

**State of New Hampshire**  
**County of Carroll, Town of Ossipee**  
**Town Meeting**  
**March 9, 2016**

Moderator Meserve asked that everyone take their seats, so that we could get started. Moderator Meserve then introduced Rev. Waugh who asked that everyone stand during the invocation. After the invocation Moderator Meserve asked that everyone remain standing to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Meserve asked that everyone check their cell phone to make sure they are either on vibrate or turned off. She stated that everyone should have checked in with the ballot clerks and should have picked up a Town Report and a voter placard. Moderator Meserve stated that if at any time you find any errors or omissions, please bring them to the attention of Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk. Moderator Meserve asked if there was any non-voters who wished to speak at this meeting, if they would state their names and which article they will be speaking on.

Chief Eldridge - Police Department - Article #3  
Jen Berkowitz - Schools Out Program - Article #3  
Brad Harriman - any articles that would pertain to public works.  
Ellen White - any revenues or Warrant Articles.  
Barbara Loughman - to speak on any legal issue

Moderator Meserve then started with introductions: Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Robert Freeman, Selectman; Frank Riley, Selectman; Richard Morgan, Chairman of Selectmen; Ellen White, Town Administrator; Brad Harriman, Public Works Director; Legal Counsel, Barbara Loughman.

Moderator Meserve then introduced Joe Goss - Budget Committee, Chairman, who then introduced the rest of the committee: Julie Rosiak, Marie McConarty, Jonathan Smith, Tom Kondrat, Lynne Parker, and Kathleen Maloney.

Moderator Meserve then announced that all newly elected officers will be sworn in on Monday, March 14, at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Moderator Meserve then read the results of the Town Election that took place on March 8.

Selectman - R. Christopher Templeton, 87 votes and Richard Morgan, 255 votes.

Moderator - Katy Meserve, 316 votes.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Kellie J. Skehan, 338 votes.

Trustee of the Trust Funds - Rick St. Jean, 273 votes.

Cemetery Trustee - Cole Perry, 287 votes.

Library Trustee - Judy E. Perry, 289 votes.

Supervisors of the Checklist - Cynthia E. Harris, 302 votes

Budget Committee Member 3 yrs - Jonathan H. Smith, 275 votes.

Budget Committee Member 2 yrs - Donna Gridley, 281 votes

Planning Board Member - Condict M. Billings, 173 votes; Dennis E. Legendre, 207 votes; Rick St. Jean, 148 votes.

Water/Sewer Commissioner - Roger ter Kuile, 196 votes; Rick St. Jean, 100 votes.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Member - Roger ter Kuile, 95 votes; Stanley Brothers, 219 votes.

Article # 2 PASSED - YES 258 - NO 16.

Moderator Meserve then went on to school board results. School Board Member from Effingham, Bridget Edwards received 1960 votes. School Board Member from Ossipee, Kathryn Frothingham received 1886 votes. School Broad Member at Large, Lois-Jean Stevens, received 870 and Ernest H. Brown, Jr., received 1136 votes. Moderator, Randy Walker received 2128 votes.

Moderator Meserve then stated that all the remainder of articles passed and read the results.

Article #2 YES 1593 NO 884  
 Article #3 YES 1590 NO 800  
 Article #4 YES 1562 NO 908  
 Article #5 YES 1608 NO 816  
 Article #6 YES 1485 NO 970  
 Article #7 YES 1482 NO 869  
 Article #8 YES 1470 NO 979  
 Article #9 YES 1777 NO 702  
 Article #10 YES 1570 NO 884

Moderator Meserve asked that everyone turn to the Guide Lines for Town Meeting that were handed out in your packet when you checked in with the ballot clerks. Moderator Meserve then went over the more important rules. You must have a voting card in order to speak on an article. All speakers must be recognized by the Moderator and if you do wish to speak, you must speak at a microphone. Please announce your name prior to your comment or question. Moderator Meserve then stated that if we need a secret ballot, she will then give directions at that time.

Moderator Meserve asked that everyone open their Town Reports to the yellow pages and start with article #3.

**Article #3** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five million four hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$5,491,775) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

ACCOUNT NAME	2015 Budget	2016 Selectmen	2016 Budget Comm.
Conservation Agent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,230.00	\$ 3,230.00
Selectmen's Salary	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 280,130.00	\$ 295,850.00	\$ 295,850.00
Elections	\$ 4,105.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,400.00
Voter Registration	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 11,242.00	\$ 11,242.00
Treasurer	\$ 10,480.00	\$ 11,330.00	\$ 11,330.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 670,801.00	\$ 679,916.00	\$ 679,916.00
Economic Development	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	\$ 8,595.00	\$ 8,170.00	\$ 8,170.00
Legal	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 11,746.00	\$ 16,221.00	\$ 16,221.00
ZBA	\$ 4,001.00	\$ 5,739.00	\$ 5,739.00
Government Buildings	\$ 236,455.00	\$ 220,748.00	\$ 220,748.00

Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 5,289.00	\$ 6,289.00	\$ 6,289.00
<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Selectmen</b>	<b>2016 Budget Comm.</b>
Cemeteries	\$ 29,654.00	\$ 34,204.00	\$ 34,204.00
Insurance	\$ 185,655.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Police Department	\$ 1,010,458.00	\$ 1,061,663.00	\$ 1,061,663.00
Police Special Duty	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Dog Officer	\$ 12,553.00	\$ 13,829.00	\$ 13,829.00
Fire Warden	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 21,955.00	\$ 21,955.00
Highway	\$ 1,279,316.00	\$ 1,297,450.00	\$ 1,297,450.00
Transfer Station	\$ 423,552.00	\$ 433,083.00	\$ 433,083.00
Outside Agencies			
Appalachian Mtn. Teen Project	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
CAP	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Caregivers of S. Carroll County	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Carroll County Transit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Freedom Food Pantry	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Kingswood Youth Group	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Life Bridge - Mentoring	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
LIFE Ministries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Main Street	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Medication Bridge	\$ 913.00	\$ 353.00	\$ 353.00
Northern Human Services	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00
OCC	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
OCC Day Care	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Ossipee Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
School's Out Program	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Starting Point	\$ 2,626.00	\$ 2,254.00	\$ 2,254.00
White Mtn. Comm. Health	\$ -	\$ 4,033.00	\$ 4,033.00
Central NH VNA & Hospice	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Ambulance	\$ -	\$ 192,429.00	\$ 192,429.00
Emergency Management	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00
General Assistance	\$ 55,269.00	\$ 55,269.00	\$ 55,269.00
Recreation	\$ 164,909.00	\$ 182,285.00	\$ 182,285.00
Library	\$ 214,103.00	\$ 221,485.00	\$ 221,485.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,502.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 5,490.00	\$ 5,965.00	\$ 5,965.00
Long Term Debt-Principle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long Term Debt-Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Line of Credit	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,870,911.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,096,081.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,096,081.00</b>
Water	\$ 190,486.00	\$ 205,852.00	\$ 205,852.00

Sewer	\$ 217,836.00	\$ 189,842.00	\$ 189,842.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,279,233.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,491,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,491,775.00</b>

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #4** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$494,000) for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing Highway Garage, and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-nine thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars (\$179,492) from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of three hundred fourteen thousand five hundred eight dollars (\$314,508) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of repair and improvements of Town roads. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of Town building improvements (Town Hall, Freight House, Highway Garage, Library & Police Station). (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Solid Waste Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$34,700) for the purpose of purchasing one new police cruiser and equipment. This amount to come from the Town's unreserved fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400) for the purpose of purchasing new computer software, training and computer backup for the Police Department. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand eight hundred thirty dollars (\$58,830) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for one (1) year. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2020. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Control Fund previously established for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #15** To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation from the Chickville Cemetery Association, Incorporated consisting of three parcels of real estate, the first being Tax Map 231, Lot 12 consisting of land and a building known commonly as the Chickville Church or Chickville Meeting House, and the second and third being Tax Map 108, Lot 18 and Tax Map 231, Lot 2 consisting of land known commonly as the Chickville Cemetery. The donation shall be subject to the right of those families who have relatives interred in the cemeteries or who own cemetery lots to use the Chickville Church/Meeting House for memorial services and other functions, subject to the reasonable limitations imposed by the Town for use of Town-owned buildings. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded  
PASSED AS READ

**Article #16** To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Chickville Church/Meeting House Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of providing maintenance and repairs to the Chickville Church/Meeting House property (Tax Map 231, Lot 12), and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$21,160) to be added to this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded

Amended to \$21,642.55 by Selectman Morgan.

PASSED AS AMENDED

**Article #17** To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Ossipee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$50,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$75,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$100,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$39,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded

PASSED AS READ

**Article #18** To see if the Town will vote to abolish effective January 1, 2017 the Ossipee Water and Sewer Department (originally established pursuant to Article 15 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting), and to transfer control of all of the Ossipee Water and Sewer Commissioners' duties and responsibilities to the Ossipee Board of Selectmen effective January 1, 2017. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded

PASSED AS READ

**Article #19** (Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Conservation Commission budget. This amount, plus three thousand dollars (\$3,000) from the Conservation Commission monies not raised from taxes, to be used to fund a build-out analysis of the future growth of the Town which will assist in updating Ossipee's existing Master Plan. (Not recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Not recommended by Budget Committee 6-0) Majority vote required.

Moved and Seconded

FAILED AS READ

**Article #20** To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers thereof.

Moderator Meserve said she would like to thank Kellie Skehan, Ellen White, The Highway Crew and Department Heads for putting this all together.

Moderator Meserve then stated that at this is the time she would accept a motion to adjourn.  
It was moved and seconded to adjourn this meeting.

Moderator Meserve adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kellie J. Skehan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kellie J. Skehan  
Town Clerk