

Town of Epping  
Budget Committee  
January 12, 2022

Call to Order:

The budget committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the troops

Attendance:

Budget Committee Members: Michael Charkowski-Chairman, Steve Ozols-vice chairman, Ben Leavitt-School Board Rep, Marty Dyey, Jen Chapman, Robert Hodgman, Mark Vallone-zoom, John Cody-Town Selectman Rep, Mike Lecuyer, Steve Thomas, Cody Belanger at 7:45 via zoom, Greg Dodge, Lisa Fogg and Cynthia Hounam.

Other Attendees:

Bill Furbush, Christine Vayda, Tom Gauthier, Fire Chief De'Angelis, Asst. Fire Chief Lombardo, Police Chief Wallace, Sgt. McCann, Heather Clark, Mike Yergeau and Joe Trombley.

Michael Charkowski welcomed everyone to the public hearing and opened up by reading the public notice (attached).

School Warrant Articles:

**Article 1:** Teachers Association Collective Bargaining. Read by Steve Ozols (attached).

Open to school board for comment:

Bill Furbush reviewed the updated CBA:

- Salary increase: 2.9% for the first year, 3% for the second year and 3% or the third year
- No change health insurance
- Extra curricular & athletic stipend updated to reflect the school reorganization
- More flexibility for current programs and to come up with new programs
- 10 year experience cap, the increase do not go up after 10 years
- Formed a committee to explore compensation for teachers
- Updated sick leave bank
- Added a spring student conference day
- Association membership school day extended 15 minutes
- Update the language and grammatical errors

Open to budget committee

- Steve Ozols stated there were teachers salaries in the budget and estimated increase, were the 22-23 calculated with the old CBA
  - Christine said you take the old CBA, what they would be at for a stepping scale, take their new salary and put then all on the new salary schedule
  - Steve asked if this was a true increase, Christine said yes. Steve confirmed that it would be the budget, article and the increase. Christine said if the cba passes the increase would be added to the bottom line budget.

- Steve Ozols is a little frustrated if this passes it will be more than 2.5% if this teacher contract passes.
- Mike Lecuyer asked if this gets approved the \$354,000 will be added to next year budget so would it be the \$258,000 salary increase + \$354,000 SBA making it @ \$612,000? Ben said no because the \$354,000 is in the appropriation if it passes, next year you will see the budget + \$612,000 more than what we have in the current budget.
- Michael Charkowski said that the average tax increase on a \$450,000 home would be \$165 with SBA alone not including anything else from the school or town.
- John asked what their fiscal year was, Bill said July 1 – June 30.
- Mike Lecuyer asked if health benefits were included, Bill said yes.

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 1 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-abstain, Mike Lecuyer-no, Jen-I, Steve Ozols-no, John-no, Ben-I, Marty-nah, Mark-yes, Michael Charkowski-no. Article not recommended 3-6-1.

Roll call: Steve Thomas, Robert Hodgman, Mike Lecuyer, Jen Chapman, Steve Ozols, John Cody, Ben Leavitt, Marty Dyer, Mark Vallone-zoom, Michael Charkowski and missing Cody Belanger.

**Article 2:** Operation Budget. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to school board for comment: Christine reviewed the budget number:

- Proposed budget: \$2,776,429.00
- Food Services: \$440,453.00, which is offset by federal money
- Federal Grants for Title 1, Title 2 and Title 4: \$507,725.00, which as not tax impact
- \$21,724,607.00 has a tax impact and has been put into the warrant article
- Special Ed tuition: \$374,717.00.
- Special Ed transportation and regular contract: \$75,124.00
- 3 bonds & Interest: \$117,017.00

Christine said the only thing added to this years budget was music position

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

Mike Yergeau, 36 Long Meadow Drive. The selectman have steered away from stating no tax impact and wish the school board would as well. Even with federal funds there is still a tax impact. That term misleads all the voters at voting.

Mike Lecuyer said even though we are refunded the money we are still paying federal taxes ahead of time.

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 2 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-no, Mike Lecuyer-no, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-I, Steve Ozols-I, John-no, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I. Article recommended 6-4.

**Article 3:** Add to Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to school board for comment:

- Bill said this was smart budgeting for unexpected expenses so we don't need to take it from our operation budget. Also allows us not to go out and borrow money at an interest rate.

Open to budget committee:



- Steve Thomas asked if there was an account in the proposed budget that could be drawn from in an emergency. Bill said we do have maintenance accounts but not large amounts to cover a big project.
- Steve Thomas asked if this article were to fail would the \$200,000 prospectively raised and appropriated be put back in the budget or returned. Bill said it would be returned at the end of the year as part of the surplus
- Mike Lecuyer asked why the fund increased to \$200,000, Heather said because we knew we had to replace the roof and the boilers would need to be replaced. Mike asked if there are any other big expenses, Bill said a couple which is repaving the elementary school parking lot and planning middle/high school roof in 5 years.

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

- Mike Yergeau said we are putting money away and losing money every year with inflation (3%-6%). If we just project and may be able to take a loan out at a certain percentage on the loan instead of putting money aside and losing money.
- Donna Swanson, 39 Orchard Hill Road, with the prices of crude oil is possible to just repair the parking lot
- Karen Young, 20 Prescott Road, would like to reiterate that it is a good idea to plan and put out local bids and the best cost in advance.
- Joe Twombly, 6 Anthony Lane, thinks it is very smart to put money away if you know something is coming down the road.

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 3 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-I, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-I, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-no. Article recommended 9-2.

**Article 4:** Add to Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to school board for comment:

- Bill said the current balance is \$253,000.00, if we have 1-2 new students it could easily eat up this fund. If you don't fund this account we have to take it from elsewhere.

Open to budget committee:

- Steve Ozols asked what he thinks would be the right amount to maintain this account, Bill said around \$500,000.
- Robert asked how we compare our expenses to district around us, Bill said our special ed numbers are typical and around 18%-19% make up our student body.
- Steve Ozols struggles with this every year, it is money that could go back to the tax payers but it is going to sit in this account and may never get used.

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

- Jeff Leombruno, 11 Molly way, asked for the balance. Michael Charkowski said as of December 31, 2021 \$253,535.64

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 4 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-yes, Jen-yes, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-yes, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 10-1.

Town Warrant Articles:

**Article 20:** By Petition – Ready Rides Funding. Read by Steve Ozolos attached)

Open to petition for comment:

- Pamela Jones represents the petition article. They are volunteer organization that serves 9 surround towns. They provide transportation for health related issues, elderly, disabled or temporarily disabled. They are funded through the Dept of Transportation and are requesting \$1500.00 which is the required to offset the grant.

Open to budget committee:

- Steve Ozols stated they serve surrounding communities, if this passes would Epping be added. Pamela said yes, if Epping joins you will choice of member of Epping to be on the Board of Directors and we will also be looking for drivers in Epping.
- John asked if we lost a transportation company, Pamela said yes Lamprey. They work close with the meals on wheels and have been getting a lot of calls for them to come to Epping.
- Ready ride has not boundaries, the drivers will go anywhere you need to go and they are reimbursed for gas only.
- Cody asked what they are doing to collect drivers. The drivers use their own vehicles, if the customer is in a wheelchair, they outsource a wheelchair accessible van and that is what some of the grant money is used for.
- The drivers have a background check and are vetted. They will be looking for volunteers.
- Ben asked how many inquiries have were received from Epping, about 15-20 from care givers over the past year and 3 residents in the last month.

Pamela would like to thank Epping and hope that you consider letting us in the town.

Closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 20 as written by Steve Ozols, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-I, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Motion passes, article recommended 9-2.

**Article 21:** By Petition: Community Children's Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to petition for comment:

- Chris Soutter represents the petition. The fund is volunteer run for 30 years, they give vouchers to 11 communities, they give money directly to schools for students in need, last year they put \$100,000 back in local communities.

Open to budget committee:

- Robert asked if they do any coordinating with 68 hour hunger. Chris said they do not but if it something that falls under them they will take it or they will refer it to another organization.

Michael said we get more back in benefits than what we put into it.

Closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 21 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Mike Lecuyer.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-yes, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Article passes 10-1, article recommended

**Article 22:** By Petition: Rockingham Community Action: Read by Steve Ozols (attached):

Open to the petitioner: No one is present, Greg said that they may be at the deliberative session.

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:



- Joe Twombly just wanted to state that every \$10,000 is .01 of the total tax rate, just so know what the total impact of the tax rate when you look at these articles

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 22 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Mike Lecuyer.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 23:** By Petition: Waypoint (aka Richie McFarland Children's Center). Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

- Open to petition for comment: Peggy Small Porter and Paul Sutter (Waypoint). The two organizations have merged. Their ask is based off a formula of \$300 per child, Epping number continue to grow. It cost \$5000 to provide weekly services per child, 30% of that comes from the state contract and 25%-30% they need to fundraise for.

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

- Karen Young, 20 Prescott Road asked how the program will reduce cost for special ed to the school district later if kids are involved in early intervention 1-3.
  - Carol said every dollar spent in early intervention you save \$17-\$20 in special ed costs, about 35%-40% kids they serve they help them catch up so they don't need to move onto special ed at age 3.

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 23 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Mike Lecuyer.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 24:** By Petition: Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program. Read by Steve Ozols (attached).

Open to petitioner, Open to budget committee:

- John stated this is the only eyes that we can get on these people

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 24 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 15:** Additional Full Time Police Officer. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to Chief Wallace for comment and power point presentation:

- Chief Wallace said this was a grant applied for back and June and 3 dept in NH received it. The grant is an emphasis on community policing. It is a 3 year grant for \$125,000 and the town is responsible for the 4th year.
  - 2022: \$47,245 covered by the town, \$35,435 covered by COPS office
  - 2023: \$96,875 covered by the town, \$72,665 covered by COPS office
  - 2024: \$10,830 covered by the town, \$16,910 covered by COPS office
- Chief Wallace said with this grant he would like to incorporate some programs: Citizens patrol academy, shop with a cop, coffee with a cop, Epping police explorers, police internship and informational meetings with seniors.

Power Point Presentation:

- Community Policing Officer: Update the departments social media with current crime trends, community point of interest and updated department information.
  - Shop and Business owners
  - Store and retail managers
  - Property owners (landlords, etc)
  - Planning and Zoning
- Community Policing Officer:
  - Evaluate current crime trends then collaborate with supervisors to allocate resources and deploy officers to problem areas in town
  - Conduct community surveys
  - Provide training to other officers on best practices relating to community policing
  - Act as media liaison
  - Post weekly policy activity log
- Need for Assistance: New and intuitive programs must be developed to be effective with current crimes trends. Crime(s) are being solved through social media, and through the use of technology. Since 2013 the department has added 3 positions,
  - Note: From 2013 to 2021 calls for service increase by 20%. With the residential, commercial, and industrial growth the department has become reactive instead of proactive.
- Community Policing Officer:
  - The department has a school resource officer, a motorcycle, a speed radar trailer and a canine program. Currently these are the only community policing programs
  - Still dealing with societal problems such as the opiate crisis, drug overdoses and alcohol abuse
  - Pending developments such Canterbury Commons (101 units), Pleasant View Farms (166 units) and other large residential proposals.
- Goals:
  - The public's perception of policing has changed
    - More approachable
    - Problem solving
    - Juvenile and Adult diversion (instead of court)
  - There is an identifiable need for the department to change the culture and become more connecting with the Epping community
  - Through a collaborative effort with the residents, the department wants to work closely with town residents to solve problems, reduce crime and continue making Epping a great place to live and work.

Open to budget committee:

- John said this is a huge benefit to the town
- Ben asked if someone already on the force can apply or does it have to be someone new
  - Chief Wallace said one of the 4 senior officers would assume this role and he would then hire someone to backfill
- Ben asked if that person would get training or take over the role immediately. Chief Wallace said there is a big training component with this position
- Steve Thomas asked if the \$125,000 was disbursed equally over the 3 years, Chief Wallace said no because they would be starting half way through the year, so it will be disbursed annually.



- Mike Lecuyer asked if there was anything prohibiting this position to leave half way through the grant, Chief Wallace said he would treat it like any other position and then transfer the grant.
- Michael Charkowski likes the idea of the article but is not voting for any new full time employee

open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

- Karen Young feels there should be specific training for the position as far overdoses, elderly abuse, mental illness, etc. Chief Wallace said there is a large training component to this position with oversight is done by the government. Sgt. McCann said they are mandated to quarterly report to the government based on the officers duties, actions and changes.
- Michael Cashman, 17 Echo Farm Drive, said there are grants available for that training and spoke to the Chief on where to get those grants.
- Steve Bettencourt, 16 Debbie Lane, asked if adding an additional requires additional equipment cost, Chief Wallace said no.

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 15 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-yes, Michael Charkowski-no, Steve Ozols-I, John-I, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-I. Article recommended 9-2.

**Article 5:** 2022 Operating Budget. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said of the \$375,000 increase about \$5000 was money for increase to budgets. The other \$370,000 is: \$205,000 for principal and interest that is out of our control, \$35,000 for the fulltime clerk, \$75,000 for the police contract and \$55,000 for the new cruiser which was non contractual but agreed upon to put back in the budget. Many of the departments came in flat or negative.
- Mike Yergeau said the overlay issues that were presented to the committee months ago that they already knew they were going to have a deficit going into the year.

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 5 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yes. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 6:** Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Mike Yergeau said this fund was created to elevate the funds coming out of the bottom lie budget when people retire. The fund was established in 2018.
- Joe said we need to have a balance in this fund for when people retire, they knew of 3 people retiring in the next 3 years.
- Greg said they are expecting to pay out in an excess of \$200,000 in the next 5 years.

Open to budget committee:

- Steve Ozols thinks it did not pass last year because people don't know what the fund means, you should make it clear at deliberative.
- Mark asked if you can add in the wording "retirement" in the article.

- Joe said if you reword the article you would need another article for it to be approved.
- Greg said once you establish an article you are stuck with that name, the board can put in an article to change it.
- Robert asked if we knew of people retiring and the date wouldn't it be prudent to put that in the budget, Mike Yergeau said then you take the risk if the budget does not pass.
- Steve Thomas would recommend since it is an employee benefit that is should be put into the budget.

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee.

Open for public comment:

- Karen Young said there is an average of the past 5 year where it got paid out of benefits and they should have some kind of projection for the people that are eligible. She thinks it should be in the budget.

closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 6 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-yes, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-I. Article recommended 11-0.

**Article 7:** Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said he would like to dissolve this fund and use the government building fund, but they need to fund this just in case the other article does not pass they will still have the funds for the town hall.

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 7 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 8:** Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said that the next purchase is a for a backhoe. The balance is \$2400

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 8 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 11-0.

**Article 9:** Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said they are looking into new boilers for around \$32,000

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 9 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 10:** Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)



Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said it has \$51,000 in there now, they are looking to put in a playground behind the SAU

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 10 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-nay, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 11:** Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached). Balance \$223,000

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said the targeting 10% of \$4,000,000 which will give us \$400,000 for engineering costs and it will stay at that target until we figure out what the job will entail.
- Mike fought for it last year but with the 5%-7% inflation this year we will take a 3 year hit on \$100,000.
- Joe said when the state tells us to close the landfill we would need to figure out where to get the funds, with this fund it will give us the availability to look at different grants and bonds that are available.

Open to budget committee:

- Steve Ozols has if there is any time frame, Mike said they have no definitive answer. Greg said it cost Kingston 7 million dollars with a 9 month window.
- Steve Ozols asked who the descending vote, Greg said Tom Gauthier, he feels if the state wants it closed they should be pay for it.

Open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 11 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-nay. Article recommended 10-1.

**Article 12:** Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said funding this will close out the Town Hall Fund

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 12 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 11-0.

**Article 13:** Epping Youth Athletic Association. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment, open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 13 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-yes, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-nay, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-I, Mark-I, Cody-abstain. Article recommended 9-1-1.

**Article 14:** Fireworks Capital Reserve Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment, Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 14 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-no, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-no, Mark-I, Cody-yea. Article recommended 8-3.

#### **Article 16:** Transfer Station Compactor

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said this to add another compactor at the transfer station.

Open to budget committee:

- Cody asked if they purchased another compactor will there enough staff to man it, Joe said he does see adding another compactor there will be an issue, it should elevate the trash process.
- Cody asked how many are there now, Mike Yergeau said 4, 3 are running and the 4 is not working and will be refurbished.
- Steve Thomas asked if the previous trash compactors were purchased as a budget item, Greg said he would have to look back. Mike thinks that one was purchased 5 years ago as a one time purchase in the budget.

open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment:

- Karen Young asked if the curbside trash pick up was implemented would there be a need for the additional compactor.
  - Joe said the selectmen have been talking a lot about this and it something they are looking into, when they looked into in before it costs more money than it does to run the transfer station.
  - Joe said that there is 3<sup>rd</sup> party curbside pick up available to the town. He said in his opinion they are going lose a lot of control of the costs of handling the waste at the transfer station.

Closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 16 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by John.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-no, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-no, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-no, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-no, Mark-I, Cody-nay. Article is not recommended 5-6.

#### **Article 17:** Conservation Commission Expendable Trust Fund. Read by Steve Ozols (attached)

Open to the Board of Selectmen for comment:

- Joe said this is a new fund for capital projects for the properties the conservation fund owns

Open to budget committee, open to zoom, closed to the budget committee, open for public comment, closed to public comment.

Motion to recommend article 5 as written by Michael Charkowski, seconded by Steve Ozols.

Vote: Steve Thomas-no, Robert-no, Mike Lecuyer-I, Jen-I, Michael Charkowski-yes, Steve Ozols-I, John-yes, Ben-I, Marty-no, Mark-I, Cody-nay. Article recommended 7-4.

Michael Charkowski said that is all for money articles.

Ben said the MS27 will be available on Friday.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Ozols, seconded by Jen. Meeting adjourned 10:45pm

Respectfully submitted  
Cynthia Hounam