



1999 Town Meeting Minutes May 15, 1999

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SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Merle Schotanus called the 223rd Grantham Town Meeting to order on May 15, 1999 at 10:04 a.m.

Following Convocation led by Pam Hanson and the Pledge of Allegiance by the Brownies & Girl Scouts. Moderator Merle Schotanus acknowledged that this was the first time in the history of Grantham that the Town Meeting has been split into two sessions. The first part was the voting, which was held on May 11, 1999, and the second part, being held today, which is the business session. Moderator Schotanus commented on the 1997 and 1998 Annual Town Reports which won first place in the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Contest. The Moderator recognized Selectman Alden "Chick" Pillsbury to speak on the Annual Report's Dedication Page. Chick spoke highly of James Mutney's volunteerism, helping out with the computers in the Police Department, the many duties he performs at the Fire Department and the fact that he never looks for thanks. Jim does a tremendous job in every aspect that he volunteers in. Selectman Pillsbury's comments were followed by a standing ovation from the audience for Jim Mutney.

The Moderator recognized School Moderator, Carl Hanson, who spoke of the outcome of the School Warrant and Election Results.

The Moderator appointed Lori McClory and Connie Howard as ballot clerks. Recognized Town Officers; Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tina Stearns, Selectmen Bill Hutchins, Chick Pillsbury, Connie Jones, and Town Administrator Dexter Bucklin. Police Chief Russell Lary was also recognized for video taping the Annual Meeting. Checklist Supervisors present were Allen Walker, and newly elected Supervisors Deborah Cheever & Cynthia Towle.

The Moderator announced that he would conduct the meeting under the Rules that have been used since 1977 and read as follows:

1. No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced.
2. Passing over an article is not in the spirit of the meeting and will be ruled out of order.
3. Registered voters only will be seated on the main floor and in the center section of the bleachers. Non-voters will be seated in side sections of the bleachers. Non-voters who are not officers of the Town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the Town votes to permit it.
4. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify her or himself.
5. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when five voters make a written request prior to voice or division vote on any article open for discussion (RSA 40:4a).
6. The moderator will take a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted (RSA 40:4b).
7. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

This was moved and seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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The Moderator recognized Selectman Chair Bill Hutchins who welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Connie Jones as the Town's first woman selectman. He briefly spoke of the Town's portion of the tax rate stating that it would be between \$2.60 - \$2.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years the following positions were voted on May 11, 1999. Polling hours were 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For Selectman

William E. Hutchins 498

For Treasurer

Henry "Hank" Robinson 10

For Planning Board (2 years)

Patricia J. Wells 500

For Planning Board (3 years)

Allen W. Walker 369

Rosie Bard 147

For Library Trustee (Vote for Two)

Barbara H. Jones 455

Dudley R. Smith 346

For Trustee of Trust Funds

Theodore J.T. Short 523

For Cemetery Trustee

Warren Kimball 31

For Supervisor of the Checklist (1 year)

Deborah Cheever 509

For Supervisor of the Checklist (5 years)

Cynthia J. Towle 528

ARTICLE 2: Passed by Official Ballot.

All the proposed zoning amendments passed by Official Ballot and have been incorporated in the Town of Grantham Zoning Ordinance.

INSERT NEW SECTION 3A TO ARTICLE VII ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SECTION H to read:

3A. Equitable waiver of Dimensional Requirement:

1. When a lot or other division of land, or structures thereupon, is discovered to be in violation of a physical layout or dimensional requirement imposed by this zoning ordinance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall, upon application by and with the burden of proof on the property owner, grant an equitable waiver of dimensional requirement, if and only if the board makes ALL of the following findings:



a. That the violation was not noticed or discovered by the owner, former owner, owner's agent or representative, or municipal official, until after a structure in violation had been substantially completed, or until after a lot or other division of land in violation had been subdivided by conveyance to a bona fide purchaser for value;

b. That the violation was not an outcome of ignorance of the law or ordinance, failure to inquire, obfuscation, misrepresentation, or bad faith on the part of any owner, owner's agent or representative, but was instead caused by either a good faith measurement or calculation made by an owner, owner's agent, or by an error in ordinance interpretation, or applicability made by a municipal official in the process of issuing a permit over which that official had authority;

c. That the physical or dimensional violation does not constitute a public or private nuisance, nor diminish the value of other property in the area, nor interfere with or adversely affect any present or permissible future uses of any such property; and

d. That due to the degree of past construction or investment made in ignorance of the facts constituting the violation, the cost of correction so far outweighs any public benefit to be gained, that it would be inequitable to require the violation to be corrected.

2. In lieu of the findings required by the board under subparagraphs 3A 1a, and 3A 1b, the owner may demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that the violation has existed for ten (10) years or more, and that no enforcement action, including written notice of the violation, has been commenced against the violation during that time by the municipality or any person directly affected.

3. Waivers shall be granted under this section only from physical layout, mathematical, or dimensional requirements, and not from use restrictions. An equitable waiver granted under this section shall not be construed as a nonconforming use, and shall not exempt future use, construction, reconstruction, or additions on the property from full compliance within the ordinance. This section shall not be construed to alter the principal that owners of land are bound by constructive knowledge of all applicable requirements. This section shall not be construed to impose upon municipal officials any duty to guarantee the correctness of plans reviewed by them or property inspected by them.

Rationale: In 1997 a new law became effective under RSA 674:33-a which authorizes the Zoning Board of Adjustment to grant "equitable waivers" to the dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance where the applicant has satisfactorily proven to the board the elements (as listed above) required by statute. This amendment will update the new requirement by law in the town's zoning board of adjustment section.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes - 338

No - 10

ARTICLE 3: Passed by Official Ballot.

INSERT NEW SECTION E TO ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

E. Numbering

The Planning Board shall have the authority to renumber the Zoning Ordinance after amendments have been passed so as to make the numbering consistent.

Rationale: This amendment is basically a "housekeeping" measure to ensure consistency with the number

otherwise the matter would have to be continually placed before the voters on the ballot to alter the number sequence.

ARTICLE 4: Passed by Official Ballot.
Recommended by the Planning Board
Yes - 424
No - 43

AMEND ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS - BUSINESS DISTRICT/BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL and ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS "Bed & Breakfast Facility" under those sections that require Special Exceptions.

Rationale: The Town of Grantham Zoning Ordinance is permissive only and the home occupation clause does not lend a wide enough scope for the efficient running of such an establishment. Inclusion of the Bed & Breakfast facility under the special exception category ensures that appropriate planning controls such as health, safety, and neighborhood issues are adequately addressed.

ARTICLE 5: Passed by Official Ballot.
Recommended by the Planning Board
Yes - 456
No - 107

AMEND ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS - BUSINESS DISTRICT/BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL and ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS "Private and Public Educational Facilities, and Churches" under those sections that require Special Exceptions.

Rationale: Same as above as described in amendment proposal c.
Recommended by the Planning Board
Yes - 453
No - 107
ARTICLE 6: Passed by Official Ballot

AMEND ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS - BUSINESS DISTRICT/BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL and ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS "Inns" under those sections that require Special Exceptions.
Rationale: Same as above as described in amendment proposal c.
Recommended by the Planning Board
Yes - 432
No - 120
ARTICLE 7: Passed by Official Ballot

AMEND ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS - BUSINESS DISTRICT & BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL by adding to the permitted use section "Rental Storage Units".
Rationale: The Business Districts provide for "service businesses". Town discussions in the past have centered

upon whether or not rental storage units could be defined under the collective heading of "service businesses". As the town does have rental storage units in it's business districts, approval of the above will clarify and specify rental storage units as a permitted use.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes – 365

No – 194

ARTICLE 8: Passed by Official Ballot

INSERT NEW SECTION 1C TO BUSINESS DISTRICT AND 2C TO BUSINESS/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO ARTICLE III OF THE GRANTHAM ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

TELECOMMUNICATION/COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

Telecommunication/Communication facilities shall mean any structure, antenna, tower or other device which provides commercial mobile wireless services, unlicensed wireless services, cellular phone services, specialized mobile radio communications (SMR) and personal communications service (PCS), and common carrier wireless exchange access services. Also included are radio, television, or other structures for broadcasting purposes.

Citing for telecommunications/communication facilities is a use of land, and shall be subject to Site Plan Review by the Grantham Planning Board. Outside consulting services at the expense of the applicant may be utilized by the Planning Board as per the Site Plan Review regulations.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

All towers must meet or exceed current standards, and regulations of the FAA, FCC, and any other regulatory agency with the authority to regulate towers and antennas.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

These requirements shall supersede any and all other applicable standards found elsewhere in Town Ordinances or regulations that are less strict:

- A. (I) Towers must be set back a distance equal to 125% of the height of the tower from any property line.
- (II) Tower guys and accessory facilities must satisfy the minimum zoning district setback requirements.
- (III) Within the Business and Business/Light Industrial Districts towers over 70 feet in height shall not be located within one-half mile of any existing tower that is over 70 feet in height.
- B. Security Fencing: Towers shall be enclosed by security fencing and shall also be equipped with an appropriate anti-climbing device.

REMOVAL OF ABANDONED ANTENNAS AND TOWERS

Any antenna or tower that is not operated for a continuous period of 24 months shall be considered abandoned and hazardous to the public health and safety. The owner shall remove the abandoned structure within 180 days of receipt of a declaration of abandonment by the Town of Grantham notifying the owner of such abandonment. A declaration of abandonment shall only be issued following a public hearing duly noticed, with notice to abutters, and the last known owner/operator of the tower. If there are two or more users of a single tower, this provision

shall not become effective until all users cease using the tower.

Rationale: The above provision would provide for a mechanism for the town to carefully review the placement of any and all telecommunication devices not limited to cell towers. This provision also provides for placement only within the defined areas, and a take down time stipulation. Recent court decisions and federal regulations will not allow for towns or cities to "zone out" telecommunication facilities.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes – 464

No – 87

ARTICLE 9: Passed by Official Ballot

AMEND ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION E: Height Limitation section to read as follows:

No building or structure, or part thereof, shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height as measured from the high point thereof to the average natural or graded permanent ground level at the wall of the television, and radio antennas, telecommunications structures including cell towers, lightening rods, cupolas, steeples, common chimneys, or utility poles provided that the foregoing appurtenances do not present a hazard to public safety.

Rationale: The above amendment as denoted in Italics excludes cell towers and other telecommunication devices from the height restrictions of the ordinance. Federal regulations will not allow towns to zone out cell towers due to height restrictions.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes – 442

No – 124

ARTICLE 10: Passed by Official Ballot

ADD TO ARTICLE X - DEFINITIONS

Add to definitions in alpha sequence:

BED & BREAKFAST: means a dwelling unit that contains no more than eight (8) guest rooms where short term lodging with a morning meal for guests only is provided for compensation. The operator of the Bed & Breakfast whether or not the owner, shall live on the premises.

INN: means a commercial facility for the housing and feeding of transients. Typically the food services are available to the general public and not limited to the transients housed at the inn.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNICATION FACILITIES: shall mean any structure, antenna, tower or other device which provides commercial mobile wireless services, unlicensed wireless services, cellular phone services, specialized mobile radio communications (SMR, and personal communications service (PCS), and common carrier wireless exchange access services. Also included are radio, television, or other structures for broadcasting purposes.

Rationale: These definitions required due to modifications voted in Articles 4, 6, and 8.

Yes – 463

No – 90

ARTICLE 11: Passed by Official Ballot



AMEND ARTICLE III B ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS - BUSINESS DISTRICT AND BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL by adding to the permitted use section "Rental Storage Units".

Rationale: The business districts provide for "service businesses". Town discussions in the past have centered upon whether or not rental storage units could be encompassed under the collective heading of "service businesses". As the town does have rental storage units in its business section, it was determined that the matter needed clarification within the ordinance, and that the best way to clear up any questions regarding this particular use would be to place the matter before the town to vote to include "rental storage units" as a permitted use in the business sections only.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes - 377

No - 181

ARTICLE 12: Defeated by Official Ballot

AMEND ARTICLE III A. DISTRICTS: BLD - BUSINESS LIGHT/INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AREA #5 by amending the boundaries of Area #5 extending the BLD-5 District to the west about 1000 feet beyond the present district boundary. This would rezone about 45 acres from Rural/Resident (RRD) to the Business/Light Industrial District (BLD-5).

Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes - 246

No - 324

ARTICLE 13: (Petitioned Article) Defeated by Official Ballot

It is proposed that: Article III (A) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Grantham, New Hampshire be amended as follows: (1) be deleting Area #3 under the BD-Business District, and (2) be inserting in its place the following:

Area #3 - All that area west of New Hampshire Highway #10 from a starting point at the intersection of New Hampshire Highway #10 and Yankee Barn Road; thence southerly along New Hampshire Highway #10 to a point in the center line of Dunbar Hill Road; thence westerly four hundred (400) feet perpendicular to the New Hampshire Highway #10; thence northerly at a depth of four hundred (400) feet from the center line of an parallel to New Hampshire #10 to a point of intersection with Yankee Barn Road; thence southerly along Yankee Barn Road to the starting point.

Article III (B)(1)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Grantham, New Hampshire be amended as follows:

(9) Public and private storage yards where inventory, equipment or goods in transit are stored, as well as utility storage yards, substations and/or transmission operations.

Article X of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Grantham, New Hampshire be amended as follows: (1) amend Article X by adding "Storage Yards" to the list of definitions as follows:

STORAGE YARDS: A use where land and/or buildings are used to store inventory, equipment or goods in transit, whether stored by an individual, a business entity, a public utility or a municipality.

Rationale: To extend the Business District along Route 10 and to expand the permitted uses in Business Districts.

Recommended (3-2) by the Planning Board

Yes - 202

No - 400

ARTICLE 14: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (I) the sum of \$360,000 (gross amount of budget) for the construction and equipping of an addition to the Dunbar Free Library; (II) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000 of bonds, notes or line of credit in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to negotiate such instruments and determine the rate of interest thereon; (III) to use the gifts in the amount of \$125,000 held by the Dunbar Free Library Trustees; (IV) to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Dunbar Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; and (V) to raise \$35,000 from taxation for said construction; also to approve and accept the easement deed as negotiated by the Dunbar Free Library Trustees with Edson MacNeill, Jr., and approved by the Grantham Board of Selectmen, to allow for site improvements subject to the requirements as contained in said easement, and to instruct the Library Trustees to use any additional funds solicited by them and contributed for the purpose of this construction project first to retire any debt provided for here in.

*Two Thirds ballot vote required.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees.*

The Moderator recognized Charlie Pearce who spoke on behalf of the Library Trustees. He explained that the way the Article had to be written could lead to some confusion. The wording is in compliant with the Department of Revenue's requirements that no money can be spent without raising and appropriating funds.

1. Charlie is confident that the addition can be accomplished with the \$360,000 budgeted amount.

2. The bank loan (line of credit) of \$150,000 is necessary because pledges were spread over a three-year period. A local bank has agreed to give the best possible rate and allow the Town to make it's own pay-back terms.

3. Gifts of \$125,000 held by the Library Trustees will be used. The Library received \$110,000 in gifts and the Friends of the Library, which consisted of gifts given over the years and held in CDs, gave ~\$18,000.

4. Since 1993 the Library has been raising and appropriating Capital Reserve Funds totaling \$50,000 and the Library Trustees have been given the discretion to use these funds.

5. The \$35,000 from taxation is considered a contingency fund. This will be used to cover default of pledges and allow for construction changes. The impact on the tax rate will be \$0.15. Charlie stated that if the money is not needed, it will be returned to the Town.

Charlie spoke on the easement with Ed MacNeill, which will allow for parking spaces; otherwise the parking would be across Route 10.

Moderator recognized John Clayton, Chairman of the Library Building Committee, who spoke on the project status. John stated that the addition would add 1,176 square feet to the building, renovating the present entry area. The building committee met with three local contractors and chose Trumbull-Nelson to do the construction.

Charlie Pearce requested that the following statement be put in the minutes as part of the permanent record.

I am Charlie Pearce, Chairman of the Capital Fund Campaign and up until Tuesday this past week, a Trustee of the Library.
I want to take just a moment to personally thank ALL who have contributed to the Campaign and to especially express sincere appreciation to the 50 or more workers who made the solicitation effort such a huge success. We set a goal of \$250,000 and to date we have received pledges, to be paid over a three-year period, in the amount of \$266,430 and we have already received about \$110,000 of that amount. I have to say that the enthusiasm and generous support for this campaign have far surpassed any previous project I've ever experienced.



These funds have come from individuals, families, our two local banks, the Friends of the Dunbar Free Library, several banks outside Grantham, Grantham businesses, companies that do business in our town, as well as some corporations with little ties to Grantham who believed there was merit in what we were doing and were willing to support our desire to provide more and better library services for our community. We had a good story and we told it well.

Also in addition to monetary help, it is important that we recognize and thank Edson MacNeill, Jr. for the easement deed he is granting to the town which allows for site improvements that are critical to proceeding with the project. To all these wonderful friends we owe a great debt of gratitude.

The Moderator declared the polls open for voting at 10:50 a.m. The polls were closed at 11:50 a.m. and the ballots were counted. The article passed with more than a 2/3-majority vote.

Yes - 163

No - 9

ARTICLE 15: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$403,865 to defray the cost of General Government operations."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4130 Town Offices	\$ 144,253	\$ 91,984	\$ 89,508
4140 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	63,175	32,183	49,950
4150 Financial Administration	46,003	30,367	38,188
4152 Tax Maps & Assessing	10,000	4	7,600
4153 Legal	25,000	7,814	12,000
4155 Personnel Administration	132,616	64,743	106,184
4191 Planning Board	3,560	2,844	3,425
4192 Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,712	1,122	1,550
4194 General Govt. Buildings	56,816	38,366	62,350
4195 Cemeteries	9,200	2,405	7,900
4196 Insurance	22,150	22,068	24,000
4197 Regional Associations	1,160	1,160	1,210
TOTALS:	\$ 515,645	\$ 295,060	\$ 403,865

*(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Selectman Hutchins spoke to the article and stated that health insurance was up significantly. General Govt. Buildings is increased to allow for a town beautification project, boiler repairs and repainting the gymnasium and foyer. There was much discussion regarding the comparison between the 18-month budget and the proposed 1999-2000 budget. Selectman Pillsbury agreed when David Springsteen stated that it was like trying to compare apples to oranges.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative

ARTICLE 16: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$258,923 to defray the cost of Public Safety Operations."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4210 Police Department	\$ 213,520	\$ 139,741	\$ 193,590
4215 FAST Squad	22,887	2,829	20,608
4220 Fire Department	63,140	23,645	44,350
4225 Forest Fire	375	585	375
TOTALS:	\$ 299,922	\$ 166,800	\$ 258,923

(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Hutchins spoke on the article stating that the Police Department had salary increases with the addition of Marshall Osgood as a third full-time officer. He also stated that the vehicles are now included in the operating budget because they are leased; previously they were in the capital budget. Police computers are being brought up

to Y2K compliance. Selectman Hutchins informed residents that the town now has extended police coverage with the Town of Enfield due to portions of Eastman being in Enfield. A question was raised as to the monies being expended for special officers when it was believed that the additional third full-time officer was to decrease the need for the specials. Chief Russell Lary stated that the majority of the money expended for specials would be reimbursed by State grants.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$370,172 to defray the cost of Public Works Operation."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4311 Road Administration	\$ 249,314	\$ 174,173	\$ 193,964
4313 Bridges	10,000	5,600	0
4316 Street Lights	3,960	2,250	2,400
4323 Solid Waste Collection	81,377	50,218	73,808
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	85,750	59,508	75,000
4325 Landfill Closure	12,800	7,422	25,000
TOTALS:	\$ 443,201	\$ 299,171	\$ 370,172

(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Pillsbury spoke on the article stating that the overall increase of \$27,000 was for paving, new signs, solid waste and landfill closure. The Moderator recognized Myron Cummings who asked that the selectmen inform the residents of the situation with the landfill closure. Selectman Pillsbury responded stating that in 1984 Grantham had approval to close the landfill and installed the compactor and recycling center. A permit was never received from the State of New Hampshire. The Town thought that the closure was all approved and when it was found that



the State had no record, rather than incur court costs fighting it (all the State employees that were involved had left State employment), the selectmen decided to close the landfill once again and obtain State approval. Selectman Pillsbury stated that the estimated closure costs are \$25,000. The Moderator recognized Jim Berg from the NH DES who spoke of the closure design stating that it should be complete in the year 2000/2001. There is a 30-year process to monitor the closure of the landfill. Mr. Berg also stated that the intent is to keep the transfer station on the landfill site as long as the tests are conducive.

Selectman Pillsbury commented that if the budget is approved there are funds allocated for a hazardous waste day.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,717 to defray the cost of Health and Welfare Operations."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4414 Animal Control	\$ 600	\$ 189	\$ 500
4415 Community Agencies	6,835	6,085	5,217
4442 General Assistance	5,000	2,135	3,000
TOTALS:	\$ 12,435	\$ 8,409	\$ 8,717

*(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.*

ARTICLE 19: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,622 for Culture and Recreation."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4520 Recreation	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,780	\$ 3,000
4550 Library	93,480	53,610	66,122
4583 Old Home Day	1,500	1,496	2,000
4589 Archives	750	51	500
TOTALS:	\$ 99,730	\$ 56,937	\$ 71,622

*(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

The Moderator recognized Charlie Pearce who requested that the Library portion be amended to include an additional \$6,000 which will be used to cover the added costs of electricity, etc. for the addition to the Library. The amendment was moved and seconded.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

Adjusted totals to include the amendment:

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4520 Recreation	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,780	\$ 3,000
4550 Library	93,480	53,610	71,122
4583 Old Home Day	1,500	1,496	2,000
4589 Archives	750	51	500
TOTALS:	\$ 99,730	\$ 56,937	\$ 77,622

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for Conservation and Tax Anticipation Notes."

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4611 Conservation Admin	\$ 750	\$ 485	\$ 1,500
4723 Interest (TANS)	100	0	100
TOTALS:	\$ 850	\$ 485	\$ 1,600

*(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

The Moderator recognized Connie Howard who questioned the number of members on the Conservation Commission. It was agreed that there are five (5) regular members and three to five alternates.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

ACCOUNT	1998-99 18-Month Budget	Expended 12/31/98 Budget	Proposed 1999-2000
4915 Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
4915 Fire Truck	37,500	37,500	0
4915 Library Addition	36,066	37,959	0
4915 Mowers	1,500	1,500	1,500
4915 Radio Console & Accessories	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915 Road Truck	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTALS:	\$ 108,566	\$ 87,959	\$ 11,500

*(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.*

ARTICLE 22: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of acquiring highway equipment, and (ii) to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to be placed in this fund and (iii) to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend."

(Special Warrant Article)
(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Pillsbury spoke on this article stating that if passed it would give the Town more flexibility on equipment purchases.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (i) \$262,000 for the purchase of a Fire Truck and (ii) to authorize the withdrawal of \$180,000 from the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund to defray the cost."

(Special Warrant Article)
(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

The Moderator recognized Fire Chief Bob Seavey who spoke on the replacement of the fire truck. He first wanted to thank Jim Mutney whom he referred to as his right-hand man. Fire Chief Seavey stated that the Town replaces equipment every 25 years and that the older fire truck will be going to the firehouse in Eastman.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$169,000 for the construction of a replacement bridge on Yankee Barn Road over Sawyer Brook. The Town's share of the project cost, \$11,400, will be combined with \$157,600 in State DOT funds."

(Special Warrant Article)
(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Pillsbury spoke on this article stating that last year the Town spent \$10,000 in engineering costs. The latest estimate on the replacement cost is \$152,000.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of construction of a new Town Office Building, and (ii) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000; \$25,000 to be placed in this fund and \$5,000 to be used to fund a preliminary study of projected needs and related costs of such construction and (iii) to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend."

(Special Warrant Article)
(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Hutchins spoke on this article stating the need for a new Town office building. The building would house the town offices, SAU and Police Department. The Town currently has land adjacent to the Village School but the Selectmen are concerned with not wanting the Police Department located next to the School. The SAU is currently renting commercial office space for their offices.

Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the development of a Town baseball field."

(Special Warrant Article)
(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Pillsbury spoke on this article stating that in 1997 the Town voted to expend monies for a ball field. Some of the incurred costs have been \$3,800 for a Wetlands application, which was denied by the Wetlands Bureau and is in the process of being appealed. The site where the Selectmen would like the ball fields to go is adjacent to the School lot and apparently, was once a field. This money is requested to replenish the fund to continue the process.

ARTICLE 27: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the purpose of paving the School parking lot, and to authorize the use of \$25,000 from the Village School Parking Capital Reserve Account and \$15,000 from fund surplus to defray the cost.

(Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Hutchins spoke on this article stating that the Selectmen would like to see the paving of the parking lot tie in with the renovations of the gymnasium.

ARTICLE 28: It was moved and seconded, "To hear the reports of agents, officer and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Moderator Schotanus stated that a nominating committee had previously met to choose the important positions of Hogreaves and Fence Viewers. Warren & Valarie Legacy were chosen as Hogreaves and Kenny & Sarah Barton were chosen as Fence Viewers.

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Merle Schotanus declared the 223rd Town Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

A True Copy Attest:
Tina M. Stearns, Town Clerk