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**DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015  
TOWN OFFICES – 7:15 P.M.**

The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held the Public Hearing for presentation of the proposed 2015 Budget by the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen at the above time, date and place with Ted Vallieres, Chairman, presiding.

The following were present:

**Ted Vallieres, Chairman  
Brian Pike, Selectman  
Tom Groleau, Selectman  
Line Comeau, Town Administrator  
Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary**

**Members of Boards/Committees and Town Officials:**

**Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager  
Linda Landry, Town Clerk  
Dan Sklut, Police Chief  
Christopher Remillard, Police Sergeant  
Margaret Watkins, Town Hall Theatre Restoration  
Jeff Trexler, Town Hall Theatre Restoration  
Travis James, Town Hall Theatre Restoration  
John Stevens, Chairman, Energy Committee  
Judy VanKalken, Tax Collector  
Fred Mullen, Moderator**

**Members of the Public:**

**Darlene Leone  
Fran Hill  
Carl Metzger  
Ron Slocum  
Robert Martel  
Leo Martel  
Pam Sklut**

Ted Vallieres, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a full Board present along with Line Comeau, Town Administrator, and Recording Secretary Alison Vallieres.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous - Budget Workshop Meeting - Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

**MOTION:**

*Tom Groleau made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 Board of Selectmen's regular meeting as written. Brian Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Non-Public Meeting (1) - Thursday, January 29, 2015**

**MOTION:**

*Tom Groleau made a motion to approve the minutes (1) of the Thursday, January 29, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Non-Public meeting as written. Brian Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Non-Public Meeting (2) - Thursday, January 29, 2015**

**MOTION:**

*Tom Groleau made a motion to approve the minutes (2) of the Thursday, January 29, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Non-Public meeting as written. Brian Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Regular Selectmen's Meeting of Thursday, January 29, 2015**

*Tom Groleau made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 29, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Regular meeting as written. Brian Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

At this point in the meeting, Ted Vallieres, Chairman, stated that for health reasons, he was stepping down as Chairman for the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget this evening and turned the Chairmanship over to Brian Pike, Selectman, for presentation of the proposed 2015 budget.

At this point in the meeting, Brian Pike, Acting Chairman, opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 Budget.

Handouts were passed out to the public which included a detailed 2015 proposed budget along with a draft copy of all proposed Warrant Articles.

Brian Pike explained the proposed 2015 budget as follows:

1. Explained that in the beginning of the budget process, the Board of Selectmen agreed to present a "level services" budget. This would mean that Departments would continue with the same level of services they had provided in the previous year. Any contracts already in place would be included as a "level service" budget item.
2. In addition, the Board of Selectmen agreed to give Town employees a 1.5% CPI raise. This is reflected in the personnel lines as an increase . The total CPI is \$11,550.
3. The Board of Selectmen took \$100,000 from unanticipated fund balance and applied it to the Operating Budget. This lowers the tax impact of the Operating Budget.
4. All Warrant Articles will be funded from tax dollars.

In the past, Warrant Articles have been funded from unanticipated fund balance (surplus) with no particular method. Some were taken from tax dollars and others from unanticipated fund balance. The way the Board of Selectmen have agreed to present Warrant Articles this year is that all Warrant Articles would be funded from tax dollars.

**TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015 \$2,147,936**

This is an overall increase of \$76,936 over 2014  
or a 3.71% increase over 2014

Total Budget	\$2,147,936
2014 year	<u>2,071,000</u>
Increase	\$ 76,936



**OVERALL DECREASE Planning & Zoning** **\$ 3,100**

**General Government Buildings**

Decrease Diesel Town - - \$6,000  
Heating Police/Fire - +\$2,500

**OVERALL DECREASE General Government Buildings** **1,922**

*Ron Slocum asked why Diesel would go down and Heating Oil Police/Fire would go up?  
It was noted that the Heating Oil Police/Fire was under budgeted for the 2014 budget year.*

**Cemeteries**

Increase Cemetery Maintenance - + 200

**OVERALL INCREASE Cemeteries** **+ 200**

*Tom Groleau explained that this increase was for additional maintenance and gates  
for the Center Cemetery.*

**Insurance**

Increase - + \$455  
(New Highway vehicle)

**OVERALL INCREASE Insurance** **+\$455**

**Police Department**

Increase Full Time Police Officer +\$52,963  
Increase Gasoline - + \$2,000  
Increase Police Dispatch - + \$4,750

**OVERALL INCREASE Police Department** **\$ + 60,576**

**Fire Department**

Increase Mutual Aid Compact + \$1,776

**OVERALL INCREASE Fire Department** **+ \$1,776**

*It was noted that ambulance supplies had been increased slightly along with the CPI.*

**Building Department**

Increase supplies + \$1,126

**OVERALL INCREASE Building Department** **+ 1,294**

*The increase is due to increased use of the Wide Copier supplies along with increase in Maintenance contract.*

**Emergency Management**

**FLAT NO INCREASE Emergency Management**

**Highway Department**

**FLAT NO INCREASE Highway Department**

**Solid Waste Disposal**

Increase Part-time Admin. (employees wage adjustment)	+ \$6,355
Increase supplies -Banding	+ 1,150
Increase Dept. Equipment (monies for repair of containers)	+ 3,713
Decrease Incineration (Changed to Bow Recycling from Coop)	- 7,243
Increase Hazardous Waste Collection (Town of Bow, increase population)	+ 1,000

**OVERALL INCREASE Solid Waste Disposal** **\$ + 5,665**

**Welfare**

Increase CPI + 60

**OVERALL INCREASE Welfare** **+ 60**

**Parks and Recreation**

Decrease Basketball/Softball/Halloween/excursions	- 2,500
Increase Old Home Day (2 days)	+1,500

**OVERALL DECREASE Parks and Recreation** **- 1,000**

*Brian Pike explained the reduction in the Basketball/ Softball budget line due to the fact that the Recreation Committee has a separate checkbook which they deposit Basketball and Softball receipts into. At this time, the checkbook has almost \$18,000. The Board of Selectmen felt that the Recreation Committee should be using the receipts from the Basketball/Softball programs for payment of referee invoices, etc. Presently, they are putting the monies into their checkbook and asking the Town to pay for their referee fees, etc.*

*Jeff Trexler asked if this means the Town no longer provides for Halloween and excursions.*

*It was noted that the Town will continue to have Halloween/Easter/ and Excursions as in the past.*

*Judy VanKalken asked why the 250th Committee was not paying for Old Home Day. It was noted that the Old Home Day Committee was working in conjunction with the 250th Day Committee in planning events, etc.*

*Line Comeau, Town Administrator, reported the 250th Committee still had the \$10,000 set aside for the 250th Celebration. Also noted there is \$4,500 set aside in the Recreation Budget for fireworks for Old Home Day/250th Celebration.*

**Library**

Increase + 1,383

**OVERALL INCREASE Library** **+ 1,383**

*Brian Pike stated he assumed that the increase was due to CPI raises but the Board of Selectmen did not have a lot of information as to what the increase was for.*

**Public Comments:**

*At this point in the Public Hearing, Jeff Trexler asked about Revenues.*

Line Comeau, Town Administrator, passed out copies of the Revenues as estimated by the Board of Selectmen for the year 2015. She reported the following:

Total estimated Revenues for 2014 was \$988,700. Actual revenue for 2014 was \$ 1,098,109. This meant that 2014 Revenue was over the estimate by \$109,409. Based on this information, the estimated revenues for 2015 was set at \$ 989,550. Due to the fact that part of the revenue for 2014 was due to an additional Flood Control Payment of \$43,581 which we cannot count on for 2015, the estimated revenues was conservatively \$989,550.

Carl Metzger - Asked about a Warrant Article for paving.

*Brian Pike stated there is a Warrant Article for road construction for Grapevine Road in the amount of \$200,000. The Road Agent has prepared a summary which noted that Morse Road, Montalona Road and Grapevine Road are the worst roads in Town. It is estimated it would be \$2,000,000 to repair these three roads. Based on this information, the Board of Selectmen agreed to request a Warrant Article for \$200,000 for Phase I of Grapevine Road. The Board of Selectmen agreed that instead of paying interest on money borrowed, they would prefer to put the money on a Warrant Article and pay as we go instead of at the end of a ten year Bond, have to start all over again.*

Margaret Watkins asked if this Warrant Article would cover all the work on Grapevine Road.

*Brian Pike responded that this Warrant Article is Phase I and covers 6,000 feet from Burnham Lane to a section below Frosts.*

Fred Mullen asked if the monies set aside for Stark Bridge as still there.

*Brian Pike reported that we are awaiting DES approvals for the construction of Stark Bridge. It was noted that originally the monies were in the Operating Budget. Last year, we had a Warrant Article putting the monies into a non-lapsing account. Hopefully, by next fall we should have a new bridge.*

Travis James stated that the \$65,000 remained in the Highway budget.

*Brian Pike noted that the Highway Department had been underfunded for a number of years. Due to this fact, the \$65,000 remained in the Highway Budget. Stated the following with regard to road maintenance:*

*"To fix a good road, the cost is one-third the cost to fix a bad road. It will cost you more in the long run to not maintain roads. It is much better for the taxpayers in the long run. "*

Ron Slocum stated that even if we approve this money, he already has money for other repairs. Is he staffed to do the projects?

*Brian Pike stated that the Road Agent proposed this project. He would assume he would be able to do it. In addition, the monies are in a non-lapsing fund until 2020.*

Jeff Trexler asked about the unexpended fund balance and how much the Town had in unexpended fund balance now.

*Line Comeau explained that DRA recommends that Towns reserve a percentage of between 3% and 10% in unexpended fund balance. At this point, we have \$394,000 in unexpended fund balance. In addition, we have ten new homes we are expecting additional tax revenue from taxes. Would expect there would be upwards of \$1,000,000 valuation for these ten homes.*

At this point, the Public Hearing continued with the presentation of the Warrant Articles as follows:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,147,000.00) for the purpose of constructing an addition, replacing existing roofing, and general renovations to the Dunbarton Town Hall to allow for 2nd floor community use in compliance with applicable accessibility, building, and fire codes, such sum to include cost of construction, architectural and engineering services, construction management services, related Owner's expenses, and contingencies; and to fund this appropriation as follows: by authorizing the issuance of not more than NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$935,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal official to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$34,600.00) from Unexpended Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014; to authorize the acceptance of a contribution in the amount of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) from the Dunbarton Library Board of Trustees; to authorize the acceptance of a gift in the amount of not less than SEVENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$70,900.00) from the Dunbarton Town Hall and Theater Restoration Project, with the balance of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.  
 (2/3 Ballot Vote Required) (By Petition)

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: .32¢  
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this is a Petition Warrant Article of which there will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting.*

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in the amount as follows:

Executive	101,558
Elections, Registrations & Vital Stats	8,411
Town Clerk (Elected Official, includes salary & benefits)	74,079
Financial Administration	84,143
Tax Collector (Elected Official salary)	16,673
Assessor	35,796
Legal Expenses	8,600
Personnel Administration	229,874
Planning & Zoning	19,900
General Government Buildings	77,215
Cemeteries	15,700
Insurance	27,555
Police	401,111
Fire	83,875
Building Inspection	62,253
Emergency Management	1,000
Highway Department	570,000
Solid Waste Expenses & Disposal	212,321
Welfare	13,562
Parks & Recreation	10,700
Library	93,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,147,936</b>

*Less estimated revenues=\$989,550*

*\*This appropriation to be off set with \$100,000 from unassigned fund balance*

*Net to be raised from taxes = \$1,058,386*

*Estimated 2015 tax rate: \$3.40 for operating budget only.*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

**4. To see if the town will vote to rescind the purchasing policy of the town passed by warrant article XII at town meeting in 2002 and instead allow the selectmen to establish and modify a purchasing policy as they see fit.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained the reasoning for this article in that Department heads are having difficulty in getting three quotes for items and also the threshold of \$2,000 restricts them in purchasing items i.e. ambulance supplies, etc. The Board of Selectmen would like to increase the threshold for bids to change from \$2,000 to \$4,999.99. He noted that even the Governor and Council has revised their policy regarding State Contracts to a higher threshold of \$10,000.*

*Jeff Trexler stated the Selectmen can vote to waive the policy at any time according to this Warrant Article.*

*Ron Slocum stated that in the past, Selectmen have awarded bids to people who were not even on the bid list. This is like "giving the prisoner the keys to the jail".*

*Bob Martel stated it was too bad you didn't use a dollar figure like the State does. The State uses the legislative process to increase the amounts. We are going backward instead of forward.*

*Carl Metzger stated it seems like you should have amended the Warrant Article to increase the threshold to \$5,000.*

*Line Comeau stated this was the recommendation of Town Counsel. We already have a policy in place.*

*Leo Martel asked why there isn't a number in the Warrant Article.*

*Jeff Trexler noted you are likely to get a lot of "push back" on this article as written with the understanding that the Select Board can waive the policy at any time.*

*It was noted that at one point, the Board was considering putting the entire present policy in the Warrant Article but that would have been too many pages. We could not put the entire policy in the Warrant Article.*

*Ron Slocum asked where they was any "teeth" in this article. As he stated before, this is like "giving the keys to the prisoners".*

*Jeff Trexler stated they should change the amount of the first Warrant Article based on qualifications and price. An example would be the Highway Department might need a particular type of equipment which may not be the lowest price. They should have the ability to choose what meets their needs. You should not wait until Town Meeting to change this Article. Should amend the first Warrant Article instead of rescinding it.*

*There were objections to the words "as they see fit". Would suggest taking that phrase out.*

*Fred Mullen noted that due to the fact that this is not a money Warrant Article, we can rearrange it. The Board of Selectmen can re-craft this Article. We don't have to have another Public Hearing.*

**The Board of Selectmen reached a consensus that they will rewrite this Warrant Article and not put the entire policy in the Warrant Article. Will include a dollar figure.**

*The Board of Selectmen will review Warrant Article 3 re Purchasing Policy and will adjust accordingly.*

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a capital improvement program committee in accordance with RSA 674:5, which shall include at least one member of the planning board and may include but not be limited to the other members of the planning board, or the town or city governing body, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be to aid the selectmen in their consideration of the annual budget.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike stated the Planning Board has given their blessing to this Warrant Article. He explained the reasoning for this Warrant Article is that the present CIP Plan is under the auspices of the Planning Board and is driven by increases in development and population only. The Town needs to have a plan which includes other priorities such as a Vehicle Replacement Plan, a IT Plan along with other items which do not necessarily fall under the Planning Board's purview. There are items in the CIP that we crafted this year that do not necessarily belong in the plan because they are not growth management based. The RSA allows for this under the auspices of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen would use this on a yearly basis for budget planning.*

*Ron Slocum noted that this was a byproduct of a Master Plan. We are due for an update on the Master Plan. This falls under the same RSA and we do have a Master Plan. Some communities have a full blown update and go through it all. A lot of towns will take chapters a few each year so it is not such a mammoth of a job to do in one year.*

6. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 231:43 I, to discontinue the unmaintained Class VI portion of Rangeway Road from the northern boundary of the Town-owned Kimball Pond Conservation Area south to its intersection with Kimball Pond Road.

The Class VI section of Rangeway Road to be discontinued is abutted by lots D4-01-25, C5-01-04 and C5-01-10. These lots are owned by the Town and are part of the Conservation Area. The status of the Class V portion of Rangeway Road and the privately maintained Class VI portion of Rangeway Road north of the Conservation Area boundary are unaffected by this article.

Pursuant to RSA 231:46, the Town expressly reserves any existing sewer, drain, water pipe or other utility easements or any permits or licenses previously established pursuant to RSA 231:159-182, which shall remain in effect as an encumbrance upon the underlying land for so long as they remain in active use.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike stated that the Conservation Commission presented this Warrant Article because of illegal dumping on the property. They had gates and bars established on this road but this cannot lock them. This will allow us to lock the gates. All of the property is Town owned land. Keys will be available to the Fire Department and Police Department. There has been a substantial amount of dumping on the property. The Warrant Article should include RSA in the first line.*

*Fred Mullen stated the name was changed from Legache Road to the official name of Rangeway Road. At where Brian Little's house is located is still Legache Hill Road.*

*Ted Vallieres made the suggestion that the Warrant Article be revised to read "formerly known as" etc.*

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to purchase a Heart Monitor Defibrillator with said funds to come from the Fire Department Equipment non-lapsing Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised from taxes.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this Heart Monitor Defibrillator was a high end model to be put in the ambulance. Funds come from the Fire Department Equipment Fund and there is no tax impact to the Town.*

*There were no public comments.*

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$29,500) for the purpose of a statistical revaluation with said funds to come from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised from taxes.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Jeff Trexler asked why Warrant Articles 8 and 9 were not combined into one Warrant Article. Line Comeau explained that the bid for the Reval was for \$43,000 and the Town puts \$10,000 every year in a Capital Reserve account. We are spending \$30,000 but we are still needing to come up with the correct amount to do the Reval. If the Article fails, we cannot do the Reval which is required this year.*

*John Stevens suggested putting the word "property" in reference to statistical "property" revaluation.*

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 03¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*No public comments.*

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxes.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 00¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Last year we purchased a new Highway truck and sold the old truck. This Warrant Article is to put the sale of the old truck into the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established.*

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: .08¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*This money is to increase the Capital Reserve Fund for the Highway Department. This fund would cover the cost for replacement of the six wheel Highway vehicle at a later time.*

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) for payment of building insurance premium of the Dunbarton Historical Society.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: .002¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike stated that in the past for a number of years, the Town has paid the insurance for the Historical Society buildings. Last year, this figure was taken out of the budget due to a budget reduction. If anything happens to the Historical Society, the buildings revert to the Town.*

*Bob Martel stated that it is a privately based organization and it is taking tax dollars from people. Those buildings belong to the Dunbarton Historical Society. If they were willing to give those buildings to the town, it would be different. I really have a hard time when they have the resources. Have a real hard time when we have other things that we could fund.*

*Leo Martel stated that along the same lines, the Historical Society has received help from a lot of people. The Jameson Cape building was taken down by the townspeople. There was only one member of the Historical Society working on taking down the building. All the others were people from town who were not members of the Historical Society.*

*Leo Martel stated that the Cobbler Shoppe was donated and all volunteers worked on it. Over and over again, we do give to the Historical Society. They do have a bank book so I don't understand why this is coming up. At the Workshop Meeting I presented what other towns do. Two weeks prior, I gave you a list of Towns that don't support their Historical Societies. They are a separate entity and they prefer to remain that way. Now you are tying the Town up for possible legal fees, etc.*

*Fran Hill stated she felt it was a good idea to give the residents of the Town a chance to vote on this at Town Meeting as a Warrant Article.*

**13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the milfoil control at Gorham Pond and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the State of New Hampshire DES in the amount of one thousand seventy five dollars (\$1,075), known as the Variable Milfoil Control Grant. The balance of three thousand four hundred twenty five dollars (\$3,425) to come from taxes.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 01¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that if we did not fund this and continue the program, we lose the opportunity for getting DES funds because they are limited. Funding has been reduced because of lack of funding. We may see more money next year.*

*Line Comeau stated we are at the point of treating the pond with just divers, five days of diving, @ \$200/hour. Last year we only spent \$1,500 and the extra monies lapsed. We have volunteer "lake hosts" check boats. It was noted you cannot swim in the pond unless you live there.*

**14. To see if the town will vote to raise, and appropriate a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing 6 defibrillators (AED's) and two storage cabinets.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 03¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike stated that the Police Chief and Mark Lang, EMT, got together and suggested that defibrillators be put in each Police vehicle. In addition, they are suggesting a defibrillator at the Transfer Station and Library. These particular models have upgraded batteries so the cold does not affect them.*

**15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred twenty five dollars (\$11,725) for the purpose of purchasing new computer equipment and installation.**

**This article will be non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the town office computer equipment has been installed and completed or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 04¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*At this point in the discussion, Brian Pike referred the Warrant Article to Line Comeau for explanation as follows:*

*Line Comeau stated that during the CIP process, we determined that this should be put in the CIP plan. There presently are two computer stations that are at the end of their life, Building Department and Welfare Department. In addition, we are including a computer for the Transfer Station. Noted that this would give us time to replace the computers on a schedule as the funds do not lapse until 2020. Instead of replacing all at once, we would be doing it on a rotating scale.*

*Ron Slocum asked why do we want to do this on a non-lapsing account until 2020. Why can't you set up a Trust Fund?*

*Patrick Bowne asked if there was a backup plan in the event that the Warrant Article does not pass. There is no backup plan at this time.*

*Margaret Watkins noted that the Welfare Department is a pretty small budget. Why do we need to replace that computer? It was noted that the Welfare computer would be moved to another lesser volume work station.*

*Line Comeau noted that we replaced two computers last year that had XP operating systems which is obsolete.*

**16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the maintenance and repair of cemetery monuments in the east, center and north cemeteries as recommended in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This article will be non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the maintenance and repairs of the cemetery monuments are completed or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 06¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*At this point in the Public Hearing, Brian Pike turned the discussion over to Tom Groleau, Cemetery Trustee. Tom Groleau stated that in 2009 the Cemetery Trustees allocated \$10,000 to do some stone repair. Spent \$7,025 and did work at all three cemeteries and repaired 108 stones. There are stones in the East and Center Cemeteries that have holes in them. Will cleanup and repair stones. The amount of \$20,000 will be non-lapsing until 2020. Will do the most urgent repairs first. Will do an assessment.*

*Ron Slocum asked about the Cemetery Trust Funds and why weren't we using them? Stated that when he was on the Trustee of Trust Funds, they never received a request from the Cemetery Trustees to use them. It was noted the Cemetery Trust funds are about \$60,000.*

**17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Department emergency vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 06¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this Warrant Article is to put money away in a Capital Reserve for the future purchase of a replacement Fire truck in 2020. The cost of a new fire truck would be estimated at \$400,000.*

*No comments from the public.*

**18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Transfer Station vehicle or equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 06¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this Warrant Article is to put money away in a Capital Reserve for the future purchase of a truck for the Transfer Station.*

*At this point in the discussion, Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager stated he would like to consider withdrawing this Warrant Article . He felt it was more important that he get funding for replacement of the containers at the Transfer Station. In addition, there are many Warrant Articles this year.*

**19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) for the purpose of purchasing seven (7) roll off containers and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Transfer Station vehicle or equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds received from the sale or trade of the old boxes will be used to lower the purchase price. The balance of thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) to come from taxation.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 12¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*It was explained that this Warrant Article would cover replacement of (7) roll off containers for the Transfer Station.*

*Jeff Trexler asked how much you might get for the sale of the old containers.*

*Patrick Bowne stated that they would give us scrap metal price because they are so far gone.*

**20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty eight thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$58,440) for the purchase and installation of the Town's Municipal Community Solar Electric. And to authorize the selectmen to accept and apply a Renewable Energy Rebate in the amount of thirteen thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$13,440), with the balance of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to come from taxation. This article will be non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the town's solar electric has been installed and completed or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This warrant is contingent on receiving the Renewable Energy Rebate.**

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 15¢(taxes)  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this Warrant Article was submitted by John Stevens on behalf of the Energy Committee and it does have merits. This would put Solar Panels on the Town Highway Garage. Looking at a \$13,400 Renewable Energy Rebate towards the purchase.*

*John Stevens stated that the Energy Committee looked at two different options. One option would have a zero upfront cost and the installer would continue to own the power and the credits would go to the installer. Because the panels will generate more power than we use, we will be selling power back to the utility at a very favorable rate. Currently we pay .10+ for the first 500 hours, they will credit us back at .19 so it is looking like it will be a income and savings for the Town of about \$3,100/year between the savings and what you paid.*

*Fred Mullen stated if we buy them outright, what is the life expectancy?*

John Stevens noted they have a life span of about 25 years. Some last longer than others. There will be 10-15 years where they are not costing anything.

The question was asked how do we get rid of them. Are they hazardous waste? It was noted they were glass, metal and the parts are recyclable.

Patrick Bowne asked if this passes, will we be looking at other buildings in the future.

John Stevens stated that at the last Energy Meeting, they received a couple of quotes and one was for 3-4 buildings. The Committee decided to do one building and see how it goes.

The question was asked if these panels would be self-cleaning. It was noted that the panels in this area are treated with a compound texture to make them shed snow. They will occupy 2/3 of the roof. All towns which have put these up have shown a profit.

Leo Martel asked if you put them on a shingled roof what happens when the roof needs to be re-shingled.

John Stevens stated the area where the panels are won't need to be re-shingled. The area below the panels could be done.

It was noted that over a period of time, the roof will deteriorate. Still looking at the probability of having to replace the roof. How big are the panels?

John Stevens noted they were 38" x 65" . Stated that part of the cost includes a roof condition report. We have built a \$4,000 contingency into this if there is any other needs when the time comes to install.

Ron Slocum asked why did we consider the Highway Garage. This is an open building used for parking trucks.

John Stevens noted that the power we don't use saves us 10.2 KW. Anything we generate will go back in the grid. He stated that the Highway Building is a good candidate. People did not want to see panels on the common. The Fire Station has a large tree 300' away.

21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty one thousand dollars (\$61,000) for a new roof on the Town Hall/Library Building, with the sum of thirty four thousand six hundred dollars (\$34,600) to come from fund balance and the remaining twenty six thousand four hundred dollars (\$26,400) to come from taxation. This article will be non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the town hall roof has been installed and completed or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is contingent on article 2 not passing.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 09¢(taxes)  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

Brian Pike explained that this Warrant Article is in the event that the Town Hall Theatre Restoration Bond does not pass. We still need to fix the Town Hall roof. The present roof had problems and we have received a refund in the amount of \$34,600 which will be used to fix the roof. We received three quotes and \$61,000 was the highest quote. The quotes were for a slate roof, a steel roof and asphalt shingles. This way the Town tax payers can determine what type of roof they want to put on the Town Hall. The Warrant Article is for the most expensive choice.

There was a discussion about the various types of roof which could be put on.

Jeff Trexler stated that if you are putting asphalt shingles on, the code allows you a reduction for snow and the roof could handle more snow than in the past.

22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to reconstruct a section of Grapevine Road (phase I) approximately 6,000 feet. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

*Estimated 2015 tax rate impact: 64¢  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote \_/\_/\_)*

*Brian Pike explained that this Warrant Article is for reconstruction of a portion of Grapevine Road. This is not going to do the whole road. Will start a Burnham Lane and go down beyond Frost's house, about 6,000 feet. It will also be augmented by some of the Operating funds in the Highway budget. The monies are non-lapsing until 2020. These funds will still be there so we can keep moving along.*

*Margaret Watkins asked if there is a limited amount of people on the road, are they going to continue to maintain the road?*

*Brian Pike noted he would refer that question to the Road Agent. He noted that the Road Agent was confident that he could do this. The following year he might be able to go further.*

*Bob Martel stated this was a good time to do it because the price of oil is going down.*

*Brian Pike noted that with regard to DOT, in the last ten years, cost of asphalt went up 400%.*

*Fred Mullen stated that one thing about maintaining the road, it creates lowering the maintenance cost of plowing.*

*Travis James asked how many feet did we do at Flintlock last yea?.*

*It was noted the Road Agent talked about grinding it up and rebuilding the road bed. He will use some contractors for grinding it up. He will be doing the under-drainage and rebuilding the sides.*

*It was asked if there is a Highway Plan. Jeff Crosby, Road Agent, has something on paper as to a plan.*

*Travis James stated that the tree is still down and hanging over Mansion Road. DOT has not yet taken it down.*

*Ron Slocum stated that the Road Agent has a special Hearing on roads that he will plan to work on this coming summer. Both Winslow and Mansion Roads are State maintained road. DOT just does not plow them in the winter.*

23. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Line Comeau, Town Administrator, noted the following with regard to the Warrant Articles:

Total Amount for all Warrant Articles	429,390
If all Warrant Articles pass, Tax Rate will increase	\$1.38/thousand

She stated keep in mind when the Warrant was passed in March, it was based on the 2014 assessment. Just looked at the Building Permits Log after April 1 to current. We currently tax the land but there were 10 new buildings. It is possible we will add \$1,200,000 in assessment for the Town.

It was noted that the School Budget for the Operating Budget will increase the Tax Rate by \$1.08.

There is a Warrant Article for updating the bathrooms \$ .20/thousand

School between .52 and .56/thousand

There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:00 p.m.

**Board Discussion:**

1. **Article 4** - The Board of Selectmen will review Warrant Article 4 re the Purchasing Policy.

2. **Article 23** - Tom Groleau stated there was a valid point brought up about the Recreation Check book, etc. The Historical Society also has a checkbook. Is this in the best interest of the Town?

It was noted that the town gave the Transitions Committee \$1,500 this year to try to improve the character of the town. This is not a Town Committee.

It was determined to let the taxpayers decide.

3. **Article 15** - Question regarding having a complete assessment. Did we ever have an IT plan. Line Comeau will look into this.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the following motion:

***MOTION:***

*Tom Groleau made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen's meeting adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Brian Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alison R. Vallieres  
Recording Secretary

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Ted Vallieres, Chairman

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Brian Pike, Selectman

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Tom Groleau, Selectman