

2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

State of New Hampshire Town of New Ipswich

At 7:00pm, Bob Romeril, Moderator, opened the Meeting and read the Rules of the Meeting. Shawn Talbot (Selectman, Chair), Jason Somero (Selectman), Lou Alvarez (Selectman), Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator), Lisa Carbone (Town Clerk) as well as the members of the Finance Advisory Committee (Joe Woodworth, Mitchell Gluck and Luke Moran) introduced themselves. Mr. Romeril introduced Brenda Pelletier and Daryl Diamond-Kumph (Supervisors of the Checklist). Mr. Romeril stated Earl Somero and Colin Carroll are Assistant Moderators for the evening.

Kitty Waitt made a motion to accept the Rules of the Meeting. Jim Coffey (Trustees of the Trust/Board of Assessors) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich on the 7th day of February, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the first session (Deliberative Session) of the Annual Town Meeting and you are further notified to meet at the Mascenic Regional High School on the 14th day of March, 2023 between 7 o'clock in the forenoon and 7 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting at the second session) to vote upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 01 - Election of Officers

To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen	(1)	3-year term
Shawn Talbot		
Write In		
Board of Assessors	(1)	3-year term
Jeanne Cunningham		
Gretchen Rae		
Write In		
Cemetery Trustees	(1)	3-year term
Write In		
Planning Board	(2)	3-year term
Richard Smeeth		
Write In		
Write In	(1)	2-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	(1)	6-year term
Brenda Pellerito		
Write In		
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(1)	1 year term
Lisa Carbone		

Write In

Treasurer

(1) 2-year term

Carlene Wardwell

Write In

Trustees of the Trust Funds

(1) 3-year term

Robert Zinsmeister

Write In

Mr. Romeril stated Candidates Night will be on March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm. There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 02 - Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein totaling Three Million Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two dollars (\$3,252,362)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four (\$3,137,744)? Which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Shawn Talbot did a PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

There was some discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 03 - Road Projects Block Grant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$106,267.00) for maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of New Ipswich roads, to be offset by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Block Grant (No amount to be raised through taxation).

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 04 - Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to maintain, reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2027, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Dave Lage stated the word maintain should be removed from the article. There was some discussion but no motion was made. The article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 05 - Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2027, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 06 - Fund Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$288,500) to be contributed to the previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds as follows:

Highway Department Expendable Capital Reserve Fund	\$95,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Pool Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund	6,000
Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Fund	2,500
Police Department Expendable Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	30,000
Building Maintenance Expendable Trust	35,000
Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	20,000

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Fire Chief Meredith Lund made a motion to increase the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund to \$95,000 and to increase the Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to \$30,000 which would increase the total of the article to \$343,500. The motion was seconded by Gary Somero and passed.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

ARTICLE 07 - Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to support the New Ipswich Library.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 08 - Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$114,000) for the contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 09 - Regional Health Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,970) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services that assist New Ipswich residents:

Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention	\$ 120
Meals on Wheels	\$1,300
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)	\$ 500
Hundred Nights Shelter	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,000
The River Center	\$ 500
Granite State Children's Alliance	\$ 300
Community Volunteer Transportation Company	\$ 250
Monadnock Family Services	\$ 500
Home Health Care Hospice and Community Services	\$1,500
Shelter from the Storm	\$1,000
Harbor Care	\$ 500

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

Jason Somero made a motion to remove CASA (\$500) and Monadnock Family Services (\$500) which would decrease the total donation to \$8,870. The motion was seconded by Jamie Kilsner. The motion failed to pass on the floor. The article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 10 - Property Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,440) for the purpose of funding year 4 of our 5 year cyclical revaluation and authorize the withdrawal of \$20,440 from the Revaluation Fund created for that purpose.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 11 - Household Hazardous Waste

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to participate in the City of Keene's Household Hazardous Waste Program?

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 12 - Readoption of Optional Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the Town of New Ipswich approve the readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28 II) to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit of \$750 to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 13 - Readoption of Standard Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the Town of New Ipswich approve the readoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28.b) to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the All Veteran's Tax Credit of \$750 to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The readoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements of (RSA 72:28.b) but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

There was no discussion and the article will be printed as written.

ARTICLE 14 - Establish Transfer Station Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of supporting and improving services at the Transfer Station. The funds will be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. In addition, to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for this fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 15 - Establish Heritage Commission Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission Fund pursuant to RSA 674:44-d to receive private contributions and other sources of funding for the purpose of supporting the Heritage Commission. The funds will be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the majority of Heritage Commission members and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. In addition, to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for this fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Debbie Deaton made a motion to strike the word Revolving from the heading. The motion was seconded by Lisa Carbone and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16 – Establish Fire Department Communication Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing communications equipment for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.


Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Debbie Deaton made a motion to insert the word Communication into the body of the article (Fire Department Communication Capital Reserve Fund) for clarification. Deirdre Daley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

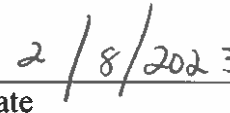
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman
Jason Somero, Selectman
Lou Alvarez, Selectman

Official minutes of the 2023 Deliberative Session held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00pm.



Lisa Carbone
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Date