

**TOWN OF WILTON NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10th, 2020, ELECTION RESULTS
&
MARCH 12th, 2020, TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Moderator William Keefe opened the polls at the Wilton Town Hall at 8:00 AM for the purpose of voting for Town Officers, Zoning and School Officers. The polls closed at 7:00 PM. From a voter checklist of 2661 registered voters, the following votes were cast with various write-ins omitted: 536 votes, including absentee ballots.

1. Select Board: 3 year term	
Ralph E. Buschmann	257
Kermit R. Williams	265*
Planning Board: 3 year term - Vote for two	
Stephanie E. Kirsch	363*
Karon S. Walker	380*
Planning Board: 2 year term	
Michael P. Routhier II	417*
Sewer Commissioner: 3 year term	
Tim Mortvedt (write-in)	43*
Sewer Commissioner: 1 year term	
Thomas C. Schultz	444*
Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3 year term	
David D. Miller	449*
Treasurer: 1 year	
DJ Garcia Jr.	465*
Moderator: 2 year term	
William J. Keefe	474*
Water Commissioner: 3 year term	
Thomas C. Schultz	450*
Supervisor of the Checklist: 6 year term	
Lori J. Rolke	453*
Cemetery Trustee: 3 year term	
Lisa M. Gibbons	457*
Library Trustee: 3 year term	
Nikki A. Andrews	453*

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would comprehensively address wetlands and water bodies and clarify the protection from development such areas would receive as follows:

ADOPT Section 3.1.21-a, a new definition, “mean high water level,” which would be determined by the line on the shore running parallel to the water body that defines the high level of the water body, as indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the immediate bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter or debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

ADOPT Section 3.1.34-a, a new definition, “water body,” which would include ponds, lakes, rivers, streams or similar areas up to their mean high water levels, which are not otherwise defined or protected under the State’s definition of “wetlands” (see below).

AMEND Section 3.1.34, the existing definition of “wetlands,” to define wetlands by reference to State law, as required.

DELETE Section 3.1.35 Hydric Soils, Section 3.1.36 Hydrophytic Vegetation and Section 3.1.37 Wetlands Hydrology. The updated definition of wetlands eliminates the need for these three sections.

AMEND Section 4.6.7, Wetlands Conservation District Setback to require water bodies to have the same building setback requirements as wetlands.

AMEND ten sections of the Ordinance so that requirements for lots, sanitary systems setbacks, area, density and other setbacks, apply to water bodies, as well as wetlands, as follows:

- Section 4.2.1 Sanitary system setbacks (General Provisions)
- Section 5.2.1 Area lot requirements (Residential District)
- Section 6.2.1 Area lot requirements (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 6.3.1 Area lot requirements for Alternative Lots (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 6.4 Density requirements for Cluster Developments (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 8.2.1 Area lot requirements (Industrial District)
- Section 9.3 Area lot requirements (Office Park District)
- Section 14.3 Area lot requirements (Watershed District)
- Section 14.3.3 Setbacks (Watershed District)
- Section 17.3 Special exception setbacks (Non-Conforming Uses and Buildings)

Amend Section 11, Wetlands Conservation District, so that district boundaries and special exceptions include both wetlands and water bodies, and apply district setbacks to water bodies as contemplated by amended Section 4.6.7.

Yes 410* No 92

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would require wetlands and water bodies to be protected from the use of fertilizer and certain chemicals as follows:

ADOPT Section 4.6.8, Wetlands Conservation District Buffer, to prohibit the use of fertilizer and other chemicals within 50 feet of wetlands and water bodies.

Yes 431* No 85

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Light Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.2 Light Manufacturing, to specifically exclude "Heavy Manufacturing" from the definition and to replace "comprised of" with the word "using."

Yes 384* No 116

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would clarify the light manufacturing activity permitted in the Commercial District and Downtown Commercial District sections, to conform with the Light Manufacturing permitted in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Sections 7.1.r and 7A.3.3 to permit the assembly, packaging and/or finishing of products, as long as the activities could not (1) pose a danger of fire or explosion, (2) create significant objectionable vibration, noise, smoke, fumes odor or dust, (3) produce chemicals, radioactive or other potentially dangerous waste, or (4) adversely affect other private or public properties.

Yes 411* No 93

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Heavy Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.1 Heavy Manufacturing, to identify activities that would qualify as Heavy Manufacturing, including, without limitation, any manufacture,

processing, conversion or compounding (1) of raw materials, chemicals, or products composed primarily from unprocessed raw materials or chemicals, (2) using chemical processes or petroleum or petrochemicals or products derived therefrom, or (3) involving the production or storage of explosives or ammunition (except retail sales of ammunition incident to another permitted use). Heavy Manufacturing would also include manufacturing activity that might reasonably be expected to have any adverse impact on surrounding land uses or property values or beyond Town borders.

Yes 395* No 107

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would allow Light Manufacturing in the Industrial District, but prohibit Heavy Manufacturing there, as those terms are defined in the Research and Office Park section, and otherwise clarify the requirements around permitted non-residential commercial uses, as follows:

AMEND Sections 8.1.a and 8.1.d of Section 8.1, Permitted Uses, to specifically permit Light Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.2, within the district, and to clarify the requirements to be met by permitted non-residential commercial uses therein.

AMEND Section 8.5 Prohibited Uses, to prohibit Heavy Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.1, within the district.

Yes 393* No 107

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would rename the Elderly Housing District, raise the present sixty (60) year-old threshold for the district to sixty-two (62) to align with a relevant federal threshold, and make other conforming changes in the Ordinance, as follows:

RENAME Section 13, Elderly Housing District, as “Age-Restricted Housing District” and make corresponding language changes to the following subsections:

- Section 13.1 Purpose
- Section 13.2 District Location
- Section 13.3 General Standards
- Section 13.4 Review of Site Plans
- Section 13.5 Change of Use

AMEND Section 13.3.d of the General Standards to change the qualifying age for this district from sixty (60) years to sixty-two (62) years, aligning with a specific federal age threshold.

AMEND Section 25.9.a, of Section 25.9.a, Waiver of Impact Fees to refer to Age-

Restricted Housing and to conform the waiver requirement to the new sixty-two (62) year-old threshold for Age-Restricted Housing.

Yes 371* No 127

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would set out comprehensive requirements for the installation of solar collection systems in the Town of Wilton, as follows:

ADOPT Section 15B, Solar Collection Systems, which, among other things, defines ground and roof-mounted systems; identifies permitted uses, area coverage and power generation limits within each zoning district; establishes general requirements for design, installation, site plan review, buffers, erosion control, stormwater performance, etc.; and sets out the obligations surrounding the abandonment or decommissioning of systems.

Yes 356* No 141

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would establish a three-year interval for recurring review of Town Impact Fees, as follows:

AMEND Section 25.8, Review and Establishment of Fees, to establish a three-year interval for reviewing current Impact Fees, starting in 2020.

Yes 392* No 100

Moderator William Keefe began the 258th Town Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the Florence Rideout Elementary School. He asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of the loss of John Jowders, Kay Roedel, Tracey Ewing and Priscilla Jowders.

He then welcomed everyone and started the meeting by noting the outcome of Tuesday's elections. He explained the rules of procedure for the evening including the rule each warrant article will be dealt with once. Any action to reconsider a vote must be done before we move onto the next warrant article. He stated Deborah Degan would be Deputy Moderator later in the meeting. Also mentioned was available food, prepared by the kind folks from the 2nd Congregational Church, was on tables in the back of the room. It was strongly suggested voters to be sure to utilize the large amount of hand sanitizer distributed throughout the room. He next began the Town Meeting by reading Article 11 as follows:

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) (gross appropriation) for the purpose of performing asset management for the Town's stormwater collection system and public works department and, to authorize the issuance of not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the

Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and, to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) it being understood that repayment of the loan funds will include up to 100% principal forgiveness in the amount up to \$30,000. And further to appropriate this year's interest payment of \$250 on bonds or notes to come from unassigned fund balance. Passage of this warrant article is contingent upon the Town receiving funds from the CWSRF in order to eliminate the need for payment of loan principal through tax dollars. Further, to authorize the Select Board to take all other actions necessary to carry out and complete this project. (Requires a 2/3 ballot vote). *EXPLANATION – This warrant article is to authorize and appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to fund the development of an asset management program for the Town's storm water collections system. The project would be funded by a loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). This plan will assist in determining the condition of the existing infrastructure and establish a prioritization for any needed capital improvements. This loan qualifies for 100% principal forgiveness from the NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund and has no tax rate impact. In essence, it is a 100% grant to pay for this project with minimal interest charged. \$250 will be raised and appropriated from unassigned fund balance to cover any interest costs. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)*

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Dawn Tuomala gave a very detailed and informative presentation explaining what the Stormwater Management MS4 Permit Program stands for, (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), and how it impacts NH. She stated there were 60 towns in NH affected by this Federal Clean Water Act Program. Wilton is considered to be one of the 47 regulated communities that fall under the EPA program mandates. The Town of Milford is another community affected by the MS4 mandate. Lyndeborough and Mont Vernon luckily fell under the 16 NH communities who received waivers.

She outlined the 6 Minimum Control Measurers (MCM's) as follows:

- MCM-1 Public Education & Outreach
- MCM-2 Public Involvement & Participation
- MCM- 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program
- MCM-4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- MCM-5 Post Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- MCM-6 Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operators

She explained that this was a long, involved and very costly program for the 47 communities who didn't receive a waiver. There is no "opting out" of the program. Like it or not we are committed to it.

The program's core objective is to clean the stormwater before it reaches the rivers. To accomplish this end will require everyone to help. Help can be obvious – clean up dog poop properly. Do not put poop into storm drains as they lead directly to the rivers. Instead dog owners should utilize the two Girl Scout poop stations downtown. A third poop station will be installed this summer. Creating rain gardens will also help keep the waterways clean.

She reiterated while dog waste is an important part of the issue, water run-off is another huge contributor. These rules are the reason snow can no longer be pushed into the rivers.

Her presentation covered many more points including her mentioning the Stormwater Management link in the Town website as follows:

https://wiltonnh.gov/government/stormwater_mangement

Following Dawn's presentation, she introduced David J. Mercier with Underwood Engineers who presented further details regarding the federal requirements scope of work to be done in Wilton. His presentation explained the money being asked for in the warrant and the ability of the town to get the money "free" if all steps are completed to federal requirements.

Following this comprehensive presentation Moderator Bill Keefe explained again that Articles 11 and 12 were both required to be done via paper ballots and a 2/3 majority vote was required for passage.

The Moderator announced the paper ballot result as yes votes 117, no votes 5. Article 11 passed.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$30,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. Seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Kermit Williams next made a motion to amend Articles 11 & 12 so they each would become a non-lapsing appropriation. The motion added the following words to the end of the original article as follows “These will be a non-lapsing appropriations per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.”

Moderator Bill Keefe said Article 11 had already been voted upon and could not be revisited. He stated the rules of procedure had been established at the beginning of the meeting.

Kermit than reread the amendment to only encompass Article 12 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$30,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. Seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)

The motion to amend was seconded by Joanna Eckstrom. The motion to amend was then voice vote approved.

The Moderator then read Article 12, as amended, and reminded the audience how to correctly cast their vote, circle-not tear, the yes / no paper ballot.

Once the paper ballots were tallied, the Moderator announced the yes votes tally was 116, no vote tally 3. Article 12, as amended, passed.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Five Million Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$5,063,388) for general municipal operation for the year 2020. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Budget Committee Chairman Cary Hughes gave an overview of the town departments aided by pie chart images displayed onto a projector screen. He began by explaining all Water and Sewer Department costs were borne by the utility rate payers. Ambulance and Recycle Department shown were Wilton's cost only as the services are shared by multiple towns. Cary Hughes further elaborated that Wilton's sewer costs, while paid for by the users, is determined by Milford's Wastewater System management. The volume sent to their plant determines how much Wilton pays to have its waste processed by their system.

Tom Schultz, Water Commissioner explained their department has very intentionally over budgeted and underspent and would continue to do so. Their intent is to build up their department reserves. The Water Board felt it was crucial to be able to have funds on hand in the event of a major issue and to be able to put away funds for a new well site. A future new site is felt to be extremely important for the well-being of our town. The two existing wells are located next to each other and immediately adjacent to a major NH roadway. One bad accident with a resulting chemical spill around our wells could contaminate our only municipal drinking supply. Building up funds for the future is of paramount importance for the Water Department.

Cary concluded his presentation with an Operating Budget Summary comparison between 2019 and the proposed 2020 budget. He stated there is a 3.56% net increase from 2019 to 2020. The 2019 approved operating budget was Four Million Eight Hundred Eight Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$4,889,233) and the 2020 proposed budget of Five Million Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$5,063,388).

Following Cary's presentation, the Moderator asked for any questions from the audience. Abbie Dawson broached multiple questions covering Finance, Cemetery, Police and Highway budget increases.

It was explained that the Financial Administration increase was due to the hiring of an additional individual whose role would be to serve as a second set of eyes on the town's accounts. The position was strongly suggested by our Town Auditors as part of their best practices. Wilton previously utilized someone in this role but had discontinued the practice when the prior Administrative Office had resigned.

She next wondered about the Police Department's 7%+ budget increase. Chief Eric Olesen explained that two positions were slated to be filled, and because of this situation he had to budget for the worst-case scenario - a new employee needing a family insurance plan. The family plan costs the employee and the town a significantly higher amount of money. In addition, Wilton's Police Department along with all Police Departments in NH are part of the NH Retirement Program. While the State Retirement Program is good, it is expensive for all towns.

Abbie's question as to why the Cemetery budget increased 15% was answered by Brian Adams with the classic "...folks are just dying to get in..." After the groans stopped it was stated that part of the increase was going to be used to improve a portion of the cemetery roads that were falling into disrepair. Another project was to hire an insured tree company to remove several very large dead or dying trees that are endangering grave sites.

The increase in the Highway Maintenance budget line was explained by Paul Branscombe, Wilton's Town Administrator. He stated that additional, and very expensive, road resurfacing was being planned for 2020. He also explained the Highway Department was down two employees in 2019. Those vacancies have since been filled.

Abbie's Ambulance budget question was answered by Karen Artemik. She stated that their budget was originally Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) but was lowered to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000) Dollars. This was done by adjustments in the labor lines, and that any new hires will be covered in the approved budget amount.

Moderator Bill Keefe next read Article 13, as originally written. Article 13 was voice vote approved.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the purpose of making the third year lease payment (of the 7 year lease approved by warrant article #14 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Highway Departments 2019 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Kermit Williams briefly explained the Police Department had been leasing vehicles since 2018 due to low interest rates. However, each year the townspeople are required to approve the expenditure per statue. He ended his explanation by recommending the voters to continue to approve this article.

Next the Moderator read Article 14, as originally written. Article 14 was voice vote approved.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$8,942) for the purpose of making the third year lease payment (of the 4 year lease approved by warrant article #13 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Police Department 2017 Cruiser. Monies to come

from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

After the Moderator received no questions from the floor he read Article 15, as originally written. The article was voice vote approved.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be added to the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

It was explained that a bridges infrastructure was one of the most expensive costs to any town. The State of NH helps out, especially when the bridges are "Red Listed" (in need of significant structural repair). A requirement of receiving State of NH assistance, however, is that towns have to raise 20% of the total project cost. The money in this article is for that purpose.

Abbie Dawson asked if Wilton was able to fix some bridges ourselves (Old County Farm Road – north end) why not do the work on King Brook Road ourselves? Especially if it can save significant funds?

Kermit Williams responded that the two roads have different issues and certainly much different traffic needs.

Following several more questions, the Moderator read Article 16, as originally written. Article 16 was then voice vote approved.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the final design, bidding, Right-of-Way, and construction for the replacement of the Stagecoach Road Bridge over Burton Pond Outlet as part of the State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program. The State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program will reimburse Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and the balance of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to come from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action related thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Following multiple discussions and questions from the floor, the Moderator read Article 17, as originally written. Article 17 was voice vote approved.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$7,300) for the purpose of building a previously approved town branded welcome sign on the Lions Club structure on Route 101. The sum to come from undesignated fund balance. This represents funds from article #23 approved at the March 2018 Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 2-0-1.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 3-1-1.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Kermit Williams stated that the Wilton Select Board felt the townspeople should be able to vote approval one way or the other on this matter. He noted his involvement with the Lions Club as well as being a Wilton Select Board member, and he personally felt that this was an article the townspeople should support in order to help direct visitors downtown. He went on to elaborate as follows:

“Two years ago at town meeting we voted in favor of putting up a Welcome to Wilton sign on Route 101, the main highway through town. The welcome sign would be a way to tell drivers passing by on 101 that shopping, dining, and entertainment were available just off the highway. For those passing through, it's easy to miss east Wilton. Since the bypass was built, traffic that used to flow through downtown just flies on by. Long before we moved to Wilton, my wife and I went to Fry's Measure Mill. Back then, we always thought Wilton was just the lovely houses in Wilton Center.

The problem was, when we tried to get a place for that sign on 101, we were told that we couldn't do that. There was no place that DOT would allow the town to place a sign, and no private property where a sign would make sense. The sign needs to be as close as possible to the Route 31 entrance on Island Street, because that's shortest path to downtown.

Meanwhile, the Wilton Lions Club has a sign on 101, just past Island Street. As a Lions Club member, I'm not ashamed to say it looks a little dated. So an agreement was struck with the Lions Club that the town could update the faces of the sign with the welcome information originally planned for the sign we can't put up, without affecting the sign's use to advertise community events. This would meet the original goal we supported at town meeting two years ago, would cost less than building a brand new sign, and wouldn't need any new money, since

the original funds for the sign went into the undesignated fund balance when they weren't spent. This is a great example of something that's happening more and more often in New Hampshire – a public-private partnership. Please support this article.”

Ruth Smith spoke her thoughts that this “was an utter waste of money”. Joanna Eckstrom asked if this was an upgrade or replacement and who would be maintaining the sign? The sign was new and maintenance was to be done by the Lions Club.

Kellie-Sue Boissonnault spoke to say she abstained from casting a vote as a Select Board member because she was concerned Wilton residents did not want to spend town money on a privately-owned sign.

Alex Loverme spoke against the project stating this was “sneaky of the Town trying to do this project”.

Stasia Millett spoke in support as a great means for community messages to be seen. “Wonderful public relations at no cost thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Lions Club!”.

Deb Degan spoke to say she personally is opposed to the article and that some of the Lions Club members hadn't heard anything about this plan.

Dorothy Bullard said she had contacted Town Administrator Paul Branscombe and had asked questions. One of the answers was that the Lions Club was paying for a portion of the sign. In addition, the sign will have four lines of text.

It was explained that a majority of the Lions Club present at a meeting last summer had discussed the idea and had agreed to work with the Town. It was further stated that the Economic Development Committee would like to use the space as well.

Following many more comments, for and against the issue, Cary Hughes made a motion to move the question. Moderator Bill Keefe then read Article 18, as originally written. Article 18 was voice vote approved.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) for the purpose of increasing the stipend paid to the Town Treasurer to One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) per year. If approved this additional amount will be added to the current stipend in the budget for ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

D.J. Garcia, Wilton Town Treasurer, stated he was unaware the Select Board had submitted this article to raise the Treasurer's pay. He said it was a nice thought but he didn't support the article and was quite willing to do the Treasurer work for the current seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

Ruth Smith spoke to say she was against a 60% increase.

Matt Fish, Select Board, spoke to say a multi-town examination of municipal pay made apparent what the Treasurer's pay should be. He elaborated to say people should be paid what they are worth and that means being fairly compensated.

Following the discussion, the Moderator read Article 19, as originally written. Article 19 was vote approved.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the purpose of paying a stipend to the Deputy Treasurer. If approved this stipend will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Ruth Smith spoke to say she was against the article because "she" was already getting paid. She then corrected herself realizing that this article was referring to Deborah Mortvedt, not Deborah Harling.

D.J. Garcia came up to the mike to thank Deb (Mortvedt) for all her help and to say he just wanted to sanitize the microphone (as he is wiping the microphone with a Clorox wipe).

Following this brief discussion, the Moderator read Article 20, as originally written. Article 20 was voice vote approved.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of creating the position of Full-time Fire Chief, using Grade 13 on the Town Employee salary scale, and hiring a person to fill this position. This appropriation represents a partial year's wages and benefits, including participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System. If approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board does not recommend this article 1-2.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 3-2-1.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Kermit Williams began the discussion with the following:

“I’m in favor of this article for two reasons. First, the fire chief’s job has become more difficult over the years and requires a lot of time. The role of a fire chief is very critical in a volunteer department, but the fire chief also has his own duties besides all of that – many inspections, meetings, budget work, grant writing, and more. In some towns with full time chiefs, they take on other duties, like health officer or emergency management, but even without other responsibilities, being a fire chief is a big job. Just the training required involves hundreds of hours. When there is a fire, the chief may have to make life or death decisions. Asking someone to do all that work and take on all that risk as a volunteer is unreasonable, and I say that as someone who does hundreds of hours of work for you for \$100 a year.

Our volunteer fire department is really Wilton’s last bastion of volunteerism. Finding people willing to volunteer for any role, government, nonprofit or school, gets harder all the time. Only one of the positions in the town election was contested, and we usually have a few slots that no one signs up for at all. As a Lions Club member, I know it’s gotten harder to find people willing to join a group that does good for the town. People are busy, work out of town, have family responsibilities, or just have other things they want to do with their free time. So we should appreciate the last group in town willing to put hours of their free time in for training and preparation, not to mention being willing to rush in to a place where others are rushing out. Our volunteer firefighters deserve to be supported for the work they do for our community. I support hiring a full-time fire chief, because it will allow them to be better organized, respond quicker, and do a better job for all of us. I hope you join me.”

Cary Hughes, Budget Committee Chair, made a motion to amend Article 21 as follows:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to fund a stipend for the purpose of funding a volunteer Fire Chief through March 2021. Further to see if the Town will direct the Select Board to appoint a committee to study the need for a full time chief and to bring a report of their finding and a recommendation based on those findings to Town Meeting in March 2021”

The motion to amend was seconded by Neil Faiman.

Cary Hughes explained that he broke a tie vote that occurred at the Budget Public Hearing on this article. He wanted the issue to be discussed at Town Meeting and felt that this amendment would give support but also time to further study the issue.

Joe Coffey spoke in support of the original article because if one life is saved it would be worth every penny. "Don't be cheap".

Don Nourse, Interim Fire Chief, spoke to say this shouldn't be about money but getting the work done. He then presented a detailed presentation describing the role a full time Fire Chief would serve in Wilton. Tasks that have been unaddressed, recruitment efforts enhanced, grant writing and much more.

Tom Schultz spoke in favor of the original article by stating he had served on the Ambulance Committee and the Town Administrator Committee and felt the issue did not need to be studied. The reality is, a volunteer fire service is not sustainable going forward.

Kelly-sue Boissonnault, Select Board, spoke in support of a study committee to examine the issue.

D.J. Garcia, Treasurer, spoke relating a conversation he had with Kellie-Sue Boissonnault that Wilton has fallen behind as far as being considered viable. No downtown, no business. We need services in the town.

Dave Boissonnault spoke to say he had served 19 years as a Deputy Chief. He had offered to take over as Chief for no charge. His offer was turned down as a conflict of interest. He elaborated that he was never asked to come back (to the Fire Department) despite his support of the guys. He ended by saying he couldn't support a full time Fire Chief position.

Kathy Rockwood stated she had been working 38 years in Wilton and felt investigating the position was appropriate. No need for full time now.

Lisa Tarbox spoke to say she was a huge fan of the Fire Department and that they needed more fire fighters.

Don Nourse spoke to say he agreed with her comments and that recruitment was a huge part of what needed time and effort. That type of work just can't be done on a weekend-only basis.

Following many more points from the floor, the Moderator read Article 21, as amended by Cary Hughes. The vote of the amendment was yes 45, no 64. Cary Hughes' amendment of Article 21 failed.

Joe Coffey spoke again to say in a five million dollar budget this wasn't much money in comparison. "If it was your house on fire, you would want a full time Chief to be in place".

Chris Carter stated that during his 27 years as a member of the Fire Department, there had been 33 department members. Now it's down to 20 folks. Two minutes' time in responding to a fire can make a difference between a single

room fire or a house fire. “This will help improve the town we live in. If you don’t want to improve your town, move out!”

Kellie-Sue Boissonnault responded by saying that those were scare tactics. “Our town can’t afford a full time Fire Chief at a cost of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000). The Town of Milford didn’t get a full time Fire Chief until their population reached eight thousand people.

Tom Schultz stated that the position was inevitable. “Why put it off”. Call volume demanded the Ambulance Department to go with a paid service. Additionally he noted “the margin of safety is very small working with just one or two guys”.

Laura Manning asked what a full time position requires for equipment. Don Nourse responded that the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) laid out a full time Chief would require a response vehicle.

Felice Fullum spoke to say “Firemen do not just fight fires but they also save lives. Their jobs are extremely important to us all.”

D.J. Garcia spoke of the many unknowns in this article and said there was merit in having a committee look at qualifications and other criteria.

Dave Boissonnault spoke to say Rene Houle put him through an EMT course but he was still pushed out.

After many more comments, for and against the original article, a motion to move the question was made by Harry Dailey.

The Moderator stated he had received a request for a paper ballot on Article 21. He again instructed voters as to the correct way to show their vote – circle their yes or no vote, do not tear the ballot as it won’t be counted. He then read to the voters Article 21, as originally written. The paper ballot vote, once tallied, was yes 62, no 51. Article 21 was approved.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) for the purpose of replacing the Fire Department’s Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs), and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire Department Air Packs Capital Reserve Fund previously created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Following no questions being asked from the audience, the Moderator read the article as written. Article 22 was voice vote approved.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing Fire Department pagers and converting their pager encoder to High Band. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

After a short discussion, the Moderator read Article 23 as written. Article 23 was voice vote approved.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repairing current out of service water holes. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Following a relatively brief discussion, Moderator Bill Keefe read Article 24 as originally written. Article 24 was voice vote approved.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$10,275) for the purpose of preparing a space and needs study for the Highway Department Garage Building needs. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Following brief discussions, Moderator Bill Keefe read Article 25 as originally written. Article 25 was voice vote approved.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$64,725) to be placed in the Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Dan Ross spoke to say he “was feeling property tax fatigue”, and he wants to know more about these monies.

Moderator Bill Keefe followed the discussions by reading Article 25 as originally written. Article 25 was voice vote approved.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) to be placed in the Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and associated equipment. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Serafin Anderson asked how much was left in the Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. David Miller, Trustee of the Trust Fund, responded that there was Four Thousand, One Hundred Eight Dollars (\$4,108) in the fund.

Eric Olesen, Police Chief, explained that the Chevy Caprice model, used by so many police departments, has been discontinued. This new cruiser will now have to be fully equipped because the old car’s equipment won’t fit in the new car configurations. He stated the new vehicles cost Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) and another Eleven to Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$11,000 - \$12,000) to equip. “Total cost for a new vehicle, outfitted, is Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000)”.

Following Eric’s explanation, Moderator Bill Keefe read Article 27 as originally written. Article 27 was voice vote approved.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$120,900) for the purpose of purchasing a Sidewalk Tractor and associated equipment and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars

(\$120,900) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Matt Fish, Select Board, explained how astounded he was at the cost of this equipment but how important is nevertheless. It is a very specialized machine capable of doing more than just the sidewalks.

Dan Ross spoke to say as a point in fact this article will have no impact on the tax rate as the money is already in the capital reserve fund. "It's free." "This is an easy article to approve". He warned however that our level of spending is not sustainable.

Brian Adams, Highway Department, said the current side walk plow was purchased in 1984 and is costing about fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year in repairs. He further explained that this new equipment, if approved, is a much more multi-functional machine. It can mow ball fields and sweep the road sides.

Chris Carter spoke in support of the article because it allows the kids going to school to not have to walk in the roads.

Following these discussions, Moderator Bill Keefe read Article 28 as originally written. Article 28 was voice vote approved.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of purchasing stone and gravel to be placed on the unpaved roads of the Town of Wilton. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)
(Budget Committee does not recommend this article 1-2-2.)

Moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

Deb Mortvedt spoke first to say she couldn't support this article in light of what voters did at the school meeting. "In good conscience where all articles have passed tonight, some spending needs to be stopped".

Matt Fish, Select Board, explained that the Board wanted the voters to decide whether they wanted to spend these funds. He detailed that the prior year had been a big mud year which created fire safety and litigation issues. He stated that Wilton had about 12 miles of dirt road of the 56 total miles in town. The last road in town to be paved was the section of Isaac Frye from Savage /

McGettigan Road in Milford up to Badger Farm Road. Since that was done, everyone complains folks drive too fast.

After numerous further comments, Kermit Williams made a motion to move the question, which was seconded.

Moderator Bill Keefe said the question was moved but would allow Harry Dailey to speak, as he had been waiting his turn at the microphone. Harry stated that this money should have been part of the Operating Budget, as it usually is, and that this has been a waste of time.

After Harry's comment, the Moderator then read Article 29 as originally written. Article 29 was voice vote approved.

30. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Select Board to lease town-owned property located at Webb Road and Route 101, and further identified as Town Tax Map E-023, for longer than one year, to Quinn Bros. Corp. ("Quinn"), and to further authorize the continued operation of Quinn's gravel operation at the property, subject to Quinn obtaining and/or maintaining all necessary excavation permits and other required approvals, and further subject to the taxation authority of the Town for non-governmental use of governmental land pursuant to RSA 72:23 and such other terms determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to take any action necessary to carry out this vote. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 2-1)

The article was moved by Tom Schultz and seconded by Kelly Eshback.

Moderator Bill Keefe stepped aside for this article and Deb Degan stepped in as acting Moderator.

Kermit Williams spoke in opposition of this article as a Select Board member as well as a Water Commissioner. His words were as follows:

"I am opposed to this article for several reasons. The most important one is it leaves all of you in the dark. There is no information in the article that lets you know how this lease would work or the benefit to the town. There was more detail in the first article we voted on where the town received free money from the state for storm sewer management. If we voted on an article that said "The selectmen are authorized to buy a truck, and raise taxes for that purpose", would you vote for that? I doubt it. You would want to know what the truck was going to cost, what department it was for, why we needed it, and more. We could spend a million dollars on a truck. You are the legislative body. You should have complete information about a proposal before voting to approve it.

The problem is, those decisions haven't been made. If this article passes, the board would have broad authority to lease the land without any other input from

the public. The lease can be for many years and the cost to Quinn minimal. At this point, we just don't know, and you are asked to approve this plan blindly.

There is a proposal the town has received that can give you an indication of what the final lease might look like. That proposal calls for a 20-year lease. That would mean that Quinn would have control of the town property until 2040. What it doesn't call for is any payment. That would mean that Quinn would pay nothing but the property taxes for those 20 years. Let me tell you something about property taxes you might not know. State law compels the town to require the payment of property taxes when it leases property to a private interest. So that would need to be in the lease in any case. Other than that, no compensation for the town. And let me remind you of something about property taxes that you do know. The town doesn't get to keep most of the property tax we collect. The town's share is only 27%; the rest goes to the school, and a little bit to the county. So the town's main benefit from this lease is 27% of the property tax we are required to collect anyway. The only other benefit in this proposal deals with the adjacent piece of land, which Quinn owns. The town would have an option to purchase the adjoining property when the Quinns are done with it, for the total amount of property tax collected over the 20 years. Again, we only get to keep 27% of that, so it would still involve money from the town's pocket.

This is where the issue gets complicated. Others will argue that we must own this piece of land, because our water system wells are across route 31 from the gravel pit, and owning it would protect those wells. If that was the case, we should have owned that land since 1986, when the wells were first drilled. If we can wait until 2040, while gravel is removed from the land using heavy machinery over 56 years, the concern of owning that land to protect the aquifer is minimal. That property is in the town's aquifer protection district, which puts strong limitations on what can be done on that land, as does state law. By 2040, all the gravel that can legally be removed will be gone. The property will likely be effectively worthless, since no industrial use would fit the restrictions, and even building houses would be prohibited, because digging foundations might get too close to the water table. So the town buying that land would be doing the Quinns a favor, not the other way around. A gas truck could roll over on Route 31 and pollute that aquifer, regardless of who owns the land. The best way to protect the water system is to drill wells in another part of town for a second source. The Water Commission is actively working on that.

This all sounds like a great deal for Quinn, doesn't it? Wouldn't you like a deal like that, a nice piece of property that you can make money on for 20 years free of charge, only paying the property tax that you would be required to pay anyway, and then at the end, the town pays you all that property tax back to take over a piece of land that you could not sell otherwise. I am concerned that other businesses could sue the town over creating a sweetheart deal that unduly benefits one company, without offering the same opportunity to others.

Finally, I haven't addressed the issue of having gravel pits in the first place. The world needs gravel. We just voted for the town to buy gravel in the previous

article. But the world's gravel doesn't have to all come from Wilton. We often talk about maintaining the rural character of our town. Anyone who has seen this gravel pit knows it more closely resembles the mountains of the moon. The main argument for the recent asphalt plant proposal was that Quinn couldn't sell enough gravel from that other gravel pit at a different location to make enough money, so they wanted to make asphalt from it. And we have other operators digging gravel in Wilton. So whether you are in favor of gravel pits or not, voting this down will not affect the world's supply of gravel.

Sorry this is such a long comment, but there is a lot you need to know before you vote. I hope you will join me in voting no on this article, and not approve a proposal that would have much benefit for an out-of-town company, and little benefit for Wilton."

Neil Faiman made a point of order regarding the warrant wording. It sites Web Road and Route 101. The road is actually Route 31 South, not Route 101.

Tom Schultz, Water & Sewer Commissioner, spoke in favor of the article. He stated the Quinn's paid five hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$590,000) for the gravel rights.

Jeff Stone made an amendment to the article to change the road name from Route 101 and substitute Route 31 South. Motion to amend seconded by Joe Torre.

Deb Degan, acting Moderator, then read Article 30 as amended. The motion to amend Article 30 was voice vote approved.

Numerous residents spoke their thoughts on this article's merits. Harry Dailey ended the discussions by making a motion to move the question, which was seconded.

Deb Degan, acting Moderator, then read Article 30, as amended, to the voters. In a voice vote, Article 30 was defeated and the article failed.

31. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution

We the people of the town of Wilton, hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New

Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Wilton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Wilton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Wilton's Select Board within 30 days of this vote.

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Jeff Stone.

Harry Dailey moved to table the article. He stated "this was a non-binding issue and a waste of time".

Moderator Bill Keefe asked for a vote on the request to table the article. A voice vote was unclear. A hand count was then done with the following result: yes votes 35, no votes 36. Motion to table failed.

After further discussion, the Moderator read petition Article 31. Article 31 was voice vote approved.

32. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

To see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular parties or candidates.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the select board to the town of Wilton's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Joanna Eckstrom.

Harry Dailey made a motion to table but then withdrew the motion before it was voted upon.

After brief discussion, the article was read by the Moderator. Article 32 was voice vote approved.

33. To accept the report of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Cary Hughes.

The article was voice vote approved. Article 33 passed.

34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Cary Hughes spoke to offer heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Joyce Fisk for her decades of dedication to our town. He stated she unfortunately was unable to attend this year's meeting but wanted it stated how missed she will be on the Budget Committee. Her persistent good, level sense was a huge benefit to our Board. She served at first the School Board representative to our Town Budget Committee and then as a member of the Town Budget Committee. A standing ovation was given by all.

A vote to adjourn was called and approved by voice vote at 11:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Farrell,
Wilton Town Clerk & Tax Collector