

May 25, 2011 Public Hearing
June 8, 2010 Annual Referendum Article
and
2010-2011 Municipal Budget

COUNCIL PRESENT: Oscar Emerson, Audrey Wilcox, Fred Gifford, Lillian Coulter, Nicholas Wood. Town Office staff present, Town Manager Melissa Doane

Public Present: Jeff Labree

Manager Doane reviewed the municipal warrant/ballot for the June 8, 2011 annual referendum

Article 1: is asking the voters to approve \$826,108 to operate the municipal budget for fiscal years 2010-2011. In reviewing the municipal budget the expenses are \$74,752.96 more than this current year. The large increases included a \$21,706 increase in County Tax, \$13,500 hydrant rental and 37,500 increases in the road budget. As the budget will be presented for tax commitment it is \$119,987.96 over the municipal budget cap. The budget cap allowed for a zero increase in taxes because there was a zero cola.

Article 2: is asking for approval to accept and expend grant funds. This article allows Town Council to expend and grant funds that may become available.

Article 3: is asking the voters to approve taking \$120,000 out of undesignated surplus. This is to make a zero effect of taxes for the tax commitment. As of July 1, 2010, there was a balance of \$1,125,488.

Article 4: is asking the voters to approve taking up to \$210,000 out of Town Savings Account to construct a salt and sand facility at 165 Main Street. There is currently a balance of \$474,615.69 in this account.

Article 5: is asking if they approve the budget that was adopted at the latest RSU budget meeting. This budget is to be decided tomorrow night.

Article 6: is asking if the voters want to continue with the budget validation process. When the consolidation law was passed the way school budgets was changed, it is necessary to have a public meeting then vote in secret ballot. This question is asking if voters want to continue to have the referendum/ballot process.

No public comment or questions, Councilor chair Emerson closed the public hearing.

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