$5.35 per 1,000. If he takes the default budget that the Board just approved, and took the offsetting revenues, the tax rate would be \$5.18 assuming a default budget. They looked at what the department heads submitted, and using the offsetting revenue again, they are looking at a budget of \$5.70 for a tax rate. The warrant articles they currently have, minus the offsetting revenues, adds another 30 cents. As they look at the book right now, they are looking at a tax rate of \$6.00 per 1,000, which is 12.1% greater than the tax rate that was just set Monday. That's the starting point and what they are working from.

Opening Statements by BOS Members

Selectman Jasper said they should set some goals, as they normally do, before getting into the budget. Just the operating budget alone is a 35% increase, which isn't too bad in and of itself, but there are a lot of unknown costs, such as union contracts. With what is known, they are looking at a 65% increase, which is well over 10% which the Board found to be not acceptable a few weeks ago when they dug into the surplus. His recollection was that was the overall tax rate, including the School District. The Town's increase was nowhere near 10%. The School Board is starting out \$3 million in the hole, which is about \$1.50 on the tax rate to begin with. The Selectmen need to look at the budget very carefully and set goals on the total Town tax rate and 10% is not acceptable. They can't control the School side, but they need to be mindful of it. He wanted to hear from other Board members because if they don't set goals, they will be wandering aimlessly through a large document, not knowing where they are going to end up—which is what they should know before they even start.

Selectman Massey called that strategy the peanut butter approach, which says that everyone gets the same percent increase. He has some ideas of where he thinks they should end up, but he didn't want to prejudice it by not understanding what all the budget items are. Selectman Jasper said he totally disagreed. If they know where they want to end up, they can prioritize as they go along, adding that Selectman Massey is the one who said 10% was totally unacceptable, and that included the School District. They are starting out with 10% without contracts, dispatch or communications in the \$6 total, so they are somewhere in the \$1 range, even if they bond the big ticket items. They have to make some hard decisions to start with.

Selectman Seabury said the Board already set the goal for 3% at one of their meetings a few weeks ago. Selectman Jasper said that was a goal for the department heads to bring their operating budgets in at, but that was only part of the equation. Now they have to look at the total and health care is an increase of 26% in itself. That's \$300,000 they don't have control over and that's not built in to the 3%. Between the Town and School, they could be looking at a \$2.50 or \$3 increase.

Chairman Cole asked if Selectman Jasper wanted to propose a goal for Board consideration. He'd like to see where they are at the end of the process and, if they feel they have to cut deeper, they can go back. Selectman Jasper said given the increase in assessment which gives them \$435,000, increase of \$200,000 in automotive, a tax impact of 5% is reasonable. He didn't know what the dollar number would be. Town Administrator said they would have to cut in the neighborhood of \$750,000 for a 5% increase in the tax rate—or increase the revenue \$750k, or a combination thereof. Selectman Stewart asked about a goal of 3%. Mr. Malizia said \$968,000. Selectman Massey asked if that was 3% on the total budget of \$23,800,000

the default budget, or just the Town side. Mr. Malizia said just the Town's portion. For a 3% tax rate, they would have to cut \$968,000 from the budget book, including warrant articles. (Talking over each other.) Discussion continued. Chairman Cole asked Selectman Jasper again if he wanted to make a motion.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, that the Selectmen set a goal not to have a tax rate increase by more than 5% carried 4-1 by roll call vote. Chairman Cole voted in the negative.

Chairman Cole said they are looking at cutting \$760,000. Selectman Massey said if they take out the \$4.6 million bond issue, they are looking at \$25,541,000. He asked what 5% would be. Ms. Carpentier said they'd have to take out more than that. Selectman Jasper said they should look at what 5% allows them from the existing number so they can see what they would be allowed in increase. There are so many unknowns, to back it out is not realistic. They need to know what they are allowing themselves to add in in total. Mr. Malizia asked to what number. Selectman Jasper said to the tax rate of \$5.35, backing out the known revenue increases of \$635,000—somehow figuring that in, although he wasn't quite sure how that could be done. He then said to do the 5% of \$5.35 and then add \$635,000 to that number and that gives the total increase they will allow themselves. Discussion continued. Mr. Malizia said the base revenue figures are similar to last year's, with the exception of automobiles, which they bump up every year about \$200,000. They are looking at a tax rate of \$5.62--a 5% increase on 535. Selectman Jasper said they need to know what the dollar value of that is. Discussion continued until the Chairman suggested taking a recess so staff and the Selectmen could work out the numbers.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, for a recess at 6:28 p.m. carried 4-1. Selectman Massey was opposed. Meeting resumed at 6:38 p.m.

Motion for reconsideration of vote on setting a goal of not increasing the tax rate by more than 5% carried 4-0. Selectman Jasper cleared his items from the table and left the room.

5020 Trustees of the Trust Funds (Joe Wozniak and Gary Dearborn)

As the recent Bookkeeper of the Trustees, Selectman Massey recused himself from discussing and voting on this item. Mr. Dearborn asked that 303 Other Office Supplies be increased to \$225 to cover the cost of a file cabinet.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 102 Salaries from \$725 to \$700 and 108 FICA from \$55 to \$54 carried 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 399 Misc. from \$100 to \$50 carried 3-0.

5025 Cemetery Trustees (Pat Hetzer, Chairman)--No change.

5030 Town Clerk (Cecile Nichols)--No change.

5041 Moderator -- No change.

5042 Supervisors of the Checklist (Joyce Cloutier, Chairman)—No change.

5045 Cable Committee (Coleman Kelly)—No change.

5050 Town Treasurer—No change.

5070 Budget Committee (Howard Dilworth, Jr., Chairman)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to increase 252 Other Professional Services by \$500 (from \$2,500 to \$3,000) carried 3-0. Mr. Dilworth explained that the Hudson Minutemen have increased their hourly rate, and this was to cover the increase. Selectman Seabury, a Hudson Minuteman, abstained from voting.

5080 Ethics Committee

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce the total budget by \$100 (taking \$25 from 214 Notices, \$50 from 252 Other Professional Services and reducing 238 Postage to 0) carried 4-0.

5410 Assessing (Jim Michaud, Assessor)

Motion by Selectman Massey to remove a part-time position and submit it as a warrant article did not receive a second.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 236 Education Reimbursement from \$1,750 to \$1,500 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 265 Outside Hire from \$18,959 to 0 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 303 Office Supplies from \$1,200 to \$1,000 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 234 Lodging from \$1,100 to \$500 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$1,335 to \$860 carried 4-0.

Warrant Articles:

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to send to the ballot a warrant article for Revised Veterans' Tax Credits carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to send to the ballot a warrant article for Revised Service-connected Total Disability Veterans' Tax Credit carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to send to the ballot a warrant article to adopt the Surviving Spouse Veterans' Tax Credit carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, for a recess at 7:55 carried. Meeting resumed at 8:09.

5515-5556 Highway Department (Kevin Burns, Road Agent)—No changes.

- 5515 Highway Facility—No change
- 5551 Public Works—Administration—No change
- 5552 Public Works—Streets—No change
- 5553 Public Works—Equipment Maintenance—No change
- 5554 Public Works—Drains—No change
- 5556 Public Works—Grounds Maintenance—No change
- 5970 Solid Waste Collection—No change

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, for a recess at 8:24 carried 4-0. Meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

5571-5583 Community Development (Sean Sullivan, Director)

5571 Planning Department

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$1,200 to \$1,000 was amended by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to \$500 carried 4-0, as did the main motion.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 241 Printing/Stationary/Forms from \$1,500 to \$1,000 carried 3-1. Selectman Massey was opposed.

5572 Planning Board – No change.

5581 Zoning Department

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$1,000 to \$700 carried 4-0.

5582 Building Department

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey to increase 402 Automobiles from 0 to \$15,236 for the lease-purchase of two vehicles carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration Fees from \$1,500 to \$700 and 236 Education Reimbursement from \$2,000 to \$700 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 252 Other Professional Services from \$17,846 to \$24,960 carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 252 Other Professional Services by \$10,000 failed on a vote of 2-2. Selectmen Seabury and Massey were in favor; Selectmen Stewart and Cole were opposed.

5583 Zoning Board of Adjustment – No change.

5600 Police Department (Capt. Bill Pease; Capt. Ray Mello; Information Manager, Lisa Nute)

- 5610 Police—Administration—No change.
- 5615 Police—Facility Operations—No change.
- 5620 Police—Communication—No change.
- 5630 Police—Patrol—No change.
- 5640 Police—Investigations—No change.

5650 Police—Animal Control—No change.

5660 Police—Information Services

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 202 Small Equipment Maintenance from \$24,437 to \$30,672 carried 4-0.

5671 Police—Support Services

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 399 Misc. from \$4,000 to \$3,000 carried 3-1. Selectman Stewart was opposed.

5672 Police—Crossing Guards—No change.

5673 Police—Prosecutor—No change.

Warrant Articles

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to table Radio Communications/Interoperability (\$844,280) to tomorrow night and take this up during the discussion of Combined Dispatch carried 4-0.

Community Grants

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to level fund the Community Grants, with the exception of the two new requests, who are invited to come before the Board (Area Agency of Greater Nashua and Nashua Pastoral Care) and Home Health and Hospice because of questions one of the Selectmen had carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to level fund Home Health and Hospice carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Massey, to set the rate for Nashua Transit at \$3.50 and fund it at \$17,376.68 carried 4-0.

6. Recess

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to recess at 10:07 p.m. and resume at 6:00 pm on October 24 carried 4-0.

Friday, October 24, 2003

1. Meeting Called Back to Order by Chairman William P. Cole at 6:00 p.m.

2. Selectmen: William P. Cole, Kenneth J. Massey, Shawn N. Jasper, Ann Seabury and Teresa Stewart

Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Kathryn Carpentier, Finance Director; Priscilla Boisvert, Executive Assistant; Cathy Hawkins, Data Processing Manager; Shawn Murray, Acting Fire Chief; Charlie Chalk, Fire Marshal; Gary Rodgers, Deputy Fire Chief; Torrey Demanche, Executive Secretary; Helen Cheyne, Secretary; Tom Sommers, Town Engineer; Ken Dickinson, Jim Battis, Michelle Champion and Linda Kipnes of the Conservation Commission; Howard Dilworth, Jr. and Leo Bernard of the Budget Committee; Matt. St. Laurent

3. Budget Deliberations

There was Board consensus in favor of Selectman Massey’s recommendation that the Board postpone final decision on the budget until the November 6th meeting.

5920 Community Grants:

Area Agency of Greater Nashua (New) was not funded. (Presentation by Beth Raymond and Deborah Wahl)

Nashua Pastoral Care (New) (Presentation by Maryse Wirbal)

Selectman Seabury’s motion to fund at \$3,000 did not receive a second. *Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to fund Nashua Pastoral Care at \$3,000 and decrease Big Brothers/Big Sisters by \$1,100 and Nashua Soup Kitchen by \$1,900 carried 4-1.* Selectman Jasper was opposed.

5531 Engineering Department – No change. (Tom Sommers, Engineer)

5555 Solid Waste Management (Tom Sommers)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to increase 264 Water Quality Monitoring by \$30,000 from \$66,200 to \$96,200 carried 5-0.

Warrant Article:

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to send Melendy Road and County Road Bridges warrant article with design costs for both bridges, and the Town's share for just the Melendy Road bridge carried 5-0.

5533 Conservation Commission (Ken Dickinson, Chair)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 103 Temporary Salaries to 0 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to create a new line 105 Salaries Overtime and fund it at \$1,000 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase line 108 to \$76.50 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to fund 252 Other Professional Services at \$3,700 carried 5-0.

Sewer Utility (Tom Sommers, Engineer)

5561 Sewer—Administration—No change.

5562 Sewers—Operations & Maintenance

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 401 Large Operating Equipment by \$1,000 from \$23,333 to \$22,333 carried 5-0.

5563 Sewers—Debt (Isn't any)

5564 Sewer—Construction

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to increase 450 Capital Reserve/Trust Funds from \$250,000 to \$300,000 carried 5-0. (Request by SUC, w/funds to come from undesignated fund balance.)

Water Utility (Tom Sommers, Engineer)

5591 Water—Administration—No change.

5592 Water—Operation & Maintenance

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 204 Large Equipment Maintenance by \$6,500 from \$155,484 to \$148,984 carried 5-0.

5593 Water—Supply

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to increase 411 New Computers from \$25,000 to \$31,500 carried 5-0.

5594 Water—Debt Service—No change.

Warrant Article:

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to forward Water Utility Capital Improvements article to the warrant, in the amount of \$4,630,000, carried 3-2 by roll call vote. Selectmen Jasper and Seabury were opposed.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, for a recess at 8:00 p.m. carried. Meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

5710 Fire—Administration (Acting Fire Chief Shawn Murray)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 232 Transportation and Lodging from \$1,000 to \$500 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 234 Lodging from \$1,000 to \$500 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 235 Registration fees from \$1,695 to \$1,000 carried 5-0.

5715 Fire—Facility Operations

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Cole, to increase 224 Building Maintenance by \$78,000 from \$12,450 to \$90,450 for an exhaust system carried 3-2 by roll call vote. Selectmen Jasper and Seabury were opposed.

5720 Fire—Communications

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to decrease 403 Small Equipment by \$15,000 from \$79,899 to \$64,899 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to decrease 105 Salaries Overtime by \$5,000 to \$33,581 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 102 Salaries Part-Time from \$5,250 to \$1,500 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to further reduce 403 by \$18,000 failed 2-3. Selectmen Jasper and Seabury were in favor.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 403 by \$12,546 for a total of \$52,353 carried 5-0.

5730 Fire—Suppression

Motion by Selectman Seabury, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 404 Trucks by \$25,000 for a total of \$25,200 carried unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 5582-402 Building Department, Automobiles by \$15,236 to \$0 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 5730-102, Part-time Salaries, from \$75,000 to \$60,000; amended by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to \$50,000 which carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 105 Overtime by \$50,000 carried 3-2 by roll call vote. Selectmen Massey and Cole voted in opposition.

5740 Fire—Prevention – No change.

5750 Fire—Ambulance

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 450 Capital Reserve/Trust Funds by \$10,000 to \$40,000 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 102 Part-time Salaries by \$1,000 to \$12,338 carried 5-0. (Applicable 100 accounts to be adjusted accordingly.)

5765 Fire—Fire Alarm (To be reformatted for next year to show hours worked.)

Warrant Articles:

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to sent to the Warrant an article for Replacement Self-contained Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$185,000 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, for a recess at 10:13 p.m. carried. Meeting resumed at 10:22 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to forward to the Warrant an article for a Replacement Pumper; gross appropriation not to exceed \$436,320 with five equal payments not to exceed \$87,264 per year, taken out of the Capital Reserve Fund carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

5130 Emergency Management (Acting Fire Chief Shawn Murray) – No change.

5960 Hydrant Rental (Acting Fire Chief Shawn Murray) – No change.

5330 Computer Services (Cathy Hawkins, Data Processing Manager)

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 412 Software to \$12,485 carried 4-1. Selectman Stewart was opposed.

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Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 202 Small Equipment Maint. by \$2,217 for a total of \$14,085 carried 5-0.*

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Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to increase 403 Small Equipment by \$2,235 for a total of \$5,735 carried 5-0.*

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to increase 403 Small Equipment by \$2,235 for a total of \$5,735 carried 5-0.*

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to reduce 204 Large Equipment Maint. to \$8,472 carried.*

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Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to increase 205 Large Equipment Repairs to \$9,500 carried 5-0.*

5800 Recreation (Dave Yates, Director)

5810 Recreation Administration

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Seabury, to reduce 399 Misc. by \$200 to \$1,800 carried 5-0.

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Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Massey, to defer (\$350,000 Recreation Facility) to November 10, 2003 when Combined Dispatch and Radio Communications Interoperability is discussed was approved by consensus. Selectman Massey stipulated that if they didn't move the Rec Center project to the warrant, he'd like to come back to this item and add the \$25,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund. Chairman Cole clarified that the issue of the Warrant Article would be taken up on November 10, along with Combined Dispatch and Interoperability, and the Capital Reserve Fund issue is in abeyance until November 6. Selectman Massey moved to add \$25,000 to 450 did not receive a second.*

5815 Merrifield Park

Motion by Selectman Massey, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to take \$600 from the Capital Reserve Fund to offset the Merrifield Park 5815 account carried 5-0.

5821 Supervised Play – No change.

5822 Robinson Pond

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to increase 104 Salaries, Seasonal to \$3,000 for an attendance carried 4-1.
Selectman Massey voted in opposition.

5823 Babe Ruth – No change.

5824 Ball Fields – No change.

5825 Instructional Tennis – No change.

5831 Winter Basketball – No change.

5834 Soccer League – No change.

5836 Teen Dances – No change.

5837 KNOT Nights – No change.

5838 Adult Aerobics – No change.

5839 Community Activities – No change.

5840 Skate Park – No change.

Warrant Article -- Recreation Center Expansion deferred to November 10, 2003.

Board of Selectmen/Town Administration (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator)

5110 BOS/TA – No change.

5120 Town Hall Operations – No change.

5125 Lions Hall (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator)

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to reduce 206 Electricity to \$10,000; 207 Water/Sewage to \$1,100 and 210 Natural Gas to \$5,900 (total reduction of \$17,000) for a new bottom line of \$58,107 carried 5-0.

5151 Town Poor (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator) – No change.

5200 Legal (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 218 Legal Fees by \$20,000 to \$155,000 carried 5-0.

5310 Finance Administration (Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director) – No change.

5320 Accounting – No change.

Warrant Article:

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to send to the Warrant an Article for a Part-time Water Clerk carried 5-0.

5910 Insurance (Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 117 Workers Compensation to \$160,000 carried 5-0.

5930 Patriotic Purposes (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator) – No change.

5940 Other Expenses (Steve Malizia, Town Administrator)

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to reduce 450 Capital Reserve/Trust Funds by \$25,000 to \$75,000 carried 5-0.

Warrant Articles:

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Massey, to defer the following Warrant Articles to October 28, 2003 carried 5-0.

- E Wage and Benefits Increase for Non-Union Personnel
- F Wage and Benefits Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector
- G Wage and Benefits Increase for Recreation Director
- H Wage and Benefits Increase for Police Prosecutor
- A Operating Budget

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to increase the Rooms and Meals tax revenue from \$500,000 to \$650,000 carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Jasper, seconded by Selectman Stewart, to increase Motor Vehicle permits to \$3.4 million carried 5-0.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Stewart, seconded by Selectman Jasper, to adjourn at 12:20 a.m. on October 25 carried unanimously.

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