

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
March 10, 2015

A quorum having been declared present, Moderator, Douglas Burnell, called the business portion of the Annual Meeting of the Conway Village Fire District to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in the meeting room of the Conway Village Fire Station.

Present were: Commissioners Janine Bean (Chair), Joseph Quirk and Tom Buco; Fire Chief, Steven Solomon; District Superintendent, Gregg Quint; Municipal Bookkeeper, Amy Snow; and Supervisors of the Checklist, Cynthia Thibodeau and Carole DiGregorio. There were 56 members of the general public present.

The Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burnell noted that the polls having opened at 5:00 p.m. for voting on Article 1 would remain open until 8:00 p.m. The rules by which the meeting would be conducted were explained and accepted. Mr. Burnell introduced the head table, noting that Steven Solomon and Gregg Quint are non residents of the District, but need to be allowed to speak as reference people. There were no objections.

Article 1: To elect the necessary officers: one Commissioner for 3 years, Moderator for one year, Clerk for one year, Treasurer for one year, and one Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years.

The polls were declared closed at 8:05 p.m. with the following results:

Commissioner for 3 years:

Mike DiGregorio declared Commissioner for 3 years by write-in vote.

Moderator for 1 year:

Douglas C. Burnell was declared Moderator for 1 year.

Treasurer for 1 year:

William Vose was declared Treasurer for 1 year.

Clerk for 1 year:

Thomas Buco was declared Clerk for 1 year by write in-vote.

Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years:

Cindy Thibodeau was declared Supervisor of Checklist for 2 years by write-in vote.

Motion was made by Tad Furtado, second by Mr. Gambino, to proceed out of order and take up Article 21 first. Mr. Furtado explained there are two other Articles in the warrant that would be affected by the outcome of the vote on Article 21: Article 2, because sidewalks are in the budget, and Article 11 is a specific line item to put money into sidewalks. Voting proceeded on Mr. Furtado's motion and **The Moderator declared the motion carried.**

Motion was then made by Mr. Furtado, second by Mr. Gambino, to adopt Article 21 as printed in the warrant. The Moderator, noting the warrant reads "2/3 vote required" explained that that has been further considered and actually only requires a simple majority, and so declared.

Article 21. To see if the Conway Village Fire District will surrender responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the sidewalks within the district to the Town of Conway.

Mr. Furtado presented a written request that the vote on Article 21 be taken by secret ballot. Mr. Burnell requested that the Supervisors of the Checklist check the signatures to ascertain that they are all valid registered voters in the District.

Mr. Furtado stated he became involved in the sidewalks when he got involved during the Streetscape article. He noted the 2013 vote to bond it failed and the money had to go back to Concord. He said this article would put the responsibility for building the sidewalks on the town. A portion of our tax bill goes to the town – one piece of that pays for the sidewalks everywhere else in Conway. He stated the town did not do the best job in maintaining the sidewalks, they were contracted out and only one side got done; that is not true any more – town hall now does a really good job in maintaining the sidewalks. If we vote for this amendment we will not be paying for sidewalks twice. He said coming into Conway Village, it is the best village in the town. We have the churches with steeples, farm land, the river running through, but it does not look as nice as coming into North Conway. He stated we should be the best Conway Village we can - the town's design standards are better than the design standards of Conway Village Fire District. Mr. Furtado asked the voters to vote in favor of Article 21.

Jonathan Goodwin questioned why the Commissioners were against it. Mr. Bucu said we have been trying for years to get DOT to rebuild the road going through Conway Village. He said we now have a commitment in hand for \$900,000 to rebuild the road, we have put together in a project agreement that we would rebuild the water line because of the old lead joint pipes, and do the sidewalks. We have the money in hand to do the sidewalks – 6,000 feet (3,000 ft. on either side of the road) in asphalt at a cost of \$150,000 which is what we have in the agreement. To do them in concrete would cost \$270,000, and for pavers the cost would be \$630,000, not including the curbing. He said we are talking a tremendous amount of money that we do not have in hand. If we abandon the sidewalks, then the town would have to approve an article next year and appropriate enough money to build and maintain them so it will be at least two years before the town can do that. He stated if you take away the sidewalks we can't go ahead with the project.

Sharon Frost, a non resident, said she owns the ice cream shop in the village. She supports the sidewalks. She has a vision – think of the long term benefits of creating a much nicer downtown. If people stop, it contributes to our economy. She suggested we give a little more effort and a little more money; we need to keep our businesses going.

Ms. Bean said we are not against turning the sidewalks over to the town. She said she and Mr. Bucu voted against it because of the timing of the article and the timing of the contract. We have a contract that is being prepared with the State of NH; everyone who owns property within the project has to be named in the contract. If we do not do the project in 2016 she is not sure we will be able to do it. She said the State has realized they were going to spend money for the road inappropriately in 2015 to dig up the road from the railroad crossing, grind it and put it back down. It was determined that based on our water line (1935) that it would be more prudent for the State to rebuild the road at the same time, allowing us to get the water line done. Because we have enough money to do the sidewalks, we put them in the contract. Ms. Bean said as sponsors, we have to fund their portion as well as ours, we are more concerned about the 1935 water line than we are about the sidewalks – there is water running down Main Street through pipes with leaded joints. It is a great idea to turn the sidewalks over to the

town. If we pass Article 11 and add \$25,000 into our sidewalk fund this year it will give us \$180,000. We can ask the engineers to spec out cement sidewalks, but we will not have enough money to build those sidewalks. Asphalt maybe not as pretty to some as cement. Ms. Bean explained the \$500,000 that we lost in the grant was a vote of this body that we could not raise any more money, we had no more bonding authority. We tried to get money to fund that and could not. We do not want to see this project with the State to go away. Right now it specifies that all owners of property in the project have to be named and we do not have the time to get the town to take the sidewalks over in time to do this project.

Joe Peterson said if we do the sidewalks in tar and turn it over to the town they are not going to do it - he would rather wait another year and have it done right.

Mr. Bucu said we have State Aide grant money for the water and sewer projects that we have going on now. It is guaranteed by legal Statute, but we still have to fight for it – this money is not guaranteed by legal Statute. If we wait two years the State money will go somewhere else. He stated we just finished doing Washington Street with all new asphalt sidewalks and he would challenge anyone to tell us they are no good.

Mike DiGregorio said the right thing to do would be to put in an article for next year to give the town the authority to do it. If we voted tonight to turn over the sidewalks that gives the Commissioners and Selectmen a year to enter into negotiations and to figure out how that transition would take place. He felt even if the town's name would have to be on that contract today, he does not think this would jeopardize anything because it is all negotiated in the timing. Why not just vote tonight to turn them over, Commissioners enter into negotiations with Selectmen as to how it would take place, the town could have that in their budget in October 2015 and have all their numbers in place for the April vote.

Ms. Bean said when we sign the contract with the State our engineers start June of this year to design and go out to bid in the fall/winter with construction to start April of next year. Before the warrant article is passed – the whole town has to vote to accept and pay for these sidewalks (for cement it would be \$300,000). We are going to already be in the design phase, bidding phase, and construction phase before this even goes. She said she was pretty certain that the 1997 article didn't give the town the right to take over the sidewalks and was proven right. She said she is not 100% sure who needs to be named in the contract; if it is a State contract and we have to pay \$900,000 she would hate to see us lose over a technicality – if something goes wrong in this contract this District has to pay all of the \$900,000. She said she is trying to be responsible with your money and not get us in a position where we have to pay for a road to be rebuilt in Conway.

Mr. Thibodeau said the fact that ownership has to be listed is moot. The town has to vote and cannot vote until 2016 so there is no owner transfer until after this project is done. The larger issue is whether we are going to be able to work together and put the sidewalks in in concrete. He said the State of NH has voiced to our town engineer it will have no bearing on what they do – a simple memorandum of understanding will be sufficient; we do not have the authority to take them over without a vote of the entire town. We cannot begin to enter into negotiations until May of 2016. We would be smart to vote yes and move the project forward and continue on.

Ms. Bean said if this is passed and we go forward and start construction, they are going to be built in asphalt because we do not have the money to do cement. Mr. Thibodeau said you are working on some form of engineer's estimates. Ms. Bean said right. Mr. Thibodeau questioned do we not know whether

it could come in under engineer's estimate and we would then have that money to put them in in concrete. Ms. Bean said it could. Ms. Snow said it is important to note that this article is to relinquish maintenance and construction responsibilities of the sidewalks to the town of Conway; this article says nothing about how they are to be built. It will take at least until the end of 2016. She has spoken to Enfield Town Manager – they did streetscape. They had many businesses move in, then the economy went, sidewalks do not a town make. There are a lot of buildings in this town that need a lot of work. When she goes into a town it is the buildings she looks at - she does not care what the sidewalks are built out of – new sidewalks will look good.

Mr. DiGregorio said all construction documents have alternatives – we do not start road construction jobs until April or May. There is a timing issue – as regards the quality, the town has standards. If the town were to be involved we would know exactly how they would look. The timing would be difficult, but it could happen.

Rhoda Quint said it is disappointing to be discussing hot top sidewalks because over the years it should have been made clear to the Commissioners that the residents in Conway Village are not happy with our sidewalks. The standard for the town is cement. Our sidewalks are used by the walkers in this village all the time – we are always talking about the visitors, we live here and are walking on sidewalks that are inferior and we deserve better.

Ms. Bean said she believes we understood after the Streetscape project that the village would like to have concrete sidewalks. We do not have enough money right now on this project to put in concrete sidewalks. If you want to raise and appropriate enough money to put them in, it takes all the issue away – that is another \$100,000 in Article 11. We are not opposed to concrete sidewalks or the town owning them. I have always said we should have the town take over our sidewalks now that they are doing such a great job. We have already told our engineers we want to have an alternative for cement sidewalks.

Randy Davison said this precinct is paying the same per thousand as North Conway. If the town has specifications for sidewalks we should have them. It should be a town responsibility – if it comes down to money, everyone should be paying for the town of Conway in general.

Mr. Thibodeau said it is not out of the realm of reasonable to make some assumptions. He said, as a Selectman, if we move this article forward and vote to turn the sidewalks over to the town of Conway he will do everything in his power to move forward an article to give the \$90,000 to upgrade from asphalt to concrete. If the town is to take them over, we are going to want them in concrete. The warrant article would be contingent upon the town voters accepting the sidewalks in general, which cannot be done until April 2016 anyway. At this juncture the whole thing becomes almost a non-issue – although there are no guarantees, but if we do not move forward we are going to go behind. He questioned Mr. Bucu regarding his statement in today's paper that the sidewalks will be removed from the contract if this goes forward. Mr. Bucu said it is a statement I made. He said if article 21 went through we would have to remove the sidewalks and move on with the water main and the road. He said insisting on pushing this article through is malicious. If you want to move ahead with this it will mean an additional \$125,000.

Andy Chalmers said he thinks Conway becomes the “redheaded stepchild” of North Conway. We pay our taxes, we have a town engineer we pay for, yet in the precinct we have hired an engineering firm – we pay for this service twice. He would like to see this article move forward and cannot imagine moving forward with this will kill the State's road project in the village. Ms. Bean said we actually have

the services of the town engineer, he does not do design work for either North Conway Water Precinct or Conway Village District - we have to hire our own engineer. She said you are getting your money's worth from the town in providing Paul's services. She said she sees no problem with moving this forward, her concern is at the time we had the vote we had concerns and voted no – not against giving the sidewalks over. There is another issue – we have no designated right of way, we cannot determine the right of way, the State will not spend any money to determine the right of way. We are going to have to get each business owner to sign off on this project so we can do these sidewalks, so if one says “no” we are not going to fix the sidewalk in front of his business – it is complicated with federal and state money. If the Selectmen say they will get us the money, we can get the alternatives put in the contract. Vote it in and we will see what we can do – we are not opposed to the town owning the sidewalks.

Thom Steele asked are you saying there is no right of way for Main Street? Ms. Bean said we are not sure where the right of way is. Some of the businesses are sitting on what might be the right of way or might not be.

Motion was made by Ms. MacMillan, second by Mr. Davison, to move the question. The Moderator advised moving the question ceases debate and declared a 2/3 vote. At 7:50 p.m. the polls opened and voting then proceeded by ballot on Article 21 as written.

After confirming that all had voted who wished to vote, the Moderator declared the polls closed at 8:05 p.m. for voting on Articles 1 and 21. Mr. Burnell announced the results of the ballot vote on Article 21 as follows:

YES – 51

NO – 2

Article 21 was declared adopted.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,690 for general municipal operations. **Motion made by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Bean, to adopt Article 2 as written.** There being no discussion, vote was taken and **the Moderator declared Article 2 adopted as written (\$55,690.)**

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$356,000 for the operation of the Water Department. This amount to be funded by water rents and revenues. **Motion made by Mr. Quirk, seconded by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 3 as written.** There being no discussion, vote was taken and **the Moderator declared Article 3 adopted as written. (\$356,000.)**

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$477,958 for the operation of the Sewer Department. This amount to be funded by sewer rents and revenues. **Motion was made by Commissioner Bean, seconded by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 4 as written.** There being no discussion, vote was taken and **the Moderator declared Article 4 adopted as written. (\$477,958.)**

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$909,775 for the operation of the Fire Department. This amount to be offset by \$25,000 to come from Fire Department Fund Balance. **Motion made by Mr. Bucu, seconded by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 5 as written.** Mr. Bamsey questioned the inclusion of a monitor lease/purchase (\$13,000) in the budget. Mr. Bucu

explained this is a payment for a heart monitor we bought last year. There being no further discussion, **the Moderator declared Article 5 adopted as written (\$909,775.)**

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,495 to pay the Water Department Debt Service for the year, funded by water rents and revenues. This amount may be offset by as much as \$51,186 from State of New Hampshire SIGI grants. **Motion by Mr. Quirk, second by Ms. Bean, to adopt Article 6 as written.**

Mr. Thibodeau said the article says “may be offset by as much as \$51,186 from NH SIGI grants” and asked “Are we not getting our SIGI payments the way we should be?” Ms. Snow stated the State is a little erratic in their payments – that is how much we are scheduled to get. Mr. Thibodeau questioned whether we got it last year. Ms. Snow said last year we received \$55,987, they have a 2-year budget, and, hopefully, they will continue to pay it – they do owe us the money. She said she did not want to commit (in the article) to something we did not have. There being no further discussion, vote was taken and the **Moderator declared Article 6 adopted as written (\$227,495.)**

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500, plus any residual interest, to pay off the Phase II, C Sewer Department Debt Service. This amount to be funded from sewer rents and revenues. **Motion by Ms. Bean, second by Ms. Snow, to adopt Article 7 as written. Motion was then made by Ms. Bean, seconded by Mr. Bucu, to amend the figure to read \$10,613.** Ms. Bean explained when they put the warrant to print the figure given to the Commission was \$14,500; however, in reviewing the paperwork they realized they had not taken into account our last payment - by paying this off this year and not waiting until next year we save about \$2,500.

Voting proceeded on Ms. Bean’s amendment. The amendment was declared adopted. Voting then proceed on Article 7 as amended. **The Moderator declared Article 7 adopted as amended (\$10,613.)**

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$278,051 to pay the Sewer Department Debt Service for the year, \$87,892. to come from the State of New Hampshire SAG, \$95,079.50 to come from sewer rents and revenues, and \$95,079.50 to come from taxation. **Motion by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Snow, to adopt Article 8 as written.**

Motion made by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Bean, to amend Article 8 to read: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$278,051 to pay the Sewer Department Debt Service for the year, \$99,327 to come from the State of New Hampshire SAG, \$89,362 to come from sewer rents and revenues, and \$89,362 to come from taxation.

Mr. Bucu explained in this case the District got additional money from the State under the State Aid Grant program, an additional \$11,400, for a total of \$278,051, minus the \$99,327, with \$89,362 to come from sewer rents and revenues and \$89,362 to come from taxation.

Voting proceeded on Mr. Bucu’s motion to amend. The motion was declared carried. Voting then proceeded on Article 8 as amended. The Moderator declared that Article 8 passed as amended. (\$278,051.)

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$145,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance and ambulance stretcher. This money to come from the Fire/Rescue Capital Reserve

Account. **Motion by Mr. Quirk, second by Ms. Bean, to adopt Article 9 as written.** There being no discussion, voting proceeded on Article 9 and **the Moderator declared the article adopted as written. (\$145,000.)**

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to be added to the Fire/Rescue Capital Reserve Account previously established. **Motion made by Ms. Bean, seconded by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 10 as written.** Mr. Bamsey questioned the purchase of the ambulance and whether it is coming out of the reserve in Article 10. He was told it is. Mr. Bamsey wished to know how they came up with the amount for the reserve. Ms. Bean stated historically we put \$150,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund every year; because we are always needing to replace vehicles, we take it out because if we do not use all of the money it stays in the fund. We are just replacing it for future purchases that we are planning on getting over the next few years. If we do not use it all it would stay in the Capital Reserve. Mr. Solomon stated we are behind on our Capital Reserve Funding because last year we did not put any money in. If we can, for instance, get the ambulance for \$130,000 we would leave the extra \$15,000 in there to help offset other purchases. Ms. Bean said we are looking at replacing a couple of different vehicles; this is the cost of the vehicles we need to have.

Mr. Davison questioned whether there is a cap on the fund. Mr. Solomon stated they have a 20-year plan for capital improvements for fire apparatus and we are behind enough now that in 2017 we need to buy a new fire truck and will need a short lease/purchase to make it happen. There is no actual cap, it is just a capital improvements plan. Mr. Davison suggested they have a spreadsheet in the booklet so the taxpayers know what they are paying on. Mr. Solomon agreed they could print it in the book if that is what the voters choose to do. Rhoda Quint stated we have asked for the impact on the tax rate to be printed in the booklet. She was referred to Pg. 8 of the booklet. Mr. Solomon agreed also to print the capital improvement plan information as well. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on the Motion and **the Moderator declared Article 10 adopted as written. (\$150,000.)**

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Conway Village Sidewalk Trust Fund previously established, \$25,000 to come from fund balance. **Motion made by Commissioner Bucu, seconded by Ms. Bean, that Article 11 be adopted as written.** Mr. DiGregorio said despite the vote we already have, we should go forward with business as normal – go forward with the Commissioners’ plan. Mr. Bailey questioned if we get rid of the sidewalks, what happens to the Capital Reserve Fund? Ms. Bean said this is the money we designated to go toward the project, we need the \$180,000 for this if we have to go for the cement rather than the asphalt. She said we are going to start building sidewalks in April of 2016, we need \$180,000 to put into those sidewalks; the town will not take them over until they can get the money in their budget. She noted Conway Village will build the sidewalks on Main Street and the town will take them over and maintain them. She stated it is a saving to the precinct voters of \$10,000, just for the labor and maintenance of the sidewalks. We need the \$50,000 in this article for the sidewalks.

Mr. Furtado said there is only \$25,000 in there. He stated if this was handled better years ago, it wouldn’t be in here. Mr. Burnell said this money is going for the Main Street reconstruction project. Mr. Davison said he believes the whole town should be paying for the sidewalks. One citizen questioned whether we can take a loan out for the sidewalks and have the town take them over and pay that money off. Ms. Bean stated CVFD cannot take out any more loans, we are maxed out on our bonding authority because of the water/sewer project we have been doing over the last few years. Mr. DiGregorio said no one knows what our final cost would be, it is all part of negotiations, but we still

need to move forward on this article. Ms. Bean said we need the \$25,000 from the fund balance that was raised last year and the additional \$25,000 for this year. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Article 12 as written and **the Moderator declared Article 11 adopted as written (\$25,000.)**

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for security upgrades at the fire station. **Motion made by Mr. Quirk, second by Ms. Snow, to adopt Article 12 as written.**

Mr. Davison questioned what type of system it is that would cost \$35,000. Mr. Solomon said it is a large building, it has a lot of activity, \$2 million in equipment sitting on the floor, it is not uncommon that we go out on a call and come back and find people in the building who may or may not belong here. The program would include creating a partition wall outside our dispatch area so that it would create kind of a lobby, four cameras, proximity card door locks. He stated two years ago we were going to go for a grant, it got turned down, we have no other option but to ask the voters for the money. Presently we have regular key locks, sometimes the doors do not get locked when the men leave on calls.

Mr. Gambino questioned what it would cost to have a security guard while out on calls. Mr. Solomon it would cost more than the \$35,000 every year; this security system will provide cameras so we can keep on track of things. Also citizens groups use the meeting room, we can program the system to lock and unlock the meeting room. Mr. Bamsey questioned what if you just put in hardware where doors are always locked? Mr. Solomon said we have a lot of public that come into the building and if locked it would discourage the public from coming in. He said someone using this room needs to be able to access this area and the bathrooms. Sharon Frost wished to know why the grant was denied. Mr. Solomon said they felt it was not a regional enough application.

Andrew Airey said the P card systems after the \$35,000 cost will have maintenance fees and there are current wireless applications that could be administered via cell phone and would be a lot less expensive – there are a lot of options. Mr. Solomon said we use Pope Security as does the town of Conway; the owner is a member of the Fire Dept., there is a small amount of maintenance fee that would be within the operating budget. We do not need the fancy controls like the high school has. We are considering four fixed cameras; one for the parking lot, one for the new lobby area, and two across the front of the bays. We are hoping we are going to be under this price, but this was the recommendation. Mr. Airey asked whether they have requested quotes from other than Pope. Mr. Solomon said we did not put it out to bid. The problem is all these systems end up working together and we can't have somebody working on our fire system and a different company doing the rest. We will also have the same contractor that the town of Conway uses for all of their systems.

There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Article 12 as written and the **Moderator declared Article 12 adopted as written. (\$35,000.)**

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance Trust Fund previously established. **Motion was made by Ms. Bean, seconded by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 13 as written.** Ms. Masters questioned what building this is for and was told it is for both buildings. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Ms. Bean's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 13 adopted as written. (\$15,000.)**

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 to be added to the Sewer Accrued Payroll account previously established, this amount to be funded by sewer rents and revenues. **Motion made by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Bean, to adopt Article 14 as written.** There being no discussion, voting proceeded on Mr. Bucu's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 14 adopted as written. (\$2,100.)**

Article 15: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Sewer System Improvements Trust Fund previously established, this amount to be funded by sewer rents and revenues. **Motion made by Mr. Quirk, second by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 15 as written.** Mr. Thibodeau asked for explanation of the purpose of this fund. Mr. Bucu said it is for sewer system improvements, general repairs made during the year. Ms. Snow stated it is all the other systems throughout the village except for the new interconnect. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Mr. Quirk's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 15 adopted as written. (\$10,000.)**

Article 16: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Water System Improvements Trust Fund previously established, \$5,000 to be funded by connection fees collected in 2014, \$10,000 to be funded by water rents and revenues. **Motion by Ms. Bean, second by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 16 as written.** Ms. Bean explained this is a maintenance article for the water system. Mr. Thibodeau said we have \$152,379 sitting in the fund, what do we have planned and does this include scheduled maintenance/improvements? What are we planning to do with this money that will require us to put another \$15,000 into it? Mr. Quint explained it will be for water improvements down at the chemical building at the water pump station, roof, and upgrading some of the equipment at the well yard. Mr. Davison said there needs to be an itemized list of what will be done and when. Ms. Snow said she will see that that is listed in the future. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Ms. Bean's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 16 adopted as written. (\$15,000.)**

Article 17: To see if the District will vote to discontinue the Fire District CV Trust Fund-date established unknown, purpose unknown (no warrant article found establishing fund), with said funds, along with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to water and sewer fund balances. Amount as of 12/31/14 (\$28,176.99) **Motion made by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Snow, that Article 17 be adopted as written.**

Ms. Snow stated Articles 17, 18 and 19 all go together and are housekeeping articles. We want to close two and reopen one equipment purchasing fund for water and sewer equipment in Article 19. Ms. Frost suggested if we have this extra money that is the taxpayers' money, why not put that into the sidewalk fund? Ms. Snow stated next year that would completely blow our maintenance fund for water and sewer out the window. We do know the money is intended for equipment, but there are no records of when established; we are trying to get funds set up correctly so the money can be spent correctly.

Mr. Davison said it is giving the Commissioners' the right to spend that money for whatever they choose. Ms. Snow stated it is for equipment purchases. Mr. Davison said he wants to know what those funds are being used for. Ms. Snow said the Commissioners are agents to spend on every other article except Article 20. If we do not have them designated to spend, we would have to wait for the next annual meeting or hold a special meeting if we need to repair equipment. There being no further

discussion, voting proceeded on Mr. Bucu's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 17 adopted as written.**

Article 18: To see if the District will vote to discontinue the CVFD Water and Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund – date established unknown, purpose unknown (no article found establishing fund), with said funds, along with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to water and sewer fund balances. Amount as of 12/31/14 \$28,176.99. **Motion by Mr. Quirk, second by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 18 and written.** There being no discussion, voting proceeded on Mr. Quirk's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 18 adopted as written.**

Article 19: To see if the District will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing water and sewer equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,316.56 to be placed in this fund and further, to name the Commissioners as agents to expend from said fund. \$73,316.56 to come from water and sewer fund balance and \$10,000 to come from water and sewer rents and revenues. **Motion made by Ms. Bean, second by Ms. MacMillan, to adopt Article 19 as written.**

Mr. Davison said we just moved a significant amount of money into that new fund, is there a reason why we are adding an additional \$10,000 from the water rents? Ms. Snow said we have on schedule to buy a new water service truck in the next year or two which will cost at least \$60,000. You will see it in next year's annual report. There being no further discussion, voting proceeded on Article 19 and the **Moderator declared Article 19 adopted as written.**

Article 20: To see if the District will vote to appoint the Commissioners as agents to expend from the Fire/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1998. **Motion made by Mr. Bucu, second by Ms. Snow, to adopt Article 20 as written.** There being no discussion, voting proceeded on Mr. Bucu's motion and the **Moderator declared Article 20 adopted as written.**

Article 21: See Page 1 of these Minutes.

Article 22: To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Ms. MacMillan, noting that we have a really small precinct, said she understands people like secret ballots, but no one here would care which way you voted. She asked "do we really need a secret ballot?" stating she is asking people to think long and hard before doing that. She noted she wished to be on the record also to express her concern for Pollard Street sidewalks.

Rhoda Quint asked whether someone could tell her what is owed for water and sewer. She was referred to Pg. 17 of the annual report; however, Ms. Snow reported that as of the end of February there is about \$32,000, about \$25,000 of that are people on payment plans or their property has been liened and foreclosed on, leaving it at about \$7,000. Ms. Snow agreed to include that information in next year's annual report.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **Motion was made by Ms. Bean, seconded by Ms. Snow, that the meeting be dissolved. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 9:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier
Recording Secretary