

RESULTS OF THE JACKSON TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 2019

Polls were opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 7:00 PM on March 12, 2019 by Moderator Willis Kelley to vote on Article One.

Moderator Kelley officially opens the continued town meeting for the business of the deliberative portion of the meeting for the year 2019. Moderator Kelley then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and one verse of God Bless America. Chief Chris Perley led the group in a moment of prayer and reflection. Moderator Kelley thanks all for coming those who have volunteered this past year for Town, State and General Elections.

Article 01 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Selectmen for 3 yrs.	Barbara Campbell – 182
Trustees of the Trust Funds for 3 yrs.	Chris McAleer - 250
Trustees of Cemeteries for 3 yrs.	Alicia Hawkes (W-I) - 81
Library Trustee for 3 yrs.	Roger Aubrey - 241
Library Trustee for 3 yrs.	Fred Tompkins – 209
Supervisor of the Checklist for 5 yrs.	Fred Tompkins – 246
Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 yrs.	Denise Sachse – 253
Supervisor of the Checklist for 1 yr.	Kevin Donohoe – 244
School Moderator for 1 yr.	Sacha Tracey – 249
Member of the School Board for 3 yrs.	Jerry Dougherty – 249
School Treasurer for 1 yr.	Christine Thompson – 266
School Clerk for 1 yr.	Gino Funicella (W-I) – 6

Article 02 AMENDMENT #1 - ZONING ORDINANCE

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to revise the definition of "Private Road" contained in Section 3.31 as follows: "A traveled way not open to public use as a matter of right for vehicular travel, the maintenance and repair of which shall be borne by the subdivider, or land owners using the Private Road."

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

Vote: Passed

Article 03

AMENDMENT #2 - ZONING ORDINANCE

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to revise Section 4.3, District Regulations, Subsection 4.3.1, Rural - Residential District, Subsection 4.3.1.3, Frontage, to state that "Each lot shall have Frontage on a State or Town highway with a Class I, II, III, IV or V classification, or Private Road constructed to Town standards as required by the Planning Board. The minimum distance for Frontage shall be no less than 200 feet except where a road cul-de-sac dictates a shorter Frontage of not less than 100 feet and satisfactory to the Planning Board."

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

Vote: Passed

Article 04

AMENDMENT #3 - ZONING ORDINANCE

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 3 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to amend Section 8, Cluster Single-Family Development and Multi-Family Residential Development, Subsection 8.1, Purpose, to state that "The purpose of this Section is to encourage flexibility and variety in residential development in order to promote more efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features; to make more economical the provision of roads, water, septic disposal and other services; to promote designs which enhance the privacy, safety and enjoyment of residents; to provide for a diversified housing stock; and to preserve Open Space."

Also to amend Subsection 8.2.6, General Requirements, to state "Open Space in developments approved under this Section shall be Common Land amounting to a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the total area of the lot or parcel being developed. Developments creating Affordable or Workforce Housing units in compliance with Section 10 are only required to set aside a minimum of twenty-five (25) percent of the parcel as Common Land."

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

Vote: Passed

Article 05

AMENDMENT #4 - ZONING ORDINANCE

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 4 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to amend Section 10, Affordable or Workforce Housing, as follows:

Subsection 10.3, Procedures, shall be amended to state "The Planning Board is authorized to review and approve plans for creation of Affordable or Workforce Housing in two ways:

10.3.1 Creation of Affordable or Workforce Housing as part of a Cluster Single-Family Development or Multi-Family Residential Development in the same manner specified in Section 8 of this Ordinance, as applicable, except as modified in this Section.

10.3.2 Creation of Affordable or Workforce Housing through the creation of new individual lots.

Subsection 10.4, Affordable or Workforce Housing Criteria, Subsection 10.4.1, Minimum Number of Affordable Units shall be amended to add the following language before the existing text: Minimum Number of Affordable Units created within a Cluster Single-Family Development or Multi-Family Residential Development in compliance with Section 8 of this Ordinance: [existing wording]

Subsection 10.6 Affordable Housing Incentives for This Section, Subsection 10.6.2, Areas and Dimensions, shall be amended as follows:

10.6.2.1 The Planning Board is authorized to permit the following incentives for Cluster Single-Family Development or Multi-Family Residential Development provided that the criteria in Section 10.5 are met, except that as an incentive to develop Affordable or Workforce Housing units, the cluster parcel may have as little as 150 feet of frontage along a State or Town highway with a classification of I, II, III, IV or V or Private Road.

10.6.2.2 A single lot created for an Affordable or Workforce Housing unit may have as little as 125 feet of frontage along a public or Private Road.

10.6.3 Water and Sewer Requirements, shall be amended as follows: As an incentive to develop Affordable or Workforce Housing units, the minimum size of the individual lot or the maximum number of lots permitted in a Cluster Development shall be determined by utilizing current NH Department of Environmental Services standards for the quantity of land necessary to provide a proper and adequate water supply and septic disposal system for each development containing Affordable or Workforce Housing units.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

Vote: Passed

Article 06 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended Operating Budget of the Town in the amount of \$2,202,923 not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Office of the Selectmen: No Comments

Office of the Town Clerk: No Comments

Financial Administration: No Comments

Assessing: Sarah Clemons when is our complete revaluation going to be done? Moderator Kelley states it is 20% minimum of the town every year with 5 year increments and its totally done and it and it starts all over again. Is the group being assessed every year being notified of the new assessments of their property?

Legal: Beth Funicella I noticed it is the same amount that was put in last year. Why so much when the actual was \$8,210. Do we have any pending law suits and why is there so much in the budget? Selectmen Thompson there is a potential litigation with a past police incident but nothing at this time. It was recommended to us to keep the same amount for that reason.

Personnel Administration: No Comments

Planning & Zoning Boards: No Comments

General Government Parks & Buildings: No Comments

Cemeteries: No Comments

Insurance: No Comments

Building Inspection: No Comments

Police: Sarah Clemons would like to know the increase, it is her understanding that we are going back to a four police officers for full time coverage and if this means we will have 24/7 coverage. Which we will have coverage from 11-7 instead of just daylight hours or until 10pm. Is that correct? Chief Perley is trying to get us back to the level of coverage that was approved by the body in 2016 and that I also believe that we could provide in 2017 when I took over the police department. In 2016, the Town of Jackson approved three full time officers and two 20 hours a week part time officers. That would effectively give you four officers to cover a period of time. In 2017, I had myself, Ryan and Sargent Boothby and we had a combination of part timers that could have worked an additional 40 hours. We had some labor shortages and we have relied on the kindness of strangers for some period of time, in that the Sheriff's Department and State Police would help us out in off hours. That came to a halt last year because the State Police had a substantial labor reduction. The State Police started rolling troopers off at midnight which considered with the Sheriff's Department because they had two resignations. Four people will give you 16 hours a day seven days a week. In round numbers from 6am to 11pm now that is subject to change backwards and forwards and if you approve the allocation we will probably rock it back to five in the morning to 10 or 11 at night. Currently we have a labor gap from two in the morning until five in the morning. I want calls in Jackson to answered by Jackson officers that's why I came up with this proposal and why I want this to happen.

Gino Funicella I was going through your police logs for last year, 849 building checks which appears to be a lot of your work. Why do you check them? Chief Perley this group do not sit ideally by in 2016 there was 1,617 calls for service, in 2017 there was over 2,300 and last year there was 3,305 calls for service. We doubled production with half the people by rights we should have had six full timers and four part timers to get the same bang for your buck. House checks is an online house check program if you go away, you can sign up, tell us when you're away, who's coming and going, lights on/off and cars that are supposed to be there. And we come and check on your house.

Ambulance: No Comments

Fire: No Comments

Emergency Management: No Comments

Highway Administration: No Comments

Highway: No Comments

Street Lighting: No Comments

Solid Waste Disposal: No Comments

Animal Control: No Comments

Public Welfare: No Comments

Library: Debra Sincere does that include the old and new library. Moderator Kelley the old library is the classification of the old building; the library is the current location over the selectmen's office.

Other Conservation: No Comments

Other Culture & Recreation: No Comments

Parks & Recreation: No Comments

Debt Service: Sam Harding I see Bond Principal for \$40,000 and Bond Interest for \$21,300 seems like a lot. Is this per year? Selectmen Bennett the \$40,000 is paid towards our debt and the \$21,300 is the interest on the remainder of that debt. So it isn't \$21,300 interest on \$40,000. It was a million dollars to start with so we paid off \$40,000 and we are paying \$21,300 in interest on the debt.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 07

APPROPRIATIONS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$258,500 dollars to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

- 1) Fire Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund * \$80,000 ----- (0003 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$266,379.69)
- 2) Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund * \$65,000----- (0064 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$34,038.10)
- 3) Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund * \$50,000----- (0048 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$176,020.95)
- 4) Bartlett / Jackson Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund * \$10,000----- (0070) - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$5,273.40)
- 5) Heavy Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund * \$30,000----- (0068 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$153,450.31)
- 5) Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund * \$15,500----- (0027 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$32,395.20)
- 6) Revaluation of Town Property Capital Reserve Fund * \$8,000----- (0004 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$45,974.19)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Selectmen Thompson would like to speak briefly regarding Item 5 under Article 07 Heavy Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund where we are asking you to contribute \$30,000 on that item. We are currently using a sidewalk machine in our town the last couple of weeks we've been offered the opportunity to try out on our Jackson mile long loop. The sidewalks from time to time we've had plenty of input at Town Meeting and Regular Meetings and from citizens who like using that sidewalk. Our students from our grammar school use the sidewalk across the bridge. Up until two years ago we had a gentleman with a sidewalk machine who was tasked and contracted with taking care of the sidewalks. The contract called for the sidewalk to be addressed within 24 hours of the last snow fall. Sometimes when they would get their things would be iced over, conditions would not be necessarily favorable waiting that long to remove the snow. His machine broke and he was no longer in a position to sign the contract. We put the contract out to bid last year, we had one response. It looks like we will not have the same person interested in signing a contract to maintain that sidewalk next winter. The contract is currently for \$7,200 per winter. The machine, if you have seen it over the last couple of weeks is the right tool for the job. It cost \$123,800 its last year's model and the last one available in the state. Next winter that same model will probably \$153,000. The older model will come with a five-year warranty normally a one-year warranty adding four years to the warrantee to make the sale. A lot of this

information has cropped up since the second budget meeting, so we don't feel it's appropriate to go ahead and spend that kind of money for that kind of machine to maintain a one-mile loop in town without some input at town meeting. Yes, we have the money in the capital reserve fund to make the purchase, what we want to know is if we can get a general feel or will of the legislative body to do that. Gay Howe before any of us can make a reasonable decision on that, what other heavy equipment purchases are coming along? Selectmen Thompson the money that is currently being put into the capital reserve fund is earmarked for grader replacement that's about 3 or 4 years down the road. It's the backhoe in 2021.

Tish Hanlon, regarding wages do you feel that the budget would increase in wages for the town crew to handle that? Selectmen Thompson we've already been committing quite a bit of labor to helping keep that sidewalk open. After a storm we tried it out and it took 45 minutes to snow blow.

Bill Wogisch so this machine will be operated by our employees. Selectmen Thompson that's correct. If you walk that loop, the inside part of that loop is pretty iced up and angled in a number of different spots. So if you keep on it you're going to have a much better product without that iced up angle. Ginger Bailey how long will this piece of equipment going to last. Selectmen Thompson they commonly got a 20-year life and may even be longer than that based on the amount of use its going to get and based on the quality of maintenance that comes out of our highway department. So we can do some math and say \$7,200 a year that machines going to actually pay for itself before it would ever need to be replaced. And save us some money between years 16 and 20.

Jerry Dougherty III, any consideration given to leasing this equipment. Selectmen Thompson this particular machine doesn't come with a lease offer on it to the best of my knowledge. Patrick Kelley it does have a lease option but Julie Atwell was saying you can't lease it out of a Capital Reserve Fund and that's where the money is available. Robert Burton going across the state bridge on Rt. 16 and how that's narrow there, does that thing have any option to angle it so that it can get that clean or is that always going to be the way it's been? Selectmen Thompson the state bridge on Rt. 16 is always been a pain and the state bridge on Rt. 16 is scheduled to be redone in about a year and a half. I think it's the summer of 2020 their targeting. I don't think they're going to get to it this year. Patrick Kelley it's pretty narrow and with the traffic and snow conditions it's pretty hard to do. Our snow policy that has been around for a very long time says we don't do anything on that bridge. If we can do something, it's a plus and if we can't because it's too dangerous cause of trucks then it doesn't get done.

Melissa Grady you cannot put a price tag on safety, I accompany the children across the bridge over to ski touring, it's not that safe and it's difficult to cross that bridge by the old library. I think it's money well spent and a fantastic idea. Betsy Harding, I support what Melissa Grady said and Jackson is known as a recreation town so a lot of people are walking around the village. It's really critical the liability would be far more expensive. Chris McAleer is there any other utility for this piece of equipment? Selectmen Thompson it has a heavy duty mower deck and a hopper for the sand, plow attachment and a blower. Larry Garland line Item 1 is that a typo is it supposed to be \$8,000 or \$80,000? Moderator Kelley it is a typo should be \$80,000.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 08

APPROPRIATIONS TO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,000 dollars to be placed in the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established:

- 1) Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund * \$25,000----- (0028 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$56,792.26)
- 2) State Aid Reconstruction Expendable Fund * \$30,000----- (0058 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$9,436.75)
- 3) Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund * \$82,000----- (0034 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$93,036.91)
- 4) Dry Hydrant Expendable Trust Fund * \$5,000----- (0049 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$24,756.52)
- 5) Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund * \$3,000----- (0051 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$1,959.07)
- 5) Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund * \$3,000----- (0046 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$1,892.93)
- 6) Melloon Road Ground Water Expendable Trust Fund * \$3,000----- (0071 - Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 \$3,017.58)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Gino Funicella seven or eight years ago we were told by the EPA that the testing on Melloon Road would end in a few years that was like 2010. Selectmen Thompson it gets a clean bill of health when it gets tested and they have made it clear that we continue to test.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 09

SOCIAL SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,560 to support the following:

- 1) Children Unlimited - \$4,000
- 2) Tri-County Community Action - \$3,000
- 3) Jackson Chamber of Commerce - Fireworks - \$3,000
- 4) The Gibson Center - \$2,500
- 5) White Mountain Community Health - \$1,279
- 6) Starting Point - \$1,765
- 7) Conway Area Humane Society - \$2,000
- 8) Jackson Chamber of Commerce - Beautification Project - \$1,000
- 9) Northern Human Services - \$716
- 10) Eastern Slope Regional Airport - \$300

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Jack Tracy it says social services and I have a hard time with problem with number ten Eastern Slope Airport benefits. I would like to propose an amendment counsel said I should propose \$300 to be deduct

it from the \$19,560. Unless someone is here to tell me why it's more important to spend money on an airport than our neighbors, then I cannot support this. Selectmen Thompson it is under Social Services because we use that as an evacuation airstrip when we have a medical need to transport somebody to Dartmouth Hitchcock or Maine Medical Center. That's why it's considered social services. Selectmen Allan we used to pay a \$500 stipend to have some skin in the game, they reduced it to \$300 this year. Ann Kantack when has it ever been used for medical? Besides the rescue and medical use of the helicopters it is a refueling station for both civilian search and rescue and military search and rescue and that has been used on a regular basis for refueling. I believe the town uses the refueling services there for some of its generator equipment because of the type of low lead fuel that's sold there. Fire Chief Henry my father had to be flown to Maine Med about five years ago. It was the middle of winter in a snowstorm, they flew from Maine Med to Fryeburg during a freak storm. Jack Tracy would like to remove \$300 from \$19,560 for a total of \$19,260 because I still do not buy these arguments that are being made. Betsey Harding Seconded. Motion has been moved and seconded to reduce the Amendment from \$19,560 to \$19,260.

Vote as amended: Amendment is defeated.

Peter Benson is there anyone here from the Human Society and why they're requesting a 100% increase from last year? Selectmen Thompson every social service connected with this article was invited to come tonight and encouraged to come. Peter Benson would like to reduce that budget by \$1,000 and keep the original \$1,000. So I would recommend appropriating \$18,560. Moderator Kelley we have an amendment to reduce this article by \$1,000 it is directed to reduce in the area of the Human Society. Betsy Harding seconded it. Angus Badger the selectmen have all recommended passage of this, there must be a formula for that \$2,000 represents. Usually the social services represent a fraction of the budget or a usage fee by the town. Can you speak to how they came to that \$2,000 when they come to you during the budget season. Selectmen Thompson they felt they needed an extra grand we did not get an explanation from them on why they needed more.

Vote as amended: Amendment is defeated.

Sasha Tracy I thought it was customary for the organizations that were on our warrant to have to have a representative at town meeting or budget hearing. Julie Atwell a lot of the people gave the information to the selectmen a backup for these articles but several did not.

Ryan Somerfield from Tri-County Cap – Thank you for your continued support for many years towards our fuel assistance program. Last year we served twelve households in Jackson for a total of about \$19,000. Some of that is state funded, but this \$3,000 contribution helps with overhead cost and helps us distribute the funds and potentially work the program year over year. So if there are any questions, I happy to answer them and I'll leave my card. Barbara Campbell is here representing Children Unlimited and the Gibson Center and that we do attend every town meeting that we apply for money. It is time consuming but it is the responsibility of the organization to represent. Every town asks for different information so it's not standardized but it asks for a lot of detail and it justifies what we are asking for. I

think it would be wonderful to hear from a representative from everyone who is asking for money and they should come to the budget and town meetings. Moderator Kelley says it cannot be mandated.

Vote: Verbal Approval

Article 10

VALLEY CROSS ROAD BRIDGE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$872,361 for the purpose of replacing the Valley Cross Road Bridge with \$697,889 (80%) by participating in the State Aid Bridge Grant Program with the town's share of \$174,472 (20%) to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 11

TOWN REVALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of a Town wide revaluation and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

DISCUSSION:

Bob Burton was that covered under one of the other line items?

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 12

GENERATORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Fire Department. \$7,500 will be refunded by a state grant and \$7,500 will come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Karen Burton we did this for the Town did we get our reimbursement for the town portion (*state reimbursement*) yet? Julie Atwell we have not submitted because we have not finished it yet.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 13

CEMETERY - DUNDEE FENCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,100 for the purpose of replacing the Dundee Cemetery fence and further authorize the withdrawal of \$7,100 from the Cemetery Trust Funds. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Chris McAleer clarified these are private funds not town funds.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 14

SOLAR ENERGY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and execute any and all agreements which they deem necessary and appropriate and in the best interests of the Town, including up to a 20-year site license, for Solar Energy, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for a solar energy system that will serve the Town of Jackson municipal facilities.

Explanation: This action would allow the Town of Jackson to acquire a solar energy system at no upfront cost. During the first six years of the PPA, the Town would purchase solar electricity at rates comparable to the Town's current utility rates. In the seventh year, the Town would have the opportunity to buy the system for approximately 60% of the upfront cost of the system. The on-site solar energy generation would offset the majority of the Town's electricity needs, saving the Town roughly \$400,000 over 40 years, and reducing carbon emissions by more than 74,000 pounds annually.

DISCUSSION:

Scott Badger what is the upfront cost of the system and the second question is in your calculations did you take into account the degradation of the panels? Selectmen Thompson we do have a representative from Revision Solar Energy (*Revision Energy*) who made themselves available for anyone with questions tonight. Jo Sorrell from Revision Energy the upfront cost is zero because it's a power purchase agreement there is no upfront costs you're simply paying electricity; you're paying the energy rate. At year seven you're paying 60% of the turn key. That price tag right now we're hovering around \$108,000. The lifetime of the system we have modeled at forty years and for the energy generation we have taken into account degradation we see about half percent degradation of the productivity of the system every year. And that's a little bit more than we see. Betsy Harding is the \$108,000 is that the 60% in or the total upfront costs. Jo Sorrell that's the 60%. Bill Wogisch does that include the installation of the product and where will it be installed? They will not be on buildings right? Jo Sorrell as the system is designed now, it is designed to sit on buildings. Selectmen Thompson the system will be on the backside of the Town Garage and on the backside of the Town Office. Those two systems together will provide enough electricity to meet the needs of all of the town metered from gazebo, library, town office, highway department it doesn't address the school. We had a conversation about that a little bit late in the game. Fred Tompkins who is responsible for maintaining the system that gets blown down by strong wind or something cracks through the unit. For six years who pays and after that the town pays how does that work? Jo Sorrell while you're in PPA Revision operates and maintains the system. Once the town purchases out they have the option to continue working with us through

operations and maintenance agreements or whoever the town chooses to work with. Gerry Dougherty III, where are the solar panels you intend to use manufactured? Jo Sorrell great question, quite a few different places right now we have product coming from South Korea, India they move around depending on where the US is putting tariffs on panels at the time. Jerry Dougherty IV, you're asking us to kind of make a leap of faith a little bit with this. If we vote in favor of this tonight which we're encouraged to do. It's not a done deal, there's something in this that doesn't look right to the selectmen we're being asked to approve a multi-year contract before we even know what the contract is. You're going to take a long hard look at the contracts and make sure it's in the best interest of the Town of Jackson before you jump into this project I'm assuming. If we vote for this tonight and something goes wrong the selectmen you would still be able to pull out of the agreement considering there is not contract that even exists yet correct.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 15

SOLAR ENERGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Solar Energy System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a future purchase of the Solar Energy System and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION:

Laurel Smith where did you come up with the sum of \$5,000 if in six years the system would cost \$108,000.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

Article 16

PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish and implement a mandatory "Pay-As-You-Throw" trash disposal program.

DISCUSSION:

Emily Benson asking if Bartlett is doing it as well. Selectmen Thompson they do not have a warrant article on it this year. They put a warrant article on it some point in the mid 90's and the voters voted it down. Emily Benson how is this going to be monitored? Bob Thompson not with staff, we'll put signage up and maybe there's a security camera that focuses on license plates. We're not turning into an enforcement body up there. That's not what that staff was designed to do. Towns that have successfully implemented this that are of a similar size have basically told us when we engaged in conversation with them that after a breaking in period that things went rather smoothly. Deb Sincere I was looking at this and why should we pay to throw trash away, my concern as a conservationist is paying to throw recycling away. The cost of recycling is skyrocketing because there is no place to put it. So why aren't we trying to encourage people to reduce things that are costly. Selectmen Thompson that's exactly what

this proposal would do. We really don't have an ordinance requiring recycling right now we have an operating plan of the transfer station. According to the staff up there their estimating that 75% of the people in our town comply with recycling and 25% don't. They feel that the numbers are a little bit lower in Bartlett more like 60/40. How do you mandate something that cannot be mandated? Robert Burton the people that come here on the weekends don't care if they are paying \$10 a bag to throw the stuff in a dumpster, who will benefit? They guy who legitimately pulled everything out and throws into the recycling and we do have a couple of bags that we pay \$5 a piece to throw into the dumpster. What numbers look like since we improved the recycling situation up there. Are we using more dumpsters going up to the landfill or less? What do our numbers look like over the last couple of years? Jerry Dougherty III, you mentioned that July 1st was when you put in the new recycling center have you noticed that tipping fees have gone down since you put that in? Selectmen Thompson we have not seen a reduction in tipping fees but we have seen an increase in recycling revenue. For the first time we ended up with a truck load of bails from aluminum cans that went out. Jerry Dougherty III if the stated goal was to reduce the tipping fees and you find the tipping fees if it's approved the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW the tipping fees are not reduced would you then discontinue the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW. Selectman Thompson well the legislative body here is who is going to vote on whether we want to do this. They can certainly vote to rescind that if they don't like the data. That will be different than the data from any other town that has implemented PAY-AS-YOU-THROW in our state. Richard Sincere the transfer group up there are great. What we should really do is charge people for using plastic which is the point. Angus Badger can you speak to how much of the \$118,000 budget this year do you think will offset with PAY-AS-YOU-THROW I'm a little concerned that detail is not in the article. I think a lot of the costs at the transfer station are fixed and this will unfairly put the costs on people with year round homes verses those with vacation homes. They certainly use it a lot less but there a fixed cost that every property owner needs to assume. Until I see how that's going to be broken down and what percentage of the budget you're going to offset, I cannot support this article. Selectmen Thompson it will offset the hauling and rental fees and tipping fees which are under the solid waste disposal part of the budget. Jim Lewkowicz do you have bottom line on how much you predict the town will save? Selectmen Thompson we predict that the town will save all the hauling costs and tipping fees and this year you budgeted for \$20,000 for the hauling fee and you approved \$40,000 for the tipping fees. Bill Wogisch we have a partnership with Bartlett, we are partners in a property up there, partners in the ambulance those people should be made to participate in this program it's not right because we will get hit by the freeloaders. Selectman Thompson wait until your bag that isn't a PAY-AS-YOU-THROW bag ends up in their dumpster and they'll end up probably wanting to support this next year. Lancaster said their costs dropped by \$50,000. Jerry Dougherty IV, I think when we are asking about costs there are two different costs. We are wondering how much the tipping fees are going to be going down not for the town but for all of us because we are all paying the money so are we going to reduce the amount of tonnage that we are sending to the landfill is that one of the stated goals. Since last July 1st how many less tons are we been sending to the landfill because we are already recycling for. And the other costs that we are asking, that you also cannot tell us is that your talking about eliminating the tipping fees in the budget because you get revenue to cover that. But we pay for that revenue so my costs are not going to go down, my costs are probably going to go up. There's about 750 people that live in this town all the time and there's about 2200 homes, so most of my tipping fees are being spread out through many more people that are going to be paying for that. So my out of pocket for the year my taxes are not going to go

down. I'd be willing to spend more money if I'm assured that it's going to help the environment. I'm not certain that it is. Selectmen Thompson everything that you send over to the landfill gets buried in the ground and that's why some states have adopted PAY-AS-YOU-THROW. Vermont is a PAY-AS-YOU-THROW state, so your reducing your solid waste by recycling more. If 75% of the people are recycling relatively thoroughly then 25% aren't. We've only been set up to take office paper for the last couple of months. We weren't able to put it anywhere to keep it dry. We got information out on Enews so the three-year renovation project up there has not been fully functional and then when we had nowhere to store our bails because our storage trailers hadn't arrived yet because the ground hadn't dried up enough to store the bails we could only bail so much. Malcolm Badger can you give us the three numbers for the average cost for the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW bag, average cost for the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW Biodegradable bag and average cost of the bag we are all are pretty much using now. We are already buying trash bags to put stuff in and this program is having us buy different bags. If it's only a thirty cent cost difference I don't know why we are having this long conversation about it, but if it's five-dollar more then it may be really important to talk about it. Selectmen Thompson when I costed out the bags at Hannaford for 33 gallon bags that are designed to be filled with 25 pounds' worth of product I costed out the bags to about .23 cents each and as a consumer you will pay an extra .77 cents for that bag. Yes, you are replacing a cost that you're already incurring. Lori Stearns when I first got the pamphlet about the paper bag I felt positively about it because we want to encourage people to recycle more and then the changes at the recycling station are so arduous for the person up there now because you have to separate your papers up there and it's becoming more and more difficult to recycle. I really feel that the best way for us to encourage more recycling is to improve the ease of recycling so that you can dump all your papers in one container and all your recyclables together. Gino Funicella, Bill Wogisch made a comment about Bartlett not participating in this, just a trip down memory lane back in 1990 or 1991 the Town of Jackson put \$50,000 + in the budget for scales for the transfer station. Bartlett at the time refused and continued to refuse even though the agreed at the time to provide scales themselves. Before we do anything like this we should ensure that Bartlett A) is not only along for the ride B) go back into the business of putting scales in there. Because we are blowing a lot more money than we ever are going to save with a bag. Joanne Brooks is it possible to have a probation period of one year where we all buy into this and vote it in tonight for one-year trial basis? Betsy Harding does it make a difference to us if Bartlett does not participate and we do, does our through away trash get weighed differently than they are. Selectmen Thompson no they are completely separate and there is no difference. Moderator Kelly I don't want to give you the wrong opinion but I really sense I think what your hearing is you don't have got enough information to make a good vote. Audience grumbling in the background. That's a bad word you don't have enough information for yourselves to an informed vote. Audience grumbling in the background. Moderator Kelly that's my opinion. Audience requests to Move the Question three times. Moderator Kelly a vote is going to tell yes or no and you have the authority to make that a motion after this vote to override the moderator. Hand vote given by Moderator Kelly, the NO's have it 3 to 1. Wendy McVey this was a very valuable discussion and that's not to say that it may not happen in the future but what I would like to do is to make a request that they keep posting on those boards where we go to do the recycling because trying to figure out where things go because there isn't anything like it.

Vote: Defeated

Article 17

VALLEY VISION - PETITIONED

To see if the Town of Jackson will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of viewing ALL Valley Vision broadcasts, INCLUDING Jackson Municipal Meetings as produced by Hank Benesh, on channel 1301.

DISCUSSION:

Deb Sincere we are trying to get rid of cable that may be the way of the future, I think a lot of people are doing that assuming channel 1301 is on cable so other alternatives such as posting videos on YouTube that can be streamed would save the \$5,000 cost. A cost that can be avoided using an internet streaming. Selectmen Thompson we currently do have the videos on the website and available through our town website. There are archives of all the meetings and video. Sarah Clemons by having Valley Vision at this time it allows you to see what's happening throughout the valley with our children who participate at Kennett High School. It allows us to see what's happening in other municipalities. Will Reisig giving more exposure to the Jackson Community more exposure through Valley Vision, I fully support the service that Hank provides us with his videos and streams. It would be money well spent to have this additional outlet for information to be made available to residents. Bill Edmunds, Station Manager for Valley Vision I don't live in Jackson but I'm here to answer any questions anyone may have. Ginger Bailey the music department at Kennett provides phenomenal concerts that the majority of the people in this town didn't even know they have them. The concerts are all provided on Valley Vision, sports events are available on Valley Vision. Beth Funicella I think it's valuable to have this service not just because we want to watch our own things but we are part of a larger community there are many programs offered on Valley Vision not just about Jackson. The county meetings, there are cultural events, sports programs our children all go to schools out of Jackson. A lot of people like watch what's going on in sporting events, school committee meetings. We had Valley Vision in town for many years and I think many people valued it.

Vote: Verbal Approval

Article 18

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Sarah Clemons would like to say she appreciates all of our volunteer fireman and I appreciate our policeman, and I appreciate all the volunteers that work the voting booths and any other members of our trust funds and I want you to know you are appreciated. Audience applauds. Tish Hanlon would like to recognize Dick Bennett for his years of service as a selectman. Audience gives a standing ovation. Dick Bennett I thank you all for the opportunity to serve, it has been very rewarding.

Moderator Kelly asked for a motion to dissolve this meeting. Moved and Seconded.

Vote: Verbal Approval (unanimous)

John Allen, Selectmen

Robert Thompson, Selectmen

Barbara Campbell, Selectmen

Respectfully submitted and A True Copy of Record Attest,

Karen E. Burton, Certified Town Clerk