

**RESULTS OF THE JACKSON TOWN MEETING
MARCH 14, 2013**

Polls were opened at 8:03 AM and closed at 6:57PM on March 12, 2013 by Moderator Willis Kelley to vote on Articles one through four.

The town meeting was called to order by Moderator Kelley on Thursday, March 14th at 7:02PM. He then led the attendees in the Pledge of allegiance and one verse of God Bless America. Tom Pizor led the group in a moment of prayer and reflection.

Bob Thompson, Selectman recognized outgoing selectman Jerry Dougherty IV and the presented him with several appreciation gifts.

In his opening comments, Moderator Kelley reminded everyone to speak to only the warrant at issue and when making comments to provide their name. He then asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant since we will be reading and addressing each warrant individually. So moved and passed. He then reviewed the results from Tuesday's ballot for articles one through four.

ARTICLE 1: To choose the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Position	Elected Candidate-# of votes
Selectmen for 3 yrs.	Bill Lockard - 208
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 yrs.	Martha Benesh – 60 W-I
Library Trustee for 3 yrs.	Sarah Duffy - 309
Library Trustee for 3 yrs.	Rodger P. Aubrey - 250
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 yrs.	Alicia Hawkes – 361
Financial Auditor for 1 yr.	Dave Mason – 255
School Moderator for 1 yr.	Tim Scott – 358
Member of the School Board for 3 yrs.	Lauren Synnott - 354
Member of the School Board for 1 yr.	Andrew Kearns – 339
School Clerk for 1 yr.	Courtney Coutreau – 6 W-I
School Treasurer for 1 yr.	Christine Thompson – 4 W-I

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Town of Jackson Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board? Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0).

**Reference Proposed Town of Jackson, New Hampshire
BUILDING CODE –
(use to decide articles #2&3)**

THE TOWN OF JACKSON pursuant to RSA 674:51, hereby adopts a process to enforce the New Hampshire State Building Code (NHSBC) and also to establish a Town of Jackson Building Code (“Building Code”) which incorporates the NHSBC for the construction, design, maintenance, and use of all buildings or structures to be erected and the alteration, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, removal, or demolition of all buildings and structures previously erected.

This Building Code is adopted to ensure public safety, health and welfare insofar as they are affected by building construction, through structural strength, adequate means of egress facilities, sanitary equipment, light and ventilation, and fire safety; and, in general to secure safety to life and property from all hazards incident to the design, erection, repair, removal, demolition or use and occupancy of buildings and structures.

The Town of Jackson hereby adopts this Building Code as an ordinance, a local building code, incorporating the NHSBC, as defined in RSA 155-A, as may be amended.

This ordinance is effective as of May 1, 2013.

1. Pursuant to RSA 673:1, V, RSA 673:3, IV, and the NHSBC, the Town hereby establishes the Zoning Board of Adjustment as the Building Code Board of Appeals.

2. Pursuant to RSA 673:1, III, the Town hereby establishes the position of Building Inspector, who shall have the authority to enforce the Building Code as provided in RSA 676:11-13. The Building Inspector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who shall identify the position in the Town governance structure, establish qualifications and the selection process, and shall be compensated according to the level of compensation authorized by the adoption of the annual budget by the Town Meeting.

3. In the conduct of enforcing this ordinance the Building Inspector has the specific authority, responsibility and duty to:

- a. Review and approve building designs and changes thereto.
 - b. Approve or deny the issuance of building permits as required by the Building Code ordinance.
 - c. Conduct required and identified inspections.
 - d. Issue Certificates of Occupancy or Use.
 - e. Issue orders to correct documented deviations from permitted work by:
 1. Violation Notices
 2. Cease and Desist orders
 3. Levy warnings and fines.
 4. Order buildings vacated.
 - f. Engage the Town attorney as deemed necessary and appropriate.
 - g. Maintain a record of approved and/or denied building designs, permits, inspections, and Certificates of Occupancy and Use. All correspondence related to the position of the Building Inspector shall be available to the public unless privileged or confidential.
 - h. Maintain accountability for all fees and financial transactions.
4. Pursuant to RSA 674:51, III (d) and the Building Code, the Board of Selectmen will establish a fee schedule to be charged for building permits, inspections, and Certificates of Occupancy.
5. When the Building Code Ordinance is in conflict with the terms of the Town of Jackson's Zoning Ordinance or Subdivision Regulations, the more restrictive terms shall apply.
6. The adoption of this code shall not be deemed to limit the authority of the local fire authorities to enforce similar or identical provisions that have been adopted as part of the Building Code or as part of the local fire code.
7. All construction must comply with the requirements and regulations of both this Building Code and the Town of Jackson Zoning Ordinance, and may require permitting under the Town of Jackson's Zoning Ordinance. The following work shall be exempt from the Building Code permitting process:
- a. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
 - b. Fences not over six feet high, or retaining walls not over four feet high.
 - c. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
 - d. Painting, wallpapering, tiling, floor coverings, trim, cabinetry, counter tops, moveable cases, counters, and similar finish work.
 - e. Appliances, including repairs and replacement of minor parts that do not alter the equipment or make it unsafe.
 - f. Like-for-like replacement for electrical or plumbing fixtures that do not require "rough-in".
 - g. Non-structural siding and like-for-like replacement of roofing materials.
 - h. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
 - i. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes.
 - j. Swings and playground equipment.
 - k. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall, but not projecting more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and not requiring additional support.
 - l. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve an exit door.
 - m. Ordinary repairs or maintenance of structures, repaving or repair of any previously paved surface or the clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in plumbing supplies or drains. Exempted repairs shall not include the removal or cutting away of any wall, partition, structural beam or load-bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements. Ordinary repairs do not include addition to, alteration of, or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, gas, oil, waste vent or similar piping, electrical wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.
8. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be required to obtain a permit and shall pay fees equal to twice the normal fees charged for that permit.

9. The Building Inspector shall act upon any application promptly and within 30 days after a completed application has been received (60 days for nonresidential applications or residential applications encompassing more than 10 dwelling units). If a permit is denied, the reason for denial shall be clearly stated in writing.

10. A true copy of the building permit shall be conspicuously displayed on the premises for which the permit was granted. The permit shall generally state the nature of the work, and shall remain in place until the project is completed.

11. Appeals of a Building Inspector decision based on an interpretation of the NHSBC, or this Building Code, may be made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment acting as the Building Code Board of Appeals.

12. Permits are valid for one year from the date of issuance. The Building Inspector has the authority to extend a permit upon written request of the property owner for an additional 12 month period.

13. Permits cannot be transferred.

14. In the discharge of their duties, the Building Inspector, Fire Chief, or their authorized representatives shall have the authority to enter any building, structure or premises in the Town to enforce the provisions of this ordinance at any reasonable hour, with the permission of the owner, and leaseholder if any. The Building Inspector shall provide a written statement of cause.

15. The Building Inspector, Fire Chief or authorized representative shall not be personally liable while performing their duties in administration of this ordinance. No oversight or neglect of duty of these officials in administering this ordinance shall legalize any work that fails to conform to this ordinance, or relieve the applicant there from.

16. A building or structure, hereafter erected, shall not be used or occupied in whole or in part until the Certificate of Use and Occupancy shall have been issued by the Building Inspector. A building or structure, hereafter enlarged, extended or altered for change from one use to another, whether in whole or in part, shall not be occupied or used for the change in use until the Certificate of Use and Occupancy has been issued.

Words of explanation: The proposed Building Code would create a process for the enforcement of the State Building Code and any additional regulations thereto, establish the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Building Code Board of Appeals, and establish the position of Building Inspector, who shall have the authority to perform inspections as may be necessary to assure compliance with the State Building Code and issue building permits and certificates of occupancy.

Result of vote: Yes: 277 No: 108

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend paragraph 7 of the (ARTICLE 2) Town of Jackson BUILDING CODE, to exclude single family residential construction from the Building Code Permitting Process. If approved, this article will take effect only if ARTICLE 2 is also approved. Proposed by the Planning Board. Not recommended by the Planning Board (4-3).

If ARTICLES 2 & 3 both pass, the following wording will be inserted as an additional exemption in the **TOWN OF JACKSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE BUILDING CODE - language provided above** as paragraph 7 n. "Single Family Residential Construction"

Words of explanation: Single family dwellings would be exempt from the inspection and permitting process. However, single family dwellings will continue to be required to comply with the provisions of the State Building Code, and with the provisions of the Town of Jackson Zoning Ordinance.

Result of vote: Yes: 139 No: 246

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Jackson Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen's petition, to amend the Jackson Zoning Map to change the zoning district within 500 feet on either side of the traveled center line of public Route 16 north of Eagle Mountain Road from "Village District" to "Rural Residential District." Not recommended by the Planning Board (4-3)

Words of explanation: The land within 500 feet on either side of the traveled center line of public route 16 north of Eagle Mountain Road would be changed from "Village District" to "Rural Residential" District.

Result of vote: Yes: 144 No: 226

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for the purpose of paying the 2013 principal on the bond for the **Public Safety Facility and Salt Shed**. The Sum of \$15,578. to come from the remaining balance of the bond for the Public Safety Facility and Salt Shed. The Sum of \$9,775 to come from the

Unreserved Fund Balance (fund balance as of 12/31/2011 - \$1,013,045) and the remainder of the \$14,648 to be raised from taxes. Requires a vote of 2/3 of the Town by ballot for passage. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV, explained that this is primarily a housekeeping item to use the remaining funds from the bond for the Public Safety Facility and Salt Shed.

Result of ballot vote: Yes: 106 No: 6

While the ballots were being counted, those newly elected individuals present were sworn in with their term to take effect at the end of the business meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended **Operating Budget of the Town** in the amount of **\$1,805,587**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately (see 2013 Budget).

DISCUSSION: Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV explained that by passing article 5, this reduced the budget requirement by \$40K but additional legal expenses are expected from two law suits brought after budget hearings, one by Frank Benesh regarding electioneering and one from Gino Funicella regarding a request under freedom of information. So Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV proposed an amendment to the budget to reduce the budget by only \$20K to \$1,785,587.00. The amendment was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Dick Badger then moved that we add \$5000 in the recreation and parks area of the budget with the intent of those additional funds be made available to the cable channel so we could have town proceedings broadcast. The motion was seconded. Sarah Clemons asked if we pass this, will it permit the selectmen's meetings to be televised. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV indicated that he believes that the proposal we received from Channel 3 to permit this to happen was for \$5000 or \$5500, so unless that proposal has now changed, yes it was feasible.

Vote for amendment to increase bottom line by \$5000 for a total operating budget of **\$1,790,587**. Show of hands Vote was approximately: Yes 48 No 30

Sarah Clemons asked for a clarification that we are now budgeting a total of \$10K specifically for cable television.

Moderator Kelley reminded everyone that all figures in the operational budget are advisory only to the Selectmen.

Vote: (on operating budget of \$1,790,587.00, a net \$15K reduction to the originally proposed budget) Verbal approval

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200,000** to be placed into the existing **Road Re-construction Capital Reserve Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/2012- \$0). Said funds to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (fund balance as of 12/31/11 - \$1,013,045). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** to be placed into the existing **Heavy Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$50,028). The sum of \$100,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (fund balance as of 12/31/2011 - \$1,013,045) and the remainder of the \$25,000 to be raised from taxes. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella asked if we knew the fund balance as of 12/31/2012. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV responded that we don't have an exact figure and so they used a figure that they had a good accounting of. Bob Davis asked if the funds are for a new or used grader. Selectman Bob Thompson indicated it is for a used one. The cost of a new grader is roughly \$300K. Typical used one has about 900 hours on it. The old grader was purchased in 1986 and is difficult to maintain and the type of vehicle needed now is more substantial to handle the workload.

Selectman Thompson provided the details of extensive cost comparisons that have been done looking at new vs. used, lease vs. own, and has determined that purchase of a used grader is the most reasonable approach. Ray Abbott indicated he has been opposed to a grader for a long believing this is more machine than we need, particularly for snow plowing. He indicated he talked to Gene Chandler, selectman in Bartlett, and asked him if there is a possibility for a sharing situation. Gene said he would check into it. Ray sited that there are 850 contractors in the state and they don't use the graders to plow snow. Ray asked that we start thinking about what our taxes are going to be if we continue in this direction and indicated he is very opposed to this item. Bob Thompson indicated that when the current grader was purchased it was stated it was with the specific intent of taking the burden off the two smaller plow trucks. Fred Henry indicated he disagreed with Ray. The size of the equipment does matter, you can't lease these items for only the times you need them and sharing with Bartlett is not feasible because both towns will want the equipment at the same time.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** for the purpose of repairing **Dundee Road**. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the **highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$50,162). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella asked how soon we will need to purchase a new truck. Jay Henry, indicated within the next two years.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,000** for the purpose of **Highway Repair and Reconstruction**. The sum of \$8,200 to come from the Special Revenue Fund known as the Highway Repair and Reconstruction Fund (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$8,263) and the remainder of \$29,800 to be offset with the anticipated State Highway Block Grant received in 2013. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Sarah Kimball asked how this is different from article 7. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV indicated there is a difference. This is money that comes from the state.

Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be deposited into the existing **Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/2012 - \$209,098). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to be deposited in the **State Aid Reconstruction Expendable Trust Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$9,433). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Sarah Kimball asked what this is for. Jay Henry said this is to maintain Rt. 16B. When the town took over the maintenance of this road from the state, it was determined that whatever monies the town puts into the fund, the state will match.

Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,503** for the support of the **Jackson Public Library**. The sum of \$52,553 to be raised from taxation and the remainder, \$16,950 to come from library trust funds and gifts. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Ray Abbott commented that when the library was built it was indicated that the library would be self-sustaining. Edith Houlihan, library treasurer, responded that the \$1.2M building was all paid for with private funds but the \$42,000 in employee salaries and the \$10,000 annual utilities/elevator operations have always been paid for by the town. The town owns the building and these funds are to permit the operation.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the **Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 – 17,675). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to be deposited in the **Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$5,728). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,981** to be deposited into the **Baker Prospect Farm Trust** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 – \$50,616). Said funds to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (fund balance as of 12/31/11 - \$1,013,045), which represents the same income amount of \$8,980 from the Baker Prospect Farm’s 2012 timber sales. Conservation Commission is in favor. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Tish Hanlon asked what these funds are used for. Larry Siebert of the conservation commission reported that the revenues are collected from timber tax on that property and are used, as an example, to maintain and provide signage on the publically used property.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,535** to be placed in the **Transfer Site Buildings & Recycling Equipment Expendable Trust Fund** (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$86,014). Said funds to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (fund balance as of 12/31/11 - \$1,013,045). Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella pointed out that in the 1991-2 timeframe, Peter Kelly saw to it that \$49K was authorized for scales at the transfer station. Gino recommends the selectmen talk to Bartlett to get them to kick in some funds for scales since we are losing so much money on the sale of items without accurate scales.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing a septic system, supplying water to, and maintenance of the Old Library building to be known as the **Old Library Capital Reserve Fund** and raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in said fund; and furthermore, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Edith Houlihan addressing the selectmen indicated it was her understanding that we don’t set aside a capital reserve fund for maintenance. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV replied that the Old Library committee came to the selectmen and asked this be put on the warrant. A question was asked what the building is used for. Joan Aubrey, member of the Old Library Committee, replied there are social functions using the building. Clerk note inserted: There is a complete report of usage on page 70 of the 2012 Town Report. Dick Badger commented that the installation of a septic system would enhance the building. Betsy Harding added that it’s a valuable building to preserve. Steven Weeder asked what the status of the septic is. Joan Aubrey indicated if it was easy, it would be done. There are options they are pursuing and alternatives if those don’t come thru. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV indicated that \$5000 was approved last year to study the options and \$2500 of those funds are still available. Susan May, Old Library Committee member, indicated that the building needs painting and preservation work to keep it a viable structure.

Vote: Verbal approval – unanimous.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the purpose of developing the Master Plan and build-out analysis. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella indicated the plan was done 10 year ago worked out well. Sarah Kimball indicated that the town is obligated to do an update of the master plan every 10 years and this will permit that to happen.

Vote: Verbal approval.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the purpose of controlling the spread of Knot Weed on Town properties and roads through the use of herbicides and other methods. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Someone asked what knot weed is and Larry Garland asked why is the article written exclusive to knot weed? Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV explained what knot weed is and indicated that for several years we have addressed other invasive plants. Martha Benesh noted the knot weed as very bad at the top of Carter Notch Road and asked what “other methods” in the warrant article are. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV responded: cutting then spraying. He went on to explain that there is a lot of debate as to the best way to tackle this problem, pulling up the plant actually spreads the roots. Dick Badger confirmed that in the past 5 years it has grown dramatically. Phil Davies explained that the knot weed targeted is along the sides of scenic roads. Application would be by a licensed person with a backpack sprayer to limit spraying to the knotweed and not surrounding vegetation. Ann Kantack asked if there was something other than Round Up. Phil indicated there are two chemicals: Habitat which was used on the Gray's Property and can be used in wetlands mixed along with some Round Up. The two together do a better job than one alone. Jeff Maynard shared that his brother died at age 39 from a career of chemical spraying. Joanne Brooks added that we will trust the selectmen on this but their plot of knotweed is next to the brook which some people draw drinking water from. She asked that the town use caution.

Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,358** for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Jackson. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Ray Abbott asked if there is someone who could speak to this article. Edith Houlihan white Mt community health volunteer, responded that WMCH provides care to everyone, regardless of financial situation. This request from them is our small contribution. Dick Badger spoke positively for the services this organization provides.

Vote: Verbal vote (unanimous)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$716** for the support of Northern Human Services to assist The Mental Health Center. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Dr. Angus Badger felt this was a small sum for the services provided. Selectman Bob Thompson indicated that this was the amount the organization requested in their petition. Dr. Badger moved to amend the amount to **\$1500**. The motion was seconded by Frank Benesh. Moderator Kelly confirmed that we can amend the amount but not change the intent of any warrant article.

Vote on amendment: Verbal approval (unanimous)

Vote on article as amended: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** to support Jackson home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella spoke to the benefit of this program

Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Jackson. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Gino Funicella asked the amount be amended to \$6000 because of the cost of fuel and the need. Larry Garland asked how much was spent last year and the answer is we don't know. Ray Abbott doesn't feel this increase is appropriate. Dick Badger asked if the selectmen reviewed the petition articles to determine that the need is valid. Selectman Chair, Jerry Dougherty IV indicated that they considered each warrant article and added that Jackson usually doesn't see the return for this payment. Ken Kimball recommended that Tri County be encouraged to focus on weatherization not just pour money into fuel for poorly insulated homes.

Vote on amendment to increase to \$6000: Verbal defeat

Vote on original article valued at \$3000. Verbal approval

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the Early Supports and Services Program (birth to 3 years) of Children Unlimited, Inc. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$679** in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** for the Eastern Slope Airport Authority for its use in maintaining and improving the Eastern Slope Regional Airport. ESAA is a non-profit organization committed to foster, encourage and assist in the location, settlement or resettlement of industry, manufacturing and other business enterprises in the locality surrounding the site of the public airport. Submitted by petition. Selectmen are in favor (3-0-0)

DISCUSSION: Mike Zack spoke in support. Tom Pizor asked for confirmation this is the airport in Fryeburg – it is. Vote: Verbal approval

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Public Safety Facility Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2005. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund (fund balance as of 12/31/12 - \$4,651). Majority vote required.

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Public Safety Building Expendable Trust Fund** created in 2005. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund (fund balance as of 12/31/12 \$1,435). Majority vote required.

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Sand and Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund (fund balance as of 12/31/12 \$3,687). Majority vote required.

DISCUSSION: none Vote: Verbal approval (unanimous)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to pass the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the founders intended that government should be answerable to, controlled by, and dependent upon "the people alone" (James Madison, Federalist No. 52, 1788); and

WHEREAS, the influence of corporate and other moneyed interests on the political process has diminished the dependency on the people alone;

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Jackson, New Hampshire instruct Jackson's state representatives to call for, and Jackson's congressional representatives to propose, an amendment to the United States Constitution declaring that; the rights and protections afforded to citizens by the Constitution of the United States apply only to natural persons, and; the federal and state legislatures shall have the authority to regulate and limit, but not ban, all expenditures from any source supporting or opposing the election of any candidate for federal or state office, or for any initiative or referendum. Jackson's state legislators are instructed to ratify such a constitutional amendment.

IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Selectmen shall immediately and on the twenty-first of January of each year, until Congress has proposed an amendment and such amendment is ratified by the state, send a written notice to Jackson's congressional delegation, and to Jackson's state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents. Submitted by petition.

DISCUSSION: Frank Benesh spoke against this because of unintended consequences. The statement has sweeping affect against corporations, organization like Tin Mountain, even an organization like a school. This is so sweeping that while you may not agree with Citizen's United, this is not the way to tackle this. Selectman Chair Jerry Dougherty IV commented that this is a non-binding article. Betsey Harding indicated she was one of the original signers. Their intent was to talk about the rights of citizens. When you look at the amount of money contributed to the political process by the large corporations, our individual contributions and voice is not heard. Corporations can't go to jail, we can. Ray Abbott in a rare move joined Frank Benesh opposing this article.

Vote: Verbal defeat

ARTICLE 33: To act upon other business which may legally come before this meeting.

DISCUSSION: Judy Botsford requested a public address system be used next year as there were comments made in the back of the room which she couldn't hear. The selectmen noted that last year they had used microphones and were asked not to use them in the future. Dick Badger wished to thank those who have served and those who have volunteered and those elected. Jerry Dougherty III recognized Ray Abbott, one of the longest serving members of the community who recently retired from the planning board. He served numerous years as a selectman and as moderator. Ray received a standing ovation.

Moderator Kelley asked that the meeting be dissolved at 8:54PM. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of April in the year Two Thousand Thirteen.

Jerome Dougherty IV

John Allen

Bob Thompson
Town of Jackson Board of Selectmen

Jeanette Heidmann, Town Clerk
A true copy attest