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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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January 10, 2011

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Julie Gilman convened the Board at 6:45 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office Building in order to interview a candidate, Mr. Brian Griset, for a position on the ZBA. She then reconvened the Board at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Robert Aldrich, Mr. Don Clement and Town Manager Russ Dean.

#### 2. Public Comment

Ms. Ann Surman read a statement written by Chris Moutis who was upset that the Deliberative Session had been moved to the new high school. She said that she completely agrees with the statement. Individuals who could have walked to the Town Hall location will now have to drive. She feels that Deliberative Session belongs downtown at the Town Hall and the Board has moved the location with the intent to fracture the populace as much as possible. She asked that Deliberative Session and Election Day voting be returned to the Town Hall where it belongs.

Bob Pryor said he feels that with regard to Deliberative Session it is the Board's intent to try something new and increase public participation. He would like Deliberative Session to continue to be held at the Town Hall where it historically has been. However he'll attend regardless of which location is chosen.

Mr. Alan Bailey questioned the term "non meeting meeting" that he has frequently heard the Board use. Ms. Gilman said that there is an exception under RSA 91:a2 that allows the Board to meet privately to discuss collective bargaining agreements outside of a public meeting. The details of these collective bargaining agreements are not able to be discussed in public. Mr. Aldrich said that there are 4 exceptions under 91:a2 for a non meeting meeting: 1) strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining 2) consultation with legal counsel 3) caucus consisting of elected members of the same political party elected on a partisan basis by a town or city that has adopted a partisan ballot system (would not apply to Exeter currently) 4) circulation of draft documents which when finalized are intended to formalize a decision.

Mr. Bailey asked if there will be copies of the proposed budget available prior to next week's budget hearing. Ms. Gilman said that she expects there to be and that they are discussing these budget numbers tonight. Mr. Aldrich said there will be budget copies for those who attend the meeting but he is not sure how far ahead of time they might be available. The budget can be amended up until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bailey asked if the bond hearing will be posted. Mr. Dean said that the bond hearing with a list of the bonds has already been posted in Foster's and on-line.

Ms. Deb Johnson of Brentwood Road said she had a lot of problems with the new high school being the location for the Deliberative Session. It will be more difficult for Exeter's elderly and disabled people, as well as for those with endurance problems. More people will have to drive there which is inconvenient if there is a winter weather event.

**Mr. Campbell moved that the Board reconsider the motion to have the Deliberative Session at the new Exeter high school. Mr. Quandt seconded for discussion.**

Mr. Aldrich said that he has received a lot of emails over the past 6 days regarding the Deliberative Session location. The feedback has been pretty evenly split between those who like the location at the

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new high school and those who would like it held at the Town Hall. He feels that the high school is a good location because it is more comfortable, is climate controlled and has a better sound system. If it gets more people there he is willing to try it. You have to try it to see if it works.

Mr. Campbell supported changing the location back to the Town Hall. He said that when the elections were moved to the high school there was still some confusion even though the big blinking sign was out front. If the weather is bad the Town Hall is the better location because more people can walk. It is also easier for people to come and go at the Town Hall if they need to leave for a few minutes. Taping the session is good too so that there is a record but he encourages people to come out to the session and get involved.

Mr. Quandt said that last year's Deliberative Session started out with a full room and ended with only a few people. Many told him that they left because they were too uncomfortable sitting in the Town Hall chairs for a long time. The new high school is ADA approved. He would like to look into assistance options for those that would have transportation or ambulatory difficulties with the change to the new high school location.

Mr. Clement has heard feedback from both sides. Many have told him that the Town Hall is cold, drafty and has uncomfortable seats. It can be difficult to find a parking space downtown. He feels that everyone agrees that increased public participation in Deliberative Session would be a good thing. No one knows for sure if changing the location to the new high school will increase attendance, but it seems likely. He would like to try it and see what the turnout is.

Mr. Quandt would like to look at solving the ambulatory issues that some individuals may have. He asked if a shuttle could be run from the Town Hall to the high school. Mr. Dean said that they can take the feedback, look into the differences between the locations and also look at what has been offered in the past.

Ms. Gilman said that her heart is always in the historic aspect of town. This change is due to input she received from many citizens. Many have told her that they would like to use the new school that their taxes have paid for.

Mr. Quandt said that he will vote against reconsideration but would like to have a meeting sometime in the next week to discuss transporting people and providing assistance to those who would have ambulatory issues.

**Vote: 1: 3 Motion to reconsider the motion to have the Deliberative Session at the new Exeter high school fails.**

### **3. Minutes & Proclamations** **a. Regular Session Minutes of December 20, 2010**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of December 20, 2010 as presented. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous Ms. Gilman abstained from the vote since she was not at this meeting.**

### **b. Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2010**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2010 as presented.**

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**Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous Mr. Quandt abstained from the vote since he was not present at that meeting.**

### **c. Regular Session Minutes of January 3, 2011**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 3, 2011 as presented. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**4. Appointments – None**

**5. Departments Reports – None.**

**6. Discussion/Action Items**

#### **a. New Business**

##### **i. Review FY11 Budget**

Further to last week's motion to reduce the budget by \$ 256,000, Mr. Dean provided a proposed list of budget reductions. Ms. Gilman said that she would like to go through the budget department by department and compare the suggestions. They will vote only on department totals that they change.

No changes to Board of Selectmen Budget Total of \$ 20,950.

No changes to Town Manager Budget Total of \$ 164,866.

No changes to Town Office Budget Total of \$ 73,769.

Ms. Gilman said that Mr. Dean has recommended reducing the Cable TV Budget Total from \$ 18,918 to \$ 1.00. Mr. Dean said that this is also the recommendation of the Budget Committee.

**Mr. Quandt moved to reduce the Cable TV Budget Total to \$ 1.00. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

No changes to Human Resources Budget Total of \$ 83,064.

No changes to Trustee of Trust Funds Budget Total of \$ 891.

No changes to Town Moderator Budget Total of \$ 431.

No changes to Town Clerk Budget Total of \$ 317,310.

No changes to Elections Budget Total of \$ 18,058.

Mr. Dean has proposed shifting 10% of IT salaries and wages to Cable TV. Currently the IT Coordinator is in charge of the EXTV G operation and that involves everything done with the G channel. He troubleshoots a lot of issues which uses at least 10% of his time. This would be a reduction of \$ 10,063 in the General Fund budget to be paid for by Cable TV.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce the General Fund Budget by \$ 10,063. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce the IT Computers Budget Line # 01-4150-0125-7000 by \$ 4,000 for a new total of \$ 8,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

The changes create a new Technology Budget Total of \$ 143,887.

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce the Finance Budget Line # 01-4150-0201-1300 by \$ 430 for a new**

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**total of \$ 1,200. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 2-3 Mr. Campbell, Mr. Aldrich and Ms. Gilman opposed. Motion fails.**

Finance Budget Total remains unchanged at \$ 255,704.

No changes to Town Treasurer Budget Total of \$ 9,542.

No changes to Tax Collection Budget Total of \$ 60,275.

No changes to Assessing Budget Total of \$ 210,628.

Ms. Ravell, Finance Director, advised that the health insurance buyout line item # 01-4155-0931-2140 has changed to \$ 60,903 because some extra folks signed up. Mr. Dean advised that the buyout option signup lasts through December 31<sup>st</sup> and there were some late changes. This gives a new general government budget total of \$ 752,155.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to change the total General Government Operations to \$ 752,155 based on the \$ 11,564 change. Mr. Clement seconded for discussion.**

Mr. Clement asked for an explanation of why these changes can cause the budget to remain in flux and asked up until what point this can happen. Mr. Aldrich said that people had through December 31<sup>st</sup> to sign up. There won't be any further changes. Although this number is increasing, there will be corresponding decreases in health insurance costs in the corresponding departments.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce Planning's master plan overview line item # 01-4191-0301-76xx from \$ 25,000 to zero. Mr. Clement seconded.**

Mr. Campbell said that the master plan is important but he thinks this could wait one more year. They have a master plan, even if some parts are a bit old. He would like to get one document out for review this year. Mr. Clement agreed that this cost could be deferred for a year. He felt that perhaps volunteers could be used as was done 8-9 years ago when the master plan was originally written. At that time, they had a master plan committee and a group of volunteers worked together. The master plan is supposed to be a living, breathing document. Ms. Gilman disagreed and felt that the master plan needs a lot of work. It is supposed to be a guidance document and is very important. Mr. Aldrich thinks it is an enormous project for a volunteer board.

**Vote: 3-2 Ms. Gilman and Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

Ms. Ravell advised that the new Planning Department Budget Total is \$ 201,335.

No changes to Inspections / Code Enforcement Budget Total of \$ 221,822.

No changes to ZBA Budget Total of \$ 4,200.

No changes to Historic District Commission Budget Total of \$ 1,530.

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce the Conservation Commission Trail management maintenance line by \$ 1,370 to \$ 5,000.00.**

Mr. Aldrich opposed this because he said that other items in their budget had been previously reduced so that money could be moved into this budget line for supplies for identified trail projects. This budget is currently level funded. **Mr. Quandt seconded.**

Mr. Campbell agreed with Mr. Aldrich. Mr. Clement said that much of this work is done by volunteers who do a fabulous job.

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**Vote: 3 – 2 Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion carries.**

Ms. Ravell advised that the new Conservation Commission budget line total is \$ 10,105.

No changes to Heritage Commission Budget Total of \$ 900.

New Total General Government Budget Total is \$ 2,551,443.

Mr. Campbell said that he thought the Police Department could wait one more year for the motorcycle.

**Mr. Campbell moved to remove the Police Motorcycle Budget Line # 01-4210-0403-xxx. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed**

New Police Department Budget Total is \$ 3,388,888.

Ms. Gilman said that there were several recommended budget line decreases for the Fire Department. Mr. Dean said that further to last week's meeting request they looked at how much department budgets had increased year over year, as well as examining staffing levels, responsibilities and priorities. They also looked at prior suggested reductions made by the Budget Committee and earlier on in the budget process, as well as department cut lists. As a result, most of last week's suggested reductions by the Fire Department have been recommended. Although the Fire Department has made a good argument for increasing the health officer's hours to full-time, Mr. Dean has felt it necessary to keep it at part-time with the direction he has been given by the Board to cut the budget.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce the Fire Suppression health insurance line # 01-4220-0503-2100 by \$ 22,981 to reflect the money that was put into the health insurance buyout earlier. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Aldrich expressed concern with cutting the overtime accounts. He felt that the Fire Department made a good presentation last week showing where that money goes and how Exeter compares to other communities. The Fire Chief last week showed how decreasing overtime affects the ability to run the second ambulance and decreases revenue. Mr. Aldrich is concerned about the second ambulance and feels that response time is more important than the revenue aspect.

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce the 3 Fire Suppression OT items on the proposed budget reductions list by half each. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 4-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion passes.** This is a reduction of \$ 22,419 plus the associated benefits which Ms. Ravell will calculate later.

Mr. Campbell asked for some further clarification on the proposal to reduce Fire Suppression hydrant maintenance to zero. He doesn't want there to be no hydrant maintenance. Mr. Dean explained that the issue is whether or not the Fire Department should be charged for any of the hydrant maintenance that is done. There is work yet to be done to figure out what services are done by Fire and which by DPW and what the associated costs are. The DPW does the flushing, but charges the Fire Dept for the water. Whether the Fire Dept should be charged for this water or not is a philosophical issue. Hydrant maintenance will be done regardless of whether or not the Fire Dept is charged for some of these maintenance costs. Mr. Aldrich said there has been discussion in previous years about doing some analysis to figure out what the actual cost numbers for each department are. There is certainly some cost to this maintenance and it is not zero.

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Mr. Clement asked what is involved with hydrant maintenance and if it is strictly the flushing. Chief Comeau said that twice per year the DPW checks valves and works with the hydrants to be sure that they function. The Fire Dept is billed for the water costs. The DPW pumps them out and greases them. They shovel them out in the winter. The Fire Department paints the hydrants and is responsible for flow testing them.

Fire suppression hydrant maintenance will remain unchanged at \$ 20,000.

With regard to the proposed \$ 5,000 reduction to call salaries/wages, Chief Comeau said that they have been trying to build up the call firefighters. They have been accepting applications and have started the training process. Currently they are up to 7 call firefighters. They can live with this reduction. It just means that they will be able to do a little less and grow a little bit slower.

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce the Fire Suppression Salary/Wages on call line # 0503-1600 by \$ 5,000 to \$ 15,000. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce the Fire Suppression Uniforms line # 0503-5671 by \$ 5,000 to \$ 20,100. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

There was discussion about the proposal to reduce the Sportsmens Club BMP budget line. Mr. Dean said that this has been recommended by DES, but not yet mandated. Mr. Clement asked if this could be a part of the discussion for the lease renewal in April. Mr. Aldrich thought it would be great if they could work out some cost sharing with the Sportsmens Club. However, he felt that since this is something that is going to have to be done it would be better to do it now and not wait for DES to mandate it. It will give the Town good information on how to best manage the land down there.

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce the Sportsmens Club BMP budget line by \$ 8,087. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 3-2 Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce the mosquito control budget line by \$ 5,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce the Fire Suppression EMT Training Pay budget line by \$ 1,015. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Campbell moved to keep the PT health officer's hours the same (reduces the budget by \$ 22,086 plus associated benefits). Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 2-3 Mr. Aldrich, Ms. Gilman and Mr. Clement opposed. Motion fails.**

**Mr. Clement moved to keep the health officer part time and increase her hours from 28 to 34 per week. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

After some calculations, it was determined that the previous cuts reduce the Fire Department budget by \$ 86,857. The new Fire Department Grand Total is \$ 3,633,225.

Mr. Dean explained that the DPW master fuel budget line is a clearing house account that is used to pay for fuel. It can be reduced to \$ 1 because fuel costs have been allocated out to their respective department budget lines.

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**Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce line item 0601-6261 to \$ 1.00 which is a reduction of \$ 2,499. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Aldrich said that the maintenance project list they were given totaled about \$ 205,000. Mr. Dean put forward \$ 180,000 and the Budget Committee recommended level funding this item at \$ 125,000. This was the first year that they had this maintenance project list and a lot of things got done that had been on the list for a long time. He feels like they are taking several steps backwards by looking at another \$ 25,000 reduction and would like to keep it where it is.

Mr. Campbell said that they have got to keep things maintained and can't keep kicking the can down the road. Mr. Aldrich was pleasantly surprised by the number of things that gone done this past year. Mr. Clement compared it to a homeowner who has to delay maintenance projects when their expenses are getting to high.

**Mr. Quandt moved to reduce maintenance projects line 0606-7501 by \$ 25,185. Mr. Clement seconded.**

Mr. Dean read the detailed list of \$ 25,185 worth of projects that would be deferred if this passes: no interior or exterior trim painting at the town office, town hall, health /safety complex or senior center, no new chairs for the town hall, no tile replacement at the senior center, no light repair at the bandstand and no rekeying effort at the town offices. He explained that prioritization was done. Sidewalk repair is an example of a project that was left in the budgeted list of projects.

**Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce the maintenance tool budget line # 0606-4331 by \$ 500 to \$ 2,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

The new DPW Maintenance Total is \$ 724,727.

The budgets were left unchanged for Recreation Maintenance (\$15,900), Town Hall Maintenance (\$26,500), Town Office Maintenance (\$29,600), Senior Center Maintenance (\$13,950), Safety Complex Maintenance (\$67,500), DPW Complex Maintenance (\$38,500), Train Station Maintenance (\$14,500) and Other Structure Maintenance (\$14,600).

Mr. Clement questioned whether the increase for bandstand maintenance on lighting under the Other Structures Maintenance is the same as the bandstand maintenance lighting item on Mr. Dean's proposed list of reductions. Mr. Campbell felt that the lighting issue should be taken care of if it is a safety issue. Mr. Kevin Smart was not present to provide additional detail or comment on this. The budget line under Other Structures Maintenance was left as is.

Mr. Campbell questioned whether reducing asphalt reclamation would increase costs since it is a savings to grind up the old material and re-use it. Mr. Jay Perkins said that they have got quite a stockpile of it right now and would be OK with this.

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce asphalt reclamation line # 0602-4339 by \$ 8,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

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**Mr. Quandt moved to reduce curbing line # 0602-7505 by \$ 10,000. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 2-3 Ms. Gilman, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion fails.**

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce parking lot maintenance line # 0602-7502 by \$ 10,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 2-3 Ms. Gilman, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion fails.**

**Mr. Clement moved to reduce road/sidewalk maintenance line # 0602-7503 from \$ 550,000 to \$ 525,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 2-3 Ms. Gilman, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion fails.**

Mr. Dean explained that the proposed \$ 3,000 cut to highway temp wages would reduce the hours of the summer intern who does special projects.

**Mr. Campbell moved to cut highway temp wages line # 0602-1210 by \$ 3,000 to \$ 12,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Campbell moved to reduce emergency traffic control line # 0602-5328 by \$ 1,500 to \$ 1,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

The new DPW Highways & Streets Total is \$ 1,890,318.

No changes to DPW Snow Removal Budget Total of \$ 263,373.

No changes to DPW Street Lights Total of \$ 119,000.

No changes to DPW Solid Waste Total of \$ 840,748.

The new Department of Public Works Grand Total is \$ 4,365,773.

Mr. Campbell said that he would like to add the NH SPCA to the list of human service agencies being funded for \$ 1,400. There was a slight error in their office and they missed the deadline to apply, but did submit their application soon after.

**Mr. Campbell moved to increase the NH SPCA budget line # 0711-9052 by \$ 1,400. There was no second. Motion failed.**

Mr. Campbell said that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and the NH SPCA is a very worthwhile agency. It is used a lot. Mr. Aldrich said that they spent a lot of time developing the process for the human service agencies and feels that they need to stick to it. All other agencies complied with the policy.

Mr. Dean explained that his proposed reduction of \$ 11,805 to HS Grants would reduce the dollar value of this budget line item to be the same as that of 2010. Mr. Campbell said that due to the rotating process for human service agency funding, it happens that the agencies that came back into the budget this year are in total higher than those that appeared on the budget in 2010. Mr. Aldrich said that if they don't do anything they level fund the budget. If this reduction is passed, it will be necessary to cut \$ 11,805 from the agencies appearing on the budget. Mr. Clement said that it means that the cuts will be much deeper than level funding. Mr. Campbell said that this would destroy the process and be horrendous to work out.

**Mr. Quandt moved to cut \$ 11,805 out of the human services budget. Mr. Clement seconded.**



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**Vote: 1-4 Mr. Clement, Ms. Gilman, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion fails.**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce Direct Relief Funding by \$ 13,000 to \$ 20,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous** New Human Services Total is \$ 85,138.

No changes to Parks & Recreation Total of \$ 531,232.

Ms. Gilman said that the total library budget is currently at \$ 879,028. Mr. Aldrich had some questions about the library budget and what authority the Board has with respect to their budget. He understood that there was a health insurance savings this year and then the library trustees increased public services by \$ 14,000 instead of allowing the town to have the savings.

Harry Thayer, a member of the Budget Committee, said that we are not talking about level funding with regard to the library budget. Everyone else is taking a hit this year but the library budget includes \$ 14,000 for new programs. Mr. Aldrich said that when they changed the health insurance, the town saw a savings with every department in town with the one exception of the library. Mr. Clement asked if the legislative body has the authority to reduce their budget. Mr. Campbell said that they are the one department in town who can keep any money remaining unspent at the end of the year.

Mr. Dean said that the Trustee's budget request is the budget. Any other number would be subject to the trustee's approval due to the nature of the fund and the way it is handled. Ms. Hope Godino passed out a handout to the Board members which contained state RSA's that pertain to libraries. The State separated libraries from the Selectmen in the 1800's and gave them the right to have their own governing body and set their own budget. She said that the trustees are Exeter residents and very reasonable people, but they do have the final say. This budget meets the needs of the residents who use the library.

Mr. Aldrich would like to see the library budget cut by \$ 11,210, which is the amount of the health care savings they expected to see. Mr. Campbell said that all other departments are taking cutbacks this year. Ms. Godino said that the library is not really a town department. Ms. Godino will convey this request back to the library trustees and come back and let the Board know their decision.

No changes to Special Events Budget Total of \$ 13,000.

No changes to Other Culture Budget Total of \$ 9,750.

No changes to Debt Service Budget Total of \$ 766,226. (Mr. Dean said that this is a fixed cost and no changes are possible).

Ms. Ravell confirmed that the new General Fund Total is now \$ 16,310,910. Mr. Aldrich said that over 195,000 in cuts have been made tonight. Mr. Campbell calculated that this is an increase of 1.8% over last year's General Fund Budget. He would like to get it even lower but is at the point where he doesn't know what other services can be cut.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to support a General Fund Total of \$ 16,310,910. Mr. Clement seconded.**

Mr. Quandt asked to speak and said that he was not sure when the best time to do this was so he was choosing now. He is not going to support the budget. He thinks that the Budget Committee and his fellow Board members did a good job but there is not enough cuts, especially considering that the tax rate also went up this year. He would actually support a cut of 6.2% off the bottom line of the budget.

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Mr. Clement asked him what the dollar value would be on his 6.2% cut and Mr. Quandt responded that he didn't know. Mr. Aldrich asked Mr. Quandt what he thought should be cut and what services he was willing to do without. Mr. Quandt said they could take it off of the bottom line and then figure it out later. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell pointed out that Mr. Quandt had voted for the bottom line department budget totals all evening without indicating where any cuts could be made. Mr. Quandt said that other surrounding towns are doing more than Exeter. Combined with cuts already made tonight, Mr. Quandt's suggestion would be a budget decrease figure of over 1 million dollars. Mr. Clement said he was disappointed that they didn't get the number down further, but he isn't as draconian as Mr. Quandt. He feels that there would need to be some suggestions as to where the money is going to come from before you make such a large cut and so he can't support Mr. Quandt's proposal.

**Vote: 3-2 Mr. Quandt and Mr. Clement opposed. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Clement moved to decrease the cost of the 2 replacement pickup trucks in water and sewer by \$ 10,000 each. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 2-3 Ms. Gilman, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion fails.**

Ms. Ravell confirmed that the Grand Total All Funds is \$ 20,395,370.

### ii. Review FY11 Warrant Articles

There are seven bond articles to be considered.

#### 1) Portsmouth Avenue Reconstruction Amount: \$ 3,600,000

Mr. Dean said that the department is finishing up the water and sewer design work to get to the finish line for the final design on this project. At that stage the project will be ready for presentation to the Board. This is a major project and the final design is not yet complete.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to remove the 3.6 million bond article. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

#### 2) Norris Brook Culverts Amount: \$ 575,000

Mr. Clement said that he has seen this culvert and if something isn't done soon it will collapse. Mr. Jay Perkins said that it has deteriorated to the point where it could collapse at any time and there isn't much that they can do.

**Mr. Clement moved to move forward with the Norris Brook Culverts bond article. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed.**

#### 3) Groundwater Facility Amount: \$ 6,350,000

Ms. Gilman said that this is eligible for 30% forgiveness from the State. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Clement said that there was an alternative option to just spend for the design and not the full project. Mr. Dean said that the reason they are seeing the entire project cost is that the State has recently come in and talked to them because there was a violation at the water treatment plant. The State is willing to forgive 30% of 4.4 million and the rest would be funded through the State revolving fund. The net cost to be funded by the rate payers would be around 5 million.

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**Mr. Aldrich moved to not recommend the 6.35 million bond article for the groundwater treatment facility. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to propose as a bond article the design for the groundwater treatment facility of \$ 350,000 as per the original CIP proposal . Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 3-2 Mr. Quandt and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion carries.**

4) Water Meter Replacement Amount: \$ 750,000

**Mr. Campbell moved to move forward with the bond article for the water meter replacement for the Town. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 4-1 Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion carries.**

Mr. Campbell believes they will see a real payback with this. Cost savings is expected within 2-3 years.

5) Jady Hill Area Improvements Amount: \$2,900,000

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to support the bond article for Jady Hill for 2.9 million dollars. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 4-1 Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion carries.**

6) Main Sewer Pump Station Force Repair Amount: \$ 201,250

Mr. Dean said that this is a CSO mitigation project. There is \$ 55,500 already in the budget for this so the total comes down to \$ 201,250. Essentially Phase I is in the budget right now, but not the whole project amount.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to remove the bond article for main sewer pump station force repair. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

7) Town Office HVAC Amount: \$ 253,715

**Mr. Aldrich moved to support the bond article for the Town Office HVAC. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 2-3 Mr. Quandt, Mr. Clement and Ms. Gilman opposed. Motion fails.**

There are 13 special warrant articles to be considered.

1) Human Services warrant articles Amount: \$ 21,695

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to support the 7 human services warrant article petitions for a total of \$ 21,695. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed**

2) HS warrant articles Amount: \$ 2,900

Mr. Dean said that there are 3 agencies that requested increased amounts and they were instructed to go the petition route. It is on the list because there is a dollar cost associated with it but they haven't seen the petitions yet. This being the case, they were removed from the discussion list for tonight.

3) Highway sidewalk tractor Amount: \$ 23,482

**Mr. Campbell moved to support the highway tractor warrant article. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 3-2 Mr. Quandt and Mr. Clement opposed. Motion carries.**

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4) Utility dump truck Amount: \$ 53,733

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the utility dump truck for the DPW in the amount of \$ 53,733. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed**

5) 6 Wheel dump truck Amount: \$ 150,614

**Mr. Aldrich moved to support the 6 wheel dump truck warrant article in the amount of \$ 150,614. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed**

6) SCBA Fire Amount: \$ 256,500

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the breathing apparatus for the Fire Department on a lease purchase for a total of \$ 256,500. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

7) Train Station Baggage Building Amount: \$ 403,200

**Mr. Aldrich moved to support the train station baggage building warrant article for a total amount of \$ 403,200 acknowledging that a lot of that will come from grants and in kind services. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed**

Ms. Gilman pointed out that if the entire cost is not approved Exeter will lose the grant money as it will be awarded to someone else.

8) Supplemental Paving Amount: \$ 250,000

**Mr. Aldrich moved to support a supplemental paving warrant article in the amount of \$ 550,000 as recommended by the department. There was no second. Motion fails.**

**Mr. Campbell moved to support the supplemental paving warrant article in the amount of \$ 250,000. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion carries.**

9) Raynes Farm Fire Protection Amount: \$ 37,000

**Mr. Aldrich moved to recommend the warrant article for the Raynes Farm Fire Protection in the amount of \$ 37,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion carries.**

Mr. Aldrich said that this is not for fire protection. It is for roof replacement and the silo project. Mr. Clement said that he was disappointed that the Conservation Commission encumbered funds from 2010 for a natural resources inventory instead of the roof.

10) Renewable Energy CRF Amount: \$ 20,000

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to remove the \$ 20,000 warrant article request for Renewable Energy in the amount of \$ 20,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

11) DPW Emergency Generator Amount: \$ 80,000

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**Mr. Campbell moved to not recommend the warrant article for the DPW emergency generator in the amount of \$ 80,000. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 3-1 Mr. Aldrich opposed. Motion carries.**

12) Town Hall Exterior Brick Repair Amount: \$ 147,000

**Mr. Campbell moved to recommend the warrant article for the Town Hall exterior brick repair in the amount of \$ 147,000. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 3-2 Mr. Quandt and Mr. Clement opposed. Motion carries.**

13) WTP Roof Replacement Amount: \$ 150,000

**Mr. Aldrich moved to recommend the WTF roof replacement in the amount of \$ 150,000. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 2-3 Mr. Quandt, Mr. Aldrich and Ms. Gilman opposed. Motion fails.**

Mr. Aldrich said there are 2 more recommended warrant articles that did not make this list: the Ryder project which is a land acquisition for \$ 85,000 and the public safety boiler/HVAC system for \$110,621. There are also 4 warrant articles not recommended by the Budget Committee that are not listed. These were for arterial shoulder widening, Parks and Rec exterior building painting, a walking bridge and police dept/fire dept communications.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to push forward with the \$ 85,000 purchase of the Ryder property. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: 2-1 Mr. Quandt opposed and Mr. Clement abstained. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the public safety boiler HVAC warrant article for \$ 110,621. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 1-3 Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clement and Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion fails.**

Don Woodward requested an increase in the local option fee from \$ 2.50 to \$ 4.00 which appears on auto registrations. The Board said that it is not an appropriation and they haven't gotten to it yet.

In summary, the Board is recommending 4 bonding articles with a total value of \$ 4,575,000 and 16 warrant articles (9 plus the 7 individual human service articles) with a total value of \$ 1,529,742.

### **b. Old Business**

#### **i. Accept Generator Funds – NEXTERA Energy**

Fire Chief Brian explained that the Fire Department requested assistance to help cover the costs of funding for a new generator and asked that the Board accept funds that NextEra Energy – Seabrook is ready to donate.

**Mr. Aldrich moved to accept the grant of \$ 24,900 from NextEra Energy. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

### **7. Regular Business**

#### **a. Bid Openings – None**

#### **b. A/P and Payroll Manifests**

##### **a. Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve a regular weekly payroll warrant for week ending 01/02/2011 in**

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the amount of \$ 183,414.31. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve an accounts payable warrant for checks dated 01/07/2011 in the amount of \$ 486,418.89. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous Big Ticket Items: NH Retirement system, Northside Carting, a fuel bill and an electric bill.

Mr. Aldrich moved to defer the water & sewer abatements, veteran's credits, tax abatements and the timber tax to next week's meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Aldrich moved to defer all other business to next week's meeting if possible. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous

c. Budget Updates – None.

d. Tax Abatements & Exemptions – None.

e. Water/Sewer Abatements -None

f. Permits - None

g. Town Manager's Report - None

h. Legislative Update - None

i. Selectmen's Committee Reports - None

j. Correspondence - None

### 8. Review Board Calendar

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. It will be a public hearing on the 2011 budget and bond articles.

### 9. Non Public Session – None

### 10. Adjournment

Mr. Aldrich moved to adjourn at 10:39 pm. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary