



**4. Legal Expenses** \$28,000, down \$5,000.

The main reason for the decrease is fewer property tax appeals.

**5. Personnel Administration** \$2,000, down \$296,137

Employee benefits, previously shown here, are now charged to individual departments. The remaining amount includes coverage for unemployment compensation.

**6. Planning** \$52,012, down \$418

The impact of employee benefits costs on this line is lessened by an \$8,000 reduction in Master Plan update expenses for this year as well as lower legal expenses. The line also includes printing costs for the Master Plan once it's final.

**7. Zoning** \$13,208, up \$4,135

Increase largely reflects the inclusion of benefits costs for secretary.

**8. General Government Buildings** \$47,546, up \$4,360

Increase reflects utility costs related to increased use of large meeting room; and repairs / maintenance for town office, South Newbury town buildings and Vets Hall.

**9. Cemeteries** \$25,430, down \$275

Reflects an increase in mowing costs to \$15,775 and a \$1,200 reduction, to \$4,200, in restoration with South Newbury and Marshall cemeteries now finished.

**10. Insurance** \$46,000, up \$1,000

Minimum increase benefit of 3-year contract for workers' comp and property liability. Includes addition of truck and increased value on town buildings.

The selectmen also approved an amendment to the workers' comp program that would allow for an employee temporarily disabled by a work-related injury to return to work to perform light-duty tasks as deemed appropriate by the town.

**11. Other General Government** \$23,900, up \$20,600.

Printing of town report accounts for \$3,900. Increase provides for new category: Selectmen's Project, \$10,000 for a town enhancement project. The money would give the selectmen the option to act on opportunities that present themselves during the course of the year to visually or functionally enhance the town and benefit its residents. If unused, the money goes back to the General Fund.

Another \$10,000 is for a charette to study Newbury Center and use of town buildings and property there, to be conducted by Pat Sherman, a resident and architect. (The term *charette* is used by design professionals to describe a creative process similar to brainstorming in solving design issues.)

Looking at not-so-long-term needs of the town – particularly safety services – the selectmen realized the town needed both land and a plan to best meet those needs. They thought the basis of a good plan could well be a charette as it's a good way to start the discussion of plans for a town center, about which there has been much general talk the last couple years. In fact, the Master Plan Survey results showed an emphasis on constructing a town center.

The charette will involve input from the community, facilitated by a design professional, as well as using the CIP as reference. Town-owned sites would be analyzed and possibilities explored for specific town uses. Plans call for at least three visioning meetings this summer with residents and town departments to see how people would like to see the town property used, and develop a conceptual consensus of 'best use' possibilities.

**12. Police Dept.** \$406,594 – up \$102,030.

The bulk of the increase comes from the inclusion of employee benefits (\$84,000), wage increases and fuel costs, which are up \$4,500, or fifty percent, to keep up with rising gas prices.

In addition, the costs associated with obtaining replacement vehicles are included. Chief Lee presented the rationale and the financial feasibility study to the CIP committee, the selectmen and the budget committee, all of whom agreed it made sense to include these yearly costs in lieu of drawing from the capital reserve fund. As a result, two new line items were added: \$8,000 for first-year cruiser payment and \$3,500 for cruiser equipment which will facilitate cruiser rotation, cuts back on capital reserves and saves money over time. At the end of three years, we would own the cruiser and in the interim have the advantages of the finance program. The CRF for police cruiser will be used in the future to replace the 4WD.

The 'controlled expenditures' of the department, used to conduct its 'business' – including fuel costs – are up only two percent or approx. \$1,200 this year. On top of that, Chief Lee saved (by not spending) \$30,000 of his appropriation last year.

**13. Fire Department** \$104,840, up \$15,879

Reflects inclusion of employee benefits (\$8,500), increases in utilities and mileage, increases in Equipment line to cover maintenance of systems and gear. Also, the hourly pay for attending meetings, training and emergency incidents has been increased from \$8 to \$10 per hour with related benefits, FICA, etc. Total wages and benefits are about \$50,000. Reduction in vehicle repair since fire boat updates are complete. There is extra money included for maintenance and repair of the building.

**14. Forest Fire** \$1,038, up \$38

Reflects inclusion of employee benefits.

**15. Code Enforcement** \$26,794, up \$4,858

Increase reflects additional hours anticipated for code enforcement officer. Costs are largely offset by permit fees.

**16. Emergency Management** \$4,805, up \$4,405.

Increase reflects new stipend for the many hours expended by the officer of emergency management and health officer. Line also covers supplies and training.

**17. Highway Maintenance** \$559,314, up \$92,891

Budget reflects the addition of employee benefits (\$119,000), increases in fuel costs (up \$5,000 in diesel), sweeping, road reconstruction, and guardrails. The allocation for guardrails is up sharply (\$6,500 to \$26,000); they are needed along culverts on Old Post Road, at the intersection of Old Post and Province roads, and on Mountain Rd. Last year this budget line had \$50,000 for bridges, which category it is proposed be moved to a capital reserve fund (see Art. 6).

**18. Highway Reconstruction** \$210,000, up \$27,645

Covers \$35,000 for gravel and \$175,000 for paving, which is up from \$147,355 because some grinding is needed and the price of paving material is up. Scheduled for grinding and paving is the first section of Baker Hill, per the CIP highway five-year plan.

**19. Street Lighting** \$13,500, up \$275

Reflects PSNH rate increase. With last year's change-over to metal halide lights, once we pay off the equipment and installation, within six years, this expense will decrease by half. Until then, our savings from using less energy are paying for equipment/installation over that period.

**20. Transfer Station** \$272,736, up \$45,388

Broken down by categories...

**Solid Waste** \$130,836, up \$36,988 – Increase reflects a second full-time person for 7 months and inclusion of employee benefits of \$29,000. Decreases appear in the equipment, miscellaneous and contract services lines. Selectmen budgeted for a second full-time person beginning later in '07, and approved a job description for a transfer station supervisor. Line also includes part-time person, mostly summer weekends.

**Disposal** \$134,500, up \$4,000 – Includes rental of 2 compactors and their boxes (\$9,300) and \$40,000 for trucking, which is not increased thanks to fewer trips attributed to recycling. The increase of \$4,000 reflects a tipping fee change.

**Recycling** \$7,400, up \$4,400 – Costs are mostly for trucking when needed and pods, including a new one for electronics, and are in part offset by fees charged on electronics and revenue from the sale of some of the materials. Plastics and tin cans are now often being picked up with paper for disposal, which cuts expense. Also included is \$1,500 for participation in hazardous waste day, to be held this year in Sunapee.

**21. Health Agencies** \$30,743, up \$3,179

Funds go to the following organizations; increases are indicated.

- Kearsarge Area Council on Aging \$2,500 (up \$1,300)
- Visiting Nurse Assoc. \$5,313 (up \$223)
- Bradford Rescue Squad \$1,500 (\$300)
- New London Hospital Ambulance \$15,662 (up \$1,356)
- Kearsarge Area Preschool \$3,000
- Community Action Program \$2,768

**22. Welfare** \$16,494, up \$184

Increase largely represents employee benefits. Welfare direct assistance remains unchanged at \$13,550,

**23. Information Booth** \$6,436, up \$806.

Increase reflects employee benefits and additional hours.

**24. Parks & Recreation** \$57,967, up \$10,191

Increase reflects employee benefits, expanded programs & additional equipment. Selectmen emphasized the need for fee-funded programs. Farmers' Market is planned for summer 2007 at Bald Sunapee. There are additional concerts included; sponsorship is intended to cover much of the concert cost. This line includes \$3,500 for Bradford / Newbury / Sutton Youth Sports. Old Home Day is budgeted for \$13,000, with \$10,000 of that for fireworks, and revenues expected to defray the balance.

Progress will be made at Fishersfield, beginning with prep work for the access road and playing field, using grant and previously appropriated funds.

**25. Library** \$74,885, up \$7,074

Reflects funds needed for building repair (\$5,500), PSNH and wage increases, and the inclusion of employee benefits.

**26. Conservation Commission** \$600, unchanged

**27. Historical Society** \$250, unchanged

**28. Tax Anticipation Notes** \$100, unchanged.

For potential debt service/interest

**29. Sewer Dept. (Blodgett Sewer)** \$146,550, up \$16,739

Increases in equipment and maintenance due to storms. [Tim Mulder reports the new flow meter was working well.] Bond issuance costs for upgrading the treatment plant will not be reflected until 2008. This line is covered 100 percent by user fees.

**30. Bond/Note Principal** \$200,000, unchanged.

**Bond/Note Interest** \$68,600, down \$8,225

Reflects bonds for library, town office and highway garage.

**31. Safety Communication Services** \$38,101, down \$1,459

Budget reflects reduction in dispatch costs and T1 line, an increase in pager and radio upgrades for the fire dept., and addition of Reverse 911.

With Reverse 911 we could call people in the event of a localized emergency, such as an oil leak into the lake or an ice storm, with announcements and updates of information relevant to residents in the affected area. To greatly reduce the cost, Newbury is joining with the other towns served by New London Emergency Dispatch. Firms and pricing are being investigated; our share should be approx. \$6,000. The cost would drop to \$1,000 in succeeding years.

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**Art. 4** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the selectmen)

Fire Department	\$47,000
Highway Department	\$98,000
Ambulance	\$3,000

*Background:* Overall amount is down \$29,500 from 2006 due to several factors: Not funding the police cruiser (\$22,500; see Police Dept. line item in Art. 3 above); revaluation CRF removed (see Art. 6); and CIP-recommended reductions in fire and highway based on calculation of current balance and requirements outlook this year.

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**Art. 5** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the selectmen)

Docks	\$8,000
Town Office Equipment	\$6,000
Town Buildings	\$7,000
Milfoil Control	\$5,000
Fire Dept Personal Protection	\$10,000

*Background:* The town office equipment and town building amounts are up \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively, based on anticipated needs. The new fund is for \$10,000 is for replacement of the fire department's personal protection gear.

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**Art. 6** – To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to a Bridges Engineering/Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed into [said fund]. (2/3 vote required) (Recommended by the selectmen)

*Background* – Two bridges in town are in urgent need for replacement and state grant funds are available but require town matching funds. This change would enable the accumulation of the

needed money for those immediate projects, as well as future bridge replacement and maintenance. The fund would be established with approximately \$70,000.

The selectmen requested the state review the two bridges, one on Village Rd., the other on Sutton Rd., and both have been approved. State grants cover 80% of the cost. The Village Rd. bridge will require town matching funds of approx. \$100,000. Passage of this article will enable the town to meet that, and next year we can start putting in money for the second bridge.

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**Art. 7** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$643,100 for a sidewalk and related improvements along Newbury Harbor. \$514,480 will come from a Transportation enhancement grant, \$60,000 will come from donations and in-kind services and \$68,620 from the Dec. 31, 2006 undesignated fund balance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sidewalk and harbor improvements are completed or by Dec. 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the selectmen)

*Background* – As the town has grown so has use of the harbor area, and vehicle and pedestrian traffic has increased to the point that pedestrian safety is a growing concern. This project is a positive solution. As plans are formed to further establish a town center, pedestrian access will also be key.

The sidewalk would extend from the Bald Sunapee property to the caboose, connecting the harbor with the town buildings on Rte. 103. It will include a footbridge over the inlet to Lake Sunapee by the harbor, making safer a very tight area. Other improvements will include lighting and drainage work.

The grant is awarded by the state DOT and funded by federal transportation enhancement funds. It requires a 20 percent match from the town.

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**Art. 8** – To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following town-owned properties:

- a) Park 10 parcel, 0.06 acre, Map/lot # 031-775-211
- b) Park 10 parcel, 0.12 acre, Map/lot # 031-788-301
- c) Park 10 parcel, 0.33 acre, Map/lot # 031-764-094
- d) Park 10 parcel, 0.20 acre, Map/lot # 020-055-210
- e) Old Highway Garage, corner Rte. 103 & Sutton Rd. Map/lot # 043-348-244, commercial property

*Background* – Three of the Park 10 properties were given to the town as gifts, the fourth came as the result of a tax deed.

The old highway garage site has limitations that don't lend it to town uses. Real estate appraisers have advised the lot is, however, a desirable commercial site. The selectmen expect it would net the better part of the cost of the parcel in Art. 9 below.

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**Art. 9** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to purchase property that adjoins the town-owned Bald Sunapee property, 919 Route 103 (Map/lot # 020-065-227).

*Background* – Based on terrain and location, this property is virtually the last usable land to give us space for future growth. For example, we currently have space issues at the safety services building. The CIP suggests eventually moving the police or fire department, as well as longer term needs. We know we need land. The center of town is logistically the best location, where it makes sense to locate safety services.

The selectmen initiated contact with the owner and established he was willing to sell. They then sought opinions on the value of the

property from the town assessor and a local real estate broker. The property owner accepted the town's offer. The cost is expected to be offset, at least in good part, by sale of the old highway garage (see Art. 8 above).

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**Art. 10** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,700 to purchase a Message Sign with integrated speed measurement and furthermore to accept a Dept. of Highway Safety grant in the amount of \$6,000, the remaining \$8,700 to come from taxation.

*Background* – This equipment, a Traffic Advisory Message Board and Radar Trailer, offers a variety of uses, from advising motorists of their speed to carrying messages on traffic warnings, events and more. It could also be used by the highway dept. to advise the public of road work and by Parks & Rec to announce events, warn motorists of bike races and the like. The grant has already been approved and is ready for payment once these matching funds are appropriated.

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**Art. 11** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,926 to purchase a one-ton pickup truck equipped with a plow and sander, and authorize the withdrawal of \$48,926 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Recommended by the selectmen)

*Background* – This vehicle would replace the six-year-old Chevy 3500 pickup which has 110,000 miles on it. This purchase is in line with the CIP, which recommends that the vehicles be replaced every five years. Several vendors are being checked for the best trade-in price on the old truck.

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**Art. 12** – To see if the town will vote, in accordance with RSA 154:1, to authorize the appointment of the Newbury Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen, who will also appoint firefighters upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

*Background* – To meet its responsibility and accountability for this critical town service, the board of selectmen needs a structure that allows it access. This change to make the fire department a town department was first suggested by MRI, which reviewed fire dept. operations, as part of their report back to selectmen and the fire dept. last year. Town counsel also supported the change when asked for input, citing the board's duty for due diligence to protect the interests of the town.

The fire dept. is in most ways, except its current structure, a town department. It operates from a town-owned building with town-owned vehicles and equipment under town liability and employee benefits (i.e. FICA, workers' comp, life insurance, death and disability), and its members are paid hourly for attending meetings, training and responding to emergency calls. This article will close the loop and make it a town dept.

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**Art. 13** – To see if the town will vote to establish a town forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110, and to transfer part of Map 32, Lot 012-426, "Fishersfield Park," to the town forest, and to place the town forest under the management of the Conservation Commission as authorized by RSA 31:112, II.

*Background* – Establishing a town forest at Fishersfield Park will promote timber management for the town. The conservation committee will be caretakers of the forest, including overseeing appropriate cutting. Any funds raised by timbering or other efforts would go into a Forestry Fund, and could not be spent without approval at town meeting.

**Art. 14** – To see if the town will vote to express an opinion in opposition to proposed “Real ID” legislation to the Governor and the General Court.

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**Art. 15** – To see if the town will vote to support an initiative proposed by the Carbon Coalition (NH Citizens for a Responsible Energy Policy) to ask for effective action by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change (global warming) by establishing a national program requiring reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and creating a major national research initiative to foster development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

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**Art. 16** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,000 from the Dec. 31, 2006 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

*Background* – This is a housekeeping article to place into the trust fund money received from sales of cemetery lots, as intended.

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**Art. 17** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to prepare a renovation study for the three town-owned buildings in South Newbury.

*Background* – proposal from architect Richard Monahan to conduct a study of the historic town buildings in South Newbury and get recommendations for their future use. The study would report on the condition of the three buildings – the old town hall, Sherman Hall and the Grange Hall – and advise what is needed to make the buildings usable and what those renovations would cost. This is primarily an architectural study, vs. the use/functional study in the town center. Part of the study dealing with the old town hall will focus on how to integrate bathrooms without disturbing the historic look of the building. The rest of the study will detail needed repairs, recommend upgrades of the electrical and mechanical systems. The selectmen are interested in learning what the cost might be to put this and the other historic, town-owned buildings in South Newbury village in usable condition. JMP noted septic plan is done and could go in on the abutting lot. Work to include electric, a furnace, floor and overall painting.] Look at issues of septic hookup, parking, structural considerations and electrical, plumbing and heating systems

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**Art. 18** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,885 to replace approximately 420 feet of chain-link fence along the frontage of Lakeside Cemetery with granite post and chain fencing.

*Background* – Cemetery trustees would like to install one section of fence along Rte. 103A up to Stoodley Road which would consist of granite posts linked by chain, and a gate. This would replace the chain-link fence currently installed which is showing its age – gates that don’t work, material is rusting out, posts giving way. Cemetery trustees considered other types of fencing, including the vinyl fencing used in front of the town office and library. They feel the granite posts and chain are most economical and maintenance free and in keeping with the rural character of the area.

**Art. 19** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the restoration of the Center Meeting House. The Meeting House shall first raise at least \$300,000. (By petition) (Not recommended by the selectmen.)

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**Art. 20** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for asphalt surface treatment of a mile of Province Road.

*Background* -- One issue with the condition of Province Rd. is that the material underlying the road consists of unknown depths of ledge; eight test holes showed very poor conditions. Cal Prussman, highway administrator, has been investigating the appropriate corrective measures. Given that the test pits show the base is inadequate to support paving for a reasonable amount of time, Prussman backs an engineer’s recommendation to treat the surface with stone and liquid asphalt, resulting in a triple chip seal, 2-1/2 inches thick when finished. This would greatly improve the road surface.

The town would have to grade the surface prior to treatment and put down bank run gravel, fabric and crushed gravel. The treatment area would be approx. one mile and would extend up Province Rd. beyond Red House Rd. If this treatment is successful, it might be considered for other problematic gravel roads in town.

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**Art. 21** – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$2,500 to help fund infrastructure improvements for the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports non-profit organization. (Proposed improvements include construction of a maintenance/storage facility at Warren Brook Park, safety fencing for the softball field, roof repairs on the elementary school dugouts and snack shack, repairs to the dugouts at Brown-Shattuck Field, a new well at Warren Brook Park, aeration and fertilization to all athletic fields, maintenance on the mowing equipment and improvements to parking area at Warren Brook Park.) (By petition) (Not recommended by the selectmen.)

# Voting Day

Tuesday, March 13

Polls open from 1 p.m.- 7 p.m.  
at the Newbury town office building

On the town ballot you will be voting on the following candidates  
for town office and proposed amendments to the zoning  
ordinance.

## Candidates on the ballot for town offices

Selectman – Richard Wright, James Valiquet

Trustee of the Trust Funds – Clayton Johnson

Library Trustee – Elizabeth Tentarelli

Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term) – Clayton Johnson

Supervisor of the Checklist (4-year term) – Sue Russell

Cemetery Trustee – Paul Riley

Planning Board (two openings) – Thomas Vannatta, Deane Geddes

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-year term) – Kathryn Holmes

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-year term) – no candidate

Zoning Board of Adjustment (1-year term) – no candidate

## 2007 Amendments to the Newbury Zoning Ordinance

The amendments to the Newbury Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Newbury Planning Board are outlined below. The ballot on March 13 will ask if you are in favor of the adoption of each amendment

1. The **Planning Board's Amendment No. 1** proposes to amend *Article VIII (Wetlands Conservation Overlay District), Section 8.0 Purpose* to clarify and further define the intent of the article. A definition for the buffer area around a wetland is proposed. The amendment proposes to change the wetland regulations to require a conditional use permit approval by the Planning Board for development in the buffer area around a wetland instead of the current requirement for approval of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

*Rationale* – The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Clarify and further define the intent of this article on wetlands;
2. Add a definition of "Wetland Buffer"; and
3. Change the wetland regulations to require a conditional use permit approval by the Planning Board for development in the buffer area around a wetland instead of the current requirement for approval of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This will enable the Planning Board to evaluate proposals to develop in a wetland buffer while reviewing the overall development application and to balance the wetland buffer issues with other issues in the development proposal.

2. The **Planning Board's Amendment No. 2** proposes to amend *Article XVIII (Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District, Section 18.2 Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District Boundary* to revise some of the overlay district boundaries. Some of the boundaries were changed to correct errors in the specification of those boundaries.

*Rationale* – The purpose of this amendment is to revise some of the said boundaries and to correct errors in the specification of some of those boundaries.

3. The **Planning Board's Amendment No. 3** proposes to amend *Article VII (Shore Land Overlay District), Section 7.2 Shore Land District* to add the following two permanent streams to the Shore Land Overlay District:

- Roaring Brook (the northerly stream entering Chalk Pond on its southwest shore), and
- Bly Brook (the southerly stream entering Chalk Pond on its southwest shore).

*Rationale* – The purpose of this amendment is to add two previously unknown streams to the Shoreland Overlay District. Their inclusion will help to protect the Chalk Pond watershed.