

TOWN OF BELGRADE

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS & BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008 / TOWN OFFICE / 9:00 A.M.

MEETING CONVENED 9:00 A.M./ ADJOURNED 4:16 P.M.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE;

Melanie Jewell	Selectperson, Chair	Jack Sutton	Budget Committee
Ricky Damren	Selectperson, V. Chair	Doug Mather	Budget Committee
Dan Newman	Selectperson	Gayle Finkbeiner,	Budget Committee
Chris Merrow	Selectperson	Tom Streznewski,	Budget Committee
Richard Carey	Selectperson	Dennis Purington,	Budget Committee
Dan Mackenzie	Fire Dept.	Cheryl Cook	Town Clerk
Loyce Hayslett	Library Trustee	Pam Tracy	Town Treasurer
Conrad Shaw	Building Com/Fire Dept.	Scott Damren	Facility Maintenance
MacGregor Stocco	Long Range Planning Com.	Mike Barrett	Appeals Board
Gordon Pow	Building Committee	Lisa Day	Rescue
Bill Pulsifer	Deputy Fire Chief	Jeff Stevens	Fire Department
Gary Fuller	Code Enforcement Officer	Dennis Keschl	Town Manager

Others in Attendance: Charlie Grover, Peter Kallin, Bruce Plourd, tish carr, Carla Chaput, Jackie Worthing Carmen Bedard, . Linda Sprague, Renee Randazzo and Katherina Burdet

NOTE: Please see the attached articles

General Government:

Melanie Jewell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Melanie reviewed a list of corrections to articles with budget and board members, prior to the budget review.

Article #15 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article #15 as presented. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5**

Article # 16 – Ricky Damren made a motion to table article #16 until after the end of year and the budget numbers would be available. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5**

Article # 17 – The Town Manager acknowledged that he had developed this article based on his request this past October to increase the amount that must go to RFP from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The advertising costs have increased and many of the jobs these days are over the \$5,000 limit, due to the rate of inflation. The current requirements delay work and the town has to wait to go through the process. Ricky Damren stated he did not necessarily agree with increasing the monetary level that had been previously established. Dennis Purington asked if the RFPs go out to the local contractors. The town manager said yes, and the town would like to keep the town jobs within the town. Melanie Jewell said she did not support the town becoming selective and just sending out RFPs to certain contractors. The

Town Manager said the office is sending out the RFPs to all those we have knowledge of within the town and the intention of raising the RFP requirement, is to save money and time on getting some of the jobs done. Dan said he would like to see the numbers regarding the inflation rates. The Town Manager stated the inflation is more than double when this article first appeared in 1991. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 3 / 2 Against (Ricky Damren & Chris Merrow) Budget Committee – For 5 / 0 Against**

Article # 18 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Jack Sutton asked why this article concerning changing to a fiscal year has not been presented with an analysis made on the cost savings. The Town manager stated this is something that has been discussed with the board and the board currently has the authority to allow the change to occur without taking this to the voters. Dennis Purington said that he thought that the changes and the benefits should be presented to the public in a two step process. The Town manager said the intention is to be a two step process. Melanie Jewell said that this article was to alert the Town that the Board is looking at changing to a fiscal year. Ricky Damren said that he thought perhaps an analysis and the impact on the town should have done before the article was placed. Dan Newman said that at one of the last board meetings he recalled there being a discussion about investigating the savings and bringing the information to the Board. Pam Tracy stated that the article could be put out there for the March referendum as a proposal and then in June a referendum could be held, offering a 6 month or 18 month budget. Jack Sutton stated he felt the town would be more likely to accept the change to a fiscal year if they were educated. Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion. Chris Merrow made a motion to accept the article as amended by Dennis Purington. Ricky Damren seconded the motion. **Selectpersons - For 1 / Against 4** The motion failed. Ricky Damren rescinded his motion and Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the following amended article; To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to investigate changing the Town's fiscal year from its current calendar year (January 1 to December 31) to the State fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), with an analysis showing how this change would affect the Town.

Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0** The town manager will provide an analysis.

Article # 19 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article #19. Dan Newman seconded the motion. The Town Manager informed the board that this article is referencing the Transfer Station Property on the Dunn Road. The property currently has a forest management plan. Jack Sutton asked what was driving this article and that the harvesting needs to be done under the supervision of a state forester and that there are other variables to be considered; whether or not the trees would be marked, the purpose of the cut, the quality of the wood that would be harvested, what the cost would be to the town and what the expected revenue would be. The town manager stated that after reviewing the plan and the discussions regarding the plan, the past intention of the management plan was that it was intended to be used for recreational purposes, hiking trails and educational purposes. There is no anticipation currently on how to spend the money that is generated from the harvest. Jack said he worries that there are good trees on the land and there is no guarantee the person that the town hires would follow the plan, he believes the tree warden should be utilized and any requirements should be strictly adhered to make sure the plan is followed.

MacGregor Stocco commented that he felt there needs to be a plan in place prior to the cutting if the intention is to allow for recreational trails. He believes that a strategic plan should be put together in conjunction with the Long Range Planning Committee, the Parks & Recreation Committee, and Tree Committee and also to possibly include the Kennebec Highlands group. Ricky Damren recommended that the tree warden go look over the property. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion. Dan

Newman rescinded his second. The board decided to remove the article for this year until a plan could be developed for the use of the property and the revenues that would be generated from the harvest. The town manager asked for some direction. The Board agreed to have the town manager gather the above listed volunteer groups together, have a recommendation put together and to contact a licensed forester. No vote was taken on this article.

Article # 20 – Ricky Damren made a motion to table this article until after the end of year totals have been determined. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Article # 21 – Ricky Damren made a motion to table this article until after the end of year totals have been determined. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Article #22 – Rick Damren made a motion to accept article #22. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Dennis Purington asked if the money for the Growth Management was the KVCOG dues, because he felt that “growth management” was not clear. . The town manager said it was the dues for the KVCOG, and this could be added in parenthesis. Mike Barrett stated that traditionally the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board were together and now they were to be separated. He requested the Appeals Board be removed from the Planning Board line item. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion. Dan Newman rescinded his motion. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article as amended. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Gayle Finkbeiner)**

Note: There was a handout of additional and revised article(s) not presented with the original warrant. Please see the attached articles

Article #23 – A revised article/ explanation was handed out to the board and the budget committee. **(Please see the attached article)** Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article #23. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Jack Sutton stated that he was voting against this article due to the economic situation, there is no assurance that town will be limited to two and a half million dollars or a four million dollar project. He feels there is no assurance of where the money is coming from. Also the food pantry has become part of this at the cost of \$183,000. He feels this is quite an investment for the food pantry, as they have no formal authority as part of the town. He feels that this needs to be addressed as the pantry will impact the operating cost of all entities involved. Melanie Jewell said she thought it would be difficult to estimate the operating costs of the food pantry, if the town does not have the design. Gordon Pow said the money is for the design and to determine the heating/operating costs of the proposed facility, as the town has to have the engineering done in order to get to the operating cost. Gordon stated the way the article is drafted it requires the other million and a half to come from other sources. The building committee felt better to move forward at this point rather than delay the project even though the economy is not doing well, they felt this would help reduce the costs of this project. To stop now, the committee felt that the town would miss the two, three, and five year horizon. The Town spent \$20,000 to get to this point and the voters need to be informed on what the money has been spent on and then they are the ones who need to decide what they would like to do. The Town Manager provided some history of the food pantry. In 1992 the town was approached and allowed for a food pantry to be housed within the town office. There have been some questions in regards to the Food Pantry being housed in the town office. This building is designed so that the food pantry can easily be eliminated. This request of money is to take the \$75,000 and do the design and when the economic conditions are right, and then the project can be moved forward. Dennis Purington clarified that this money does not get a set of construction drawings, but rather it is to get the town through the engineering process. Jack Sutton said that he disagrees on the need for

construction drawings to provide an analysis on the operating costs of people, furniture, etc. Gayle Finkbeiner asked if going forth with this article, based on square footage and costs, and the cost of the food pantry is \$150,000, could the food pantry portion be yanked. Gordon said yes, and the same system requirements give four options. Gordon recommends the town formalizing an agreement with the food pantry. Gayle questioned how much the town could afford? The Town Manager said that the planning effort to keep the project moving forward is in place and if the town fails to move forward this would cost money in the long term. If the plan is in place, then when the time is right, the town will be able to move forward.

Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 3 – Against 2 (Jack Sutton & Gayle Finkbeiner)

Article 23A – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article # 23a. Dan Newman seconded the motion.

Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 1 (Richard Carey)

Jack Sutton commented that he felt this article containing the food pantry is another status of formalizing the food pantry without the town endorsing it.

Article 23B – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 23b. Dan Newman seconded the motion.

Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 1 (Richard Carey)

Article 23C – Chris Merrow made a motion to accept article 23c. Dan Newman seconded the article.

Ricky Damren said that he was not in favor of naming the new multipurpose facility or any of the rooms or portions of rooms after a private individual. **Selectpersons – For 3 / Against 2 (Richard Carey & Ricky Damren)**

Article 23D – Dan Newman made a motion to accept article 23d. Chris Merrow seconded the motion.

Ricky Damren asked what this article meant exactly. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 1 (Richard Carey)**

Article 23E – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 23e. Dan Newman seconded the article. .

Jack Sutton asked if it was the intention of the board to tie the Town's hands with this article. Ricky Damren rescinded his motion. Dan Newman rescinded his second. There was no action taken on the last two articles. Jack said there should be an article to formalize the status of the food pantry. There will be a discussion regarding this issue on the November 18th Selectpersons meeting. Melanie stated the board could add an article at a later date.

Articles 24, 25 and 26 – Dan Newman made a motion to table these articles as a group as the final numbers of the costs associated with these articles has yet to be determined. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Public Safety:

Article 27 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 27. Dan Newman seconded the motion.

Gayle Finkbeiner asked about the paving of the parking lot and what the rationale was behind having this work done. Jeff Stevens stated that the group wanted to pave this area for safety purposes to get the cars off the road and to provide additional space for FD trainings. Jack Sutton stated that the whole public safety department is increased by 33%. Gayle Finkbeiner commented on the Code Enforcement and the professional services, he asked if this was a new expenditure. The Town Manager said that is was and the money was placed into the account to use to go after individuals that violate the town

ordinances. Gayle said he felt this was a lower priority and he feels this \$20.00 should be taken back out of the cost of Code Enforcement. **Selectpersons For 4 / Against 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 28 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 28. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Ricky Damren asked whether or not the Town would be going with Somerset for the PSAP services and if the amount in the article would be affected by this. The Town Manager stated that a moratorium has been placed on changing service and that he has drafted a letter to the State and believes they will agree to allow the town to go with Somerset. Bill Pulsifer stated shouldn't the amount for the PSAP services state they are estimate sums or are as recommended. Ricky Damren rescinded his vote. Dan Newman rescinded his vote. Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of the article as amended with the wordage being included to state "estimates". Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – 5 for / 0 Against**

Article 29 – Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of article 29. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. There is currently \$97,458.88 in the Fire Capital Reserve account with another \$25,000 going in this next year. It will be only two years before the department needs to purchase a new truck and the fire department does not want to take the money out of the reserves for the paving of the parking lot. The department would like to get it paved so they can use it. The fire association paid for the other work to be done to the area. Ricky Damren asked if they would maybe have a more firm estimate by town meeting. They said it may be possible. Dan Newman stated he feels this is a safety issue and there is a need to get the members vehicles off from the road. The Fire Chief, Jeff Stevens, stated he is still looking at getting donations. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0/ Abstain (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 30 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 30. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons - For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee - For 5 / Against 0**

Article 31 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article with the change of radios from wide band to broad band. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Melanie Jewell asked for Inter-government to be tabled. Ricky Damren made a motion to table Inter-government and to take up the Social Service Articles. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Social Services:

Article 44 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 44. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons for 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 6 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 6. Richard Carey seconded the motion. Charlie Grover was present from the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group. **Selectpersons for 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee for 5 / Against 5**

Article 7 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 7. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. Linda Sprague was present from the Belgrade Health Center. The amount being requested is a \$1,000 less than last year's amount. **Selectpersons For 5 / 0 Against Budget Committee For 5 / Against 0**

Article 8 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 8. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Renee Randazzo was present from the Children’s Center. Renee informed the board that the center had served eight families this past year in Belgrade. **Selectpersons For 3 / Against 2 (Dan Newman & Ricky Damren) Budget Committee - For 1/ Against 4 (Dennis Purington, Tom Streznewski, Gayle Finkbeiner & Doug Mather)**

Article 9 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 9. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Jackie Worthing and Carla Chaput were present from the Kennebec Behavioral Health. This past year they have served 57 Belgrade residents. Dan Newman said that he would like to see the amount reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,500. Ricky Damren rescinded his motion to accept the article. Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article with the amendment reducing the request from \$2,500 to \$1,500. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 2 / Against 3 (Dennis Purington, Tom Streznewski & Gayle Finkbeiner)**

Article 10 – Ricky Damren made a motion to approve of article 10. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Katherina Burdet was present from the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee - For 5 / Against 0**

Article 11 – There was no representation for this article and it was agreed upon to eliminate this article from the warrant.

Article 12 – There was no support for this article. It was eliminated from the warrant.

Article 13 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 13. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Carmen Bedard was present from Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 1 (Dan Newman) Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Dennis Purington)**

Article 45 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 45. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 46 – Melanie Jewell made a motion to accept article 46. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Dennis Purington asked why the town is doing this with town money and not donations. The town manager explained several towns have set up funds similar to this. Melanie said there are guidelines in place so this program cannot be taken advantage of. It is under the administration of the town manager. There was some discussion regarding the fuel assistance guidelines and getting this information into the town newsletter. **Selectpersons – For 5/ Against 0 Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Dennis Purington)**

Inter-Government

Article 50 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 51. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 51 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 51. Richard Carey seconded the motion. Peter Kallin was present for the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp. and the Belgrade Regional

Conservation Alliance. The Board asked what the balance of the Tree Committee Budget was. Pam Tracy said she has a current balance of \$3,400, and with the request this will bring the budget to \$7,400. Jack Sutton stated that he would like to see the tree warden put together a map of the town showing the trees that are hazardous and need to be removed. He recommends marking the map with red dots to depict hazardous trees and black dots to mark danger trees. Tish Carr was present for the meeting and said that the additional money is for matching grant money for the removal of hazardous trees.

Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0

Article 52 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 52. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Jack Sutton asked whether or not this article should state the “Tax Anticipation Note” in stead of “Municipal Debt”. After some discussion, Ricky Damren rescinded his motion. Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 52 with the suggested amendment. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 53 – Ricky Damren made a motion to table article 53, as the information was not yet available. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Article 54 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 54. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 55 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 55. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5/0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 56 – Ricky Damren made a motion to table this article until after the end of year. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **CLOSED 5/0**

Recreation

Article 47 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 47. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Ricky Damren rescinded his motion on the original article. Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the article as amended. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 48- Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 48. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. Scott Damren stated that this is just an estimate for a metal building. Dan Newman stated that the stove also needs a cooking hood above the range. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 49 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 49. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Ricky Damren made a motion to rescind his original motion. Dan Newman rescinded his second. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 49 as amended. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 4 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 4. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Pam Tracy stated that she felt because the outdoor bathrooms are included in this article and the work to be done on the cottage, that they should have a separate article. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion and made a motion to accept the amended article. Dan Newman rescinded his second and

seconded the amended motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget committee – For 5 / Against 0**

After some discussion, (because of the changes to article 4) Ricky Damren made a motion to revisit article 47. Dan seconded the motion. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion on article 47. Dan Newman rescinded his second on article 47. Melanie Jewell stated that she would like to see this article broken up into three different articles; one for the library, one for the operation of the facilities and one for the maintenance of the facilities. The board discussed whether or not the North Belgrade Community Center should be listed if the top bullet if it is excluded, as well as the Library Capital Reserve account being included in the article and separating the bullets. Marcia Haigh requested that the name of the Library Capital building reserve be changed back to what the original reserve account was in 2006. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 47 with the amendment. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 47A – This article includes the plumbing and heating for the outdoor bathrooms for the amount of \$4,000 and the upgrades to the cottage for \$2,000. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 47A as presented. Dan Newman seconded the article. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget committee – For 5 / against 0**

Article 47B – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 47B. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. Marcia Haigh requested that the Library Capital building Account be changed back to the original reserve account name as stated in the 2006 town report. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Jack Sutton)**

Article 5 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 5. Dan Newman seconded the motion. The Board asked if this was an increase. Marcia Haigh stated that there was additional money placed into the budget for a part-time third person to staff the circulation desk and to download the audio books. **Selectpersons – For 5 / Against 0 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Public Works

Article 32 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 32. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 33 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 33. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. A discussion ensued in regards to the attached spreadsheet. Jack Sutton stated he does not agree with approving the paving of the roads on a year to year basis. Ricky stated he feels that perhaps it maybe too late to get going now on setting up a five-year plan, but would like to have the road committee review the information. Jack stated that he will only endorse those projects that have to absolutely be done but intends to hold off on other projects that could wait. The Town manager stated if the town sets up a five year plan and then next year looks at general maintenance and plan the paving after four years. The Town manager said right now one of the priority roads for paving would be the McGrath Pond Road. The Horse point Road and the West Road could be removed. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion to accept article 33. Dan Newman rescinded his original second. Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 33 as amended and to include the following language “with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account.” Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 4 / against 0 / 1 absent (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / against 0**

Article 34 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 34. Dan Newman seconded the motion. The Board discussed the paving on the McGrath Pond Road and the Town Manager stated he would get in touch with Oakland prior to the paving and see if they can submit a joint RFP if the timing works out with the Town of Oakland for their portion of the McGrath Pond Road. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee - For 5 / Against 0**

Article 35 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 35. Dan Newman seconded the motion. Ricky stated the road needs to come up a couple of feet and is the reconstruction of this road in the budget. Road commissioner, Kevin Hawes, said that it was not only the paving and grading of the shoulders. After further discussion, it was determined in order to do the Horse point road and do it right a portion of the road needed to be reconstructed and built up an additional two feet or so. Ricky Damren rescinded his original motion to accept this article and motioned to remove the article entirely until next year in the event the town decides to go to bond, so the road could be properly reconstructed. Dan Newman rescinded his original second and seconded the motion made by Ricky, to remove the article entirely from this years warrant. **CLOSED 4/0/ 1 ABSENT (RICHARD CAREY)**

Article 36 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 36. Dan Newman seconded the article. There was some discussion about whether or not the board should consider removing this article as well. There was further discussion about portions of the Depot Road being in poor condition and if they did not move forward with some of the projects there would be a backlog of roads that need to be brought up to standards. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Jack Sutton)**

Article 37 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept the amended article. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 - / Against 0**

Article 38 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 38. Dan Newman seconded the article. Bruce Galouch stated that the recycling revenues are going down, so the revenue will not be as good as it has been. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – for 5 / Against 0**

Article 39 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 39. Dan Newman seconded the article. Dan asked how this is going to benefit the town. Melanie Jewell said this will allow the board to establish guidelines more inline with the Federal rates. Dennis Purington asked if this will look at every piece of equipment along with wages. The town manager said it would. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 4 / Against 1 (Dennis Purington)**

Article 39A – An article was handed out to the Selectpersons and budget committee members. The article was for the East-West lane to be placed on the 2009 Town Warrant. Roy Gallant and William Cummings were present from the road for the discussion. Melanie Jewell informed all those present that the road specifications have all been met. Roy stated that they felt that the lots on the road help pay for the taxes in the town and they should be included. He said those on the road have spent a lot of money to get the road paved and it is well maintained, he requested that the board give a vote of support for the road to be accepted. Jack Sutton stated that he would be voting against the acceptance of the road, basically because of the long term cost of maintenance and upkeep. Dennis stated he would vote no, because this also increases the cost to the school district and its citizens. Dennis

Purington stated that 68% of the taxes will go elsewhere, and only 32% of which would come back to the town. He stated there should be another bullet providing this information. **Selectpersons – For 1 / Against 3 (Melanie Jewell, Dan Newman & Chris Merrow) / 1 Absent (Richard Carey) Budget Committee - For 0 / Against 5**

Article 40 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 40. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 4/ Against 0 / Absent 1 Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 41 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 41. Dan Newman seconded the article. There was some discussion in regards to where the garage would be placed. The Town manager stated originally it was thought to house the garage over at the Transfer Station, except there is a greater need for it at the Cemetery, because it can be used to house the water system that is needed at the cemetery, as well as it is needed to provide a space for municipal repairs on the cemetery equipment. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 42 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 42. Chris Merrow seconded the motion. Dennis the purchase of this bulk fuel tank will allow the town to save money and it will be a five year payback. This will allow the re-negotiating of the snowplow contracts and save fuel on surcharges. Jack Sutton asked where the bulk fuel tank would be placed. The town manager said that it will be placed on skids so that it may be moved from place to place if need be, but for the most part would be located at David Stevens pit for the snowplow trucks and the Fire department trucks. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Article 43 – Ricky Damren made a motion to accept article 43. Dan Newman seconded the motion. **Selectpersons – For 4 / Against 0 / Absent 1 (Richard Carey) / Budget Committee – For 5 / Against 0**

Chris Merrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Dan Newman seconded the motion

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Vogel, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectpersons