TOWN OF HEBRON, NH TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2017 AND MARCH 18, 2017

Note: The original wording of articles is in *italics*; amendments are in *italics* and **bold**; and the results of voting on an article are in **bold** and CAPITALIZED.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017: COMMUNITY HALL-BASEMENT OF THE UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Moderator Peter Carey opened the polls for ballot voting on Articles 1 and 2 at 11:00 a.m. and closed the polls at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers for the ensuing year by official ballot.

Results of voting for town offices (Article 1) are recorded separately.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment as proposed by the Hebron Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

X. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Purpose

In accordance with NH RSA 674:71 – 73 this provision allows for the creation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as an accessory use to existing single-family detached dwellings.

Definition

An Accessory Dwelling Unit means a subordinate dwelling residence with complete and independent living facility attached to, or contained within, an existing single-family dwelling.

Requirements and Standards:

- 1. One ADU is permitted per lot provided the lot is an existing legal lot of record and the lot contains no more than one detached dwelling;
- 2. The ADU shall comply with all the zoning regulations for a single-family detached dwelling including, but not limited to, setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage;
- *3.* The ADU shall not increase any nonconforming aspect of any existing structure;
- 4. An ADU shall require Special Exception approval from the Hebron Zoning Board of Adjustments and Select Board approval of a Residential Building Application;
- 5. An ADU shall not be considered to be an additional dwelling unit for the purposes of determining minimum lot size or development density of the property;
- 6. The structure and lot shall not be converted to any form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling;
- 7. The applicant shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with NH RSA 485-A: 38. Separate utility connections are not required;
- 8. Both the ADU and the primary residence shall comply with the state Building Code and Fire Code regulations for construction, minimum living space, fire exits and smoke alarms;
- 9. The owner of an ADU shall reside in either the principal dwelling or the ADU;

- 10. The maximum size of an ADU shall not exceed 800 sq. ft. area;
- 11. There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an ADU;
- 12. No more than four persons shall occupy an ADU;
- *13.* An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and accessory dwelling unit. There is no requirement for said interior door to remain unlocked;
- 14. The architecture of the ADU shall match that of the primary residence;
- 15. There shall be no exterior stairway leading to the ADU on the front of the house;
- 16. The main exterior entrances shall not be on the same side of the building;
- 17. One off-street parking space shall be provided in addition to those required for the primary residence for a minimum total of three.

Results for Article 2: Yes - 84; No - 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Moderator Peter Carey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and explained to the audience the procedure for the yes/no ballot voting on articles 3 and 4. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the moderator read aloud the meeting rules to the audience and introduced town officials. Moderator Carey added that Roger Larochelle would temporarily recuse himself from his assistant moderator's duties in respect to article 4 since he will be presenting matters on that article.

Mary Campbell moved and Jennifer Larochelle seconded the motion to dispense with the second reading of an article if no amendment was made – **motion passed by voice vote**.

ARTICLE 3: Patrick Moriarty moved and Eleanor Lonske seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$118,626) payable over a term of 60 months for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) to be used as a down payment towards this purchase with said sum to come from the Capital Equipment Highway Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. Note: There will be no payment due in 2017 and future payments will become part of the operating budget. (2/3 ballot vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and described the type of backhoe to be purchased. The town's current backhoe will be traded in towards the new backhoe. The town's Highway Supervisor has stated repairs to the current backhoe have become cost prohibitive. This is a five-year lease/purchase at 3.5 percent interest.

Ballot voting began at 1:18 p.m. and concluded at 2:18 p.m. Results of Voting: Yes -106 (94.6%); No -6 (5.4%)

ARTICLE 3 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY THE REQUIRED 2/3 BALLOT VOTE.

ARTICLE 4: Patrick Moriarty moved and Eleanor Lonske seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$1,442,379) for the purpose of renovating the Hebron Academy Building and

constructing an addition to the Hebron Academy Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$650,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment" created for that purpose, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$7,621) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. (2/3 ballot vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Patrick Moriarty explained the financing package of \$800,000 at 1.9 percent interest offered to the town by a local bank. The town has been raising and appropriating \$150,000 annually to the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund for the past few years. Selectman Moriarty informed the audience the beach loan will be paid off before the town needs to begin paying on this loan and the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse incinerator bond will be paid off by 2020.

Suzanne Smith asked if property taxes would increase if this article is approved. Selectman Moriarty stated taxes don't have to increase. Alan Barnard asked the moderator when amendments to this article would be accepted and stated a portion of the funds being withdrawn from the capital reserve fund in this article have not yet been raised and appropriated (reference article 6). Moderator Carey explained that by statute, this article must be voted on before article 6. Everett Begor asked if this article is voted on as presented but the \$150,000 from article 6 has not yet been approved, what would happen if this article is approved and article 6 is not approved. Selectman Eleanor Lonske stated this article requires a 2/3 ballot vote and it seems inconceivable to approve this article, but not approve article 6.

Roger Larochelle, Chair of the Hebron Academy Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the need for the renovation and building addition along with the timing of the project. Mr. Larochelle provided a brief history of the Academy building. The building currently needs extensive repairs. The roof needs replacing, the chimney leaks, the fire escape is out of code, and the building needs insulation. Mr. Larochelle reviewed the proposed design and floor plans. If this article is approved, the town would like to start construction in September 2017. The town was awarded a \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant which will be lost if construction does not begin.

Alan Barnard moved and Sheila Oranch seconded an amendment to change \$650,000 to \$550,000. The article incorporating Mr. Barnard's proposed amendment is as follows: **to see if the Town will vote to** *raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred* Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$1,442,379) for the purpose of renovating the Hebron Academy Building and constructing an addition to the Hebron Academy Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$550,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment" created for that purpose, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$7,621) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. (2/3 ballot vote required) The voice vote on the amendment was too close to determine. The moderator asked for a hand count.

Results of the hand count: Yes – 57; No – 37. The amendment as presented passed by hand count.

After further discussion, the moderator closed discussion on the article.

Ballot voting began at 2:20 p.m. and concluded at 3:20 p.m. Results of Voting: Yes -76 (66.7%); No -38 (33.3%)

ARTICLE 4 AS AMENDED PASSED BY THE REQUIRED 2/3 BALLOT VOTE

ARTICLE 5: John Dunklee moved and Eleanor Lonske seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. (Majority vote required)

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the article and explained approval of this article will allow the selectmen to withdraw funds from the capital reserve fund without the legislative body's approval.

Alan Barnard moved and Bruce Barnard seconded an amendment to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend no more than \$1,000 in any given year and any amounts greater than \$1,000 will be presented to the legislative body and approved via a warrant article at an annual or special Town Meeting from the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Eleanor Lonske stated the town has a \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant to expend towards repairs on the Academy. If this article is approved, the selectmen will hold a public hearing prior to any withdrawals from the capital reserve fund. If article 4 fails and this article does not pass, the selectmen will not have the authority to withdraw monies from the capital reserve fund to repair the roof on the Academy Building.

Audrey Johnson moved and Travis Austin seconded the motion to table discussion of this article until the results of article 4 are available. The motion passed by voice vote.

At the expiration of the required one hour of ballot voting on article 4, the moderator informed the voters that article 4 passed by the required 2/3 ballot vote. **Alan Barnard withdrew his proposed amendment** since article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5 AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6: Eleanor Lonske moved and John Dunklee seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to add to the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Eleanor Lonske spoke to the motion.

Parker Griffin moved and Suzanne Smith seconded an amendment to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to add to the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from said capital reserve fund.

Bill Powers asked if the amendment should more specifically authorize the selectmen to withdraw funds from the capital reserve fund.

Bill Powers moved and Sheila Oranch seconded the amendment to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to add to the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Fund and to authorize the select board to withdraw said funds from said capital reserve fund.

The amendment as presented passed by voice vote.

Parker Griffin withdrew his proposed amendment because Bill Powers' amendment was better and more specific in authorizing the selectmen to withdraw monies from the capital reserve fund.

Alan Barnard moved and Robert Brooks seconded the motion to table discussion of this article until the results of article 4 are available. The motion passed by voice vote.

At the expiration of the required one hour of ballot voting on article 4, the moderator informed the voters that article 4 passed by the required 2/3 ballot vote. The moderator then explained that the net effect of article 6, if it passes, and article 4, as amended, is that the select board will be authorized to withdraw up to \$700,000 from the Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment Fund, potentially reducing the amount of the bond needed for the project. The total project cost remains as stated in article 4.

ARTICLE 6 AS AMENDED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7: Eleanor Lonske moved and Suzanne Smith seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 35:16 to change the purpose of the Common Tree Capital Reserve Fund, established by Article 6 of the 1970 Town Meeting, from its original purpose "to defray costs in maintaining, upgrading or replacing existing maple trees on the common," to the Common Landscaping and Care Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying costs in maintaining, upgrading or replacing any trees or vegetation in the Common as well as costs for any consultant services retained by the Town to assist in this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fund. (2/3 vote required)

Robert Brooks moved and Bill Powers seconded an amendment to substitute the word "landscape" for landscaping to be consistent with article 8. The article incorporating Mr. Brook's amendment is as follows: to see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 35:16 to change the purpose of the Common Tree Capital Reserve Fund, established by Article 6 of the 1970 Town Meeting, from its original purpose "to defray costs in maintaining, upgrading or replacing existing maple trees on the common," to the Common Landscape and Care Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying costs in maintaining, upgrading or replacing any trees or vegetation in the Common as well as costs for any consultant services retained by the Town to assist in this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fund. (2/3 vote required)

The amendment as presented passed by voice vote.

Selectman Eleanor Lonske spoke to the article and provided background information on why the purpose should be changed. The new purpose would allow for care of the common and not just specific types of trees.

No discussion occurred.

The moderator asked for a hand count vote as a 2/3 vote is required. Results of voting: Yes – 86 (97.7%); No – 2 (2.3%)

ARTICLE 7 AS AMENDED PASSED BY THE REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 8: Eleanor Lonske moved and John Dunklee seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Common Landscape and Care Capital Reserve Fund. If article 7 does not pass, this article will be null and void. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Eleanor Lonske spoke to the motion and stated there is a lot of work needed on the common. There are rotten trees that need to be removed and replaced with the correct types of trees for the area along with maintenance of the remaining trees.

Audrey Johnson stated \$5,000 was appropriated and added to the fund last year and asked if any monies were withdrawn from the fund last year. The selectmen did not withdraw any monies from the fund last year.

ARTICLE 8 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9: John Dunklee moved and Nadine Hession seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$80,400) to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police	\$5,000
Highway	\$15,000
Fire	\$100
Ambulance	\$20,000
Communications	\$5,000
Assessment Services	\$13,300
Cemetery Tombstones and Fence	\$2,000
Dry Hydrant	\$10,000
Road Emergency Repairs	\$5,000
Culvert Repair & Maintenance	\$5,000
Recommended by the Selectmen	

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and stated this is a standard article the town votes on every year.

ARTICLE 9 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10: Patrick Moriarty moved and Martha Twombly seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, and thereafter hold two public hearings on the sale or acquisition. A written petition by 50 registered voters presented prior to

the Selectmen's vote would require the proposed acquisition or sale to go to Town Meeting as an article in the warrant. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and stated this article relates to article 13.

ARTICLE 10 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11: John Dunklee moved and Jennifer Larochelle seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$130,600) to pave and repair George Road. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until March 1, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and explained the proposed repairs to George Road. Repairs include new culverts and repaying from the intersection of North Shore Road to Poulos Road.

Jan Baker mentioned there had been discussion of relocating the entrance of George Road onto North Shore. Selectman Dunklee explained the landowner the town was working with on the road relocation project changed his subdivision plans which eliminated the new road entrance option.

Selectman Dunklee further explained the town's Highway Supervisor has been in contact with engineers and the basic cost of the repairs is for fixing the base of the road. The selectmen have prioritized where the repairs are needed most.

ARTICLE 11 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12: John Dunklee moved and Jennifer Larochelle seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) to pave Cross Road. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until March 1, 2019, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and stated a resident counted 1,000 vehicles using Cross Road over one weekend.

Several voters asked the selectmen if the road could be designated one way or if the road could be closed off at one end. Selectman Dunklee informed voters it would take a vote of the legislative body to close the road at one end. Several voters expressed paving might increase drivers speeding on the road and asked if a speed bump was feasible. Installing a swale/speed bump to control speeding would hinder snowplowing.

ARTICLE 12 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13: Patrick Moriarty moved and Eleanor Lonske seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to convey and acquire various interests in real property related to Lake Shore Road and the Town Beach. For further details on the proposed conveyances, please see plan on file at the selectmen's office. More specifically, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to convey and acquire property interests as follows: (1) conveying, from Grey Rocks Land Trust, its successors or

assigns, to the Town, a non-exclusive easement over Lake Shore Road to ensure access to the Town Beach including necessary and appropriate utilities; (2) conveying, from the Town to Grey Rocks Land Trust, its successor and assigns, Oak Corporation, and the Susan W. Jackson Revocable Trust, all right, title and interest in any and all rights of way or easements over the premises of Grey Rocks Land Trust, its successor and assigns, Oak Corporation, and the Susan W. Jackson Revocable Trust, to include the "passway" on the Hattie Kimball Estate Plan; (3) conveying, from the Town to the Speranza Family Trust, a non-exclusive easement over the Town Beach providing pedestrian and vehicular access to premises of Speranza Family Realty Trust including necessary and appropriate utilities; and (4) conveying, from the Town to Grey Rocks Land Trust, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement over the Town Beach providing pedestrian and vehicular access to premises of Grey Rocks Land Trust, its successors and assigns, known as "Fish Camp", including necessary and appropriate utilities. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and explained if this article is approved, Grey Rocks Land Trust will convey an easement to the town which will replace the current right-of-way to the town beach. This will allow the town to maintain and improve the road as needed. The town will provide easements to the Speranza Family Trust and to the Grey Rocks Land Trust to access their properties over the town beach property.

Madeleine MacDougall asked if there are any limitations to what the town can do to the road. Selectman Moriarty didn't think there were any limitations.

Virginia Barnard asked if the Speranza Family Trust and the Grey Rocks Land Trust would have vehicle access to their properties. Vehicle access would be limited to the beach parking area.

ARTICLE 13 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14: Eleanor Lonske moved and Martha Twombly seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to resolve any confusion or ambiguity as to the boundary of the Town Common by reaching agreement with abutting owners Bruce K. Platts and Faye D. Foster, for property identified by the town as Tax Map 17 Lot 018, said agreement to include the conveyance or acquisition of small portions of land as necessary and as more fully described in a plan on file at the Selectmen's Office. (Majority vote required).

Selectman Eleanor Lonske spoke to the motion and stated this article would settle the boundary line issue between the two properties.

Alan Barnard said he represents Bruce Platts and Faye Foster and stated they would like to settle the boundary line issue, but some expenditures might be required by the town.

Alan Barnard moved and Robert Brooks seconded an amendment: the select board is authorized to fund any costs associated with this article from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment." The article incorporating Mr. Barnard's amendment is as follows: **to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to resolve any confusion or ambiguity as to the boundary of the Town Common by reaching agreement with abutting owners Bruce K. Platts and Faye D. Foster, for property identified by the town as Tax Map 17 Lot 018, said agreement to include the conveyance or acquisition of small portions of land as necessary and as more fully described in a plan on file at the Selectmen's Office. The select board is authorized to fund any costs associated with this article from**

the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Offices Expansion and Refurbishment." (Majority vote required).

Mr. Barnard stated Bruce Platts and Faye Foster sent a certified letter to the selectmen stating they would like to adhere to the conditions previously discussed at a July 2016 selectmen's meeting.

The amendment as presented passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14 AS AMENDED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15: John Dunklee moved and Martha Twombly seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$12,900) for the Gazebo Programs of this amount, Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One Dollars (\$2,471) from fund balance, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from Donations and Grants and the remaining Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$9,429) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman John Dunklee deferred to Gazebo Program Coordinator Everett Begor to speak to the article. Mr. Begor reviewed the programs scheduled for the summer of 2017.

ARTICLE 15 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16: John Dunklee moved and Bruce Barnard seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$852) to be added to the Fire Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This amount represents the amount received from the sale of the 1978 Ford F800 Fire Truck. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman John Dunklee spoke to the motion and informed the voters the town sold the old 1978 Ford F800 fire truck. The \$852 represents the proceeds from the sale which were deposited into the town's general fund.

ARTICLE 16 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17: Patrick Moriarty moved and Nadine Hession seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$9,215) to be added to the Capital Equipment Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This amount represents the amount received from the sale of the 1970 Caterpillar Grader 14E. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Moriarty spoke to the motion. The town auctioned off the old 1970 Caterpillar grader 14E and the \$9,215 proceeds were deposited into the town's general fund.

ARTICLE 17 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18: Eleanor Lonske moved and Barbara Brooks seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to add the Day Away Program to the list of annually supported Health Agencies and to raise and appropriate Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) for said agency. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Eleanor Lonske deferred to William York who spoke to the motion. Mr. York gave an overview of the program and explained the program is for individuals who have Alzheimer's disease.

ARTICLE 18 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: Eleanor Lonske moved and Jennifer Larochelle seconded the motion, Shall the Historic District Commission consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Select Board? Recommended by the Selectmen

Selectman Eleanor Lonske spoke to the motion and explained that at the 2016 town meeting, the duties and powers of the Heritage Commission were transferred to the Historic District Commission. The current composition of the Historic District Commission is five members, but the membership cannot be increased to seven members without approval of the town. Alan Barnard asked if the town should vote to abolish the Heritage Commission at next year's town meeting and whether the Heritage Commission Fund listed on page 30 of the town report be transferred to the Historic District Commission. Selectman Lonske answered both questions in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20: Patrick Moriarty moved and Peter Wirth seconded the motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$1,177,213) as an operating budget for the 2017 fiscal year. This article EXCLUDES appropriations made under all the previous articles. (Majority vote required).

Selectman Patrick Moriarty spoke to the motion and explained the budget process. Alan Barnard questioned the large surplus balance in the snowplow account. Selectman Moriarty stated the balance in the snowplow account is reviewed every year before snowplow rates are set. He added that the selectmen will take up the issue of what to do with the surplus.

ARTICLE 20 AS PRESENTED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Jennifer Larochelle moved and Mark Coulson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion** passed by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

A true copy of action taken at the Hebron Town Meeting on March 14, 2017 and March 18, 2017.

Tracey Steenbergen Hebron Town Clerk