

TOWN OF WILTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING JOINT SELECTMEN MEETING DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2014

Location: Wilton Town Hall: Court Room
7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Cary Hughes, Chair, Don Davidson, Vice Chair, Betsy Castro, Harry Dailey, Joyce Fisk, Donna Pucciarello, Caitlin Sullivan, Joe Torre, and Dawn Tuomala, Secretary

Selectmen: Dan Donovan (Chairman), Bill Condra

1. Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Chairman Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight and stated that we have a couple of items that need to be cleaned up prior to the presentation of the Final Budget and Warrants.

2. Final Revisions to the Budget

General Government

A motion was made to approve the FICA budget of \$54,025 by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Torre. All in Favor; Motion Passes Unanimously.

Capital Outlay

A motion was made to approve \$4,500 for the Lot Line Adjustment between the Town Property and Lots K-177, K-178, K-045 and K-046 was made by Mr. Torre and seconded by Ms. Pucciarello.

Discussion: Mr. Condra stated that it came to the Boards attention a little over 2 years ago that there was an encroachment issue between the land the Town owns and the lots that front on Maple Street. Since they didn't come to a satisfactory resolution they are proposing to give the 3 owners a 100 foot deep strip, at a width of their existing lots.

Mr. Davidson questioned if the 3 property owners would be responsible for the costs involved. He feels that the property owners should contribute to the costs rather than getting the land for free. There was a question about whether we should even approve this since we have no control over the amounts on the warrant articles. What would happen if we didn't show it on the sheets. It needs to be on the sheets and then we can recommend or not recommend when we get to the warrants.

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1 Spencer Brooks stated that these issues date back to before the Town owned the
2 property. The previous owner has since passed away but he had tried to clean up the
3 properties prior to the transaction. There are all kinds of items within this 100 foot strip
4 including vehicles, a 2 story shed partially over the property line and so on.
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6 Mr. Condra stated that this property is part of the frog pond property.
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8 ***Call the Question: 6 in favor; 3 opposed; Motion Passes***
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10 ***A motion was made to approve \$20,000 for Town Hall repairs by Mr. Donovan and***
11 ***seconded by Mr. Pucciarello.***
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13 Discussion: Mr. Condra explained that there has been substantial damage done to the
14 ladies room due to a steam pipe leak. The pipe runs between the outside granite
15 foundation wall and the inside back wall. There is water accumulating in the light fixtures
16 and the ceiling is ready to collapse. There is also substantial mold on the exterior
17 bathroom wall as a result. This doesn't even begin to speak of the heat loss that is
18 occurring. This is an urgent request as it is a health and safety issue. There was
19 discussion as to whether this is enough money to complete the job and Mr. Condra replied
20 that this should be a good amount to fix the 2 walls and the pipe. The fixtures are still
21 adequate. The money will come out of the Town Hall Repair Capital Reserve Account.
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23 ***Call the Question: All in favor; motion carries unanimously.***
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25 The Frye Mill Bridge Replacement Project was originally estimated at \$80,000 after
26 discussion with the Selectmen another \$8,000 was added to bring the amount to \$88,000.
27 It has since been determined that the project can indeed be done for the \$80,000 so the
28 amount that was voted in last week by the Budget Committee is still correct; no other
29 action needs to be taken at this time by the Committee.
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31 ***Motion was made to reconsider the Community Center for \$1,500 by Ms. Tuomala***
32 ***and seconded by Ms. Castro.***
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34 Ms. Tuomala asked to have the Community Center vote reconsidered as this is a very
35 small amount and it would help the dedicated people who are trying to provide a service
36 that the Town doesn't have and could become an important part of the Town.
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38 Mr. Davidson demanded to know, where does it end? We can't fund everything, we are
39 obligated to supply the basic services to the Town such as Fire, Police, Ambulance and
40 Highway, we can't deal with everyone's wants. He has left \$1 in the budget so that it will
41 be allowed to be moved to the floor if someone wishes to do so. We can't fund everything
42 and that's what we are all about.
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44 Mr. Torre explained that this is a non-profit organization and is not an official department
45 of the Town. There isn't any call for a community center in any of the Town's documents.
46 Therefore it is not right to put the taxpayer's money into a private charity.
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48 Mr. Donovan stated that he has been impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the
49 group of people that are involved with this organization. Last year the Church Building
50 was accepted but the funding was denied thus defeating the project. The Community
51 Center could be another resource for the Town.

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2 Mr. Dailey stated that if the Selectmen want to fund this then they should give up their
3 \$1,500 raise to support this project.
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5 Ms. Pucciarello stated that we cut out services to the children by cutting out CASA funds.
6 People use that service. The Town as a whole should take another look at different ways
7 to fund activities such as this. We need to change our focus by brainstorming fund raisers
8 so that they can become self-sufficient.
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10 ***Call the Question: 3 in favor; 6 opposed; motion fails.***
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13 **3. Correction to Frye Field Warrant Article**
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15 Chairman Hughes steps down due to a conflict and Vice-Chairman Davidson resumes.
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17 ***Motion was made to revise the approved number for the Frye/High Mowing***
18 ***Conservation Land Acquisition back to \$80,000 by Mr. Torre, seconded by Ms.***
19 ***Pucciarello.***
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21 Discussion: About what should be within the box; are we voting to approve or disapprove.
22 According to the DRA the Budget Committee made an error when we changed the warrant
23 amount to \$1 instead of the \$80,000. The request is to put the \$80,000 back in the box.
24 During the warrant presentation the Committee will be voting on recommending or not
25 recommending each warrant article and will be done irrespective of whether we have a \$1
26 within the box. This is an accounting procedure, if there is only \$1 in there and the motion
27 passes at the Town Meeting then the remainder comes out of the 10% that the Town is
28 allowed to increase the budget by.
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30 Call the Question: 3 in Favor; 5 opposed; 1 abstained; motion fails.
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32 Chairman Hughes returned to the Board.
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35 **4. Presentation of the Final Budget**
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37 Chairman Hughes started by presenting the 2014 budget in the sections. The first section
38 is General Government and he highlighted several different areas and explained why they
39 have had increases. Next year we will have an extra election increasing those costs.
40 Many of the items such as benefits Package, workers comp, Insurance and liability have
41 fixed costs. There are wage increases within the budgets also.
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43 The next section is Public Safety which consists of the police department and the
44 ambulance along with emergency management. The Town of Wilton is responsible for all
45 of the ambulance expenses but there are two other Towns that contribute to their services
46 plus they have income from the patients who use the service. The Police have an
47 increase in their wages to be more comparable to the benefits given by other Towns. If
48 we lose an officer then it costs the Town \$72,000 to replace that officer and over 9 months
49 and usually up to 1 year of lost time. It is hard to find people that qualify to go through the
50 police academy.
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1 The next section is Highways and Streets which has an increase of \$75,000 due to the
2 Federal EPA Stormwater Regulations which is an unfunded mandate. In the future
3 highway costs could be increased significantly in the next ten years due to various
4 requirements for specialized equipment. There has also been a raise from \$9,000 to
5 \$25,000 due to having to deal with the snow removal from the downtown area. They are
6 having issues finding spaces to pile the snow. It has to be placed at least 10 feet away
7 from the river. We can't use lot 48, the police lot, the fire station lot due to the addition, so
8 it has to be placed against the wall and then removed at a later time. There is also a wage
9 increase and \$2,500 to Mr. Elliott for taking over the recycling center which he hasn't
10 received an increase for 2 years since he took that extra position over.
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12 The next section is Sanitation and Water which includes the Recycling center along with
13 the Sewer Department and the Wilton Water Works Commission. The Recycling Center
14 has other Towns that contribute to the center. The compactor has just come on line in
15 December; there should be a cost savings but it wasn't taken out for this year since there
16 wasn't enough time to fully evaluate the actual savings. It will save by reducing the
17 number of trash trucks that are needed to haul the trash away. The sewer and water
18 services also have an income portion that offsets their expenses.
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20 The next section is Health which includes a number of organizations that receive money
21 for services that they supply to some of the people of Wilton. The next section is Welfare
22 which has been reduced slightly. This section also has Aid to Disabled St. Joesph's which
23 is the meals on wheels and we receive a full accounting of their expenses. This provides
24 an additional service to the recipients as well since someone is checking in daily on the
25 people making sure they are still well.
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27 The next section is Culture and Recreation which includes parks and playgrounds, the
28 Library, Goss Park and the Conservation Commission. Goss Park has a much larger
29 budget but asks for a contribution from the Town to help support them.
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31 The Fire Station Addition Bond approved at Town Meeting last year will begin this year for
32 \$70,653 as part of the repayment of that bond.
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34 Chairman Hughes stated that the revenues have been conservatively estimated offsetting
35 the Operating Expenses. The final Operational Budget with all of the above changes is
36 \$4,644,590.
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39 **5. Public Comments/Questions**
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41 Mr. Brooks stated that there were additional charges that weren't paid last year. One
42 being for \$800 and there was another \$600 that is due to the new clerk but she was in the
43 hospital for the month of December so was unable to get an invoice out. There were also
44 monies spent on edging the field. They are all volunteers that are dedicated and they
45 have other lives so the invoices didn't make it to the Town Hall in time. Mr. Brooks would
46 like to have the monies reinstated so that the bills can be paid.
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6. Presentation of the Warrant Articles

Article 7 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck and plow equipment. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.

Discussion: This will replace a 1982 pickup truck and a plow with over 130,000 miles on it. It is presently used when one of the plow trucks break down.

Motion was made to recommend Article 7 to purchase the Highway Pickup Truck with a plow for \$37,000 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Mr. Torre. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.

Article 8 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy five thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars (\$175,760) for the purchase of a new 6 wheel dump/salt/plow truck and to authorize the withdrawal of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of one hundred thousand, seven hundred sixty dollars (\$100,760) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.

Discussion: This is to replace a 1994 Mack truck with a 6 wheel dump/salt/plow truck (freightliner) for \$175,760. This truck started its life as a tractor pulling trailers. This truck has over ½ million miles on it and it doesn't have adequate brakes. Since the first of the year they have replaced the axle, radiator and it totally worn out. The costs of these trucks have sky rocked since we purchased the last one in 2009.

Motion was made to recommend Article 8 to purchase the 6 wheel dump/salt/plow truck for \$175,760 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.

Article 9 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seven thousand, five hundred eighty seven dollars (\$207,587) for the purchase of a new ambulance, a power cot and an onboard vehicle radio and the withdrawal of one hundred eighteen thousand, six hundred forty dollars (\$118,640) from the Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Thirty two thousand fifty four dollars (\$32,054) to come from general taxation, contingent upon Lyndeborough to raise, appropriate and pay fifteen thousand three hundred seventy six dollars (\$15,376) and contingent upon Temple to raise, appropriate and pay forty one thousand five hundred seventeen dollars (\$41,517), or to take any other action relating thereto.

Discussion: This purchase will replace the 2001 ambulance that has over 115,000 miles on it and it can't be determined how many running hours this contains. They are also replacing the stretcher which is 13 years old and it only has a life expectancy of 7 years. This electric stretcher will help save the workers backs when they have to lift a heavier patient. This will provide the hydraulics necessary to be able to slide the stretcher into the ambulance. The radio repeater will help with communications when they are in areas that have poor radio/cell service. The old ambulance will be traded in for \$3,500.

Motion was made to recommend Article 9 purchasing the ambulance for \$207,587 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.

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1 **Article 10** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred
2 twenty five thousand (\$425,000) for the purchase of a new Fire Department Rescue
3 vehicle, equipment and decals and to authorize the withdrawal of three hundred eighty
4 three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$383,800) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve
5 Fund previously established. The balance forty one thousand two hundred dollars
6 (\$41,200) is to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.
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8 Discussion: The Fire Department has requested to replace the 1989 Rescue Truck. Last
9 year the frame had to be welded just to pass inspection. They told Chief Dick to get rid of
10 the truck as soon as possible and to give it to someone he doesn't like. He is still working
11 on the purchase of the next truck and might try to do something a little different.
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13 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 10 for the purchase of the Fire Rescue***
14 ***Truck for \$425,000 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion***
15 ***passes unanimously.***
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17 **Article 11** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand
18 two hundred fifty dollars (\$13,250) for the repair/replacement of the Library Balustrades and to
19 authorize the withdrawal of thirteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$13,250) from the
20 Library Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action
21 relating thereto.
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23 Discussion: These are out front of the Library and are in need of repair.
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25 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 11 for the repair of the Library Balustrades***
26 ***for \$13,250 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion passes***
27 ***unanimously.***
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29 **Article 12** – The warrant is to replace the Frye Mill Bridge. The warrant was revised
30 Monday night at the Selectmens meeting from \$80,000 to \$88,000. The amount of the
31 warrant shows \$88,000.
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33 **Selectmen Vote:**
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35 **Motion was made to revise the warrant amount back to \$80,000 by Mr. Donovan**
36 **seconded by Mr. Condra. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.**
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38 The article now reads:
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40 **Article 12** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand
41 dollars (\$80,000) to replace the bridge on Frye Mill Road and to authorize the withdrawal of
42 eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously
43 established, or to take any other action relating thereto.
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45 Discussion: Mr. McGettigan questioned whether the State has approved the bridge that was
46 rebuilt on Old County Farm Road last year. Mr. Donovan confirmed the bridge was accepted
47 by the State and that even with the State Bridge aid at an 80/20 match we can replace the
48 bridges for less than it will cost us for our 20%.
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50 Mr. Elliott explained that this was put on the list in 2007 and isn't due to be replaced until
51 2022. In 2007 the State estimated the cost would be \$315,000 and has an estimated 5%

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1 increase per year so our portion in 2022 would be \$239,000. They would rebuild the bridge to
2 24 feet wide and we don't need to have a bridge 24 feet wide in this location. An estimate
3 was obtained last year from the contractor that replaced the bridge on Old County Farm Road
4 and they stated that it would be \$63,000. However, there will be more abutment work to be
5 done with this bridge and they don't like the jersey barrier type walls so instead they will use a
6 more rustic style guard rail to match the Historic Frye Measure Mill Building.
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8 Mr. McGettigan stated that if we had the State repair our bridges then the state will be
9 responsible for that bridge after that and it won't be a worry for the Town anymore. This is
10 how the bridges on Keyes Hill Road, Russell Hill and the Burton Highway were done.
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12 Mr. Elliott disagreed and stated that the bridges are still owned by the Town of Wilton. The
13 other issue with this bridge is that this is a one lane bridge and it is the only way in and out for
14 the business and homes on the other side. He continued that we can't wait until 2022 to have
15 this bridge replaced, it is less expensive to do it now than to wait.
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17 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 12 for the Frye Mill Bridge for \$80,000 by***
18 ***Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.***
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20 **Article 13** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of eighty
21 thousand dollars (\$80,000) for purpose of acquiring a partial interest in the conservation
22 easements on Lots F-127, F-128, F-130, F-131 and F-139. The Town will acquire public
23 passive recreation rights, significant wellhead protection, and the protection of open space.
24 The Town appropriation of funds will provide up to \$80,000, to assist in reaching the full
25 Project Costs of (\$1,635,000). Other monies are to come from Federal Farm and Ranchland
26 Protection Program grant funds and USDA and Natural Resources Conservation Services,
27 along with fundraising and Board allocation from High Mowing School and other grants and
28 private funds. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating
29 thereto.
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31 Discussion: Ian McSweeney stated that he would like to clarify that the Frye Family is
32 selling a portion of the 105 acres and High Mowing is selling 54 acres. NRCS and the
33 Land Trust are buying interests and they are giving the Town a chance to be a purchaser
34 in this to get rights that were listed in the warrant.
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36 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 13 for the Frye/High Mowing Land***
37 ***Conservation for \$80,000 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. None in favor; 8***
38 ***opposed; 1 abstained; motion fails. Motion is to not recommend.***
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40 **Article 14** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven
41 thousand, dollars (\$27,000) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
42 previously established. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action
43 relating thereto.
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45 Discussion: Chief Hautanen stated that this is to put some money away for a new cruiser
46 for next year.
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48 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 14 for putting \$80,000 in the Police***
49 ***Equipment Capital Reserve Account by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All***
50 ***in favor; motion passes unanimously.***
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1 **Article 15** - To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recycling Center Landfill Closure
2 Capital Reserve Fund previously established in the year 19XX. Fund balance as of
3 12/31/2013 was fifty two thousand two hundred ten dollars and five cents (\$52,210.05). Said
4 funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general
5 fund and to distribute pro-rata to the Recycling Center member Towns or to take any other
6 action relating thereto.

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8 Discussion: This fund was set up to cover the landfill when the State says we need to but the
9 costs would be more than we have in the account so it will need to be bonded. Since the
10 participating Towns have all contributed to this fund it should go back to each of the towns.

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12 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 15 for discontinuing the Recycling Center***
13 ***Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All***
14 ***in favor; motion passes unanimously.***

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16 **Article 16** - To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Radio Capital Reserve
17 Fund previously established in the year 20XX. Fund balance as of 12/31/2013 was four
18 dollars and sixty one cents (\$4.61). Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of
19 withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund or to take any other action relating
20 thereto.

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22 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 16 for discontinuing the Ambulance Radio***
23 ***Capital Reserve Fund by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion***
24 ***passes unanimously.***

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26 **Article 17** - To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Isaac Frye Paving Capital Reserve
27 Fund previously established in the year 20XX. Fund balance as of 12/31/2013 was one
28 hundred three dollars and two cents (\$103.02). Said funds with accumulated interest to date
29 of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund or to take any other action relating
30 thereto.

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32 ***Motion was made to recommend Article 17 for discontinuing the Frye Paving***
33 ***Capital Reserve Fund by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All in favor; motion***
34 ***passes unanimously.***

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36 **Article 18** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to take a 100 foot
37 section from the lot known as D-093 owned by the Town of Wilton and added to each of the
38 four abutting lots known as lots K-177, K-178, K-045 and K-046 as will be described more
39 specifically in a survey to be done upon passage of this article; along with any specified
40 covenants and to authorize the Selectmen to make any Boundary Line Adjustment as they
41 deem appropriate.

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43 Discussion: Ian McSweeney asked how this warrant doesn't represent putting public
44 monies to private entities. Mr. Dailey stated that they should divvy up the expenses
45 between the people who are getting the benefit of the land. They should pay the costs
46 and shouldn't get public land for free.

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48 Mr. Brooks stated that they want to have straight line along the back so that they can have
49 better control over the land. Mr. Davidson stated that since this is the first time this is
50 being presented to the committee he would like to understand this better. He would like to
51 know why this wasn't addressed years ago when the Town purchased the property. This

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1 should be delayed for another year. Mr. Torre stated that the Town owns the land and it is
2 managed by the Conservation Commission.

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4 **Motion was made to recommend Article 18 for the Lot Line Adjustment between lot**
5 **D-093 and K-177, K-178, K-045 and K-046 for \$4,500 by Mr. Donovan seconded by**
6 **Ms. Castro. 0 in favor; 8 opposed; 1 abstained; motion fails. Motion is to not**
7 **recommend.**

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9 **Article 19** - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand
10 dollars (\$20,000) for repairs to the Town Hall storage and bathroom area and to authorize the
11 withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Town Hall Repair Project Capital
12 Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action relating thereto.

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14 **Motion was made to recommend Article 19 for \$20,000 to repair the Town Hall Storage**
15 **and Bathroom areas by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro.**

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17 Discussion: Mr. Jerry Greene stated that he didn't believe that we can to the amount of work
18 that needs to be done for that amount of money and asked if this can be changed. Mr.
19 Davidson stated that the deadline for the warrants is this week. He asked if they could have a
20 good number a week from now. Mr. Dailey stated that the selectmen can change the amount
21 to a not to exceed number. They could also raise the amount on the floor if they discover they
22 need to have more monies. There was discussion about possibly tabling this warrant and to
23 take up the meeting next Thursday night.

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25 After much discussion it was decided to reopen Articles 15, 16 and 17 to insert the dates that
26 have been missing. Otherwise we would have to come back next week to finish the articles
27 and revote them. It was discussed that this would not change the meaning of the warrant and
28 is only a typographical issue therefore there wasn't a need to come back.

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30 **Motion to reopen Articles 15, 16, & 16 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. All**
31 **in favor; motion passes unanimously.**

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33 **Selectmen Vote:**

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35 **Motion to amend the warrants by inserting the dates as follows:**

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37 **Article 15 – change the year from 19XX to 1983**

38 **Article 16 – change the year from 20XX to 2010**

39 **Article 17 – change the year from 20XX to 2011**

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41 **was made by Mr. Donovan seconded by Mr. Condra. All in favor; motion passes**
42 **unanimously.**

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44 **Motion to amend Articles 15, 16, & 16 as described by the Selectmen above by Mr.**
45 **Davidson seconded by Mr. Torre. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.**

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47 **Call the question on Article 19: 8 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes.**

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1 **Article 21-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, six
2 hundred forty four thousand five hundred ninety dollars (4,644,590) for the general municipal
3 operation for the year 2014 or to take any other action relating thereto. Said sum does not
4 include any of the special or individual articles addressed.
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6 **Motion was made to approve \$4,644,590 for the 2014 General Municipal Operating**
7 **Budget by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro.**
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9 Discussion: Mr. Brooks asked to have \$1,100 added back into the Conservation Commission
10 Budget line.
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12 **Motion was made to increase the Conservation Commission Budget to \$3,100 by**
13 **Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. Discussion: Ms. Sullivan stated that with**
14 **the increase they still have underspent the budget by \$400. Call the Question: 2 in**
15 **favor; 6 opposed; 1 abstained; motion fails.**
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17 Discussion: Mr. Davidson stated that we have the authority to change what goes into the
18 bottom line. The bottom line is up 7.5% up from last year requested over the actuals. Given
19 that the Fire Station Bond increases the budget \$70,000 and there is an unfunded EPA
20 mandate costing \$75,000 these increase the budget by \$145,000. We have the opportunity to
21 reduce this budget and redirect the Selectmen to redistribute the voted funds.
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23 **Motion to amend Articles 19 to \$4,500,000 was made by Mr. Davidson seconded by**
24 **Ms. Pucciarello.**
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26 Discussion: Mr. Dailey stated each department head could have been asked to cut bottom
27 line as was seen fit during the budget process. The amount is up but if the committee didn't
28 see fit to cut the costs when we were going through the budgets line by line then it is too late
29 to go back now. If we weren't willing to make cuts then it is not fair to have it all fall upon the
30 Selectmen now.
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32 Mr. Greene stated that it is an insult to the Department Heads who have made good estimates
33 so that they don't go over their bottom lines. They have historically spent less than they ask
34 for and they are trusted in the future to do the same. The Selectmen can't reallocate at this
35 point, it would create a mess.
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37 Mr. Torre stated that since September we have been going line by line through all of the
38 budgets and approved the lines.
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40 **Call the Question on the Amendment: 1 in favor; 8 opposed; amendment to the motion**
41 **fails.**
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43 **Call the Question on the amount of \$4,644,690: 8 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes.**
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45 **Motion was made to recommend Article 21 for the General Municipal Operating**
46 **Budget for 2014 of \$4,644,590 by Mr. Donovan seconded by Ms. Castro. 8 in favor;**
47 **1 opposed; motion passes.**
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