

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and asked Selectman Powell to explain why this Special Town Meeting had to happen so quickly.

Mr. Powell explained that the specifications of the grant require that a contract for the project be awarded by January 4, 2010 or the town will lose its eligibility to receive the grant funds. The State legislature approved a change in procedural requirements which allow municipalities to hold special town meetings to accept funds without having to petition the court.

Ms. Marashio informed the residents that this article requires a 2/3 Yes vote of the voters present to pass. She read the following warrant article:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Newbury vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of One Million Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand dollars (\$1,338,000) to be added to the current \$1,700,000 appropriation for the purpose of upgrading the Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant, collection system, pumping stations and related site work and to authorize the issuance of a note up to the amount of One Million Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand dollars (\$1,338,000) with the State Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act loan forgiveness funds estimated to be in the amount of One Million Three Hundred and Forty Thousand dollars (\$1,340,000) with repayment of the balance to be raised by sewer user fees paid into the Sewer fund?

Discussion followed.

Gary Daniels, member of the Sewer Committee acknowledged the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for finding the grant money. The purpose of the treatment plant, which was built in the 1950's, was to protect the Lake as well as enabling Blodgett Landing to support full-time residences. It continues to allow the residents to stay in their homes.

June Fichter, Director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, commented that she agrees with Mr. Daniels' comments and encouraged the voters to approve this article. She stressed the importance of protecting the water quality of Lake Sunapee.

Question was moved. The polls were opened at 7:50 p.m. The polls were closed at 8:50 p.m.

The ballot clerks counted the votes and reported the results to the Moderator. The Moderator announced the following results: YES - 47 NO - 0

Article I passed unanimously as read.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk

