

NEW DURHAM 2021 OPTIONAL HB1129 TOWN MEETING

First Informational Session

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021



TOWN of NEW DURHAM

2021 OPTIONAL HB1129 TOWN MEETING

Final Approved 2-22-21

In accordance with HB1129, pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2; Attendees log into Join Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT

Linda Callaway, Town Moderator – via Zoom
David Swenson, Chairman, Board of Selectman –via Zoom
Cecile Chase – Board of Selectman via Zoom
Dorothy Veisel – Board of Selectman via Zoom
Terry Jarvis, Chair, Budget Committee – via Zoom
Ellen Phillips, Budget Committee – via Zoom
Jeff Allard, Chair, Planning Board –via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator–via Zoom
Anina Soucy, Finance Manager – via Zoom
Lisa Gonthier, resident – via Zoom
Dave Curry, resident – via Zoom
Cathy Orlowicz, resident – via Zoom
Cathy Allyn, resident – via Zoom
Paul Raslavicus, resident – via Zoom
David Bickford, resident – via Zoom
Bob Bickford, resident – via Zoom
Janice Anthes, resident – via Zoom
Greg Anthes, resident – via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator Callaway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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Moderator Callaway stated that by vote of the Board of Selectmen the Town of New Durham will conduct its 2021 Annual Town Meeting using the Optional House Bill 1129 (HB1129) Town Meeting Procedures approved by the State Legislature in response to COVID19 concerns to be utilized for this year only. Under these statutory procedures the Board of Selectmen will hold two virtual informational sessions: one on Monday, February 1, 2021 starting at 7:00 p.m. and the second on Thursday, February 4, 2021 starting at 7:00 p.m. via the ZOOM platform.

Moderator Callaway stated in accordance with HB1129 pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2 attendees can join by logging into the ZOOM link as posted on the Town website or via telephone with both access information also provided to all registered New Durham voters via mailed letter.

First Informational Session: After the Selectmen explain the warrant articles at the first session the public will have opportunity before the second session to make comments or suggest amendments to the articles.

Second Informational Session: The Selectmen will again explain the articles and the comments and suggested amendments that have been received. Then any amendments to the articles will be made after that second session by vote of the Board of Selectmen only.

The Town Warrant, Budget and Ordinances are available at Town Hall or on the Website News and announcements <https://www.newdurhamnh.us/home/news/2021-optional-hb1129-town-meeting-draft-warrant-proposed-ordinances>

Voting will take place on **March 9, 2021** from **8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** using the Drive-Thru procedure authorized by the Legislature in HB1129. That Drive-Thru voting will take place at the New Durham DPW and Transfer Station, 56 Tash Rd, New Durham, NH. There will be two ballots used for Town voting. An “initial ballot” containing the election of officers and any zoning articles and an “alternative ballot” containing all other articles such as Town Operating Budget, all Capital Reserve Funds (CRF), all Expendable Trust Funds (ETF), and any other Warrant Articles developed by the Select Board for the Warrant, and any petition articles.

Moderator Callaway stated they will use the following rules of procedure to conduct the Deliberative Session:

- *The Moderator will read or designate a Board member to read and provide details of the article.*
- *The Moderator will then open the floor to questions from the public. No proposed changes will be accepted.*
- *When there are no more questions or comments on a particular article, the Moderator will declare the article closed and move on to the next article.*
- *Once an article is closed, the public may make additional comments as noted earlier after the meeting to skinmond@newdurham.nh.us and ndclerk@newdurham.nh.us or 603-859-2091 or*

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in written form dropped off at the Town Hall prior to the day of the Second Session on February 4, 2021.

- *All attendees must keep their audio microphone muted at all times until they are recognized by the Moderator or Zoom Host. Those who wish to speak should utilize the “raised hand” feature in the chat box. Once you are finished speaking, please remember to mute your audio.*
- *Voters and residents may speak at the Informational Sessions; exceptions are made for staff and administrative personnel who may be called on to answer questions.*
- *All speakers must clearly state their name, address and status as a voter or resident. He or she may then ask questions regarding the article being presented. If there are multiple speakers, a speaker will only be recognized again after all others have been recognized .*
- *Speakers are encouraged to limit their comments or questions to 3 minutes.*
- *The Town Administrator will also monitor the chat function and will read any comments posted to the article being discussed.*
- *The Moderator will identify speakers as closely as possible to the order identified in requesting recognition in the Zoom session.*
- *The session participant shall remain muted until recognized. Exception – anyone raising a Point of Order may interrupt the speaker.*
- *A Point of Order is to call to the Moderator’s attention, to some matter which is interfering with the conduct of the session.*
- *Decorum: the speaker should not refer to individuals by name but use “the previous speaker” or “Board member” to help keep the focus on the issue.*
- *Do not interrupt while another person is speaking.*
- *All questions are to be directed through the Moderator.*
- *If there are lengthy or involved questions, please be patient so they can be accurately memorialized for the record.*
- *If there are any questions concerning procedure, participants should call for a Point of Order.*
- *Further questions and comments are encouraged to be followed up with the Town Administrator.*

2021 TOWN WARRANT

Moderator Callaway presented the 2021 Town Warrant:

Initial Ballot

Moderator Callaway presented Article 1:

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

<i>Number of Positions</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Selectman</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
	<i>Bob Kroepel</i>	
	<i>Ron Uyeno</i>	

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	<i>Dorothy Veisel</i>	
1	Moderator	2 Years
	<i>Linda Callaway</i>	
2	Budget Committee	3 Years
	<i>Marc Decoff</i>	
	<i>Kenneth Fanjoy</i>	
1	John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
	<i>Doug Gilman</i>	
2	Library Trustees	3 Years
	<i>Write in:</i>	
	<i>Write in:</i>	
1	Planning Board	3 Years
	<i>Jeff Allard</i>	
1	Planning Board	2 Years
	<i>Write in:</i>	
1	Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Years
	<i>Write in:</i>	
1	Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Years
	<i>Write in:</i>	
1	Town Clerk	3 Years
	<i>Donna Young</i>	

Jeff Allard, Chair of Planning Board, presented Article 2:

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the New Durham Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as follows: Amend Article II(C)(4)(a) to provide that zoning board members shall be elected rather than appointed. If this article passes, the appointed members will continue to serve out their terms and as those terms expire, new members will be elected at the next annual meeting
(Majority vote required)*

Yes _____ No _____

The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Allard stated this was voted on by Town Meeting many years ago and this is follow-up to that action to align language in the current ordinance with prior voters' action.

Discussion

None.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 2.

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Alternative Ballot:

Moderator Callaway presented Article 1:

Are you in favor of using the Optional Procedures authorized by the State Legislature for this year's Town Meeting only?

Yes_____

No_____

Majority Vote Required

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

Moderator Callaway stated if voters vote “no” for Article 1, they should still vote on all remaining articles on the ballot. If a majority of voters approve Article 1, the remaining articles votes will be tallied. If a majority vote “no” for Article 1, all following articles fail and the prior year’s budget will be adopted for the coming year unless the Board of Selectmen hold a dully posted, in-person Deliberative Session and subsequent ballot voting prior to September 1, 2021.

Discussion

Terry Jarvis, Chair of Budget Committee, asked if Article 1 has a majority of “no” and last year’s budget is used does that include operational, all ETF and CRF budgets or would only the 2020 operational budget prevail.

Chair Swenson stated the special warrant articles are not carried over from 2020; it is only the operational budget which would be used for 2021.

Ms. Jarvis confirmed that the funds approved for road reconstruction projects in 2020, which were not completed, would then not be completed in 2021 if Article 1 is defeated. Chair Swenson confirmed that is not necessarily correct as 2021 road projects even though some may have been delayed may still be dependent for 2021 voter funding approvals.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 1.

Chair Swenson presented Article 2:

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 vote of the Board of Selectmen, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,225,334. Should this article be defeated, under the terms of this alternative procedure the Board of Selectmen will have the choice of either holding another meeting before September 1, 2021 to adopt a new operating budget, or of using the amount of last year’s operating budget \$3,210,062 as this year’s operating budget.

Majority Vote Required

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

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Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2021 Proposed Budget: \$ 3.95 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____

No_____

Discussion

Chair Swenson noted the difference between the proposed 2021 budget is \$15,000 higher than the 2020 voter approved budget (or 0.48%). A detailed list of the changes between the accounts were presented during the FY21 budget development by both the Select Board and the Budget Committee and will be available in the *Voter Guide* available after this first session.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 2.

Chair Swenson presented Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$745,627 for the purposes of a Road Program with \$111,000 to come from Highway Block Grant Aid, \$140,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and the remaining \$494,627 to come from general taxation.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.83 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____

No_____

Discussion

Chair Swenson stated the primary contribution to this amount is for work on Birch Hill Road; he stated this is one of the largest road warrant articles in many years for New Durham.

David Bickford, resident, 153 Brackett Road, stated the intersection of Birch Hill Road and Brackett Road is dangerous and asked if something could be done when the road work is being done. Chair Swenson explained where the work was proposed to be completed and any additional work would need to be reviewed by DPW and the Select Board.

Lisa Gonthier, resident, 196 Birch Hill Road, asked where the specifics of the road projects could be reviewed. Town Administrator Kinmond stated the renewed RSMS program has been worked on since 2017 with new report to be issued after the 2020 reevaluation and will be coming soon. A memo from the Road Agent will be posted on the Town website when more information is available.

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Bill Meyer, resident, 51 Main Street, asked if any compensation was received for the damages done by the logging operations on Birch Hill Road. Town Administrator Kinmond stated no litigation was brought against the logging company regarding the damages; he explained it's hard to have good evidence, usually requiring a seismograph and video graphic documentations, and these were not done or brought forward. He stated the yield tax received could be considered an offset to the costs for the repairs.

David Curry, resident, 16 Goselyn Way, he asked what the unreserved fund balance would be after this article. Chair Swenson stated there are guidelines for maintaining the unreserved fund balance which is 8% of the operating budget and the Select Board has worked to ensure that was maintained even after that unassigned fund balance proposed for this RSMS work.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 3.

Chair Swenson presented Article 4:

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

<i>Account</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>Highway Equipment</i>	<i>March 15, 2006, Article #12</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Highway Trucks</i>	<i>March 4, 1988, Article #9</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance</i>	<i>March 10, 2010, Article #15</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Solid Waste Equipment</i>	<i>March 10, 2010, Article #14</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>
<i>Road Reconstruction</i>	<i>March 10, 2010, Article #5</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
<i>Gravel</i>	<i>March 13, 2012, Article #5 amended March 10, 2020 Article #12</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$142,000</i>

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.24 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

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The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes _____

No _____

Discussion

David Bickford, resident, 153 Brackett Road, stated he is concerned about the grouping of all the CRFs in one warrant article; he stated a couple years ago the Town voted to have them separated but it's still not happening.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 4.

Selectman Chase presented Article 5:

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

<i>Account</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>Police Cruisers</i>	<i>March 15, 2000, Article #7</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>FD Ancillary Equipment</i>	<i>March 10, 2015, Article #15</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Fire Vehicles</i>	<i>March 12, 2003, Article #11, amended March 14, 2017 Article #7</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$40,000</i>

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.07 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes _____

No _____

Discussion

None.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 5.

Selectman Chase presented Article 6:

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*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in previously established Water Quality & Milfoil related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

Account	Established	2021
<i>New Durham Water Quality & Milfoil Treatment</i>	<i>March 9, 2009, Article #7 Amended March 12, 2019, Article #11</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
Total		\$20,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.03 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5 to 0** vote.*

Yes_____

No_____

Discussion

Dave Curry, 16 Goselyn Way, asked if this is treatment for the Merrymeeting River and asked if there any relief yet from the State of New Hampshire in regards to the fishery. Selectman Chase stated the State has been working with the Town and other interested parties in regards to the condition of the river. However, at this time no funds have been received; plans are being developed to mitigate pollution in to the river. Chair Swenson stated the Town did receive a grant of about \$93,000, some of which has to be matched by the Town, for mitigation of cyanobacteria causing pollution. It's not specifically to the hatchery area but will be used on various sites identified in the Merrymeeting Watershed Study recently completed. This grant will be used by the Town to address multiple sites identified as contributing to the issue other than that of the Hatchery itself.

Bill Meyer, 51 Main Street, stated this specific treatment is for milfoil for which the Town gets a matching grant from the State of New Hampshire. It was clarified there is a separate grant for the milfoil treatments.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 6.

Selectman Chase presented Article 7:

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:*

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<i>Account</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>Smith Ballfield & Equipment</i>	<i>March 13, 2000, Article #9</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Public Safety Facility</i>	<i>March 10, 2010, Article #17</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Municipal Facility Land Acquisition</i>	<i>March 13, 2007, Article #8</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$17,500</i>

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.03 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____ **No**_____

Discussion

None.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 7.

Selectman Veisel presented Article 8:

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

<i>Account</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>Town Buildings & Improvements</i>	<i>March 15, 2000, Article #15</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$5,000</i>

Majority Vote Required

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Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.01 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____

No_____

Discussion

Selectman Veisel stated there are many projects which need attention in regards to the Town buildings and facilities and many of these maintenance issues will go unaddressed again due to funding.

Stephanie King, resident, 64 Drew Road, asked what the current fund balance is. Town Administrator Kinmond stated as of the close of 2020, \$77,637.89.

Dave Curry, resident, 16 Goselyn Way, asked who the agents to expend are and whether there are any proposals to do the work as mentioned by Selectman Veisel. Chair Swenson stated the agents to expend are the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, he noted that Selectman Veisel's list were examples for which this CRF can be used. Some of those on Veisel's list were done over the past couple of years with others still needed to be done.

David Bickford, resident, 153 Bracket Road, noted the Fire Department and Police Department have their own funds for this also for their respective buildings.

Ms. King asked how much is historically appropriated to this fund. Selectman Veisel stated the CIP recommendation was \$15,000. Town Administrator Kinmond stated it was \$20,000 in 2020.

Terry Jarvis, resident, Main Street, stated the Budget Committee reviewed the various projects which need to eventually be addressed which include painting Town Hall, new windows are needed at Town Hall, parking lot needs work, etc.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 8.

Selectman Veisel presented Article 9:

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 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>2021</i>
<i>Computer Systems & Office Equipment</i>	<i>March 13, 1996, Article #11 Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>

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<i>Records Management</i>	<i>March 23, 1999, Article #23</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$25,000</i>

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.04 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____ ***No***_____

Discussion

Selectman Veisel stated an ambitious project was started last year with improving and upgrading the records management and assessing infrastructure at Town Hall. This includes significant upgrades in software for assessing, financing, land use, Town Clerk as well as equipment.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 9.

Selectman Veisel presented Article 10:

*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>2021</i>
<i>1772 Meetinghouse Restoration</i>	<i>March 15, 2000, Article #14</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$5,000</i>

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.01 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes_____ ***No***_____

Discussion

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Selectman Veisel stated this is a small amount to put towards restoring and maintaining a piece of Town history.

Jeff Allard, resident, asked what the current fund balance is and asked if there is a long term plan for funding this project. Chair Swenson stated the balance is about \$55,000; over the last year both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have asked the Meetinghouse Committee to look at other non-tax funding sources. He stated the committee has been working on putting together a plan for moving forward.

Cathy Allyn, 18 Wentworth Road, Chair of the 1772 Meetinghouse Committee, stated a lot of progress has been made with the project over the years; they are currently in the process of getting an L-CHIP grant and are working with the NH Preservation Alliance for a \$9,000 building conditions assessment report. This would be needed for the L-CHIP grant and requires \$4,500 matching funds from the Town.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 10.

Chair Swenson presented Article 11:

Article 11: *To raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000, to be placed in the Meetinghouse Restoration Capital Reserve Account, previously established on March 15, 2000, Article #14, said amount of \$13,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance.*

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Yes _____

No _____

Discussion

Chair Swenson explained L-CHIP grants were received for projects over the past few years for the 1772 Meetinghouse; however, when the grant funds were received they went into the Town's General Fund as revenue but the Meetinghouse CRF was not reimbursed at that time. This error was reviewed by the Select Board and verified by auditors, the corrections were made to the accounts. Voters must now decide to proceed to complete the legal action by Warrant Article. Further details will be in the *Voter Guide*.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 11.

Chair Swenson presented Article 12:

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Article 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, CAP of Strafford County, Kingswood Youth Center, CASA, Strafford Nutrition Meals on Wheels, and Easter Seals Homemakers & Health Services, with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of \$7,000 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.”*

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Estimated 2021 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.”

Yes_____ ***No***_____

Discussion

None.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 12.

Chair Swenson presented Article 13:

Article 13: *Are you in favor of repealing the town’s existing noise ordinance and replacing it with a new ordinance which defines and prohibits noise disturbances under certain circumstances, and which imposes penalties for creating such prohibited noise disturbances of up to \$500?*

[Note: A copy of this Proposed Ordinance is available for review at the Town Clerk’s Office and Town Website]

Majority vote required

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

Yes_____ ***No***_____

Discussion

Terry Jarvis, resident, suggested an exception may be needed for certain industries; she explained farmers often begin haying earlier than the time defined in the ordinance. She suggested making exception for farming.

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Lisa Gonthier, resident, 196 Birch Hill Road, asked how this impacts the Farmington Fish and Game Club. Chair Swenson stated they would be required to adhere to the ordinance barring other RSA's that may take precedence.

It was clarified there are more changes than just the fine amount; Chair Swenson stated the details are on the Town website regarding the noise ordinance.

Bob Bickford, resident, 62 Main Street, explained instances where farming activities would be negatively impacted by this ordinance and stated he submitted a proposed amendment referencing farming definitions.

David Bickford, resident, 153 Brackett Hill Road, stated the last time a noise ordinance was presented it was written up more specifically.

Greg Anthes, resident, asked who determines how someone would be disrupting. Chair Swenson referenced the definitions contained in the ordinance but if a complaint is made, it will be the determination of the enforcing agency as to whether the noise is disrupting. Town Administrator Kinmond stated there is a process for type of instance where anyone cited under the civil forfeiture has a right to appeal to the district court.

Moderator Callaway closed the discussion for Article 13.

Chair Swenson presented Article 14:

Article 14: To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Moderator Callaway closed the First Informational Session at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary