

**Town of Ossipee – Annual Meeting
Abridged Minutes
6:30 PM – March 14, 2007**

Voting Results are Marked in Red

Prior to beginning the meeting Moderator, Donald Meader, presented the outgoing Town Clerk/Tax Collector Barbara Adams with a corsage. He thanked her and expressed his appreciation for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Town. Selectman Merrow presented her with a lovely engraved framed photo of the Ossipee Town Hall. Applauds and standing ovations were appreciated by Barbara.

Moderator Donald Meader called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Rev. David Kemper gave the invocation.

Words of appreciation were expressed for those who prepared for this meeting.

Introductions of the head table: Selectman Harry Merrow, Peter Olkkola, Joseph Skehan followed by Administrator Martha Eldridge, Richard Sager, Town Attorney, Brad Harriman, our new Public Works Director, and David Senecal, Code Enforcement Officer. Chairman of the Budget Committee, Belinda Cullen introduced her board members present, Sandra Martin, Lynne Parker, Mark Simpson, Donna Sargent, Kathleen Maloney and the Fire Department Representatives, Roland Millett, West Ossipee, Jean Marie Simpson, Ctr. Ossipee and Robert Morin, Ossipee Corner.

The Moderator was asked to announce the following corrections needed to be made to our warrant for tonight's meeting: On page 100 the amount for water should be \$205,046.00. The amount for sewer should be \$140,110.00. The total Selectmen's Recommendations will be \$ 4,271,226.00. The Total for Budget Committee recommendations should be \$ 4,279,226.00 and lastly on page 103 the amount for the 1st year's payment should be \$17,590.00.

Article # 1 The following Town Officers for the ensuing year were elected on March 13, 2007 as follows:

Selectman	3 Years	- Kathleen M. Maloney
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Years	- Kellie J. Skehan
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years	- Carol M. McConkey
Library Trustee	3 Years	- Susan A. Day
Cemetery Trustee	1 Year	- Robert Rivera
Cemetery Trustee	2 Years	- David Hodsdon
Cemetery Trustee	3 Years	- Stephen Capone
Budget Committee	3 Years	- Robert C. Freeman Sr.
Budget Committee	3 Years	- Mark P. Simpson
Budget Committee	2 Years	- Belinda W. Cullen
Planning Board.....	3 Years	- Robert Gillette
Planning Board.....	3 Years	- Karen Foster
Water/Sewer Comm.	3 Years	- June Loud
Zoning Board.....	3 Years	- Bruce Parsons

Article # 2 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand (**\$125,000.00**) for the purpose of stabilizing and securing the structural integrity of the historic Whittier Covered Bridge, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$125,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; any money received from grants and donations will be applied to this purpose. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) 2/3 paper ballot vote required. Vote on Article #2 was by ballot.

ARTICLE # 2 PASSED YES 107 NO 38

Article # 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of four million seventy nine thousand two hundred twenty six dollars (\$4,279,226.00) for general municipal operations, (Recommended by Budget Committee). \$4,271,226.00) four million two hundred seventy one thousand two hundred twenty six dollars. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

	Selectmen Recommend	Budget Committee Recommend	Amended by majority vote
Conservation Agent	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Selectmen's Salaries	15,200.00	15,200.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	196,530.00	196,530.00	
Election & Registration	8,144.00	8,144.00	
Treasurer	8,434.00	8,434.00	
Selectmen's Office	329,687.00	329,687.00	
Economic Development	550.00	550.00	
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,618.00	6,618.00	
Legal	55,000.00	55,000.00	
Planning Board	42,723.00	42,723.00	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,377.00	5,377.00	
Government Buildings	138,900.00	138,900.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Cemeteries	19,603.00	19,603.00	
Insurance	79,392.00	79,392.00	
Police Department	609,282.00	609,282.00	
Police Special Duty Pay	29,060.00	29,060.00	
Dog Officer	10,609.00	10,609.00	
Fire Warden	20,400.00	20,400.00	
Zoning Enforcement	68,917.00	68,917.00	
Highway	960,084.00	960,084.00	
Public Works Director	83,703.00	83,703.00	
Street Lighting	2,600.00	2,600.00	

Incinerator	437,709.00	437,709.00	
Outside Agencies			
----OCC	18,000.00	18,000.00	
----OCC Daycare	2,000.00	2,000.00	
----VNA	15,180.00	15,180.00	
----Tri-County CAP	12,000.00	(6,000.00)	12,000.00
----Ossipee Children's Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	
----Starting Point	1,332.00	1,332.00	
----Ossipee Preschool	1,500.00	(0)	1,500.00
----Agape Food Pantry	6,600.00	6,600.00	
----Medication Bridge	773.00	773.00	
----Northern Human Service	4,425.00	(2,225.00)	4,425.00
----Ossipee Historical	4,000.00	4,000.00	
----White Mountain Community Health	4,538.00	4,538.00	
Ambulance	185,400.00	185,400.00	
Emergency Management	2,000.00	9,500.00	
General Assistance	45,000.00	45,000.00	
Recreation	184,093.00	184,093.00	
Library	197,961.00	197,961.00	
Patriotic Purposes	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Conservation Commission	6,277.00	6,277.00	
Long Term Debt Principal	74,067.00	74,067.00	
Long Term Debt Interest	7,301.00	7,301.00	
Interest on Line of Credit	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Water	(122,146.00)	(122,146.00)	205,046.00
Sewer	(69,575.00)	(69,575.00)	140,110.00
TOTAL	\$ 4.271,226.00	\$ 4.279,226.00	\$4,288,726.00

Moderator made corrections sees page one, paragraph four)

Water (correct error) (122,146.00) (122,146.00) 205,046.00 205,046.00
Sewer (correct error) (69,575.00) (69,575.00) 140,110.00 140,110.00
(Total printed amounts on page 100 of Town Report were reported to be
\$ 4,117,790 & 4,125,790.00)
(See moderator corrections on page one, paragraph four)

Corrected to read: \$ 4.271,226.00 \$ 4.279,226.00

ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS AMENDED\$4,288,726.00

Article # 4 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (**\$350,000.00**) for the repair and improvement of Town Roads. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 4..... PASSED

Article # 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000.00**) for repairs and improvements to Town Recreation Facilities. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 5..... PASSED

Article # 6 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000.00**) to add to Capital Reserve Fund previously established for improvements to the Solid Waste Facility and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 6..... PASSED

Article # 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000.00**) to add to the Highway Department's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (Not recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 7..... FAILED

Article # 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000.00**) for upkeep and improvements to the walkways, beach and Constitution Park areas with said sum to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 8..... PASSED

Article # 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three thousand two hundred seventy dollars (**\$63,270.00**) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for (1) one year. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 9..... PASSED

Article # 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (**\$ 3,500.00**) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund previously established, for the purpose of purchasing fire Apparatus for the Forest Fire Warden's Department and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 10..... PASSED

Article # 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the local Main Street Program. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 11..... PASSED

Article # 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000.00**) for the purpose of renovations and improvements to the building on the property located on Moultonville Rd. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required) Vote on Article # 2 was by ballot.

ARTICLE # 12 PASSED.....YES 114..... NO 35

Article # 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand six hundred dollars (**\$8,600.00**) to be added to the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 13..... PASSED

Article # 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (**\$75,000.00**) for the purpose of Town Building improvements to the Water & Sewer Building, Recreation Building, Town Hall and the OCC Building. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Budget Committee Recommended) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #14..... PASSED

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (**\$2,000.00**) for the Active Youth Program. This amount to come from a grant from the Healthy New Hampshire Foundation. No amount will be raised through taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #15..... PASSED

Article # 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (**\$7,000.00**) for the purpose of spending a grant already received from Carroll County Administration for the purpose of Prevention Program Development Fund Grant. This amount is be used primarily for summer programs for teens only. (No new money to be raised through taxation) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0 (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #16..... PASSED

Article # 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000.00**) to be added to the already established Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2010. Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #17..... PASSED

Article # 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (**\$18,000.00**) for the purpose of replacing and adding computers and equipment for the Police Department, Selectmen's Office, and the Recreation Department. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #18..... PASSED

Article # 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (**\$400.00**) to be added to the already established Computer Equipment Expendable Trust. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #19..... PASSED

Article # 20 To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund to the Tax Collector/Town Clerk Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (2/3 paper ballot vote required)
Vote on Article # 20 was by ballot.

ARTICLE #20..... PASSED.....114 YES.....8 NO

Article # 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000.00**) to be placed in the expendable trust fund (Species Control Fund) created three years ago for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #21..... PASSED

Article # 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate forty-four thousand five hundred dollars (**\$44,500.00**) to replace the Chapel Road Bridge. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #22..... PASSED

Article # 23 To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of planning, layout and installation of sidewalks in the Town of Ossipee and to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (**\$75,000.00**) to be placed in the fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE # 23..... PASSED.....66 YES.....56 NO

Article # 24 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred nine thousand dollars (**\$109,000.00**) for the purpose of leasing a plow truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000.00**) for the down payment with said funds to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) and further to raise and appropriate one thousand seven hundred fifty nine dollars (**\$1,759.00**) (Corrected amount \$ 17,590.00) for the first year's lease payment. This lease/ Purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommend by the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #24..... PASSED

Article # 25 To see if the Town, will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvements projected over a period of at least 6 years, in accordance with RSA 674:5. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #25..... PASSED

Article # 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for a police cruiser with equipment at a total cost of twenty-six thousand one hundred two dollars (**\$26,102.00**) and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand seven hundred dollars (**\$8,700.00**) for the first year's payment. This article contains an escape clause. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #26..... PASSED

Article # 27 To see if the Town will vote to hire a full time police officer (investigator) for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty four thousand seven hundred ninety one dollars (**\$34,791.00**) representing seven months of salary and benefits for this position. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

(Article # 27 Continued) Should read "not recommended by Selectmen".

Vote on Article # 27 was by ballot.

ARTICLE #27..... FAILED.....53 YES.....69 NO

Article # 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2,500.00**) to help sustain "School's Out." A Community Enrichment Program. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-1) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #28..... PASSED

Article # 29 To see if the Town of Ossipee will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,537.75** for the support of WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured residents of Ossipee. (Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by Selectmen) (Not recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required) Selectman suggested we pass over this article as it was submitted under Outside Activities budget prior to submitting the warrant article.

ARTICLE #29..... PASSED OVER

Article # 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000.00**) for the purpose of creating a skate park on Town property, specific location to be determined at a public hearing. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-3) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE #30..... FAILED.....37 Yes.....84 No

Article # 31 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of investigation, planning, acquisition, and /or construction of additional space for the Ossipee Public Library in order to better serve Ossipee residents and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000.00**) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Trustees of the Ossipee Public Library as agents to expend. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-3) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required) Ballot vote taken.

ARTICLE #31..... FAILED.....YES 53.....NO 63

Article # 32 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers hereof. Being no request or objection the moderator passed over.

ARTICLE #32..... PASSED OVER

Ralph Buchanan made a motion to say **“To see if the voters will authorize the selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a town-wide Fire Department.”** Town Council felt this was a legal but non-binding motion. Vote passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara R Adams

Complete copy of minutes available in the Town Clerk's Office