

**State of New Hampshire
Town of Ossipee
Town Meeting
March 13, 2013**

Moderator Meserve called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She then introduced Rev. Waugh, who gave the invocation. Moderator Meserve then lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Meserve thanked Kellie Skehan and her office staff, the front office crew, highway crew, and the ballot clerks. Newly elected officers will be sworn in on Monday, March 18, at 5:30 P.M. here at the Town Hall. She stated that everyone should have received the following items when they come into the meeting: Guidelines for Town Meeting, Voter ID Card, and the Town Report.

Moderator Meserve announced that if you do not have a voter card you will not be able to speak or vote on a motion. Moderator Meserve then asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to speak that was not a registered voter. The following people were not registered voters but wish to speak to their specific article.

- Jen Berkowitz – Article #2, Schools Out Program
- Doug Sargent – Article #2, Water/Sewer Department
- Judy Blake – Article #14, Freedom Food Pantry
- Dave Senecal – Article #2, Zoning Budget
- Andrew Johnson – Article #2, Kingswood Youth Group
- Brad Harriman – Any article that he works on
- Rick Sager – Town Council
- Melissa Seamans – Report for the Carroll County Independent

There were no objections to any of the requests from non voters, so they all were able to speak on their articles.

Moderator Meserve then introduced the following people: Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Kellie Skehan; Selectmen Harry Merrow, Kathleen Maloney, and Mr. Freeman; Town Administrator, Martha Eldridge; Public Works Director, Brad Harriman; and Town Council, Mr. Sager. Moderator Meserve then introduced Mr. Fitzpatrick who introduced the following Budget Committee Members: Tom Kondrat, Dave Babson, Marie McConarty, Jane ter Kuile, Joe Goss and Donna Sargent.

Moderator Meserve went over the rules and regulations for the meeting. She also stated that there would be at least one secret ballot and she would go over those rules when the question comes up.

Moderator Meserve then read the following results from the March 12, 2013 School Election:

- School Board Member from New Durham, 2yrs – Julianne Cardinal – 935
- School Board Member from Effingham, 3yrs – Diane Drelick – 1846
- School Board Member from Ossipee, 3yrs – Conner MacIver – 1733
- School Board Member-At-Large, 3yrs – Ernest Brown – 1445
- Moderator, 1 yr – Randy Walker – 2166

Moderator Meserve announced that all the articles 2 thur 7 passed.

Moderator Meserve then read the result from the March 12, 2013 Town election.

- Selectman, 3yrs – Richard Morgan – 197 votes
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3yrs – Kellie Skehan – 514 votes
- Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 yrs – Corey Ryder – 454 votes

Library Trustee, 3yrs – Karen Deighan – 458 votes
 Cemetery Trustee, 3yrs – Lorey Pendarvis – Write-in
 Budget Committee Member, 3yrs– Jane ter Kuile – 413
 Budget Committee Member, 3yrs – No write in
 Planning Board Member, 3yrs – Roger ter Kuile – 311
 Planning Board Member, 3 yrs – Condict Billings – 326
 Water/Sewer Commissioner, 3yrs – June Loud – 230
 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, 3yrs – Stanley Brothers – 437
 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, 2yrs – “Ski” Kwiatkowski - 404

Moderator Meserve asked everyone to open their Town Reports to the blue pages for the budget we would be voting on.

Article #2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of four million eight hundred twenty two thousand six hundred forty two dollars (\$4,822,642.00) for general municipal operation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Amount recommended by the Selectmen is five million three hundred nine thousand eight hundred twenty three dollars (\$5,309,823.00) by a vote of 3-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded

ACCOUNT NAME	2013 Selectmen	2013 Budget Comm.	Amount Approved
Conservation Agent	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Selectmen's Salary	\$16,364.00	\$16,364.00	\$16,364.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$262,875.00	\$262,875.00	\$262,875.00
Elections	\$3,915.00	\$3,915.00	\$3,915.00
Voter Registration	\$5,364.00	\$5,364.00	\$5,364.00
Treasurer	\$10,220.00	\$10,220.00	\$10,220.00
Selectmen's Office	\$461,098.00	\$461,098.00	\$461,098.00
Economic Development	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	\$8,338.00	\$8,338.00	\$8,338.00
Legal	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Planning Board	\$11,203.00	\$11,203.00	\$11,203.00
ZBA	\$3,643.00	\$3,643.00	\$3,643.00
Government Buildings	\$221,260.00	\$221,260.00	\$221,260.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$5,266.00	\$5,266.00	\$5,266.00
Cemeteries	\$25,954.00	\$25,954.00	\$25,454.00
Insurance	\$143,193.00	\$143,193.00	\$143,193.00
Police Department	\$953,727.00	\$953,727.00	\$953,727.00
Police Special Duty	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Dog Officer	\$12,587.00	\$12,587.00	\$12,587.00
Fire Warden	\$20,400.00	\$20,400.00	\$20,400.00
Zoning Officer	\$87,252.00	\$87,252.00	\$87,252.00
Highway	\$1,236,600.00	\$1,236,600.00	\$1,236,600.00
Public Works Director	\$96,786.00	\$96,786.00	\$96,786.00
Transfer Station	\$440,450.00	\$440,450.00	\$440,450.00
Outside Agencies			
OCC	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Wolfeboro VNA	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00

Northern Human Services	\$4,425.00	\$4,425.00	\$4,425.00
CAP	\$12,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$12,000.00
White Mountain Comm Health	\$4,098.00	\$4,098.00	\$4,098.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Starting Point	\$2,466.00	\$2,466.00	\$2,466.00
School's Out Program	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Ossipee Preschool	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Appalachian Mtn Teen Project	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Agape Food Pantry	\$9,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$9,500.00
Medication Bridge	\$1,191.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ossipee Historical Society	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Carroll County Transit	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$3,000.00
Life Bridge – Mentoring	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
OCC Day Care	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Kingswood Youth Group	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Caregivers of S. Carr. Cty	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Main Street	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Ambulance	\$199,992.00	\$199,992.00	\$199,992.00
Emergency Management	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
General Assistance	\$40,434.00	\$40,434.00	\$40,434.00
Recreation	\$157,323.00	\$157,323.00	\$157,323.00
Library	\$218,956.00	\$218,956.00	\$218,956.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,338.00	\$1,338.00	\$1,338.00
Conservation Commission	\$6,815.00	\$6,815.00	\$6,815.00
Long Term Debt-Principle	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Debt-Interest	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Interest on Line of Credit	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Water	\$233,722.00	0.00	\$233,722.00
Sewer	\$236,268.00	0.00	\$236,268.00
TOTAL	\$5,309,823.00	\$4,822,642.00	\$5,310,182.00

Article #2

CAP was amended to \$12,000.00

Agape Food Pantry was amended to \$9,500.00

Carroll County Transit was amended to \$3,000.00

Life Bridge Mentoring was amended to \$5,000.00

Water was amended to \$233,722.00

Sewer was amended to \$236,268.00

Article #2 was amended to \$5,310,182.00

Passed as amended

A motion was made not to reconsider Article #2 was passed.

Article #3 To see if the Town will vote to 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 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-2) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded

Passed as read

Article #4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Highway Department's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 4-3) (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 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Highway Department's Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1) (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 (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Bridge Replacement and/or Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (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 ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for the purchase of a F-550 Plow Truck w/Plow & Sander and to withdraw forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Highway Department's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (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 eighty-three thousand dollars (\$83,000.00) for the purchase of an F-550 Plow Truck w/Plow Only and to withdraw thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Highway Department's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (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-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase a compactor for demo materials at the Transfer Station and to withdraw twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund created for that purpose. The balance of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

A motion was made not to reconsider Articles #3 thru Article #9.

Passed

Article #10 To thousand eight hundred ninety four dollars (\$39,894.00) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for (1) year. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1) (Majority vote required) see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-nine

Moved and seconded

Passed as read

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of Town Building improvements i.e. electrical upgrades to Town Buildings (Town Hall, Highway Garage, Library & Police Station) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-2) (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 nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) for the purpose of installing three (3) garden islands, one at Courthouse Square, one at Grant Hill Rd. and one at Folsom Rd. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1) (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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for equipment, repairs, and improvements to the Town Recreation Department Facilities. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded

Passed as read

Article # 14 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) as a contribution to the Freedom Food Pantry. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-3) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 0-7) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded

Passed as read

Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2015. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 5-2) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded

Article #15 was amended to \$15,000.00.

Passed as amended

A motion was made not to reconsider Articles #10 thur Article #15.

Passed

Article #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty six thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars (\$66,552.00) to purchase two police cruisers and equipment. This amount to come from fund balance (surplus). No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

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 Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Account previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 4-3) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the expendable trust fund (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 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Computer Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article # 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purpose of off-setting the cost of the street lights in the Center Ossipee Fire Precinct. (Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-2, 1 abstained) (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-2) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Failed

Article #21 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred dollars (\$17,100.00) for the purpose of hiring a part-time officer, (part-time, no benefits) this officer can be placed at the Ossipee Central School during the school day. This will fund the position for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, and the start of the 2013-2014 school year. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 1-6) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) for this year's payment towards Phase 2 of the Whittier Covered Bridge project. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until

12/31/2015 whichever comes first. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article #23 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000.00) for the purpose of the roof repair and improvements of the Public Library. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Article #24 To see if the Town will vote to change the name of “Abbotts Lane” (also referred to as “Abbott’s Lane) to “Abbott Lane”. (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

A motion was made not to reconsider Articles #16 thur Article #24.

Passed

Article #25 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers thereof.

Moved and seconded
Passed as read

Moderator Meserve announced the total that was approved was \$6,339,178.00.

Moderator Meserve said that she would accept a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Meeting was called over at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie J. Skehan
Town Clerk