

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2007**

Present: Gary Winn, Chairman; Susan Newcomer, Steve Laskowski, Wanda McNamara, Selectmen's Representative; Rick Carrier, Town Administrator; Bob Brockmann, Bill Bucknell, John Koopman, Elliot Rowsey, Fred Szmit, Judy Idelkope, School Board Representative (arrived at 7:20PM) and Amy LaFontaine, Secretary.

Absent: Dave Thomas, Spofford Fire Precinct; Mike LeClaire, Chesterfield Fire Precinct and Anita Barber

Guests: Lester Fairbanks, Police Chief; Chet Greenwood, Code Enforcement, Health Officer and Spofford Fire Precinct; Leon Dunbar, Transfer Station.

Housekeeping- Steve moved to approve the January 16th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Wanda and passed unanimously. The response to Kristin McKeon will go out tomorrow.

Bob handed out a Comparison worksheet of the 2007 Budget over the 2006 Actual spending. Gary researched department costs taking into account personnel administration. Departments that are trying to cover costs by paying fees, need to take employee health benefits into consideration. Gary stated that 5 people working for parks & rec cost an additional 7.65% in health benefits. Bob stated that the Spofford Fire Precinct increase, Cheshire County taxes, Town Office Complex and normal tax increases are enormous. Fred suggested discussing Town Office Complex First, to determine if the budget does or does not support it. Then attempt to reduce the budget to offset some of these increasing costs. Elliot asked if police/fire & rescue services could be charged at the scene of an accident. The Town currently charges for ambulance services, but the fees are difficult to collect.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2.5 million dollars for construction and equipping of a new Town Office/Police Department building and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2.4 million of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act(RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon: furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the New Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Fred moved to discuss warrant article 4 as written. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously by the Committee. Steve stated that the purpose of this Committee was the impact on taxes, not construction or design. Wanda stated that the Committee needed to support the TO Complex for the employees. The Police Department has no space, the Town Office has substandard electrical, mold issues and no safe place to store records. Wanda stated that the TO Complex is designed to meet the needs of the Town for 30 to 40 years. She stated that the school has been built for 10 years at a time and continues to run out of space. Sue stated that it is the burden of the State to figure out how to make the cost of school equitable and fair. John asked what would happen to the current building. It still costs money to run and it exists.

Fred stated that the existing TO building is inadequate, people are afraid to go upstairs or downstairs. Steve stated that if the Committee cuts \$150,000 in road resurfacing, it has to be something that you are prepared to do without for the life of the bond.

Sue stated that the 3 things that need to be determined by this Committee are, is this the right location, right building and cost. John asked if the TO Committee had enough knowledge to recommend the best building. Gary stated that he wasn't sure that an extra \$100,000 for the stone on the building is worth the cost. He does not think this building fits in the scale with the buildings around it. Therefore, it does not need to look like the other buildings around it. Wanda stated that the building has not gone to bid. She also stated that almost \$300,000 is to improve the parking lot for the school. Sue stated that the issue is whether 66% of the 250 people that show up for Town Meeting are in favor of the building. Sue stated that she does not think this is the right solution. She would like to see the Complex in the church on the corner of Route 9 and 63. Sue thought 1 million dollars into the church would be sufficient. The parking lot is the only thing not addressed in that scenario. Lester stated that in an ideal world the police station should be located on Route 9. The TO Committee talked to every commercial property owner on Route 9. Bill stated that the TO/Fire and Police should be close together.

Bob asked what could be removed from the operating budget to offset the cost of the building? Lester stated that the TO building would be put out to bid around February 15th. There is only 1 company that he knows of willing to use local talent. Rick stated that the TO Complex will not have any impact on 2007 taxes. Gary stated that the Committee may not want to cut spending this year. Fred stated that eventually the Committee will need to determine what programs aren't necessary. Lester stated that he is absolutely in favor of the TO Complex as presented. Wanda moved to recommend Warrant Article 4 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed by majority vote from the Committee. Sue and Steve voted No. Chet Greenwood abstained because he is an employee of the Town.

Police - Sue moved to discuss the Police budget. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously by the Committee. Fred moved to calculate fuel at \$2.50 per gallon throughout the budget. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously by the Committee. The Committee reduced gas & oil by \$1448. Gary moved to reduce fuel oil to \$600. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously. Bob moved to recommend \$351,711 budget spending for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously by the Committee.

Reimbursable Detail- Sue moved to recommend \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously by the Committee.

Animal Control- Wanda moved to recommend \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Bill. Lester stated that most of the work is typing letters and officers delivering warrants. This year a dog cost \$1100 to contain. The judge ordered the dog put down and denied restitution. The Department could have pursued civil restitution, but it would probably be more expensive. The motion passed unanimously by the Committee.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 to be added to the already established Police Cruiser Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Bob moved to recommend Article 16. The motion was seconded by Bill. The Committee asked

Lester to review the CRF to see if he could purchase cruisers every 18 months instead of 12. Steve suggested that he may want to change the CRF to an expendable trust, so that he can drive the cruisers longer, then replace when necessary. Sue stated that it wasn't safe to drive the cruisers until they break down. Lester stated that he really needed to purchase a 2008, but he may be able to stretch it further after that. John stated that the cruisers may hold up longer, if they are kept in the garage at the new TO complex. The Committee asked Lester to review the contributions to the fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the already established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Bob moved to recommend Article 17. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously by the Committee.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to purchase a new Police Department Laptop Computer, and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$4,000 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. Bob moved to recommend Article 18. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously by the Committee.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for computer upgrades at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$1,500 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. Fred moved to recommend Article 19. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously by the Committee.

Solid Waste-Steve moved to discuss the budget. The motion was seconded by Judy. Bob moved to reduce electricity by \$400. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously. Wanda stated that the Selectboard would be waiting until March to review merit increases. Gary reviewed the letter from the Budget Committee to the Selectboard last year requesting warrant articles for purchases above \$5,000. Sue moved to remove \$2,500 from the operating budget and create a warrant article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the purchase of a storage container at the Transfer Station or act in any way related thereto. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed by majority vote. Wanda voted no. Bill moved to recommend the warrant article. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed by unanimously. The Committee reduced fuel to \$5,000 and miscellaneous to \$560. Bob thought the Transfer Station could be run by 2 full-time people. Leon stated that there was an emergency this weekend that required someone to be taken for medical assistance. Bob did not see any other department where part-time people received a 10% raise. One of the part-time employees works for the Transfer Station and Cemetery. The benefits that he is receiving are paid holidays. Judy asked why the employees were receiving merit raises for classes that are necessary to perform their job. The employees are paid for the class and time spent at the class. Wanda stated that a teacher who goes to school receives a raise because they have improved themselves. She stated that after 5 years employees are not eligible for merit increases. Many of the employees at the Police and Highway are no longer eligible for merit increases. Bill stated that maybe this was something to be taken up some other time. Bob stated that only \$7,332 was spent on contracted services last year. \$13,750 was requested. Leon stated that the needles program, electronics

program, and tire removal were going up. He stated that were things that had been done inappropriately in the past and he would not continue to run the department that way. Gary stated that on the explanation page only \$11,500 was requested, but the budget request is \$13,750. Bob moved to reduce contracted services to \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed by majority. Wanda and Judy voted No. Sue moved to recommend \$231,120. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed by majority vote. Wanda voted No.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the already established Transfer Station Heavy Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. This is for the truck and the backhoe. The truck will need to be replaced in 3 years. The backhoe is 15 years old. Steve stated that a 15-year old backhoe probably shouldn't be used by the Highway Department to dig culverts. Leon stated that the backhoe is used to move snow and crush stuff. The Bobcat was destroyed in the fire. Steve stated that they may be able to buy used vehicles for less than what is being deposited into the capital reserve. Bob moved to expend \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed by majority vote. Wanda voted No. Bob moved to recommend the article. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed by majority vote. Wanda voted No.

Spofford Fire Precinct – Fred moved to discuss the budget. The motion was seconded by Susan. The Committee reduced heating oil and gas & diesel fuel. Elliot asked about transporting trash to the recycling center instead of having trash collected. Fred moved to recommend \$57,075. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously by the Committee. Fred moved to approve the bond at \$158,142. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously. Steve moved to recommend depositing \$35,200 into CRF Article 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase fire gear, radios, pumps, generators, and a computer and authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the small equipment CRF created for that purpose. Fred moved to recommend \$9,200. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new fire station and authorize the withdrawal of \$53,000 from the New Building CRF created for that purpose. Bob moved to recommend Spofford Fire Precinct Article 9. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new fire station and authorize the use of \$50,000 of the interest to be earned on the bond proceeds. The amount raised shall not exceed the amount of interest earned. Bill moved to recommend Spofford Fire Precinct Article 10. The motion was seconded by Elliot and passed unanimously.

Executive Government- Fred moved to recommend \$123,058. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

Elections, Regs, Vital Stats- Sue moved to recommend \$48,225. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Financial Administration- Steve moved to recommend \$54,998. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously. Rick stated that the costs for property appraisal depends on the # of new construction.

Legal- Sue moved to recommend \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

Personnel Administration- Sue moved to recommend \$341,100. The motion was seconded by Bob. Steve stated that employees should receive a statement showing how much is spent on them every year including benefits. John stated that salaries needed to be reviewed next year. The Employee bonus of \$10,000 is divided up among employees who apply. Rick stated that 13 employees applied for bonuses last year and this year. All who apply receive one. Steve stated that employees deserve consistency. They should know what the pay is now and what it will be in 10 years. The Committee should not keep changing the policy from year to year. The motion passed.

Planning Board- Sue moved to recommend \$5,700. The motion was seconded by Steve. The Secretary's salary has increased by 16.3% because the meetings are running later. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Board- Bob moved to recommend \$8,600. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

General Government Buildings- The Committee reduced fuel oil \$1,170. Sue moved to recommend \$32,530. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously. Sue asked Gary to add to his list to have someone check all Government buildings and make a list of repairs, and discuss issues about maintaining the Town Hall to what standard. Rick stated that the Town Hall had gone about a month without a janitor.

Cemeteries- Bob moved to discuss cemetery. The motion was seconded by Bill. The Committee reduced transportation \$900. Gary stated that the Cemetery had never spent more than \$10,000 in part-time salaries. Sue moved to reduce part-time salaries to \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Bill. The motion passed. Bob moved to recommend \$48,639. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously. Wanda abstained.

General Insurance- Sue moved to recommend \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

SWRPC- Sue moved to recommend \$4,148. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

Ambulance-Sue moved \$38,400. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement- Bob moved to discuss Code Enforcement. The motion was seconded by Sue. Gary stated that this was a department where benefits should be considered. Chet receives a \$1200 buyout, because he does not have health insurance. Gary stated that fees will never offset the costs because there are many services that can not be charged. Chet did not purchase the Inspection Butler that he had discussed with the Committee in October. He would still like to purchase some other software. The Committee reduced mileage by \$100 and supplies by \$500. Bob moved to recommend \$38,450. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

OEM- Sue moved to recommend \$28,710. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously.

Forest Fires- Fred moved to recommend \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Highway – Sue moved to discuss Highway. The motion was seconded by Judy. Steve moved to reduce small equipment purchased to \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed by majority. Wanda voted No. The Committee reduced gas, oil and diesel by \$5,000. Bill moved to reduce asphalt to \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed by majority. Wanda voted No. Steve did not think it was worthwhile to replace culverts and blocks that are working fine and replace them with ones that cost twice the money. Sue moved to reduce culverts to \$11,000. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. Sue moved to recommend \$674,956. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed by majority. Wanda voted No.

Street Lighting- Sue moved to recommend \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously. The Selectmen should be reviewing the street lighting to see if any can be removed.

Health Officer- Fred moved to recommend \$5,600. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

Hepatitis B- Fred moved to recommend \$300. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

General Assistance- Fred moved to recommend \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

Parks & Rec- Judy moved to discuss Parks & Rec. The motion was seconded by Sue. Judy asked why the Commission needs a Treasurer when there is a Town Treasurer? Gary stated that there were some problems originally that needed to be fixed. Fred moved to reduce the overall budget by \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Bob. Sue argued that the Committee was better off asking Selectmen to fill vacancies on the Commission and offer guidance for budget expectations next year. The motion passed by majority. Sue and Gary voted No. Fred moved to recommend \$59,494. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed by majority. Sue and Gary voted No.

Library- Steve moved to discuss Library. The motion was seconded by Bill. The Committee reduced fuel to \$2,500. Judy was concerned about the part-timers paid way above market. Rick researched the data after the public hearing. In the salary survey, there is only 1 town full-time employee that does not have benefits. 16 out of 50 Towns did not answer the survey. John was concerned about the reduction in Computer Equipment and Computer Tech Support. The reason the Trustees reduced this line was because of a pending grant from Ocean National. Judy moved to eliminate the bonus. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed by majority vote. The library does lots of fundraising. Steve moved to recommend \$114,748. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously. Bob abstained.

Patriotic Purposes- Fred moved to recommend \$500. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission- Fred moved to recommend \$3,900. The motion was seconded by Wanda. Steve asked the Commission to report what comes in & out of the fund including grants. The motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

Debt Service- Fred moved to recommend \$50,500. The motion was seconded by Wanda and passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,760 for the purpose of resurfacing Town Roads, or act in any way related thereto. This is paving existing roads. Asphalt is for shimming before resurfacing. Steve moved to recommend Article 6. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the already established Roadways Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. Sue moved to recommend Article 7. The motion was seconded by Bill. The motion Failed by majority vote. Sue and Bill voted Yes.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,000 to be added to the already established Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Steve moved to recommend Article 8. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously.

Wanda departed at 12:52AM. At 1:05 AM Steve moved to recess the meeting until after the school meeting tomorrow night. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously. The next meeting after January 31st will be February 13th at 7 PM.

The meeting reopened at 9 PM on January 31st.

Chesterfield Fire Precinct- Fred moved to recommend \$97,123. The motion was seconded by Bob. There are 2 more years on the bond. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund,

or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 5. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,905 for the purchase of small fire and rescue equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$13,905 from the Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. Fred moved to recommend Article 6. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,500 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 7. The motion was seconded by Bill. and passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be added to the already established Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 8. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,000 for removal and replacement of shingles on the center Fire Station and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$26,000 from the Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund for such purpose, or act in any way related thereto. Fred moved to recommend Article 9. The motion was seconded by Steve. Baybutt was the original contractor on the roof. No one has any guarantees on the shingles that are falling off. The Building is 17 years old. If the guarantee on the shingles was 20 years, the claim would be prorated and probably not worth very much. Steve asked about a longer lasting, more durable metal roof. Gary pointed out that cars could not park underneath the fire station in the winter and the metal could double the cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for removal and replacement of the existing furnace at the West Station and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$3,000 from the Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Building Maintenance and Non-Capital Reserve Fund for such purpose or act in any way related thereto. Bob moved to recommend Article 10. The motion was seconded by Judy and passed by majority. Steve asked about renting space in the Chesterfield Tire Building. This is a very old, dilapidated building. Steve did not think any improvements were worthwhile. John, Steve and Bill voted No.

Article 11: To see if the Precinct will vote to establish the Firefighting Equipment Replacement Equipment Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Commissioners as agents to expend and furthermore to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to be placed in the fund. The intent is to replace or repair uninsured gear, tools and equipment in a catastrophic event or an act of God or individuals that damage or destroy gear, tools or equipment requiring utilization of funds beyond the operating budget capability. Wanda moved to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by Bob. Steve commented that this was above and beyond what the Committee had asked them

to do. A Commissioners meeting is now required before this money is expended. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,610 to purchase a new 35,000 GVW Truck for the Highway Dept and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$126,610 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, said amount to be offset by the amount received from the trade-in or sale of the existing Loader, or act in any way related thereto. Fred moved to recommend Article 9. The motion was seconded by Steve. Steve asked if it was necessary to purchase so many of the heavy trucks. He wanted to consider smaller trucks and hiring large trucks to move sand and dirt. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of removing and replacing the roof insulation at the Highway Garage, or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 10. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of Guard Rails, or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by John. Steve stated that this was not a necessary purchase. The motion passed by majority. Sue and Steve voted No.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the already established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Steve moved to recommend Article 12. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to contract for a Town Wide Reassessment of Property Values and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$70,000 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, for this purpose or act in any way related thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and not lapse until the completion of the Reassessment or by December 31, 2009. Steve moved to recommend Article 13. The motion was seconded by John. Rick stated that the DRA had 5 criteria to meet every 5 years. The Town does not meet those criteria in 2 areas currently and are teetering on the third. If the Town does not meet the equalization standards the DRA will petition to require a complete reval. They will assign an assessor and we will pay the bill. The assessors can begin work in the fall. Fred stated that it is in everyones best interest to be reasonably taxed. The Town is currently at 71% of assessed value. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to purchase a new copier at the Town Offices, or act in any way related thereto. Bill moved to recommend Article 14. The motion was seconded by Wanda and passed unanimously.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to wire the Town Hall for use with a generator or act in any way related thereto. Wanda moved to recommend Article 20. The motion was seconded by Bill. Steve did not think the Town Hall was an adequate facility to contain a pandemic. The motion failed by majority vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the already established Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Fred moved to recommend Article 21. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to the already established Wildland Fire Suppression Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Said sum to be from the surplus of the 2006 Forest Fire operating budget. Steve moved to recommend Article 22. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the already established Cemetery Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Bill moved to recommend Article 23. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the already established Cemetery Mower Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Steve moved to recommend Article 24. The motion was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,404 to support the following Chesterfield Senior Meals (\$300), Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion (\$8,032), Monadnock Family Services (\$4,495), Community Kitchen (\$6,000), Youth Services (\$140), SCS (\$1,487), Visiting Nurse Alliance (\$500) Samaritans (\$250) and Drop in Center (\$200). Steve moved to recommend Article 25. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be February 13th at 7 PM. The School District Meeting is March 10th. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary