

**2017 TOWN WARRANT  
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting of the voters of the Town of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, called at the Chesterfield Hall in said town on Tuesday March 14, 2017.

Moderator Pro Tempore Kristin McKeon called the Town Meeting/Town Elections to order at 10:00 in the forenoon and declared the polls open for voting by ballot for Town Officials and to amend Zoning Ordinances.

Polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. and counting of ballots commenced. Town Meeting resumed on Saturday March 18, 2017 at the Chesterfield School.

Moderator Rebecca Todd called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Police Chief Duane Chickering led the meeting in the salute to the flag.

Selectboard Chairman Jon McKeon recognized Ann Stokes as the recipient of the 2017 Annual Report dedication, highlighting the many contributions Ann made to the region and particularly to the Town of Chesterfield , such as her donation of the Madame Sherrie Forest.

**ARTICLE 3:** Bayard Tracy, chairman of the Budget Committee, spoke for his committee.

**ARTICLE 4:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe to modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$300 per year to \$500? (Majority vote required) Gary Winn asked about RSA 72:28-B. Norman VanCor replied that it would have been irresponsible to do it without knowing the implications. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5:** Brad Roscoe made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand and Seven Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$3,143,713) for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto.

1. Executive	137,369
2. Elections, Registrations, Vital Stats	66,500
3. Financial Administration	72,386
4. Legal Expense	30,000
5. Personnel Administration	454,700
6. Planning Board	12,850
7. Board of Adjustment	8,900
8. General Government Buildings	39,200
9. Cemeteries	40,996
10. General Insurance	72,000
11. Regional Association (SWRPC)	4,000
12. Economic Development Committee	2,400
13. Police	524,794
14. Police Reimbursable Detail	25,000
15. Ambulance	98,500
16. Code Enforcement	46,950
17. Office of Emergency Management	11,150
18. Forest Fires	6,000
19. Highway/Town Road Maintenance	799,908
20. Street Lighting	15,000
21. Solid Waste	211,575
22. Health Officer	1,525
23. Animal Control	1,650
24. Other Health (Hepatitis B Shots)	300
25. General Assistance	25,000

26. Parks and Recreation	119,891
27. Library	142,269
28. Patriotic Purposes	1,250
29. Conservation Commission	3,250
30. Debt Service	<u>168,400</u>
TOTAL	3,143,713

(Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

James Hancock questioned the new detective position in the police budget. He suggested the state should handle the cases. Also asked why police is needed to patrol the roads. Chief Chickering responded that state police must ask permission to enter the Town's jurisdiction; the courts are putting more constraints on police; and the Town has more complicated cases.. He listed recent cases including suicide, stalking, abduction, elder abuse, ID theft and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. James Hancock observed that less than 5% of voters were at Town Meeting making decisions for everyone, that there was no disproportionate increase in highway incidents and no statistical or logical information was offered. Bayard Tracy made a motion, seconded by Jon McKeon, to call the question. That motion passed on a voice vote, as did article 5.

**ARTICLE 6:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$250,792) for the purpose of resurfacing Town roads, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Norman VanCor offered that low prices for "hot top" have made it possible to add an extra mile of road to what is planned for the coming year. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Norman VanCor, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000) to be added to the already established Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 8:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to purchase a new Tractor with Mower and Blower for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Steve Laskowski, speaking for the Budget Committee, pointed out that over a 20 year period the cost of the Tractor comes out to \$300/hour and that he did not feel it was the job of the road crew to mow. Norman VanCor responded that mowing *is* part of what town road departments do. Dan Cotter, Budget Committee member, said they did not get the numbers and an explanation for purchasing now. Chris Lord, head of the Road Department, responded that no one on the outside does this type of work.. The lease of equipment would cost \$10,000/year. In response to Val Starbuck, he indicated a mower of this type has a life of 25 years. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to purchase a new Modine Heater for the Highway Garage and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Norman VanCor stated that there are four old heaters at the garage which the Town plans to replace one at a time The motion passed on a voice vote

**ARTICLE 10:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the already established Roadways Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Mike Wiggin observed that town infrastructure is falling apart; on North Shore Road culverts are collapsing and edges of roads are stripping away. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 11:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Brad Roscoe to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the already established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 12:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Norman VanCor, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for a complete town wide revaluation and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the revaluation is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 13:** Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to Develop Town Hall Annex Construction Documents and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Town Hall Annex Renovations Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Jon McKeon gave a history of why this article is on the warrant, including the need for ADA accessible bathrooms, the problems of the roof configurations, the annex being supported by piers. He also explained the costs involved. James Hancock asked why not use a design/build program? Jon McKeon responded that the overhead cost of big firm that would consider the project would make it more expensive. Others asked if a kitchen was needed and what was the urgency.. Neil Jenness explained that the kitchen would not pass a health inspection; the annex was built by cobbling together many smaller buildings but that she didn't believe it would cost a total of half a million dollars to replace. Discussion ensued. Bayard Tracy called the question, seconded by Dan Cotter. This motion passed. The result of 2 rounds of paper ballots was that the article failed by a vote of 45 to 43. Bayard Tracy made a motion to restrict reconsideration, seconded by Dan Cotter. The motion passed.

**ARTICLE 14:** Norman VanCor made a motion, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to see if the town will vote to establish a Broadband Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the establishment, expansion, maintenance, and/or upkeep of the Broadband Infrastructure in the town and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to put in the fund; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

(**Not** Recommended by the Selectmen) (**Not** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Brad Roscoe explained how a broadband study of the town came about and that in the two years since its inception companies have improved coverage. James Hancock, a member of the committee, offered information for those that need to improve their service. Jon McKeon moved to pass over Article 14, which passed.

**ARTICLE 15:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Brad Roscoe, seconded by Bayard Tracy, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) to be added to the already established Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 16:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Brad Roscoe, seconded by Jon McKeon, to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the already established Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 17:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Brad Roscoe, to raise and appropriate the sum Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) to be added to the already established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 18:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) to be added to

the already established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 19:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Gary Winn, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purchase of a police cruiser and switchover costs, and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 20:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Gary Winn, to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$3,800) for a Portable Radio at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$3,800) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 21:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Margaret Halpern, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) for a Cruiser Mounted Radar Unit at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 22:** Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Gary Winn, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purchase of Video Cameras for Police Department Cruisers, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Margaret Halpern asked about the life span of the cameras. Chief Chickering responded that it is 8 to 10 years. He added that the ones they currently have are DVD-based and do not work anymore. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 23:** Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to develop a Storm Water Plan for North Shore and Wares Grove beaches, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Brad Roscoe explained that this plan for the beaches is required by DES to control storm water run-off into Lake Spofford. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 24:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the already established Parks and Rec Pickup Truck Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 25:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the already established Parks and Rec 4x4 All Terrain Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 26:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be added to the already established Parks and Rec Activities Enhancements Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 27:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Norman VanCor, seconded by Dan Cotter, to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the already established Wildland Fire Suppression Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 28:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Norman VanCor, seconded by Jon McKeon, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 29:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Norman VanCor, seconded by Gary Winn, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Mower Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 30:** Brad Roscoe made a motion, seconded by Jon McKeon, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$24,656) to support the following, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

Chesterfield Senior Meals program	500
Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion	8,365
Monadnock Family Services/Mental Health	4,505
Community Kitchen	5,000
Southwestern Community Services	1,436
The Samaritans	250
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	500
Groundworks Collaborative	200
Monadnock Child Advocacy Center	1,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	400
The Gathering Place	1,000
Keene Senior Center	1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,656</b>

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Responding to Lee Brockmann, Margaret Halpern explained that "Groundworks Collaborative" is the Brattleboro Drop-In Center. The article passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 31:** Norman VanCor made a motion to consider the following article, seconded by Dan Cotter: We, the voters of the Town of Chesterfield, oppose the taking of private or town-owned land by eminent domain or in any other manner by a for-profit corporation or utility.

[Inserted by Petition] (Supported by Board of Selectmen)

Richard Aldrich read a message from Jeffrey Scott who had initiated the article under consideration but could not be present at Town Meeting. He explained that this article did not prevent anyone from selling their property to a for-profit corporation or utility; it speaks only to the forcing a landowner to sell against their wishes. Bayard Tracy asked if this was enforceable. Nancy Kenny said it sends a message. The article passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 32:** A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Brad Roscoe, seconded by Norman VanCor, to see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets by sealed bid, or by other means as deemed appropriate, or act in any way related thereto.

**ARTICLE 33:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Tom Woodman asked how much was spent on legal fees for Spofford Hall? Jon McKeon responded, almost zero. There was also discussion regarding how to get money for roads and infrastructure, and a

suggestion to institute electronic payments for taxes and cars. An individual complained that the \$500,000 estimate for the new Town Hall Annex cursed the project. Margaret Halpert thanked Town Administrator, Rick Carrier, for the monthly newsletter.

Moderator Rebecca Todd declared the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

**The results of ballots cast under Article 1 are as follows:**

<b>SELECTMAN (1)</b>	
JON MCKEON	51
<b>TREASURER (1)</b>	
EDWARD CHEEVER	73
<b>TAX COLLECTOR(1)</b>	
ELIZABETH BENJAMIN	71
<b>BUDGET CMTE (3)</b>	
CAROLE WHEELER	67
GEORGE GOULET	69
STEPHEN LASKOWSKI	64
<b>LIB. TRUSTEE (2)</b>	
KAREN LARUE	71
BRUCE POTTER	71
<b>CEMETERY COMMISS (1)</b>	
CHERYL MAIBUSCH	70
<b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST (1)</b>	
AMANDA FRYBERGER	73

**The result of ballots cast under Article 2 are as follows:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 207.2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance: Amend the ordinance to permit Accessory Dwelling Units in compliance with RSA 674:71 – 73 by inserting a new provision §207.2; this amendment will permit an Accessory Dwelling Unit for each single family dwelling provided a conditional use permit is issued by the Planning Board?  
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

**YES 60**  
**NO 15**

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A snow storm March 14, depressed ballot voting with only 75 hearty souls braving the weather.

Only 88 individuals voted on the budget Saturday March 18, at Town Meeting. It was a clear day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Girs  
Town Clerk