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TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
January 8th, 2024
Community Development Department
3 North Lowell Rd.
Approved Minutes

Attendance:

Chairman Ross McLeod- present
Vice Chair Heath Partington- present
Bruce Breton- present
Mark Samsel- present
Roger Hohenberger- present

Staff:

Brian McCarthy- Town Administrator
Deb Padykula- Finance Director
Alex Mello/Community Development

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to grant the reduction for Phase 2 of Wood Meadow to reduce the bond for Phase 2 retaining \$16,215. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to grant the reduction for Phase 3 of Wood Meadow to reduce the bond for Phase 3 retaining \$35,424. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Kevin Wolff/Citizen- Usage of the Town Fields

Chairman McLeod recused himself as he has served on the Windham Soccer Association and is still involved in town soccer at this time.

Vice Chair Partington was serving as Chair for this agenda item.

Mr. Kevin Wolff, resident on E Nashua Road who coaches Pelham flag football comprised of Windham players, addressed the Board to discuss his concerns around town field usage. Mr. Wolff stated that tax dollars are expended by residents and they are entitled to the use of fields for several hours a week. Mr. Wolff is asking about a town portal and asking for the use of time on the fields. Mr. Wolff is also asking to perhaps put together a committee of 3-5 people and is looking to find solutions, particularly looking for time for flag football on the field. Mr. Wolff stated he is being told there is no time or space on the town fields. Mr. Wolff stated that what prompted this discussion about town fields was the team's use of towns fields and being asked to leave one of the fields in the fall.

Mr. Hohenberger asked if the citizen had been offered Tokanel field. Mr. Wolff stated that they had not. Mr. Breton stated that there may be the maintenance of the field scheduled for that time. Mr. Wolff read from an email from town staff that stated that in November of 2022, he received an email that Tokanel or

48 any other field would not be an option in the spring. Mr. Samsel asked if this was a Windham team; it is.
49 Mr. Samsel asked if there was any space in Pelham offered to him; Mr. Wolff stated that he has not been
50 given time to practice in Pelham.

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52 Mr. McCarthy and the Board and Mr. Wolff stated that there would be an insurance binder available in
53 the spring for them to use the fields. Mr. McCarthy asked if there was Pelham field space offered to him
54 for flag football; Mr. Wolff stated that he is being given space in Pelham (a different response than what
55 was said to Mr. Samsel).

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57 Vice Chair Partington asked where they were on Griffin Park when they were asked to leave. Mr. Wolff
58 stated that he was on one of the front fields, likely near the T ball fields.

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60 Ms. Cheryl Haas, Recreation Director, addressed the Board. Ms. Haas stated that there were about 8 flag
61 football teams that reached out about field usage. Ms. Haas stated that when the fields are opened in the
62 spring, there are a myriad of uses and a myriad of sports at Griffin Park. Ms. Haas stated that parking is
63 also a very big issue at Griffin Park. Tiny Tots soccer was moved to Golden Brook, largely for the reason
64 of parking. Mr. Hohenberger asked if there was a way to work in an hour at Tokanel field. Ms. Haas
65 stated that she often deals with the head of each league, not individual coaches in order to coordinate. Ms.
66 Haas stated that Tokanel and Nashua fields were built with federal funds and you cannot restrict the use
67 of the fields. Ms. Haas also stated that Ms. Brenda Golden can be contacted to discuss the use of school
68 fields. Ms. Haas stated that spring is different than fall usage.

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70 Vice Chair Partington asked Ms. Haas if there was truly a field option for flag football. Ms. Haas stated
71 that she cannot say, "this day at this time, there is space". Mr. Breton asked about Searles field; Ms. Haas
72 stated that Searles is used for lacrosse and not used at all when there is a function at Searles. Mr. Breton
73 asked what time Mr. Wolff would like to hold practice. Mr. Breton asked if the Windham Woods school
74 might be an option and perhaps he could reach out to the school, although private, as a way to hold
75 practice.

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77 Mr. Derek Davis, 8 Butternut Road, addressed the Board and stated that he has been involved in baseball,
78 soccer, and flag football teams over the last few years. Mr. Davis stated that the Pelham League does not
79 guarantee practice space in Pelham even though their games are in Pelham on Pelham fields. Mr. Davis
80 suggested perhaps having the opportunity to sit down with Ms. Haas at the beginning of the season.

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82 Mr. Ross McLeod stated that he is here on behalf of the Windham Soccer Association. There are a lot of
83 moving parts on the fields: fertilization, rotation, and use of the fields for games and practices. Ms.
84 McLeod stated that certain fields take a beating in different areas of the field depending on the game. Mr.
85 McLeod stated that he does think a 3-5-member committee might be redundant as the complicated multi-
86 sport schedule is difficult but Ms. Haas handles this well since she has been here in 2005. Mr.
87 McLeod stated that the season is very short and Ms. Haas has a lot to contend with.

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89 Mr. Wolff stated that he keeps hearing about the parking issue at Griffin Park. Mr. Wolff stated that he is
90 willing to be the point person to coordinate with Ms. Haas for practice space for flag football. Mr. Wolff
91 stated that he does believe there is space and flag football does not require a large area.

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93 Mr. Samsel suggested developing a league in Windham separate from Pelham so that they can put
94 together practice space in Windham instead of Pelham. Mr. Samsel stated, after hearing how many flag
95 football teams there are, that this might not be a viable solution.

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97 Mr. Wolff stated that he would coordinate with Mr. Brian Johnson, in Pelham, in order to find out how
98 many teams and fields would be needed.

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100 Ms. Cheryl Haas addressed the Board once again. Ms. Haas stated that she deals with the league
101 presidents and schedulers. Mr. McCarthy stated that working with Mr. Brian Johnson, the director of
102 parks in Pelham will also be part of the discussion. Mr. Wolff stated that there are 65 teams and they are
103 playing indoors right now. Mr. Breton that a team needs to be 65% residents to use the fields. Yet, this
104 does not apply to Tokanel or Nashua fields.

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106 Chairman McLeod rejoined the Board.

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108 Public Hearing

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110 Each article was read by the Chair and available to view for the public with edits and corrections.

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112 Article 3

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114 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 3 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
115 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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117 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 3. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
118 **0. Motion passes.**

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120 Article 4

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122 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 4 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
123 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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125 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 4. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
126 **0. Motion passes.**

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128 Article 5

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130 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 5 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
131 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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133 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 5. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
134 **0. Motion passes.**

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136 Article 6

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138 Mr. Joseph Maynard addressed the Board. Mr. Maynard stated that the property is listed under Indian
139 Rock Office Park LLC as the business owner.

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141 Mr. Breton stated that when pieces of property have been sold, it was done on a Citizen's petition. Mr.
142 Breton stated that they do not typically direct town property to a person. Mr. Breton believes it should be
143 a piece of property put out for sale.

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145 Mr. Maynard stated that there should not be a stipulation on the property for this amount of money.

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147 The Board discussed the best way to proceed; the parcel is not useful for anyone else except Ms. Mesiti.

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149 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 6 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**

150 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 4-1. Mr. Breton opposed. Motion passes.**

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152 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 6. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 4-**
153 **1. Motion passes.**

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155 Article 7

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157 Mr. Maynard addressed the Board and thanked them for coming to the site walk. The easement will be
158 recorded.

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160 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 7 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
161 **by Mr. Breton. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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163 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 7. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
164 **0. Motion passes.**

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166 Article 8

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168 Mr. Andy Dufour, Mockingbird Hill Road, addressed the Board to ask if from the Rail Trail to Governor
169 Dinsmore will be available to the public. Mr. Dufour asked if the Board was given away access that
170 allows taxpayers to access Roulston Road that the public has had for a long time

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172 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 8 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
173 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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175 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 8. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
176 **0. Motion passes.**

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178 Article 9 (elderly), 10 (blind) , 11 (deaf) and 12 (disabled)- all elderly exemption articles

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180 Ms. Loise Brown addressed the Board to ask about the 80 + plus. Ms. Brown stated that they want a
181 number on the MS 1 form. Mr. Hohenberger asked if they could put the amount of property or full
182 exemption. The Board would like to leave this as “a full exemption”.

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184 Mr. Mark Kovacs addressed the Board to discuss the number for individual 75 years of age. The Board
185 discussed the language change and the Board advised that this change could be made at deliberative
186 session.

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188 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 9 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
189 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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191 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 9. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
192 **0. Motion passes.**

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194 Article 10

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196 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 10 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
197 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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199 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 10. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
200 **5-0. Motion passes.**

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Article 11

Mr. Wayne Morris asked about the stipulation around 5 years.

Ms. Brown stated that those are the state laws per each RSA.

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 11 as amended to the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 11. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Mr. Brown stated that her copy says \$200,000. Chairman McLeod stated that the E1 is going to be a lesser amount as there would be ramifications. Mr. Samsel stated that they can make the changes. The clean draft does have \$200,000.

Mr. Mark Kovacs asked which amount they would be voting. Chairman McLeod and Mr. Samsel stated that things can change in deliberative session.

The Board discussed that they had no qualified residents. (depended on the number of applicant).

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 12 as otherwise amended with the \$200,000 to the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 12. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Mr. McCarthy stated that Ms. Brown can be part of the discussion around the anticipated exemptions and how that might impact the wording of the tax impact. The Board discussed that tax impact would be dependent on the number of applicants and Mr. Kovacs' estimates were based on 2010. Mr. McCarthy stated that he is concerned about the DRA as they do not like unknown amounts and if there are no amount here, but in other warrant articles, will this be an issue.

Mr. Kovacs stated hat the estimates he came up with last month could be more accurate as the exemptions are higher so they may have more people apply. Mr. McCarthy asked if Mr. Kovacs could work with Ms. Brown to get a more accurate number; this number could then be added to the warrant article after the deliberative session.

Article 13

Vice Chair Partington stated that he is not in favor of making these any more vague in the language for the expendable trust fund; he thinks it should be changed back to the original language and the Board is in agreement.

Mr. Morris stated that the tax impact says three cents, not five cents.

Mr. Hohenberger stated that he would like to drop the amount from \$100,000 to \$75,000.

Mr. Peter Griffin addressed the Board. Mr. Griffin stated that Mr. McCarthy came up with an estimate a few years ago for the work in this article.

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253 Ms. Shannon Ulery, Magnolia Road, asked what the tax impact would be for the decrease. The decrease
254 would be .02 cents. Mr. Hohenberger stated that it does not take much to impact the tax rate.
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256 Mr. Dufour addressed the Board and asked how much was left in that general fund and he further asked if
257 certain items would now be scheduled for repair. Ms. Padykula stated there are \$75,000 left in that fund
258 presently. Mr. Dufour asked about specific projects in town that he thought might need to be prioritized.
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260 Mr. Dennis Senibaldi addressed the Board. The lights at the Senior Center are being maintained by a
261 separate company, the utility company. Mr. Senibaldi stated that there will be a new ramp at the Senior
262 Center so they door will be repaired once the ramp is installed. The Board and Mr. Senibaldi discussed
263 several other projects.
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265 Mr. Wayne Morris addressed the Board and asked about the ARPA funds. The “ask” was \$2.6 million
266 initially and the Board discussed the available which was \$1.2 million. Mr. Morris stated that it is
267 important for the town to spend money.
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269 Mr. Breton stated that \$517,000 was the request from the ARPA funds. Mr. McCarthy stated that
270 \$240,000 should be acquired from the town. After discussion, this was a subset of the overall requests.
271 Mr. Breton’s point was just how much the town needed to repair.
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273 Vice Chair Partington stated that the town has not been keeping up the maintenance of the buildings and
274 he does think that this article is money well spent.
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276 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to move Article 13 as amended (in language, not amount) to the**
277 **warrant. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington. Vote 4-1. Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Motion passes.**
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279 **A motion was made by Vice Chair Partington to recommend Article 13. Seconded by Vice Chair**
280 **Partington. Vote 4-1. Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Motion passes.**
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282 Article 14
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284 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 14 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
285 **by Mr. Breton. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**
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287 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 14. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
288 **5-0. Motion passes.**
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290 Mr. Hohenberger stated that he will be making a comment about “no tax impact”.
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292 Article 15
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294 Mr. Hohenberger is going to vote against this as there is money in the fund and he will be voting against
295 this article as there is still over \$300,000 in that fund. Vice Chair Partington stated that he would remove
296 the article completely.
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298 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to move to Article 15 as amended to the warrant for the sum of**
299 **\$50,000 with language changes. Seconded by Mr. Breton Vote 3-2. Mr. Hohenberger and Vice**
300 **Chair Partington opposed. Motion passes.**
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302 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel recommend Article 15. Seconded by Mr. Breton. Vote 4-1. Mr.**

303 **Hohenberger opposed. Motion passes.**

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305 Article 16

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307 Mr. Hohenberger stated he will be voting against this project as he does not think the voters have seen any
308 improvements to this project. Vice Chair Partington does think this is useful to the voters. Mr. Breton
309 stated that this money was raised by voters at one time. The money was raised by taxation in the past.

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311 The Board discussed having money there that has not been spent. Mr. McCarthy stated that if this money
312 goes away, they will not be able to do anything for a year. Mr. McCarthy stated that this building will sit
313 after the initial repairs for a year. Mr. McCarthy stated that the biggest issue is the building foundation.

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315 Mr. Hohenberger discussed the unassigned fund balance. Mr. McCarthy stated that every year they put it
316 off, the project costs the town more money. Mr. Breton asked about the ARPA funds, it is about \$45,000
317 and they money must be encumbered by the end of this year and spent by 2026.

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319 Mr. Dennis Senibaldi stated that to the extent of something they are going to have to do. Mr. Senibaldi
320 stated he does not think there is enough money to make these repairs.

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322 Mr. Samsel does think they are on the right path. Mr. Samsel stated that in a building this old, there will
323 be increases in cost.

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325 Chairman McLeod stated he agrees with Mr. Samsel and Mr. McCarthy.

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327 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to move Article 16 to warrant as amended and Vice Chair**
328 **Partington's comments. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington. Vote 4-1. Motion passes. Mr.**
329 **Hohenberger opposed.**

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331 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to recommend Article 16. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington.**
332 **Vote 4-1. Motion passes. Mr. Hohenberger opposed.**

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334 Article 17

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336 Mr. Miller wrote an email in support of the project.

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338 Mr. Morris addressed the Board and stated that he would like to keep the last sentence of the language in
339 the proposed article.

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341 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 17 to the warrant as amended. Seconded**
342 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 4-0-1. Mr. Hohenberger abstained. Motion passes.**

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344 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to recommend Article 17. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington.**
345 **Vote 4-0-1. Mr. Hohenberger abstained. Motion passes.**

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347 Article 18

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349 Chairman McLeod recused himself from Article 18.

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351 Mr. Morris addressed the Board and stated that he would recommend they keep in the last line regarding
352 capital improvement. Mr. Samsel asked about the additional wording.

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354 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 18 as amended to the warrant with**
355 **recommended language changes. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 4-0. Motion passes.**

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357 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to recommend Article 18. Seconded by Mr. Breton. Vote 3-0-1.**
358 **Motion passes. Mr. Hohenberger abstained.**

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360 Mr. Samsel stated that the CIP Committee projects would get recommended and then “die on the vine” in
361 some cases; he appreciates the work that has been done in regards to this article.

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363 Article 19

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365 Ms. Shannon Ulery addressed the Board and asked \$135,000 across 5 years; where would the \$32,500 per
366 year be coming from. Mr. McCarthy stated that there would need to be an article each year. Ms. Ulery
367 stated that she has concerns if the town is going to vote down any of those funds over the 4 years.

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369 Mr. Pat Manzo addressed the Board. Mr. Manzo stated, through a power point presentation that this
370 project will help save the town about \$10,000 a year once it is paid off.

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372 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 19 as amended (to keep the last sentence)**
373 **to the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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375 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 19. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
376 **5-0. Motion passes.**

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378 Article 20

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380 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to move to Article 20 the warrant as amended. Seconded by**
381 **Vice Chair Partington. Vote 4-1. Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Motion passes.**

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383 **A motion was made by Mr. Samsel to recommend Article 20. Seconded by Vice Chair Partington.**
384 **Vote 4-1. Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Motion passes.**

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386 Mr. Hohenberger is opposed in light of the tax impact; it is not a good time, not in favor of the space
387 needs assessment.

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389 Article 21

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391 The Board discussed the grass cap and the building of the road; the proposed article will not to impeded
392 the potential project on Fellows Road.

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394 Mr. Russ Barton, Wilcox and Barton, addressed the Board and stated that both proposals have a cap to
395 prevent leaching and for chemicals to leach further. Mr. Barton stated he would just do the grass and
396 stated he would need to get this approved again. Mr. Barton stated that he is not sure if there will be a
397 fence around the field to prevent people from going in the area. Mr. Barton stated there is grading around
398 the edges. Mr. Barton stated that they could potentially put plantings.

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400 Mr. Pat Manzo asked about the solar array.

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402 Mr. Andy Dufour asked about the fence going around the potential solar array.

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404 Mr. Wayne Morris asked about the additional parking in the area. M. McCarthy stated he is not concerned

405 about parking.

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407 Mr. Breton stated that this is a DES obligation and even if it is not funded, the town is obligated to do
408 this. Mr. Breton stated they never had a meeting to discuss this with the public.

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410 Mr. McCarthy stated that this is exactly why people are in need of a voter's guide. Mr. Hohenberger
411 stated that he is in favor of a voter's guide if it is not biased. The Board is favor of the voter's guide as
412 long as it is able to review the guide first.

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414 Mr. Breton stated that this project is required by DES so he would like to see this put at the front of the
415 warrant articles. Mr. McCarthy stated that the best solution is to put it in the budget.

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417 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 21 with the addition of the word**
418 **additional before the last word taxation and the amount. Seconded by Mr. Breton. Vote 2-3. Motion**
419 **fails. Chairman McLeod, Vice Chair Partington and Mr. Samsel opposed.**

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421 **A motion was made by Vice Chair Partington to move Article 21 but end after fund balance and**
422 **the amount will be lowered to \$127,000. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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424 **A motion was made by Mr. Breton to recommend Article 21. Seconded by Mr. Breton. Vote 5-0.**
425 **Motion passes.**

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427 Article 22

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429 Mr. Charles McMahon addressed the Board. Mr. McMahon stated that the intent has not changed and the
430 goal has not changed with the road access around the cap. Mr. McMahon is bringing this to the table to
431 address a need that has been demonstrated.

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433 Chairman McLeod asked about Planning Board oversight. Chairman McLeod asked how something like
434 this might move through the Planning Board as an affordable housing project. The Board and Mr.
435 McMahon discussed that those that are living in town would like to remain in the town and have
436 affordable housing.

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438 Mr. McMahon stated that they would be working with the Planning Board each step of the way.

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440 Ms. Kristi St. Laurent addressed the Board. Ms. St. Laurent stated that there is an option to enter into this
441 relationship with the town. What they are asking for is to bring forward a plan; residents need to prove
442 that they can be allowed to be a part of the project with the use of income limits. The Board and Ms. St.
443 Laurent discussed that the majority of people who move have a connection to people in this town in some
444 way, either they once lived here or they are related to someone here or both.

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446 Mr. Hohenberger stated his major concern is that the project cannot be restricted to Windham. Mr.
447 Hohenberger stated that his concern is that they lose all control.

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449 Mr. Mark Kovacs addressed the Board to cite RSA 304 that continues allowing the Board of Selectmen to
450 appoint members as they are needed on the Windham Housing Authority. They will be able to control
451 who is on the Board.

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453 Mr. Andy Dufour addressed the Board. Mr. Dufour stated that it keeps coming up that they cannot restrict
454 it to Windham residents. Mr. Dufour stated that people from out of town use Griffin Park all the time; the
455 town cannot restrict access, just like we cannot restrict the housing to be for residents that live here.

456
457 Mr. Wayne Morris asked what the age restriction is; this would be for age 62 and up. Mr. Morris
458 suggested the word rental be added to part of the article.

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460 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 22 to the warrant as amended with the**
461 **changed language (with the word changes and the word” rental” before housing). Seconded by Mr.**
462 **Breton. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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464 **A motion was made by Mr. Breton to recommend Article 22. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 3-1-1.**
465 **Chairman McLeod opposed. Mr. Hohenberger abstained.**

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467 Chairman McLeod is concerned it is a vague give away for minimal funds.

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469 Article 23

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471 Ms. Nikki Bottai addressed the Board. Ms. Bottai stated that she has presented as much data as possible
472 for the Board.

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474 Chairman McLeod stated that Board received a letter from Ms. Renee Mallett and she is in support of the
475 full time assistant clerk.

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477 Ms. Hannah Davis, asked if it would need to be edited as the town clerk is elected. Mr. Hohenberger
478 stated that he is in favor of the request. This will need to go before the DRA. One of the issues is that the
479 default budget does not have funding for the position.

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481 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 23 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
482 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**

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484 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 23. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
485 **5-0. Motion passes.**

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487 The Board discussed getting clarity from DRA.

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489 Article 24

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491 **A motion was made by Mr. Breton to move Article 24 as written to the warrant. Seconded by Mr.**
492 **Samsel. Vote 4-1. Motion passes. Mr. Hohenberger opposed.**

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494 **A motion was made by Mr. Breton to recommend Article 24. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0.**
495 **Motion passes.**

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497 Roger stated that this position has been available for many years and they have not filled the position.

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499 Article 25

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501 Mr. Allen Reed addressed the Board. Mr. Reed stated that if a favorable rate cannot be offered, they will
502 just not go into it. The goal is to have a steady rate over a longer period of time, Standard power provides
503 power to the town, it is a way to stabilize the rates so they are not vulnerable to the wild swings of
504 pricing.

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506 Mr. Samsel asked if they would be automatically put into the program and then they could join.

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508 There are 2 mailers that are part of the RSA according to Mr. Reed. They have the option to opt out. Not
509 everyone is opted in. Eversource and Liberty are opted in.
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511 Vice Chair Partington wanted to thank the Energy Committee for all their efforts on this article.
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513 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 25 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
514 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**
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516 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 25. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
517 **5-0. Motion passes.**
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519 Article 26 (numbering depends on Citizen’s petition; this may get bumped by a Citizen’s petition)
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521 Mr. Andy DuFour asked about adding a column on the see what was expended last year. Mr. McCarthy
522 stated that the town will still be expending the funds until February or March. Mr. DuFour stated that it
523 would be good if the tax payers knew where the money was coming from.
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525 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 26 as amended to the warrant. Seconded**
526 **by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**
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528 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 26. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
529 **5-0. Motion passes.**
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531 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to move Article 00 to the operating budget. Seconded by**
532 **Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.**
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534 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to recommend Article 00. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote**
535 **5-0. Motion passes.**
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537 **A motion was made by Mr. Hohenberger to adjourn at 11:16 pm. Seconded by Mr. Samsel. Vote 5-**
538 **0. Motion passes.**
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540 Respectfully submitted by Anitra Lincicum