

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2022, 7:00P.M.
New Durham Town Hall, New Durham, NH 03855**

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PRESENT

Terry Jarvis, Chair, Budget Committee
Mark Sullivan, Vice Chair, Budget Committee – via Zoom
Ken Fanjoy, Budget Committee Member
Marc Decoff, Budget Committee Member
Rudy Rosiello, Budget Committee Member
David Swenson, Select Board Member Representative – via Zoom
Joan Swenson, Budget Committee Member – via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT

Nicole Zoltko, Town Administrator
Anina Soucy, Finance Manager
David Bickford, resident
Wendy Zimmermann, resident – via Zoom
Shawn Bernier, Police Chief – via Zoom
Ken Ross Raymond, resident – via Zoom
Don Vachon, Road Agent
Cathy Orlowicz, resident
Alicia Housel, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2022 Budget Public Hearing:

Chair Jarvis outlined the process for the public hearing. She stated the committee will need to determine whether they would vote on the budget items line by line or to vote on the bottom line as each account has already been voted line by line. Any changes will have an individual vote.

Chair Jarvis stated anyone who wishes to speak to the budget will have an opportunity. She stated much of the increases seen in the budgets are due to adjusting employee wages to become more competitive within the market along with the costs for benefits associated with increased wages. She stated the funding will also include Monday through Friday full time staffing of the fire department along with an across the board pay increase of \$5 per hour within the fire department.

Chair Jarvis stated there has been increased workload for two of the three land use Boards as well as an increase in legal counsel costs.

Chair Jarvis read the budget public hearing notice into the record:

Chair Jarvis opened the public hearing at 7:25PM. She stated the committee will need to determine whether they would vote on the budget items line by line or to vote on the bottom line as each account has already been voted line by line. Any changes will have an individual vote. The consensus of the committee was to do a vote on the bottom-line of the total budget. Mr. DeCoff requested that the Budget Committee vote line by line of each budget in case a Budget Committee or Board of Selectmen member needs to abstain.

The committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4130, Executive Office. Chair Jarvis stated the Budget Committee approved \$247,278. She explained there was an 18% increase overall, mainly due to employee wages.

The committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4140, Election. Chair Jarvis stated the Budget Committee approved \$150,719. Town Clerk Housel stated the elections will be held at New Durham School but due to policies in place by the school board, they will need to utilize two rooms for the elections in order to separate masked and unmasked individuals. She stated this process will require the use of an audio and video communications company, costing about \$3,700 and requested that amount be added to the fees and dues line. The Committee discussed the request.

Mr. DeCoff made a motion to add \$3,700 to Account 4140, Elections. Mr. Rosiello seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

The new account total will be \$154,419.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4150, Financial Administration; the Budget Committee approved \$186,004. Chair Jarvis stated the increase is reflected with hiring a part time assistant as well as increased costs with software licensing.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4152, Assessing; the Budget Committee approved \$73,165.

David Bickford, resident, stated there are problems with abutter lists which is a problem for the Planning Board; he has discussed this with the Town Clerk. Town Administrator Zoltko

explained information was not being submitted in the past and they are working to improve the process.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4153, Legal; the Budget Committee approved \$25,000. Chair Jarvis stated there has been a significant increase in legal counsel by land use boards and the Code Enforcement Officer.

David Bickford, resident, stated he has requested a breakdown of the costs but he hasn't been able to get what he requested. Town Administrator Zoltko stated some of the information requested is not available at this time but there is also some that is not public information.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4155, Personnel Administration; the Budget Committee approved \$67,632. Chair Jarvis stated the increases for pay wages are reflected in this budget; the budget was developed on a 2.5% increase.

David Bickford, resident, asked if the Fire Department raises would also be reflected in this account. Chair Jarvis stated the Fire Chief believes there will be sufficient funding in the Fire Department budget. Mr. Swenson explained the breakdown of account 4155 which includes about \$36,000 in wage adjustments with the remaining amount for insurance, FICA and other benefits related costs. Mr. Bickford suggested they budget \$5,000 for a wage study. Mr. Swenson stated that would not cover the costs. Chair Jarvis stated she would not be comfortable adding it without more information on costs, etc. Mr. Rosiello stated the Budget Committee can fund the account but it's the discretion of the Board of Selectmen whether they will use the funds for that. Mr. DeCoff stated all wages were already increased so it doesn't seem necessary for this year. Mr. Fanjoy stated he isn't in favor of wage studies. Vice Chair Sullivan stated he isn't in favor of adding the costs for a wage study at this late time; there has already been extensive review and discussion of the budget to this point.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4191, Planning Board; the Budget Committee approved \$7,643. Chair Jarvis stated the increase is in the advertising line; she explained those costs are covered by applicants and shows up in the revenue side of the budget.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4192, Zoning Board of Adjustment; the Budget Committee approved \$11,086. Chair Jarvis stated the increase is due to higher costs for advertising, postage and recording fees; she explained those costs are covered by applicants and shows up in the revenue side of the budget. She stated the number of cases has also increased for both boards.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4199, Other General Government; the Budget Committee approved \$11,074.

David Bickford, resident, asked if there is a budget for perambulation. It was noted the Highway Department does it. Chair Jarvis stated there is \$1 in the survey line of this account in case other costs are incurred if they don't have a Town employee do it. Road Agent Vachon explained they do track the hours for the employee when he does something so the appropriate budget can be charged.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4194, General Government Buildings; the Budget Committee approved \$25,872.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4195, Cemetery; the Budget Committee approved \$2,500.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4196, Insurance; the Budget Committee approved \$61,000. Chair Jarvis stated the increase in the budget reflects premium increases from Primex.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4210, Police; the Budget Committee approved \$687,072. Chair Jarvis stated it's a 10% increase and most of it is reflected in wages and employee costs.

David Bickford, resident, presented information for review by the Committee. He suggested there are other ways to do things and stated the Town of Salisbury has been using the State of Police services; he stated the police needs are met but contracting with the State Police and surrounding towns is strongly supported by Salisbury residents and astronomical costs of having a police department are reduced. Mr. Bickford noted there are 13 other towns in New Hampshire that also rely solely on the State Police. He noted RSA 106-B:15 allows for towns to do so.

Mr. DeCoff stated it is his opinion they should keep a police presence in their Town. Mr. Rosiello stated when they consider the characteristics of the Town, including a population which doubles in the summer, it could be beneficial for the Board of Selectmen to look at the pros and cons but it is not the role of the Budget Committee. Chair Jarvis noted the option was researched in 2014 when she was on the Board of Selectmen; at that time the State Police staffing was explained to her and there may be only three officers on duty during certain hours, for the entire district from the seacoast to the southern border. Depending on where the officer on call is located, it could take two hours for them to respond to a call in New Durham. Chair Jarvis stated she also believes the geography of the Town would pose a challenge.

Vice Chair Sullivan stated he doesn't disagree with the topic of discussion but it is too late at this point in the process. Mr. Bickford suggested if the Committee zeros out this line, the State Police automatically takes over. It was confirmed that the Budget Committee is not prepared to decrease the account at this time.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4220, Fire Department; the Budget Committee approved \$259,394. Chair Jarvis stated the increase is due to wages and an across the board \$5 per hour wage increase for Fire Department employees. She also noted the changes in Monday through Friday daytime coverage is reflected as well. Fire Chief Varney stated they will have ARPA funds available for staffing costs this year. He stated calls were down this year, both fire and EMT.

Mr. DeCoff stated he would be abstaining from voting on this account.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee approve account 4220, Fire Department, for FY 2022 in the amount of \$259,394. Mr. Fanjoy seconded the motion. Roll

Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- abstain; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 6-0-1.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4240, Building Inspector; the Budget Committee approved \$63,838.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4290, Emergency Management; the Budget Committee approved \$8,699. Chair Jarvis stated the increase is due to the workload associated with the current pandemic; provisions have been made to hire a deputy.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4291, Forestry; the Budget Committee approved \$12,832. Chair Jarvis stated increases are seen in personnel costs.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4312, Highway Department; the Budget Committee approved \$959,041. Chair Jarvis stated increases are in personnel; she explained the gravel costs, which have historically been funded in a capital reserve fund, are also included in this operational budget.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4324, Solid Waste; the Budget Committee approved \$380,198. Chair Jarvis stated there have been increases in disposal fees as well as increases in volume of materials being hauled away.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4411, Health Officer; the Budget Committee approved \$2,391. There is no change from the FY 2021 budget.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4415, Other Agencies; the Budget Committee approved \$7,500. Chair Jarvis noted the amount approved differs from that approved by the Board of Selectmen as the budget committee added \$500 for HAVEN as well as previously funded agencies. She stated there is no tax impact from this account as there is a warrant article for funding from the J.C. Shirley Timber Trust Fund.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4441, Welfare; the Budget Committee approved \$16,772. Chair Jarvis stated the 1% increase is directly related to wages.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4520, Recreation; the Budget Committee approved \$69,377. Chair Jarvis stated there were increases in wages as well as maintenance of the ball field.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4550, Library; the Budget Committee approved \$136,542. Chair Jarvis stated the increases are in health insurance and benefits.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4583, Town Historian; the Budget Committee approved \$351. Chair Jarvis stated this is a cyclical budget so it is lower this year as flag purchases aren't needed.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4589, Culture and Recreation; the Budget Committee approved \$7,165. Chair Jarvis stated the Meetinghouse increased their request for their event line; the Boodey Farmstead increased their request for the postage line.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4612, Conservation; the Budget Committee approved \$1,477. Chair Jarvis stated there is no increase in this budget.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for account 4711, 4721 and 4723, Bonds; the Budget Committee approved \$62,110. Chair Jarvis stated a Tax Anticipation Note was needed this year because the tax rate was delayed due to information being unavailable from Copple Crown Village District. Mr. Swenson stated the Town Administrator and Town Clerk are working to put measures in place to ensure the need for a TAN is not necessary for next year. He explained the TAN has already been paid back in January, so it was strictly a cash flow issue due to the inability to set the final tax rate. Mr. Swenson stated the amount needs to be approved in the budget because the funds were expended in January 2022.

Chair Jarvis made a motion to fund Interest on TAN, account 4723, in the amount of \$4,718.80. Motion failed for lack of second.

Mr. Swenson made a motion to have accounts 4711, 4721 and 4723 in the amount of \$66,827 by increasing the account 4723, TAN, by \$4,17.80. Vice Chair Sullivan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-opposed; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 6-1-0.

Mr. Swenson noted the adjusted total operating budget is \$3,552,148. Mr. Rosiello and Chair Jarvis noted their calculations come to \$3,552,150. The committee discussed the calculation discrepancies.

Chair Jarvis made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Operating Budget, as amended at this meeting, in the amount of \$3,552,150. Mr. Rosiello seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Swenson noted the difference in calculations is the \$1 in TAN and rounding amounts. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-opposed; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 6-1-0.

DRAFT TOWN WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the FY 2022 draft Town Warrant Articles.

***Article 3:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,552,150. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,430,776, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

Majority Vote Required

[Note: Operating Budget & Default Budget includes the Library Budget.]

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2022 Proposed Budget: \$ 5.891 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2022 Default Budget: \$ 5.361 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Discussion: The Committee discussed the calculations. Mr. Swenson noted the default number should be amended as well based on information received last week. Town Administrator Zoltko stated the amended default number with the TAN adjustments would be \$3,435,494.

Chair Jarvis made a motion to amend the default amount to \$3,435,494. Mr. DeCoff seconded the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-no; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Amendment passed, 6-1-0.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion as Amended: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-no; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 6-1-0.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purposes of a Road Program with \$111,095 to come from the Highway Block Grant Aid and \$288,905 to come from general taxation.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.480 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

*Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| Account | Established | 2022 |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Highway Equipment</i> | <i>March 15, 2006, Article #12</i> | <i>\$60,000</i> |
| <i>Highway Trucks</i> | <i>March 4, 1988, Article #9</i> | <i>\$75,000</i> |
| <i>Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance</i> | <i>March 10, 2010, Article #15</i> | <i>\$10,000</i> |
| <i>Solid Waste Equipment</i> | <i>March 10, 2010, Article #14</i> | <i>\$25,000</i> |
| <i>Road Reconstruction</i> | <i>March 10, 2010, Article #5</i> | <i>\$40,000</i> |

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| Total | | \$210,000 |
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Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.349 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Mr. DeCoff made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. Fanjoy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Article 6: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in previously established Public Safety related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| Account | Established | 2022 |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <i>Police Cruisers</i> | <i>March 15, 2000, Article # 7</i> | <i>\$30,000</i> |
| <i>FD Ancillary Equipment</i> | <i>March 10, 2015, Article # 15</i> | <i>\$5,000</i> |
| <i>Fire Vehicles</i> | <i>March 12, 2013 Article # 11 Amended March 12, 2017 Article # 7</i> | <i>\$30,000</i> |
| Total | | \$65,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.108 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Article 7: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in previously established Water Quality & Milfoil related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| Account | Established | 2022 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| <i>New Durham Water Quality & Milfoil Treatment</i> | <i>March 9, 2009, Article #7 Amended March 12, 2019, Article #11</i> | <i>\$15,000</i> |
| Total | | \$15,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.025 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- abstain; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

*Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Established</i> | <i>2022</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Smith Ballfield & Equipment</i> | <i>March 13, 2000, Article #9</i> | <i>\$5,000</i> |
| <i>Public Safety Facility</i> | <i>March 10, 2010, Article #17</i> | <i>\$35,000</i> |
| Total | | \$40,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.066 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Mr. DeCoff made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Ms. Swenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

*Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Established</i> | <i>2022</i> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>1772 Meetinghouse Restoration</i> | <i>March 15, 2000, Article #14</i> | <i>\$5,000</i> |
| Total | | \$5,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.008 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Mr. Fanjoy made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

*Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Established</i> | <i>2022</i> |
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|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Town Buildings & Improvements</i> | <i>March 15, 2000, Article #15</i> | <i>\$20,000</i> |
| Total | | \$20,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.033 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Mr. DeCoff made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. Fanjoy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Article 11: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Established</i> | <i>2022</i> |
|--|---|-----------------|
| <i>Computer Systems & Office Equipment</i> | <i>March 13, 1996, Article #11 Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26</i> | <i>\$20,000</i> |
| <i>Records Management</i> | <i>March 23, 1999, Article #23</i> | <i>\$5,000</i> |
| <i>Accrued Benefits Liability</i> | <i>March 13, 1996, Article #16</i> | <i>\$15,000</i> |
| Total | | \$40,000 |

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.066 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Jarvis made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Rosiello asked how accrued benefits liability falls into this. Chair Jarvis explained all expendable and capital reserve trusts have to be warrant articles. **Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.**

Article 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, CAP of Strafford County, Kingswood Youth Center, Haven, and Strafford Nutrition – Meals on Wheels, with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of \$7,500 from the JC Shirley Timber Trust (Trust Fund #28). Said trust established for the purpose to “benefit of the Town of New Durham for such lawful purposes as the Town may direct at its annual meeting.”*

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

Mr. Fanjoy made a motion that the Budget Committee recommend the article as presented. Mr. Rosiello seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Chair Jarvis stated the remaining warrant articles are petition articles and neither the Board of Selectmen nor the Budget Committee make recommendations on these articles.

Chair Jarvis closed the public hearing for the warrant articles at 9:17PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of October 27, 2021 – Postponed.

Meeting of November 17, 2021- Postponed.

NEXT MEETING

February 7, 2022, 7:00PM, Deliberative Session, at New Durham School

Copple Crown Village District

Chair Jarvis stated there have been meetings with the Copple Crown commission, working to get their budget submitted in a timely fashion. She stated a tentative date of February 16 was set. Town Administrator Zoltko stated she expects the budget and narratives to be submitted at the end of January and it should be ready for the 16th.

Additional discussion regarding changing the date to February 9, 2022.

Chair Jarvis made a motion to adjourn. Mr. DeCoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. DeCoff- aye; Mr. Rosiello-aye; Mr. Fanjoy-aye; Mr. Swenson-aye; Ms. Swenson-aye; Vice Chair Sullivan-aye; Chair Jarvis-aye. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary