

**Town of Hampton
Annual Town Meeting
January 31, 2015
Results of Balloting
March 10, 2015**

Moderator Robert Cassasa opened the Deliberative Session of the Hampton Town Meeting at 8:30 am on January 31, 2015 in the Winnacunnet High School Community Auditorium.

Moderator Casassa welcomed attendees to Deliberative Session and announced that the warrant had been posted.

Moderator Casassa introduced Nathan Page, who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator introduced the town officials: Selectmen Chairperson Philip Bean, Russell Bridle, Mary-Louise Woolsey, Richard Griffin, James Waddell, and; Town Manager Fred Welch; Town Attorney Mark Gearreald; Town Clerk Jane Cypher; Deputy Town Clerk Shirley Doheny; Administrative Assistant Kristina Ostman; Finance Director Kristi Pulliam; Budget Committee Chairperson Eileen Latimer, Supervisors of the Checklist Arleen Andreozzi, Barbara Renaud, and Jeannine St.Germain. Assisting the Supervisors are Theresa Ryan, and Kathy Sowerby.

The Moderator advised if you intend to vote today you must check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to obtain your voting card.

Assisting the Moderator are Denis Kilroy, Nancy Stiles, Nathan Page and Darold Mosher. Breakfast and lunch are being served in the entry way by Hampton Academy 8th Grade Class to benefit their trip to New York City.

The Moderator gave the purpose and the rules of deliberative session.

The Moderator advised we will be voting on March 10 at the WHS Dining Hall.

Moved by Rick Griffin , seconded by Rusty Bridle to allow out of town residents to speak (Fred Welch, Town Manager; Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney; Kevin Schultz, Building Inspector; Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director; Dyana Martin, Recreation & Parks Director; Ed Tinker, Assessor; Jason Bachand, Planner; Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant; Keith Noyes, Public Works Director; Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Library Director), Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Ayotte.

Article 1

To choose by non-partisan Ballot:

Two (2) Members of the Board of Selectmen for three (3) years; One (1) Tax Collector for three (3) years; Two (2) Members of the Trustees of Trust Funds for three (3) years; Two (2) Members of the Lane Memorial Trustees for three (3) years; Two (2) Members of the Planning Board for three (3) years; One (1) Member of the Planning Board for two (2) years; One (1) Member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three (3) years; Four (4) Members of the Municipal Budget Committee for three (3) years; Two (2) Members of the Municipal Budget Committee for one (1) year; Two (2) Members of the Zoning Board Adjustment for three (3) years.

The Moderator announced the candidates for each office in the order in which they will appear on the ballot per RSA 656:5-a:

SELECTMAN 2 for (3-yr)

Jim Waddell – 1587*

Philip W. Bean – 1879*

TAX COLLECTOR 1 for (3-yr)

Donna Bennett – 1903*

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS 2 for (3-yr)

John M. Sovich – 1664*

Norman Silberdick – 1422*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 2 for (3-yr)

Richard (Dick) Desrosiers – 1697*

Diane Crow – 1569*

PLANNING BOARD 2 for (3-yr)

Maurice Friedman – 1331*

Tracy Emerick – 1657*

PLANNING BOARD 1 for (2-yr)

Tammy Deland - 679

Ann Carnaby – 928*

CEMETERY TRUSTEE 1 for (3-yr)

Thomas Harrington – 1813*

BUDGET COMMITTEE 4 for (3-yr)

Michael Plouffe – 1508*

Glenn Farrell – 1377*

Sunny Kravitz – 1335*

Nicholas Bridle – 79 * (BY WRITE IN VOTE)

BUDGET COMMITTEE 2 for (1-yr)

Alan Scott Blair – 1605*

Nicholas Bridle – 16* (BY WRITE IN VOTE)

ZONING BOARD 2 for (3-yr)

Bill O'Brien – 1557*

Norma Collins – 1465*

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II – Districts, Section 2.4 to clarify the section title as “Special Flood Hazard Area” and bring this section of the ordinance into compliance with the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) allowing the community to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) once the new FIRM maps become effective. Minor consistency changes are also included, as is a notation in Section 2.4.3 verifying the definitions also apply to Article XI – Construction Provisions, Section 11.6.

Amend Article XI – Construction Provisions, Section 11.6 to bring the Floodplain Development Regulations section of the ordinance into compliance with the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) allowing the community to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) once the new FIRM maps become effective. Minor consistency changes are also included.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to package and discuss Articles 2-11 together. Motion passed.

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to waive reading of Articles 2-11. Motion passed.

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to open Articles 2-11 for discussion. Motion passed.

Jason Bachand, Town Planner, gave an overview of Articles 2-11.

Jay Diener, 206 Woodland Rd, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission gave an overview of Article 4.

Tracy Emerick, 207 North Shore Rd, spoke in opposition of Article 8.

Arthur Moody, 3 Thomsen Rd, spoke in opposition of Article 6, spoke in opposition to Article 10, and spoke in opposition of Article 11.

Brendan McNamara, 15 Island Path, member of the Planning Board, spoke in favor of Article 6.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of Articles 2 & 3.

Yes – **1999***

No – 295

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.3 to replace all references to “Special Permit” with “Wetlands Permit”, to expand the definition of wildlife habitat to include vernal pools (Section 2.3.1), to add a definition for vernal pools (Section 2.3.2D), to establish standards for very poorly and poorly drained soils (Sections 2.3.2C.1 and 2.3.2C.2), to provide a consistent impervious surface definition (Section 2.3.3), to revert back to previously existing language stating that forestry and tree farming are permitted uses in the Wetlands Conservation District (Sections 2.3.3A.1, 2.3.3B.1 and 2.3.3C.1), to provide more detailed criteria for tree removal (Sections 2.3.3A.2, 2.3.3B.2 and 2.3.3C.2), to remove reference to tree removal under Landscaping (Sections 2.3.3A.8, 2.3.3B.9, and 2.3.3C.9), to identify vernal pools as areas to be protected (Sections 2.3.4B, 2.3.4F and 2.3.4G), and to replace “impermeable” with “impervious” for consistency (Sections 2.3.4B and 2.3.4C).

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1863***

No – 412

Article 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.3.7C and 2.3.7C-a to combine Sections 2.3.7C and C-a to reduce repetitive language, and to modify Section 2.3.7C by requiring dwelling structure(s) and attached garage(s) to be at least 12 feet from the Wetlands Conservation District edge. The proposed minimum 12 foot setback from the Wetlands Conservation District would apply to the RAA, RA, RB, RCS, G, and I Zoning Districts.

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0

Yes – **1700***

No - 546

Article 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.8.G. to modify Table 1 and its associated Notes by adding codification and improving consistency with Article IV - Dimensional Requirements, Table II in relation to the Town Center District. A new note has been added, listed as Note #2, which verifies that building height shall be measured in accordance with Article I - General, Section 1.6 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1797***

No – 390

Article 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.8H.2. to modify Section H.2. providing clarification regarding exemptions from off-street parking requirements in the Town Center District through the granting of a conditional use permit, to change the off-site parking space provision from “public” to “available non-public” and ensure these spaces are secured as approved by the Planning Board, and to delete the distance requirement of 500 feet from the proposed use.

Amend Article VI – Parking, Section 6.3.9 to cross reference Section 2.8H.2. providing an exception to allow off-site parking in the Town Center District.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1671***

No – 527

Article 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.8C - Permitted Uses in Town Center-Historic District and Section 2.8F - Permitted Uses in the Town Center-South and Town Center-North Districts to clarify that permitted uses may require Site Plan and/or Subdivision approval from the Planning Board, and to add a

requirement for Use Change approval from the Planning Board for all changes of building occupancy involving any use of a non-residential nature in the Town Center District, each in accordance with Article I - General, Section 1.5 - Planning Board-Site Plan Review. A list of prohibited retail uses in the Town Center-Historic District (which includes martial arts weapons, firearms and ammunition sales, and certain businesses selling accessories for tobacco use) is also provided.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1786***

No – 437

Article 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article III - Use Regulations to add new Sections 3.47 and 3.47.1 regarding “Firearms and Ammunition Sales”. Section 3.47 would describe “Firearms and Ammunition Sales” and set forth zoning restrictions for the use. Section 3.47.1 would further identify the use described in Section 3.47 as being permitted only on lots with frontage along Lafayette Road (Route 1) in the B, G, TC-N, and TC-S Zoning Districts.

Recommended by the Planning Board 4-3-0

Yes – **1370***

No - 893

Article 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article III – Use Regulations

This amendment adds a note immediately following the existing code stating that the Use Regulations set forth thereafter for the BS Zoning District shall also apply to the BS1 Zoning District.

Amend Article V – Signs

Table I – Permitted Signs per Zone

This amendment adds a note before the existing table stating that the Sign Regulations that are applicable to the BS Zoning District shall also apply to the BS1 Zoning District.

Table II – Size Chart (In Square Feet)

This amendment adds a note before the existing table stating that the size requirements that are applicable to the BS Zoning District shall also apply to the BS1 Zoning District.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1824***

No – 390

Article 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.7F to clarify existing requirements for signs in the Professional Office/Residential District, and to add a new Table 1 identifying which signs are permitted in the District, the applicable permit granting authority, and size requirements. Two associated notes for the new Table 1 are also provided, which indicate that 1) Any sign type not specifically listed in Table 1 is deemed to be prohibited in the District, and 2) The Planning Board, by majority vote, may require sign(s) to be less than

the maximum size identified in Table 1 if it determines such a reduction would maintain or enhance the character of the subject property and/or the surrounding uses in the District. The second note only applies to sign types for which the Planning Board is the Permit Granting Authority.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1760***

No - 469

Article 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II - Districts, Section 2.1 to delete the NOTE stating that all areas of the town not included in a district delineated by verbal descriptions shall be in the General District, and to amend the NOTE for 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 by replacing the reference to “verbal description” with “boundaries”. Also, Amend Section 2.1.3 to clarify the initial reference to the Zoning Map as being to the paper map, and to establish that the parcel data in the Town of Hampton GIS mapping system as overlaid with the Zoning Map will be utilized for final determination as to zone lines rather than the currently referenced written description of boundaries.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

Yes – **1720***

No - 480

Article 12

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,379,040. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,507,097, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town Meeting or by law; or the governing body may hold one special Town Meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-5-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The proposed operating budget figure of \$26,379,040 is an increase of \$758,531 more than the budget amount adopted in 2014 of \$25,620,509. The net estimated 2015 tax impact of the proposed operating budget is \$0.273 per \$1,000 valuation (twenty-seven point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The default budget figure of \$26,507,097 is an increase of \$886,588 more than the budget amount adopted in 2014. The net estimated tax impact for the default budget is \$0.319 per \$1,000 valuation (thirty-one point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 12 for discussion.

Eileen Latimer, Chairperson, Budget Committee, gave an overview of Article 12.

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to add \$1,500 to the Trustees of the Trust Funds account 4130.5.610 for the purpose of funding annual investment expenses incurred by the Trustees, related to professional banking/brokerage assistance in the management of our capital reserve funds. The intent of this action is to establish a continuing annual appropriation in this account for this purpose, in order to satisfy the requirement mandated by RSA 35:9-a, II as referenced in Article 32. This

appropriation to be partly offset by removing the \$1,200 figure currently listed in account #4130.8 – Heritage Commission.

The net effect of this motion will represent an additional \$300 added to the operating budget amount of \$26,379.040

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of the Woolsey amendment.

Timothy Jones asked for proper procedure for people to stand in line to be heard.

Arthur Moody spoke in opposition of the Woolsey amendment.

Norman Silberdick, Chairman, Trustees of the Trust Funds spoke in favor of the Woolsey amendment.

Gerry Znoj spoke in opposition of the Woolsey amendment.

Fred Rice, 15 Heather Lane, spoke in favor of the Woolsey amendment.

Timothy Jones spoke in opposition of the Woolsey amendment.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as amended.

David Lang, 66 Park Ave, made a motion to amend the bottom line of Article 12 to \$27,151,600, Seconded by James Squires, 13 Hedman Ave.

David Lang spoke in favor of the Lang amendment.

Michael Pierce, 16 Hedman Ave, spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

Dick Nichols, 9 Great Boars Head Ave, spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

Gerry Znoj 16 Presidential Circle, spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

James Waddell spoke in favor of the Lang amendment.

Timothy Jones spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

Norman Silberdick speaking on behalf of The Rational Taxpayers of Hampton, spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

Eileen Latimer spoke in opposition of the Lang amendment.

Russell Bridle, 225 Towle Farm Road, spoke in favor of the Lang amendment and advised the increase to the tax bill on an average \$300,000 home would be \$91/year.

A vote was taken in the affirmative to end discussion after David Lang.

Mary-Louise Woolsey offered a point of order.

Dick Nichols advised he believes the math is incorrect on the increase and that it should be \$1,531,091. The tax impact increases to \$.55/thousand.

David Lang spoke in favor of the Lang amendment.

A secret vote was requested on the Lang amendment.

Results of the David Lang amendment secret vote was 78 yes, 20 no. The Lang amendment passed.

Timothy Jones asked that we close Article 12.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 12. Motion passed.

Yes – 917

No – **1480***

Article 13

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a two-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectmen and the Hampton Fire Fighters Local 2664, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2015	\$71,905 (39 weeks) over 2014 level
2016	\$74,823 (52 weeks) over 2014 level
2017	\$16,952 (13 weeks) over 2015 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,905 to fund the cost items related to the Hampton Firefighters Local 2664 salaries and benefits for 2015. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2014 budget level) for the first year of the two years that are contained in an agreement between the Town of Hampton, by its Board of Selectman and the Firefighters Local 2664, pursuant to RSA 273-A. The total additional cost of the agreement for salaries and benefits over the 2014 budget level for two years is \$163,679? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$71,905 is .026 per \$1,000 valuation (two point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 13 for discussion.

Jamie Sullivan, Assistant Town Manager & HR Director, gave an overview of Article 13.

Matt Newton, 11 Ashbrook Drive, spoke in favor of Article 13.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1187

No – **1250***

Article 14

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a two-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectmen and the Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association Local 3017 (Fire Officers), which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2015	\$34,610 (39 weeks) over 2014 level
2016	\$45,063 (52 weeks) over 2014 level

2017 \$8,375 (13 weeks) over 2015 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,610 to fund the cost items related to the Hampton Fire Officers Local 3017 salaries and benefits for 2015. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2014 budget level) for the first year of the two years that are contained in an agreement between the Town of Hampton, by its Board of Selectman and the Fire Officers Local 3017, pursuant to RSA 273-A. The total additional cost of the agreement for salaries and benefits over the 2014 budget level for two years is \$88,048? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$34,610 is .012 per \$1,000 valuation (one point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 14 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of Article 14.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 13 & 14. Motion passed.

Yes – 1170

No – **1262***

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$615,000 in accordance with the Long Range Capital Expenditures Program of the Town for the purchase of a Fire Engine/Pumper for the Hampton Fire Department to replace the 1988 Emergency One Pumper that will be disposed of by trade, sale or auction as directed by the Board of Selectmen in the best interests of the Town. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the vehicle purchase is made or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$615,000 is \$0.221 per \$1,000 valuation (twenty-two point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to open Article 15 for discussion.

Rusty Bridle spoke in favor of Article 15.

Jamie Ayotte, Acting Fire Chief, gave an overview of Article 15.

Gerry Znoj spoke to Article 15.

Brian Lapham, 27 I St, spoke in favor of Article 15.

Norm Silberdick, spoke in favor of opening a capital reserve fund for FD vehicles.

David Lang spoke in favor of opening a capital reserve fund for FD vehicles.

Moved by Arthur Moody, Seconded by Sunny Kravitz to amend Article 15 by adding “competitive bidding” before “sale or auction”.

A vote was taken on the Moody amendment. Amendment passed.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of Article 15.

No further discussion and Article 15 will be on the ballot as amended.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 15. Motion passed.

Yes – **1233***

No - 1192

Article 16

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,000 for the purpose of making improvement to Exeter Road which shall include the shimming and overlaying of the road, and to include associated materials and labor necessary to do the work? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$320,000 is \$0.115 per \$1,000 valuation (eleven point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-4-0

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 16 for discussion.

James Waddell gave an overview of Article 16.

Corrine Baker, 244 Exeter Rd, spoke in favor of Article 16.

Keith Noyes, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of Article 16.

Gerry Znoj spoke in opposition of Article 16.

Sunny Kravitz, 8 St. Cyr Dr, spoke in favor of Article 16.

Keith Lessard, 173 Mill Rd, spoke in favor of Article 16.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1421***

No - 997

Article 17

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$449,156 for the purpose of replacing and upgrading a portion of the downtown drainage system consisting of 955 feet of old drainage pipe, 6 drain manholes, and 8 catch basins on Lafayette Road and High Street that will help mitigate flooding in the Lafayette Road and High Street area and to assist in obtaining Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funding for this project, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend for such purposes any funds from the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Government, and any private source, as may become available. This drainage work shall be publically bid. This article is contingent upon receiving at least \$149,156 in offsetting FEMA revenues to be applied

against the total requested appropriation; if the off-setting revenues are not received or the public bids are in excess of the appropriation and the receipt of FEMA revenues prior to the setting of the tax rate for the calendar year 2015, then the appropriation contained in this article shall be null and void. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until this project is completed or by March 31, 2016, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$449,156.00 is \$0.161 per \$1,000 valuation (sixteen point one cent per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 17 for discussion.

Rusty Bridle gave an overview of Article 17.

Keith Noyes gave an overview of Article 17.

Candace Stellmach, 490 High St, questioned why the work would not be done if the grant is not awarded.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 16 & 17. Motion passed.

Yes – 1422*

No - 1005

Article 18

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 16 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting created for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$300,000 is \$0.108 per \$1,000 valuation (ten point eight cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2-0

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to open Article 18 for discussion.

Rick Griffin gave an overview of Article 18.

Keith Noyes gave an overview of Article 18.

Arthur Moody asked what is the current balance of the capital reserve fund. Mary-Louise Woolsey advised the balance is \$611,000.

After speaking with the Finance Director, Mary-Louise Woolsey advised of a correction of the capital reserve balance. At the end of 2014 the balance was \$632,605.30.

Moved by Sunny Kravitz to add the words “non-lapsing”. Attorney Gearreald advised that it is already non lapsing by nature.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1979***

No - 453

Article 19

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,649 for improvements to streets and sidewalks including Belmont Circle, Fairfield Drive, and Ruth Lane, and consisting of paving overlays, adjustments to structures to permit paving, repairs and replacements to drainage, curbing installation and improvements to Town parking areas and other Town streets and places, said appropriation to be offset by the State Highway Block Grant estimated to be \$267,649. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purposes of this article are completed or by March 31, 2020, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$267,649 is \$0.096 per \$1,000 valuation (nine point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 19 for discussion.

James Waddell gave an overview of Article 19.

Dick Nichols, 9 Great Boars Head Ave, asked about the tax impact note and it’s accuracy. Fred Welch advised these funds are exclusively for revenue and must go into the general fund.

Keith Noyes gave an overview of Article 19.

Gerry Znoj spoke in agreement with Mr. Nichols.

Mary-Louise Woolsey explained the State Highway Block Grant.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 19.

Gerry Znoj asked how much the undesignated fund balance is. Kristi Pulliam advised that at the end of 2013 the balance was \$4.8M, and is estimated to be \$4.1M at the end of 2014.

Norm Silberdick expressed that the wording of this article is extremely confusing to the voter.

Mary-Louise Woolsey explained that the money is being targeted to these specific projects.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1626***

No - 797

Article 20

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$171,881 for the cost of Hampton’s contribution to twenty (20) human service agencies in the Seacoast in amounts corresponding to the agencies’ requests in the right hand column as follows:

<u>Human Service Agency</u>	<u>2014 Funding</u>	<u>2015 Funding Request</u>
A Safe Place	\$5,500	\$5,500
American Red Cross	1,000	2,000
Aids Response Seacoast	2,700	2,700
Area Home Care & Family Services	12,000	12,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	6,500	8,000
Child and Family Services	6,000	6,000
Crossroads House	15,000	15,000
Families First Health & Support Center	10,000	10,000
Lamprey Health Sr. Trans. Program	4,200	4,200
New Generation Shelter	2,000	2,000
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	1,800	1,800
Richie McFarland Children’s Center	6,000	7,800
Rockingham Community Action	25,000	25,000
Rockingham Meals on Wheels	5,051	5,281
Seacoast Family Promise	2,500	2,500
Seacoast Mental Health Center	8,000	8,000
Seacoast Visiting Nurse	40,000	40,000
Seacoast Youth Services	2,500	2,500
Sexual Assault Services	2,000	2,000
Transportation Assistance for Seniors (TASC)	6,400	9,600
Total	\$164,151.00	\$171,881.00

These twenty (20) human service agencies shall each be required to give a written report at the end of the calendar year 2015 to the Board of Selectmen highlighting what the funds were used for and what the impact the funds had in assisting to achieve their goals and objectives? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$171,881 is \$0.062 per \$1,000 valuation (six point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2-2

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Tracy Emerick to waive the reading of Article 20.

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 20 for discussion.

Rick Griffin gave an overview of Article 20.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 20.

Eileen Latimer spoke in favor of Article 20.

Sunny Kravitz, spoke in favor of Article 20 and would like to see some financials for each group.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 18-20.

Yes – **1920***

No - 526

Article 21

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146,000 to engage the services of Vision Governmental Solutions to perform a Town-wide revaluation of property in the Town of Hampton as required by the State Constitution and the Department of Revenue Administration during the years 2015 and 2016. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the revaluation is completed or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$146,000 is \$0.052 per \$1,000 valuation (five point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 21 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview of Article 21.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1674***

No - 706

Article 22

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,326 for the following purposes of the Parks and Recreation Department: (a) reconstructing the Tuck Field access road for \$23,036; (b) the purchase of a scarifier for \$14,225; (c) the purchase of a replacement bus for the 10 year old bus used for recreational and Town activities for \$75,000; (d) re-roof and replace the siding on the Tuck Building for \$14,400; (e) replace the doors on the Tuck Building for \$4,165; (f) replace failing pieces of equipment at Kids Kingdom for \$17,500, all as determined by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Director of Parks and Recreation, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$148,326 from the Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund established for the purpose under Article 44 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) No Tax impact.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2-0

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 22 for discussion.

James Waddell gave an overview of Article 22.

Dyana Martin, Recreation Director, gave an overview of Article 22.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 22.

Dyana Martin explained that police and fire have both used the bus and there are no speed bumps on the road anymore and that they need to be replaced.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **2018***

No - 408

Article 23

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,812 for the purpose of making the following improvements to the Lane Memorial Library: a) to replace the fan coils and thermostats throughout the building; b) to replace the carpet on the first floor. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose of this article is completed or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$126,812 is \$0.046 per \$1,000 valuation (four point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-2-1

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to open Article 23 for discussion.

Rick Griffin gave an overview of Article 23.

Amanda Cooper, Library Director, gave an overview of Article 23.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1506***

No - 922

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 21-23. Motion passed

Article 24

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,520 for the purpose of funding an extra class of officer training beyond that which is already funded in the Police Department operating budget; and for said funds to pay for all costs associated with the recruiting, hiring, training, and equipping a group of part-time special police officers for the Hampton Police Department. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Part-time Special Police Officers Training is completed or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner?

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$99,520 is \$0.036 per \$1,000 valuation (three point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 24 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 24.

Richard Sawyer, Police Chief, gave an overview of Article 24.

Gerry Znoj spoke in opposition of Article 24.

Pat Collins, 3 Sunsurf Ave, spoke in favor of Article 24.

Brian Lapham, 27 I St, spoke in favor of Article 24.

Chief Sawyer gave his position on dipping into the budget for additional training purposes.

Corrine Baker, 244 Exeter Rd, spoke in opposition of Article 24.

Chief Sawyer advised that Special (Part Time) Police Officer is designated by the State of NH, Police Standards & Training.

David Lang spoke in favor of Article 24.

Eileen Latimer spoke in favor of Article 24.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1650***

No - 755

Article 25

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to carry out all lawful functions allowed under federal, state and local criminal justice forfeiture programs and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund created for the purpose under Article 55 of the 2003 Town Meeting? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) No Tax impact.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to open Article 25 for discussion.

Rick Griffin gave an overview of Article 25.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to Restrict Reconsideration Articles 24-25.
Motion passed

Yes – **1991***

No - 386

Article 26

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of removing oversized and gradually dying pine trees at the Pine Grove Cemetery in order to protect the gravestones

and abutting homes, damage having already occurred from such falling trees and branches; and such sum to be used by the Board of Selectmen under contract for the removal of the trees and restoration of the Cemetery caused by such removal, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Cemetery Trustees, to contract the work for said purposes, and to fund said appropriation through the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) No Tax impact.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 26 for discussion.

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to Amend Article 36 by deleting “and to fund said appropriation through the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund” and replacing it with “and to authorize funding said appropriation through the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the principal in the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund, which has a principal balance of over \$500,000 generated from the sale by the Town of cemetery burial plots”

Mark Gearreald gave an overview of the Waddell amendment.

Vote on Waddell amendment. Amendment passed

Arthur Moody spoke in opposition of Article 26.

Fred Welch advised the stumps will not be removed but will be grinded to ground level.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – **1390***

No - 1019

Article 27

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 to purchase and equip an Animal Control Vehicle for the Police Department, the current animal control vehicle to be sold or traded in, as deemed prudent by the Police Chief. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the vehicle purchase is made or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$37,000 is \$0.013 per \$1,000 valuation (one point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 27 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview of Article 27.

Chief Sawyer gave an overview of Article 27.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 26-27. Motion passed.

Yes – **1215***

No - 1206

Article 28

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500 generated from the sale of Town-owned cemetery lots and to authorize the transfer of such sum to the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund, the interest from this fund is withdrawn annually and deposited in the Town's general fund unassigned fund balance as an offset to the amount appropriated in the operating budget for the maintenance of Cemeteries? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$10,500 is \$0.004 per \$1,000 valuation (four tenths of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 28 for discussion.

Moved by Rusty Bridle Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Amend Article 28 by deleting \$10,500 and replacing it with \$10,650 (in both places).

Vote on Bridle amendment. Amendment passed.

Norm Silberdick expressed his confusion with the way the article is worded.

Fred Welch explained the reason for the wording.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **2044***

No - 358

Article 29

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Hampton Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund; this fund is used to “acquire, maintain, improve, protect or limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize,” open spaces and conservation easements in Hampton in accordance with RSA 36-A:4? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$10,000 is \$0.004 per \$1,000 valuation (four tenths of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-3-0

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 29 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview of Article 29.

Jay Diener gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 29.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1902***

No - 512

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 28-29. Motion passed.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:16

RESUME FROM LUNCH AT 1:05

Senator Nancy Stiles to Moderate Articles 30-3.

Article 30

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to accept the provisions of RSA 289:2-a, Chapter 71 of the Acts of 2014, directing that the funds received from the sale of cemetery lots be forwarded directly to the Trustees of the Trust Fund, with notice of such forwarding being provided to the Finance Department, and said funds shall be deposited into the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund account held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the maintenance of cemeteries under RSA 31:19-a? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 30 for discussion.

Fred Welch gave an overview of Article 30.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 30.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **2132***

No – 254

Article 31

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the permit fee in Section 167-37, B of the Fire Prevention Ordinance, in the Code of the Town of Hampton, Section 167-37 Sprinkler/standpipe systems by deleting the words “Permit fee of \$40 per structure” and substituting therefor the words “Permit fees shall be in accordance with fees set by the Board of Selectmen following a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:9-a as previously accepted by the Town Meeting,” so that fees will be established in accordance with prior votes of the Town and in a manner that is representative of the Town’s cost in providing the service? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 31 for discussion.

Fred Welch gave an overview of Article 31.

Gerry Znoj spoke in favor of Article 31.

David Lang gave an overview of sprinkler systems and standpipe systems and spoke in favor of Article 31.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1944***

No - 440

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 30-31. Motion passed.

Article 32

Shall the Town of Hampton vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, II (which became effective July 26, 2014), to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds, without further action of the Town Meeting, to charge any expenses incurred for professional banking or brokerage assistance for capital reserve funds in their custody as authorized in RSA Chapter 35, against the capital reserve funds involved, such authority to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting, which said vote to rescind such authority shall not occur within 5 years of the adoption of this article; if this warrant article passes, then the \$1,500 appropriation in the operating budget for the expenses for professional banking or brokerage assistance for the Town's capital reserve funds in 2015 shall not be expended? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$1,500 is less than \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (less than one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-3-0

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 32 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey advised of an issue with this article and asked for guidance by the Town Attorney.

Norm Silberdick spoke to Article 32.

Tim Jones spoke in opposition of Article 32.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 32.

Fred Rice, 15 Heather Lane, spoke in favor of Article 32.

Barbara Kravitz, 8 St. Cyr Dr, asked a question regarding wording to which Mr. Gearreald answered it is right out of the RSA.

Norm Silberdick gave additional information on Article 32.

Tim Jones spoke in opposition of Article 32.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1839***
No – 500

Article 33

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to
Establish a Town Forest in accordance with RSA 31:110 to consist of land already owned by the Town and known as the “Twelve Shares”, and
Establish a Town Forestry Committee that shall be the Conservation Commission and the Tree Warden as an ex-officio member in accordance with RSA 31:112, and
Establish a Forest Maintenance Fund. Funds appropriated for establishing and maintaining the Town Forest and from the proceeds of timber harvesting in the Town Forest shall be placed in the Forest Maintenance Fund, and said funds shall not be a part of the general fund, and shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year in accordance with RSA 31:113? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 33 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview and spoke in support of Article 33.

Peter Tilton Jr, 125 Landing Rd, spoke in favor of Article 33.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1837***
No - 504

MODERATOR ROBERT CASSASA RETURNED.

Article 34

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to authorize the withdrawal of the Town from the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District in ratification of the Town’s vote on March 12, 2013 under Article 25 and approved by vote of the Solid Waste District Executive Committee on June 11, 2014 and to approve the withdrawal agreement with the District as signed by the Board of Selectmen? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 34 for discussion.

Fred Welch gave an overview of Article 34.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 32-34. Motion passed.

Yes – **2071***
No - 235

Article 35

“Are you in favor of abolishing the Heritage Commission as proposed by the Board of Selectmen”?
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Rick Griffin, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 35 for discussion.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 35.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 35.

Moved by Arleen Andreozzi, 243 Winnacunnet Rd, Seconded by Fred Rice to delete the word “abolishing” and replace it with “suspending” and deleting “as proposed by the Board of Selectmen”

Rick Griffin spoke in favor of the Andreozzi amendment.

Tim Jones asked the legal difference between abolish & suspend? Mary-Louise Woolsey advised she has an issue with the amendment as the RSA does not address suspending, only abolishing. Fred Welch advised we could establish the Commission again. Tim Jones asked if we suspend, what is the process for “un-suspending”?

Fred Rice spoke in favor of the Andreozzi amendment.

Vote take on Andreozzi amendment. Amendment failed.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1529***

No - 651

Article 36

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the Taxi Ordinance adopted on March 9, 2010 and amended on March 12, 2013 as follows:

Amend Section 15 Insurance by

Striking all of Subsection A that reads “The Commercial Auto Policy with personal injury coverage (Bodily injury and Property Damage) shall not be less than one million dollars Combined Single Limit (\$1,000,000), or a combination of a Commercial Auto policy and Excess Liability policy with Split Limit coverage totaling not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Medical coverage shall not be less than \$5,000 per person; and

substituting therefor the following new Subsection A “The Commercial Auto Policy with personal injury coverage (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) shall not be less than five hundred thousand dollars Combined Single Limit (\$500,000), or a combination of a Commercial Auto Policy and Excess Liability Policy with Split Limit Coverage totaling not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). Medical coverage shall not be less than \$5,000 per person.”? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 36 for discussion.

Moved by Rusty Bridle Seconded by Rick Griffin to Amend Article 36 by deleting “Amend Section 15 Insurance by” and replacing with “Amend 448-15 Insurance in the Code of the Town of Hampton by”

Vote taken on Bridle amendment. Amendment passed.

No discussion and the article will be on the ballot as amended.

The Raffles by the 8th Grade students were drawn.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Rick Griffin to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 35-36. Motion passed.

Yes – **1740***

No - 499

Article 37

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend it Noise Ordinance as follows:

Amend Chapter 328.5 Hours of Construction Work by adding in the first line after “Except for emergencies” add the words “and municipal vehicles or vehicles contracted by the Town to sweep streets, beach rakings, and collect solid waste and recycling materials,”? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Moved by James Waddell, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 37 for discussion.

Moved by James Waddell to Amend Article 37 by deleting “Chapter 328.5 Hours of Construction Work” and replacing it with “328-5 Hours of Construction Work in the Code of the Town of Hampton”

Vote taken on Waddell amendment. Motion passed.

No discussion and article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – **1909***

No - 389

Article 38

On petition of Norman R. Hurley and 200 registered voters, to see if the town will vote to rescind the \$400,000 from the non-lapsing fund created by Article 15 of the 2014 town meeting, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 for the purpose of repairing and/or rebuilding the Grist Mill Dam, also known as Mill Pond Dam; \$400,000 of this amount is to come from the town’s unassigned fund balance, and \$250,000 from taxation for 2015 only. Additionally, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend for said purposes any funds from the State of New Hampshire, the federal government, and any private source, as they may become available, which funds shall reduce the amount to be raised by taxation? This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the repair or rebuilding of the Grist Mill Dam is completed or until March 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. The repair will be done to comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services’ Letter of Deficiency dated July 11, 2012. *If this Article passes, it will save a 328-year-old*

historic town dam, pond, and fresh water wildlife habitat, and increase the flood control for the Town of Hampton.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Department) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$250,000 is 0.0899 per \$1000 valuation (eight point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation.) [Note: This fiscal note was submitted with the warrant article.]

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$250,000 is \$0.090 per \$1,000 valuation (nine point zero cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-2

Moved by Norman Hurley, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 38 for discussion.

Norman Hurley, 472 High St, gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 38.

Stephen LaBranche, 469 Ocean Blvd, spoke in opposition of Article 38.

Michael Pierce spoke in opposition of Article 38

Keith Lessard spoke in favor of Article 38.

Vincent Ghika, 13 Noel St, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Mike Edgar, 7 Anns Terr, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Candace Stellmach, 488 High St, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Renny Cushing, 395 Winnacunnet Rd, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Cheryl Hurley, 472 High St, spoke in favor of Article 38 and responded to a number of comments made by earlier speakers.

Chris Muns, 5 Nersesian Way, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 38.

Bob Fair, 44 North Shore Rd, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Chet Riley, 641 Exeter Rd, spoke in favor of Article 38.

Sunny Kravitz explained the budget committee's vote to recommend.

Vote taken on ending discussion of Article 38.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1205***

No – 1199

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 37-38. Motion passed.

Article 39

On the Petition of Kate Pratt and at least twenty five other registered voters of the Town of Hampton, shall the Town of Hampton raise and appropriate the amount of \$75,000 to help defray the costs of constructing a tower to house the Town Clock and to carry out repairs and maintenance to the Clock. Such funds raised by this article to be used along with an equivalent amount of privately raised funds that have been raised and currently in the Town's possession to complete the work. The contract for the construction of tower will be directed to Robert Gray Construction per its proposal dated May 31, 2013. This shall be a non-lapsing account per 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the earlier of: i) all funds raised by this Article being expended for the construction, repair or maintenance of the tower and clock, or ii) December 31, 2020? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$75,000 is \$0.027 per \$1,000 valuation (two point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-4-0

Moved by Kate Pratt, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 39 for discussion.

Kate Pratt, 98 Locke Rd, gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 39.

Candace Stellmach spoke in favor of Article 39.

Fred Rice spoke in opposition of Article 39.

Jim Workman, 126 Landing Rd, spoke in favor of Article 39.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 856

No – **1538***

Article 40

On petition of Ute Pineo and 25 other legal voters of the Town of Hampton, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 as a one time donation to the Hampton Committee to help defray the costs to bring the Vietnam Veterans Moving Memorial Wall to Hampton Beach.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$5,000 is \$0.002 per \$1,000 valuation (two tenths of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-5-2

Moved by Ute Pineo Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 40 for discussion.

Ute Pineo, 15 Tuttle Ave, gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 40.

David Lang spoke in favor of Article 40.

Fred Rice spoke in opposition of Article 40.

Bob Ladd, 7 Cutler Ave, spoke in favor of Article 40.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 40.

Ute Pineo advised the committee has not been formed yet.

Nick Bridle, 225 Towle Farm Rd, spoke in favor of Article 40.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1015
No – **1390***

Article 41

Art: Erect solar panels on the closed land fill site to generate electricity

On the petition of Sunny Kravitz and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton at no cost to the Town, seek information and proposals as to the feasibility of erecting a Mega KW solar array on the closed land fill site to generate electricity.

The goal is to reduce the cost of electricity for the waste Water Treatment Planet and municipal buildings from a renewable source of energy.. (a majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Moved by Sunny Kravitz Seconded by Barbara Kravitz to open Article 41 for discussion.

Sunny Kravitz advised of some typographical errors in the article pointing out the need to capitalize “waste” and change “Planet” to “Plant”.

Sunny Kravitz spoke in favor of Article 41.

Fred Rice spoke in opposition of Article 41.

Arthur Moody spoke in opposition of Article 41.

Corrine Baker spoke in favor of Article 41.

Michael Pierce spoke in favor of Article 41.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1784***
No - 603

Article 42

By petition to see if the Town of Hampton will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250 for the Child Advocacy Center for Rockingham County, which provides a safe environment for the evaluation of alleged child abuse for children through the collaboration of community partners.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$1,250 is less than \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (less than one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, Seconded by Jamie Sullivan to open Article 42 for discussion.

Jamie Sullivan, 14 Longwood Dr, gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 42.

Corrine Baker asked why this agency is not included in Article 20.

Jamie Sullivan advised it is because it is a new organization. New organizations must have their own article the first year, once approved by the voters, then they are grouped in with the multi-organization article each year afterwards.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1983***

No - 413

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 39-41. Motion passed.

Article 43

On the petition of John Nyhan and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton raise and appropriate \$3,000 to pay Experience Hampton Inc, the organizer of the 2010 to 2014 Hampton Christmas Parades, to help defray the expenses of the 2015 Christmas Parade and related activities? (Majority vote required)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact \$3,000 is \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by James Waddell to open Article 43 for discussion.

Rusty Bridle gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 43.

James Waddell spoke in favor of Article 43.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1964***

No - 457

Article 44

Shall the town allow the HAMPTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES to withdraw up to the sum of \$40,000 from the cemetery burial trust fund to purchase a new $\frac{3}{4}$ four wheel pickup with plow? This will be at no cost to taxpayers.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) No Tax impact.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0

Moved by Matt Shaw, Seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 44 for discussion.

Matt Shaw, 11 Emery Ln, gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 44.

Moved by Matt Shaw Seconded by Rusty Bridle to Amend Article 44 by deleting entire article and replace it with “On petition of 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to enable the Hampton Cemetery Trustees to purchase a new ¾ ton four-wheel drive pickup with plow for cemetery maintenance and to authorize funding of said appropriation through the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the principal in the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund, which has a principal balance of over \$500,000 generated from the sale of Town of Hampton cemetery burial plots so that there will be no additional cost to taxpayers?”

Arthur Moody spoke in opposition of the Shaw amendment.

Danny Kenney spoke in favor of article.

Rusty Bridle spoke in favor of article.

Vote taken on Shaw amendment. Amendment passed.

No further discussion and article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – **1905***

No - 503

Article 45

On petition of 25 or more registered voters to see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salary of the Town Clerk from \$55,219 to \$60,188 with the sum of \$58,945 to be appropriated for the fiscal year 2015.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$3,726 is \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0

Moved by Jane Cypher, Seconded by Mary Louise Woolsey to open Article 45 for discussion.

Moved by Jane Cypher, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to amend Article 45 by deleting the entire article and replacing it with:

On petition of 25 or more registered voters to see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salary rate of the Town Clerk from \$55,219 to \$60,188 per annum, effective April 1, 2015, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,726.75 to cover the increased amount from April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 that is not contained within the operating or default budget amounts in Article 12.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$3,726.75 is \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Jane Cypher gave explanation and spoke in favor of Article 45.

Arlene Andreozzi spoke in favor of Article 45.

Corrinne Baker of Exeter Road spoke in opposition of Article 45.

David Lang spoke in favor of Article 45.

Fred Rice, 15 Heather Lane, spoke in favor of Article 45.

Timothy Jones spoke in favor of Article 45.

Pat Collins of Boars Head spoke in favor of Article 45.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of Article 45.

Vote taken on Cypher amendment. Amendment passed.

No further discussion and article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 1021

No – **1337***

Article 46

On the petition of John and Judith Doherty, and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton vote to remove deed restriction number 4 relating to allowing only one-single family dwelling to be placed on the lot, for the limited purpose of allowing the owners of two seasonal dwellings at 3 Toppan Street (Hampton tax map number 131, lot number 502) to replace one existing and failing seasonal dwelling with properly built year-round dwelling, such that the owners can relocate and retire to the Town of Hampton. The new dwelling will meet all local building and zoning codes. There are currently two dwellings on said lot. Further to authorize and direct the Selectmen to execute, deliver and record notice of this vote at the Rockingham County of Deeds at no extra cost to the Town? (Majority vote required).

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Moved by Pat Collins, Seconded by Steven LaBranche to open Article 46 for discussion.

Moved by Pat Collins, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to amend article as follows

Amend Article 46 by adding “now known as Tax Map 132 Lot 7” after “lot number 502” and add Registry to read Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Vote taken to allow John Doherty to speak (out of town resident). Motion passed.

John Doherty gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 46.

Pat Collins spoke in favor of Article 46.

Vote taken on Collins amendment. Amendment passed.

No discussion and Article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 1017
No – **1229***

Article 47

On petition of Jay Diener and 25 registered voters in Hampton, shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$90,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the collapsed Ice Pond dam, including stop-log gates that can be removed and replaced to allow the Pond to be used for storm water storage in the event of major rain storms? The Hampton Conservation Commission has committed \$40,000 toward the final cost estimate of \$130,000 for rebuilding the dam, and has paid for the engineering study and design of the replacement dam, both of which have been completed. We will be looking for donations from individuals and outside organizations to help reduce the \$90,000 needed from the Town to complete this project.? (Majority vote required.)

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2015 tax impact on \$90,000 is \$0.032 per \$1,000 valuation (three point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0

Moved by Jay Diener, Seconded by Rusty Bridle to open Article 47 for discussion.

Jay Diener gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 47.

Maggie Ginieres, 138 Landing Rd, spoke in favor of Article 47.

Peter Tilton, Jr. spoke in favor of Article 47.

Barbara Renaud, 37 Towle Farm Rd, spoke in favor of Article 47.

Candace Stellmach, spoke in favor of Article 47.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 47

Eileen Latimer spoke in opposition of Article 47.

Keith Lessard spoke in favor of Article 47.

Nathan Page, 200 Drakeside Rd, spoke in favor of Article 47.

Jay Diener addressed a few points made by other speakers.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 46-47. Motion passed.

Yes – **1509***
No - 848

Article 48

On petition of Nathan Page and (25) twenty five or more registered voters of Hampton, shall the Town of Hampton reduce the number of at-large members serving on the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee to 7 (not including representatives from other Boards) as provided under RSA 32:15-IV? This change will take place via attrition as terms expire beginning in 2016, until the number of at-large members of the Committee reaches 7. Subsequently, annual elections will be held to maintain the membership of the Municipal Budget Committee at 7 at-large members.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

Moved by Nathan Page, Seconded by Jay Diener to open Article 48 for discussion.

Nathan Page gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 48.

Moved by Nathan Page, Seconded by Sandy Buck to amend all 7's to 6's.

Vote taken on Page amendment. Motion passed.

Arthur Moody spoke in opposition of Article 48.

Eileen Latimer spoke in opposition of Article 48.

Nick Bridle spoke in favor of Article 48.

Pat Collins spoke in favor of Article 48.

Mark McFarlin, 3 Warner Ln, spoke in favor of Article 48.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in opposition of Article 48.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 48.

Sandy Buck, 5 Tobey St, spoke in favor of Article 48.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1281***

No - 1003

Article 49

Upon Petition of at least twenty-five (25) legal voters of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire, to see if the Town will vote to modify restriction #3 in those deeds recorded at Book 2579, Page 2377, Book 2591, Page 1378, Book 4721, Page 2612, and Book 4721, Page 2616 to permit fencing no higher than six (6) feet on that property located at 14, 16-20, 22 and 26 N Street shown as Lots 114, 115, 116 and 117 on Tax Map 293.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

Moved by Tracy Emerick, Seconded by Jay Diener to open Article 49 for discussion.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 49.

Tracy Emerick spoke to Article 49.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – **1586***

No - 587

Moved by Rusty Bridle, Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to Restrict Reconsideration of Articles 48-49. Motion passed.

The Moderator advised that voting will take place on March 10, 2015 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Winnacunnet High School Dining Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted on March 12, 2015

Jane M. Cypher, Town Clerk