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**2009 Town Report is available at the town office  
and on the town website, [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org).**

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*Your presence is requested...*

**Tuesday, March 9**

**1 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Ballot voting**

**Newbury Town Office**

for town officers, as well as the school district warrant.

**Wednesday, March 10**

**5:30 p.m. Ham & Bean Dinner**

**7 p.m. Town meeting**

**Mount Sunapee Resort,**

**Second floor of Spruce Lodge**

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**From the desk of the**

**Newbury Board of Selectmen**

*Jim Powell, Gary Budd, Dick Wright  
and town administrator Dennis Pavlicek*

### **Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway**

*This report is largely taken from meeting notes provided by the UVLSRPC.*

The byway committee continued to review goals, action plan and strategies for the corridor management plan at its Feb. 3 meeting.

During the review of goal 4, a NHDOT representative explained how the context sensitive solutions (CSS) process works – rather than NHDOT unilaterally designing and building a roadway improvement,

there is a collaborative process with the community to develop a design that meets safety, traffic volume and community values.

The committee discussed the possibility of using the CSS process to help identify where scenic viewing areas could be located along the byway. There was also discussion about the potential re-design of Route 11 in Sunapee that is being worked on with the master plan process. The byway plan should complement ideas in the master plan.

There was a lot of discussion about how to develop and improve links between different sites and resources as part of goal 5. Ideas included physical signage, linking websites and cross-promotion, using Facebook or Twitter, maps or placemats, collaborating with the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce and/or other tourist information agencies in other parts of the state. The chamber is working on lists of "10 Things to Do..." for the region and upgrading its website. A basic marketing website was suggested for the byway, perhaps using a free website platform if no funding is available for website development. Also discussed was working with schools to do scenic byway field trips with tie-ins to curricula.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 11 a.m. in the Newbury town office. The agenda will be to finalize the corridor management plan prior to the public comment period.

A week after this meeting, NHDOT sent information about the newly opened application period for 2010 New Hampshire Scenic and Cultural Byway grants. The Lake Sunapee byway committee has submitted a letter of intent to develop an interpretive trail of kiosks, a marketing plan and promotional website. There is a required workshop at NHDOT on March 5; the application deadline is April 2. After ranking by the NH Scenic and Cultural Byway Council, applications will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration which makes funding decisions.

### **Small business lending programs**

The selectmen would like to share the following brief overview sent by CRDC following a presentation at the board's meeting on Jan. 25:

"The Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) is the nonprofit regional economic development corporation responsible for providing a variety of small business loan programs to growing businesses in Merrimack, Sullivan and Hillsborough counties.

"CRDC focuses its programs on financing real estate acquisition, new construction and renovations of buildings for existing and new businesses that create or retain jobs and improve the property tax base.

"CRDC also is a certified SBA 504 lender for projects throughout New Hampshire.

"For additional information please contact Stephen Heavener at 603-228-1872 x223 or [sheavener@crdc-nh.com](mailto:sheavener@crdc-nh.com). Additional information about CRDC's lending programs can be reviewed on its web page, [crdc-nh.com](http://crdc-nh.com)."

### **Take 10 for the Census**

**"Take 10" and help Newbury and NH get a fair share for the next 10 years**

During each Decennial Census, the Census Bureau undertakes the count of every person residing in the United States, as mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Everyone is encouraged to take 10 minutes to answer the 10 simple questions on the 2010 Census form.

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we've evolved as a country. Because census data affect how *more than \$400 billion* in federal funding is

distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72 percent as of the April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every one percent increase in mail participation. For these and many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone's participation in the census.

Here's what you should know about the 2010 Census:

**It's easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

**It's important.** Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

**It's safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person.

For more information about the 2010 Census, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov). **Please complete and mail back your census forms by April 1.**

## **TOWN CLERK**

### **Dogs need to be registered by April 30**

Town clerk Linda Plunkett reminds dog owners that their dogs must be licensed by April 30, and dogs' rabies vaccines must be up to date.

You can fill out the form at the town clerk's office or download the form off the town website and mail it in with the fee (amounts are indicated on the form). As proof of your dog's current rabies inoculation, be sure to include the rabies tag number and expiration date (on the tag from your vet). If you choose the mail-in route, the license tag will be mailed back to you (please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope).

As noted on the forms, the fee schedule for licensing dogs is: puppies (3-7 mo.) \$6.50, male or female \$9.00, neutered male or spayed female \$6.50, owner over 65 - \$2.00.

Failure to license your dogs is a violation of RSA 466:1 and subjects you to a \$1.00 monthly penalty and civil forfeiture of \$25 after May 31, 2010.

→ NOTE NEW DATE ←

### **Teddy Roosevelt's Nobel Prize: New Hampshire and the Portsmouth Peace Treaty**

Please note that due to the winter storm, this lecture was rescheduled from Feb. 25 to Thursday, March 25, at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Newbury town office.

The Fells is hosting a free community program on Thursday afternoon, March 25, exploring the events that led to America's first Nobel Peace Prize and placed New Hampshire on the world stage.

Teddy Roosevelt chose Portsmouth to be the site for the 1905 peace treaty negotiations to end the Russo-Japanese War. This program, presented by Roosevelt scholar Charles Doleac, explores Roosevelt's multi-track diplomacy that resulted in the Portsmouth Peace Treaty and earned Roosevelt America's first Nobel Peace Prize in 1906.

Doleac will add information about the role Secretary of State John Hay played in US diplomacy with China, Japan and Russia in the years and months before his death in July 1905 – just before the Russian and Japanese delegates arrived in Portsmouth, NH. Doleac's remarks will be illustrated with an exhibit of historical photographs.

The free program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. Reservations are not required.

## **NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Library trustees: Liz Tentarelli, Pam Ritchie, Pat Sherman.  
Friends of NPL: Liz Moulton, Paula Falkowski, Ken Tentarelli, Mickey Noyer, Jackie Keegan, Suzanne Levine, Diana Morris*

*Library hours: Sunday 12- 5 p.m., Monday 12-8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 12-5 p.m., Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

### **Poetry Jam**

Leprechauns and dragons will be the theme in the readings of original works of poetry at the next Poetry Jam on Monday, March 8, at the library, led by Dianalee Velie. Join the growing group, whether to read your own work or listen to others.

### **Friends donate flat screen**

The Friends of the library have donated a flat screen to the library and it's playing a 'Coming Events' video of library and town activities. Be sure to see what's playing.

### **Friends to meet March 8**

The Library Friends will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8 in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Russian Faberge Eggs & Lacquer Boxes**

The library is hosting another Humanities To Go! program of the NH Humanities Council, this one called *Russian Faberge Eggs and Lacquer Boxes: From craft to fine art*.

This illustrated presentation by Marina Forbes will focus on the unique development of these two major Russian art forms, from traditional craft to exquisite fine art. Emphasis is on the important role of egg and lacquer box painting in Russian culture, and on the elevation of these traditional forms to the level of high art under the patronage of the tsars. Forbes is a frequent lecturer on Russian culture.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. and check the library for the location, still to be determined.

## **FAMILY SERVICES**

### **Food pantry donations**

We continue to collect for the food pantry at both the Newbury branch of Lake Sunapee Bank and the town offices. Suggested canned goods are soups, ravioli, stew, fruit and juices. Since they are not covered by food stamps, sundries such as soap, dishwashing products and shampoo are helpful. Dog and cat foods are needed too.

--Gail Bostic, family services director

### **Cows, Sheep and the Family Farm**

Thursday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. at Newbury town office

Former NH commissioner of agriculture and scholar-farmer Steve Taylor will discuss NH farm histories and legacies and the current state of NH family farms in a presentation called *Cows, Sheep and the Family Farm in New Hampshire History*. New Hampshire farmstead artifacts from the New London Historical Society collection will be displayed.

This free program is sponsored by The Fells, New London Historical Society and the NH Humanities Council. Pre-registration is not required.

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

*Cemetery trustees: Paul Riley, Mike Moss, Judy Healey*

The cemetery trustees are reviewing the cemetery regulations on Thursday, March 4, at their regular meeting at 9 a.m. in the town office. The public is invited.

*--Paul Riley, trustee*

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

We are researching the spring flower catalogs, selecting the color combinations of flowers that will be planted in the barrels, baskets and window boxes around town – a delightful task for this time of year.

The menu is all set for the Town Meeting ham-and-bean supper on March 10. You, the voters, are asked to please bring a dessert. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., Spruce Lodge, Mt. Sunapee Resort.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 7, at 9 a.m. in the town office meeting room. We welcomed two new members in January. We are a growing organization, do come join us.

### **What's the best way to make cut flowers last longer?**

Flowers need clean water to keep stems healthy and blooms lasting. For the best results, cut stems with a sharp knife by one-half inch and change the water daily.

*--Sally Wollensak, NBC publicity*

## **FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.**

In addition to having a busy winter with numerous vehicle accidents due to the snow and ice as well as our normal medical calls, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department has been busy working on the plans to update the vehicles and equipment. We know that in order to provide the best possible service for the Town of Newbury we not only need new vehicles to replace the aging fleet, but also must consider the latest improvements in firefighting and emergency medical services.

Newbury Engine 4 is a 1978 Ford pumper, whose 32-year age brings it beyond the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for a municipal fire engine. In order to properly budget for fire equipment, several years ago the board of selectmen and the fire department established a replacement schedule for fire apparatus which called for a new pumper engine to be purchased every ten years. As Engine 3 was purchased in 2000, this is the year to replace Engine 4.

In determining the needs of the department over the next several years, as this new truck would be expected to be in service for 30 years, the fire department officers evaluated the requirements of the department and the community. Although the number of fires has decreased over the last several years, a number of building fires do occur in Newbury each year. In order to provide rapid response and the proper equipment and manpower to fight a building fire safely, the three engine companies we currently operate are the minimum for a town the size of Newbury, even with the assistance of mutual aid from surrounding towns. The department looked at the options available for a new fire engine and some of the innovations in firefighting that have come about since the last truck was purchased ten years ago.

It was determined that the best option for the department would be to replace the full-size fire engine with a smaller initial-attack pumper with a compressed air foam system (CAFS.) One of the challenges that the department faces is the number of steep hilly roads and long driveways that become impassable during the winter's snow and ice. The truck will have four-wheel drive to enable it to get as close as possible to the fire scene in winter weather.

The foam-extinguishing system drastically reduces the amount of water needed to extinguish a fire so a large water tank, which takes up a considerable amount of space on the current engine, is not

required. Studies conducted by NFPA and fire departments throughout the country have demonstrated that compressed air foam is superior to using plain water to extinguish a building fire. The studies indicated that the time to knock down a fire with foam is considerably less than with water alone as is the amount of water required. This is critical in Newbury where there is no public water system and all the water required has to be trucked to the fire scene. Another advantage of the foam is that the weight of the foam mixture in the fire hose is considerably less than plain water. A fire attack with CAFS requires fewer firefighters than would be needed to fight a fire with water; this is critical at a time when limited personnel are available, especially during the workday. The ability to quickly knock down a fire not only limits the amount of damage to the property, but it also improves the safety of the firefighters, who would spend less time working in the dangerous fire conditions.

Upon approval of the new fire apparatus at town meeting, the department is prepared to go out to bid with a number of manufacturers of fire equipment who expressed interest on bidding on this truck. Once the bids are received and a company selected, construction would start on the truck which will take several months. Training on the new equipment would be provided by the manufacturer, with the truck to be in full service protecting the Town of Newbury shortly thereafter.

One piece of equipment that has already been received and is in service to the town is a new twelve-lead medical monitor which is in Rescue 1. This equipment was in last year's budget and the department was able to purchase a current-year model, saving a considerable amount of money over the cost of the 2010 updated monitor. This equipment is compatible with the state-of-the-art monitoring equipment carried on the New London and Bradford ambulances and provides additional capabilities for the emergency medical technicians in evaluating a patient prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

### **Please note**

The reports on the meetings of the conservation commission, planning board and zoning board of adjustment that would normally run this month will appear next month.

### **Upcoming planning board hearings**

The following planning board hearings are scheduled for March 16:

7:15 p.m., Richard H. Wright, for property located at 405 Old Post Road and off Route 103, will submit an application for site plan review. If the application is accepted as complete the public hearing on the application will commence at the same meeting.

7:45 p.m., Walter & Marlene Graf, for property located on Baher and Chalk Pond roads, will submit an application for a final hearing for an annexation. If the application is accepted as complete a public hearing on the application will commence at the same meeting.

# NEWBURY TOWN MEETING

## **BALLOT VOTING: Tuesday, March 9**

**1 p.m. – 7 p.m. at town office**

for town officers, as well as the school district warrant.

## **TOWN MEETING: Wednesday, March 10**

**7 p.m. at Mt. Sunapee Resort**

**(Ham & Bean Dinner at 5:30)**

**Second floor of Spruce Lodge**

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### **Two contested races for Newbury posts**

Town clerk Linda Plunkett reports that as of the closing of the filing period on Friday, Jan. 29, the following individuals filed for open town positions:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Selectman (vote for one)    | Paul LaFrance<br>Richard Matte<br>Richard Wright            |
| Moderator                   | Nancy Marashio  |
| Trustee of Trust Funds      | Clayton Johnson   |
| Library trustee             | Elizabeth Tentarelli  |
| Cemetery trustee            | Paul Riley  |
| Planning Board (vote for 2) | Elizabeth Ashworth<br>Thomas Vannatta<br>J. Ronald Williams |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment  |   |
| 3-year seats, vote for 2    | Katheryn Holmes<br>Harry Seidel                             |
| 2-year seat, vote for one   | Peter Fichter   |

### **Town meeting on Wednesday, March 10**

Before the meeting starts, everyone is again invited to a free Ham & Bean Supper prepared by the members of the Newbury Beautification Committee. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Voters are asked to bring a dessert.

At town meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. the following articles of the warrant will be addressed, beginning with the operating budget.

### **Budget Overview**

The operating budget is down again. The members of the budget committee – Jim Powell, Gary Budd, Dick Wright, Dennis Pavlicek, Joy Nowell, Ivor Freeman and Tom Vannatta – met the goal of keeping the budget even with or lower than last year's.

The total operating budget as shown in article 2 below is down \$17,690 or about half a percent. Dennis Pavlicek said that there is an increase of \$17,982 in the sewer department line that is covered by a different type of revenue which means it's fair to say the operating budget is actually down \$35,672, a full percent.

Wages & benefits. Selectmen budgeted an average of 2.25% overall for wage increases, to cover both cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) and merit raises for town employees.

Unlike last year when rates were down, insurance costs this year are up 16.4% but changes were made to the town policy that bring the increase to around 10.5%. The changes were an increase in the co-pays for pharmaceutical items and a mail-order plan for 90-day supplies of maintenance medications.

Revenues. Town administrator Dennis Pavlicek said revenues are stabilizing and there's even a chance for an uptick this year. The state isn't reinstating the revenue-sharing portion of the municipal block grant that it withdrew last year, but this year the \$6,000 we lost 2009 is being replaced by a \$6,000 increase in our highway block grant.

Retirement. The news has been covering the shortfall in the state retirement system which has resulted in increased contributions required from municipalities. Newbury is less impacted by this because our police department is the only one in that system. As of July 1 the amount the town contributes will increase about 2%. The town's other full-time employees are covered by a retirement system run by the International City Management Association (ICMA)/Retirement Corp.

Overlay looks good. The amount of overlay – money set aside for abatements and refunds – remains relatively low because our assessors have assessments where they should be so few abatements are anticipated. The Dept. of Revenue Administration looks at this number when setting our tax rate.

Tax rate forecast. All things considered and at current valuations, Pavlicek figures that, if all the money articles pass, the town portion of the tax rate will go up 18 cents for a tax rate of \$3.64. On a \$200,000 house that would be an increase of \$36. Currently the town tax rate is \$3.46/\$1,000. In the write-ups following, the anticipated tax impact of each individual article is noted.

### **Town Warrant - 2010**

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,205,990 for general operations:

| ANNUAL BUDGET               | 2009      | 2010      |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Executive                | \$178,522 | \$184,256 |
| 2. Elections                | 4,802     | 7,494     |
| 3. Financial Administration | 440,795   | 444,292   |
| 4. Legal Expenses           | 23,000    | 23,000    |
| 5. Personnel Administration | 2,800     | 3,600     |
| 6. Planning                 | 46,726    | 47,121    |
| 7. Zoning                   | 13,006    | 13,172    |
| 8. General Government Bldg. | 53,271    | 51,892    |
| 9. Cemeteries               | 25,610    | 25,140    |
| 10. Insurance               | 52,100    | 57,750    |
| 11. Other General Govt.     | 14,000    | 13,600    |
| 12. Police Department       | 450,288   | 468,306   |
| 13. Fire Department         | 159,875   | 162,641   |
| 14. Forest Fire             | 1,053     | 1,038     |
| 15. Code Enforcement        | 28,813    | 29,308    |
| 16. Emergency Management    | 4,413     | 4,263     |
| 17. Highway Maintenance     | 578,780   | 552,995   |
| 18. Highway Reconstruction  | 232,000   | 195,000   |
| 19. Street Lighting         | 14,600    | 14,500    |
| 20. Transfer Station        | 284,805   | 294,807   |
| 21. Health Agencies         | 33,616    | 34,403    |
| 22. Welfare                 | 22,894    | 22,869    |
| 23. Information Booth       | 6,689     | 6,542     |
| 24. Parks & Recreation      | 77,648    | 65,961    |
| 25. Library                 | 85,494    | 87,325    |
| 26. Conservation Commission | 1,495     | 1,577     |
| 27. Historical Society      | 1,000     | 1,000     |
| 28. Tax Anticipation Notes  | 100       | 100       |
| 29. Sewer Department        | 137,440   | 155,422   |
| 30. Bond/Note Principal     | 165,000   | 165,000   |
| Bond/Note Interest          | 49,000    | 40,750    |

|                                |                    |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 31. Safety Communication Svcs. | 34,045             | 30,866             |
| 32. Capital Outlay             | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>\$3,223,680</b> | <b>\$3,205,990</b> |

**Background on Operating Budget, by line item:**

**1. Executive \$184,256 +3.2% up \$5,734**

The increase is largely covered by COLA increases for the town administrator and AA and related changes to benefits costs including health insurance rates which are up more than 10%.

Equipment rental is up \$322 to \$3,658 as a result of copier replacement. Telephone systems is down \$50. Other expenses in this line, all unchanged, include the selectmen's stipends, town website, supplies, postage, mileage, telephone, publications, training, computer service, server, copier rental (up slightly), advertising and organization dues.

**2. Elections \$7,494 +56.1% up \$2,692**

This line covers elections, registration and vital statistics. The increase mostly comes from expenses for two more elections this year than last – the state primary in September and general election in November.

Increases include election supplies such as ballots (up \$300 to \$2,300) and wages for two additional elections for supervisors of the checklist, moderator and ballot clerks. Their pay rates will receive COLA increases as well.

**3. Financial Administration \$444,292 +0.8% +\$3,497**

First off, we pay only \$274,000 of this line after revenues. Increases are mostly in salaries/benefits. The line covers the finance director, treasurer, town clerk/tax collector, assessors and assessing clerk as well as expenses of these offices including tax maps, auditor and printing and mailing of tax bills.

This line includes the full cost of the tri-town assessing office, which will be offset by Sunapee and New London shares, a combined total of about \$170,000 that we will be reimbursed. Our share is about \$70,000, lower because we have fewer lots.

There are other relatively minor changes such as supplies (\$3,500 to \$3,000) and computer services and support (\$15,300 to \$16,750); much is unchanged.

**4. Legal Expenses \$23,000 unchanged**

After a reduction last year this line now tracks with expected needs.

**5. Personnel Administration \$3,600 +28.6% \$800**

Once the line for all employee benefits, this line now is largely for state unemployment insurance and unreimbursed medical. The entire increase of \$800 reflects the doubling of our payment to the state for the unemployment fund. The fund is broke due to the greater than anticipated jobless rate.

**6. Planning \$47,121 +0.8% up \$395**

Increases in this line include salary/benefit for the land-use board assistant (shared with the zoning board) and legal expenses (up \$500 to \$1,500). Printing is down \$400 to \$100. Advertising and postage are both down \$200. The largest item in this line is \$15,000 for consultant fees, unchanged from last year.

**7. Zoning \$13,172 +1.3% up \$166**

The increase largely reflects salary and benefit changes for the land-use board assistant shared with the planning board.

**8. Gen'l Gov't Buildings \$51,892 -2.6% down \$1,379**

The budget for heat is down \$1,000 and there are other small cuts. Larger ticket items that remain level: general repair (\$10,000), mowing/landscaping (\$7,500), vehicle fuel (\$2,880) and supplies (\$2,850). Includes use of town office and meeting room plus maintenance, repairs and mowing for town office and South Newbury town buildings.

**9. Cemeteries \$25,140 -1.8% down \$470**

This line has reductions in restoration/cleaning (\$3,000, down \$500), trees (down \$400 to \$500) and trustee mileage (from \$500 to \$100) which offset the \$800 increase in mowing (now \$18,330) and a \$20 increase in haying, now at \$400.

**10. Insurance \$57,750 +10.8% \$5,650**

The line for workers' comp is up 19.7 percent, from \$16,500 to \$19,750, as a function of wage increases, an increase in the workers' comp rate of 9% and a correction from last year. The property liability insurance rate is up 6.7% (the first rate increase in four years) from \$35,600 to \$38,000.

**11. Other General Government \$13,600 -2.9% down \$400**

The decrease is in the cost of printing the town report, now at \$3,500. The other two items remain level: newsletter (\$100) and selectmen's project (\$10,000). The selectmen's project funding is for a town enhancement project. The money gives 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. Last year \$7,452 of the fund was spent, roughly \$950 on for clearing around the Veterans Hall, \$1,000 to reseal the parking lot between the town office and library to prepare for the restriping, and the majority, \$5,500, for creating the community garden at Fishersfield Park.

**12. Police Dept. \$468,306 +4.0% up \$18,018**

Payroll and benefits show the largest increase due to several factors: The replacement for the third full-time officer position which was only partly funded last year now shows a full year of salary/benefits; COLA raises and increased contributions to the NH Retirement System in which officers are enrolled (it increased slightly more than a third to \$32,036). There is a decrease of \$7,807 in expected overtime (now \$11,247). Administrative changes in scheduling and procedures provide a significant reduction in the potential for overtime while increasing coverage that allows, for example, officers to be in court without incurring overtime.

Other reductions include: A reduction in uniforms (down \$500 to \$2,000). Supplies are down by half to \$2,000 and equipment down one third to \$3,000, both thanks in part to a switch to digital. Vehicle fuel is \$11,000, reduced by \$5,000. The chief credits 60% better fuel mileage with the Taurus models over the Crown Vics. The line for Crimestar is down \$500 to \$2,500 for licensing fees; it now should be stable.

The cruiser municipal lease payment is up \$3,250 to \$26,650. The original plan was to trade in the SUV but as the time approached it was decided the greater economy would be to transfer it to the fire department to replace a failing former cruiser the department uses for official business. The two departments split the 'cost' of the transfer, \$3,250 each.

The other items in this line are unchanged.

**13. Fire Dept. \$162,641 +1.7% up \$2,766**

The two largest changes in this line are payroll and medical equipment. Payroll and the related benefits are up about \$17,500 due to COLA increases, expected increase in hours and to better reflect actual costs of the new pay structure instituted last year (last year's projection was low).

Medical equipment is down overall by \$15,625 because last year it included the purchase of a new defibrillator/monitor. Equipment is down \$4,000 overall. Last year it included \$9,000 for a hydraulic pump to run extrication tools; this year it includes \$3,250 for a replacement vehicle. The police dept. is replacing its SUV and the decision was to use it to replace the fire dept.'s older vehicle as a better value than trading it in.

Other changes include PSNH going up 20% to \$4,800, vehicle repair up by half to \$8,950, radios up \$710 to \$2,830 and fuel is down \$300 to \$1,700.

**14. Forest Fire \$1,038 -1% down \$15**

The line covers salary/benefits, training and equipment.

**15. Code Enforcement \$29,308 +1.7% up \$495**

Increase in salary/benefits. Other changes largely cancel each other out. Costs of this line are largely offset by permit fees.

**16. Emergency Management \$4,263 -3.4% down \$150**

This line covers both emergency management and health officer. The decrease is in health officer supplies. The rest of the line items are unchanged and include stipends for the two positions, dues, training, mileage and miscellaneous.

**17. Highway maintenance \$552,995 -4% down \$25,785**

Some of the larger decreases in this line are: vehicle fuel down \$15,000 to \$33,000...sand has dropped 50% to \$10,000 (this also covers the pretreatment product that cuts down on the need for sand)...tires are down 75% to \$4,000 from \$16,200 (last year the grader needed six new ones, a loader two)...heating oil is down \$3,000 to \$8,000...sweeping is down \$1,000 to \$5,000

The parts line is level at \$22,000 and salt is flat at \$20,000 after doubling last year.

Increases include mowing which is up \$3,000 to \$7,000, PSNH is up \$500 to \$5,500 and striping supplies are up from \$450 to \$1,500. Salaries and benefits are up as with other departments.

**18. Highway reconstruction \$195,000 -15% down \$37,000**

This line reflects a decrease in the planned amount of reconstruction this year as well as lower costs of fuel, oil and liquid asphalt. Gravel is level at \$25,000. Paving/grinding is down \$37,000, nearly 18%, to \$170,000.

Plans are to pave the parts of Gillingham, Newell, Proctor and Brown roads that were reclaimed last year. When they are put out to bid the list will also request bids on several roads off Rt. 103A – Shore Dr., Cloverfield Rd. and Stoodley Rd. so that, depending on what funds remain, these roads can be considered. The plan originally was to reclaim the second half of Newell Road this year, but residents requested it be held off until both reclaiming and paving can occur in the same year.

**19. Street Lighting \$14,500 -0.7% down \$100**

The change in this line comes from a confluence of a 6% rate increase from PSNH, the new LED streetlights, savings from energy-efficient lights on PSNH poles and a net three fewer PSNH streetlights. To shed a little more historical light on the matter, we converted to more energy-efficient metal-halide lights on the PSNH poles a couple years ago with a five-year payback period on the equipment. The money we're saving on electricity usage is put toward the switchover cost (roughly 30% of the line item) so the line will go down in about three years.

**20. Transfer Station \$294,807 +3.5% \$10,002**

Broken down by categories...

**Solid Waste Collection \$158,457 +9.5% up \$13,702**

The bulk of this line is for labor (two full-time and two part-time employees) and reflects the COLA increase in salaries changes in benefits.

Two other changes balance each other out. Building maintenance and repair is down \$5,000 to \$3,000 because that work is now caught up. Focus moves equipment this year, which is up \$5,000 to \$7,000. The plan is to trade-in the 10-year-old Bobcat skid steer loader for a new one. The Bobcat was bought in 2000 and the CIP called for replacement in 2008 but since it wasn't having problems, the decision was to hang on to it a couple more years. The allocation of \$7,000

takes into account a trade-in value of \$8,000 and the potential for a grant to offset a portion of this purchase.

Another increase in this line comes from a new water test required by the state which adds \$1,400 to this line for this year; the test is required once every six years.

**Disposal \$128,850 -3.1% down \$4,100**

Thanks to a lower tonnage of trash due to increased recycling, trucking is down \$2,000 to \$38,000 and disposal is down \$2,000 to \$80,000. There is potential for the rates charged for these two items to go up in the future; neither has changed much recently. The cost of tire disposal is down slightly and equipment (compactors) rental is flat at \$9,750.

**Recycling \$7,500 +5.6% up \$400**

The good news is that the volume of recycling is up; the savings come in trash disposal (above).

Trucking of recyclables is up, from \$600 to \$1,500, partly because we now have history on costs, partly because of an increase in electronics volume (offset to an extent by fees) and a full year of plastic/tin collection.

This line also covers hazardous waste day at \$1,800 (down \$200), recyclables disposal (down \$100) and equipment rentals (down \$200). We now only rent the cardboard trailer and electronics pod; we own the metals box and aluminum can trailer.

**21. Health Agencies \$34,403 +2.3% up \$787**

This line is for health agencies and community programs. Funds go to the following organizations:

New London Hospital Ambulance \$18,991 (up \$771/ 4.2%)

Visiting Nurse Assoc. \$5,644 (up \$16 / 0.3%)

Ambulance Service \$1,500 (unchanged)

Kearsarge Area Preschool \$3,000 (unchanged)

Community Action Program \$2,768 (unchanged)

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging \$2,500 (unchanged)

**22. Welfare \$22,869 -0.1% down \$25**

The line covers welfare administration (down \$25) and direct assistance for rent, food, utilities, gasoline and misc. which is level with last year's increase by \$6,600 to \$19,950, again based on anticipated need.

**23. Information Booth \$6,542 -2.2% down \$147**

Decrease reflects balance between wage/benefit increase and decreases in PSNH and repairs.

**24. Parks & Recreation \$65,961 -15.1% down \$11,687**

The selectmen decided to place the funding for fireworks on Old Home Day in a separate warrant article, decreasing the Old Home Day item to \$6,000 from \$17,000.

Maintenance and repair are down from \$3,000 to \$2,500 with completion of some projects at Fishersfield Park. There are smaller decreases in allocations for advertising (\$300 to \$250) and telephone (down \$100 to \$500). Beach sand, picnic tables are trails are down a combined \$250.

The only two increases are a small one in salaries and \$200 in supplies, now at \$3,700.

Some items remaining level funded are PSNH at \$2,500, equipment at \$1,000, landscaping at \$3,000 and concerts at \$6,500 (with sponsorship dollars again expected to cover much of this).

This line also includes \$3,500 for Bradford / Newbury / Sutton Youth Sports.

**25. Library \$87,325 +2.1% up \$1,831**

The only increase is for salaries/benefits reflecting both raises and increased employee hours to provide better coverage. Several decreases provide some offset. Costs are down for heat (\$2,500, down \$700) and PSNH (\$2,300, down \$200). Three line items have been zeroed out, to be covered instead by other donations to the library: supplies at \$2,000, advertising at \$100 and conferences/

dues/associations at \$210. Funding levels are unchanged for building repair (\$3,000), books (\$3,600) and technology (\$1,000).

Also, by state statute, the library retains its budget surplus from the prior year, which in 2009 was \$3,520.

**26. Conservation Commission \$1,577 +5.5% up \$82**  
Minor increases, mostly in supplies.

**27. Historical Society \$1,000 unchanged**  
The line is for supplies (\$750) and building (\$250).

**28. Tax Anticipation Notes \$100 unchanged**  
For potential debt service/interest

**29. Sewer Dept. \$155,422 +13% up \$17,982**  
This line is covered 100 percent by user fees.

Salaries and related benefits are up due to an increase in hours as well as the COLA raise.

Bond issuance costs account for \$15,000 of the line total, an increase of \$12,000 based on the construction work beginning this spring. While construction is going on for the treatment plant upgrades, users pay one percent as a construction loan payoff on a revolving loan from NHDES. It's a temporary loan, borrowed in increments.

Other smaller increases are the result of the construction to be done this year, such as electricity (up \$1,000) and property insurance (up \$2,140) for the new plant.

A decrease of \$5,500 for system repair and maintenance, bringing it down to \$2,500 is also a result of the upgrade work.

**30. Bond/Note Principal \$165,000 unchanged**  
**Bond/Note Interest \$40,750 -16.8% down \$8,250**

This line covers the bonds for the town office addition and highway garage. The interest payment is down in line with the reduction in principal. The ten-year bonds, approved in 2004, will be paid off in 2015.

**31. Safety Communication Svcs \$30,866 -9.3% down \$3,179**

The largest portion of this line covers dispatch fees from New London Dispatch. New London prorates the cost of the service among the towns it covers, adding a usage fee to a base fee. Newbury's percentage of the call volume was again lower, reducing our cost by 12.25% to \$22,766. All other items in this line are unchanged, including radios (\$3,000), pagers (\$100) and the T-1 line for the town office, library and safety services departments (\$4,200).

**32. Capital Outlay -0- unchanged**

**Tax impact:** The anticipated tax impact of article 2, the operating budget, is \$2.88.

### Warrant articles continued...

A frequently asked question is why some articles carry a selectmen's recommendation and others do not. By statute there are five types of article that must carry the recommendation: petition articles that have money to be appropriated, nonlapsing or nontransferable articles, articles designated as special as defined by statute, articles with money to be appropriated by issuance of bonds or notes and articles to put money in a capital reserve fund or expendable trust fund.

**3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$169,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the selectmen)**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Fire equipment    | \$ 55,000 |
| Highway equipment | \$111,000 |
| Ambulance         | \$ 3,000  |

The change in this article is an increase of \$10,000 for fire equipment in light of increased costs of that equipment as reviewed by the capital improvements program (CIP) committee. Capital reserve funds lay money away towards future purchases of costly capital equipment with the intent of stabilizing the tax rate. The CIP

committee annually reviews these amounts against the needs of the town.

The anticipated tax impact of article 3 is \$0.25.

**4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the selectmen)**

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Docks                  | \$12,000 |
| Town office equipment  | \$ 6,000 |
| Town buildings         | \$ 7,000 |
| Milfoil control        | \$ 5,000 |
| FD personal protection | \$10,000 |

Money is regularly put in these expendable funds to cover maintenance and replacement needs in these categories. The amounts are level with last year.

The anticipated tax impact of article 4 is \$0.06.

**5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to renovate the Vets Hall. The renovation will include: insulation, sheetrock, electrical, heating, septic hookup, ADA access, windows, bathroom and kitchen facilities.**

The Veterans Hall, across Route 103 from the town office building, has been determined to be a well-constructed, structurally sound building. Given the need for additional meeting space, especially one that could function as an emergency shelter, selectmen decided to pursue a 'meets needs' renovation request.

The plan is to make it into a year-round functional building which will require no structural changes. The space, with bathroom and kitchen facilities and a generator will provide a modest-sized shelter space for the next power outage.

The building has an 11-foot stage and a 32-foot-square meeting room. The kitchen would be about 11'x13'. The old library room will get partitioned for two handicapped-accessible bathrooms, one with shower, for emergency shelter use. There is an 8'x22' concrete-walled space for utilities under the building.

The amount in the article is based on estimates from contractors.

The project would go out to bid if approved, with individual contracts for each piece of work.

The anticipated tax impact of article 5 is \$0.18.

**6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,750 to purchase a new chipper and authorize the withdrawal of \$37,250 from the highway equipment capital reserve fund and a trade-in amount of \$3,500 for the old chipper. (Recommended by the selectmen)**

The chipper we have is old and needing more and more repairs. It was put in the CIP a few years ago anticipating this replacement. It was bought used for about \$5,000 and the trade-in is \$3,500. The proposed one is brand new, and has a larger (15" vs. 12") chipping capacity. The larger size provides much more flexibility and range of use – such as after ice storms. Often trees are down that are too large for a smaller chipper which means a backhoe or loader must be brought in, at greater cost for labor and fuel. Even further use is expected after Jan. 1, 2011 when new rules kick in that only brush can be burned; any wood would have to go in the demo box.

The tax impact of article 6 is zero.

**7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,350 for the purchase of a new fire pump and necessary modifications for the fire boat.**

As the two small pumps on the fire boat are no longer dependable and roughly 20 years old, the proposal is to replace them with one larger 450-gallon-per-minute, gasoline-powered fire pump. As with the existing system, the boat will be capable of fighting a fire from the water with the large deck gun on the boat as well as pumping water into hoses for the firefighters working on shore. It is expected

that the new pump will be installed on the boat before it is placed in the water for the season.

Many of our properties are located on Lake Sunapee, where the fireboat provides the most efficient way to supply water for firefighting; the boat is the only fire protection for summer homes on Great Island.

The anticipated tax impact of article 7 is \$0.04.

**8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purchase of a new mini-pumper for the fire department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$160,000 from the fire department capital reserve fund, the remaining \$50,000 to come from taxation. (Recommended by the selectmen)**

Newbury Engine 4 is a 1978 Ford pumper, whose 32-year age brings it beyond the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for a municipal fire engine. The CIP replacement schedule for fire apparatus calls for a new pumper engine to be purchased every ten years. As Engine 3 was purchased in 2000, this is the year to replace Engine 4.

It was determined that the best option for the department would be to replace the full-size fire engine with a smaller initial-attack pumper with a compressed air foam system (CAFS.) The truck will have four-wheel drive to enable it to get as close as possible to a fire scene in winter weather.

The foam-extinguishing system drastically reduces the amount of water needed to extinguish a fire so a large water tank, which takes up a considerable amount of space on the current engine, is not required. Studies have demonstrated that compressed air foam is superior to using plain water to extinguish a building fire and that the time to knock down a fire with foam is considerably less than with water alone as is the amount of water required. This is critical in Newbury where there is no public water system and all the water required has to be trucked to the fire scene. Another advantage is that the weight of the foam mixture in the fire hose is considerably less than plain water, requiring fewer firefighters than would be needed to fight a fire with water; this is critical at a time when limited personnel are available, especially during the workday.

Upon approval of the new fire apparatus at town meeting, the department is prepared to go out to bid with a number of manufacturers who expressed interest on bidding on this truck. It is anticipated that the new truck would arrive in early 2011. Training on the new equipment would be provided by the manufacturer, with the truck to be in full service shortly thereafter.

The anticipated tax impact of article 8 is \$0.07.

**9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to complete the restoration of the Center Meeting House.**

The selectmen agreed to put this article on at the request of the Center Meeting House (CMH) board of directors.

So far \$1 million has been spent on the renovation project. The estimated cost for construction still to be done is \$365,000. The CMH board has \$150,000 on hand from its fundraising and \$100,000 coming from a state grant of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. The board seeks \$100,000 from the town, leaving \$15,000-plus to come from future fundraising efforts.

Construction projects to be covered by the \$365,000 include: Exterior work which involves replacing the siding on three sides, shutters and a new ADA-compliant entrance. Interior work includes new plaster on the walls and ceiling to replace what was removed during reconstruction; refinishing the floors, refinishing the pews, adding electrical for exit signs and the like, and other miscellany.

The anticipated tax impact of article 9 is \$0.15.

**10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for fireworks at the Old Home Day celebration. Said sum will be offset by donations in the amount of \$10,000.**

Selectmen and the budget committee discussed the economic impact of the recession on residents as well as a certain degree of prov. con in resident attitudes toward the fireworks. They judged it appropriate in light of that to put the item in a separate warrant article and let the voters decide.

The anticipated tax impact of article 10 is zero.

**11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,900 to be placed in the cemetery maintenance trust fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,900 from the December 31, 2009 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the selectmen)**

This is a regularly appearing housekeeping article that transfers revenue from the sale of cemetery lots into the appropriate maintenance trust fund.

The anticipated tax impact of article 11 is zero.

**12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar-energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood-heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$5,000 for each solar-energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood-heating energy system.**

The state passed the referenced enabling legislation to allow municipalities to offer this exemption. The selectmen agree with the concept of encouraging and supporting the use of environmentally friendly systems so decided to place it before town meeting. The tax impact is estimated to be roughly \$67/exemption.

**13. To see if the Town will vote to accept all of Chapin Way in the Angel Hawk subdivision. Subject to approval by the board of selectmen. (By petition)**

The Angel Hawk subdivision is located off Nelson Hill Road. Chapin Way is 1,638 feet long.

**14. To see if the Town will vote to accept Winter Lane, subject to approval of the board of selectmen. (By petition)**

Winter Lane is located off Cloverfield Road which is off Route 103A and it is 720 feet long.

**15. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our state representative(s), our state senator, the speaker of the house, and the senate president. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage." (By petition)**

**16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

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