

Town of Bristol
Town Meeting
2007

Bristol, NH
Grafton, SS

Supervisors: Cheryl Martin, Danica Spain, Donna Evans
Ballot Clerks: Marcia Payne, Barbara Greenwood, Nancy Gavalis, Jan Lafarriere
Police: Timothy Woodard
Moderator: Edward "Ned" Gordon
Town Clerk: Raymah Simpson

March 14, 2007

The ballot box was checked and found to be empty. Polls declared open at 8:00 am.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results are as follows: Total votes cast 489. Two Selectmen for 3 years, Richard "Rick" Alpers 339; Paul Fraser 359; Richard Walenda 151. Four Budget Committee Members for 3 years, Dorcas Gordon 396; Ronald Preble 348; Jon Thouin 310; (write-ins with highest amount of votes) Andrew Hemmingway 7; John Morrison 3; One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years Ronald Preble 406; One Supervisor of the Checklist for 1 year Cheryl Sue Martin 426; One Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years (write-in with highest amount of votes) Neal Martin 426; Three Library Trustees for 3 years, Glenn D. Dorr 347, Barbara Greenwood 427; Roger Nicholls Jr. 335.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 1, if adopted, will modify the restriction on private subsurface sewage systems within 150 feet of a wetland so that this restriction applies only to leaching portions of the system. It will also apply the same standards used to issue a Special Use Permit within a wetland to the setback areas around a wetland.

Yes – 305

No – 143

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 2, if adopted, will give the Code Enforcement Officer authority to enforce the regulations in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District in place of the selectmen. This will make the enforcement authority consistent throughout the Zoning Ordinance.

Yes – 346

No – 110

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the

planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 3, if adopted, will revise the definitions of “Setback” and “Setback Line” to make clear that these definitions are not limited to front setbacks and that they apply to any structure, not just the principal structure.

Yes – 310

No – 137

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 4, if adopted, will clarify the existing regulation prohibiting more than one main residential building on a lot, by prohibiting more than one primary structure on a lot, except for lots which are entirely devoted to non-residential uses. The Downtown Commercial and Village Commercial Districts are exempt from this regulation.

Yes – 289

No – 159

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 5, if adopted, will modify the definition of “Abutter” to require that state standards apply in cases where properties are condominiums or are under other collective forms of ownership or are under a manufactured housing park form of ownership.

Yes – 351

No – 89

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 6, if adopted, will replace the current definition of “Recreational Camping Park” with definitions of “Recreational Camping Park; Short-Term” and “Recreational Camping Park; Long-Term”, based on the length of occupancy. The permitted districts for either type of park are unchanged. The amendment will require septic connections for long-term sites in any recreational camping park and exempts long-term parks from the current dumping station requirement. It will also require trash collection facilities in all recreational camping parks. The term “Recreational Park Trailer” is defined.

Yes – 348

No – 93

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 7, if adopted, will replace the definitions of “ Dwelling Unit” and “Residential Dwelling Unit” with a single definition of “Dwelling Unit” to eliminate redundancy in the Ordinance.

Yes – 368

No – 80

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 8, if adopted, will amend the Town of Bristol Floodplain Zoning Ordinance as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Yes – 371

No – 82

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 9, if adopted, will allow municipal off-street parking to be counted in meeting the off-street parking requirements for residential development with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the town meeting.

Yes – 289

No – 147

Article 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 10, if adopted, will revise the boundary of the Pemigewasset Overlay District to be the center line of Merrimack Street rather than the existing 500 foot distance from the river's ordinary high water line.

Yes – 278

No – 127

Article 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 11, if adopted, will replace the specific (and outdated) criteria for granting a zoning variance with a reference to state law and the most recent decisions of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Yes – 326

No – 83

Article 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amendment No. 12, if adopted, will allow for the use of interim signs in the Historic District pending Historic District Commission approval of permanent signage and for sixty (60) days after approval.

Yes – 313

No – 100

Polls close at 7:00 pm

and further action on the following articles at the Newfound Area High school Gymnasium in said Bristol at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

Moderator Ned Gordon declared the meeting open at 7:03 PM. He asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance. **Rev. Hundstrom of the Bristol Baptist Church** offered

a prayer. Moderator Gordon began the Pledge of Allegiance with the citizens joining in. Chairman Richard Alpers introduced the Selectboard, the Department Heads, Attorney Bernie Waugh and Town Manager Elizabeth Corrow. Archie Auger, Chairman of the Budget Committee introduced himself and asked each budget committee member to introduce themselves. Chairman Alpers thanked the Commissioners for their dedication to the Town and Barry Wingate for over 33 years of service.

The moderator explained the rules of the meeting. All motions and amendments to motions need to be in writing. The moderator will be voting with everyone else.

The moderator stated Articles 14, 15, and 16 need a ballot vote. Each article will be discussed separately and then the three articles would be voted on at once. Moved by John Bianchi and seconded by Susan Duncan

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$2,250,000)(gross budget) to construct Central Street Bridge, and to authorize the issuance of not more than the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$450,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with the balance of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) coming from the State Aid Bridge grant, as part of the 80/20 grant program. The first semiannual bond payment is included in the operating budget (article 27). [This amount represents 1/2 of the total cost to construct the Central Street Bridge, the other half to be paid by the Town of New Hampton.] (2/3 Ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Selectboard Chairman Rick Alpers moved this article and was seconded by Mr. Hill. Mr. Wade Brown from SEA made a presentation. Mr. Brown stated New Hampton approved their portion of the funds for this project last night. The State has also approved the funding. The plan is to replace the current bridge. This bridge was built in 1928 and is listed as structurally deficient. The proposed bridge will be a single span bridge that is 28 feet wide and will include a 6 foot sidewalk. The road will need to be built up 11 feet and construction is scheduled to begin this July. The Department of Transportation will be funding 80% of the project. The bridge will be closed for 14-18 months during construction. A citizen questioned why the Corp Engineers are not repairing the bridge and was told that New Hampton and Bristol own the actual bridge. The state has said it needs to be repaired or torn down. It was also confirmed that there was not a traffic study done. Mr. Jack Powell questioned if there was going to be a bond on this and it was stated there would be a contingency for this project should the project go over budget. Mr. Michael Bannon questioned whether this article was also in the operating budget and it was confirmed that it was not. Mr. Brown stated 70 years is generally the life span of a bridge. Selectman Steve Favorite stated the use of snowmobiles would be allowed on the bridge and the 6 foot sidewalk would accommodate them. There was concern on whether the bridge could be raised another 15 feet to get it above Franklin Falls Dam to ensure

there would not be any damage due to flooding. Mr. Christopher moved to pass the question and was seconded by Bruce Wheeler.

This article will be voted on at the end of the discussion on Article 15 and 16.

Article 14 - Votes Cast – 165 Yes – 147 No – 18

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate Four Hundred and Seven Thousand dollars (\$407,000) (gross budget) for Waste Water Treatment Facility Plant upgrades, and to authorize the issuance of not more than the amount of One Hundred and Four Thousand dollars (\$104,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with the balance of Three Hundred and Three Thousand dollars (\$303,000) coming from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grant funding. First annual payment to occur in 2008. (2/3 Ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget committee)

Selectman Joe Denning moved this article and was seconded by Burt Williams. Mr. Denning explained the request is for \$104,000.00 of the \$407,000.00 that is needed for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Plant upgrade. The remaining \$303,000.00 is coming from the state. Mr. Jack Powell feels he should not have to pay for this with his tax dollars if he is not going to benefit from it. Ms. Donna Hardy motioned to close the debate and was seconded by Rick Alpers.

CDM did a 10 minute presentation on what has been done to the plant over the last 5 years and what the goals is for the next 2 years. Mr. Mike Walsh explained with this last phase of the upgrade to the plant, it will have the capacity for sewer to the lake. They do hope to get 35%-65% of the funding but funding is not available every year.

This article will be voted on at the end of the discussion on Article 16.

Article 16 - Votes Cast – 165 Yes – 152 No – 13

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate Six Hundred and Sixty Eight Thousand dollars (\$668,000) for the police building project property acquisition, renovations, engineering and architect fees, and/or construction costs, and to authorize the issuance of not more than the amount of Six Hundred and Sixty Eight dollars (\$668,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 Ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget committee)

Mr. Steve Favorite moved Article 16 and was seconded by Charlene Fraser. Mr. Favorite introduced the members of the police committee as Monique Abear, Don Milbrand, Dennis Meirs, and Steve Favorite. He stated Lake Street Auto site for \$500,000.00 is the

place the committee had recommended to the Board of Selectman and the Board agreed and would like to go with there recommendation. This site would allow up to a 10,000 square foot building, a sally port and 40 parking spaces. Mr. Richard Walenda felt the committee wanted to keep the project a secret and thinks 75 square feet per patrolman is enough space. Mr. Christopher Dolloff explained behind the Town Office Building was not the best site even though the town already owned the property. He explained Lake Street Auto was the best site and the goal is to purchase this property this year and come to town meeting next year to ask for the construction costs. Town Manager Corrow gave an overview of the preliminary process and explained the reason they did not have a specific site stated in the warrant article. She stated they have size of the building has briefly been discussed but this is not what they are asking for. They are solely asking for the site. She further explained the owners of Lake Street Auto came to her after the Dead River property was to expensive; however, this was after the warrant article had been complete. She stated the site was between Lake Street Auto and the Cemetery Site and explained the reasoning behind the final selection of Lake Street Auto. Mr. Auger wanted the voters to know that the budget committee did not recommend this property as it came after the budget was finished. Mr. Chandler Brown questioned how the Cemetery Association had the power to sell the property. Mr. Boake Morrison suggested the Town should buy the Lake Street Auto site; however, Ms. Darla Jaquith feels the town should buy the parcel with 29 acres. She feels the larger parcel is better and there are many concerns with the Lake Street Auto site. Lieutenant Mike Lewis asked permission to speak on behalf of the Police Department and was allowed. He explained the many benefits of the Lake Street Auto site. Many residents questioned whether the Selectmen would purchase this site even though it is not specified. Mr. Alpers stated the Selectmens intention is to purchase the Lake Street Auto site and the voters need to make the decision on whether they would like to fund it. He stated he strongly feels this deal will not fall through. Ms. Corrow stated the article could not be amended tonight to actually state the site. Mr. Denning confirmed the Board would not be looking into another site. There was a motion to close the debate.

Article 14, 15 and 16 are all ballot votes and were voted on before moving on to article 17. The polls will stay open one hour until 9:15pm.

Article 16 - Votes Cast – 165 Yes – 80 No - 85

Article 17. To see if the town will rescind Thirteen Million Four Hundred and One Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$13,401,900) in bonding authority granted to the selectmen for the design and construction of the waste water system improvements by warrant article #3 of the 2002 annual meeting. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Denning moved this article and was seconded by Mr. Burt Williams. Town Manager Elizabeth Corrow read article #3 from the 2002 Town Meeting. She stated the bond needed to be rescinded because it was holding up our bonding ability. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 18. (By Petition) To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Bristol.

These actions include:

1. The establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Bristol encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Mr. Maxwell Stamp moved this article and was seconded by Mike McKinney. Mr. Stamp explained the petition that was signed by citizens of Bristol. Mr. Ian Schaffer made a motion to move this question and was seconded by John Morrison. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 19. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Bristol, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

- For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000;
- For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000;
- For a person 80 years of age or older \$45,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,000; and own combined net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Mr. Rick Alpers explained the article and made a motion to move this article. The article was seconded by Mr. Favorite. Mr. Burt Williams made a motion to move this question and was seconded by Mr. Mike Bannon. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 20. Shall we modify the disabled, deaf and blind exemptions from property tax in the Town of Bristol to be \$30,000, taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,000; and own combined net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Mr. Rick Alpers explained the article and made a motion to move this article. The article was seconded by Mr. Denning. Mr. John Bianchi made a motion to move this question and was seconded by Ms. Donna Hardy. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 21. To take a sense of the meeting as to whether the voters of the Town of Bristol urge the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to seek additional sources of revenue (besides taxation and fees on taxpayers) and cost savings by means not limited to the following: the sale of municipal real property deemed non-essential to the public interest; public private partnerships which yield income and are in the public interest; recycling; the leasing of town owned equipment, property and facilities; and other cooperative ventures with neighboring municipalities which result in mutual benefit and overall savings.

Mr. Bruce Van Derven made a motion to move this article and was seconded by Mr. Favorite. Mr. Charles Gempka made a motion to move the question and was seconded by Ms. Leslie Dion. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to restructure the Capital Improvement Program Committee as a Committee of five (5) members appointed by the Selectmen as provided under RSA 674:5.

Mr. Paul Fraser moved the article and was seconded by Mr. Dan Paradis. Mr. Fraser explained the current Capital Improvements Program Committee works under the Planning Board and this article would move it to work under the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hill questioned whether the Committee would report to the Selectmen, and it was confirmed. Ms. Dorcas Gordon read part of the RSA and felt it could not be overseen by the Selectmen. Attorney Bernie Waugh read the statute that explained that it could be under the Selectmen. Mr. Archie Auger felt it should continue to work under the Planning Board. Mr. Paradis explained it has been under the Planning Board and they are very busy with other issues which have not allowed anything to be done with the Planning Board overseeing the Committee. He hopes it would be more active under the Selectmen. Town Manager Corrow explained even if the Board of Selectmen oversee the Committee and appoint the members, they still work with the Planning Board.

Ms. Susan Duncan made an amendment to Article 22 as follows:

That the Capital Improvement Program shall be composed of the following seven members:

- The Chair of the Planning Board or designee from Planning Board members;
- The Chair of the Budget Committee or designee from Budget Committee members;
- The Chair of the Select Board or designee from the Select Board members;
- The Town Manager;
- One member of the public appointed by the Select Board members;
- One member of the public appointed by the Planning Board members;
- One member of the public appointed by the Budget Committee members.

The members above shall elect annually from the above appointees, one to serve as the Chairperson.

All meetings of the Capital Improvement Program Committee shall be posted at least 5 business days in advance in the Town Office Building, on the Town's webpage and on the public access television channel. Minutes of said CIP meetings shall be posted on the Town's webpage and made accessible to the public in accordance with RSA 91-A.

Attorney Waugh explained this amendment was not legal according to the statute.

The Moderator asked if anyone else would like to vote and then declared the polls closed.

The amended question passed by a show of hands.

Article 22 was voted as amended and carried as amended.

Article 23. Whether the Town will vote to discontinue the current budget process under RSA 32:14 (Municipal Budget Act), in favor of a budget advisory panel of five (5) elected members charged with assisting the Town Manager, Department heads, Capital Improvement Program and Selectmen with the creation of an annual operations budget and short/long term capital investment plan. (Ballot Vote required) Note: Under the statute the moderator must accept ballots on this question for a period of at least one hour.

Mr. Paul Fraser explained this new committee would allow 5 Board of Selectmen members, 1 Town Manager, 5 Capital Improvement Program members and 5 Budget Advisory members. This would be a smaller group of people and more people would be involved in the process. Mr. Walenda thinks the current process should stay in place and Mr. Jon Thouin agreed. Ms. Darla Jaquith feels there needs to be more diversity in the Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Program Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Debbie Thouin feels the Budget Committee is another Voice in the process. Mr. Van Derven explained it is a different committee with 5 people on each committee. Mr. Auger felt the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen work very well together on the budget process. Mr. Charles Gempka moved the question and was seconded by Mr. Williams. The debate was closed by voice vote.

Article 23 is a ballot vote and the polls will stay open one hour until 10:50 PM.

Article 23 - Votes Cast – 145 Yes – 45 No - 100

Article 24. Whether the Town will vote to establish the Budget Committee is comprised of five (5) elected members. This will result in a reduction of the current membership of (13) members to (5) members and if adopted will take effect beginning with the 2008 election and members will be elected for staggered three year terms. If Article 23 passes by majority vote this article is to be passed over.

Mr. Bruce Van Derven made a motion to put this article on the table and Mr. Paul Fraser seconded.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$198,400) for the preliminary design of the sewer to the lake project, with the entire amount coming from an EPA grant. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Mr. Steve Favorite made a motion to move this article and was seconded by Mr. Burt Williams. Mr. Williams explained most of the money was coming from a grant and the remaining \$198,400.00 would allow the preliminary design for sewer to the lake. Mr. Williams moved this question and Mr. Alpers seconded. This article passed by voice vote.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommend sum of \$188,000 to fund the following capital items; the selectmen recommend the sum of \$262,500:

	Budget committee	Selectmen
Floating Multipurpose recreational platform.....	\$0	\$30,000
Police Speed Board.....	\$0	\$5,000
Ballot Counting Machine.....	\$0	\$6,500
Highway One Ton Truck.....	\$85,000	\$85,000
Study Sewer to the lake-seek funding.....	\$15,000	\$15,000
Police Cruisers(2).....	\$28,000	\$56,000
Fire Department energy upgrade.....	\$25,000	\$30,000
Water & Sewer Truck.....	\$35,000	\$35,000

and to authorize the withdrawal of \$41,851 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose and to further withdraw \$11,670 (1/3 cost) from the Sewer capital reserve fund and \$23,330 (2/3 cost) from the Water capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing the water& sewer truck; the remaining sum to be raised by taxation.

Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI, these will be nonlapsing, nontransferable appropriations and will not lapse until the earlier of 2012 or when the respective project/purchase is complete.

Mr. Archie Auger moved this article and was seconded by Mr. John Bianchi.

Ms. Barbara Greenwood made a motion to amend the appropriation from \$188,000.00 to \$262,500.00 the Selectmen’s recommended sum for this article. (This is an increase of \$74,500.00, or .015% of the total budget proposed by the budget committee.) The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Chevalier. ----- stated this amendment would approve the Multipurpose Platform that boat slips could be rented as well as launching the Forth of July Fireworks display. The Police Speed Board would show people how fast they are

going in hopes to slow them down. The Ballot Counting Machine would allow fast and efficient counting for the elections. The second Police Crusier would enable more then one officer to help patrol the streets and the Fire Department Energy Upgrade would replace the boiler and some windows for better efficiency. Ms. Leslie Dion motioned to vote the amendment. Mr. Hill does not agree with the amendment. Mr. Skip Bowie does not want Multipurpose Platform. Mr. Williams questioned what the platform is for. Mr. Dave Carr stated the platform is really just a dock, 6 feet wide by 84 feet long from the shore into the lake. It would hold 12 boat slips for the year, but Mr. Carr questioned who would be eligible for these slips and would they be given out using the lottery system. It would also be for the fireworks display. Mr. Carr feels a dock to make money is not for a small town. He stated there is no parking along the road and this would use up half of the current town beach parking spaces. He also questioned what would happen if the Fire Department boat is docked at the platform and there is an emergency on one of the rivers. Fire Chief Skantze stated the State Police, Atlas Fireworks, himself and the Chief of Police agree that Cummings beach can not be used and has not confirmed the floating dock would work. Ms. Dorcas Gordon feels the dock is not something Bristol needs and it is not on the Master Plan. She stated a survey went out that confirmed citizens did not want boat docks on town property and feels the money should be put into improvements to Downtown. Chief Barry Wingate stated they are on track with the replacement plan every year for a cruiser; however, there are 9 Police Officers now and need an additional cruiser. Mr. Bruce Wheeler does not think the dock is needed, and Mr. Walenda agrees. Mr. Walenda also feels the Police Department does not need 2 new cruisers. Mr. Powden suggested the Police Department rent the speed board and the Town Clerk / Tax Collector should rent the ballot counting machine for one year as a trial. Mr. Jon Thouin does not think the Town needs the platform and suggested the amendment be voted down. Mr. Walter Waring suggested the amendment be voted down and vote on each item individually. Ms. Cathi Patari stated the items should be brought up and voted on separately. Mr. John Morrison Jr. feels what we need to go with the budget committee's recommendation. Ms. Elanor Morrison moved to vote on the amendment and was seconded by Mr. Boake Morrison.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment was defeated.

Chief Barry Wingate made a motion the amend Article 26 to add \$28,000.00 in the budget for the purpose of buying a second Police Cruiser in 2007 and was seconded by Chairman Rick Alpers. There was question on where the old cruisers go. It was stated they go to the White Farm.

The polls closed for Article 23.

Lieutenant Mike Lewis explained the car with 106,000 miles would go to the Town Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer so they could retire the car they are currently using that has 140,000miles.

A hand vote was taken with 60 citizens for the amendment and 55 opposed. The amendment passed.

A voice vote was taken on Article 26 with the amendment included. The article passed.

The moderator questioned whether the citizens would like to continue or adjourn the meeting and finish the remaining articles tomorrow night.

There was a motion made to adjourn to tomorrow night in the auditorium.

Mr. Powden made a motion not to allow any of the articles be amended tomorrow that were voted on at this meeting and was seconded by Ms. Duncan. A voice vote passed this motion.

A voice vote was taken to adjourn the meeting and was defeated.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$4,547,533 for general municipal operations; the selectmen recommend the sum of \$4,566,928. This article includes the first of a semiannual payment for the Central Street bridge project in article #14. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Ms. Darla Jaquith made a motion to move Article 27 and was seconded by Mr. Walter Waring. The difference between the Board of Selectmen's recommendation and the Budget Committees recommendation is \$17,000.00.

The article passed with a voice vote.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Mr. Joe Denning made a motion to move this article and was seconded by Mr. Steve Favorite. Mr. Denning explained the money would be saved to put towards new equipment in the future so the impact of purchasing new equipment can be minimized.

The article passed by voice vote.

Mr. Christopher Dolloff made a motion to take Article 24 of the table.

The motion was defeated by voice vote.

Article 29. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Chief Norman Skantze thanked the Fire Commissioners for their dedication to the Town.

Ms Duncan questioned whether they should meet at Town Hall next year or at the High School. A hand vote was taken with an equal number of votes for each location.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44.

Sincerely,

Raymah W. Simpson
Town Clerk

All new officers have been duly sworn in.