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Minutes of Town Meeting

The meeting was called to order March 5, 1974, at 8 a.m. at the Oyster River High School Cafeteria by Moderator Joseph Michael, who read Articles 1 through 11. It was moved by Alden Winn, seconded by Malcolm Chase, that action on Articles 1 and 3 through 11 begin immediately and that the polls close at 7 p.m. and action on Articles 2 and 12 through 40 be postponed until 7 p.m. March 6, 1974, at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium. Motion carried. All election officials having been sworn, the polls were declared open at 8:20 a.m., and the Moderator continued with the reading of the warrant.

The results of the balloting on Articles 1 and 3 through 11:

Article 1. (Town Officers)

Selectman	Jane P. Pokoski	527
	Alden L. Winn	915
Trustee of Trust Funds	Samuel W. Hoitt	1,258
Budget Committee (To Choose Four)	Kathleen Irene Fleming	1,076
	Rebecca B. W. Frost	1,159
	William F. Robinson, Jr.	1,158
	Katherine Wheeler	1,158
Budget Committee (To Choose Two)	William S. Connell	1,108
	Monica Smith	1,043

Article 3. (Constitutional Convention)

Ursula Bowring	329	T. Willard Hunter	121
Nell E. Chamberlin	917	William L. Prince	360
Peter J. Donahue	304	Samuel R. Reid	531
Geraldine H. Fogarty	87	Francis E. Robinson	679
Bernard K. Gordon	268	Lawrence H. Rouillard	351
Ruth D. Greenwood	116	Everett B. Sackett	445
George M. Haslerud	287	Donn E. Springer	121
James O. Horrigan	453		

Article 4. (Homeowner's Exemption) YES 455 NO 982

Article 5. (Zoning) YES 894 NO 518

Article 6. (Zoning) YES 1,005 NO 367

Article 7. (Zoning) YES 1,080 NO 254

Article 8. (Zoning) YES 1,128 NO 242

Article 9. (Zoning) YES 1,119 NO 255

Article 10. (Zoning) YES 648 NO 721

Article 11. (Zoning) YES 241 NO 1,149

Total ballots cast: 1,489

Balloting was suspended at 7 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Due to the size of the crowd being checked into the room, the meeting did not reconvene until 7:48 p.m. March 6, 1974, at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium. Moderator Michael read the results of the election and thanked those people who had helped count votes until midnight the previous night. Mr. Michael then thanked Edmund Dickerman for serving meals to the election officials during the balloting on Tuesday and L. Franklin Heald for acting as Assistant Moderator during the Town Meeting.

Mr. Michael then told the meeting that he had been approached by various members of the news media who asked if they could record the events of that night's Town Meeting session. Mr. Michael had told them it would be up to the voters. The questions were individually voted on by the meeting, and permission was granted for the use of film cameras, radio equipment, and still cameras.

Next Mr. Michael read a letter from Governor Thomson asking that the voters consider the question of an oil refinery for the State of New Hampshire. The Moderator then read a section of R.S.A. 40 which gives the moderator special power during a debate. Mr. Michael then introduced Major Pierce and Captain Griswold from Pease Air Force Base. They presented a news release of March 6, 1974, which stated that the Base has not received a request to put a pipeline through a portion of the air base. They have been informed that the Olympic Oil Company's plans might require an easement through for the pipeline. Olympic has been told they should explore other sites for the pipeline before asking for permission to construct it through the base.

It was moved by Alden Winn, seconded by Malcolm Chase, that consideration of Articles 2, 12 and 13 be postponed until after consideration of Article 14. Motion carried. It was moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded by Owen Durgin, that the vote on Article 14 be by written ballot. Motion carried. James Chamberlin moved that in as much as all voters obtained a voting I.D. card when they entered the hall and their names were checked off the list, this card should be accepted as identification to receive a ballot when voting. Seconded by Owen Durgin. Motion carried.

Article 14. Moved by James Chamberlin, seconded by Lawrence O'Connell, that the Town vote in favor of amending the Durham Zoning Ordinance to permit an oil refinery. The Moderator asked that no one speak on this article twice until everyone has had a chance to speak once, and that no one speak more than two minutes. He also asked that anyone wishing to speak come up on the stage and use the microphone. Mr. Michael said he had a request that the question be called immediately. As this would shut off all discussion, he asked that this not be done so that everyone could have their chance to speak.

Hans Heilbronner moved that discussion on Article 14 be restricted to no more than one hour and that speakers limit themselves to no more than two minutes. Seconded. Mr. Michael then said that using his power as Moderator, he would set a limit of one hour for the discussion, and the motion was withdrawn.

Nancy Sandberg said that the people of Durham had been listening to plans for a refinery and discussions on the subject for months, and she urged that the Town vote against Article 14. She said that that night Durham's voice would be heard. Murell Thompson said that Olympic Oil had presented plans to the cities and towns of the State for a clean, safe refinery on Durham Point; the international reputation of the various consultants is well known. The results of the studies have been documented and made available for everyone to see. He said that the refinery would be built in a manner that would safe guard the environment, and he urged that the people vote on the basis of known facts rather than emotion and hysteria.

Jane Forste, President of the Durham League of Women Voters, said she supports the concept of town planning as presented in Durham's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1969. It recommends that no industry be advised for the area of Durham Point and that light industry be allowed only after permission is granted by the Planning Board of the Town. This clearly prohibits a refinery, and the League urges voting against a refinery and thereby allow the Town to determine its own future.

Lawrence O'Connell, speaking for the Board of Selectmen, stated that the position of the Board was read at Sunday's meeting. It said that the Board would insist on the right of this community to make decisions regarding its own future. Mr. O'Connell said that last fall he had stated his personal opposition to the refinery and he urged that the people vote no on Article 14.

Freeman Bowley said that as a person who is concerned with the plight of the elderly and blind in Durham, he urged that Article 14 be adopted so that some tax relief might be granted that would help these people. John Miller said that no alternate sites have been considered by Olympic, and the decision to build a refinery in Durham is an arbitrary one and has not been justified.

Sidney Eder said that the real issue was whether or not the Town would have a right to determine its own destiny. John Barrett said that the article was poorly drafted in legal terms. He felt that to pass Article 14 would be to allow "Spot Zoning," which is in violation of New Hampshire law. If this article is passed, it could be amended at some future date to allow creation of an industrial zone. He urged that the article be defeated.

John Pokoski said that he wanted to speak to those people who have not yet made up their minds how they would vote. As an engineer he has some experience in this area. Some of the techniques being proposed have not been tested and too short a time has been given for such an important study. He feels that the burden of proof should be on the people giving the report. Bart Jordan said that he agreed with Murell Thompson, who had said that the consultants were cool under fire, but he was concerned that the manner in which they had gotten onto the platform to speak was less than honest. Mr. Jordan suggested that Olympic put forth a set sum of money based on the amount they would spend. The Town could use this money to get its own consultants by which to check their facts.

Joseph Hadam said that the experts had neglected the social aspects of this problem; they have not addressed themselves to the question of how the lives of the people of Durham would be changed. He said he had left New Jersey because of the social conditions there, and he would not like to have to flee Durham for the same reason. He said that the taxes would be increased to serve the needs of the refinery not lowered as the experts say.

Evelyn Browne said that her property would be closer to the refinery than any one elses. Miss Browne said that the Olympic model was very inaccurate as to recreational facilities with regard to bridle trails, parks, etc. She feels that the Town should be left alone to develop its own facilities on Durham Point and along Crommet Creek. Galen Jones said that the oil supplies would be gone by the year 2,000 and the remaining crude oil would be used up within a decade or two. We have polluted the eastern coast (New Jersey and Massachusetts); did we want to ruin the New Hampshire seacoast and damage the tourist industry of this state? He urged that the State be preserved for future generations.

William Caiazza spoke next and said that he has been in Durham one year and lived in the house closest to the refinery site. He said he and his family had a choice of living anywhere in New England, but they had chosen Durham. He hopes that the people realize what they have and that they preserve it.

Mary Bowley said that she knows life would be different in Durham if we had a refinery, but she asked that everyone think about the number of people in the area who would be helped by new jobs that would develop. James Horrigan said he is opposed to the refinery, but he also is opposed to the company that would build it. He knows only that the company Olympic Maritime is incorporated in Monaco and is owned by Aristotle Onassis; no other information is available.

Lawrence Rouillard suggested a regional resolution on a refinery in New England, and he urged the defeat of Article 14. James Staigers said he had served 28 years in the army and he was not a resident of New Hampshire then. When he retired from the service he had the whole world to choose from, and he chose New Hampshire. He said

he was disturbed that some of the people in the State feel that we are concerned only about Durham. He urged that foreign economic interests not be allowed to spoil the State.

Bradford Kingman said his family has lived on Durham Point for generations. He is very concerned about the way in which Olympic procured their land options. Olympic now promises no present plans for petrochemical plants and satellite industry to result from the refinery. He questions their credibility. Mr. Kingman said he is opposed to the refinery and to Mr. Onassis and his operation.

Ursula Bowring urged the voters to defeat the article. She said we should not have to sacrifice our air and land and water for the sake of jobs. She suggested making the New Hampshire coast the world center of marine biology. Edmond Roelof said that Aristotle Onassis was indicted in 1953. Surplus ships could not be sold by the United States to companies owned by other than U.S. citizens; Onassis had misrepresented his company's financial operations in order to obtain some of these ships. As a result, he agreed to pay \$7,000,000 in penalties for the fraud.

Mr. Roelof said his father had taught him to always know with whom you are doing business, and he does not care to do business with Mr. Onassis.

Dudley Dudley said that at this point Durham was like the Titanic - we could only see the tip of the iceberg. Mrs. Dudley said that many of Olympic's facts have changed in recent weeks, such as the number of jobs that would be available from a refinery, the oil supply that has been promised to the State of New Hampshire but cannot now be given to us because of the ruling of the Federal Energy Office, possible Arab ownership of the plant to obtain crude oil, the promise of Olympic last fall not to force the refinery on the town, etc. She urged the defeat of the article to send a message to the Governor in the strongest voice we can that we want to hold on to our local options in determining how our town will grow. When she finished speaking, the meeting gave her a standing ovation for the work she has done in the past few months in drafting legislation that would give every town and city in the State the right to decide whether or not a refinery should be built in their municipality.

Alden Winn said that he was more concerned with the technical details of the refinery than with the vote tonight, except for what it symbolized. He said he was also concerned with the vote the next day in the Legislature which would affect Durham's right to decide on a refinery. He urged everyone to write or telephone their legislators and tell them how important tomorrow's vote is to each of us.

To clarify the article, Mr. Michael said that if you wish to vote in favor of the refinery, you should vote Yes; if you are opposed to the concept of a refinery, you should vote No. As it would take some time for everyone to vote and for the votes to be tabulated, and it was already 9:25, Mr. Michael asked the voters if they wished to close the meeting after the voting and adjourn at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The meeting approved the suggestion. The polls were opened at 9:30 p.m. and were closed at 10:32 p.m. There were 1,398 votes cast. The results were as follows: Yes 144, No 1,254. The article was defeated.

It was moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that the meeting stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 1974, in the Oyster River High School Gymnasium. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m., March 9, 1974, at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium.

Article 2. Moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town appropriate the sum of \$130,000.00, or any other sum, in addition to the \$385,000.00 appropriated under Article 1 at the November 15, 1973, Special Town Meeting, for capital improvements to the Town's water system, including construction of a new storage tank, acquisition of easements, and laying new water mains; and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Durgin then moved to amend the article by deleting the words "or any other sum." Seconded. Mr. Durgin explained that the reason for the deletion was to conform to bond counsel's requirements as to the specificity of the sum voted by the Town Meeting.

Mr. Durgin said that requests for bids were sent out following the November Town Meeting, and when the bids were opened in January of this year, the cost of the tank itself was \$447,000.00, substantially in excess of the amount that had been anticipated. The remaining bids were about as they had been expected. The large increase in the cost of the tank was due to the increased cost of steel since last fall. The Selectmen considered breaking this down into some other kind of bidding package to get a better price. They were told that if they did not accept the bids they had, they would end up having bids turned in with an escalator clause in them (meaning that the bids would automatically go up with the price of steel). In reviewing the bids, it appeared that an additional \$130,000.00 would mean that the Board could meet the cost of the tank and the additional costs that they know will exist. The whole project would cost \$515,000.00. The vote was then taken on the amendment, and it passed.

Dwight Ladd asked if we would have any problems in getting bonds approved because this was voted at an adjourned session of the meeting. Mr. Michael said that he thought there would be no problem with this vote. David Larson asked if the cost of this additional money would be carried by the water users. Mr. Durgin said that it would, as no previous agreements had been changed. The Moderator reminded everyone that this article required a 2/3 vote to pass and that the polls had to remain open for at least two hours. The polls were opened at 9:55 a.m. The meeting went on with its business, and the polls were closed at 12:07 p.m. There were 524 ballots cast: Yes 462, No 61, and one blank. The Moderator declared the article adopted.

Article 12. Moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that the Town vote to adopt the provisions of "An Act Permitting the Town of Durham to Revert to a Calendar Year Accounting Period and Providing for an Appropriate Transitional Budget," enacted by the 1973 session of the General Court. (HB 952) (RSA 406) Mr. Chamberlin said that the Board of Selectmen was unanimous in its support of this article and that there were very few advantages in going to the July to June fiscal year. Henry Davis reported that the Budget Committee had voted to support reverting back to the calendar year. Lawrence O'Connell said that a year ago he had favored the change to a fiscal year, but after a year as a Selectman, he felt that the change back to the calendar year would be best. Alden Winn said that if the Town voted to adopt this article, there would be no need for the additional tax bill in June, and the tax bill in December would be a regular size bill. After further discussion, a vote was taken, and the article was adopted.

Article 13. Moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that Article 13 be tabled, as with the passage of Article 12 there was no longer any need for this article. Motion carried.

Article 15. Moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to lease a portion of Strafford Avenue to the University of New Hampshire subject to the conditions as outlined in the warrant article. Mr. Chase said that last year the Selectmen were authorized to accept funds to improve the parking and the roadway on Strafford Avenue. He said the Town has benefited from these improvements. This article was requested by the University to help them control the parking in that area. The University hopes to construct off-street parking for the New England Center. Mr. Chase said that the Town would remain in control of the road and would plow and maintain it.

William Lockhardt asked if the University was using this as a wedge against the Town; would they take away the parking lot next to Newsky's which is leased to us if we don't approve this article? Mr. Chase said that the two matters were not related. Virginia Snively moved to amend the article by adding the word "not" under Section (c) so the article would read "...which shall not include the right to erect parking meters" and delete the rest of that sentence. Seconded by Robin Willits. Hans Heilbronner asked who would patrol this area and who would collect the money from

the meters. Eugene Leaver, speaking for the University, said that the University would use the money from the parking meters to pay for the maintenance of the parking area, and therefore, if this amendment passed, the University would not be interested in the lease. Alden Winn said that Strafford Avenue is used almost totally for parking by patrons of the New England Center, and if the University does not get the lease and put in parking meters, the Town might have to meter Strafford Avenue. This would mean extra police to patrol the meters. By granting the lease, the University would be responsible for the patrolling and maintenance of the parking area and the meters. After further discussion, the vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment was defeated. The vote was then taken on the article as originally proposed, and the motion carried.

Article 16. Moved by Alexander Amell, seconded by Lawrence O'Connell, that the Town vote to accept from Walter W. Cheney, Inc., a donation of Lots #79, 80, 81, 82, and 83 in Woodridge Subdivision to be used as part of the Town's matching share of Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Funds in the construction of tennis courts thereon, and other recreational purposes. Mr. Amell said that last year the Town voted to spend money for the construction of a skating rink and/or tennis courts. Some of this money was used to hire a consultant. Mr. Cheney has offered these five lots to the Town if they are used for recreational purposes and if the Town applies to the State for Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds. Mr. Barnaby, the consultant, recommended that these courts be constructed on these lots. At the public hearing on this matter held by the Parks and Recreation Committee, it was recommended that only the tennis courts be constructed on the lots and that the rest of the land be left in its present state for conservation purposes. Mr. Cheney has agreed with this. The lots have been appraised for \$38,000. The Town would be able to use this appraised value of the lots to apply for \$38,000 in matching funds from BOR.

Robert Harter said that he felt the lots would be difficult to drain. We would probably have to resurface the tennis courts every spring due to frost heaves. He asked what the procedure would be in constructing the courts to do away with this maintenance every spring. Lawrence O'Connell read a letter from the Soil Conservation Service to Henry LeClair stating that they felt the drainage would be better after the courts have been constructed, but it would take a survey to know for certain. Hugh Mulligan asked what the cost would be to drain the land and construct the courts. Mr. Amell said it was \$50,000. Bernard Gordon said that he felt the opportunity to obtain the tennis courts with matching BOR funds was a good one, and he urged that the article be supported. Marie Polk said that this site was not selected just because it was a free gift; many sites had been looked at closely. The University courts are now full and the general public must get special permission to use them.

After some discussion, Richard Dewey moved to amend the article by adding to the last line after "and" the word "/or." Seconded. Mr. Dewey said that this would be dependent on the engineering study as to whether this land could really be used for the courts. Mr. Amell said he opposed the amendment. James Horrigan asked if the land would be given to the Conservation Commission if the tennis courts are not constructed. Mr. Amell said that it would; the Parks and Recreation Committee wants this land for tennis courts and nothing else. Mr. Dewey then withdrew his amendment. Michael Kole moved to delete the rest of the article after the word "thereon" and add "contingent upon the approval of the Soil Conservation Service and the State Special Board to insure that construction will not affect adversely surface water patterns in the area." Seconded. Mr. Mulligan then moved to amend the amendment by limiting the number of tennis courts to four. Seconded. Mr. Amell said that if the Town voted to limit the number to four, the Parks and Recreation Committee might reconsider this project in the light of the fact that there can be no future expansion to allow more courts. Mr. Gordon said that he felt the amendment proposed by Mr. Kole would protect the abutters. Keith Polk said that sometimes you can get five courts for the price of ofur, and therefore would not like to see the number limited.

A vote was then taken on the Mulligan amendment, and it was defeated. The vote was then taken on Mr. Kole's amendment, and it passed. The vote was then taken on the article as amended: Yes 336, No 146. Article adopted.

Article 17. Moved by Alexander Amell, seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 for the construction of tennis courts, with Town costs estimated at \$11,000, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply to the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for construction funds on a matching basis, with the Town's matching funds to include the value of the donated lots on which the tennis courts are to be located, and that such appropriation, if authorized, be added to the Parks and Recreation budget. It was then moved and seconded that the article be postponed until after the budget has been considered. The vote was Yes 239, No 182. Motion carried.

Michael Kole moved to consider Article 36 (budget) immediately. Seconded. Mr. Chamberlin said that if we voted on the budget now, no articles concerning money could be taken up later in the meeting. Oliver Wallace moved that the motion be tabled. Seconded. Motion carried. The Moderator then declared the polls closed at 12:07 p.m. for voting on the water bond issue.

Article 18. Moved by James Ramsay, seconded, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer or deed a reduction in an existing pass way easement across the property of Philip Trimble and Patricia Trimble, Lot 91 Frost Drive, from sixteen feet to eight feet and to change the path of the easement as described in the warrant. Owen Durgin moved to strike the words "transfer or deed a reduction" and substitute the words "execute a modification" and add following the words "G. L. Davis & Associates" the words "All costs associated with this modification should be born by the owners of Lot 91." Seconded. Glen Gerhard said that the Planning Board had no objections. The amendment was approved. The vote was then taken on the article as amended, and it was adopted.

Article 19. Moved by Nell Chamberlin, seconded, that the Town vote to return to two-way traffic on Main Street and Madbury Road, with traffic to be controlled by the installation of traffic lights or some other method of safe and efficient control. Mrs. Chamberlin then spoke to the article and urged that it be adopted. Joseph Murdoch, speaking for the Oyster River School Board, said that the bus coordinator favors the present pattern over the previous one. Mr. Murdoch said there are some problems with the one-way system, but the Board recommended that the one-way system be retained and that the problems be solved by way of some changes.

Anita Gordon moved to amend the article by deleting everything following "Main Street and Madbury Road." Seconded. The amendment was defeated. Lt. Ronald McGowen, speaking for the Durham Police Department, said that the one-way system should continue. He said that the safety of people and the reduction of congestion must be considered; some people are concerned about the speed of cars traveling through the traffic pattern, and that is being investigated. But since the one-way system was started, there have been no major accidents, no serious injuries, and the much of the congestion has been eliminated in the center of Town.

Bernard Gordon moved to amend the article by adding after the words "traffic to be controlled" the words "at peak traffic periods only." Seconded. Amendment was defeated. The vote was then taken on the original motion, and it was defeated.

At 12:45 p.m. it was moved and seconded that the meeting break for lunch until 1:15 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Article 20. Moved by Ralph B. Craig, Jr., seconded, that the Town direct the Selectmen to establish a capital expansion program directed at prevention of premature subdivision of land. The program to be presented to the voters at the 1975 Town Meeting. Mr. Craig said that three years ago it was determined that the cost of Town services to newly constructed homes was greater than the money raised by taxes from these properties. The Growth Committee has been working and studying the growth of Durham, Lee and Madbury. Article 20 directs the Selectmen to establish a capital expansion program to control this growth; Article 21 deals with the premature subdivision of land; Article 22 is concerned with central water and sewer systems; and Article 23 deals with a conservation district. All of these articles were submitted as a result of the studies made by the Growth Committee.

Glen Gerhard said the Article 20 embraces the philosophy of the Planning Board; however, the zoning is a balance between the rights of the individual and the rights of the Town. He said the Planning Board would support Article 20. After some discussion, the vote was taken, and the article was adopted.

Article 21. Moved by Ralph Craig, Jr., seconded, that the voters of the Town require the preparation of cost/benefit studies for every site review or subdivision except those relating to the items listed in the warrant, and that the cost/benefit studies evaluate such things as school population, tax revenue, water, sewer, fire and police protection, road maintenance, etc. In the event that the studies indicate a deficiency in one of the above areas, the project shall be classified as premature. This requirement shall become a part of the Town subdivision regulations and site review regulations.

Mr. Craig moved to add the words "or more" following the words "indicate a deficiency in one." Seconded. Motion carried. After some discussion, Murell Thompson moved to table the article. Motion lost. Alden Winn moved to substitute for the last complete sentence on Page W3 the words "The Planning Board shall consider such cost/benefit studies in making its determination as to whether or not such project shall be classified as premature." Seconded. Malcolm Chase said that he felt the Planning Board should make a recommendation on the article. After further discussion, Alexander Amell moved to refer Article 21 to the Planning Board for recommendations to be made at next year's Town Meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 22. Moved by Joseph Batcheller, seconded, that the article be referred to the Planning Board as the previous one had been. Motion carried.

Article 23. Moved by Ralph Craig, Jr., seconded, that the voters of the Town direct the Conservation Commission to study the establishment of a Conservation District Zone(s) in accordance with the comprehensive plan and to require the commission to initiate proposals in time to be voted on at the regular Town Meeting in 1975, or at any special Town Meeting, whichever occurs first. Richard Strout, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, said he was concerned about the time element involved. Mr. Strout said that he didn't think the Commission could make the deadline, especially if there is a special Town Meeting before the next annual meeting. He moved to amend the article by adding after the word "proposals" the words "to be voted on no later than the Town Meeting in 1976" and delete the rest of the article. Seconded. Joseph Murdoch moved to amend the motion by ending the article after "1975" as originally stated in the warrant. Seconded. Carried. The vote on the Strout amendment as amended was in the affirmative. The article was then adopted as amended.

Article 24. Moved by Bernard Gordon, seconded, that the Town request a Special or existing Committee to examine alternative land uses, property tax policies, and possible purchase of land areas by the Town, including but not limited to Durham Point, and to make recommendations to the Town at the 1975 Town Meeting. After some discussion, Jane Pokoski moved to change the words "Special or existing Committee" to "Planning Board or a special committee appointed by the Selectmen," and to add at the end of the article "and that the Town increase the budget of the Planning Board by \$500.00 for expenses of the project." Seconded. Owen Durgin said he felt this article was a vehicle to request an up-date of the Durham Comprehensive Plan and that this amendment would give the committee the money that was needed for this work. The amendment was passed, and the article was adopted as amended.

Article 25. Moved by Alden Winn, seconded, that the Town vote to extend Chesley Drive from its present terminus, in a westerly direction to join with Mill Road near the present entrance of the shopping center, and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and construct same with the use of local, State, and Federal funding under the Urban Road System. Mr. Winn said that if this article is adopted, Chesley Drive will extend through to Mill Road. Also, he said this was a good time to do this as there was a house lot at the end of Chesley Drive, and the Town should get this land before anyone builds on it. Dwight Ladd, who lives on Chesley Drive, asked if the Planning Board had considered the fact that the Comprehensive Plan does not recommend this. Glen Gerhard said that the Planning Board has discussed the matter

of the road extension, but not as it related to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gerhard said that the Planning Board would ask Tamposi and Lehoullier for the right-of-way along the brook. Mr. Ladd said that with the double "S" curve on Chesley Drive, he doesn't think it is possible to use the road for the amount of traffic that would result in an extension of the street.

Malcolm Chase said that he felt strongly that this would be a major improvement to the people in Town in making a connection with the business center. The Federal Highway Act of 1973 provides for aid for roads in an urban system. The State has allocated \$50,000 to be matched by about \$20,000. We would have a total of \$70,000 for the coming year. The State would handle the entire engineering and layout work. They also plan to do sidewalks and landscaping on Mill Road.

After more discussion, Hans Heilbronner moved to amend the article by adding after the words "Chesley Drive" the words "in the form of a foot and bicycle path" with the rest of the article remaining the same. Seconded. Mr. Winn said that he did think Tamposi and Lehoullier would be willing to give up their right-of-way for a foot or bicycle path. The vote was then taken on the amendment, and it passed. The article was then adopted as amended.

Article 26. Moved by Philip Wilcox, seconded by Lathrop Merrick, that the Town approve the appointment of a committee to consider the general recommendation of the Town Comprehensive Plan for establishing an Historic District. There was no discussion, and the article was adopted.

Article 27. Moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to enact an ordinance for the purpose of installing parking meters in the Town parking lot (North lot), and establish reasonable hours and charges for parking in connection with the installation of these meters. Mr. Chase said that the Selectmen are still convinced that the Town needs better control of the parking area in the North lot. This does not mean meters in the lot on Madbury Road. Mr. Chamberlin said that the lot has 65 parking stalls, and the lot has been used entirely by students, staff, and faculty of the University which leaves the Town no control and no parking for anyone in the center of the business district. The Selectmen are considering using a four-hour meter. The Planning Board has suggested posting signs for one and two-hour parking and leaving the lot behind ATO for stores, etc., due to the grandfather clause. The Planning Board does not wish to have meters. The vote was taken on the article: Yes 150, No 122. Article adopted.

Article 28. Moved by Glen Gerhard, seconded, that the Town authorize the Planning Board to charge site review application fees proportionate to the estimated value of proposed projects for the purpose of evaluation of those projects, but such fees shall not exceed the actual cost of evaluation. In the event the fee exceeds the cost, refund to the applicant shall be made. Mr. Gerhard said that the \$10.00 fee the Planning Board has been charging does not begin to cover the costs incurred in handling site reviews. Attorney Millimet recommended that this article be submitted as a result of our recent experience with Olympic. The article was adopted.

Article 29. Moved by Glen Gerhard, seconded by Hugh Pritchard, that the Town appropriate a sum of money to secure technical services for the evaluation of proposals for changes in zoning to permit heavy industry. Mr. Gerhard then offered a substitute motion as follows: "Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to secure technical services for the evaluation of the impact of heavy industry in Durham and adjacent towns on the orderly development of the Town of Durham." Seconded. Mr. Gerhard said that it falls on the Planning Board to hold public hearings before any zoning changes are made or before any site reviews are granted. The Board does not have the expertise to evaluate the plans of someone like Olympic. He said he did not think we were through with Olympic yet; they may pursue their plans in Durham, or they may go to Newmarket. The Planning Board doesn't know whether or not it will need to spend this money; they will only spend it if the need arises. In the event that the Board was asked to evaluate something like the Olympic plans, there would not be time to have a special Town Meeting to obtain the funds for such an evaluation.

David Larson moved to amend the article by requiring that the proposer for the revision in the zoning ordinance to permit light or heavy industry shall bear all research and technical costs. Seconded. Mr. Larson said that anyone coming to the Town with these proposals should be willing to bear the costs of the changes.

Francis Robinson said that he felt the Town should be willing to pay to get the facts to defend itself, and the funds should be ready in advance of any projects. After more than an hour of discussion, Kenneth Paddock moved to adjourn the meeting after the conclusion of Article 29 to Tuesday, March 12, 1974, at 7 p.m. Seconded. Lydia Willits moved to amend the motion to reconvene that night (3/9/74) at 7:30 p.m. Seconded. The vote was taken on the Willits amendment and it was defeated.

Lawrence Rouillard moved that we meet the next day (3/10/74) from 1 p.m. to the conclusion of the business. Seconded. The motion was defeated. The vote was then taken on Mr. Paddock's motion to adjourn to Tuesday night upon conclusion of Article 29, and it passed. James Chamberlin then moved that the meeting stand adjourned and that we begin our business Tuesday night with Article 29. Seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened March 12, 1974, at 7:10 p.m. at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium.

Article 29. (Continued) The discussion began with the Larson amendment made the previous Saturday that the person or company requesting a revision of the zoning ordinance to permit light or heavy industry bear the costs of this revision. Francis Robinson said that the people of Durham should have an opportunity to obtain an independent judgement for any proposals which are put before them. He thinks that the Town should budget for this so that any consultants hired would be completely independent, rather than have the people making the proposal pay for it.

Mr. Larson said that he has investigated and found that there would be no legal problem with his amendment as some other organizations have the applicant pay although the organization selects the consultants. Hans Heilbronner said that the amendment doesn't meet the problem of investigating the impact of light or heavy industry in neighboring towns. Alden Winn said that an application for a change in zoning must be made by the people of the Town, nor a company seeking to come in; therefore, the people in Town will eventually have to pay for it. He feels that the amendment is unwise and should be defeated.

Mr. Gerhard said that he hoped to establish a \$15,000 contingency fund to be under the control of the Selectmen. The vote was taken on the Larson amendment, and it was defeated.

Mr. Gerhard then moved to amend his substitute motion to read: "That the Town appropriate \$15,000 to a contingency fund under the control of the Selectmen to be used in a manner determined by them in the face of proposals that would interrupt the orderly growth of Durham." Seconded. Henry Davis, Chairman of the Budget Committee, asked if this money would be in addition to the Planning Board budget. Mr. Gerhard said it would. After more discussion, Maryanna Hatch moved to increase the amount of money to read \$25,000. Seconded. The vote was taken on the Hatch amendment, and it was defeated. Alden Winn moved to amend Mr. Gerhard's amendment by reducing the sum from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Seconded. Motion carried. Vote on Mr. Gerhard's substitute motion as amended was in the affirmative, and the article was adopted.

Rae Borrer moved to reconsider Article 21. Seconded. Motion carried.

Article 21. Moved by Rae Borrer, seconded, that Article 21 be amended by substituting the word "may" for the word "will" in the first line of the article and leaving the rest of the article as is. Then add the words "at any time within the next year after appropriate public notice(s) and public hearing(s) initiated by the Planning Board" at the end of the last sentence. Mrs. Borrer said that the Planning Board could not make changes in the site review and subdivision regulations if the article remains as it was passed. By approving the amendment, the Town could shorten the time frame and make the necessary changes before next Town Meeting.

Charles Jellison pointed out that a motion to reconsider must come from someone who voted against the motion which has carried on Article 21. Mrs. Borrer said she had abstained. Malcolm Sandberg then moved to reconsider Article 21. Seconded. Motion carried by 2/3 vote. Darrett Rutman then made the motion as stated by

Mrs. Borrer above to amend the article. Seconded. The vote was taken on the amendment, and it passed. Since the vote had not been taken on Mr. Winn's motion on Article 21 last Saturday before the article was referred to the Planning Board, it was necessary that action be taken on the amendment. Mr. Winn's motion was to substitute for the last complete sentence on Page W3 the words "The Planning Board shall consider such cost/benefit studies in making its determination as to whether or not such project shall be classified as premature." The motion had been seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Article 21 was then voted on as amended, and it was adopted.

Malcolm Sandberg than moved to reconsider Article 22. Seconded. Motion passed.

Article 22. Mrs. Borrer moved to amend the article by striking the words "containing five or more units" and substitute "wherever in Town it is reasonable in relationship to the Town of Durham's overall capital expansion program, or where the number of units makes a central sewer highly desirable, or where soil characteristics make central sewer system highly desirable, regardless of the source of water for any of the above" and add at the end of the article "after appropriate public notice(s) and public hearing(s) by the Planning Board within the next year." Seconded. Joseph Murdoch asked what was meant by central sewer: central to the subdivision or always back to a central Town system? He also asked who would be on the system, especially in the light of the Town's vote on the water system. He felt that the Selectmen, not the Planning Board, should be concerned with this. Mr. Michael said that at last Saturday's session of the meeting central sewer was defined as central to the subdivision itself. Owen Durgin explained that the Planning Board already had the power to change the Subdivision Regulations, but rather than reporting back to the next annual meeting as previously voted, they will move the time up so that they may act if necessary before next year. He also said that we cannot be sure what the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission will say in regard to the Town's plans in this area. Malcolm Chase said that he was concerned that these articles were being written on the floor of the meeting rather than being studied by the Planning Board first. The vote was then taken on Mrs. Borrer's amendment, and it passed. The article was then voted as amended.

Article 30. Moved by Owen Durgin, seconded by Alden Winn, that the Town vote to join the Strafford-Rockingham Regional Planning Council and authorize the Town's representation to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to act as delegates to that Council. Rebecca Frost said that it is becoming necessary to plan by region rather than just by counties, and the State Office of Comprehensive Planning will be available to talk with regional planning groups throughout the state to help them with their work. She urged that the article be adopted so that the Town will have a say in the writing of the bylaws of the regional council. Article was adopted.

Article 31. Moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded by Elizabeth Robinson, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend a sum not to exceed \$8,250.00 as included in the budget, for the purpose of matching Federal funds for the construction of a fish ladder at the Oyster River Dam, said ladder to be constructed in conjunction with the repair of the dam, as approved by the Town at the 1973 Town Meeting. It is understood that the aforesaid appropriation will not be expended in the event that State Fish and Game funds can be made available to match Federal funds for the fish ladder construction. Mr. Chase said that the Fish and Game Department budget was not passed last year, so the dam could not be repaired as voted at last year's meeting. Also, the State crews were pulled out of this area to work in the northern part of the State to help in reconstruction of some of the flood-damaged areas. At this point, there is no way of knowing whether or not there will be State funds available to match Federal funds, so the article is written so that if State funds are granted to us, the Town will not have to spend this money. Owen Durgin said that the fish ladder is now planned for the right side of the dam; and since there is off-street parking on that side, there would be plenty of room to get the cars off the road. The Board of Selectmen will do everything it can to prevent dislocation of traffic in that area.

John Beckett asked what were the advantages of having this ladder. Mr. Chase said that the Fish and Game Department feels that before another ladder is put up further, they recommended this one that would give food fish, salmon, etc. Mr. Beckett asked if there would be any damage done to the fish in the Mill Pond.

Mr. Chase felt it would improve the condition of the fish in the pond. Richard Strout said that the fish ladder has been proposed for many years, and he urged that the article be adopted. He asked Mr. Chase if the State crews would be available to repair the dam even if we did not approve the fish ladder. Mr. Chase said that he thought the crews would still do the work on the dam. Eugene Leaver said he was not concerned about the first ladder, but was about a second one. He said he questioned how a second ladder would affect the water supply. Mr. Chase said there are no plans for further construction upstream. The vote was then taken on the article, and it was adopted.

Article 32. Moved by Alden Winn, seconded, that action on Article 32 be postponed until after we have completed action on Article 26. Motion carried.

Article 33. Moved by Henry Davis, seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to formally close out the balance remaining in the 1964 Sewer Construction Bond Issue Fund by transfer of the balance of \$1,266.90 to the 1968 College Brook Interceptor Renewal Project account. Further, to accept the final accounting of the College Brook Interceptor Renewal Project as reported in the 1973 Town Report and give credit as shown in the table accompanying said accounting for the years 1970-1983 inclusive, subject to audit. Mr. Davis said that this was recommended by the Budget Committee and was brought about to clean up the funds left in these various accounts. The auditor felt that Town action was necessary to take care of this matter. Motion carried.

Article 34. Moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded by Alden Winn, that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance as may be available for the report for, design of, and construction of a sewage disposal system, and pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Chase said that this was essentially a housekeeping article. The Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission recommended this action to give us an opportunity to negotiate for Federal funds. There is no money involved. Rebecca Frost asked if this could be used for the watershed bill 208. Mr. Chase said he did not think so. Motion carried.

Article 35. Moved by Malcolm Chase, seconded by Alden Winn, that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to disasters. Mr. Chase said that the purpose of this article is to correct something that happened last year. Many of the towns that suffered flood damage last year found that they could not accept disaster aid because the town meetings had not authorized them to do so. Therefore, this article is just protection for the Town of Durham in case we should ever need to apply for funds such as these. There is no money involved in the article. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, to reconsider Article 17. Motion carried.

Article 17. Moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that action taken last Saturday be amended to read "The discussion on the financing of the tennis courts be considered as part of the budget." Motion carried.

Article 36. Moved by Henry Davis, seconded, to adopt the budget in the amount of \$2,060,416.47, with \$675,535.37 to be raised by taxes. Mr. Davis said there were some error in the Police Department budget on Page W8. The Uniform Allowance should be \$4,575.00 rather than \$8,125.00; the Retirement Fund should be \$10,073.56 rather than \$10,295.00; and the Crossing Guards should be \$6,075.00 rather than \$6,570.00; making a total for the Police Department of \$255,471.89, rather than \$259,738.41. This changes the total on Page W15, so Mr. Davis moved to adopt the budget as amended in the amount of \$2,056,149.95 with \$671,268.85 to be raised by taxes. Seconded. Mr. Davis then moved to amend the budget as previously voted in Article 24 by adding \$500 to the Planning Board budget for a new total of \$15,775, and adding \$5,000 to the contingency fund for a new total of \$14,966. Seconded. Motion carried.

James Chamberlin said that with the increased town, school, and county budgets this year, the tax rate per \$1,000 valuation could go up \$5.97; but with a surplus and new construction in Town the rate would probably be reduced by \$3.90, leaving a net increase in the rate of \$2.07. These are the best estimated that the Selectmen can provide at the moment.

David Larson moved that the following items be deleted from the 18-month budget for the period July 1, 1974, to December 31, 1975: (1) Chief's Cruiser \$3,400.00; (2) Gas and Oil \$2,000.00; (3) Equipment Maintenance \$2,000.00; (4) Truck \$15,000.00; (5) Backhoe \$17,000.00; (6) Capital Reserve \$5,000.00; (7) Town Garage \$15,000.00; (8) Planning Board \$5,275.00; (9) Conservation Commission \$10,000.00; (10) Welfare \$4,000.00; for a total reduction of \$78,675.00. Seconded. Jane Pokoski asked why Mr. Larson had chosen these particular items. Mr. Larson said they were all non-personnel items and would not reduce the services these departments involved would provide.

Alden Winn said he understood the feelings of Mr. Larson and those people he represents, but the budget is complicated and difficult to put together, and therefore, it is difficult to take it apart item by item in this manner. Some of the things Mr. Larson wants to cut such as gas and oil cannot be cut without putting Town vehicles in the garage and out of service. Equipment maintenance is the same situation. He feels that not to replace equipment badly in need of maintenance is rather foolish. Mr. Winn asked if the Selectmen could speak individually for the departments they represent.

Mr. Chase, who serves on the Public Works Advisory Committee, said that about five years ago the Committee recommended that the Town buy better, heavier trucks which would need less maintenance. The capital reserve fund set up for this purpose has proved very effective over the last five years. Mr. LeClair and Mr. Chase felt that the \$30,000 left in the fund for the garage, plus this \$15,000, would put them in good shape as far as the garage construction went.

Arthur Borrer said that he felt these budget cuts should have been considered when the departments came before the Budget Committee in preparation for the budget, and therefore, urged that the amendment be defeated.

Norman Stiles, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, said that the original estimate they had received for a chief's cruiser with all the necessary equipment was \$4,850; but after discussions with the Selectmen and various other people, they were able to get the price down to \$3,400. The chief now has to use his private car; he is on call 24 hours a day for 365 days a year, and he has to use his own vehicle to attend meetings.

Richard Strout, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, said that the elimination of his funds would virtually stop all land acquisition during the coming year. For several years they have been trying to obtain Spruce Hole, and they are now close to getting it. Since the Town has indicated that we must act now to retain land for conservation purposes, he feels the deletion of these funds would not be in the best interest of the Town. After further discussion, the vote was taken and the amendment was defeated.

Alexander Amell moved to amend the Parks and Recreation Committee budget by adding \$11,000 to construct the tennis courts. Seconded. Mr. Amell said this was the amount of money stated in Article 17, which was postponed from last Saturday. The \$11,000 and the value of the land obtained from Mr. Cheney would be matched by Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds for a total value of \$60,000 made available to the Town. Mr. Winn said that the full amount of money needed for the project must be contained in the motion, not just the eventual Town cost. He then moved to amend the budget by adding to the Parks and Recreation budget \$45,000 and to add as income for the purpose of constructing the tennis courts the sum of \$41,500, and he further moved that the expenditures be conditional upon the receipt of the income, and that the purpose of this motion is to construct four tennis courts. Seconded. Lyman Mower asked why the number of courts was being limited to four when they had been told on Saturday that it might be possible to get more than four for the same price. Mr. Winn said that the Selectmen felt that they could not get more than four for that price, and they thought the voters seemed to want the number limited. After some discussion, Mr. Winn deleted the word "four" from his motion. The amendment was then approved.

Donald Masi moved that the amount of money to be raised by taxes be reduced by \$77,000.00, with the Budget Committee and the Selectmen to take this amount from any items they wished. Seconded by David Larson. The amendment was defeated.

Irene Fleming asked why the Hydrant Rental budget item had been increased from \$7,100 last year to \$14,200 this year. Mr. Winn explained that since the rental is paid in December, and there are two Decembers in the 18-month fiscal period coming up, the fee must be paid twice and shown that way in the budget. Mr. Winn then reminded everyone that the budget approved at this meeting will be in effect until March 1976, so there will be no budget to be considered next year. If the need for additional funds arises and the Selectmen must come before the meeting to request more money, the amount voted by the meeting cannot be more than 10% of the budget approved now. This is under the terms of the Municipal Finance Act which Durham adopted several years ago.

Donald Masi asked about the sidewalk budget and whether or not sidewalks would be built in Wedgewood Development. Mr. Winn said that the Selectmen do intend to continue with sidewalks on Durham Point Road through the Urban Highway Program. The Durham Point Road-Route 108 corner was to have been done last year, but the State ran out of money.

Karen Mower moved to amend the budget by increasing the salary of the Welfare Officer by \$600.00 for the 18-month budget period. Seconded. Mrs. Mower said that the present salary works out to about \$.54 a day. Edward Durnall said that the voters had just been admonished that they should not be discussing individual items on the floor of the meeting, that these cuts should have been considered during the time the Budget Committee was working on the budget; he felt the same should apply to adding to the amounts in the budget. Amendment defeated.

Joseph Murdoch asked if in the amount of money on Page W8 they had planned on three crossing guards for the 18-month period. Mr. Winn said that the budget figure was for four guards - three full time and one alternate.

The budget was then voted on as amended in the amount of \$2,106,649.95, with \$680,268.85 to be raised by taxes. The article was adopted.

Article 32. Moved by Alden Winn, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to receive and deposit in the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, Federal revenues allocated to the Town by the Federal Government under provisions of the 1972 Acts of Congress establishing the State and Local Assistance Act, and to authorize withdrawal from this fund for budgeted appropriations in the approximate amounts listed in the article in the warrant. Mr. Winn said that this article does not appropriate any money, but it is required by law to be voted on by the Town Meeting. These items have been included in the budget on both the revenue and expenditure sides. Mr. Winn then moved to amend the article by reducing the amount under item #5 (Reduction of 1972 Notes) from \$12,600.00 to \$7,600.00 and adding item #10 for a Fire Alarm System the amount of \$5,000.00. Seconded. This leaves the total amount of the article unchanged. The amendment passed. After some discussion, the article was adopted.

Article 37. Moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of approximately \$94,000.00 to defray its share of the cost of Stafford County Government. Mr. Chamberlin said that we really did not have any say in this matter as we simply receive a bill from the county for the amount they assess us as our share of the county budget, but we can at least make our feelings known. He moved to reduce the amount to \$88,000.00. Seconded. Motion carried. The article was then adopted as amended.

Article 38. Moved by Alden Winn, seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow necessary money in anticipation of taxes by issuing short term notes. Motion carried.

Article 39. Moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired at a tax collector's sale in the best interest of the Town. Motion carried.

Article 40. Moved by George Haslerud, seconded, that the following resolution be passed by the Town:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the 1974 Town Meeting of Durham expresses gratitude to those who turned back the mortal threat of Olympic Oil to the Town:

SOS (Save Our Shores) for mobilizing thousands of citizens in Durham and surrounding towns;

The newspaper, Publick Occurrences, for investigative journalism:

The Durham Selectmen for manning the zoning and home rule defenses;

Channel 11 ETV for televising to the entire state the Selectmen's two four-hour hearings for the refinery proponents and their questioning by citizens;

And to the Town's three St. Joans, who during the battle provided inspired leadership - Evelyn Browne, Dudley Dudley, and Nancy Sandberg;

And that a copy of this resolution signed by the Town Clerk be sent to the named institutions and individuals.

It was passed unanimously.

It was moved by Charles Blount that the Town issue a vote of thanks to Joseph Michael and Alden Winn for their professional attitude during the public meetings and the Town Meeting. It was seconded, and the motion carried with applause.

John Harrison moved, seconded, that the Town vote to instruct the chairman of the Budget Committee to prepare a letter outlining the goals of the Committee, the pertinent data developed, and the strategy of the Committee in preparing the budget; this letter and the preliminary budget figures to be available at the Town Hall a week prior to the budget hearings. Motion carried.

Alden Winn announced that the Selectmen would be making appointments to the various Town committees in the coming weeks, and they would appreciate it if anyone interested in serving on a committee would leave their name at the Town Office.

Rebecca Frost moved that the following resolution be adopted by the Town:

RESOLUTION

Because oil refineries, their ports, pipelines, supply, distribution, and secondary developments are clearly interdependent parts of a large and complex system which extends far beyond New Hampshire borders, and

Because New Hampshire lacks the protective measures adopted by neighboring states, and

Because New Hampshire is being pressured into a quick decision with irreversible effects,

Be it resolved, therefore, that this Town Meeting go on record in favor of deferring the development of oil facilities in New Hampshire until:

1. Our energy needs and supplies and sites for oil development have been studied and planned on a New England regional basis, and until
2. The New Hampshire legislature has defined and provided economic and environmental safeguards.

The motion was seconded. John Beckett moved to amend the resolution by adding "That the message be communicated to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives." Seconded. Amendment adopted. Robert Sandberg said that he hoped the motion would be withdrawn since we had campaigned for the right of home rule for all towns and cities. The vote was then taken on the motion, and the resolution was adopted as amended.

John Harrison moved that the Town vote to instruct the Budget Committee to develop a revised format for the presentation of the Town budget and offer both the present and an alternative format at the next budget hearing for Town reactions. The thrust of any new format should be to remove Capital Expenditures from the operating part of the budget. Seconded. Motion defeated.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Linda L. Ekdahl

Town Clerk

